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Guardmembers, units  
adopt Ohio schools

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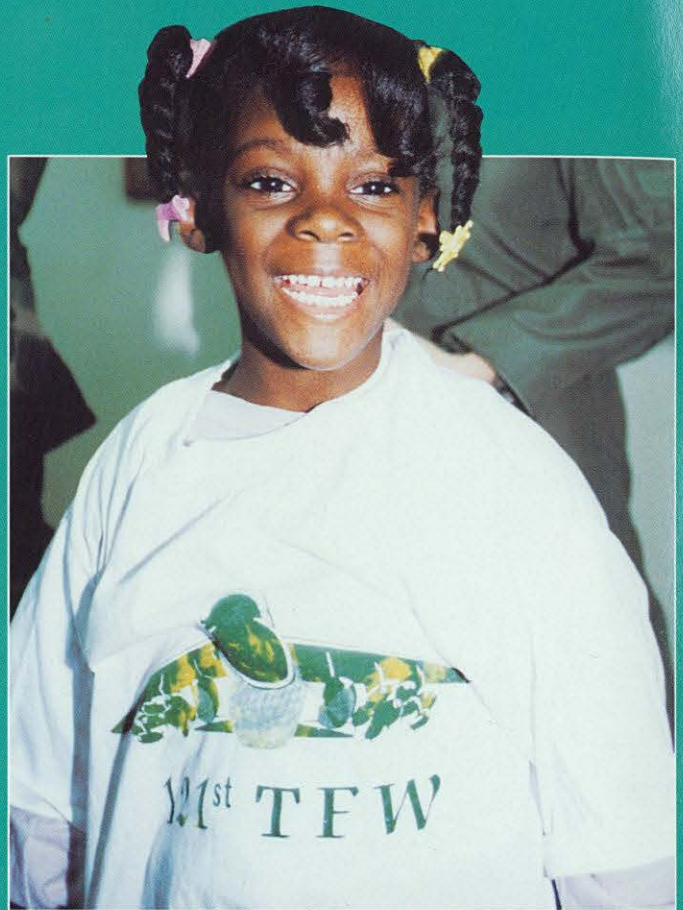
# Air Guard spreads Christmas cheer to Faith Mission

The members of the 166th Air Refueling Squadron, Rickenbacker, have a long history of community service, especially during the Christmas season. Unit members had for years participated in the Franklin County Children's Services "Adopt-a-Family" program where organizations and individuals fulfill gift wishes of needy children. While the program had been satisfying, the personal interaction among unit members and gift recipients was slight, as family needs were forwarded to donor groups through the county agency.

This year, the unit decided to expand its efforts from single families to groups of families served by the Columbus Faith Mission. Not only would they spread Christmas cheer to more needy children, but they would throw a party along with it, complete with Santa, Mrs. Claus and their jet engine KC-135 sleigh.

The squadron operations building was adorned with all the Christmas trimmings during the December UTA as more than 20 children and their parents arrived for the day-long celebration. The group was treated to a tour of the unit's facilities and aircraft; donned flight suits and survival equipment; watched videos of the Air Guard in action; received complimentary tee-shirts and post cards; and, of course, food and refreshment. The day was capped off by a personal visit from Santa Claus, who noted each child's Christmas wish with a promise of delivery before December 25th.

Within days of the party, squadron members had purchased each child's Christmas gift and made special delivery of the items, including candy-stuffed stockings and clothes, just in time for Christmas.



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## NATIONAL NEWS

### VA makes it easier for veterans to get answers

In October, the Department of Veterans Affairs launched a nationwide, toll-free telephone number for inquiries concerning veterans benefits.

Callers can dial the number from anywhere in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. When a call comes in, it's automatically routed to the VA regional office nearest the caller, a VA spokeswoman said. If all the counselors are busy, a recorded message will ask them to hold for the next available counselor.

Before the new 800 system was activated, VA had 56 regional 800 numbers across the nation. For information on veteran's benefits, dial **1-800-827-1000**. (AFIS)

### Reservists offered job skill help

The Employment Skills Assistance Project sponsored by the American Red Cross now financially helps National Guard and Reserve veterans of Operations Desert Shield/Storm to hone their job skills.

People who supported the war stateside also may be eligible for this one-time \$13.5 million grant, funded by the Department of Defense. Full-time National Guard and Reserve members and recruiters are not eligible.

For more information, contact your local Red Cross. (*On Guard*)

### Essay contest sets today's military as topic

"The Military Today" is the theme for this year's Freedom Foundation's military essay contest.

The contest is open to all active duty and reserve component members, as well as ROTC and Junior ROTC students, said Katherine Wood, the foundation's vice president and director of awards.

The essay should be between 100 and 500 words in length, typed and double-spaced. It must be postmarked by May 1, 1993. Personal information that must be submitted with the essay includes name, rank, Social Security number, service, and military and permanent home addresses. The name, rank and address of the individual's commanding officer must also be included.

For more information on requirements or awards, write to: Awards Department, Freedoms Foundation, Route 23, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481 (AFIS)

### ROTC needs retired members

Retired Air Force officers and NCOs are needed to fill upcoming vacancies at Air Force Junior ROTC units nationwide.

More information may be obtained by writing to Headquarters Air Force ROTC, Instructor Management Branch, Maxwell AFB, Ala., 36112-6663 or calling DSN 493-7741 or commercial (205) 953-7741.

### NGB honored for meeting hiring goal

The National Guard Bureau was one of four DoD components honored by Pentagon officials for their commitment to hire Americans with disabilities.

The Office of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Nuclear Agency, and National Guard Bureau met DoD's two percent goal for people with disabilities in its work force.

The National Guard Bureau increased its employment of disabled employees from 1.47 percent (10 of 2,712 employees) in 1987 to 2.27 percent (77 of 3,384 employees) in 1992. (AFIS)

# Air, Army honor Ohio's outstanding Guardmembers, 1992

**Senior Airman Laurie Ann Kruss**, Airman of the Year, is a Material Storage and Distribution Specialist assigned to the 200th RED HORSE Civil Engineering Squadron, Camp Perry Air National Guard Station, Ohio. She is currently studying at Bowling Green State University to obtain a bachelor's in radio, television and film.



She is qualified as an F-15 Avionic Systems Specialist in addition to her regular Guard duties. While serving in Honduras during FUERTES CAMINOS '92, Kruss was awarded for demonstrating heavy construction equipment operator skills which she obtained during downtime from her assigned duties.

Kruss is a resident of Fremont, Ohio.

**Spec. Benjamin A. Maxim**, Soldier of the Year, is a Combat Medical Specialist with the 684th Medical Company, Westerville, Ohio. In this position, he earned two Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbons, one for MEDRETE '91, the unit's annual training in the Republic of Haiti, and the second for participating in the Key Personnel Upgrade Program at Belgium's 196th Station Hospital.



Maxim works 40 hours a week as a dispatcher at Physicians Medic Transport, works weekends at a local grocery chain and attends Ohio State University full-time. He will graduate in June with a bachelor's in consumer affairs.

Maxim currently resides in Columbus, Ohio.

**Tech. Sgt. Lawrence R. Kavulich, Sr.**, Air National Guard NCO of the Year, is an Engineering Technician assigned to the engineering cell at the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville, Ohio. He is the unit's Total Quality Management coordinator and trainer.



Kavulich volunteers much of his time to promote civic awareness

among the general public and morale among unit members through special activities. He is a member of the Communication-Electronics Engineering Installation Professionals Association, Air Force Sergeants Association, Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association, Association for Quality and Participation, and American Society for Quality Control.

He lives in Zanesville with his wife, Karen, and three children. Karen is a co-leader of the Family Support Group at the 220th.

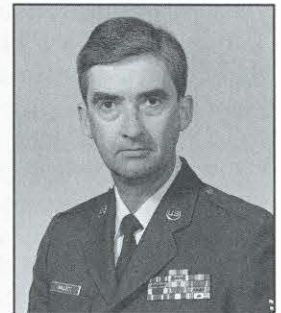
**Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Brown**, Army National Guard NCO of the Year, is a military police officer for the 135th Military Police Company, Brook Park, Ohio. As squad leader for 4th platoon, he is responsible not only to members of his squad, but also for the accountability and maintenance of assigned vehicles and equipment.



Brown is a police officer with the Lakeland Community College Police Department. He earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Akron and is currently working on his master's.

He is a resident of Akron, Ohio.

**Master Sgt. Lawrence N. Mallett**, Senior NCO of the Year, is the recruiter assigned to the 123rd Air Control Squadron at the Blue Ash Air National Guard Station. He also serves as an area representative for the Ohio National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Council.



As a recruiter, Mallett earned the Air Force Commendation Medal for maintaining more than 100 percent unit strength for both the 123rd and the 124th. He is a graduate of Ohio University with a bachelor's in business administration.

Currently, he is attending night school at Park College at Wright Patterson Air Force Base to obtain a bachelor's in human resource management.

Mallett lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Sherri.

# Ohio Army National Guard: Force structure update

by Brig. Gen. J. Steve Martin  
Assistant Adjutant General  
Ohio Army National Guard

Previously, I promised you additional information concerning force structure actions in the OHARNG as soon as such information became available. The National Guard Bureau has now released FY93 force structure reductions.

You will recall that the force structure reduction and re-stationing plan that I initially briefed you on was based on what would happen in the OHARNG if the Army National Guard, on a national basis, was reduced from 465,000 to 338,000 authorized spaces over a five year period. It was the "worst case" plan. Additionally, you will recall that Congress has established a "floor" of 420,000 authorized spaces below which the Army National Guard, on a national basis, cannot be reduced in FY93.

The good news is that the reductions currently programmed for the OHARNG in FY93 and FY94 are not as severe as originally indicated. The most current information available from the National Guard Bureau indicates that the following force structure reductions will occur in FY93:

- \* Inactivate the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, less 4/107th.
- \* Redesignate and convert 37th Separate Infantry Brigade to 37th Armored Brigade, 28th Armored Division.
- \* Activate 38th Division Cavalry Squadron.

By way of review, the primary considerations that have been utilized in formulating a force structure reduction and re-stationing plan for the

OHARNG have been the need to find the best way to train, support and sustain the OHARNG during the next 20 years. Also, the intent has been to find the best way to take maximum advantage of existing soldier skills, available training areas and to expand the recruiting base, including more opportunities for females. The final, and potentially the most important consideration, has been to station units to best support execution of the state mission by grouping engineer, medical, and military police units in each quadrant of the state. The considerations remain primary today.

So, armed with the aforementioned information, the question becomes, "How do we best manage change?" How do we cope with the uncertainty, and the loss of the familiar and the traditional, that accompanies actions such as large force structure revisions? How do we maintain the OHARNG as a vibrant, viable, and vital organization that is well postured for continued success over the next 20 years?

I believe the answers are relatively simple and straightforward. Managing change is essentially an issue of focus and priority. Once the desired end state has been identified, the journey to get there becomes simply a matter of taking one step at a time along the critical path while keeping an eye on the destination.

