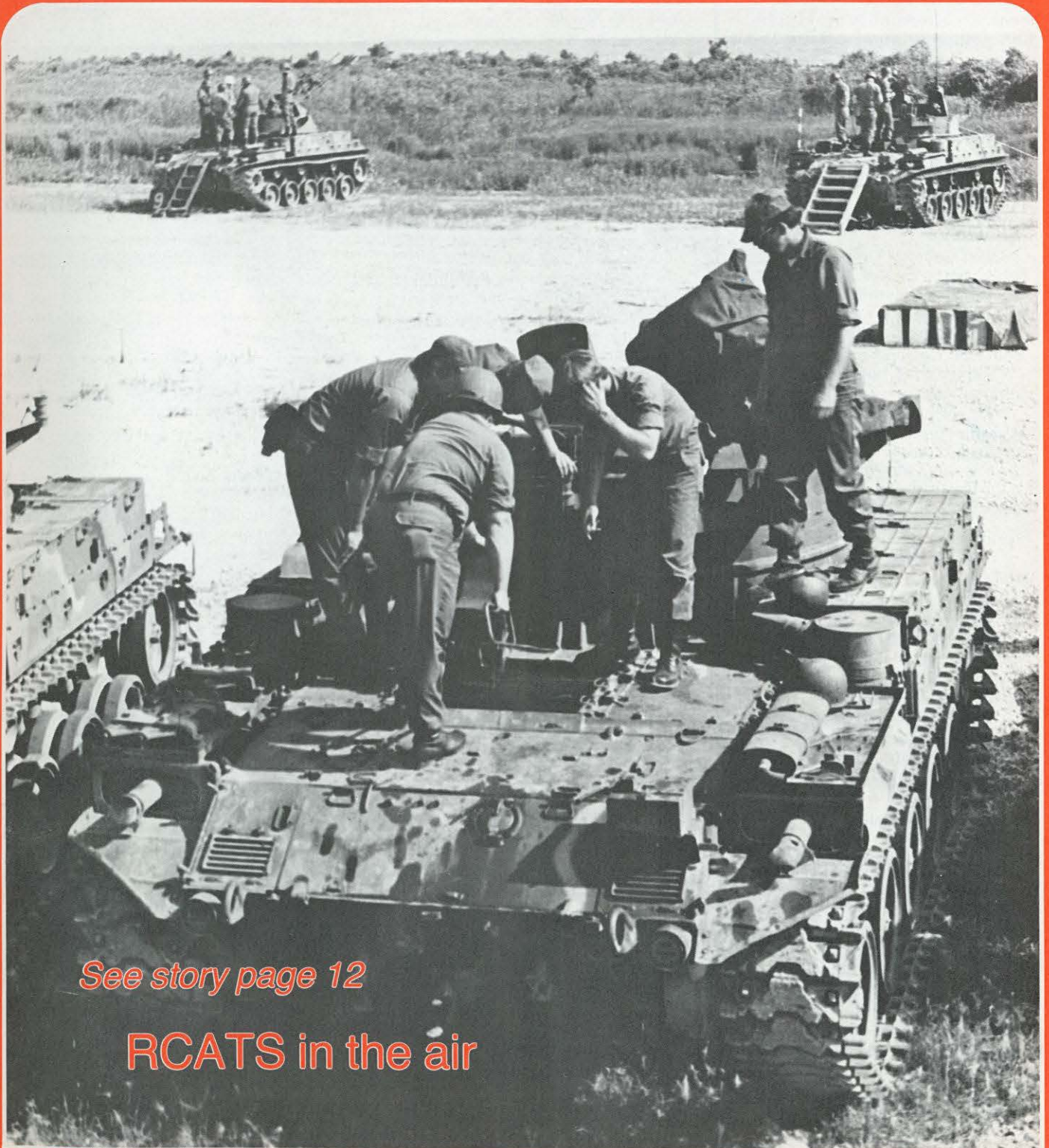




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The AG Speaks

Analyze Your Unit's Performance



By the time this issue of the *BUCKEYE GUARD* reaches you, annual training will have been completed and your unit will be starting its new training year.

Now is the time to review your progress during the past year and your annual training performance to determine the training your members, squads, platoons and companies need to improve their readiness. Every unit did some things in an outstanding manner during annual training but only a very few were outstanding in all areas.

We all have a tendency to emphasize areas of our special interests and overlook some equally important phase of our operations. Sit down with your key officers and NCO's and analyze your unit's performance and determine weaknesses and strengths.

With the football season upon us you might also think about training your unit in the same manner a good coach uses to prepare for his season. Over 50 percent of the team's time is spent in conditioning and training, and reviewing the fundamentals. The end coach working with the ends on blocking, pass patterns, etc.; the line coach working with the guards and tackles; the backfield coach concentrating on the basics of running, blocking and ball handling; and so on.

Your unit, in the same manner, must review the fundamentals of soldiering. Your squad leaders are the specialist coaches. Platoon leaders are similar to the offensive and defensive coordinators with the com-

mander as head coach, determining the weaknesses, and stressing corrective training, shifting players and coaches and planning for the big game.

Our big game is *Annual Training 1982*. We can't win if our players are not well trained in the basic fundamentals of their MOS and their particular squad and platoon tactics.

Now is also the time to make reassignments of personnel. You have observed the strong and the weak, those with potential and those who have reached their level of competency. Make your reassignments now so the new leaders have a year prior to the next annual training period to learn their new duties and train their squads, platoons and units.

Another Subject, and not a new one. *Recruiting*. Between June 1980 and June 1981 you have increased the Ohio Army National Guard strength from 87.6 percent to 95.8 percent of authorized strength, while the Ohio Air Guard has maintained 100 percent strength or over, throughout the period. That's an outstanding performance, but 13 states have achieved 100 percent of their authorized strength on the Army side. I don't like to be an "also ran" and I don't believe you do either. Let's work to achieve that 100 percent strength across the board by January 1, 1982. Good training, pride in your units and hard work will make it happen.

Truly, it's another year in which to excel.

Letters

Thanks To Guard

To The Editor:

The Madison Community Festival is an annual non-profit fund raising endeavor that represents the majority of the operating funding required for the support of the Madison Township volunteer fire departments, emergency life squad and service clubs.

Our Festival Committee recently contacted a Lt. Ernest Robinson of Company C 237th Support Bn., Ohio National Guard, located in Oxford, Ohio and requested the use of some large field tents.

Lt. Robinson and his associates very graciously volunteered the use of three tents and also managed to transport and erect them on our festival grounds.

The Festival Committee and residents of Madison Township sincerely appreciate the

hard work and extra considerations involved by Lt. Robinson, the men of Company C and their Commanding Officer, Lt. James Simpson. We hope that their efforts to foster and maintain a high level of community relations do not go unnoticed.

**Very truly yours,
Mrs. Betty Meeker
Madison Community Festival**

Editor's Note:

Thank You for your warm comments. The Ohio Guard is always ready to assist the community when time permits.

Tribute To Husband

To The Editor:

I do not know who to send this to, but I know there are a lot of men in the Guard

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From the Asst. AG-Army

To My Fellow Guardmembers – Thanks

Recently, one of our fellow Guardsmen took time to write to the *Cincinnati Inquirer* indicating that he has been serving in the Ohio National Guard since April 1974. His letter contained a reminder of the times in which the Guard has served the state in tornadoes, brush fires, floods and heavy winter snow storms.

Quoting further from his letter, he states that he remembers how bitter he felt choking from the smoke of a field on fire as he filled out a job application the following day. Continuing, he stated that he gracefully understood when the personnel department said, 'sorry, but those two weeks in the summer are ...'. He was then told, 'I'm truly sorry we can't use you.'

The Guardsman then makes two statements. One was that he'd like to hear someone say thanks. I think we all feel this way but I remember several years ago when I took on a community project, and a thankless one at that, I stated that 'if someone says thanks, it is more than I expect.' It's one of the prices we pay for serving.

His other statement was to his fellow Guardsmen and Reservists who lose over-

time pay, advancement and sometimes, their jobs. To these individuals, he renders his personal thanks. He said he's proud to serve with members of the Guard and hopes to enjoy many more years of this service. His final sentence was, 'without you, the members of the Guard, the mission would be impossible.'

In view of the recent Supreme Court decision, even though it was split 5-4, it appears that employers are no longer compelled to make up time lost for military duty. In other words, they have to give you the time off but if it happens to be on a regularly scheduled work day, it's not compulsory that they schedule the hours lost. The full effects are currently under review.

Most employers are extremely cooperative. There are those who are not but to categorize all employers as being uncooperative would be a mistake. Some of our Guardmembers aren't always cooperative either.

The Guardsman's letter, however, is well taken because it happens, just as he stated, only too often.

