



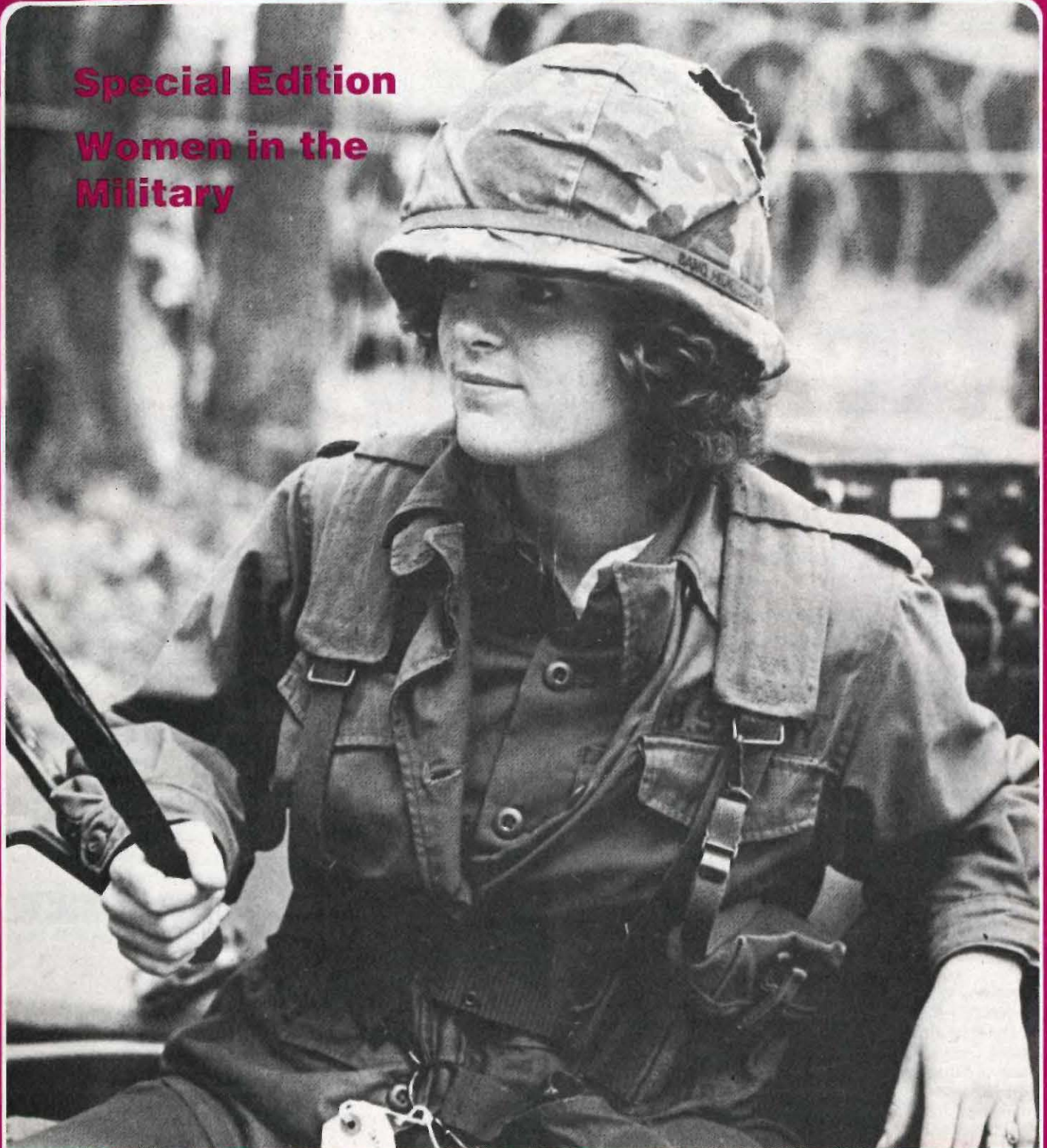
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Commentary

AG Speaks . . .

Now Is The Time . . .

April again and a chance to relieve the armory doldrums, get outside and use your imagination in order that your units will be ready for annual training and able to compete for the top honors in your battalion.

April again and only ten weeks or less until 80,000 high school graduates in Ohio will be thinking of college or a job. If we think a minute, each of us knows one of these graduates. It may be a relative, a friend, or a friend of the family. Regardless of the relationship, we are in a position to offer that graduate one of the greatest opportunities for personal advancement and monetary rewards that exist in America today.

You can offer your graduate state paid tuition and general fees at state supported colleges and technical schools or an equal amount towards tuition at a private college, in exchange for a six year enlistment; active duty training with a split training option with pay; \$1,500 federally paid enlistment bonuses in some units; advanced technical training at Army service schools; and good pay for part-time employment while achieving that degree. That's just the money incen-

tive and there is another side of the coin to sell. Most young graduates have a true feeling for their country and the Ohio National Guard provides a means of serving not only their country but their state and local community as well. All this while continuing their education.

Don't miss this opportunity to help someone else and at the same time help your nation, the Ohio National Guard, your unit and yourself. The nation needs more trained soldiers. The Ohio National Guard has 60 units at less than 90% strength, your unit can always use another good man or woman, and you can receive a day's state active duty pay for turning in that Blue Streak Referral Card on our high school graduate if he or she joins the Ohio National Guard. You are the canvasser and salesperson. We will furnish a professional recruiter to close the sale for you.

Over 1,900 men and women are now taking advantage of the Ohio National Guard tuition assistance program. There should be more. Let's each do our part in making sure that all Ohio June graduates are aware of the program.

NOW IS THE TIME.



Letter To The Ohio National Guard

My acquaintance with you began back in March of 1947, when my husband enlisted with you. I thought he was crazy; whoever wanted to enlist in the Guard anyway?

But then his first enlistment was up, the second, the third and so on. I began to look at you in another way. I said to myself, "Now look, this National Guard must be something special for him to serve her so loyally." Then my feelings toward you began to change.

Oh, I must admit I did resent you in the beginning. Your summer encampment and weekend drills; but as his love and faithfulness for you grew, so did mine.

I have had to defend your honor verbally a few times, particularly in the late sixties, but I did it with much pride.

CORRECTION!

In the Feb. issue of BUCKEYE GUARD, Pg. 12, article titled, "Scholarship Applications Skyrocket", there was a misprint. The bill now enables all enlisted members of the Ohio National Guard who have enlisted, extended their current enlistment or reenlistment for a period of six years (not months) after Sept. 1, 1977, to receive up to eight semesters or 12 quarters of tuition assistance.

From the Asst. AG - Army Morale Is Telling It Like It Is

There are many methods and tools available to maintain good morale. Most are so fundamental and elementary that often we don't pay attention to them. In general, they all tend to affect human nature.

Let's look at some of the things that have an adverse affect on morale and which, at times, don't seem important enough to some to worry about. The problem is that in the long run, they not only affect morale but tend to destroy the image of leadership along with the integrity of the leader, resulting in a loss of credibility and confidence. After all, the greatest asset that any organization can have is absolute reliance in its leadership.

Five very important points in the maintenance of morale are pay, food, quality of training (notice that I didn't say "meaningful"), a feeling that the individual is important and useful and a sincere consideration of personal problems that affect the individual's ability to perform.

Beginning with pay, too many times we have carelessly told recruits who come in under the bonus program that the first increment of bonus would be received immediately after basic and advanced individual training are completed.

The truth of the matter is that by the time all the processing is completed, it takes at least a couple of months. In some cases, it takes even more time because the proper procedures weren't followed. Now that recruit expected and depended on that money immediately on return from active duty training. After all, this was construed to be a promise. Sure, it's

a careless slip of the tongue but it is still a promise and our leadership is being held to that. We've got to tell it the way it is. At the same time, we are working diligently at finding ways to reduce the time lag between the return of the individual and the actual receipt of the bonus payment.

While we are on the subject of pay, how about the first drill pay after return from active duty training? Was the process started as soon as the individual got back or did we put it off thinking another month wasn't going to hurt anything? In the eyes of the recruit, that becomes a significant indication of lack of concern on the part of leadership.

How about food? Are we really making an effort to make it as palatable as possible under the best serving conditions so that mealtime is a pleasant time and something that the troops look forward to, or is the food slopped together, handed out as quickly as possible with little or no care for the effect it produces? Again, troop impression of leadership isn't very good.

When we talk about the quality of training, we are not talking about how miserable we make it for our troops but how effectively they are trained. Hours are not a measurement of effectiveness and if the troops are turned off because during those long hours there is a lot of time wasted, once again the credibility of leadership is reduced and troop reliance drops. We've got to establish what we have to do and then figure out the quickest and best way to get there.

Probably the greatest effect on individual satisfaction is whether or not a per-

son feels that a useful task is being accomplished. You can't dig the same foxhole on the same hill over and over again for six years and end up feeling that anything useful has been done. However, if that same chore can be accomplished in the proper environment and conditions, along with some innovations and a little imagination, the whole picture changes. In addition, as has been said so many times in the past, there is more talent in the National Guard than we're ever going to use. It takes more than just individual training to make a fine unit and all that talent, if used properly and effectively, will weld individuals into a unit with high esprit and morale.

Finally, the consideration of personal problems as they affect the individual and the unit is a major responsibility of command and leadership. Personal problems are equally and vitally important to the individual at all levels of the chain of command and affects the ability to perform. Nobody knows better than your troops whether or not you listen. The funny thing is that you will find the best morale and discipline under that type of leadership.

An effective organization with good morale depends upon everyone accepting and understanding the responsibility that goes with the job. In spite of what many think, moving up the ladder from recruit doesn't reduce the amount of responsibility but rather, increases it. As we progress we don't become exempt from responsibility and it doesn't mean that the rules no longer apply. It is the exact opposite.

Concerned leadership which sets the example, that understands and accepts responsibility will find not only good morale but also the most needed of military assets, a chain-of-command that really works. That kind of leadership never has to apologize and everyone in the organization feels that their unit is the best.

From the State Chaplain New Life . . . New Dreams

March. April. Springtime. Easter. All of these words evoke thoughts of new life. New life leads us to new hope, new dreams. Is all of this in vain, or can we realistically have these new dreams, and the investment in our future that they imply?

It would not be hard to look at the passing of the seasons as little more than a reminder of the futility of the cycles of the earth, the passage of time, the rhythm of the universe. Where can we find meaning of hope in this phenomenon we label spring?

We can be aware of something more than an ebb and flow of time. We can look at this springtime experience as

linked to our day to day experience. We have opportunity to wake up each morning with a sense of freshness, newness. We have the opportunity to make new relationships with other people. We have the gift of an open future and the chance for reconciliation.

The autumn and winter are coming. There will be a day that dawns when we will not wake up. The future does hold that for us, too. The challenge we have is to live a new life, full of new hope and full of new dreams, right here and now. God bless you as you dream!

FREDERICK M. KETNER
Chaplain (COL), OHARNG
State Chaplain

OUR COVER . . .

Our cover photo was taken by Ohio National Guard Sergeant First Class Danny L. Gast, a member of Headquarters Company, 612th Engineer Battalion, Walbridge.

The photo was taken during Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Michigan. Pvt. Susan Fitzpatrick, HHC, 416th Engr. Grp, is Queen of Ottawa County 1978-79 and Miss Northwest Ohio runner-up for 1979.

To the Editor:

I most recently received my February issue of the BUCKEYE GUARD. I noticed an article, rather small, on page 20 under Buckeye Bits in reference to our unit receiving the Ohio Army National Guard Best Field Kitchen, the second consecutive year.

This letter is for you and your magazine. Last year we won the best mess in the state, the first time the award has ever been given out. We finally received our award from the state. Never did we see an article or a picture in your magazine. Then in 1979, we again won the honored award in the state. In Oct. 1979, BG James M. Abraham flew to Van Wert to present the award to us. Again, pictures were taken by the state photographer who accompanied BG Abraham. I must have missed the picture in your magazine, as I never saw it.

As you probably guessed, I am the Food Service Sergeant for Co. C, 1/148th Infantry, the unit which has won this great award for two years in a row and received only a small article from your magazine. I am proud of the cooks working under me for they do a great job. I am sorry for them that your magazine has let them down once again by not giving them the proper credit they deserve.

I guess you have to belong to a guard unit in a large city or area to receive recognition or pictures in the BUCKEYE GUARD. They are the only ones you do see, aren't they?