During this time of force structure changes, our mission is to align, posture and structure the OHARNG for long-term success in the best way we know. As I see it, we best manage these changes by:

## Planning

The size, shape, composition, and location of tomorrow's OHARNG has been determined as a result of careful planning and detailed forethought. Using Total Quality Management pre-

cepts and procedures, the input of a wide range of OHARNG personnel (customers) has been factored into the planning process. The result is the best possible product. Likewise, the implementation process of the force structure changes has been thoroughly planned in detail.

## Communicating

All of us must share in insuring that every member of the OHARNG is fully aware of what is happening in our organization and how it affects each of us. Open and frequent communications are key.

## Taking Care of Soldiers (and their families)

The impact on the soldier caused by changing units, or changing armories, or changing MOS's must be recognized. We must take every step to insure that we have done all we can to assist the soldier in this regard. Timely action is required regarding training, schooling, personnel administration, and supply transactions. And we can't forget about the soldier's family — assistance must be provided to them also.

## Focusing on the Goal

Our new force structure must be trained, ready, and capable of mobilizing as rapidly as possible. Readiness is a function of people and equipment. On the people side, qualification training and strength becomes the focus. We must have units with 100 percent assigned strength and each soldier must be MOS-qualified. Recruiting, retaining and training are priority missions.

## Being Positive

The die is cast. The new shape of things has been identified. It is time to anticipate the future and welcome the opportunity for improvement. To keep looking back and not ahead, or to complain about what we can't change is counter-productive. Join those of us who subscribe to the philosophy that it is important to make tomorrow better.

## Seeking Quality

The OHARNG will be a smaller, but better military organization tomorrow. Quality soldiers who meet the standard will insure that this happens. Those who don't meet the standard will fall by the wayside. The very best will lead us into the future.

## Sustaining the Support Base

Today, and in the months and years ahead, the citizen taxpayer is going to want to know what he or she is gaining in value for the tax money (federal or state) provided to the OHARNG. We must be able to demonstrate the "value added" that the OHARNG provides our society. It goes beyond just being military. We must continually demonstrate that the OHARNG is a responsible, involved, corporate citizen of the community. We must show that the tax dollar goes further in the OHARNG than in other military components of DoD because we return

more value to the local community. Our Adopt-A-School and Adopt-A-Highway programs, our participation in local community drug and alcohol demand reduction programs, and our support of a variety of youth-at-risk programs all are designed to increase the visibility of the OHARNG as a responsible corporate citizen — one worthy of support by the taxpayer. If we are to survive change, the OHARNG must have that support base. Without it, we will not survive.

As we move to implement the new OHARNG, I solicit your support and cooperation. The OHARNG needs you and the best you can bring to the organization. Don't allow change to bring frustration and unnecessary turmoil into your contribution to the OHARNG. Let's work together to manage change, and make it work for us as we transform our organization into the finest Army Guard in the country.

## Command Profile



**Brig. Gen. John H. Smith**  
121st Air Refueling Wing

**Occupation:** Commander, 121st Air Refueling Wing

**Age:** 52

**Life has taught me:** That when I come back next time, I want to be a duck.

**If I could have just one day to myself, I would:** Fish

**When no one's looking I:** Play solitaire on my computer

**When I was little I wanted to be:** A riverboat pilot

**The worst advice I ever received was:** Believing, at the age of 15, a teacher who told me that I could be a great public speaker.

**The best advice I ever received was:** To enter the Air Force and fly.

**If I could dine with anyone, past or present, I would invite:** Lech Walesa and John Kolacki (John would have to interpret, of course).

**The best moment in my life happened when I:** Met my wife.

**My favorite book:** War and Peace

**My favorite movie:** Lonesome Dove

**If I could leave today's guardmembers with one piece of advice it would be:** Tolerance and respect for other people does more to improve a unit, a country, or a world, than any weapon ever invented or to be invented.

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# BENEFITS

## Understanding the Reserve Component Survival Benefits Plan

The Fall 1992 issue of the Buckeye Guard presented the articles on "How to Determine Retirement Pay" and "Open Enrollment Period for the Reserve Component Survival Benefit Plan (RC-SBP)." Listed below are the answers to typical questions concerning this program and how it works.

### What is RC-SBP, what can it do for me?

The RC-SBP is basically an insurance policy on your retirement income that can provide a monthly annuity payment to your designated beneficiary in the event of your death. When soldiers receive their 20 year letter, they also receive a DD Form 1883, Survivor Benefit Election Plan Certificate. The DD Form 1883 must be completed and returned within 90 days of receipt. Enlisted soldiers will mail their completed forms to AGOH-MPMO-MP-E and officers will return their completed forms to AGOH-MPMO-MP-O.

### What are my options?

You may designate on your DD Form 1883 annuity payments for your spouse only, spouse and children, children only, former spouse, former spouse and children, or anyone with an insured interest. You must also designate one of the following insurance options:

**OPTION A:** Under OPTION A the soldier has decided **NOT** to make a selection until they have reached **RETIREMENT AGE**. If they choose this option and they die before reaching the age of 60, there is no annuity, **EVER**. In other words, if the soldier spends 20 years earning a retirement income and dies before reaching retirement age, **NO ONE WILL EVER** get an annuity from the retirement program. Soldiers selecting OPTION A will have the option to participate in the Survival Benefit Program (SBP) at the time of retirement.

**OPTION B:** Under OPTION B the soldier has decided to participate in the RC-SBP, but not until they reach retirement age. What happens if the soldier dies before the age of 60? If the soldier receives a 20 year letter at the age of 45, selects OPTIONS B and dies at the age of 50, the annuity would not start for another 10 years.

**OPTION C:** Under OPTION C the soldier has decided to participate in the RC-SBP immediately. That means if the soldier receives the 20 year letter at the age of 45, selects OPTION C and dies the next day, the annuity would become effective immediately.

### What happens if I make a selection and later change my mind?

Decisions regarding RC-SBP normally may be made only once and are irrevocable. Soldiers who are participating in the RC-SBP but lose their designated beneficiary due to death or divorce may make a different selection within one year of remarriage.

### What is the cost associated with the RC-SBP program and when do I start paying for it?

The cost associated with the RC-SBP is determined at the time the soldier makes his or her election. There are two factors involved in the cost, the age of the soldier and his or her beneficiary at the time of selection and the amount of the retired pay the soldier decides to insure. The soldier can insure his or her full monthly retirement pay or an amount not less than \$300. The soldier does not pay the cost directly, it is deducted from his or her monthly retirement check.

For example, lets look at OPTION B and C for an Army master sergeant with 3,250 points, over 24 years of service for pay and has a spouse. The soldier's age at the time of election is 45, the spouse's age is 42 and the full retirement pay will be covered. The monthly retired pay would be approximately \$549.25.

OPTION B	OPTION C
$\$549.25 \times .0373 = \$20.49$ (RC-SBP)	$\$549.25 \times .0515 = \$27.74$
$\$549.25 \times .065 = \$35.70$ (SBP)	$\$549.25 \times .065 = \$35.70$
<b>TOTAL COST: \$56.19</b>	<b>\$63.44</b>

### Annuity Payments

Annuity payments are 55 percent of the covered retirement pay until the spouse reaches age 62 at which time it is reduced to 35 percent due to social security offset.

**OPTION B:**  $\$549.25 - \$20.49 \times .55 = \$290.81$

**OPTION C:**  $\$549.25 - \$27.74 \times .55 = \$286.83$

Questions concerning this program should be directed to Maj. Finney at (614) 889-7023/7275.



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<b>COMMISSIONED OFFICERS</b>																
<b>PAY GRADE</b>	<b>O-10</b>	887.36	918.56	918.56	918.56	918.56	953.80	953.80	1006.64	1006.64	1078.64	1078.64	1150.88	1150.88	1150.88	1222.60
	<b>O-9</b>	786.40	807.00	824.20	824.20	824.20	845.16	845.16	880.32	880.32	953.80	953.80	1006.64	1006.64	1006.64	1078.64
	<b>O-8</b>	712.28	733.64	751.04	751.04	751.04	807.00	807.00	845.16	845.16	880.32	918.56	953.80	977.32	977.32	977.32
	<b>O-7</b>	591.84	632.08	632.08	632.08	660.44	660.44	698.72	698.72	733.64	807.00	862.52	862.52	862.52	862.52	862.52
	<b>O-6</b>	438.68	481.96	513.56	513.56	513.56	513.56	513.56	513.56	531.00	614.96	646.36	660.44	698.72	722.36	757.80
	<b>O-5</b>	350.84	411.92	440.44	440.44	440.44	440.44	453.76	478.20	510.24	548.44	579.84	597.44	618.32	618.32	618.32
	<b>O-4</b>	295.72	360.12	384.16	384.16	391.28	408.52	436.40	460.92	481.96	503.12	517.00	517.00	517.00	517.00	517.00
	<b>O-3</b>	274.80	307.28	328.48	363.44	380.84	394.48	415.84	436.40	447.12	447.12	447.12	447.12	447.12	447.12	447.12
	<b>O-2</b>	239.64	261.68	314.44	325.00	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76	331.76
	<b>O-1</b>	208.08	216.56	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68	261.68
<b>COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER</b>																
	<b>O-3E</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	363.44	380.84	394.48	415.84	436.40	453.76	453.76	453.76	453.76	453.76	453.76	453.76
	<b>O-2E</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.00	331.76	342.28	360.12	373.92	384.16	384.16	384.16	384.16	384.16	384.16	384.16
	<b>O-1E</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	261.68	279.60	289.92	300.40	310.84	325.00	325.00	325.00	325.00	325.00	325.00	325.00
<b>WARRANT OFFICERS</b>																
	<b>W-5</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	477.84	495.96	510.31	531.80
	<b>W-4</b>	280.00	300.40	300.40	307.28	321.24	335.40	349.48	373.92	391.28	405.00	415.84	429.28	443.64	457.45	478.20
	<b>W-3</b>	254.48	276.04	276.04	279.60	282.84	303.56	321.24	331.76	342.28	352.48	363.44	377.60	391.28	391.28	405.00
	<b>W-2</b>	222.88	241.12	241.12	248.16	261.68	276.04	286.52	297.04	307.28	318.08	328.48	338.84	352.48	352.48	352.48
	<b>W-1</b>	185.68	212.92	212.92	230.68	241.12	251.48	261.68	272.52	282.84	293.40	303.56	314.44	314.44	314.44	314.44
<b>ENLISTED MEMBERS</b>																
	<b>E-9</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.76	333.04	340.60	348.40	356.20	363.12	382.16	397.03	419.32
	<b>E-8</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	273.16	280.96	288.36	295.84	303.68	310.64	318.28	336.96	351.96	374.48
	<b>E-7</b>	190.68	205.88	213.48	220.96	228.48	235.76	243.32	250.92	262.28	269.72	277.20	280.80	299.64	314.57	336.96
	<b>E-6</b>	164.08	178.84	186.28	194.20	201.48	208.72	216.40	227.56	234.68	242.28	245.96	245.96	245.96	245.96	245.96
	<b>E-5</b>	143.96	156.72	164.36	171.48	182.76	190.20	197.72	205.00	208.72	208.72	208.72	208.72	208.72	208.72	208.72
	<b>E-4</b>	134.28	141.84	150.16	161.76	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16	168.16
	<b>E-3</b>	126.52	133.48	138.80	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28	144.28
	<b>E-2</b>	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76	121.76
	<b>E-1&gt;4</b>	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64	108.64
	<b>E-1&lt;4</b>	100.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Note — Basic pay is limited to \$1,202.20 by Level V of the Executive Schedule

Source: ODASD(FM&P)MM&PP(C)

## Coverage increased on SGLI

Guardmembers now have the option of increasing their Serviceman's Group Life Insurance. The maximum coverage was \$100,000; the Veterans Benefits Act of 1992 increases the benefit to \$200,000, effective Dec. 1, 1992. Any increase up to that amount is an option at an additional cost. Applications should be received by your unit prior to March 31, 1993. After that date a statement of health will be required for the additional coverage. SGLI premium costs remain at eight cents per \$1000 of coverage.