The thing that we have to recognize is that in this country of ours with our personal lib-

erties and rights, these situations are unfortunately part of the "cost of freedom." That cost, along with those who say 'hell no, we won't go,' those who burn the American flag; those who feel no responsibility for the security of our nation; those who challenge the legality of using social security numbers for registration, and I could go on and on, create a need for us to stop and ask ourselves, 'could these things happen without the guarantees of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights?'

This is the price of freedom and is something with which we have to live. That's what democracy is all about. The tragedy, however, lies in the American lives that are lost needlessly because we fail to understand that freedom also carries with it an ominous responsibility. Throughout our history, there are the few who have always provided the needs of security so that we can enjoy these freedoms. This will not change.

Thus, perhaps you can understand my pride and appreciation for those who choose to serve in order to insure that the "price of freedom" does not, in the end, "cost us our freedom."

Supreme Court Rules on Employment

The recent Supreme Court Decision in "Monroe vs Standard Oil" has caused much concern throughout the National Guard. The following article is the official Department of Defense position paper prepared by the Assistant General Counsel.

The article points out the limited nature of the Supreme Court Ruling. Individual cases of Employer Guard problems should continue to be reported, discussed and resolved at the local level wherever possible. Problems beyond local resolution should be reported to the Adjutant General's Department for investigation by the Employer Support Committee.

DOD Counsel Says:

The U.S. Supreme Court on June 17, 1981, published its decision in *Monroe vs Standard Oil Company*. The decision involved interpretation of subsection 2021(b)(3) of title 38, which reads as follows: "Any person who (is employed by a private employer) shall not be denied retention in employment or promotion or other incident or advantage of employment because of any obligation as

a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces."

After detailed analysis, the Department of Defense Assistant General Counsel (MH&PA) summarized the significance of this decision as follows: "In *Monroe vs Standard Oil Co.* the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a reservist-employee of a refinery was not entitled to be paid for job time lost when he was required to perform weekend military duty. However, because of the very unusual situation the case is not to be regarded as a precedent that is prejudicial to the retention-reemployment rights of reservists generally. Employees of the refinery, which operated continuously on a 24-hour schedule, seven days per week, were required to

work rotational shifts on various days of the week that differed from week-to-week. The reservist involved in the subject case lost work time (and hence pay) not because of discrimination by the refinery but because his fellow-workers were not willing to trade week-day for weekend-day work tours. The Supreme Court merely held that the employer here was not required to give preferential treatment to the reservist by providing special work scheduling that excluded weekend work days when that arrangement was not provided for other employees."

Mr. Justice Stewart, on behalf of the five-Justice majority of the Supreme Court, reaffirmed in his opinion that employee-reservists are protected against discriminatory acts by employers, such as discharge, denial of promotional opportunities, or other adverse treatment resulting solely from the performance of their military obligations. Accordingly, it is the view of this office that *Monroe* should be limited to the very unusual facts of that atypical case and that as so limited it will not adversely affect the Reserve program of the Military Services or the civilian job entitlements of their Guard and Reserve members.

**Remember:
ONGEA
Clippers Game
August 29**

Once Again Guard Called Upon to Help

BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS AND 2ND
LT. KEVIN MCLINN

Staff Members

When a storm system, accompanied by tornados and heavy rains swept across western Ohio June 13-14, members from units of the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate) were called out in three communities to assist in relief efforts.

In Morrow County, where a tornado touchdown killed four people and injured more than 60 others in the small community of Cardington, members of Battery A 1/136th Field Artillery, Marion, were on the scene within an hour of notification. Reinforcements from Headquarters Battery and Battery B in Bucyrus arrived within a few hours of the call for assistance.

In all, more than 100 members of the 1/136th FA aided local police in patrolling the devastated town. Sightseers and minor looting plagued the community. Cardington was declared June 16 to be a federally recognized major disaster area.

Governor James A. Rhodes was quick to respond and was in Cardington within a few hours after the storm. Among the first that he ordered to come to the aid of the community was the National Guard.

A Guard Helicopter arrived to survey damage and airlift victims who needed to go to specific hospitals in order to get special treatment.

More than 170 homes and 29 businesses were destroyed by the storm. Guardmembers provided the man power for heavy patrols in the first few evenings following the

disaster. In addition to manning roadblocks to keep the curious from hampering clean-up operations, the Guard also assisted local officials in enforcing a curfew until the area could be secured.

"The potential for thievery and fires is notoriously high following disasters so it was the primary job of the local law enforcement agencies and the Guard to prevent the entry of outsiders. By the afternoon of the next day only one arrest was made and that was for disorderly conduct in a public emergency," exclaimed Tom E. Harden, Morrow County Sheriff.

According to Chief Roy F. Fox, Cardington's marshal, the community couldn't have functioned without the Guard's assistance.

"In the areas of town hardest hit by the
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TORNADO DAMAGE GREAT — The tornado caused what Governor Rhodes referred to as the worst 'per capita' damage in Ohio's history. Most of the buildings in the business district of the town suffered major damage or complete destruction. (PHOTO BY 2nd. LT. KEVIN MCLINN)

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tornado, we had downed power lines and leaking gas mains," Fox said. "With the Guard's help in keeping people away from these potentially dangerous areas, we managed to keep accidents during clean-up operations to a minimum."

When asked about the Guard's job, during a walking tour of the damage with several people from the news media and town officials, the Governor proudly stated, "the National Guard has done a tremendous job."

Heavy rains created so many problems in the communities of Findlay and Ottawa that 120 members from Combat Support Company and Headquarters Company of the 1/148th Infantry Battalion were called out on Sunday, June 14, to assist in evacuations and clean-up operations from flood waters.

According to Capt. Jack Lee, officer in charge of the detail, the water was 6-8 feet deep in places. In some areas, the roads were impassable except by 5-ton military trucks, used to deliver food and necessities to stranded disaster victims.

On June 21, Putnam, Wyandot and Hancock Counties were added to the list of major disaster areas because of the flooding.

The Combat Support Company in Findlay were having a few problems of their own when flood waters reached the four-foot mark—inside their armory.

In Ottawa where the Guard aided in cleaning up sandbags after the flooding the members of the detail were involved in a potentially dangerous situation when they were called upon to retrieve two 250-gallon propane bottles that had broken loose from a trailer court and were floating free.

In addition to the Guardmembers working at the disaster sites, others were working behind the scenes to aid disaster victims. Volunteers from the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, an air guard unit, from Mansfield, provided administrative type assistance for the Disaster Assistance Centers set up in Cardington and Findlay. Jane Kagy, Company B, 237th Support Battalion, also aided state and federal officials with processing applications for aid from victims.

Also, members of the Ohio Naval Militia, headed by Capt. Robert VerBerg, were on hand to assist in the disaster relief effort.



1/148th HEADQUARTERS ACTIVATED — For 34 members of the Lima 148th Headquarters Company what started out to be a weekend drill in June ended in Ottawa, Ohio the 16th of June.

A platoon left Lima Armory for Ottawa, a city under water as a result of the Blanchard river leaving its bank on Sunday evening to aid in flood evacuation, rescue efforts and security patrols.

As a result of the Guardsmen's efforts the town was able to resume normal operation by the end of the week.

Hartman Selected as Service Person of Year

BY SRA NANCY J. FREE

160th ARG (SAC)

CMSgt. Laurence P. Hartman, Sr., 160th CAMS, Ohio National Guard, received the distinction of being named Service-person of the Year at the annual Armed Forces Day Luncheon held at the Masonic Temple in Columbus, Ohio. He was recognized for his outstanding military achievements and contributions to our country.

This award is given yearly to one member from each of the eight U.S. Armed Forces

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components. CMSgt. Hartman represents the Serviceperson of the Year for the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

Nominees for this award are judged by the Armed Forces Community Relations Council (AFCRC) composed of prominent and interested citizens of the Columbus area on the following six categories:

1) fostering of military civilian relations in the Columbus Metropolitan area; 2) military accomplishments; 3) poise and military bearing; 4) ability to speak; 5) community

involvement; and 6) knowledge of world affairs and current events.

CMSgt. Hartman, who joined the Ohio Air National Guard in November of 1950, has served his unit, community, and country with distinction since his enlistment.

He resides at 5118 Meadowbrook Drive, Columbus, with his wife Grace and their four children.

Hartman's civilian job also centers around the Air National Guard. He is a Programs and Mobility Air Technician at Rickenbacker ANGB.

Bagan is Airman of Year Listen Up



JUST CLOWNING AROUND! — TSgt. Judy Bagan tries to keep children happy at many of the local hospitals in the Marion area.

BY SSGT. NANCY CLEVENGER

HHD, Worthington

TSgt. JUDY G. BAGAN, 179th Communications Flight, has been selected as the "1981 Airman of the Year."

TSgt. Bagan, a resident of Marion, Ohio, was selected not only for her outstanding military expertise, appearance and bearing, but also because of her varied civilian contributions.