Yours,

SFC MICHAEL C. STANLEY

Co. C, 1/148th Infantry

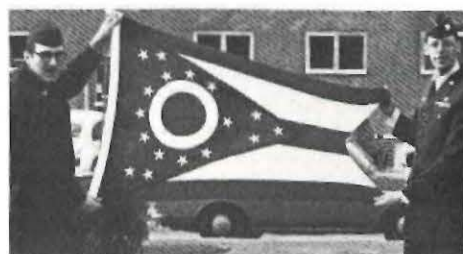
P.S. I do not expect to see this letter in the magazine, as it is stepping on your toes. However, I have had the satisfaction of telling you how I feel about this matter!

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am sincerely sorry that you and your fellow troops have not received the recognition you deserve. I have answered your letter, along with the former editor, and we will see that more pictures are taken and a story written about the fantastic field kitchen you run. Thank you for writing; without your letters to tell us of a wrong, we have no way to correct the situation.

Dear Governor Rhodes:

On behalf of all the members of the United States Air Force in Berlin, I would like to thank you for sending us your Ohio State flag.

The enclosed photograph shows your state flag being raised over Tempelhof Central Airport in Berlin on December 27, 1979, by SSgt Richard Ruzicka from Parma



(Photo by DAGMAR SPENGLER)

and Capt Thomas Strand from Shaker Heights, Ohio. Your state flag flew proudly with the American flag for the remainder of the day.

Ohio will be proudly represented at all parades and civic events in Berlin where our men and women bear the state and territorial flags of the United States of America.

Once again, our sincere thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

VERNON L. FRYE

Colonel, USAF, Commander
7350th AB Group
(USAFE Representative, Berlin)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above letter (and accompanying photo) were sent to Governor James A. Rhodes who forwarded them to MG James C. Clem.

To the Editor:

I'd like to congratulate you and your staff on a truly outstanding magazine. Keep up the good work.

As a monthly feature, I would like to suggest that you include the Air Guard's schedule of proposed flights on which our members could fly on a space available basis. Included could be the flight facility phone number and any other administrative details necessary.

It could prove to be an effective, concrete recruiting and retention tool.

Sincerely,

GERALD J. BROVE

CPT. CE, OHARNG

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for your comments. We had considered publishing the flight schedules but they are subject to changes long before the magazine comes out.

Anyone interested may call Mansfield (419) 524-4621 or Rickenbacker (614) 492-4371. The personnel on duty will be glad to help you.

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It's Your View

BY MSG BILL CAPEHART

CSMS, Newark

We, as members of the National Guard, have a dual obligation to our State and Country, so it is very necessary that we maintain our equipment to a very high standard of readiness. This can only be done by having a good maintenance program, supervised by the Officer's and NCO's.

A few examples that have occurred reflect lack of Preventive Maintenance include: vehicles arriving at the CSMS having mud and other debris under the fender wells since annual training; others come in damaged from improper use not neglect. An employee at the shop has to send a dirty vehicle through the wash rack before a mechanic can start to repair it at a cost of \$15.70 per hour, which in turn is costing all of us higher taxes.

Another case involved a Switchboard (SB 22). The job order showed the switchboard inoperative, which was correct, but it was due to lack of maintenance. The plugs on the cords were corroded so bad that electricity was not being made, and SB 22 was dirty. After an Electronic Mechanic, at the cost of \$15.70 per hour, cleaned the plugs and dirt from the switchboard it worked fine. The CSMS has also received Antenna Matching Units (MX6707's) that are water damaged, due to neglect. The operator did not remove the drain screw from the bottom of the antenna to let out the moisture from the antenna. This is very important, due to the fact these units are out in bad weather collecting moisture inside from the high humidity.

In other cases we have had battery operated equipment come into the CSMS, with batteries still inside, and some are so corroded that we have replaced the complete battery compartment. This could have been avoided if the operator had just taken out the batteries.

All equipment assigned to a unit has an Operator's Manual which includes Preventive Maintenance Check List for daily and monthly operation. The Maintenance Guide for Leaders, DA PAM 750-1, dated August 1979 (Pocket Size), has check lists for preventive maintenance at unit level.

If you need help starting an effective preventive maintenance program, the HHD, 737th Maint. Bn. in Newark will be glad to help you.

The Buckeye Guard

Annual Training '80

ARNG Units Destined for Europe, Maryland, 8 Other Locations

1980 Annual Training dates and sites for the Ohio Army National Guard have been announced:

YEAR ROUND AT WITH NO SPECIFIC TRAINING SITE: HHD, OHARNG; CAC, OHARNG: 196 PA Det; HHC 112th Med Bde; 1487th Trans Co; 214th Maint Co; 1416th Trans Co; HHD 437th MP Bn; HHC 16th Engr Bde; HHC 134th Engr Gp; HHD 737th Maint Bn; HHD 512th Engr Bn; and 122nd Army Band.

OCONUS—EUROPE—(12-26 Apr)—213th Maint Co. (14-28 Jun)—211th Maint Co.

CAMP PERRY, OH — (17-31 May) 372d Engr Bn; 1193d Engr Co; 186th Engr Det; (31 May-14 Jun) 612th Engr Bn; 324th MP Co (Incr 1); (7-21 Jun) HHC 416th Engr Gp; (14-28 Jun) 112th Engr Bn (-); 210th Arty Det; 383d Med Co (Incr 1); 324th MP Co (Incr 2); (21-28 Jun) 2d Bn 174th ADA (-); (21 Jun-12 Jul) OCS/NCO School; (28 Jun-12 Jul) 216th Engr Bn; HHD 112th Trans Bn; 383d Med Co (Incr 2); 324th MP Co (Incr 3); (5-19 Jul) 1486th Trans Co; (12-26 Jul) 54th Spt Cen; 5694th Engr Det (Incr 1); 323d MP Co (Incr 1); 383d Med Co (Incr 3); (26 Jul-9 Aug) 5694th Engr Det (Incr 2); 323d MP Co (Incr 2); (9-23 Aug) 4694th Engr Det (Incr 3); 323d MP Co (Incr 3).

CAMP KEYES, MA — (14-28 Jun) Co A 112th Engr Bn.

CAMP GRAYLING, MI — (14-28 Jun) 1483d Trans Co; (28 Jun-12 Jul) HHC 73d Inf Bde (Sep); 1st Bn, 147th Inf; 1st Bn, 148th Inf; 1st Bn, 166th Inf; 1st Bn, 136th Arty; 237th Spt Bn; 837th Engr Co; Trp A 237th Cav; 299th Sig Plat; 1484th Trans Co; (12-26 Jul) Control HQ OAC; HHT 107th ACR; 2d Sqdn, 107th ACR; 3d Sqdn, 107th ACR; HHD 137th S&S Bn; 1485th Trans Co; 155th Maint Co; 838th MP Co; 385th Med Co; 684th Med Co; 26th Engr Co; (2-16 Aug) 37th Sig Co; (16-31 Aug) Atk Hel Trp 107th ACR.

FORT KNOX, KY — (14-28 Jun) 200th Med Co.

LEXINGTON AD, KY — (19 Jul-2 Aug) 135th MP Co.

FORT CAMPBELL, KY — (3-17 May) Air Trp 107th ACR.

FORT BLISS, TX — (2-16 Aug) Btry A, 2d Bn, 174th Arty.

FORT BRAGG, NC — (15-29 Mar) HHC 371st Spt Gp.

CAMP ATTERBURY, IN — (21-29 Jun) OCS (Senior Class); (14-20 Jun) 2d Bn 174th ADA.

HHD, Ohio Army National Guard will be control headquarters for Camp Perry for Annual Training periods 31 May-26 July. OHARC will be control headquarters at Camp Grayling during annual training periods 12-26 July.

Painting By Numbers

BY CW2 GUSTAVE R. EMMEL

3/107th Armed Cav.

The easel was a bungalow and the numbers were 18 Guardsmen from the 3d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry, located in Stow, who painted the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Springer, of Akron, in 5 hours.

Springer, age 86, and his wife, Rose, age 83, had just experienced some unusual financial and medical problems. Upon learning of the Springer's plight, members of the Squadron Maintenance Section quickly decided to assist by painting the Springer's house.

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Led by CW4 Junior E Duke, 3d Squadron Maintenance Officer, the men spent a non-drill day painting the Springer's house. The following guardsmen, who call themselves "Duke's Army" were "Rembrandts for a day": MSG R. Sheeler, SSG's M. Redrick and J. Weinsheimer; SP5's D.J. Roy, A. Thomas, T. Maisella, A. Ward and J. Idley; SP4's S. Eakin, D. Lee, J. Fowler, R. Pontius, D. McCann, D.K. Roy and G. Wise; PFC's D.F. Roy, P. Gates and J. Weathly.

At the end of the day, each guardsman presented his personal bill for services to Mrs. Springer and received prompt payment — A KISS.

The "Toledo War"

BY TSgt. LONDON MITCHELL

180th Tactical Fighter Group

We're all familiar with the history of the National Guard . . . how the Guard descended directly from the early colonial militias . . . but how many of us are familiar with a time when the militias from two neighboring states almost went to war?

This is the story behind the so-called "Toledo War." And how Ohio's third-largest metropolitan area almost wound up in Michigan!

A 40-mile error on the southern end of Lake Michigan and its eastward extension to form the northern boundary of Ohio started a clamor between Ohio, the newest state, and the territory of Michigan. Ohio Governor Robert Lucas said the northern Harris Line, surveyed in 1817, was accurate by including the Maumee Bay area.

Michigan's "boy governor" Stevens Mason, contended the Fulton Line, seven miles south of the Harris Line, was correct. Between the lines lay 400 square miles and the city of Toledo!

Tempers between the two governors flared!

Militias were mobilized!

The volunteer soldiers marched, sang songs, but stopped short of firing on each other.

Michiganders stomped some fields . . .

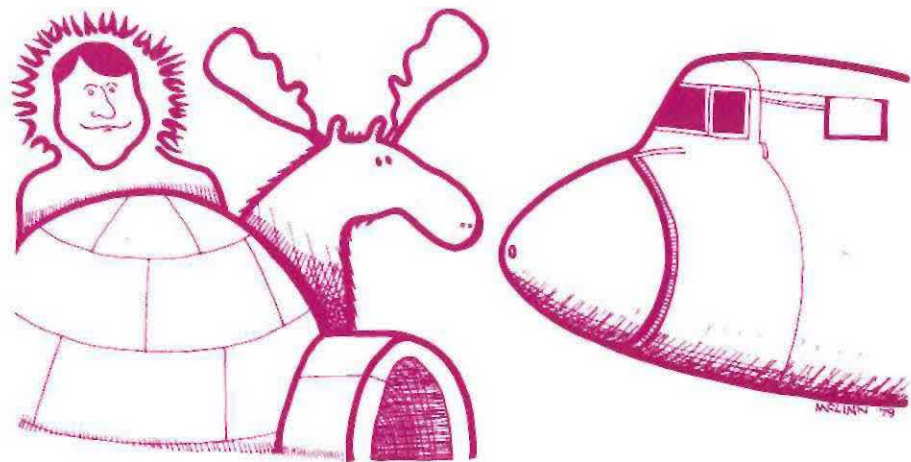
Ohio soldiers killed a cow and fired upon an old barn . . .

Before things got too hostile, Congress finally acted, and recognized Ohio's claim and gave in exchange, the ore-rich Upper Peninsula to Michigan when Michigan gained statehood in 1837.

And to honor the Ohio victory in the "Toledo War" the new Ohio county was renamed — Lucas!



(PHOTO BY CW2 GUSTAVE EMMEL)



Space Available Travel

Part II

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second article of a two-part series on Space Available Travel (SAT). The article is a humorous first-person account of what it's like to fly as a military space available passenger and was written by TSgt. Linda Vuckovich, a former member of Headquarters, Ohio Air Guard, Worthington. Linda is now with the Tennessee National Guard.

BY TSgt LINDA VUCKOVICH
Ohio Air National Guard

To say that Space Available Travel (SAT) has its "ups and downs" is really an understatement. The following will provide a birds-eye view of one member's get-away weekend or mini-vacation. Please keep in mind that this was a get-away for me as a Space Available passenger. For the crew it was over-water navigation training and a MAC airlift mission as we did haul cargo.

THURSDAY

0700 — Wake up. Check for current ID, DD Form 1853. Make sure Combination 1-A uniform is in accordance with AFM 35-10. I'm on my way to Alaska!

0800 — Arrive Base Ops. Unload luggage. Report in.

0830 — Passenger briefing.

0930 — Cargo, luggage, equipment and passengers on board. Seat belts are fastened. Engines started. It's -3° outside and about the same inside this C-130. Blankets, extra coats and scarves are used in anticipation of someone hitting the "heat" switch.

0940 — Engines stop. Aren't we going?