## G.I. Bill increases

WASHINGTON — The Montgomery GI Bill has increased its benefits and enrollment opportunities, allowing more education options for military people, GI Bill program officials said.

Beginning April 1, GI Bill rates will increase from \$350 to \$400 per month for up to 36 months for full-time students. Reserve members will receive an increase of \$20, up to \$190 per month.

People who left the service by accepting one of the voluntary separation incentives or are planning to accept one of the options in the future, can enroll in the new GI Bill program.

## Home loan program extended

National Guard and Reserve personnel are now afforded the opportunity to purchase a home under the guidelines of the guaranteed VA home loan program. Soldiers must have served at least six years. Members must apply for the benefit by completing VA Form 26-1880, with a service date verification. Mortgage interest rates and conditions may vary according to the need of the buyer. Veterans may obtain information on VA guaranteed home loans by contacting the VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000.



# Dedicated soldier, dedicated armory

Story and photo by Sgt. Lori King  
HQ, STARC (Det 1-5)

TIFFIN — It was the year 1954, on a Monday night, when Pvt. Paul L. Thompson found himself surrounded by Korean war veterans. They had gathered for their weekly evening drill in a small room located over a bar in downtown Tiffin.

The nervous rifleman glanced around, feeling overwhelmed. After all, he was only a high school senior surrounded by infantrymen who had just returned from the Korean War. They were Ohio National Guardsmen, local heroes, who had survived whatever conflict they had faced. And now they were staring at Thompson, the first new unit recruit since Korea.

Little did they know then they were welcoming a future local military legend . . .

A few years after Thompson's first drill with Company G, 148th Infantry Regiment, 37th Infantry Division, an armory in Tiffin was finally built along the Sandusky River. No longer did the small company of about 14 infantrymen have to drill from the top of a bar. Since the first day the armory doors opened for business, thousands of infantry, armor and now medical personnel have come and gone, all taking with them one common element: a fond farewell from Thompson.

Month after month, year after year, for 38 consecutive years, 1st Sgt. Paul L. Thompson drilled out of that same armory, as a rifleman with the Infantry Regiment, an armor crewman with a Cavalry Regiment and then a medical specialist with the 385th Medical Company (Ambulance). Each time the unit was redesignated, Thompson would simply change his MOS.

It's this personal dedication to his military career that inspired his peers to dedicate to Thompson what he already considers his. So, in November, only months after his retirement, the top enlisted soldier in the unit attended his own Armory Dedication Ceremony which made it official. The armory was named after the soldier who loved it the most: 1st Sgt. Paul L. Thompson.

Mounted on a wall about 10 feet off the armory floor is a

plaque that will carry on his name and reputation for as long as the armory bustles with activity.

"He spent his entire career in this armory, wearing three different unit patches, and today we permanently recognize him for his services to the community and his unit," Capt. Brenda L. Brailey announced to a supportive crowd of National Guardmembers and community leaders.

Brailey, the 385th company commander, praised Thompson's ability to motivate soldiers to rise above the standards.

"He worked well with both supervisors and subordinates, commanding respect from both," she said. "You can see proof of that by the turnout here today. Most of his staff is here."

Brailey also commented that when she initially wrote the request for the armory dedication, "it was meant as a memorial to him, because this armory is built around him."

Thompson stood below the engraved plaque and marvelled at how fast the years had passed.

"Through the years I've met thousands of people, many of whom have become close friends. What's nice is that five, 10, 15 years will go by before I see someone, then when I do, it's like I just talked to them yesterday. So it means a lot to see some of those people I used to work with here today, who are happy for me. It's like they were gone but never forgotten.

"The National Guard has been my life since 1954. This is home to me, this building, the unit. And the people are like my family. So it's been a great choice of a career, a very rewarding career. It's hard to realize that it's happened, this building being named after me. It makes me proud. The words aren't there to express what I'm feeling."

Thompson then explained he initially joined the Guard back in 1954 because his best friend told him it would be a good organization to get into. Well, you know the rest of the story.

**Author's Note:** As a special community tribute to Thompson, Tiffin Mayor David Martein declared Nov. 7 as 1st Sgt. Paul L. Thompson Day.

# The 121st marks a new era

Story by Master Sgt. Tom Foley and Tech. Sgt. Nancy Bisset  
121st Air Refueling Wing

COLUMBUS-What a way to start a new year! A new era began for one Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base unit when a new mission, a new aircraft and a new name became reality during the month of January.

On Jan. 8, Brig. Gen. John H. Smith, commander of the newly renamed 121st Air Refueling Wing, accepted the unit's first operational KC-135 Stratotanker from Lt. Col. Robert Boot, commander of the 42nd Air Refueling Squadron at Loring AFB, Maine.

Eight members of the 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's advance inspection team arrived at Loring several days earlier to ensure all aspects of the aircraft transfer were completed. This team inspected its first KC-135 from nose to tail, and also gathered aircraft historical records pertaining to every significant maintenance action that has occurred since it rolled off the assembly line as aircraft 59-1483 in 1959. Master Sgt. Charlie Downs of Plans and Scheduling said "I'm pleased with it's history and the paperwork that supports it."

Assistant Crew Chief Staff Sgt. Rhett Martin greeted Crew Chief Tech. Sgt. Matt Porter with an exuberant thumbs-up, indicating it's a good aircraft.

Both of these former A-7D Corair II crew chiefs will have the honor of having their names on the side of "483," and also in the 121st history pages as the first assigned KC-135 crew chief team. They both said they are looking forward to the new challenge and are ready to get back to



ABOVE, Members of the 121st prepare their first KC-135 strato-tanker for its trip to Rickenbacker; LEFT, Brig. Gen. John Smith and Lt. Col. Robert Boot shake on the aircraft transfer.

work after three months of KC-135 schooling.

Wearing a smile similar to that of a child opening a present, Chief Master Sgt. Ron Dillon of Quality Assurance said "It feels great to get an operational aircraft again. We're excited and ready to start flying."

During the 121st ARW redesignation ceremony on Jan. 24, Gen. Smith

said "We are most anxious and eager to get on with our new mission. It marks the beginning of a new era with a mission that is more global, more mobile and we are anxious to participate."

Columbus City Council President Cindy Lazarus capped off a great entry into a new era by christening aircraft "483" as the "City of Columbus." Also witnessing this historical event were State Representative Jo Ann Davidson, 24th District, Ohio, who stated that this was her first trip to the military base since the House redistricting took place last year, and that she was thoroughly impressed with the redesignation and christening ceremony.

"It's an honor for me to be here," Davidson added.

Marcie McClarey from Congresswomen Debrah Pryce's office; Rickenbacker Port Authority Executive Director Lawrence D. Garrison, Maj. Gen., USAF (Ret.); and Warren Motts, curator and owner of Motts Military Museum, Groveport, Ohio, similarly enjoyed the momentous event.

Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, together with Ohio ANG Chief of Staff Col. Thomas W. Powers, presided over the redesignation of the 121st ARW and witnessed the retirement of the former fighter wing flag and its 47 year history. That era, which included four presidential call-ups and three awards as an Air Force Outstanding Unit, along with its World War II namesake's heritage of nine battle streamers were attached to the flag of the Ohio National Guard's second air refueling unit, the new 121st Air Refueling Wing. Look out world, the 121st flies again!



The first large contingent of WACs to arrive in England board a train near their port of entry.

# WACs play important role in war

Story by Evelyn D. Harris  
American Forces Information Service

Ginny Bradford, Thelma Jester and Mary Tropeano are among the 93 women who live in the U.S. Soldiers and Airmen's Home in Washington, D.C. More than 1,900 men live at the complex for veterans.

The three women are used to being a minority. They were among the first women to sign up for duty during World War II.

The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps started in 1941. Women were enlisted to free men for combat jobs. The corps was meant to be a temporary wartime expedient. Changed to the Women's Army Corps in 1943, women served in all theaters of World War II. Laws forbade them from serving in combat, but many still found themselves under fire.

St. Louis-native Bradford signed up

in 1943 fresh out of high school. In 1961, she attained the rank of sergeant major.

Jester, who grew up in Baltimore, said, "I enlisted in 1943 to replace my brother — he worked in the Bethlehem Shipyard but died in an accident." Jester worked as a legal secretary before enlisting. She retired in 1965 as a sergeant first class (pay grade E-7).

White Plains, N.Y., native Tropeano also brought work experience to the war effort. She left her job with the telephone company to enlist in 1943 and used her skills during her career. She retired in 1964, also as a sergeant first class.

Learning how to do things the "Army way" was a shock. "I was slow to figure things out when I enlisted," said Bradford. "It took me several days to realize that we had a fixed schedule in boot camp — my first memories are

of needing to use the bathroom in the field because I hadn't when they gave us the chance."

Bradford caught on quickly and was assigned to recruiting duty in Phoenix. "We didn't need to travel; so many came to us," she said. "But I was amazed at the reasons some people gave for enlisting. One guy signed up because he heard soldiers got all the cigarettes they wanted (they were rationed for civilians)."

Bradford remembered the frugality of the wartime Army. "We had to be careful with supplies," she said. "Paper clips were rationed. We used manual adding machines — it took strength to operate them. We had to reroll the adding machine tapes and use the other side. We had to turn in a pencil nub to get a pencil. They showed a movie, "The \$50,000 Pencil." It showed Joe Blow going home with a

government pencil — Jane Doe doing the same and so on. The announcer warned, 'Before you know it, Uncle Sam has lost \$50,000.'

Bradford said she never suffered from discrimination as a woman. "I believe you are treated as well as you expect to be treated because of who you are and what you can do," she said. "I've always expected to be treated well, and I always have been."

Jester served with the Army Air Force. After a short training period, she was on her way to England to help mount the Normandy invasion — D-Day.

"One night some of the guys came and rapped on our doors. We went out, and the sky was filled with lights from the planes and the gliders taking the troops over for the invasion," she said. "We knew about three days before because we were loading the troops onto the ships. About 40 days later, we closed down headquarters and landed on the same beach (Normandy) that the boys did."