She is involved in children's educational activities, participates in the Parent Teachers Association, assists in teaching slow learner disability students, is an elementary school room mother and is a member of the Gifted Children's Program in and around the Marion, Ohio area.

TSgt. Bagan attends the Ohio State Uni-

versity, Marion campus, and is a wife and mother of two sons.

When time permits, Judy spends her time performing as a clown. She visits Pediatric and Children's wards at various hospitals spreading happiness to the sick, disabled or underprivileged children. Her recognition as a clown is renowned in many areas of Marion and also cities in Minnesota where she began her clown career.

**Rickenbacker
Air Show-
Sept. 12**

Hearing Conservation Is Important

Although Guardsmembers may be exposed to weapons, vehicles and military aviation noise only once a month at unit drills, there is good reason to practice hearing protection. For some individuals, even limited high level noise exposure may result in permanent damage to hearing.

Many Guardsmembers work in civilian industries, such as construction, steel fabrication, textiles, and transportation, where hazardous noise conditions exist. This daily noise exposure risk is significantly magnified when the Guardsmember spends a weekend firing a weapon, operating an armored vehicle, using power tools, or flying a helicopter or driving a 2½ ton or larger truck.

Hearing conservation is not only good preventive medicine, it is required by federal law for all federal employees, by AR 40-5 and AGOR 40-5 and by numerous other Army Regulations and National Guard Regulations. The challenge for Guard units is to establish an adequate hearing conservation program without the medical support that an Active Army unit has available from post medics. In other words, what can a Guard unit do on its own to prevent unnecessary loss of hearing from noise exposure?

A hearing conservation program for a Guard unit should have four elements: identification, education, hearing protectors, and command support.

The identification element warns that hazardous noise exists in a particular area of activity. For example, caution signs are required to be posted in all indoor and outdoor firing ranges, aircraft and large vehicles and where noisy machinery is operated.

Second, the program should provide education to unit personnel as to the danger to hearing from exposure to high levels of noise, with emphasis on the necessity for properly wearing hearing protectors. Because an earplug or earmuff is useless unless

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Rickenbacker Memorial is September 12

On September 12, 1981, the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Memorial will take place at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio. This is to be an annual event, commemorating the contributions that "Captain Eddie" left to the civilian and military community in Central Ohio.

Army and Air National Guard units will participate in a joint exercise called "OPERATION: RICKENBACKER MEMORIAL." This is a tremendous opportunity to display to our communities the overall ability and contribution the Ohio National Guard makes to the national military defense posture.

For too long in Central Ohio, and partic-

ularly the units located on the then Rickenbacker Air Force Base, we allowed the active military to overshadow our own community involvement. Since the demise of the Active Air Force it became the responsibility of the National Guard and Reserves to fill the void.

Static displays, plus a combat scenario of events, will provide all units an opportunity to show their professional capabilities. Combining these displays with an array of civilian aircraft and events will provide an exciting day for everyone.

When your unit is contacted for equipment or for personnel to participate, keep

in mind this will be an exercise that will require our finest and most professional efforts.

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker died July 23, 1973. His memory and example will live as an inspiration to all Guardsmembers and Reservists, to dream and to make their dreams come true — to make our country strong.

In his words, "Then, and only then, can we say, when the candle of life burns low — thank God, I have given my best to the land that has given so much to me."

His concepts mirror ours and September 12, 1981, the Ohio National Guard will be there to honor this great American.

121st Returns From Desert "War" In Utah

BY MAJ. STEPHEN M. KOPER

121st Tactical Fighter Wing

Ribbons of heat rose from the sun-baked concrete of the taxiway as a returning A-7D Corsair II rolled to a stop under the watchful eyes of its crew chief. As the jet engine spun into silence, a team of maintenance men and weapons loaders scurried to prepare the aircraft for another strike mission deep into enemy territory.

The place is a little-used World War II bomber base in the salt flats of western Utah. The time is now, and the purpose is "war."

Airman Daniel E. Fields of Pickerington was one of those maintenance men pouring over the A-7D even before its pilot had climbed from the cockpit. Dan is a member of the 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. The "war" was a two week deployment by the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, to a simulated air war nicknamed Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) Red Flag 81-4.

Red Flag is an aircrew readiness training program which provides aircrews with a realistic training environment that simulates the threats they may encounter in combat. Red Flag is the most realistic combat training available anywhere in the world.

Maintenance is an integral part of meeting the demands of combat missions. The aircraft are pushed to the limit during their sorties. They must be fine tuned and ready. Dan sums it up this way, "We work together as a unit. When a pilot steps down from the aircraft and says, 'good airplane,' it gives you a great feeling. Then I know I'm doing my part."

COCKPIT SYSTEMS A-OK — A1C DAN FIELDS of Pickerington checks out the cockpit of an A-7D Corsair II fighter aircraft before the fighter returns to combat. Dan and other members of the 121st TFW recently returned from fighting a "war" in the deserts of western Utah and Nevada. (PHOTO BY SrA JIM BOLING)



Hearing Conservation is a Must (Continued From Pg. 6)

worn, education is important to motivate individuals into making the effort to use the hearing safety devices.

Issuing hearing protectors forms the third element of a unit hearing conservation program. There are a variety of protectors available through supply channels which have been tested and found effective (see AGOR 40-5)

The triple and single flange rubber earplugs have a drawback; each must be fitted individually by a qualified medic as the size

of the earplug must match the dimensions of the ear canal. Unit supply must have all sizes of these plugs on hand.

Finally, command support for hearing conservation is essential in order to reduce

the widespread extent of hearing impairment, and thus, increase communication efficiency and lower compensation costs.

Noise-induced hearing loss is a permanent impairment. Perhaps hearing is appreciated fully only when impaired, as it affects not only speech but also social and family relationships, employment, and psychological well-being. Hearing can be protected in the Ohio Army National Guard. (PARTIAL REPRINT FROM ARMY RESERVE MAGAZINE.)

*Retired Officers
Conference Sept. 26-27
Camp Perry*

180th TFG Fire Training Facility is First in Guard

BY SRA LORI DONIERE

180th TAC Ftr. Grp.

Because an emergency situation can happen at any time, a fireman's job has to be second nature. It is vital that he or she keep up-to-date on training. The Fire Training Facility located across from the Toledo Air National Guard Base helps the 180th Fire Department personnel keep well-trained and the envy of other Guard units.

The Fire Training facility was once a training center for the Toledo Fire Division. Due to budget cutbacks, the Toledo Fire Division was no longer able to afford the facility. It is now operated and used by the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, although, Chief William H. Winkle of the Toledo Fire Division, says Toledo fire-fighters still use the facility, often training with personnel from the 180th.

According to TSgt. Walt Brown, 180th Fire Chief, the training facility is the first and only fire training facility in the Guard system. The facility provides areas to improve the fire-fighters structural and crash capabilities, and for storing all types of equipment, noted Brown.

In the past two years, while the 180th Fire-fighters have been using the facility, other Guard unit fire departments have also been taking advantage of the "Triangle Area." The 178th TFG, Springfield, the 179th Airlift Group, Mansfield, and the 181st Tactical Fighter Group from Terra Haute, Indiana, have enhanced their firefighting skills at the training facility.

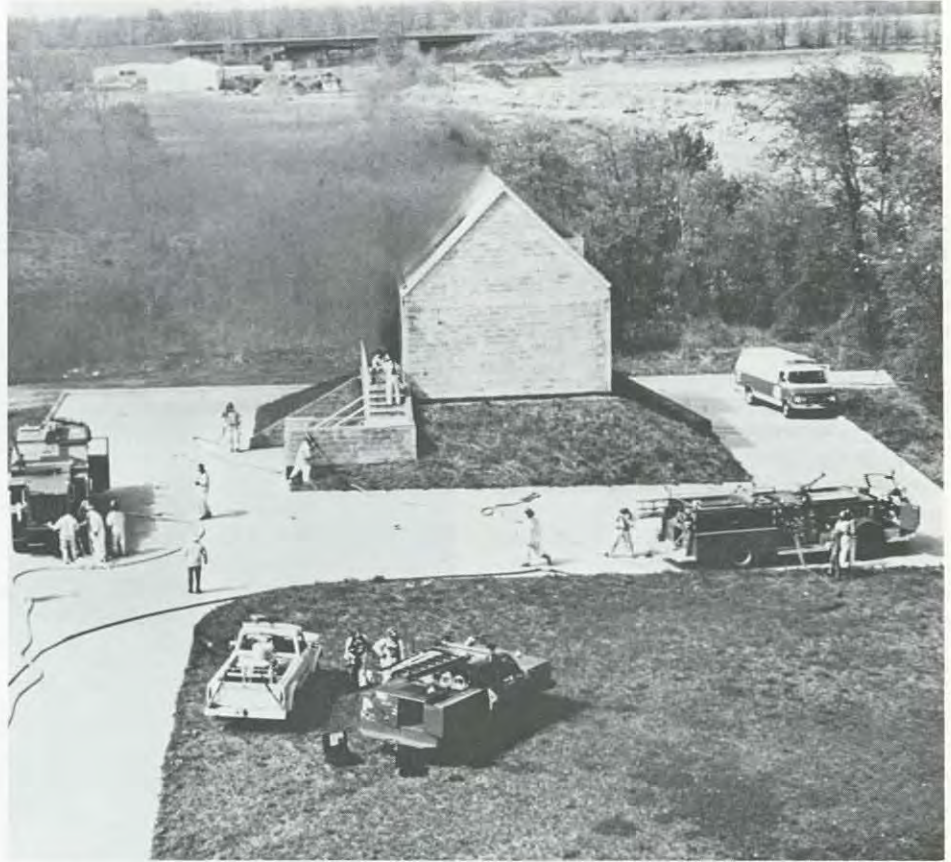
Some of the 20 firefighting areas the facility provides for training include: burning fires, smoke, mask and rescue operations, sprinklers and standpipes, ventilation, victim extraction, jaws-of-life, fire prevention, natural gas fires and large aircraft fires.