0950 — Generator problems. We'll have to switch aircraft.

1010 — Repeat of 0930.

1020 — Engines stop. Again? There's a problem with one of the brakes. Yup. Have to change aircraft again. Back to the original aircraft since the generator has been fixed.

1040 — Repeat of 0930 and 1010.

1055 — Engines started. Will we go this time? It's thumbs up!

1105 — Get comfortable; it's about a six hour flight. Some sleep, some read, others play cards.

1400 — Pick up flight lunches. Passengers counted. Seat belts fastened. Engines started. Get comfortable again. This flight is about 4½ hours. We're on our way to Alaska.

1700 — Land at McChord AFB, Tacoma, Washington in 49° weather. It'll be a two hour stop for refueling and a minor repair. Set your watch back three hours.

1830 — Arrive Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Check into billeting for on-base quarters. None available due to Jack Frost Exercise. (Set watch back two hours).

1900 — On to the Holiday Inn in downtown Anchorage. Prepare to use the green stuff in wallet. 1100-pound moose saunters in front of our blue bus into the housing area.

2000 — Check in to room #344. Wake up call for 0630.

FRIDAY

0700 — Breakfast with the half of the crew which intends to ski.

0830 — Rented transportation arrives. Skiers and equipment board for the scenic drive to ski area.

1015 — Arrive Mt. Aleyska. Beautiful mountains, excellent skiing conditions, hot wine, lunch in the lodge, a once-in-a-lifetime sled ride, new friends and 28° and light snow.

1700 — Depart Mt. Aleyska.

1715 — Arrive Birds Nest. A few drinks, supper, old war stories and new(?) war stories, laughter and super conversations complement the skiers aching muscles.

2000 — Depart for the Holiday Inn.

2130 — Exhaustion from a hard but fun day at the slopes. Wake up call for 0300 (that early?)

SATURDAY

0330 — Quick breakfast. Board blue bus for Base Ops.

0530 — More flight lunches. Passengers counted. Seat belts are fastened. Engines started. Get comfortable once again. Most everybody sleeps.

1000 — Arrive McChord AFB again. Set clock ahead two hours.

1230 — Arrive billeting. Quarters are available this time. Super. Someone has called for commercial transportation.

1330 — Leave McChord for the mountains to ski again. No snow here. Hope there's sufficient snow in the mountains.

1530 — Scenic view to Crystal Mountain gradually produce enough snow for super skiing conditions.

1715 — (Miscellaneous) Fall down ice covered steps in a chain reaction. Succeed in getting mild concussion. Only nonskier/only injury!

2000 — Begin descent down Crystal Mountain and return trip to the base.

2200 — Back at base quarters. Wake up call at 0530.

SUNDAY

0600 — Quick breakfast after arriving Base Ops.

0800 — Some more flight lunches. All passengers accounted for. Seat belts secure and engines are go. Get real comfortable—it's another six hours to home.

1400 — Arrive home base. Set clock ahead three hours. It's 10°.

1700 — According to the Ohio clocks it is 1700. The vacation is over but super memories will be with me for some time.

Hats off to the terrific 179th Tactical Airlift Crew from the "Buffoon Airline".

"TURKEY SHOOT TACTICAL AIRLIFT OPERATION"

The second annual intrasquadron tactical mission competition between aircrews of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group was held during the December training period for the Mansfield-based Air National Guard unit.

Nine mission-ready aircrews competed in airdrop and tactical shortfield landing operations, dubbed "Turkey Shoot Tactical Airlift Operation". Eight aircrews were selected by random drawing. The ninth crew was last year's winning team and was kept intact to defend their title. Each aircrew consisted of a pilot, co-pilot, navigator, flight engineer and two loadmasters.

The winning team, flying aircraft 525, was composed of Major Don Schendel, pilot; Capt. J.J. Corrigan, co-pilot; First Lieutenant Dick Schubert, navigator; TSgt. Greg Eyster, flight engineer; and TSgt. Marv Bennett and Sgt. Bill Raby, loadmasters. The aircraft crew chief was TSgt. Bill Kohler. The aircrew scored a perfect landing and their airdrop landed 33 yards from the impact point.

The aircrews had great praise for the maintenance troops. Assistant crew chiefs on aircraft 525 were SSgt. Richard Smeltzer, SSgt. Dennis Glad-den, and Sr. Amn. Glen Rogers.

Military Three

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mrs. Dorothy Daniels, mother of Ohio Army National Guard recruiter Sergeant Diane Henderson, wrote this poem about Diane, her father and her husband—all are members of the Guard's 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Cleveland.

My husband is a soldier,
My daughter is too,
Her husband also, and that is true.
Strictly military from A to Z
Standing proud in uniform is something to see,
Serving their country and happy to do so,
Upon command ready and willing to go.
Never tiring from their duties,
Always shining up their booties,
Know this has been going on for quite a few years,
So I'm quite used to it although I've shed a few tears.
My husband has been in two wars,
And that wasn't enough,
He had to get into the National Guard,
To show his stuff.
A hard nosed sargeant with a voice like two foghorns,
Sounding off to his men as if they were a bunch of newborns,
I guess it takes all that to make boys into men,
Instead of drinking cokes,
They start drinking gin.
Now my daughter is going in the same direction,
Trying to do everything to perfection,
Doesn't really want to be a disappointment to old "Pops",
She wants to be as good as him,
In other words "Tops".
Now my son-in-law is in the same category,
When at work he's in his glory,
When he and his wife are at home at night,
They can talk about events without a fight.
What a pleasure to see them all together,
It makes my head feel light as a feather,
So keep up the good work you three,
Maybe you'll go down in HISTORY.

BY DOROTHY DANIELS

Wife of SFC Donald Daniels
Mother of SGT Diane Daniels Henderson
Mother-in-law of SFC David R. Henderson

Meet Your IG

Major Daniel M. Snyder is the detailed Inspector General for the 73d Infantry Brigade (Separate). Major Snyder is a recent graduate of the IG Orientation Course at the Pentagon. He is also a graduate of Command and General Staff College at Leavenworth.

Snyder has been an NCO, Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Bn S-2, Bn S-3 and more recently the Brigade Civil Affairs Officer and Brigade S-2.

As the Brigade IG, Major Snyder feels that solving the problems of the troops of the brigade is very satisfying and challenging.

He is an attorney in Findlay, private practice with the law firm of Snyder and Alge. He served ten years as an assistant

county prosecutor.

He is extremely active in community affairs serving as precinct committeeman, President of Hancock County Legal Aid Society and Chairman of the Findlay Civil Service Commission. He is past president of the Optimist Club, Hancock County Mental Health Society, Findlay Bar Association, Hancock County Young Republicans, and Hancock County OSU Alumni Association.

He resides with his wife Mary, a registered nurse, and their two children, Mike and Cindy, at 1112 6th Street, Findlay.

His hobbies include fishing, bird-watching and practicing German speech and writing.

Bronze Crest Donated to ONG Mobile Museum

BY SFC RONALD V. REGAN

Mr. Charles R. Walker, 75, of Kent, recently donated a bronze regimental crest from the original 1st Cleveland Troop 'B' Cavalry to the Ohio National Guard's Mobile Museum.

"In the old days," Walker said, "there were two of these that adorned each saddle blanket. They were usually reserved for special occasions."

Walker was a private and served as a Troop 'B' clerk during his enlistment from 1937 to 1939. "Those were the last years of the horse soldier; after that it all became motorized," he said.

In 1968, Mr. Walker joined the Cleveland Greys at the honorary rank of captain. He was executive officer for the paramilitary and patriotic organization that is still located in the old Cleveland Armory.

Walker acts in local theatrical productions, and is a published research writer. He is the author of "100 Years of Liberal Religion, Kent, Ohio."

Anyone interested in donating military memorabilia, from any era, should contact Master Sergeant Guy Gennett at (216) 453-7386 to arrange pick up of the items.

The Ohio National Guard's Mobile Museum has been on display at the Summit County Fair and other county fairs and shopping malls. Plans for the museum include displays at local high schools where seminars on the history of military science will also be given.

New Operating Hours at USPFO

The USPFO Warehouse will now be operational on the first and second weekends of each month. This will provide the additional support necessary to turn in and issue large non-deliverable items, weapons and ammunition requiring the two man rule, and wheeled vehicles.

It will allow units to utilize these weekend unit training assemblies and unit personnel for this purpose and conserve full time technician man hours. Units desiring to utilize this service must make prior arrangements with the USPFO Warehouse, (614) 344-4255, before making trips to Newark.



Dusters Polishing Off . . . Again

BY SP4 SCOT LONG

One of the keys behind a successful mission is the swiftness and efficiency of a command. Naturally a command's success depends upon the cooperation of every soldier involved, especially the NCO.

The 2/174th Air Defense Artillery Bn., determined to make their NCOs the best in the guard, completed their third annual Command Post Exercise, "Frosty Duster III", Jan. 19th at the Athens armory.

Terrain boards which covered most of the armory floor were used to simulate actual Soviet-Block aggression along with the mission of defensive operations for the 2/174th ADA. ROTC cadets assigned to the 2/174th ADA, under the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP), assisted in the exercise by controlling movement of miniature enemy tanks over the terrain board.

SGT Roger Howard, Asst. Operations NCO, was one of the busiest soldiers dur-

ing the exercise. A valuable part of Headquarters, Howard's section had to quickly react to messages such as: "C-Battery has lost a platoon," forwarded from SGM John Hatem, and "A-Battery has relocated two miles south," relayed by SP5 Ronnie McKibben.

"Frosty Duster III" was aimed at developing and using leadership skills among NCOs as well as improving their knowledge, understanding and follow-through of tactical standing operating procedures (TSOP). One valuable lesson learned was the proper procedure for requesting supplies through support channels. Others were the importance of getting reports out quickly and familiarization of call signs. The final consensus rated "Frosty Duster III" a fine show of effort as well as a measure of strengths and weaknesses.

"If you know what you're fighting, chances of accomplishing the mission are greater," said 1LT Michael Boardman, an active military intelligence officer who traveled from Ft. Knox, Kentucky to assist

as a threat force advisor. He also remarked that he was impressed with the attitude of the Ohio National Guard members and found the 2/174th ADA members a pleasure to work with.

Next Deadline April 23, 1980.

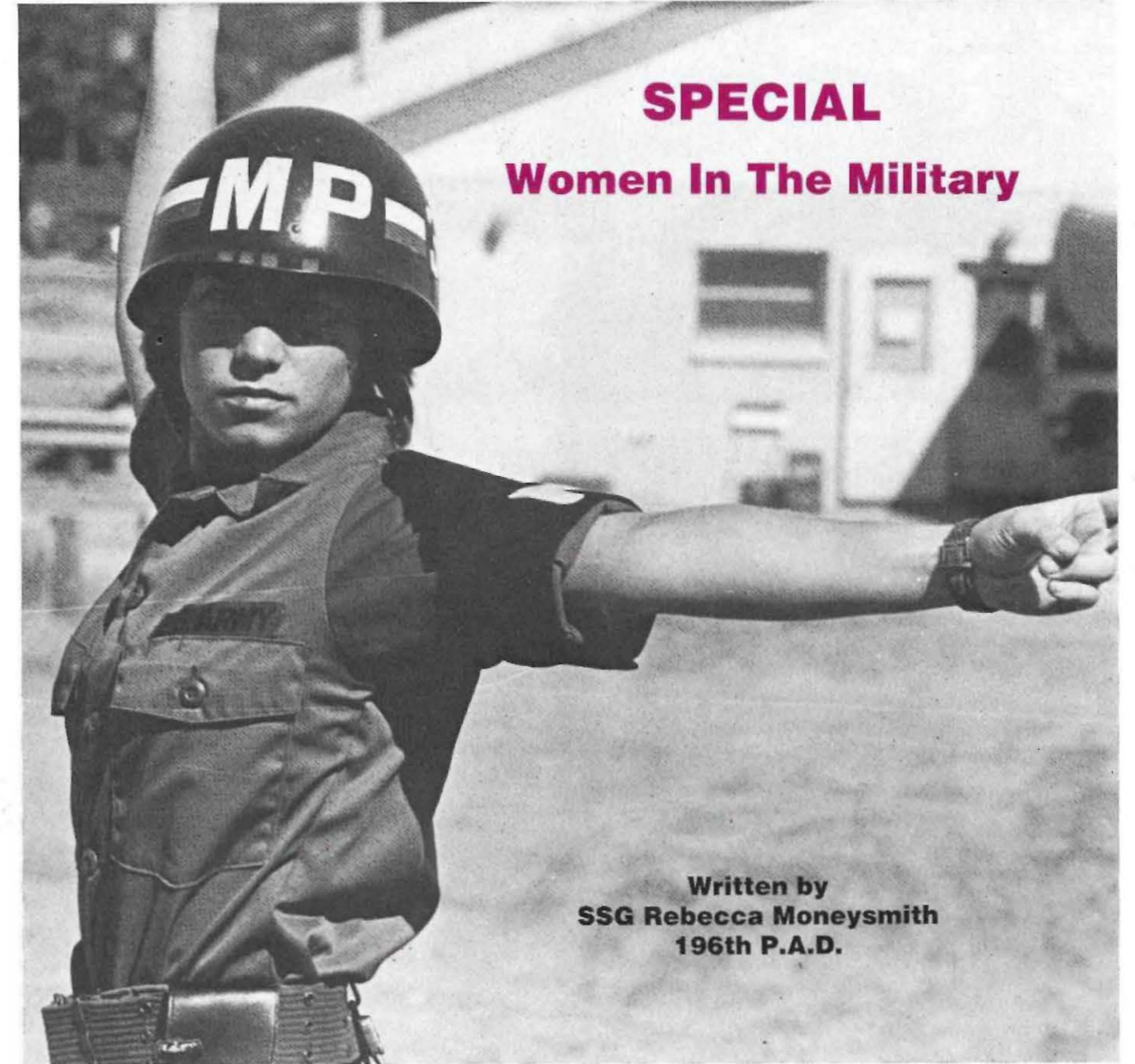
Copy and photo deadline for the June, 1980, issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is April 23, 1980. No stories or photos can be accepted after this date.