Jester arrived at Reims — Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe — 10



WACs worked under difficult conditions in the Philippines during World War II.

days after it was liberated. "It looked awful — still had tapes where they hadn't demined the roads yet," she said. "That was frightening."

"The general said if we (WACs) would drive the jeeps, he'd have a treat for us. We did, and occasionally we were shot at, but the general kept his word. He led a convoy of 40 jeeps through Paris so we could see the sights."

Jester said she was at Reims on May 7, 1945, when the Germans signed the surrender. She watched the German generals come and still remem-

bers how proud they looked.

Tropeano also served in the Army Air Force and headed for England shortly after enlisting. "We crossed over on the Queen Mary — 14 of us in a cabin," she said.

She developed a severe respiratory infection during the crossing and spent her first few days in London in a hospital during Hitler's V-1 rocket campaign against England. "I'd hear the V-1s flying over the hospital. At first, we'd all run to the shower area in such a hurry our boots were on the wrong feet," she recalled. "But after awhile, we just stayed in bed."

She followed 9th Air Force Headquarters around Europe, always very close to the action, setting up switchboards in each new headquarters and training operators. She was fairly close to the Battle of the Bulge — about 250 miles away. "But," she said, "somehow, I always felt safe."

One thing she didn't like was the heaviness of the musette bag she carried on her back. It contained only a change of clothes and one day's supplies, but to the 104-pound Tropeano, "it felt like I was carrying a cross."

## Commission votes against women in combat

by Tech. Sgt. David P. Masko  
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — After almost a year of heated debate, a special presidential commission has concluded that women in certain combat roles would reduce military readiness and effectiveness.

"Even if there is disagreement with how we come down on some of these issues, I hope our nation's political leadership addresses each of them squarely and at least considers the rationale behind all of the commission's recommendations," said retired Air Force Gen. Robert T. Herres, chairman, Presidential Commission on the Assignment of Women in the Armed Forces.

### Identification of issues

"One of our most important achievements, among others, is the clear identification of 17 major issues that

need to be addressed by the administration and Congress if we are to develop a comprehensive policy on the role of women in the military," Herres said.

The commission, created by Congress in the defense authorization bills for 1992 and 1993, was asked to assess present laws and policies on the assignment of women in the military and make recommendations to the president.

The 15-member panel (six women and nine men) presented its report to former President Bush Nov. 15, who forwarded it to Congress in December. A copy of the report was then provided to President Bill Clinton, commission officials said.

As part of its fact-finding efforts, the commission concluded, in what was described as "an emotional vote," that the ban on female combat assignments should not be repealed.

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The recommendations "might not make everybody happy," but for now the commission feels there are just reasons for excluding women from combat aircraft, said Charles Moskos, a commission member and expert on military sociology.

The commission found enough evidence in its study to allow women aboard combat vessels, Moskos said.

"There was a lot of debate on the issue . . . now let's see what the future holds."

## Recommendations

The commission report includes recommendations on the following:

- Repeal legislation which excludes the assignment of women to combatant ships.
- Women should be excluded from direct land combat and combat aircraft.
- Gender-neutral assignment policies should apply to all positions open to both men and women on a best-qualified basis.
- Maintain different standards for physical fitness and wellness. However, when physical strength and en-

durance are relevant to job performance, men and women must meet the same physical standards.

- The Defense Department should re-evaluate the policies dealing with dependents and consider changes to protect the family.
- Pregnant servicewomen should not be assigned, nor remain in positions that have a high probability of being deployed, and the same policy should apply to men who are non-deployable for extended periods.
- Women should not be required to register for the draft.

## Testimony heard

Since the commission was established, it has heard testimony from more than 300 witnesses of all military ranks in a wide variety of military specialties, as well as social, cultural, and religious experts.

In addition, more than 11,000 American citizens sent statements or letters to the commission.

The commission wanted information and opinions on issues surrounding the debate about women's roles in the military, officials said.

## First combat regulation for female soldiers released

Army Policy for the Assignment of Female Soldiers, AR 600-13, consolidates portions of other regulations and policy statements "for clarity and ease of administration," the draft regulation states.

It isn't intended to open or close existing tables of organization and equipment positions, said Lt. Col. Marcene Etchieson of Soldier Policy Division, at the Pentagon.

The new regulation simplified the coding system for TOE Units. Instead of seven codes, there are now just two, P1 for positions closed to women and P2 for open jobs.

## Ohio Women's Hall of Fame

On October 21, First Lady Janet Voinovich and Ohio Bureau of Employment Services Administrator James Conrad dedicated a new and permanent Ohio Women's Hall of Fame exhibit.

The Ohio's Women Hall of Fame was established in 1978 by former Governor James A. Rhodes and the Women's Division of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services. Since its origin, the goal of the Women's Division has been to recognize outstanding women for their contribution to the growth and progress of our state and nation; to maintain a historical record of the achievement and the achiever; and to remind all Ohioans that our lives have been enriched through the vision, creativity, tenacity and personal dedication of Ohio's women.

The Hall of Fame is located in Columbus at 145 South Front Street and is open to the public at no charge.

## National Guard Bureau plans women's history

The National Guard Bureau has planned a documentary film on the history of women in the National Guard.

NGB historians need information from the field, particularly about the first nurses and the first non-medical women to join in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

If you have any photos or memories to share or know someone in your state who does, please write Renee Hylton-Greene, NGB-PAH, Skyline #6, Room 401C, 5109 Leeburg Pike, Falls Church, Va., 22041 or Call DSN 289-1980 or commercial (703) 756-1980. **(On Guard)**



# Adopt-A-School and the Ohio National Guard

Story by Sgt. Diane Farrow  
State Public Affairs Office

Adopt-A-School is a term heard more and more frequently by members of the Ohio National Guard.

But what is Adopt-A-School all about?

While some individuals may consider the program a means to solicit new recruits, in actuality the focus is on increasing student achievement. Individual attention by volunteers helps foster better grades, attitudes and attendance.

Although Guard units traditionally have strong ties with schools and other organizations within their community, the Adopt-A-School program was formalized under Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander with the implementation of the State Public Affairs Plan in 1990. Through this plan, National Guard units are encouraged to formalize partnerships with educational institutions in their immediate vicinity and to participate in at least two school activities each year.

What few people realize is that Adopt-A-School program is not exclusive to members of the Ohio Guard.

In fact, the Voinovich administration has encouraged such partnerships for several years. Currently, 29 state agencies, to include the Adjutant General's Department, participate in this program. In February 1992, Governor George Voinovich issued an executive order which established a state-wide Adopt-A-School program. First Lady Janet Voinovich is the inspiration behind initiating this state-wide commitment, and her Office of Volunteer Initiatives provides guidance to participating agencies.

The Ohio Adopt-A-School program is modeled after the Columbus partnership, which is co-sponsored by the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce and Columbus Public Schools, initiated in 1982. The Governor's Office became involved in the Columbus program when it adopted Douglas Elementary School, where Janet Voinovich visits regularly to read to the students.

"I share my husband's goal of having every school adopted, and a mentor for every child who needs one," she said.

The Ohio National Guard's participation in Adopt-A-School has grown rapidly since 1990. From June to December 1990, less than 10 formal adoptions were recorded; from January through December 1991, more than 30. As of November 1992, 89 primary, middle and secondary schools have been adopted by National Guard units throughout the state. Methods for evaluating progress and effectiveness of the program is accomplished through unit submittals of quarterly Public Affairs summaries.

National Guard units have reported a wide range of activities with schools through the department's Adopt-A-

School program. Typical activities include:

Tours of National Guard facilities and training areas, allowing students to get a first-hand look at military equipment and guardmembers in their work environment.

Career Day presentations at the school, which may include discussing the mission of the Ohio National Guard, static displays, and classes in outdoor skills such as land navigation and physical fitness training.

Mentoring activities, where guardmembers work one-on-one with students in and out of the classroom.

Participating in promotions which benefit the school, such as collecting register tapes at grocery stores which offer equipment to schools.

Use of the armory for sports activities or meetings. Similar to an armory rental agreement, units should prepare a "use agreement" for schools interested in using Guard facilities and submit it through the Quartermaster Office.

Several units and unit members continue to support activities at schools other than their adopted school through unit community relations efforts. For example, although the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron adopted Pleasant Grove School, the unit wired a centralized video network throughout the classrooms and installed playground equipment at Adamsville School in the Zanesville area.

Essentially, the program involves whatever activities that 1) the school has identified and 2) the unit commander has the resources to fulfill.

Future involvement with the Adopt-A-School program will also focus on incorporating Drug Demand Reduction programs and assisting students who are preparing for the 9th Grade Proficiency Test, which will become mandatory in 1994.

The adjutant general has provided the necessary guidance and materials to establish and maintain local Adopt-A-School programs by distributing Adopt-A-School workbooks to Army and Air Guard command elements. Adopt-A-School Certificates have been developed for units interested in officiating the partnership in a formal ceremony. Further questions regarding the Adopt-A-School program can be directed to the State Public Affairs Office at DSN 273-7000 or commercial (614) 889-7000.

# Partners in education

Story by Master Sgt. Gregg A. Meadows  
220th Engineering Installation Squadron

Quality education is everybody's business, and at the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, unit members have made it *their* business.

Following the lead of Adjutant General Richard C. Alexander, the unit decided to take a more active role in the community it serves by participating in the Adopt-A-School program.

The 220th, an Ohio Air National Guard unit located six miles east of Zanesville, has since "adopted" Pleasant Grove School, a local elementary. The program, which links a school with a local business or agency, provides expanded educational opportunities for both students and school staff.

After making contact with Pleasant Grove Elementary, the school defined its expectations of the partnership as (1) to bring civic leaders into a school to work with students, teachers, and administrators on projects which educators feel will be helpful, and which civic leaders feel qualified to accomplish; (2) to give students and teachers a realistic picture of the business/military world and of the preparation students need



Tech Sgt. Doug Keiffer demonstrates how a cable splicer's gas detector works to elementary school students during Career Day.

## Parental care extends into halls of Clinton

Story and photos by  
Sgt. Diane L. Farrow  
196th Public Affairs Detachment

When fifth grade teacher Jennifer Dunn suggested to Bethany Bell that her father would be a good role model for fellow school mates, Beth could only giggle.

"He'll just play with them in the hallway!"

That was nearly two years ago. And although Staff Sgt. Chris Bell does spend time with Mrs. Dunn's fifth grade class in the halls of Clinton Elementary, "playing" is hardly an accurate description of his efforts.

Bell, unit supply sergeant for the 684th Medical Company, has been tutoring students two hours every Monday afternoon since fall of 1991. Although Bell chose to assist the students at Clinton Elementary because he lives

Staff Sgt. Chris Bell and Mrs. Dunn assist Clinton students (left to right), Tanisha Golson, Roshawnda Earthman, Matt Munro and Beth Taylor.

in the Clintonville area and because his four children have attended, are attending, or will attend the school, his unit adopted Westerville North High School.

The 684th has established a strong relationship with Westerville North, coordinating use of their armory for the school's drill team and providing support for its track events.