Many civilian fire departments have also trained at the "Triangle" with the 180th fire-fighters. According to Swanton, Ohio, Fire Department Chief Louie Taylor, his crew trained with the 180th on aircraft fires.

"We felt the aircraft disaster training held at the fire facility and conducted by the 180th was a good training experience," said Chief Taylor. "We're sitting in an air traffic pattern, and my territory covers all around the Toledo Express Airport and the Air National Guard Base. So my crew would get first call if a military or civilian aircraft fire should start in this area," he said.

The Toledo Fire Division and the 180th Fire Department have developed a device which hooks the military P-4 fire fighting vehicle into civilian fire fighting trucks with aerial towers, allowing the P-4 to pump foam that can extinguish a blaze at the top of a gas tank or a tall building.

The 180th Tac Ftr Grp is proud of their training in all areas of firefighting and proud of their training facility.



A SMOKING BUILDING — At its fire fighting Training Facility, the 180th Fire Department practices fighting a structure blaze.



HOOKING IT UP — SRA Robert Mayberry and TSgt. Gary Studer install a special coupling device developed by the Toledo Fire Division and the 180th that allows a hook-up between Guard and civilian fire trucks.

385th MED, Local Agencies Team Up in Practice

BY SP4 CHUCK TRITT

196th P.A.D.

A tornado has just ripped through the town and many injured people are lying about. Now help arrives in the form of National Guard and civilian ambulances, civilian police, and fire fighters. This, however, was not a real disaster, it was a drill.

The 385th Medical Co. (Ambulance) of Tiffin, Ohio, recently participated in the mass casualty exercise at the Attica fairgrounds as part of regular drill weekend activities.

The exercise made use of 'patients' with tags on their clothing describing their injuries and make-up and rubber 'wounds' to make it all look realistic. The 'injuries' ranged in severity from minor to fatal with some patients being dead when help arrived. One woman was even made-up to be in labor when help arrived.

Signs denoted burning buildings and live electrical wires that required the attention of fire fighters. There were also patients 'trapped' in wrecked cars.

Hospitals are required to have their disaster plans tested twice each year, according to Capt. Doug Maser, unit commander, "We found that we could include a lot of our unit training and evaluation requirements in an

exercise that would help the hospitals," Maser explained.

"Our major objective was to find our weaknesses so that we could correct them," said SFC Milton Link. Link is one of three members of the committee which planned the exercise.

Hospitals participating in the exercise were Tiffin Mercy Hospital, Willard Area Hospital, and the Bellevue Hospital. Also participating were the Seneca County Red Cross, Seneca County Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) units, the police and fire departments of Republic, Bloomville, Willard, Tiffin, Attica and Bellevue, the Seneca County Sheriff's Office and Disaster Services Coordinator, Seneca County Boy Scouts, Seneca East High School students, and the Seneca County Coroner's Office.

The EMT units who are made up of people licensed by the state to provide emergency medical care and who usually staff private ambulances and rescue squads, and some members of the Red Cross, assisted with treating patients during the exercise.

The fire departments helped in rescuing patients that could not be safely reached by the medical personnel and the police and sheriff's department temporary morgue was

set up at the site by the sheriff's office with the help of the county Coroner. The Boy Scouts and high school students volunteered as patients for the drill.

During a briefing of the EMT's, Red Cross members, and Guard troops, Link outlined what would have to be done, "You must find the patients, treat them, and transport them." Link also reminded everyone present that it is only a drill and that no one should get carried away by doing something dangerous while trying to help a patient. "The fire fighters are here to help. If you have a patient on a roof call them. Make full use of all your resources," Link added.

The results of the exercise were impressive. Over 90 patients were found, treated, and transported in one hour and 10 minutes, according to Thomas Showman, a planning committee member.

"I saw a lot of cases where two people in two different types of uniforms were carrying the same stretcher," said Second Platoon Leader, 2nd Lt. Julie Hughes.

"When someone said move, everyone, both military and civilian would move," said Showman.

According to Link, everyone he talked to after the drill—the hospitals, the Sheriff and the EMT supervisor—were very positive about the Guard's performance.

Planning for this drill took over three months to complete with meetings held almost weekly according to Link, The Red Cross supervisor and many county officials helped in the planning.

"We let people know we're here and what we can do during this drill; it was very definitely worth the work," concluded Link.

A, 1/166th Support the Deaf

BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS

237th Spt. Bn. (Admin)

On May 16, 1981, Company A, 1/166th Infantry in Washington Court House, Ohio, opened the doors of the armory to the community for displays, hearing tests, and information concerning hearing impairment. In conjunction with Deaf Incorporated, the men of Company A put on rappelling demonstrations and displays of Infantry weapons and equipment.

Rappelling demonstrations off the 40 foot face of the armory were given by 2nd Lt. William Flynt III and selected volunteers. Children of the community received rappelling instruction and rides in 1/4 ton trucks. The community was treated to displays of the TOW and Dragon weapon systems, machine guns, mortars and rifles.

1st Sgt. Neil Shirkie, a 2nd Degree Black Belt, and his band of karate experts put on awesome demonstrations. These were capped by 1st Sgt. Shirkie setting a new world's record by having 48 inches of concrete broken on his chest, by his National Guard unit members, while lying on a bed of broken glass. It goes without saying that nobody talks back to the First Shirt.

Approximately 1,500 people passed through the armory to see the displays and receive information on hearing loss. This activity was part of the on-going effort to maintain 100 percent authorized strength and make Company A part of the community who we have the proud opportunity to serve.



1989 PROSPECT TRAINS TODAY! — PSgt. Crabtree assists a very young prospect in rappelling.

Warrant Officer Professional Development Coming

The Army National Guard, in an effort to upgrade the proficiency of its personnel and retain those highly trained and valuable members, will soon be implementing the Warrant Officer Professional Development (WOPD) Program.

The WOPD Program will make educational requirements mandatory for promotion and retention of all warrant officers.

Unique to the Army National Guard, this program will not only insure that ARNG Warrant Officers receive the latest training available, but will also encourage the retention of dedicated officers.

In order to be eligible for promotion under the new program, a warrant officer must have completed the required minimum time in grade and either the resident or non-resident educational requirements necessary for promotion in his or her particular area of expertise.

54th Support Center is One of 18 in Force

BY MAJ. EDWIN E. HALL

54th Spt. Center

The 54th Support Center located in the Beightler Armory in Worthington, Ohio is a "Rear Area Operations Center" (RAOC). There are only 18 such units in the force structure and all are in the Army National Guard.

There has been a considerable amount of discussion over the past decade about Rear Area Protection (RAP) and the Rear Area Combat Operations (RACO). These discussions have been aimed at how to prevent disruption of the support services in the Corps rear area. The RAOC was formed and designed to coordinate protection and damage

control of the rear area during peacetime and to monitor the actual battle in wartime.

The RAOC consists of a Center Headquarters, Admin/Log section, Security Plans and Operations section, Rear Area Security section and an Area Damage Control section.

Disruption of rear area operations is a key element of threat military doctrine. Prime targets will include, but not be limited to, nuclear storage or delivery sites, communications networks, command and control centers, supply facilities, pipelines and airfields.

The threat to the Corps rear area is divided into three levels. Level I consists of individual agents or sympathizers conducting random acts of sabotage, theft and assassination.

The second level consists of small units conducting reconnaissance raids and diversionary operations. Level III threats are relatively large scale operations such as airborne and airmobile attacks to secure bridgeheads, seize airfields or other targets vital to their operations.