Submissions should be typewritten (not all capital letters please) and **doublespaced**. All photographs should be accompanied by **complete** captions including identification of all individuals involved. Submit to SSG Nancy Clevenger, editor, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085.

Although history has a habit of being selectively recorded, women serving in the military can be found as far back as the Revolutionary War.

Then, as now, women often served in traditional roles such as nurses and clerks. However, through the changing times of public opinion, an increasing number of job opportunities are now open to women in the service. Today, over 90 per cent of all military occupations are open to both sexes, with only combat roles being restricted.

On the following pages are a number of stories written by, for and about women in the military. While this special section is by no means offered as a complete overview of the "female experience" in the military, it is written in the hope that some of the thoughts, history and experiences of the female soldier will be shared.



SPECIAL Women In The Military

Written by
SSG Rebecca Moneysmith
196th P.A.D.

Private Joan Baily, 19, of Johnston, Ohio, in Trumbull County directs traffic at a military post. Miss Baily is a member of the Ohio Army National Guard's 324th Military Police Company at Warren, Ohio.



Women Face Unique Problems

The fact that women in the military face unique problems is no secret. Difficulties arise in areas ranging from clothing issue to the channeling of women into traditional job roles.

To deal with these problems and thus aid in recruiting and retention, the National Guard Bureau (NGB) has developed the Army National Guard Women's Program.

According to Deputy Director Brigadier General Herbert R. Temple, Jr., "... a recent review of statistics indicates the number of women accessions are not increasing in accordance with projected strength goals." He added, "The goal of this program is to enhance the recruitment and retention of women in order to attain our strength and readiness objectives."

The program addresses several problem areas. One such concern is the use of advertising, recruiting and informational material. NGB has stressed that all such material should in part pertain to women, with care taken to avoid the use of sexist language.

A second problem area outlined through the program is career development. NGB stressed that women should

be assured they are receiving equitable opportunities for advance training and education, career progression in unit vacancies and leadership positions, and are kept informed on the availability of active duty tours.

Local state units have also been directed to insure that women are being properly utilized in their assigned specialty, and if not to take appropriate corrective action. States have also been asked to determine the number of women filling key leadership positions, with an emphasis placed on increasing that number.

A key section of the program is to research the reasons women leave the Guard. The program offers possibilities such as hassles with clothing issue. (A prior service NCO related she joined the Ohio National Guard in December and received her winter overcoat just in time for Spring.)

Many of the concerns outlined in the Army National Guard Women's Program will receive ongoing attention by both the state and the NGB. If the program is a success, National Guard officials hope to see an increase in the number of women retained and recruited for each state.

History of Female Soldiers

It is widely acknowledged that women have made, and continue to make, impressive contributions to our national defense. An update of the status of women in the Army shows that their role has been vastly expanded over the past several years and that women have provided the margin to make the All-Volunteer Army concept a reality.

It was only during this century that women became a part of organized military forces in the United States. World War II was the turning point in the Army's acceptance of women as soldiers.

In 1942, a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) was established for noncombatant service with the Army. The next year a bill was passed to drop the auxiliary status, thus allowing WAC personnel to serve in, rather than with, the Army.

In World War II, female soldiers were medics and clerks, mechanics and truck drivers. They served in garrison and in combat theaters. They earned the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star Medal — and the Purple Heart.

During that war, the WAC strength peaked at approximately 100,000, but dropped to some 9,000 in the postwar era. That figure varied little until the WAC expansion effort in 1972. In that year, WAC strength rose to 16,771, increasing to 30,716 in 1974 and 48,650 in 1976.

Current limitations which apply to women have as their basis national policy, which prescribes the utilization of women in direct combat roles. The question of a combat role for women is one which must be resolved by the public through Congress. In the meantime, the issue for the Army is to optimize assignment opportunities for women within the limitations imposed by national policy.

MILITARY PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Women officers became eligible to attend senior service colleges, such as the Army War College, in 1968. Women officers are now selected in competition with their male counterparts for attendance at command and staff colleges and senior service colleges.

The first women to achieve general officer rank were Army officers: the Director, Women's Army Corps and the Chief, Army Nurse Corps, both of whom were promoted to brigadier

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general on June 11, 1970.

The minimum age for enlistment of women was equalized in 1976, making it possible for women to enlist at age 17.

ASSIGNMENT LIMITATIONS

Duty assignment limitations have also been changed. Previous limitations which have been eliminated include those which restricted women from the following duties:

- Working in mess halls which serve only male personnel.
- Performing medical duties on closed male wards in hospitals.
- Recruiting male personnel.
- Conducting initial classification interviews involving male personnel.
- Working in law enforcement activities pertaining to men.
- Working as physical activities specialist with male personnel.
- Assignment as unit supply specialists, first sergeants, command sergeants major, or commanders except in a WAC unit.
- Driving vehicles larger than the 2½-ton truck.

MARRIAGE / PREGNANCY / PARENTHOOD

In 1971, policies were eliminated

that precluded married women from enlistment or appointment that forced women who became pregnant or who had minor dependents to be discharged automatically. In 1975, involuntary discharge for pregnancy/parenthood was discontinued.

WEAPONS TRAINING

Defense weapons qualification training was made mandatory in July 1975. Under current policy, female commissioned officers, warrant officers, cadets and officer candidates participated in individual weapons training on the same basis as their male counterparts.

Women participate at 280 of the 285 host colleges and universities that offer Army ROTC. For the first time in Army ROTC history, women participated in advanced camp field training with men in the summer of 1975. The first women received their commissions through the ROTC in May 1976.

Women ROTC cadets receive the same training as their male counterparts, except for variations required by physiological differences between men and women. Orienting women cadets on combat skills, tactics and weaponry is consistent with the expanding role of women officers.

US MILITARY ACADEMY

Women cadets were admitted at the Military Academy in the summer of 1976, based on a law enacted in October 1975. Additionally, the USMC Preparatory School opened its doors to women candidates in January 1976. Men and women cadets received common training except for minimum essential adjustments necessary due to the physiological differences between men and women.

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL

WAC officer candidates began attending integrated OCS at Ft. Benning in November 1976. Common training applies under the guidelines outlined earlier, taking into account physical differences.

NEW ROLE

The role of women in the Army has changed significantly in the 1970's. Increasingly, women are entering units and nontraditional fields now open to them. This is a period of change and challenge, as the Army and reserve forces steadily move toward fuller, more effective utilization of women in the interest of equity and, most importantly, for their contributions to the national defense. (DA Spotlight).

FATHER / DAUGHTER

Ohio Army Guard Staff Sergeant Andrew Evanko, mortar section leader with F Troop, 2d Squadron, 107th ACR, Massillon, double checks a report being typed by his daughter, Private Andrea Evanko. Andrea, who recently completed both basic and advance individual training, is assigned to Det. 1/1416th Trans. Co., Greensburg, as a production control clerk. She received a \$1500 bonus when she enlisted and is also enrolled in the ONG Scholarship Program. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).



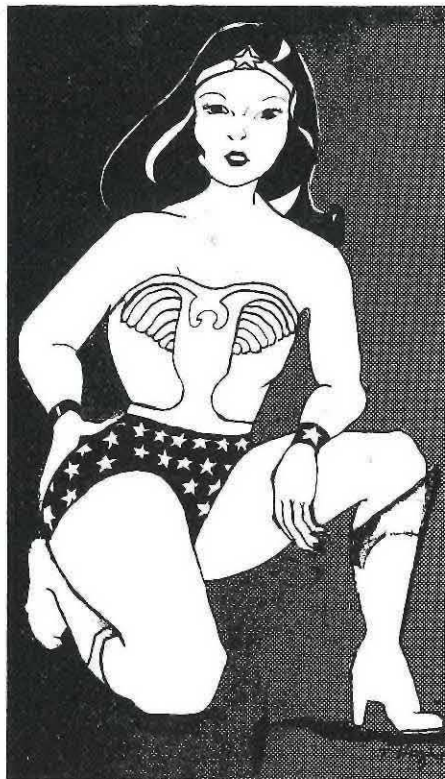
26th Engineer Co.

An article titled "216th Treats Children" appearing in the February issue of BUCKEYE GUARD has got the members of the 26th Engineer Company (ACR) somewhat confused. We are sorry for the misprint and we do thank all of you who contributed to the children during the holidays and gave them so much fun. Thanks to the 26th Engineer Company.

'I Couldn't Hang There Indefinitely . . .'

BY SSG REBECCA MONEYSMITH

When my editor asked me to do a story about the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) headquartered in Cincinnati, I immediately envisioned myself as **Police Woman** and **Wonder Woman** all rolled into one. I would go through a practice exercise with them and fulfill all my fantasies about being a member of the elite super-hero class. (What I didn't take into account is that super-heroing is hard, dirty work.) The following is an account of the beginning and end of my career as a SWAT member.



The 1/147th Infantry Battalion in Cincinnati is the home of the only Ohio SWAT team in existence. The men who form this group are special, not only because they are highly qualified but also because of their dedication to the job. Being a SWAT member means working without being paid. These men have other duties with the Guard which they perform on regular drill weekends. When they practice their SWAT missions they do it on their own time.

When I arrived at the 1/147th Saturday morning the exercise had already begun. My briefing was short.

"We'll be going through narrow passages in the walls of the building", a team member explained. "Stick close to the wall, and don't make any noise. Oh yeah", he added, "if somebody jumps out and pokes a gun in your face, don't worry."

Don't worry? I felt panic begin to set in. In order to enter the bowels of the building we had to crawl through a trap door about midway up the wall. I graciously let my photographer go first and she made it look easy. I strolled up to the entrance as if I'd done it a million times. The SWAT member gave me a step up but instead of entering like I was supposed to, I found myself hanging head first through the door.

I realized I couldn't hang there indefinitely so I pushed myself forward. What I didn't realize at the time was that there was a four-foot drop to the floor.

INJURED PRIDE

I gathered my injured pride (along with the contents of my pockets) and prepared for the journey.

I had thought we would be walking to our destination but our guide instructed us to keep low.

"There are pipes about two feet off the ground", he said. I squatted but apparently I wasn't down far enough because after I'd taken two steps I smashed my head against a water pipe.

The trap door closed behind us and for the first time in my life I knew the terror of

total darkness. I was instructed to keep moving forward but the voice that floated back to me was detached from any earthly body.

Panic was here to stay.

We crawled on hands and knees for what seemed an eternity. I tried to fight the feeling of helplessness as I stumbled through the dark and made dents in the pipes with my head. (Wonder Woman would have busted through them.)

BIG BLAST

We knew we had reached our destination when we heard shouting. SWAT members had cornered the bad guys (played by local volunteers) and were trying to talk them into giving themselves up. The air was thick with dust stirred up by movement in the cramped crawl space. Since the exercise was an enactment of what the members might be expected to do in the future the scene was played with seriousness. A SWAT aggressor gave the criminal one last chance to surrender. When the "criminal" refused SWAT members prepared to "blast" him out with TNT.