In smaller communities, units often select their Adopt-A-School with the same frame of mind as Bell. Obviously, a relationship is already established when the unit adopts a school where the children of unit members attend.

While Bell works full-time as an Active Guard/Reserve soldier, his wife, Geri, works at home raising Aaron, 13; Beth, 10; Maggie, 8; Katie, 5; and Chastity, their 13-year-old foster daughter. A true familyman in every sense of the word, Bell's desire to keep his home a happy one far outweighs even his career ambitions.

In 1989 he accepted a full-time position in the Port Clinton area which offered a promotion to sergeant first class. Nine months later, when his family realized their initial unhappiness brought on by the move wasn't improving, Bell decided to look for another job back in Columbus. It was only a matter of weeks before he found the supply position with the 684th. He quickly accepted it, even though it meant losing the opportunity for promotion.



for success; (3) to supplement classroom instruction with relevant learning experiences, in business, military, and industry sectors; and to (4) give program participants an understanding of the educational system, how it works, its strengths, and its problems.

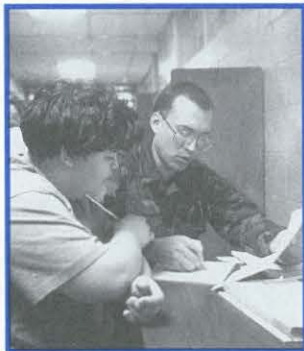
While the objectives of the program are plainly stated, the actual functions of these volunteers range anywhere from tutoring individual students in reading, language, math, and computers; serving as a guest speaker; assisting in the school library; judging contests; or serving on advisory committees.

"The kids look up to us as role models; they seem pretty excited and eager to learn when we are there," noted Detachment Commander Captain Jeffrey A. Lewis.

Lewis added that while the visibility and recognition the unit receives for this valuable community service goes a long way, "The reward and satisfaction that we receive when we see results in a child's development stays with us a lot longer."

Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Hickman, the unit's NCOIC of Cable Antenna and math tutor at the school, agrees.

"I especially enjoy working with the kids who are encountering problems with math which keeps them behind the rest of their class. Productive interaction between tutor and stu-



"The kids . . . seem pretty excited and eager to learn when we are there."

**Capt. Jeffrey Lewis**

dent that results in success is what it's all about," claims Hickman.

Master Sgt. Anita Bare, unit training technician, and Tech. Sgt. Doug Keiffer, material control technician, echo the thoughts and feelings of their fellow unit members.

"It's gratifying to know that you've helped someone with some difficulties they experience. Especially at that young of an age when you can actually have some influence on them. It gives me a good feeling," Bare said.

Tech. Sgt. Keiffer is grateful just to help out, adding that "It's too bad all kids who experience learning difficulties can't take advantage of programs like this."

Sharlene Ward, Coordinator of Volunteer Services for Zanesville City Schools and Adopt-A-School spokesperson claims that the 220th EIS's involvement with the program is most noteworthy.

"Having a positive role model in the shape of a member of the military excites our students in need of special attention," Ward said. She added that when the students interact with 220th members, they show a measure of improved self-image and increased motivation, which results in better achievement

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## Elementary

"We're very happy living in Clintonville. I grew up here. In fact, we live in the same house I grew up in," Bell said. He also spoke of his deep respect for the teachers and administrators at Clinton Elementary. The caring and commitment he has seen firsthand has proven to him that his children will get all the benefits of a good education.

Without question, both he and Geri are very devoted to their children, believing in total parental involvement in all aspects of their lives.

"Kids whose parents don't care, don't care themselves," Bell said.

Mrs. Dunn, who was Aaron's second and fifth grade teacher, knew Bell would be the ideal mentor because of his continued support of the school and its activities. Her suggestion, combined with his commitment to nurturing and today's reality of single-parent homes, convinced Bell that many Clinton students could benefit from a positive male role model in their lives.

Dunn explained that last year Bell



was needed because several students were lacking a male influence in their lives. "He worked hand over fist with a couple boys," she said.

This year, he's primarily been helping out students who are behind in their studies. Usually three to seven students leave the classroom during silent reading time to work through problem subjects with "Mr. Bell." He

**Bell helps fifth grader Nick Tippett catch up on overdue homework.**

moves around the table, from student to student, figuring math calculations one moment and correcting spelling errors the next.

"He helps me with a whole bunch of different classes," said Matt Munro.

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and attendance.

Adopt-A-School is a can't miss program according to all 220th EIS members involved. The unit benefits from the sense of teamwork and achievement that they experience with the program and the kids benefit from the positive role models and the assistance they provide.

Some also look at it as a worthwhile investment in tomorrow's leaders, employers, consumers, and someday, maybe fellow guardmembers!

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Rather than trying to catch up by himself, Matt said he definitely prefers working with the helpful sergeant. "It's more fun with Mr. Bell. It's easier, faster to get caught up."

Bell also brings his experience as a guardmember into his mentoring role. "After spending last year's annual training supporting the engineers in Jamaica, I gave a presentation to the whole class so they would know the kind of humanitarian aid the Ohio Guard provides," he said.

"The class spends a lot of time keeping up with the world situation, like what's going on with Bosnia and Somalia," said Dunn. "When Mr. Bell comes in, the kids get to see that people in the military are just regular people.

"He even taught me everything I know about compasses," she added, referring to a two-day nature camp the Bells chaperoned last spring. The instructor who was assigned to show the kids how to run a land navigation course appeared a bit confused, so Staff Sgt. Bell offered to take over the class.

When asked how long he plans on working with the fifth grade, Bell just smiled and said, "Well, I've still got two kids to go."

## Drug Demand Reduction Update

With the recent implementation of the Drug Demand Reduction program, many units are unsure what resources are available for their use. The following list of materials are for use by individual organizations in their local programs.

**1 "The Power of Choice" video series.** This series features comedian Michael Pritchard, a recovering alcoholic. In the 12 videos he spends time in high schools throughout the United States discussing the problems teens face today. He also puts on a comedy show that down-plays using alcohol and illegal drugs. The titles include:

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| a) The Power of Choice (1 hour)    | g) Drinking and Driving (30 min.)       |
| b) Acting on Your Values (30 min.) | h) Sex (30 min.)                        |
| c) Self-Esteem (30 min.)           | i) Friendship and Dating (30 min.)      |
| d) Coping with Pressures (30 min.) | j) Depression and Suicide (30 min.)     |
| e) Drugs and Alcohol I (30 min.)   | k) Communicating with Parents (30 min.) |
| f) Drugs and Alcohol II (30 min.)  | l) Raising your Parents (30 min.)       |

This material would be very helpful with your Adopt-A-School relationship, and appropriate for the Family Assistance Program.

**2 "Career Directions" books.** These books are very helpful for teens who need assistance with career choices. The program is designed so that a guardmember can assist the student in going through the booklet. It is intended for use in the classroom, and the program can either be done in one or two hour allotments.

**3 "Channing L. Bete Publishing" pamphlets.** The literature which is available specifically targets alcohol and drug abuse, as well as youth issues. There are also posters available that are made especially for the Guard and include the National Guard logo on them. Some of the titles include:

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| a) How to Refuse Drugs                  | e) About Making Sound Decisions                     |
| b) Understanding Adolescence            | f) About Teens and Drugs                            |
| c) What Parents Should Know About Drugs | g) Making Your School Drug Free                     |
| d) Teens and Alcohol                    | h) What You Should Know About Stress and Your Child |

This material is best suited for internal programs or possibly in Family Support Group environments.

**4 "Active Parenting Discussion" program.** This program is designed to teach a method of parenting and problem solving that enables parents to help their children develop self-esteem, courage, responsibility and cooperation. Each of the films is 15 minutes in length and the content of the program includes:

- The Active Parent (styles of discipline)
- Understanding Your Child (self-esteem)
- Instilling Courage (methods of encouragement)
- Developing Responsibility (natural and logical consequences)
- Winning Cooperation (listening for feelings and expressing love)
- The Cooperative Family in Action (emphasizing the family unit)

A series of six videotapes teaches a leader how to be a facilitator in implementing the program. This program is most useful in your internal program or Family Support Group.

Units interested in obtaining this material should contact their respective major subordinate command Drug Demand Reduction Council members. Each council is tasked with taking an active role in identifying resources and assisting individual commanders in developing a sound prevention/demand reduction program, both within their organization and in their local community. Additional questions can be directed to 2nd Lt. Neal O'Brien at DSN 273-7261/7111 or commercial (614) 889-7261/7111.

# Soccer team gets back to basics

Story by Pfc. Nicole Smith  
196th Public Affairs Detachment

"Fall in!" A brief pause . . . "Too slow, drop and give me ten!"

Now does this sound like your typical high school soccer practice? Not under normal circumstances anyway.

For Marion Harding High School's President soccer team, the week of pre-season tryouts was anything but typical.

Harding's soccer coach, Dan Lahut contacted Sgt. 1st Class James Meadows and Staff Sgt. Willis Beam, both recruiters from the Marion County artillery unit, to see if they would organize a week of basic training soccer practice.

Coach Lahut wanted his team to learn and live his philosophy of discipline on the playing field. "High standards are what make the U.S. military the strongest in the world and high standards will do the same for Harding athletes," Lahut said. With this in mind, Beam and Meadows contacted Sgt. 1st Class Rodger Jones, NCIOC of Company B, 1/166th Infantry Battalion in Delaware Ohio, to see if he would be interested in leading this program along with two soldiers of his choice.

At 7:45 on the morning of August, 10, Jones arrived at the soccer field with his two assistants, Sgt. David Moots Jr. and Sgt. John Brown, also members of B Company. By 8 a.m., the players showed up wondering just how different this was going to be. Coach Lahut and coaches Garry Evans and John Volenik explained to the team that Jones and his assistants were going to have control of the team for the week.

Different emotions filled the 34-man team. Some believed that this was going to be a piece of cake, while others were scared and didn't know what to expect, according to Beam. "After the first 20 minutes, all of the players realized that we were there to provide something serious," Beam said.

"Our goal for this week is to help provide the team with discipline, motivation, strength, self-confidence,



and confidence in each other," Beam told them.

Jones showed the players the proper formation for physical training (PT). Those who had trouble catching on, quickly learned the meaning of "Drop and give me ten."

The team was led through various stretching exercises, grass drills, and a fast-paced Indian run combined with an assortment of PT cadences. Following this training, they went through a series of cool down exercises and were dismissed for the day.

After practice, Jones was afraid they had been too tough on the players and thought perhaps they wouldn't show for the next day's practice. The sergeants decided to lighten up a bit on the remaining players the next day.

On day two, however, all 34 players came back for more. "Lighten up," Beam thought to himself, "no way!"

"This gave us the desire to get on them like ugly on ape," he said.

The word "sergeant" was quickly embedded into their minds. And their minds were conditioned by the reinforcement of push-ups.

The next few days consisted of more running activities and the players were



ABOVE, Harding's Soccer Team captain "Paul Purewall" makes a break for the ball. LEFT, team member gets dropped during warm up exercises.

pushed to muscle failure. "We were beginning to tell which of these men were going to be leaders," Beam said. "It was great to see players motivate each other." The players were quickly adapting to the daily routine.