Training the unit was complicated by a recent change to doctrine on use of a RAOC and the fact that the unit is authorized 18 different enlisted MOS's. The training of the NCO and development of junior officers is of prime importance. Twenty-seven out of 60 enlisted personnel have completed over 2600 hours of nonresident courses during the past year, not including the numerous additional hours completed by the officers. This is about 100 hours per enrolled individual.

The 54th Support Center was reorganized October 1, 1978. Prior to that time, the unit had a dual mission as a RAOC and Command and Control of Ohio non-brigade units. The CAC now has the second mission. In March 1980, the unit was at 75 percent strength and MOS qualification was 58 percent. In January 1981, the unit was 101 percent strength and 80 percent MOS qualified. Lt. Col. Benjamin D. Rowe, Center Commander, is very proud of the 54th Support Center.

One of the factors contributing to the improved posture of the unit is the Full-time Manning Program which authorized three additional full-time employees for the unit. The hiring of a Training NCO, Supply Sergeant, and Administrative Specialist has had a positive impact on the unit and its readiness posture.

The 54th Support Center began a very ambitious summer schedule involving Annual Training at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. During July, a five-man cell will participate in OCONUS deployment training and in August, 45 members of the unit will participate in LOGEX 81. By the end of summer, the unit should be well trained in the new RAOC doctrine.

Pathfinders in Unique Course



CHECKING THE BUCKLES — MSgt. Arthur Hutchins (right) checks the parachute on Sp4 James Compton

BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS

237th Spt. Bn (Admin.)

Nine members of the 77th Pathfinder Detachment of the 73D Infantry Brigade (Sep) are taking part in a program unique to the state.

The Advanced Airborne Training (Jumpmaster) course they are a part of marks the first time a major command in Ohio has sponsored such a program, conducted almost entirely by Brigade members.

"We recognized a need for qualified jumpmasters in the Pathfinders," explained MSgt. (P) Arthur A. Hutchins, the Brigade's Senior Enlisted Army Advisor, and course coordinator and instructor.

"Within the Brigade, we have three qualified and accredited jumpmaster instructors, including myself, Sgt. Mark Arnold and Sgt. Harley Rittenhouse, both detachment members," he said.

"With a little initial help from a military assistance team from Readiness Region VI, we were off and running."

The jumpmaster course will culminate in 21 jumps planned for the students during the first eight days of summer camp in late July.

Hutchins sees the course as a peak on a pyramid, with the course's students some day serving as instructors for fellow Pathfinders.

"The goal is to have every Pathfinder in the Brigade fully qualified as a jumpmaster," Hutchins said.

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August 29, 1981

26th Engineers Recognize Need

BY SP4 RAY EBNER

196th P.A.D.

We all know of classes that we attend during drills which help us to improve our knowledge and keep us up-to-date on our equipment, safety, and current issues regarding the Guard.

We also know how important communications are in our units. This brings up a whole new idea in the way of classes during weekend drills at the 26th Engineer Company in Brookpark, Ohio.

The fact that the 26th Engineers have 16 Hispanics in their unit brought about the need for a resolution of a particular communication problem—a language barrier. Said Lt. Steven Moore, "Not too many units in the state have the challenge of two languages to contend with."

Sp4 Adrian Maldonado was the first to recognize the problem and initiated the idea of starting an English class for the Spanish speaking members of the 26th. Arrangements were made with Dr. Raul Vega, director of the Spanish American Community, to come during the 26th Engineers weekend drills to instruct the class.

Most members have also agreed to attend classes on their own with Dr. Vega during the week, so that they will not forget what they learn from one drill to the next. The class is also designed to help anyone in the unit who has not graduated from high school to prepare for the G.E.D. test. The class was started in January of this year.



HELPING OTHERS — Sp4 Adrian Maldonado initiated the English class

Recognizing the special needs of their Spanish speaking members, the 26th is helping their careers in the Guard and with their

civilian lives. Breaking the communications barrier helps them get the jobs they want and need in a society of a different language.

VISTA 1999 Looks to Future of Guard

BY PFC D. S. DANKWORTH

196th P.A.D.

"What do we need to do to meet the goals of the National Guard at the end of the century?"

That is the question facing Vista 1999, according to Maj. Gen. Robert W. Teater, Commander of the Ohio Area Command and a member of that task force.

The task force, Teater said, is comprised of a National Guard, an Air Guard and a Joint panel that is meeting three days a month at the Pentagon to "recommend future missions, goals and requirements of the National Guard," to help meet projected National Defense requirements.

Teater said the task force's final report is due in December of 1981.

He said until that time, the task force will work with top level officers from the National Guard Bureau, Departments of Army and Air Force, along with Department of Defense officials on "sensitive issues dealing with the future."

"We want to come up with some new

concepts and opportunities for the Guard," he said.

Those opportunities could include better uniforms, better equipment, more effective training, and broader educational benefits for soldiers.

Teater added that the task force is looking for better ways to recruit and motivate the individual soldier.

"Whatever we plan comes right down to that," he said.

Teater went on to say that the task force has been directed to "investigate anything that might strengthen and modernize the Guard."

That includes, he said, welcoming any suggestions from any soldier and also any public input.

He said suggestions could be sent directly to him or through the Adjutant General's

office.

The task force, Teater said, is considering among other things, three strengths that the National Guard may be able to contribute to the Total Force concept; combining active Army strengths with strengths of the National Guard.

He emphasized, though, that there will always be a need for a National Guard.

"They are like police on the street," he said. They are ready in a moments notice in time of emergency.

Teater also stresses that though the National Guard realizes it's commitment to the Total Force concept, it also strongly realizes its state commitments.

The three strengths of the Guard that the task force is looking at are:

The ability to train soldiers for less than 10 percent of training costs for active forces.

The Guard's ability to draw on civilian skills.

And the Guard's unique opportunity to have a closer day-to-day relationship with the civilian community.

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RCATS in the Air, ADA at Perry

BY SSGT. NANCY M. CLEVENGER

HHD, Worthington

The 2/174th ADA Battalion M42 Automatic Weapon Self Propelled "Dusters" were lined up ready for firing as the morning sun came up. The men in the control towers gave the "all clear" signal indicating Lake Erie was free of boats in the firing line, when suddenly, about four-hundred feet overhead, a small red-and-white plane began approaching the target area.

The unmanned, radio-controlled plane, RCATS (Radio-Controlled Aerial Targets),

12½ feet long, having a wingspan of 11½ feet, has a target banner attached to it which encloses a radar unit, that sends back "beeping" signals on a receiver located in the S-3 section, to indicate a hit or miss. If a 40mm shell gets within close proximity of the target banner it is considered a hit.

The radio-controlled planes can do almost anything a real airplane does, although it's smaller and costs much less to operate.

The RCATS, at an average cost of \$13,500, can fly at an altitude of 20,000+ feet, can go into dives, stalls, etc., and can stay airborne for more than an hour with a

top speed of 200+ mph.

The 210th Aerial Defense Artillery Detachment in Kettering operates and maintains the RCATS, used by the 2/174th Battalion for Aerial gunnery.

As the plane neared the target area, the excitement grew in the firing lane. The men readied the dusters for firing and when the plane was in their line of fire the booms began. Each team wanted to be the one to gun down the plane. The S-3 section, who operates the range, and could immediately read the scoring and bullet counter, said the duster crews were scoring around 96 percent hits.

During the RCATS training the Ohio Naval Militia was on duty in order to recover the downed planes. They recovered seven of them which were hauled in and repaired for the next training exercise, saving the government thousands of dollars.

Sp4 Patrick Lyons and PFC Chris Long are among the teammates who make sure each aircraft is in flying condition. Sp4 Lyons said, "The planes are fun to operate and are like the real thing."

SSgt. Matthew Henry mans the control box that flies the planes. He said, "We try to fly the planes toward the gunners as if they're in a real life situation. We can really get into playing war without the high cost of losing real planes."

When a hit is made the men on the dusters shout and hit each other on the back as though they downed a real plane. The enthusiasm of the 2/174th remained strong, even though they spent long, hot, dusty hours on the firing line; sometimes up to 12 or 15 hours, after which they readied their dusters for the next day's firing.

A group of 32 teenagers, along with a Cub Scout group, watched the thrilling site as the dusters fired and occasionally downed a plane.

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STEERING THE CAT — SSgt. Matthew Henry mans the control box that flies the planes.

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Air Defense, F-16 Pilot Compare Notes

BY CAPT. THOMAS A. GRANDSTAFF

Btry A, 2/174th ADA

Battery A, 2/174th ADA Bn., Logan, was taking their crew combat readiness evaluation test when 2nd Lt. Thomas Daubenmire, of the U.S. Air Force, arrived at the Logan Armory. This was to be a day of sharing information.