I thought they would simulate using the explosive but I was wrong. Our guide prepared us for the blast by telling us to open our mouths and plug our ears. It was at that moment I decided being a lifesaver wasn't all it was cracked up to be.

"We'll be going through narrow passages in the walls of the building. Stick close to the wall, and don't make noise. Oh yeah, if somebody jumps out and pokes a gun in your face, don't worry."

We did the only thing we could do . . . we waited. My mouth was open so long my jaw ached, and I was beginning to wonder if I'd ever be able to get my fingers out of my ears. Just as I was about to give up the explosion came. It wasn't as bad as I had imagined, but it certainly wasn't a firecracker.

GOOD GUYS WIN

We choked our way through the smoke and dust to the welcome sight of light and fresh air. The good guys had won, but not before I'd decided that the life of a hero was too exciting for me.

We exited into the kitchen, caked with dirt and sweat. As I scrambled for a cold drink, the men of SWAT were preparing to critique their performance, and plan another drill.

My part of the exercise had ended. I'd come to research a story and live a fantasy, and I'd done both.

I can't honestly say I had a good time doing either, but I did learn two things.

First, it takes special people to make up the Special Weapons and Tactics Team. Not many people are willing to train as they do, month after month, without pay or even thanks.

Second, I found that dreams are made of flimsy material, and are better left in their fantasy form.

The Skills of Army Women

More than half of the Army's 50,271 enlisted women are serving in so-called "less traditional" and "non-traditional" skills.

Although most women, both officer and enlisted, serve in more traditional administrative and medical fields, 24.6 percent are serving in less traditional skills such as law enforcement and supply.

Non-traditional skills such as field artillery, maintenance, and transportation employ 32.8 percent of the Army's enlisted women. (Commander's Call).



COMPANY C's CLINGER



(PHOTO BY SSG RAYMOND KRAFT).

Every company seems to have an individual who keeps the unit laughing, even when everyone seems to be fatigued from long training hours. Specialist Fifth Class John Utter, a cook for Co. C, 216th Engineer Battalion, Felicity, has a gift of doing just that. John is always coming up with something to break-up the monotony and stress of long hours of training.

Last fall at Camp Atterbury his imitations of "The Shiek" (A professional wrestler) and "Clinger" (of TV's *Mash* Fame) were the greatest yet. How can a man sit long faced when out of the woods walks John in a dress carrying a purse?

Afro-American Women Continue the Tradition . . .

Although their names and deeds have often been unrecorded, black women have been given their time and talent to aid in the birth and preservation of the United States. Once they served as cooks, nurses, spies and washerwomen. Today, black women serve in all non-combat positions and at every level in the Army.

The tradition of assisting in the country's defense began during the Revolutionary War. Black women accompanied the Continental Army as cooks and nurses and performed domestic duties.

Among the Afro-Americans who insured a Northern victory during the Civil War were many black women. Hailed by some as the "unsung heroines" of the war, they cared for the sick, taught and did other chores which freed soldiers to fight.

When the United States became involved in the Spanish-American War in 1898, black women again devoted themselves to caring for the wounded. Later, despite the discrimination blacks in the military were suffering at the time, Afro-American women helped in the war effort during World War I.

In 1941 the United States again went to war. To supply some of the enormous number of soldiers needed for the war, the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) was created in 1942. Afro-American women were among the first to join and eventually 6,500 black women served during World War II, with 120 of them being officers. They were placed in segregated units and experienced some discrimination. Many of them were assigned menial jobs although they had been trained for skilled positions or they

were not given assignments which would help them get promotions.

World War II was the first time black women could actually serve in the military and their service made a significant contribution to the war effort by freeing men for combat duty. One unit that made a difference was the 6888 Postal Battalion. It ended a backlog of millions of letters and packages to Europe. The only black women's unit to be stationed overseas, the battalion was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams.

Since World War II, black women have participated in the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War and the peacetime operations of the Army. Today, Afro-American women continue the tradition of service begun in the Revolutionary War, serving in all non-combat positions within the Army.

NOTICE TO 148th INFANTRY VETERANS

Master Sergeant Robert E. Albright (Ret.) is making plans for the second annual 148th Infantry Reunion. Anyone interested, please contact Sergeant Albright at 2475 Case Lane, North Fort Myers, Fla. 33903.

Last year's reunion of the 148th brought veterans from WW I, WW II, the Korean conflict, and members from his former Headquarters Company and Service Company of the 148th Infantry.



Specialist Diane Faulhaber, HHD, 512th Engineer Battalion, enjoys her duties of tactical soldiering, while on a field training exercise. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).



CLEANLINESS COUNTS—SSG Jerry Head and SP5 Robin Trumbo demonstrate the operation of a sterilization unit while their unit, the Ohio Army National Guard's 383rd Medical Company, conducts a display of field medical equipment at Armed Forces Day in Tri-County Mall, Cincinnati. Nearly 30 members from the unit participated in the seven day recruiting display. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).



SRA Rita Hansan, with the 180th CAMS, Toledo, is a jet engine mechanic. She is shown making an adjustment to a A-7D engine. (PHOTO BY BOB BARKER).

ONGEA Auxiliary

During this year's Annual Conference to be held at Mohican State Park the Auxiliary will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday and adjourn by noon. Some very special things are being planned for Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Right now, the Auxiliary has two beautiful afghans to raffle, plus a beautiful picture and there may be one or two other articles.

Each Auxiliary member is urged to bring something to be used for a door prize. Last year, there were enough door prizes so that each member attending the conference went home with one. We hope to be able to do the same thing this year.

On the agenda for the Auxiliary will be Officer and Treasurer's Reports, Elections of Officers and Area Directors, National Conference Report, and Installation of Officers and Area Directors. The banquet and dance will be Saturday evening.

Due to so many requests for Enlisted Association Jackets, the Auxiliary is ordering 50 more. If you want one, please contact Sondra Monasta, 2941 Chaucer Dr. N.E., North Canton, Ohio 44721 about size and price. The jackets will be delivered at the State Conference. Place your order early so you will be assured of getting a jacket this time.

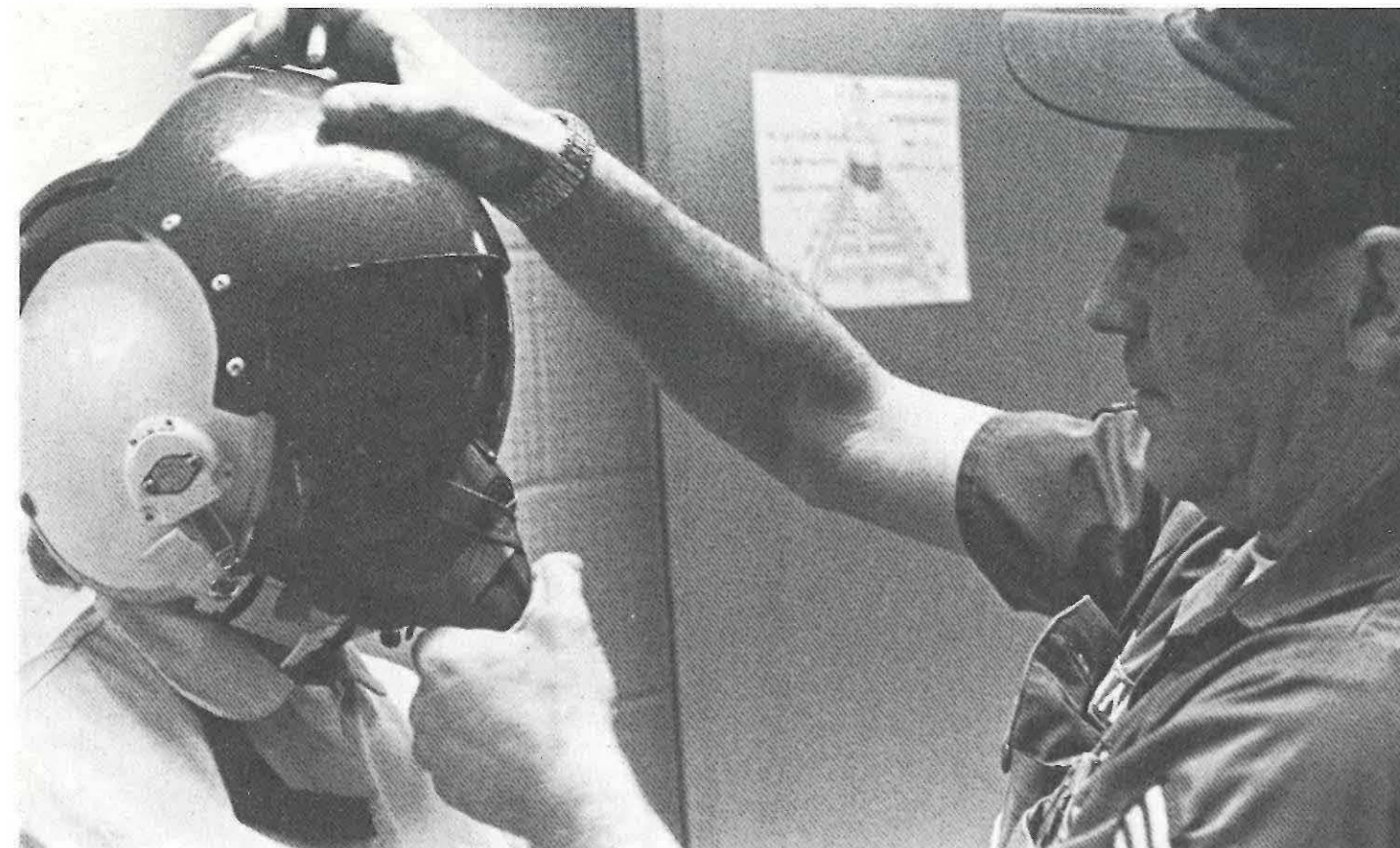
The February All States meeting in Cincinnati was a great success. Everyone had such a good time. Our thanks go to Jim and Evelyn Hilcoske, Wes and Vi Stenger, and Steve and Sherry King and all the others who helped to make it such a great weekend.



Application forms and information for the EANGUS Auxiliary Scholarships are available from Thelma Scherer, Rt.#2 Andrews Rd., Belleview, Ohio 44813. There will be five \$300 scholarships awarded. You must fill out the appropriate forms, include the necessary letters and have them returned to Thelma by June 1st. Each application must be approved by the ONGEA Executive Board. In order to be eligible you must be a son, daughter or spouse of an ONGEA and EANGUS Auxiliary member. Last year's applicant, Ruth Ann Zelnik, placed sixth in the standings.

Start making your plans to attend the EANGUS 9th Annual Conference in Milwaukee September 14-18th at the Marc Plaza. The Marc Plaza is right downtown near many fine stores, restaurants, night spots and theatres. The room rates are \$30 for a single and \$38 for a double. Conference registration will be \$25 per person or \$50 per couple. There will be more later on the many activities planned. So start making your plans now.

The Buckeye Guard



JANICE WIITALA being fitted with helmet for her winning ride in an F-100. (PHOTO BY MSgt BOB BARKER).

Winner Gets Ride in F-100

BY SSGT JANICE WIITALA

THE PRIZE

"You'er No. 2!!" "No. 2, Huh?", was my intelligent reply. "Wow!", was my exclamation when I fully understood what my friends were telling me: the results of "The Drawing".

Due to our A-7 aircraft conversion period, a drawing was held to select a few of our enlisted members for final rides in the soon-to-be-gone F-100's.

Everyone dreams of being No. 1, but I'll take No. 2 when it happens to be the ultimate prize at the 180th — a ride in a "Hun"!

What an opportunity to know the thrill of being part of the whole plan: the complete mission! To really experience the teamwork and skill involved in the take-off of an F-100, reaffirmed the immense pride I have in our unit and people. I now look at my own job, NCOIC Records and Customer Service, with new enthusiasm.

From February drill (when the results were announced on the rides) till my actual ride in March, I escalated from anticipation to much doubt as to whether I should even fly. Being the mother of three children was my main reason for doubt, but after having their encourage-

ment and support given to me I decided I couldn't pass this one up! What sealed my decision to fly was the fact my pilot was going to be LTC Ron Browne who happens to be my friend and has the reputation of being one of the best out here.

I was notified on a Tuesday, to report on Wednesday, to Life Support shop for cockpit egress training, being outfitted in flight suite with survival kit, and finally to be "Hung" (parachute fitting).

My trainer was none other than MSgt Joe Doran, NCO of the shop, who had the awesome responsibility of briefing and training me on ejecting from the plane. He was very thorough and professional. Joe exercised much patience and understanding with me because of my nervousness and excitement!