On the fifth and final day, the work of the past four days was put to the test. A complete Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) to include sit-ups, push-ups, and a two mile run was given. Parents and neighbors in the community came out to support the team. Coach Lahut used the test results as an aid in making his final decision as to who would make the varsity team.

"Hopefully we will get the opportunity to do this again next year," Beam said. "But I don't know what we could do to top this year's experience," he added. The end result was greater than anyone had expected. By the end of the week each athlete had exceeded his personal best both physically and mentally.

# GOING FOR THE GOLD

Story by Spec. Derek R. Almashy  
HQ, STARC (-Det 1-5)

The shades of dawn have yet to tint the morning sky, but the Ohio Military Academy's Officer Candidate School class 40 is already hard at work.

Muscles still aching from the night before, they peer bleary-eyed at their TAC officer knowing that if they so much as yawn, they will be dropped . . . again.

The road is not an easy one, but the rewards at the end are plentiful. The chance to be one of the select few, a commissioned officer in the Ohio Army National Guard, keeps them going.

The opportunity of becoming an officer is not open to everyone. Officer candidates must possess the desire to improve themselves, the professional bearing to be selected, and the personal motivation to see the course through to its completion before they may be admitted into the ranks of Ohio's leaders.

In addition to the personal qualities mentioned above, there are a few more requirements.

First of all, hopeful candidates must be at least 18 but no more than 32 and a half years of age by the time of commissioning.

They must also be physically and medically fit, and have attained minimum scores on the Armed Services Vocational Appitude Battery (ASVAB) and Officer Selection Battery of 110 and 90, respectively.

In addition, enrollees must have a record reflecting good moral character, proof of high school graduation, a valid security clearance of secret or higher and have graduated from Basic and Advanced Individual Training.

Finally, applicants must be able to provide evidence of completing at least 40 semester hours of college credit to enroll and 80 semester hours by the time of commissioning.

Even if you meet all of these requirements, you still may not be able to enter the program. Your unit must recommend you and you must then pass your battalion's selection board.

If you can meet all of these requirements, you may have earned the chance to try to become an officer; but it won't be a walk in the park.

The course consists of twelve rigorous monthly drills and two annual training (AT) periods that few can complete. It is further broken down into three phases.

The following is the last of a three-part series highlighting the schools available at the Ohio Military Academy. This issue features the Officer Candidate School offered by the academy.





**FAR LEFT,** The field training phase is considered the most challenging aspect of OCS; **LEFT,** TAC officers demand total discipline from officer candidates.

The first phase lasts from the beginning of the course (usually May) through the first annual training period. It consists mainly of Common Task Training and serves to provide the cadets with a good introduction to the program.

After they have completed their first AT, the cadets move into the second phase. This will last until the next annual training period and the instruction will be focused on teaching the candidates all the basics of being a good officer — from drill and ceremony through infantry platoon tactics.

Finally, after completing one year of training, the time

has come for the cadets to move into the third and final phase of the course, the field phase.

This part of the course takes place during their second AT period and afterward, if they pass it, they will have reached their goal: pinning on the golden rank of a second lieutenant in the Ohio National Guard.

The testing they experience is like nothing they have ever known. Day and night patrols, field tactics, movement on foot, armor orientation, use of helicopter airlifts, battle situations including calling for artillery, and the care of troops, are but a few examples of the training they will undergo. All on less than five hours of sleep a night.

If the candidates have the motivation to see it through and have met all of the other requirements, on the 56th day of the course, they will have made it. Officers at last.

## OCS offers lessons in compassion

Story and photo by  
Spec. Derek R. Almashy  
HQ, STARC (-Det 1-5)

CHILLICOTHE—A small sign next to the long, winding entrance to the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Chillicothe greeted the members of Officer Candidate School class 40 during the Ohio Military Academy's fifth annual visit last November. It simply stated, "The price of freedom is visible here."

Most of the candidates had never seen the inside of a VA clinic, but few would soon forget it.

On the sprawling grounds within were the reminders of past battles and conflicts, all too evident in the faces of the patients as they were treated for their various ailments.

During their visit to the clinic,



Hospitalized veteran discusses the changing face of today's military with Officer Candidate Don A. Westfall.

which houses an average of 550 patients, the candidates split into groups of four or five. Smaller groups enabled the candidates a chance to visit with the veterans, who were visibly thankful for the chance to break the monotony of an otherwise uneventful

evening.

According to CW3 Lynn B. Miller, the OMA adjutant, many of the candidates do not know what to expect prior to entering the clinic. "Most are amazed, surprised to see the condition that some of these people are in, but they are also relieved to see that someone is taking care of them."

He explained that the reason for the annual visits is two-fold. It gives the candidates a chance to brighten

the day of deserving people, and it also gives them some insight into why they are being trained so hard.

The visit is evidence that the officers-to-be are not only being trained as combat soldiers, but compassionate leaders as well.

# Managing Household Hazardous Wastes

Story by Candace J. Kline  
Environmental Branch, Facilities Management Office

When businesses release poisonous substances into a community's water supply, there is a public outcry and a state of emergency is declared. But when you dump used oil down the drain or throw a partial container of paint thinner into the trash, no one knows and nothing is done. Yet, the impact on your water resources could be just as harmful.

This may sound far-fetched, but the average household has between three and ten gallons of materials that are hazardous to human health or the environment. Collectively, these hazardous materials can poison our water if they are not stored carefully or disposed of properly.

## What is a Hazardous Substance?

If it's sold in the grocery store for use at home, it must be safe - right? WRONG!! Many common household products contain hazardous substances which pose a threat to people and the environment, especially when handled and managed improperly.

A substance is considered hazardous if it is flammable, corrosive, toxic, or if it can react or explode when mixed with other substances. This includes many "household" items that are probably stored in your home. Some, such as paint thinner or car batteries, may seem obvious, but many, such as polishes, cleaners and glue, may not be so apparent.

These substances can cause injury or are harmful if handled improperly. They pose a threat not only to people, but to our environment as well. The improper disposal of hazardous wastes has caused sewers to explode and garbage trucks to burn. The acid from car batteries and other corrosive materials can eat away many substances. Some wastes are poisonous to humans or wildlife. Others can cause cancer or birth defects.

## Alternatives to Toxic Substances

**Oven cleaners:** Use baking soda for scouring. For baked-on grease, heat oven to 200 degrees, turn off, and leave 1/4 cup ammonia in a dish in the oven for several hours to loosen. Then scrub with baking soda. Save the ammonia to be used again.

**Drain cleaners:** Pour boiling water down the drain; use a plunger or snake.

**Chlorine bleach:** Baking soda and water, Borax or natural sunlight.

**Paints and Solvents:** Use water-based (latex, acrylic) paint if possible.

**Paint remover/stripper:** Heat guns can be used for removing many paints, but only in well-ventilated areas. Avoid using them for lead-based paints.

**Pesticides:** Learn which insects are beneficial in managing "pests." Keep your lawn and garden weed-free. Remove and destroy infected plants. Refer to an organic gardening book.

**Houseplant insecticide:** Spray soapy water on leaves, then rinse.

**Herbicides:** Hand-pull weeds or mulch generously. Cover garden with plastic in the fall to prevent weed germination. Also, use biological controls such as lady bugs or praying mantises.

**Roach spray:** Boric acid (sold as a powder), or chopped bay leaves and cucumber skins. A 50/50 mix of boric acid and brown sugar in a dish may also be effective. Be sure to keep these materials away from children and pets.

**Furniture polish:** Make a non-toxic polish by melting 1 tsp. Carnauba Wax into 2 cups mineral oil. For lemon oil polish, dissolve 1 tsp. lemon oil into 1 pint mineral oil.

**Spot remover:** Immediately soak in water, lemon juice, club soda, or corn meal and water.

**Silver cleaner:** Soak silver in 1 quart warm water with 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 tsp. salt, and a small piece of aluminum foil.

**Window cleaner:** Use a pump spray container filled with 2 tbsp. vinegar in 1 quart water, or rub newspaper on the glass.

**Toilet bowl cleaner:** Use toilet brush and baking soda, mild detergent or 1/2 cup bleach.

**Mothballs:** Use cedar chests or place cedar chips around clothes.

## Disposal

One of the worst ways to dispose of hazardous wastes is to dump them down the drain. Wastewater treatment plants cannot handle certain hazardous wastes; therefore, the water may be polluted even after treatment. Also, some hazardous wastes should not be thrown away with your normal trash. Many landfills are not designed to accept hazardous substances. Improper disposal in a landfill can pollute the groundwater, surface water, and air.

Many products can be poured down the drain with plenty of water. If you have a septic tank, read the labels carefully; many chemicals can damage septic tanks. Cleaning products that can be poured down the drain include aluminum, ammonia-based, drain, window, bathroom, toilet bowl, and tub and tile cleaners. Used antifreeze can be diluted thoroughly with water and poured down the sanitary sewer drain, but not into the storm sewer. Other products that can be poured down the drain are expired medicine, disinfectants,

tants, windshield washer solution, water-based glue, lye-base paint stripper, and rust remover.

Some products which cannot be poured down the drain can be safely disposed of in a sanitary landfill. In other words, you can put them in your normal trash, if they are properly contained.

These products include lye-based oven cleaner, solidified nail polish, auto body repair products, fertilizer, and shoe polish. Aerosol cans should be emptied completely to prevent an explosion hazard. Small amounts of latex paint can be hardened by taking the lid off the can, then it can be put in the trash. Paint that is still usable can be donated to a neighbor, school, theater group, or community organization.

Many hazardous wastes, including the empty containers, should not be disposed of by the public, but should be saved for a community-wide collection day or given to a licensed hazardous waste contractor. Some of these include house and garden insecticides, floor care products, furniture polish, metal polish with solvent, brake fluid, car wax with solvent, solvent-based glue, oil-based paint, primer, varnish, wood preservative, rat poison, weed killer, ammunition, lighter fluid, mercury batteries, and moth balls.

Mercury is highly toxic and can be absorbed through the skin. Don't touch mercury and don't throw it in your trash. Your local high school or university laboratory may want it. Otherwise, send it to a recycler.

Use pesticides and herbicides according to label directions. Avoid disposal; if you can't use the material, give it to a neighbor or your local garden club. Never reuse the containers. Empty containers should be rinsed three times with water and the rinse water sprayed on your lawn or garden.

Some hazardous wastes can be recycled if there is a recycler in your area that will take them. Otherwise, save them for a hazardous waste collection day. These include transmission fluid, car batteries or battery acid, diesel fuel, oil, motor oil, gasoline, kerosene, paint brush cleaner with solvent, paint thinner, turpentine, dry cleaning solvents, and gun cleaning solvents. Many retailers take old car batteries to recycle.

Avoid buying more gasoline than you can use in six months. After six months, it can still be used if regenerated by mixing with fresh gasoline. Kerosene can be stored for one year, then regenerated with fresh kerosene.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Many communities sponsor hazardous waste collection days. This provides an opportunity for safe disposal of household hazardous products. It is also used to educate the public about the potential dangers of products and to encourage waste minimization through safe alternatives to hazardous products.