His day with the Air Defense began with a quick tour of the air defense crews' test stations, including the ground-to-air laser tracking and crew firing of sub-caliber devices on the indoor range. The accuracy of the gunners on these stations was very good, and this knowledge helped sustain the air defenders through the Air Force film on the general capabilities of the F-16 jet fighter.

After the film, an exchange of questions and answers between Air Force and Army took place. At first all interest centered around the F-16. With each answer from Lt. Daubenmire about his aircraft, the depression of the "triple A" (Anti Aircraft Artillery), as the Air Force calls us, grew deeper. Upon Lt. Daubenmire's inspecting of the size of the 40mm round used by the dusters, the "triple A" crewman felt better.

In any exchange of information both sides must ask questions. Lt. Daubenmire helped raise the air defenders spirits when he asked questions about the M-42 duster weapons systems, rate of fire, range, and number of weapons in a battery.

Of prime concern to pilots is the ability

of friendly ground troops to recognize friendly aircraft, and not fire on them. Lt. Daubenmire pointed out that he hoped that everyone present learned to identify the F-16.

On the Army side, the major question everyone wanted to know was what can a pilot see while flying high and fast? Lt. Daubenmire answered that smoke, dust, and reflections usually helped identify targets quickly, and adequately camouflaged vehicles were hard to locate. He expressed his greatest concern regarding "triple A" fire to be the volume of fire that could be put into his flight path.

The number of bombs and rockets available and their accuracy was very impressive, but, as Lt. Daubenmire was quick to point out, the air defenders would accomplish their mission if they shot down the attacking aircraft, or diverted the pilot's attention so the bombs missed their targets. If a target is missed by the bombs and rockets, that means the pilots must come back to try to destroy it. This does not make pilots happy if the flak is heavy and accurate.

Tactics of shoot, move, shoot, and how to maneuver those high flyers into flak traps were discussed. Mutual admiration for each other's job—on the ground and in the air—was quite evident. All hope that he learned as much as they did, and that the fortunes of war will never accidentally pit them against each other.

Vietnam Vets Honored

BY SSgt. DAVID L. TAYLOR

178th Tac FtrGrp.

The Vietnam era veteran was not forgotten in Springfield thanks to the concern of Springfield North High School's politics club, involved in Modern Affairs.

The 40 students decided something should be done to remember and honor those who had served in Vietnam. Their efforts became a community project for the City of Springfield and resulted in Springfield's "A Weekend To Remember — 1981."

The weekend started with recognition of Vietnam Veterans at their jobs by employers and fellow employees. A rally was held at Springfield's Memorial Hall. The program included band music, proclamations and speeches by veterans and other dignitaries from the Springfield area followed by the firing of a 21-gun salute. Across the stage was a large banner saying, "Thank you, Vietnam Veterans."

Members of the community said their "Thank you's" with a Porchlight Tribute, by keeping their porchlights on for three hours that evening. The idea of a Porchlight Tribute was also suggested to Governor Rhodes and President Reagan for use on a larger scale.

Springfield Mayor, Roger L. Baker, said, "I hope this program is a beginning to treat the Vietnam veteran as we have veterans of other wars. We should expect no more; we should expect no less."

Ohio Naval Militia Helps the ADA

BY RALPH D-J FUHR

Members of the Ohio Naval Militia were on active duty for training at Camp Perry in June. Manning a 44-foot boat on Lake Erie under the command of Lt. Comdr. Richard Whitney, they were assigned the task of retrieving target drones downed over the lake by Ohio National Guardsmen during anti-aircraft firing training June 16-18 and 22-24. Members of 2d Bn 174th ADA of Athens, did the firing.

The Ohio Naval Militia was reactivated by the Legislature in 1978, and established to provide a cadre force of a headquarters company and ships companies to assist the Ohio National Guard in the event of an emergency declared by the Governor.

The Militia has Headquarters located at the Beightler Armory Complex, Worthington, and established the first of three planned ships companies on May 4, 1980, at Toledo.

Crafts used for training are surplus LCVPs, LARCs, J-boat, a jet boat and a tug-boat. The Headquarters and Ships Company are operating at the present time on a voluntary basis without any financial allocation from the Ohio Legislature.

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IN PORT — Members of the Ohio Naval Militia survey their craft. The militia helped recover target drones at Camp Perry.

1193rd Builds Bridges in Germany

BY SGT. MARK S. BRACKNEY

1193rd Engineer Company

Seventy-two members of Cincinnati's 1193rd Engineer Co. (Panel Bridge), 512th Engineer Battalion, completed two weeks of what was described as "wet, muddy and cold" annual training near Frankfurt, Germany.

The troops conducted training that coincides with what their mission would be if the unit were activated for duty in Europe, said Lt. Col. Jack D. Arnett, the battalion commander. He added that the overseas site was selected for two important reasons:

To provide the troops with hands-on training on four bridges that they are familiar with only through military manuals, and Germany is one of the only three locations where four bridges exist in close proximity.

Captain Kevin G. Wilson, the unit commander, said the unpleasant weather dampened the men's spirits, but didn't hamper their training. Even though it rained 12 of the 14 days the unit was there, and the temperatures varied from between 30 and 50 degrees, the unit went about its full schedule of learning how to erect a Mobile Assault Bridge, the medium girder bridge, the ribbon bridge and an aluminum foot bridge.

Most unit members were impressed by the mobile assault bridge; a land-and-water vehicle which connects bridge component parts by maneuvering the vehicles into a position so that the parts interconnect. The 8-cylinder diesel engine vehicles uses hydraulic power to do all the muscle-work necessary in building the bridge.

"The training really opened us up to a lot of different kinds of bridges," said Sp4 Nathaniel G. Brooks, a bridge specialist. "I don't think any one individual could remember, say, in a year from now, how to set up any of the bridges, but I know we could do it as a unit."



BUILDING A BRIDGE — 1193rd Engineers begin the last phase of work of the medium girder bridge. Use of heavy equipment was necessary to construct the bridge, which is capable of supporting some tracked and most wheeled vehicles. (PHOTO BY Sgt. MARK S. BRACKNEY)

The troops also enjoyed a tour of the East German border and a museum that contained specially devised articles which people used in escapes from the communist country.

Wilson commented that the tour brought home the fact that "there really is a place where the citizens are contained by a border that is well guarded by their forces."

Other activities on the engineers' schedule included a social gathering with a German reserve unit and, of course, some free time. For those troops who took them, tours to Heidleberg, Rothenburg (a medieval city) and several medieval castles proved a col-

orful and memorable experience.

"This entire training period was something else," said Sgt. Dale E. Horton, a bridge foreman. "Anybody who says they didn't get anything out of it is crazy."

But, alas, some aspects of the training were unpleasant, and troops voiced their opinion on these as well. In addition to the weather, the troops complained about oil drip heaters that hardly worked, damp clothes and the night training exercise.

Yet one young troop must have loved it. As soon as he arrived in Cincinnati, he started necessary paperwork that would put him on active duty and back to Germany.

King Leaves with Legacy

BY 2ND LT. TYRONE WARE

Co A 237th Spt Bn.

There is a saying in the Army, "You aren't a short timer until you can light a cigar on government time and put it out on your time."

This can be said for CSM Okey King of the 237th Spt. Bn., 73rd Infantry Bde. His last day with the 237th was spent doing what he likes best; instructing and providing guidance for NCO's at the NCO/FTX, a program he developed and implemented.

It is conducted every two years in conjunction with the annual field training exercise. It's entirely planned and conducted by the NCO's of the battalion. The Officers then evaluate their performance.

This program has strengthened the NCO's military professionalism by providing them with knowledge of their superior's responsibilities, experience in solving the peculiar

problems of the command and gives the NCO's confidence in their own abilities. It also provides the officers an opportunity to take another look at personnel in their command.

The design and implementation of the program was established in the 237th Spt. Bn., two years before a similar program was developed by the Active Army. The success of the program can be seen in the cooperation and esprit de corps of the battalion.

For the concept, design and implementation of programs like NCO/FTX and 30 years of dedicated service, CSM King was awarded the Army Meritorious Service Medal while at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, ending his career where it began.

Command Sergeant Major King has set a precedence for the junior and senior NCO's to follow by guiding and directing them in the proper military way of life.

Engineers, Jaycees Teach Safety

BY SGT. DON SCHELL

Co B, 612th Engr Bn

Youngsters are getting a 'bang' out of the training they're receiving from gun safety directors SSgt. George C. Withrow, a member of the pistol team, Co B, 612th Engineer Battalion, and Mr. Jan Busdeker from the Woodville Jaycees.

SSgt. Withrow and Mr. Busdeker, along with other Co B members, are teaching boys and girls ages seven to 14, the fundamentals of weapons safety and how to fire their Daisy BB Gun rifles.

When Mr. Busdeker was asked how he became involved with the Guard he replied, "I made a phone call to a friend and he recommended Co B because they have an expert pistol team."