Our flight was scheduled for 1700 hours, delayed until 1745 due to a problem with LTC Browne's mask which was not operating correctly when we were getting ready for takeoff. Walking over to the flight line before takeoff, Ron reassured me of what we'd be experiencing so I would have no worries. Bringing up the rear of our "Good Luck Group", on this warm spring evening were my children, "Hurry back, Mom, so we can go to the Golden Arches, we're hungry!!" My

friends were lending me their support by not saying anything, knowing me . . .

After we were settled in the cockpit, we were double-checked by the crew members, TSGs Jerry Hefflinger and Jim Miller who were responsible for 990. Of course, Joe was hanging on the side of the plane repeating instructions to me on cockpit ejection, the wear of the mask, and making sure I was ready for the "wild, blue yonder".

In No. 2 plane was Major John Murphy, Vietnam veteran. It was unique to observe him in flight along with us; like looking at ourselves in a mirror. Major Murphy took the lead and we rode in his "trail" for a short time.

How can one express such an experience as I have had? "Great!" would be my best adjective. Traveling at 500 or more miles per hour at 18,000 feet, you hang suspended in the blue-gray sky, awed, and thrilled to be alive.

What impressed me the most was the maneuverability and ease this fighter tackled the sky with; rolls, dips, and dives like a bird; feeling complete freedom from the earth. For one hour and ten minutes, life below did not exist for me! It was just me, feeling free like never before in my life . . .

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Femininity Fails

BY CYNDY BIRCHFIELD
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Do you know the surest way for a confident, self-assured second lieutenant to become completely debilitated and frustrated? Give her a fifty-man platoon — with a combat patrol mission!

I can still vividly recall that summer nightmare.

Five hundred miles from home.

Ninety-five degrees in the shade.

Snakes slithering behind every tree.

I can still see myself jaunting into Ft. McClellan, head up and ready for anything, in those early days of Military Police Officer Basic. Little did I know what horrors lie ahead during the field training exercise!

Donning my complete wardrobe of wartime fashion, I suddenly became extremely conscious of my feminine ways. They seemed to be magnified against the hot, sticky temperatures.

Somehow my Chanel #5 smelled conspicuously sour on my OD colored fatigues. Conditions forced me to forego my daily makeup routine to don camouflage paint of varying hues. Freckles peeked through the paint as if to laugh at my sudden vulnerability.

There must be female equivalents to General Patton in this Army, but I'm definitely not one of them!

As visions of pretend aggressor forces danced (or should I say lowcrawled) through my mind, I concluded rather painfully that I'd live perhaps three to four minutes in a real combat situation. I can see it all now. Bombs bursting all around, soldiers scurrying for their foxholes, and I sit there, painting my nails in the Corps rear area!

With intense concentration, I clung to every word of the operations order. Oh, dear Lord, please help me make it through this one! Please don't let the instructors pick me for platoon leader!

"And the platoon leader is Michaels," screeched the instructor.

A sudden chorus of 49 sighs filled the air and eyes immediately jumped toward heaven, thanking the ominous power which had saved them.

A smile had barely overtaken the freckles of my face when I heard my name. It was as if a knife had pierced through my ears.

"Birchfield . . . you have the honor of being the platoon sergeant!"

I felt my face turning red, then green — always conscious of being color-coordinated with my green attire.

I sneaked a peak at the wrinkled classroom notes I had snuck onto the training exercise site via "cross-my-heart" apparel. Perhaps these precious pieces of paper would be my salvation!

My eyes dropped as I realized I had only been versed in the "how's" and "why's" of being a platoon leader, not the sergeant. As calmly as if I had just stepped out of a soothing bath, I returned the notes to their place of safekeeping.

With the wit and talent of a true soldier, I cleverly realized all my problems would be solved when the platoon leader gave me his "plan of attack". There was nothing for me to worry about. He was the leader — not I!

Six feet, three inches and 220 pounds of sheer muscle sauntered over to me and began to recite my responsibilities.

"You mean, all I have to worry about is supply, accountability, and noise discipline? I simply have to follow the squad ahead of me?" I asked weakly.

"That's it!" bellowed back the answer.

What a cinch! This was too good to be true. Just a simple game of follow the leader! Even I couldn't mess up this assignment.

Gasping for breath, the reconnaissance team jogged in toward the platoon leader. Messages of dense foliage and hills surrounding the objective (a silly little hill not even high enough for romantic star-gazing) were exchanged and digested by the platoon leader.

Suddenly, all my map reading and orienteering nightmares of by-gone ROTC days at Ohio State University flashed before my eyes. My palms were sweating so profusely by this time that one of the machine guns slipped out of my hands and almost bopped a thin lieutenant on the head.

"Perhaps I should take one of the recon men with me, just in case something should happen", I suggested in the lowest command voice I could muster.

"Nope, just forget about it. I'll need them both with me up front." The platoon leader had spoken. Staring in disbelief, I shrugged my shoulders and resumed my duties.

0900 — The patrol starts toward OBJECTIVE RED.

0910 — The patrol moves through the woods (stopping every 50 meters or so to impress the instructors.)

0930 — First "danger zone" crossing reached — a creek about five Chryslers long.

0950 — Last member of patrol crosses safely.

1000 — Panic, fear, nausea, and hysteria overcome the platoon sergeant. Only a handful of men can be seen through the dense foliage!

Lost — oh, no! Please not me! Think of the bridge club back home! I'll never live this one down!

The six of us stood there looking at each other in shock. We had somehow



been separated from the rest of our platoon as they proceeded toward the objective.

All eyes immediately stuck to me as senior NCO. I could hear each of them saying to themselves, "Well, let's see how the 'ole lady' gets out of this one!"

Fumbling through my pockets, I searched for "the map" as if my life depended upon it.

Down went the machine gun.

Down went the five extra pouches of ammo.

Down went the helmet.

Down went the pistol belt.

After searching every crevice of my uniform I realized the sad truth that I was indeed "mapless".

I ran like a frightened animal back to the creek, just in time to see the map floating wistfully and defiantly downstream.

After radioing the platoon leader about the situation and listening to every four-letter word he could shout to describe my incompetency, a search party was finally sent out to retrieve the missing platoon sergeant.

Two hours later, we spotted signs of life through the dense woods where we stood once again reunited. Mission delayed, but accomplished.

My face was reddened with anger and my body riddled with exhaustion. I could think of nothing but the critique at the end of the problem — and a box of Calgon Bath Oil beads lying on the tub shelf back at the barracks.

The tension finally over, I joyfully accepted the apology of the platoon leader for the censorable language he had used to describe my effectiveness as platoon sergeant. Carefully, I listened to the critique, relieved that I could once again sink back into the ranks of the common, anonymous soldier.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story is a personal, humorous experience by 2LT Birchfield, and in no way intends to mock the seriousness or pride the women in the Ohio National Guard feel toward their mission.



Experts at Ft. Rucker have put together a special safety program to reduce accidents, says CW3 George Cline, state safety officer for the Adjutant General's Department. Cline said the theme of the program is, "doing the job safely in order to do it right."

He said annual training accidents cost

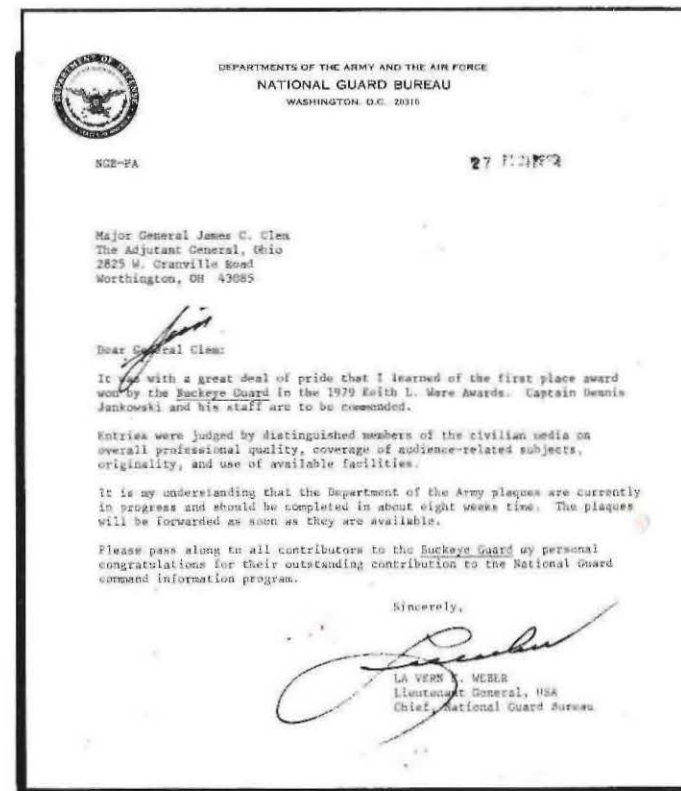
the state of Ohio \$25,674 in damages and \$115,440 in hospital, sick pay and other costs in 1979. Tragically, an accident the previous year cost the life of the company commander of Co. C 1/166 Infantry, when the quarter ton in which he was riding overturned on a hill at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

Cline said safety posters, brochures, decals and a 20-minute film calling attention to common accidents comprise the program. The posters and decals should begin appearing around armories soon.

He said if Guard members pay extra attention to convoy safety, operating tracked vehicles, driving quarter ton trucks and handling ammunition, a 20 percent reduction in both numbers of accidents and in cost can be realized.

"It's been said over and over again, but it's still true. Every accident can be prevented and the soldier is his own best protection against an accident," he said. "Not only that, but a wife, husband or other loved one sees you leave home in one piece and they expect the government to deliver you home again in one piece," he added.

Salute to the 'GUARD'



This award was made possible by the contributions from all of our unit information specialists. You're doing a great job! Keep up the good work.

James C. Cline
JAMES C. CLEM
Major General
Adjutant General

How's Your Courage

DENTIST . . . By Frank Douglas

The Ohio National Guard is testing the courage of its members — by placing them in the dentist chair.

In a new dental program, the guard will begin dental records and provide emergency care for units.

Newly recruited dentists will be traveling to each armory to do initial screenings on all troops.

"They're all trained as civilian dentists, and they come from all over the state," said Capt. Michael Fair, D.C., who is heading the project.

"Most of them are also prior service types," he added.

It is hoped that by establishing dental records, time and trouble can be avoided if the guard should be mobilized, Fair said. The records will be added to the medical files.

Dental records from previous active duty service do not follow troops into the Guard.

The dentists will also be attending all of the summer camps to provide emergency dental work for the troops.

"We, however, won't be able to do everyday dental work. No cavities, just emergency situations," Fair said.

The Guard dentists will not do everyday dental work at the initial screenings either, but they will recommend troops who need dental work see their dentists.

If troops heed their warnings and take care of their teeth, they will help the Guard be prepared for mobilization, Fair said.

"If troops don't take care of their teeth, upon mobilization there would be a big problem," he said.

"If you can catch problems when they're small and easy to repair, everybody's a lot better off," he said.

Each of the dentists will be screening the units near his hometown. They hope to spend two weeks in the field for every one they spend at the Beightler armory where their unit, the 112th Medical Brigade, usually drills.

The dentists will also be giving first aid and dental hygiene classes.

One of the problems with doing screenings at the different armories is a lack of dental equipment.

"We have a mobile kit, but it's not ideal. What we'll probably be using is makeshift things similar to if you set up an office in your house," said Maj. Kenneth C. Reed, D.C., one of the dentists involved.

Another problem the dentists are having is a lack of dental assistants in the Guard.

Though guardsmen can be trained by the dentists themselves, there is an AIT for dental assistants.

UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio National Guard Officers' Association

BY LTC ROBERT ZIMMERMAN

The time is drawing near for our Annual Conference which I'm sure you haven't forgotten — May 16-17, 1980, Salt Fork State Park. The mailing for reservations has been made so be sure to return your registration form. As in the past, I'm expecting a large turnout.

Junior Officers, OMA Candidates to Attend

As a reminder, I am asking all commanders to stress the attendance of their junior officers. Also, candidates from the Ohio Military Academy have been invited to attend. I spoke to them during their February MUTA and they all seemed very eager to be with us during the business meeting. The Officer Candidate School Alumni Association is planning a get acquainted hour immediately following the business meeting for all candidates and all past graduates of the school. We are hoping for a good turnout for this affair.

As mentioned in the last update, don't forget to send those resolutions to Col. Bob Green, 2515 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, OH. 43085. Deadline is April 1.

Proposed Changes

The official call to the conference will be mailed on/or about April 10. By the time you read this article you probably will have them. I just want to mention, the number of proposed constitution and by-law changes that the committee has prepared have been reviewed and approved by your president. These changes should stimulate an interesting discussion during our conference. When you pack your bags for the conference be sure to bring these proposed changes with you.

