



MARCH 13-19, 2023



THROUGH THE LENS

MARCH 1990: A 179th Tactical Airlift Group aircrew plans for a joint training mission with a German Air Force C160 Transall crew during Volant Opal training exercise. Approximately 125 unit personnel and four unit aircraft deployed to Landsberg, West Germany in March 1990 in support of the operation.



WEEK IN REVIEW

- Sa** **MARCH 18, 1910:** Battery B, 1st Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment is organized in Hamilton as Company M, 1st Infantry Regiment.
- Su** **MARCH 19-21, 1865:** The Battle of Bentonville, N.C. takes place between Union forces under Maj. Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman and Confederate forces under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. After three days of back-and-forth fighting, Johnston elects to withdraw his forces due to overwhelming Union reinforcements and the heavy casualties his army suffered. Buckeye units at the battle include 43 infantry regiments, two artillery batteries, two cavalry regiments and a squadron, along with a company of sharpshooters. It would mark the last battle between the two, as Johnston would surrender the following month near Durham Station.

MARCH 19, 1948: The 123d Air Control Squadron is organized in Cincinnati as the 123d Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron.



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

On March 17, 1944, Japanese forces breached the perimeter of the 129th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division at the Cox Creek area of Bougainville. During his personal reconnaissance of the area, Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler led a counterattack against the enemy. Beightler later described the events in a letter to his wife.

“Your husband took part in the counter attack made by tanks and infantry. In fact, he directed it personally on the ground and was in the leading wave of the counter-attacking troops directing the whole show. I had more fun than I ever had in a battle. I shot Japanese at not more than 10 feet, helped capture 4 prisoners, and in fact had one hell of a good time generally.... My officers kept coming up to me trying to get me back but I was having such a thrilling time acting as a platoon leader that I stayed till the mopping up was over.”