"We Have to Make it Tough on Them" — Wallach

BY SSG DAVIDA MATTHEWS

237th Spt. Bn. (Admin.)

They came from across the state, their reasons for attending the Ohio Military Academy (OMA) as varied as the backgrounds they represent.

Over the next 15 months, nearly half of the officer candidates would drop out for one reason or another. Others would need

to rely upon hidden resources they weren't even aware they had. And in time, each would draw upon the strength of a group united in a common goal—becoming officers in the Ohio Army National Guard.

In mid June, 75 candidates, including nine women, completed the final and most rigorous phase of their training—a six-day tactical exercise designed to test the class under the pressures of simulated combat.

The exercise, held at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, began with an air mobile insertion. The students then moved through heavily wooded terrain to consolidate and occupy a predesignated defensive position on top of the camp's highest hill.

"This infantry portion of the candidates' training gave them a chance to apply and reinforce what they've learned and gave us the opportunity to watch for problems that may come to light when a student is under duress," explained Maj. Richard Dreiman, the OCS branch chief.

With assistance from OMA cadre, the students ran the exercise, rotating key positions such as company commander, first sergeant or platoon leader.

"Each of the students were in a position of authority at some point in time," Dreiman said. "We monitored not only what they did but how they went about getting it done."

The time spent in the field was the true test of a student's mettle. The candidates conducted offense, defense and withdrawal operations with heavy emphasis on patrolling.

Patrols continued throughout the night against aggressors—15 volunteers from the junior officer candidate class who played their parts with glee. It isn't often a junior can get the upper hand against a senior.

Tension began to build and continued to mount. By the last day and a final all-out assault using tanks and personnel carriers, complete with high speed passes by low flying fighter jets, the candidates either made it or broke under the strain.

"We have to make it tough on them," Col. Arthur E. Wallach, the academy's commandant, said. "If we miss something here, if we let one thing slide, it could mean somebody's life down the road."

Driving lessons—in M60 tanks and M113 personnel carriers—topped off the week's training. "This orientation isn't meant to be all encompassing," Dreiman explained. "We know we can't teach the candidates everything there is to know about these types of hardware. But we want them to at least understand the potentials of the equipment."

After the Camp Atterbury "trial by fire", the seniors continued their training at Camp Perry, Ohio for a week, completing BTMS requirements and preparing for graduation.

"It's a tough responsibility," Wallach explained. "We want them to learn how to do it right because that's what they're going to take back to their units. And a unit's strength is in direct proportion to the expertise of the men and women who lead it."

112th Trans- Better Than the Best



HIT THE BEACHES — The 112th transportation Battalion took part in Exercise "Translots XXI" as part of their Annual Training.

BY SSGT. CALVIN MEADOWS

112th Trans. Bn.

Most functional transportation units work with the attitude, "You call, we haul, no mission too large or too small." The 112th Transportation Battalion thinks their unit is better than most and just as good as the rest. The battalion worked hard to stand behind their way of thinking during Annual Training at Fort Eustis and Fort Story, Virginia.

They combined with Regular Army, Army Reserves and National Guard troops during their training exercise "Translots XXI" to utilize the "One Army Concept."

The 112th Trans. Bn. acted as Command and Control Headquarters for 1 Transportation Corp. Medium Truck Co., 1 transportation Corp. Light Truck Co., and 1 Transportation Corp. Terminal Transfer Co. from West Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts and Ohio, all working under the 143rd Brigade, Orlando, Florida.

The troops controlled and conducted local and line haul motor transport operations around Fort Eustis, including cargo movements to and from a fixed port, lighterage discharge point (a type of craft that goes out to meet a ship because it can't get any closer to shore, unloads the cargo from the ship and returns it to the fixed port) and also were involved in cargo consolidation reassignment and storage.

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One of the most interesting training activities for the 112th was the cargo movement operations to and from a logistical-over-the-shore environment at Fort Story, Va.

Field evaluators stated, "The movements by convoy to the field location over interstate and local highways was accomplished in a highly professional manner. The prior planning and instructions to subordinate units paid dividends in near perfect execution of motor movement while simultaneously moving cargo to the objective area without incident or accident."

One of the evaluators said, "The Battalion made excellent use of the training facilities and resources available to them and the subordinate units in the conduct and employment of equipment designated for motor transport operations."

The final surge of pride came when the evaluator's report stated, "The exercise results were outstanding and the HHD was rated as fully capable of performing their assigned TOE mission during wartime in the event of full mobilization. The unit overall demonstrated a degree of technical experience far superior to most active units and could conduct sustained operations in a field or overseas environment."

Nothing more need be added to the pride that flows within the 112th Trans. Bn. after their two weeks annual training.

**Rickenbacker
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THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

The 10th Annual Enlisted Association Conference held at the Hilton Inn North, Columbus, Ohio, was a huge success. One of the highlights during the business session was the impressive color guard performance done by SFC Linda Carpenter and SFC Judy Culbertson, HHD, Worthington and SSG Karen Welch and MSG Teri Hill of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker. Their performance was done with sabres instead of swords.

A new By-Law was passed allowing voting by secret ballot instead of roll call votes for electing the President and Vice-President.

Maj. Gen. James C. Clem gave the address and held a question and answer period. All questions were answered to everyone's satisfaction.

STATESMAN LIFE

The new Statesman Life Insurance Program, being handled by John Young, is presented in more detail in the Officer's Association column.

SOLDIER-OF-THE-YEAR

The Soldier-Of-The-Year award was presented to SSgt. Gary Smith by Brig. Gen. James M. Abraham and the Airman-Of-The-Year award was presented to SFC Judy Bagan by Brig. Gen. Edward J. Power at the evening banquet. The guest speaker, Maj. Edward Mechenbier, gave an inspiring account of his capture during the Vietnam War which lasted for six years. After the banquet dancing was the theme with the 555th Air Force Band performing.

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association are: President, Carl Bicanovsky; Vice Pres.-Army, Robert Blair; Vice Pres.-Air, Russell Leadbetter; Treasurer, Gary Brown; Chaplain, Carl Rericha; Chairman-of-the-Board, Tom Foster and Secretary, Jane Crowder; Region 1 Army, Lloyd Marvin; Dist. 1, Joe Scherer; Dist. 2, Larry Corn; Dist. 3, Dennis Spallenger; Reg. II, Ron Garber; Dist. 4, Andrew Toth; Dist. 5, Nate Monastra; Dist. 6, vacant; Reg. III, Jane Crowder; Dist. 7, vacant; Dist. 8, Bruce Moral; Dist. 9, Rolla Wagner; Dist. 10, Don Lusk; Reg. IV, Donald McDowell; Dist. 11, W.E. Long; Dist. 12, R.L. Nicholson; Dist. 13, Chet Iery, Sr.; Reg. V, Dennis Halpin; Dist. 14, Norman Danes; Dist. 15, vacant; Dist. 16, John Wagner; Reg. I-Air, Charles Ritter; Dist. 1, Cathy Hoover; Dist. 2, Ron Kline; Reg. II, John Zelnick; Dist. 3, Eugene Morrissey; Dist. 4, Eugene Harkins; and Dist. 5, Holly Foster.

1982 STATE CONFERENCE

The 1982 State Conference will be held April 23, 24 and 25 at the French Quarters Holiday Inn, Perrysburg, Ohio. Alan Gray is the conference chairman. Plan to attend early and make sure you make subassembly plans if this is your drill weekend.

BASEBALL DAY AT CLIPPERS STADIUM

The 1981 Baseball Day sponsored by the ONGEA is August 29, 1981. Plan to attend and show your pride in your uniform.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 1981 National Convention is being held in Rapid City, South Dakota on Sept. 20-25, 1981. (See June issue of Buckeye Guard). Military travel is being planned and if you are interested in flying to South Dakota

Army Needs 71Rs

The active Army is short 71Rs in the grade of E-4. That's the word from Maj. Zack Fowler, professional development branch, OCPA, HQDA.

Fowler says the active Army has requirements for 97 MOS-qualified broadcasters at the E-4 level, but only 34 are presently available to support the requirement.

Interested RC broadcasters can get more information by writing HQDA, OCPA, Professional Development Branch, ATTN: Maj. Zack Fowler, Washington, D.C. 20310 (A5 Courier)

Help for Problems

Ohio Guard members are advised that if they have a personnel, pay or administrative problem and have been unable to solve it with their first sergeant, unit commander or at the battalion level, to contact the following appropriate individual at the Adjutant General's Department in Worthington:

MILITARY PAY —

LTC Mutchler, (614) 889-7221.