Las Vegas Bound

The next event that you should be considering is the NGAUS Conference which will be held on September 22-23-24, 1980 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ohio is scheduled for housing in the MGM Grand. Price for rooms is \$42 per day (double or single occupancy). The registration fee is \$60

per person. As mentioned in the flyer that was mailed with the Salt Fork Reservation, a \$50 room deposit is required. Deposits will not be returned for cancellations made after September 1, 1980. No exceptions will be made. Delegates to the NGAUS conference hopefully will be announced at our Salt Fork Conference. We are limited to 60 rooms at the MGM Grand. These rooms will be given to the selected delegates and the balance on a first come first serve basis. Once the rooms are filled we will establish a waiting list. If you plan to attend be sure to mail your request and a \$50 room deposit. Make checks payable to the Ohio National Guard Association. If you are not selected as a delegate or do not make the waiting list, your deposit will be returned.

Colonel Phil Williams (1st VP) is working extremely hard on obtaining a package deal for the ladies to fly to Vegas. We, in the Guard, will probably go VIA military air. More on this as we finalize the details.

Insurance Coverage

A tally of the vote sheet, my letter to the

membership, January 7, 1980, subject: Group Life Insurance Program, has been made and results are:

1. Adoption on the Group Life Insurance proposal for the Officers and Enlisted Associations — passed.

2. Change our constitution and by-laws whereby enlisted personnel may become associate members at no cost for the purpose of participating in the Insurance Program — passed.

3. Three proposals were furnished under this paragraph and 3A, recommending increasing our present Insurance Coverage from \$1,000 to \$2,000 with Vulcan Life at no additional cost to the membership, received the most votes.

NOTE: Since we have received and tallied the vote sheets I received a call from Mr. Don Henderson, Henderson Insurance Agency, who presently has the \$1,000 Life Insurance Policy with the association. He is in the process of preparing a proposal increasing the Insurance Coverage to \$2,000. We will let you know what the Board of Trustees decide to do. If we elect to stay with Henderson on the free insurance we will take another membership vote.

Tornado Tips to Save Lives

Each year tornadoes kill hundreds of people. Thousands of homes are destroyed. Whole buildings disappear and only their basements are left.

No one can stop a tornado; but there are precautions you can take to safeguard lives and property.

The Ohio Committee on Tornado Safe-

ty has prepared valuable information to help you in the event a tornado is heading your way.

For further information please contact the Committee at (614) 889-7153 or your local Disaster Services Agency or the local office of the National Weather Service.



The Buckeye Guard

Annual Conference
Salt Fork State Park
May 16, 17, 1980

ONGEA

THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio 43017

Mohican '80 — Fun-In-The-Sun

A unique way to start the outdoor family fun season is being offered by the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association with its announcement of their annual conference to be held at Mohican State Park near Perrysville.

"Mohican '80" is the theme of this year's annual conference slated for May 23, 24 and 25 at Mohican Lodge and Convention Center. The Lodge is situated on a hillside overlooking picturesque Pleasant Hill Lake in the scenic forest setting which was once the hunting grounds of the Delaware Indians.

MSGT Russell Leadbetter, "Mohican '80" chairman and a member of the host unit, the 179th Tactical Airlift Group at Mansfield-Lahm Airport, said nearly 1,000 enlisted guard members are expected to attend.

Total membership in ONGEA reaches close to 3,000 guard members, both Army and Air, in Ohio. It was chartered in 1972.

"A better understanding of the enlisted forces and their needs is one of the main goals of the Enlisted Association," Leadbetter said. Responsible for the adoption of several key benefits for guard members, the ONGEA is working on several state legislation resolutions of popular interest to Ohio Guard members.

Leadbetter stated that the association's lobbying efforts were responsible for the state legislators adopting the tuition scholarship program. The ONGEA is actively seeking to have these benefits extended to part-time students.

ONGEA GOALS

Present goals of the ONGEA include a proposal which, if adopted, would provide a monetary state retirement. Another project considered to be of interest to a majority of guard members is a reduced rate for hunting and fishing licenses and lower cost vehicle registration.

Annual membership dues of \$5, part of which goes to the National Association, are used to promote these proposed resolutions in the state legislature. These and other proposals will be discussed during the business session of the Conference scheduled Saturday, the 24th.

"We felt that combining a fun-filled

weekend of camping and outdoor activities with the Annual Conference would be an ideal way to start the family 'fun-in-the-sun' season," Leadbetter said.

INFORMAL DANCE

An informal evening of dancing and beverages, compliments of the Conference, will be the main event Friday. Family activities, available Saturday during and after the business conference, include indoor-outdoor swimming, fishing, boating, hiking and golfing on nearby courses. A microwave cooking demonstration and fashion show are tentatively planned. The evening will offer an informal Polynesian banquet; military dress optional. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the Conference to both children and adults.

CAMPING SITES

For those who enjoy camping there are virtually an unlimited number of sites available with hookups at \$5.50 per night. For those who may wish to be closer to the lodge, parking for fully self-contained recreational vehicles will be available in the parking area at \$5 per night without hookups. Other campsites are also available. For camping reservations write to MSgt Glenn Fidler at P.O. Box 461, Mansfield, Oh 44901. Several area motels have been reserved for lodge guest overflow. Continuous bus transportation to and from the lodge will be provided.

There will be three daily buffet meals available.

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees, which include the Friday social evening, Saturday's informal banquet and door prizes are \$35 per couple or \$25 per member. Child registration will be \$10.

"We hope that all members, and those who may soon join, will consider this first weekend of the summer at Mohican for their family outing. It promises to be a memorable Conference. The only way the Association can carry on new proposals is to have participation from all the enlisted people in Ohio," Leadbetter said. Persons seeking more information may write: SSGT. John Renock, Mohican 1980 Conference; P.O. Box 461; Mansfield, Oh 44901 or telephone 419-522-8948; AV 889-1520.

All-State Meeting In Cincinnati

The last All-State meeting held at the Holiday Inn Northeast, Cincinnati February 16 and 17, 1980.

The committee chairman, Jim Hilcoske, presided over the meeting of 24 members and two guests from the Kentucky delegation.

During the Sunday a.m. business meeting important issues discussed or being worked on included:

LEGISLATION: The rewriting of the License Plate Bill, so that it can be submitted to the House.

NOMINATIONS: Lori Ehrman is now committee chairperson. You may obtain a copy of the rules, regulations and procedures from SSG Ehrman by calling (614) 889-7188, or contacting the Association Secretary.

POSTER CONTEST: There will be a poster contest to be held and judged at the State Convention at Mohican. Specifications for entry are: It must be 18 inches by 24 inches, vertical design, framed without glass; may be black and white or color; theme should depict both the Air and Army National Guard roles and be supportive of the State Associations and National Associations.

The winner at the State Convention will be entered in the National Association contest, to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. First place will be awarded a plaque and a cash bonus of \$250.

NEWS FLASH: If you have any items to be submitted for publication for unit bulletin boards, please contact John Zelnik thru the Association Secretary.

There was also discussion of the importance of the unit representatives and the part they play in the unit and the Association.

We hope to see you at Mohican Lodge, May 23-25 for a really great time. Come see the friends you don't get to see all year.

Buckeye Bits

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

In December the 200th Medical Company (ACR) of Cleveland entered the "physical examination business" with completion of the first physical on none other than 2LT Woods King of 2/107th ACR, grandson of BG Woods King for whom the armory was named.

With a temporary improvised series of examination stations located throughout the armory, the Physical Examination Team was coordinated by LTC Stavros Meimaridis, assisted by 2LT Byron Kohrs and SFC Lawrence Mann. Personnel from the unit's Clearing Platoon manned the individual stations. "Quality control" was provided prior to the first examinee arriving, by initially examining those 200th personnel who needed re-examination.

MAJ G.A. "Scotty" Knight, unit commander says, "We have to get the word out that we're here."

The unit is enthusiastic about the new mission and looks forward to being able

to process more personnel as experience is gained. Plans are also in process for some limited physical modifications so that many of the examination station functions can be carried-out in one area. Unit personnel feel this will help the processing operation become more efficient and, at the same time, create a more professional working environment that should help put examinees at ease more quickly.

Guardsmen For A Day

DON GULLETT of the New York Yankees, and DAVE TOMLIN of the Red's team, were made Honorary Guardsmen for a Day at the Shawnee State College and Del Rice League Baseball Clinic, Portsmouth, by Cpt. Eugene C. Seesholtz, commanding officer of HHC, 216th Engineer Bn., Portsmouth.

Director Gary Shively, of the Del Rice League, made the presentations on behalf of the 216th Engr. Bn. and noted that

Dave Tomlin was a member of Co. B, 216th Engineer Combat Bn., in Manchester. SSG Gary Beckwith, another Guard member and recruiter at HHC has been a league coach for the past four years. The Del Rice League has eight teams of 18 players from age 16 to 20; over 350 players and 140 adults were on hand for the event.

Klondike Derby

Members of Camp Perry's 213th Maintenance Unit Heavy Equipment recently participated in judging the Boy Scouts annual Klondike Derby.

The Derby, held at Camp Miakonda in Toledo, is a contest among boy scout troops in Sandusky County, giving them a chance to prove their skills they have learned over the past year. There were 148 scouts participating in such skills as first aid, lost person search, map making, log cutting and building a tripod to lift 75 lbs. of weight. This was the 213th Maintenance unit's second year judging the Klondike Derby. A good time was had by all.

Fremont Unit Donates \$700

Company B, 612th Engineer Battalion, Fremont, held a charity basketball game with the proceeds to go to United Way.

The "Mean Green Machine" players of Co. B, played the FM-104 Disc jockeys of Channel 11 radio.

Over 400 spectators watched the fun and action as Steve Kromer of Co. B, and Mike Sayd of FM-104 tried to outdo each other by scoring 16 points each.

PFC James Cole planned the charity program and after the game, both he and SSG Downing presented Executive Secretary Marge Yingling of United Way with the \$700 check.

2/107th Donates Blood

Forty-eight men and women of Troop E and Headquarters Troop of the 2/107th Armored Cavalry, Ohio Army Guard, donated blood during a drill weekend.

Mr. Klingenhagen, of the Community Blood Program, said, "Blood supplies generally run low in December, so we're really happy that the Guardmembers donated at this time."

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All About People-

LTC HARRISON J. WITTERS, 160th Air Refueling Group, was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by MG JAMES C. CLEM during ceremonies held at Rickenbacker Air Force Base.

BG EDWARD J. POWER received the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding performance as commander of the Ohio Air Guard's 160th Air Refueling Group, RAFB, prior to his appointment as Assistant Adjutant General for Air.

MR. ED HAMLIN, of WDTN-TV, Dayton, was presented with an Award of Recognition signed by MG JAMES C. CLEM for his presentation of the Air Guard story via public service announcements on CH 2 in Dayton. The Award was presented by MSGT ROBERT HEINTZ, a recruiter for the Air Guards 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield.

CPT. JUTTA U. SANFORD, 160th Air Refueling Group, was recently awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service as executive support officer. BG EDWARD J. POWER, Asst. AG for Air, MG JAMES C. CLEM, Adjutant General and LTC WILLIAM J. INGLER, Commander of the 160th ARFG were present for the ceremony.

COL. RONALD L. BEBOUT, former commander of the 737th Maintenance Bn., Newark, received the Army department's Legion of Merit Award. This is one of the highest given in peacetime, and was presented for his modernization of the military personnel section.

LTC. FLOYD A. NELSON, recently retired from the 160th Air Refueling Group as deputy operations commander. NELSON has been honored with having the most flying hours (13,800), of anyone in the Ohio Air Guard. Before joining the Guard in 1956, NELSON served in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for his service, which included transport missions to Alaska, the Middle East and the Far East.

Members of the 166th Infantry, Company A, 1st Bn., Washington C.H., have received Ohio Award of Merit ribbons for serving three years honorable service in the ONG. They are: SP4 JAMES D. KLINEDINST, SGT. ROBERT J. REED, SGT. DAVID C. RILEY, SP4 TOMMY EVERHART, SP4 FRED BROWN, SGT. VONNIE T. BOGGS, SGT. DAVID M. PAVEY, SSG MICHAEL McCORMICK and SSG DONALD T. CLOYD.

SUSAN KIMBLE and KEVIN PRUITT, both members of the 237th Support Bn., Co. D., Mt. Vernon, have recently been promoted to Privates First Class.