If your community doesn't have a program for disposal of household hazardous wastes, encourage local government

agencies to sponsor a community-wide collection day. A good place to start is your county or city health department or chamber of commerce.

### The following DO's and DON'T's can help with the handling and disposal of hazardous wastes.

#### DO:

- Buy and use less hazardous substances whenever possible.
- Buy only what you need. Use everything you buy.
- Wear gloves and protective clothing to prevent skin contact.
- Handle the substance gently, especially if you don't know what it is.
- Follow label directions carefully when using or disposing of any hazardous substances.
- Keep hazardous substances out of the reach of children and pets.
- Always read labels before you buy a product to be sure it meets your needs.
- Keep labels on all containers.
- Try to find someone else to use your unwanted material, but be sure you know what you have and inform them fully.
- Use non-aerosol products in reusable containers.

#### DON'T:

- Mix materials or wastes together.
- Dispose of large quantities of any toxic substances in a septic system.
- Bury or burn containers of leftover substances.
- Dispose of materials into a storm sewer.
- Breathe fumes from toxic materials.
- Buy aerosols; use pump sprays instead.

If you have any questions concerning use and/or disposal of household hazardous products, a few resources to contact for general information include: Ohio EPA Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management at (614) 644-2917, Ohio Department of Agriculture Pesticide Section 1-800-282-1955 and Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Litter Prevention and Recycling at (614) 265-6363. Each community should have a Poison Information Center listed in the front of the local telephone book, and a Cooperative Extension Office located in the blue pages under "County Government Offices."

**AUTHOR'S NOTE:** Some information was obtained from "A Guide to Safe Management of Household Hazardous Waste," Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; Household Hazardous Waste - What You Should & Shouldn't Do," Water Pollution Control Federation; "A Guide to Safe Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes," Columbus Health Department; and "Household Hazardous Waste D-Day '92," Franklin County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.

# Buckeye Guard named top magazine by NGB; readers respond to survey

The BUCKEYE GUARD magazine recently earned top honors in the 1992 National Guard Bureau Media Contest.

The magazine took first place in the NGB News/News Feature Magazine category. In particular, it was recognized for its unique graphics and creativity, as well as its well-rounded articles and good mix of information.

Articles published in the magazine are contributed by Army National Guard journalists belonging to the 196th Public Affairs Detachment and the State Area Command Public Affairs Section, both out of Columbus, as well as Ohio Air Guard Base Public Affairs staffs and Unit Public Affairs Representatives from across the state.

Called "a rising star" by contest officials, Spec. J.D. Biros, 196th Public Affairs Detachment, placed third in the feature writing category. Biros has been a member of the PAD since 1988, covering such assignments as Ohio engineers training in Jamaica, and both deployments and homecomings of guardmembers activated for Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

Evidently, Ohio readers are also pleased with the statewide publication.

In the Summer 1992 issue of the Buckeye Guard, readers were asked to tell us what they liked and didn't like about the magazine. The results are in, and here's how our readers responded:

Eighty-six percent of the respondents indicated that they read every issue of the BUCKEYE GUARD, 13 percent stated that they read most issues, and only one percent said they never read it. Thirty-eight percent indicated that their spouse reads the magazine, 34 percent reported that no one else reads it, 26 percent said other family members read it, and 10 percent said that others, such as girlfriends, friends and coworkers read it.

When rating specific characteristics of the magazine, the majority of the respondents rated the magazine "outstanding" in **overall appearance** (62%) and **photographs** (40%), and "good" for **headlines** (56%), **writing** — both readability (54%) and excitement (52%) — and **design** (48%). Thirty-six percent of the readers ranked the magazine's **art** (non-photo) "outstanding," and another 36 percent rated it "good."

*Military News* was ranked the top interest category, **Feature/topical stories**, **Benefits**, and **People** section followed close behind in high interest, while **Sports/Physical Fitness** and **Family Support** articles drew the least interest.

Over 50 percent of the respondents indicated that coverage was "about right" in every category listed.

Eighty-two percent stated that they enjoy reading the BUCKEYE GUARD, while 18 percent find it acceptable (8%) or indicate little interest (10%).

The results of this survey provide the editor and the State Public Affairs Office with data used to make improvements to the magazine, based upon the desires of the readership.

The BUCKEYE GUARD staff asks guardmembers to continue submitting positive stories about the Ohio National Guard. Training exercises, personality profiles and community relations activities are a few topics of key interest. Although space does not allow for every article to get published, each submission is taken into consideration.

## SHOOTERS CORNER

### Ohio National Guard 1993 Outdoor State Championships

MATCH	LOCATION	DATE
Machine Gun	Camp Perry	May 15-16
Rifle	Camp Perry	June 12-13
Pistol	Rickenbacker	June 19

The 1993 shooting season is almost upon us. This year's marksmanship program will focus on more combat oriented, run-and-shoot scenarios. Further information will be detailed in a forthcoming AGO circular. Maj. Vincent P. Jiga, State Marksmanship Coordinator, can be contacted at (614) 889-7424 during the days, and (614) 855-3304 evenings.







Members of the 160th Fire Department conduct egress training on an F-4 aircraft.

## 160th CES rated "top-notch" at BRAAT

Story by Tech Sgt. Brian Conner  
160th Air Refueling Group

COLUMBUS — Members of the 160th Civil Engineering Squadron (CES), Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, met up with members of the 146th CES, Channel Island, Calif., at Eglin AFB, Fla., to undertake Base Recovery After Attack Training (BRAAT) in September.

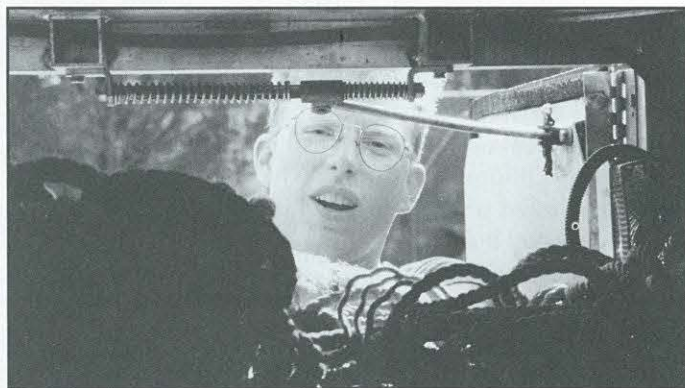
BRAAT training consists of establishing a forward base, repairing damaged runways and taxiways, and coordinating explosive ordnance, disaster preparedness, services (dining facilities, laundry, mortuary and billeting), firefighters, electricians, carpenters and environmental support (water, sewage and pest control), all while under wartime conditions to include simulated chemical attacks.

Maj. Juan Roman, CES commander, was pleased with the unit's performance. "I think both units performed outstandingly," he said. "We completed all of our work ahead of schedule."

Capt. Tim Koenig, engineering officer, was the Repair Group Officer and in charge of the Rapid Runway Repair teams. "Our training scenario consisted of the airstrips and taxiways being bombed," he said.

"We were charged with establishing an advanced base, repairing the bomb craters to establish a minimum airstrip with arresting equipment and have it operational within a specific time frame. This training provides us with realistic wartime conditions in which to practice," Koenig said.

Master Sgt. Vicky Householder, services NCOIC, was also pleased with the unit's performance. "Services training



Staff Sgt. David H. Bucy stows gear in fire truck during BRAAT exercise.

consists of moving in and setting up a dining facility, mortuary, laundry and billeting. Our unit was commended by the cadre (instructors) on our performance. Not only did we set a record for setting up the dining hall and having it operational, but we also beat the cadre's established time," she explained.

"Something that often gets overlooked is the difficulty of bringing two units plus elements of various other units together for the first time, dealing with the unknown elements, and performing cohesively as a unit," Roman said. Individuals from the 121st Fighter Wing, the 234th Services Flight, Haywood, Calif., services personnel from Wright-Patterson AFB, and Marines from Santa Ana, Calif. also participated in the BRAAT training.

"Pre-planning paid off. Our people blended well together."

## Armed Forces Day set

FINDLAY — The sixth annual Armed Forces Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, at the Hancock County Fairgrounds. Running from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., this year's event includes a parade, a military vehicle display, a military relic swap meet, and two special exhibits, the "History of Blacks in Aviation" and "The Moving Wall Vietnam Veterans Memorial." For more information, contact the Military Affairs Committee, Findlay-Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at (419) 422-3313.

## REUNION NEWS

### Fifth Annual Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Reunion

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Bill Robinson  
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Louisville, Ky 40204

## 147th Infantry honored in Cincy

Cincinnati Mayor Dwight Tillary proclaimed May 8, 1992 as 1st Battalion, 147th Infantry Day in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the battalion's actions in the South Pacific during World War II.

An antique cannon was presented to the unit by Jean Parsons and her son, 1st Lt. Paul Parsons, a platoon leader in Delta Company. The antique cannon belonged to the young officer's father, the late John Parsons, who served in the U.S. Army in Africa and on Gen. Eisenhower's staff in Europe. The weapon originally belonged to the Ohio Defense Corps and is currently displayed along the drive of the Shadybrook Armory.

Also during the ceremony a quilt made by Vietnam vets was presented to Ellen Lambing for her efforts in organizing Operation Orange Ribbon.

## Akron-Canton Flight Facility hosts medivac reunion

During the 1970s, aviators from the Army Aviation Support Facility #1 were actively involved in emergency medical evacuation of infants to Akron Children's Hospital. The program lasted several years and involved several hundred medivacs.

Last October, the intensive care unit at the hospital invited the children involved and their families to a reunion at the flight facility. More than 5,000 people attended the ceremony.



## UPAR Conferences slated for May

The annual Unit Public Affairs Representative (UPAR) conference for the Ohio Army National Guard has been extended to two days this year.

The conference is set for May 1-2 at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus. With five

workshops on this year's agenda, this conference promises to be a great learning experience for all who attend.

Unlike last year, the Air Guard will conduct a separate conference, also scheduled for May; further details will be distributed through command channels. For more information on either event, contact the Office of Public Affairs at (614) 889-7000.

## Springfield units celebrate heritage

Troops from the 251st Combat Communications Group and the 269th Combat Communications Squadron celebrated 40 and 50 years, respectively, of dedicated military service at the Wright-Patterson's NCO Club in November. The 251st is the oldest of the existing combat communication groups in the Air National Guard.

Master of Ceremonies Major Mark L. Stout, of the 269th, presented Outstanding Airmen Awards, while the evening's guest speaker was Brig. Gen. Donald W. Sheppard, Deputy Director, Air National Guard. Sheppard spoke on the impact of the ANG on the Air Force — past, present and future, and the importance of preparedness "to keep our children from going to war."

## Ohio veterans get commemorative license plates

COLUMBUS—Gov. George V. Voinoich recently presented the first Ohio license plates to honor the state's veterans. Tech. Sgt. John P. Laibe, 160th Air Refueling Group, was one of three war veterans who

personally received the plates from the governor. Laibe was selected for the honor because he was the first Ohio National Guard member to arrive in Saudi Arabia on Aug. 17, 1990.

World War I veteran Karl Way and Vietnam veteran Rich Strong were also presented plates at the January ceremony.

Any current military reservist in Ohio and any Ohioan who served in

the war zones of the Persian Gulf, Panama, Grenada, Vietnam, Korea or during World War I or II can request the plates for \$10 a year above the cost of regular fees.

Reservists must also submit a letter from their commanding officer to get the plates, and veterans must submit a copy of their DD 214. Application forms can be obtained from license agencies or the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Special Plate Division.

## Employer support recognized

The National Committee for Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve recognized eight Ohio companies as "Outstanding Employers" during 1992. Nominated by State Chairman Butch O'Neill, **Federal Mogal Corporation**, Gallipolis; **Six County, Inc.**, Zanesville; **Falcon Fabricators, Inc.**, Batavia; **Consolidated Insurance Agency**, Springfield; **Libby-Owens-Ford Company**, Toledo; **PIE Mutual Insurance Company**, Cleveland; **Aultman Hospital**, Canton; and **United Parcel Service**, Columbus all received the prestigious award for their meritorious leadership and initiative in support of the men and women who serve America in the Guard and Reserve.

The State of Ohio selected **Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc.** as its PRO PATRIA nominee. It provides annual training pay differential for all reservists and members of the National Guard, and during Operation Desert Storm, this company elected to continue all medical benefits for family members and provide the pay differential indefinitely for the 17 or more associates mobilized during the war.

## ONGEA Scholarships available

The ONGEA and ONGEA Auxiliary are now presenting scholarships for each school year in the amount of \$500. Budget restraints will determine the number awarded each year. Scholarships will be a one time award.

Grants will be awarded on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership, and need. Spouses of ONGEA members must also be a member of the ONGEA Auxiliary

in order for a dependent to be considered for scholarship award. Dependents of single parents who are ONGEA members will also be considered.

All applications must be post-marked no later than April 25. To receive application forms write to ONGEA, P.O. Box 261, Groveport, Ohio 43125. Phone: 1-800-642-6642.

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## 112th Medical Brigade officer honored

Col. Edward A. Ferguson Jr. was one of six individuals recently recognized as an outstanding officer and leader by the Black Officers Association. The award was presented in New York at the association's Second Annual Military Ball.

Ferguson began his military career in 1965 with the New York Army National Guard, and, in 1985, transferred to the Ohio National Guard with an assignment to Headquarters, 112th Medical Brigade. He is currently assigned as the Plans, Operations, Training and Intelligence Officer of the brigade. He was promoted to colonel on January 24, 1990.

As a civilian, Ferguson serves as District Business Manager for Xerox Corporation in Columbus.

## ONGEA remembers Desert Shield/Storm victims

Command Sgt. Major Dave Morton gives Keith and Patricia Spackman a memorial plaque in honor of their son, Brian.



Eleanor and Harry Lee Gologram accept a memorial plaque from ONGEA representative CSM Morton in their son's honor.

Memorial plaques were presented to the parents of two military policemen who died during Desert Shield/Storm. The memorial ceremonies, held at the Christy Armory, Youngstown, were given on behalf of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association to memorialize the ultimate sacrifice both soldiers gave in defense of their country, said Command Sgt. Major Dave Morton, of the 137th Supply and Service Battalion.

Parents of Spec. Brian K. Spackman, of the 324th Military Police Company, accepted the plaque in recognition of their son. Brian died Jan. 14, 1991 at Ft. Bragg, N.C. during Desert Shield. The parents of Sgt. Mark J. Gologram, of the 838th Military Police Company, also accepted a plaque. Mark died March 18, 1991 in the Persian Gulf during Desert Storm.

## Quick response saves life

Sgt. Wayne F. Taylor, Jr., of Company C, 216th Engineer Combat Battalion, was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious performance last fall for his quick and efficient performance in an emergency situation.

Taylor saved the life of a fellow

soldier by administering the Heimlich maneuver during annual training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. in 1991. He is a fire-team leader in 1st squad, 1st platoon of Charlie Company.

Taylor resides in Mt. Carmel with his wife, JoAnn, and has served with the National Guard for five years. He is employed as a legal assistant with Frost and Jacobs in Cincinnati and is working on his masters degree in business administration at Xavier University.



The Bruces give new meaning to the phrase "The Guard is Family."

## A family welcome to Ohio National Guard

Spec. Michael Bruce, who separated from active duty January 14, was recruited into the Ohio Army National Guard by his brother, Staff Sgt. Robert Bruce Jr. The soldiers' father, Col. Robert Bruce, officiated the enlistment ceremony on January 15.

Spec. Bruce received an affiliation bonus for joining the 148th Infantry

Battalion, and he will also take advantage of the Tuition Assistance Program as a student at OSU.

Both Col. and Staff Sgt. Bruce work full-time for the National Guard, with the staff sergeant recruiting in the Wooster area and the colonel working as the Director of Plans, Operations, Training and Military Support.

## Bronsdon finishes third in Marine Corps Marathon

Heavy winds and cool temperatures of Washington D.C. could not stop the fast feet of the All-Guard Marathon Team members who participated in the 17th Annual Marine Corps Marathon on Oct. 25, 1992.

The team, comprised of marathoners from across the country, competed against 14,250 runners from all branches and components of the U.S. armed forces and 39 countries.

Representing the Ohio Army National Guard was Capt. Phillip Bronsdon of the Ohio Military Academy. Bronsdon finished third among the National Guardmembers and 39th overall with a time of 2:38:43.

The All-Guard team originated in 1983 to promote combat readiness by stressing physical fitness. Twenty-eight of the 50-member team competed in the Marine Corps Marathon in individual and team events. Team members participate annually in the Lincoln Marathon in Nebraska and the Blue Angels Marathon in Pensacola, Fla.

## Military careers are family tradition

Story by Staff Sgt. Bob Mullins  
HQ STARC (-Det 1-5)

Serving the needs of their country has become a tradition for the Edwards family.

Patriotism first became a family symbol in 1941 when Edwin Edwards enlisted in the 10th Cavalry as a Buffalo Soldier, staying long enough to also serve as a combat engineer in the Pacific during World War II. Edwin's son, Dave, decided to follow his father's footsteps and is now serving his 24th year of service with the 160th Civil Engineering Squadron of the Ohio Air National Guard.

Dave went on to have two sons, and both have chosen to keep the tradition alive. First Lt. Trent Edwards, a KC-135 pilot, is currently in the Air Force, serving with the 301st Air Refueling Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana. His younger brother, Ryan, a recent high school graduate, also wears a military uniform. Although he was accepted at both the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Military Academy, he chose to attend West Point, where he is currently serving his freshman year as an appointee.

Ryan attributed his family's military driving force to love of freedom.

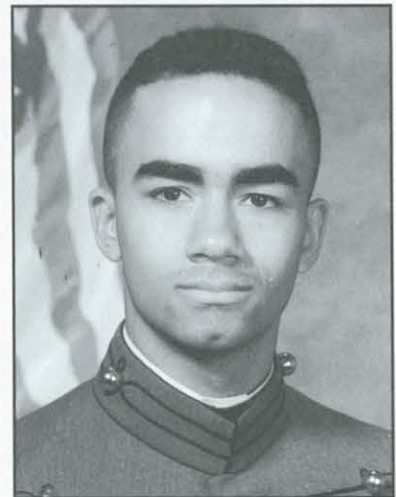
"Americans have a responsibility to militarily protect our American ideals, and to preserve a way of life, in both a foreign and domestic way. Some must die and others must suffer in order that others can continue their lives in peace," he explained.

Ryan, who stood out scholastically in high school, spent many hours completing the application, sitting through interviews and filling out numerous forms in order to compete for the limited number of appointee positions. Both a Congressman and a Senator initially recommended Ryan for West Point. After a home visit by West Point officials, he was selected from a group of 13,000 nationwide for one of the 1,100 slots available this year.

While his family was inspired by the military in general, Ryan said he was most influenced by the Ohio National Guard.

"I remember my father and brother going to summer camps and drill weekends, and I was very proud of them for serving our country," he said.

"For me, the dream has always been real."



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## Hot meals for Ohio's homeless

Story and photos by Sgt. Lori King  
HQ, STARC (Det 1-5)

When Sgt. Ryan Riches handed out dinner rolls to homeless shelter residents, he also dished out a huge dose of reality to himself.

"It makes you realize there are more people worse off than you," he said after helping serve spaghetti dinners to residents from St. Paul's Community Center in January. "I'm from a small town so I didn't realize there were so many homeless people right here in Toledo."

But as the snow fell and the temperature dropped below 25 degrees, he witnessed even more homeless victims coming off the streets to join the residents for a hot meal. By the end of the Sunday afternoon, 112 dinners had been served.

Riches is one of five volun-



Volunteers from the 137th S&S Battalion toured Toledo's homeless shelter facilities.

teers from the 137th Supply and Service Battalion who bought, prepared and served the spaghetti dinners. Though it was Riches' first community service experience, it was the unit's third year to participate in St. Paul's Sunday dinner program.

St. Paul's is a social service agency that depends on volunteer organizations to come into their kitchen on Sundays to prepare and serve hot meals to the homeless. The organizations are responsible for purchasing, preparing and serving the meals.



FAR LEFT, Spec. George Burke enjoying modified KP duty; ABOVE, Toledo's homeless show their gratitude to guardmembers; LEFT, A traditional spaghetti dinner was the day's entree.

Without the volunteer groups, there would be no Sunday meals for the homeless, explained Marsha Langenderfer, St. Paul's food program coordinator. She estimated that about 8,000 Sunday meals were served in 1992.

One of the soldiers responsible for the unit's donated meal is Staff Sgt. Michael Moore and his wife, Rebecca. Not only did they donate money toward the meal of spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, bread and cookies, Moore has also been the head cook all three years.

Moore said he is all for helping the homeless and would like to become even more involved, particularly since the homeless

population continues to grow.

Another volunteer who invisions continued involvment is Spec. Terry Rychener, a new Toledo resident and unit member. He said he and his fiance had been looking for a local program to feed the hungry since they moved to Toledo from Colorado last year. So when the unit asked if he wanted to help at St. Paul's, he jumped at the chance.

"It's pretty exciting to see people around here who care. I think we should go out into the community and do even more things because the door's wide open," he said.

Langenderfer said she hopes the Ohio National Guard will

continue to support St. Paul's.

"Some of the clients have been amazed that anyone cares enough to give up time on Sundays to lend a helping hand," she said. "Not only does the National Guard have numerous skills, contacts and people, but the homeless are also interested in talking with them about their military experiences."

The other unit volunteers were Spec. George Burk and Spec. Matt Baldwin, the unit program coordinator.

# *A new era begins . . .*

Columbus City Council President Cindy Lazarus christens the first KC-135R Stratotanker of the newly renamed 121st Air Refueling Wing as the "City of Columbus." (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joe Pastre)

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