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LTC FRANK E. HARDGROVE was presented the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal by MG JAMES C. CLEM during ceremonies held at RAFB. HARDGROVE was lauded for his knowledge and leadership abilities which enabled the 160th Civil Engineering Flight, Ohio Air Guard, to accomplish its missions.

MSG JOHN KIRKPATRICK, Headquarters, Air National Guard, was recently presented the Ohio Commendation Medal by BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM, for his outstanding efforts as a civilian personnel technician with HHD, Worthington.

PVT. GERALD D. WILGUS, 837th Engineer Co., Spencerville, recently completed Basic and AIT at Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. A two-page letter, written by his Senior Drill Instructor, accompanied him home. The Drill Instructor has commended WILGUS in a variety of ways for his outstanding accomplishments and high levels of achievement he attained during his training. WILGUS is currently attending the Lima branch of the Ohio State University under the ONG Scholarship Program.

CW3 JOHN CARLE is retiring from the 737th Maintenance Bn., Newark, after serving with them since 1947. He also served three years in the U.S. Army and has received numerous awards and medals throughout his military career. Special thanks for your contributions, Mr. CARLE.

JOAN MILLER, director of community relations for WKEF-TV, Dayton, was presented with a Recognition Award by MSGT. JERRY TEEM. The Award was presented because of her outstanding cooperation and assistance to the 178th and 251st Air National Guard Recruiting Station. MILLER helped develop better community relations between the city of Springfield, the Ohio Air Guard and the surrounding areas.

FRANK CARTWRIGHT, 837th Engineer Co., Lima, has been promoted to Warrant Officer (CW2). CARTWRIGHT joined the ONG in 1959.

LEONARD L. PYLES, 837th Engineer Co., has been promoted to First Sergeant, replacing Cartwright. PYLES has been with the ONG for 14 years, serving as a full time technician.

LTC JAMES E. "JET" THOMAS, a 24 year veteran, has assumed command of the 216th Engineer Combat Bn., headquartered in Portsmouth.

MAJOR SHELLEY SAUNDERS, adjutant for the state headquarters in Worthington, has been named Grants Administra-

tor for the Ohio Disaster Services Agency. She will administer and maintain the Ohio Natural Disaster Plan to include continuous liaison with state, federal and private relief agencies.

SFC ROBERT DeVOE, is now the Information Officer for Disaster Services.

A welcome to LTC ANDRES SABIO, a surgeon and native of the Phillipines, who has joined the 200th Medical Company in Cleveland as a physician.

CPT. DOUGLAS J. MASER, is now company commander of 385th Medical Ambulance Company in Tiffin, replacing LT. JAMES LENDAVIC, who has been reassigned to the 112th Medical Brigade in Columbus.

LT. COL. KENNETH C. SLADKY, has joined the 112th Medical Brigade in Worthington. SLADKY is a dentist with the unit.

1SG JOSEPH A. SMITH, PSG E. W. WILLIAMS, PSG REYNOLDS R. PECK and SFC LAWRENCE C. MANN of the 200th Medical Company, Cleveland, received Army Commendation Medals recently. Ohio Commendation Medals were also received during the ceremonies by: SSG DOROTHY DeWITT, SP6 GUY MENDES, SP5 TERRY MITCHELL and PFC TRACY SHIPMAN. Also recognized during the ceremonies were: SSG RUSSELL TOPPIN, SSG DONALD MORROW, SSG RICHARD DIAMOND, SGT CHARLES SHEPHERD, SP5 CECIL HUDSON, PFC SALVATORE SIDOTI, PFC WILLIE ADAMS and PFC AARVIS EVANS.

Magazine Top in Nation

Buckeye Guard, the Ohio National Guard's statewide publication, has been named the winner of Department of the Army's Keith L. Ware Award for excellence in journalism.

This is first in national competition with other National Guard, Reserve and Active Army magazines.

BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine has also won numerous other awards for excellence in journalism, graphics and layout including the prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award from the Department of Defense.

Robert C. DeVoe served as editor of the award-winning magazine with members of the 196th Public Affairs Detachment giving editorial assistance.



Yes, that's a Naval uniform in the mess serving line! MS1 R. I. Esmond dishes out the grub to a member of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air Guard in Toledo. MS1 Esmond is one of five naval reservists training with the 180th. (PHOTO BY SSGT. JIM BROWN, 180th TFG).



(PHOTO BY SSG NANCY CLEVENGER)

Red Legs Did It Again

BY 1LT SINO LAVRIC

JOB FAIR — a cooperative venture between business and education institutions, coordinated by the Ohio National Guard, designed to expose high school students to the opportunities available after graduation.

It was the second time around for the "Redlegs" of the 1st battalion, 136th Field Artillery, 2170 Howey Road, Columbus, who sponsored another successful "Job Fair" on February 22, 1980. With the support of the local media, employers, universities, trade schools and selected high schools, almost 500 students were attracted to the exposition of jobs, advanced education and military opportunities available to those that qualified.

Students, bussed and self-transported from the Columbus, Amanda and Bloom-Carroll school systems, were able to see first hand what the job market and institutions of higher education had to offer. The majority of students stopped off at the Tuition Scholarship booth which featured counselors who were guard members enrolled in and collecting tuition assistance.

A secondary benefit for the unit was the large number of people who expressed interest in the ONG, giving the recruiting staff a large number of leads with which to work. On that day alone, eight prospective guard members were scheduled for physical examinations and testing.

An additional benefit was gained from massive media coverage, two commercial television stations and a local daily newspaper sent reporters with several minutes of television time and a front page headline in a large circulation newspaper.

The "Redlegs" once again demonstrated that with perseverance and hard work a unit can recruit and improve its public relations by using the tool of a "Job Fair". This effort was published in the Saturday evening Dispatch read by over a quarter million people. The importance of public affairs has been proven once again.

"Run For Your Life"

The "Run For Your Life" program is an excellent means to increase the physical conditioning of all enlisted male and female members. The three phase approach, Preparatory, Conditioning and Sustaining, lets every participant enter at a level commensurate with his/her current physical condition. Moreover, individuals following the schedule established will increase their physical capability rapidly.

The added advantages to the program are motivational monitoring by the unit commander through progress sheet review and positive reinforcement to the individual by recognition of milestone achievements.

For further information contact: Maj. James Chubb, Operations and Readiness Specialist, State Adjutant General's Dept., 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085.

Recruiting Round-up Work At Retention

RESPECT of the individual is paramount to retention. We all need it from not only our peers but from our supervisors as well. Patience and guidance will do more to improve performance than criticism and disrespect. The respect you give is likely to be the respect you receive.

EXAMPLE is a key ingredient in leadership. Officers and NCOs can expect no more of their personnel than they are willing to give. A leader leads — that puts him up front. Therefore, standards set by his or her example are likely to be the standards of subordinates. The lower the standards, the lower the retention rate is likely to be.

TRAIN your people in all aspects of their MOS. We all recognize that as soldiers, combat training is a primary requirement. But training should include more than just combat areas for which we are responsible. Remember, we all have an MOS, one which we probably have chosen because we enjoy the type of work or because we feel it will help us in our civilian endeavors. We are told when enlisted that we are going to be taught a trade. Let's make sure that a promise is fulfilled.

ASSISTANCE should be provided when needed. Do it willingly, not grudgingly. Remember, most officers and NCOs have been in the Army and in their particular skill long enough to become proficient. So, what may seem easy to you can seem insurmountable to a new person or one changing skills.

INVOLVEMENT of your people in the planning and management of your program can have a double benefit. One — they feel it is partly their program which gives them a greater stake in the results. Two — your workload is reduced, giving you more time to manage your people. Trust your people to do the job. They'll make mistakes . . . but don't we all?

NEEDS are unique to each individual. Everyone is in the Army National Guard for a reason — but not the same reason. We will begin to retain more of our people once we become concerned with the needs of the individual. We need to take the time to talk with our people about why they are in the Army National Guard, instead of waiting to find ourselves asking why they are getting out.

Adapted from an article published in DEADEYE NEWS, 96th ARCOM, Ft. Douglas, Utah.

Wives Club News

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

"Swing Into Spring", is a welcome thought about now. It's time to pull ourselves out of the winter doldrums and the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club is helping its members do just that!

The March salad luncheon at Beightler Armory was well attended, as usual. The array of salads and breads the ladies brought was very tempting and delicious.

On April 22, the club will meet at the DCSC Officers' Club. The topic will be "Know Your Units — Guard in Review". Election of officers will also be held in April. So, plan to attend this most important meeting.

A special treat is in store for May. The OWC will hold its luncheon and installa-

tion of officers in the Rathskeller of the very popular Bavaria Haus restaurant, in the German Village! The Bavaria Haus is located at 489 City Park, east of High, at Livingston. In order to allow time for browsing in the shops and enjoying the Village, the social hour will be moved up to begin at eleven, with lunch being served at twelve. This will be the final meeting of the 1979-1980 season, so, let's have a big turnout! The date is May 27, circle it!

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The wives' club board needs input from all members in order to tailor the new season of meetings to the interests and convenience of as many of you as

possible. Therefore, an opinion survey is being conducted, via this column. Remember, if you are the wife of a National Guard officer, living anywhere in Ohio, you are automatically a member of Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club. There are, of course, many reasons why it is inconvenient to attend meetings in Columbus. OWC is, however, most interested in your responses to the following survey questions. Presently active, or inactive, whichever you are, we need to hear from you! This is a chance to help plan the season. Please . . . fill in the coupon below, adding any comments you wish, and mail it as soon as possible.

ONG Officers' Wives Club Survey

- 1) Do you presently attend OWC meetings? yes no occasionally
- 2) If you do not attend, what is the primary reason? job distance not contacted program topics other
- 3) Which do you prefer? luncheons evening meetings varied times
- 4) What programs do you most enjoy? speakers crafts fashion shows field trips other
- 5) Do you enjoy meeting at: available officers' clubs restaurants varied locations
- 6) Do you use the nursery facilities? yes no
- 7) What sort of meal do you prefer? salad plate warm lunch salad bar other
- 8) The annual Holiday Auction has been held both in the daytime and evening. Which do you prefer? daytime evening
- 9) Will you tell us what you most enjoy about OWC, and what, if anything, you would like to see changed?
Comments: _____

- 10) Are you willing to hold an OWC office or serve on a committee? yes (indicate preference no
Thank you for your help! Please sign, if you wish, and mail to: Susan Brown, 2866 North Lake Court, Columbus, Ohio 43229.

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Two Father-Son Teams Join 555th Air Force Band

The 555th Air Force Band, Toledo Express Airport, is renowned in Northwest Ohio for its musical ability . . . and now for the distinction of having two father-son teams!

Recently, Steve Zilka, a senior at Northview High School, enlisted in the Ohio Air Guard and will join his father, Technical Sergeant Walter Zilka, in the 555th band.

The Zilkas are not the first father-son team in the 555th.

Senior Master Sergeant James Bayes has been with the band for more than 26 years. His son, Staff Sergeant Mike Bayes, joined the band six years ago.

There are 35 members in the 555th band, and its commander, Major William Dais, says it is unusual to have two father-son teams in a unit of this size.

LETTERS

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To The Editor:

In the December, 1979 issue of the Buckeye Guard, there was an article about a cross rifle patch that was given to Company A-166th Infantry.

Yes, we were given the patch by the Scottish men as a SOUVENIR ONLY.

My Commander, at that time, put the word out that these patches were not to be put on our military uniforms.

Just a word on the patch. The patch, to the Scottish people, represents a lot of hard work and many months of training. It would be like our Ranger patch, and we all know you have to earn that patch here in the USA.

As a member of the Company that was chosen to train in South Wales, I would like to express what an honor and pleasure it was to participate in this exchange program. Shortly after we returned home to the USA, the RSM from the 2/52 Lowlands came to visit my family and stayed with us for a few days. It was during this time that he explained the qualification necessary for wearing this cross rifle patch.

Not trying to downgrade the PIO work that you people do, but I would like to set the record straight regarding this subject.

JAMES S. THOMAS
Co. A 1st Bn. 166th Inf
First Sergeant

EDITOR'S NOTE: We appreciate your making us aware of this. Thank you.

U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School

Guard members have until May 1 to apply to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School to get some expert help in qualifying for admission to West Point.

Graduating from the prep school automatically earns a Guardsman a nomination to West Point. Although there's no guarantee, about 95 percent of the prep school graduates are accepted to the military academy. About 170 cadetships are available each year for West Point and half of these must be filled from the reserve components.

Eligibility requirements for the Army's prep school are established in AR 351-12, dated July 1, 1978, located in your unit orderly room.

For further information write to:

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