SCHOOL ORDERS —

CSM Arn, (614) 889-7104

PERSONNEL PROBLEMS —

COL Gutzwiller, (614) 889-7041

MEDICAL & INCAPACITATION PAY —

SGM Morton, (614) 889-7024

CLOTHING —

SGM Hagerman, (614) 889-7234

The general information number for the AG Dept. is (614) 889-7000.

for the convention contact SSgt. Jane Crowder at (614) 889-7241 for further information.

FROM NEW PRESIDENT

Any Association of individuals, to flourish as an entity, must satisfy the collective and individual needs of its members. Most importantly, through the media of communication, the desires and concerns of the members must be expressed and the advantages and accomplishments of the Association recognized.

The Enlisted Association is concerned about your needs and desires and we shall try to make you more aware of what the ONGEA has accomplished.

All too frequently we hear the expression, "What Does ONGEA Do For Me?" This shows that the dual aspects of the communication process — speaking and listening — are not working effectively. I intend to change that! The ONGEA does a lot for its members in the National Guard, but it can do more, with your participation and the renewed regional expansion.

Listening is important and I pledge to the individual members that I will seek out and listen to ideas, suggestions, observations, or concerns about the Association. I want to make this a better Association for you and be responsive to your needs. I strongly ask you to communicate with me and the Association Officers.

Membership growth means little without your personal involvement and commitment which will transform numbers into influence and effective action. The Association must be perceived, positively, by its members as their organization, advancing their shared goals, and not as just a "dues collection agency."

I want all members to feel they are an active and essential part of the ONGEA Association and that its activities and successes touch and concern everyone. The Association address is: P.O. Box 215, Dublin, OH 43017.

AUXILLIARY

The new Auxilliary Officers are: Nancy McDowell, President; Sondra Monastra, Vice President; Joyce Blair, Secretary; Linda Rower, Treasurer; Area I- Luella Schramm; Area II, Peggy Leadbetter and Marian Toth; Area III, Judy Lusk; Area IV, Vi Stenger; Area V, June Young and Norma Zelnick; and Historian, Norma Ritter.

President Nancy McDowell would like to congratulate all of you and looks forward to a good year.

Smith Honored by ONGEA as the Best in Army

BY 2ND LT. KEVIN McLINN
196th P.A.D.

"It's a heck of an honor—especially to represent this state."

Such is the feeling of SSgt. Gary R. Smith, 54th Support Center, Worthington, who was recently selected as Soldier of the Year from among 12,500 enlisted members of the Ohio Army National Guard.

SSgt. Smith, of Columbus, was the honoree at the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association banquet held at the Hilton Inn North, in Columbus. Brig. Gen. James M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, presented SSgt. Smith with a plaque, a certificate and a \$50 savings bond.

The decision for his selection was based on his knowledge, military accomplishments, performance of duty, participation in community affairs, and demonstrated dedication and professionalism—all of which were rated far above average by his unit leaders.

"As far as I'm concerned I've just done my job," said Smith.

During the past year, SSgt. Smith completed the Unit Supply Specialist Course at Ft. Lee, VA. While there he was selected acting Platoon Sergeant and received a letter of commendation from Ft. Lee as a result of the impressive manner in which he executed



SSgt. GARY SMITH — "I've just done my job."

this additional duty.

An active member of the ONGEA, Smith has made many non-duty contributions to the Guard. He has participated in unit recruiting displays, high school career days, and every domestic action project his unit has participated in.

In the future, Smith plans to "continue the job I've been doing and just keep on learning in order to better myself."

When asked what suggestions he would give to someone else wanting to earn the honor he replied simply, "don't be afraid to put out 110 or 120 percent. No one gets anywhere putting out only 75 percent."

"If it means coming in on weekends or working overtime, do it. You'll get somewhere if you put in that extra mile."

As the Soldier of the Year for the 54th Support Center and the Ohio Area Command as well as the Ohio Army National Guard, Smith knew what he was talking about when he concluded, "Care. You have to give a turkey."

MED Company Commended

Company B (Med) 237th Spt Bn, Worthington, received a letter from Charles H. Pace, TOSRV Tour Director, commending the work performed by their EMT-As in supporting the 1981 Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV).

Representing the only medical company in the state with over 50 qualified EMT-As, twelve members of Company B used their training to serve the community on their annual bicycle tour.

Approximately 3,000 bicyclists rode from the State Capital in Columbus to downtown Portsmouth and back—a round trip of 210 miles in two days. Members of Company B were posted in ambulances at various points along the route to provide medical assistance whenever needed.

The participating EMT-As from Company B were Pvt. 2 Russ Carney, SSgt. Daniel Cla-baugh, Pvt. 2 Lori Drumm, PFC Lisa Dye, Sp4 Larry Evans, Sgt. George Hoyt, Sgt. Richard Jones, and Specialists Four Holly Kilmer, Pam Rodgers, and Kim Thompson. The event was coordinated by 1st Sgt. William Hall, and Sp4 Corrick Wong as liason.

The bicycle tour was also supported by the American Red Cross and the ham radio operators in Central Ohio.

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Springfield Units Parade Regularly

For the members of the Springfield-based 178th Tactical Fighter Group and 251st Combat Communications Group, parades are becoming a regular activity—and an opportunity to display the pride they have in their units and communities.

The units have been represented in several parades in the Springfield area in the past including the Memorial Day parade in downtown Springfield.

The Colorguard led the parade carrying flags that have flown over our great nation including: Old Glory, Grand Union Flag, Betsy Ross Flag, Queen Anne Flag and

the Star Spangled Banner. The Colorguard was followed by the 178th Weapons Systems Security Flight—which was selected as the best military marching unit in the entire parade.

A float representing the Guard's past, present, and future provided onlookers the opportunity to view the uniforms of the Guard and preceded 75 officers and airmen who were marching in exact cadence. Vehicles from the 251st Combat Communications Group completed the Guard segment of the parade.



ON PARADE — The 178th Tactical Fighter Group float representing the Guard's past, present and future.

UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio
National Guard Officers'
Association

The Officers Association office, operated on a part time basis, is now located at the Robert S. Beightler Armory, 2825 West Granville Road, Worthington, OH 43085.

ONGA COMMITTEES

The new committee chairpersons are: Nominations, Col. Charles Conner, Jr.; Time & Place, Lt. Col. David Sealock; Resolutions, Col. Arthur Sidell, Jr. (Ret.); Insurance, Maj. William L. Howland; Legislation Action, Col. John P. Siemer (Ret.) — State; Maj. Stephen M. Koper — Federal; Constitution and By-Laws, Capt. Barbara Servé; Finance, Maj. Neil J. Moore; Publications, Capt. Steve Fried; Special Activities, WO-1 Luaine Lindsey; ONGA Awards, Brig. Gen. Herbert B. Eagon, (Ret.); Scholarship Fund, Lt. Col. Theodore M. Stults; and Public Information, 1st. Lt. Victor Dubina.

After 14 months of intense work by members of the Officer and Enlisted Associations, the Ohio National Guard Insurance Trust program is now available.

SMSgt. John Young (Ret.), of the Air Guard, has been named Insurance Administrator of the program. The group insurance contract was issued to the ONGIT by the Statesman Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa. All active members of the Ohio National Guard are eligible to purchase this life insurance and dependent coverage. The coverage includes: — Life Insurance Benefits — \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000 or \$25,000 worth of Life insurance payable in event of death from any cause.

- Coverage twenty-fours a day, 365 days a year.
- No war clause.
- No aviation exclusion.
- No suicide clause.
- No hazardous duty or civilian occupation restriction.
- Full conversion privilege upon termination regardless of health, and
- \$5,000 basic benefit for only a \$2.00 monthly premium.

Any new member of the Ohio National Guard is eligible to enroll, within ninety (90) days after joining the National Guard, without furnishing evidence of insurability and premiums will be payroll deducted through your local Guard unit.

The net profit from ONGIT will be divided between the officers and enlisted associations. SMSgt. Young, a representative of the insurance company, and officers of both associations will visit each unit to initiate the insurance program. This is a very good insurance program at a very low cost and is highly recommended.

1981 NGAUS CONFERENCE

Capt. James D. Pleasant has been appointed as Delegation Secretary for the 1981 NGAUS Conference to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi October 5-7, 1981. The Ohio delegation will be staying at the Biloxi Hilton. Travel arrangements are being made by the Association in order to provide the most economical means for those desiring commercial transportation. Military transportation is being programmed for military members. For more information Capt. Pleasant can be reached at (513) 256-2600.

GRADUATES AND ALUMNI

There are Army and Air National Guard officers who had to retire upon completing the maximum service allowed by law or who, after 20 years service, found themselves promoted out of positions in our units.

The graduates and alumni form a common bond—a belief in a strong national defense and a strong National Guard as a cornerstone of that defense.

Today, they are the alumni of the National Guard giving a bit of their time, talent and energy to continue the work so well begun.

This state association wants to make effective use of our alumni to strengthen and to expand those efforts. Our State Representative for GANG in Ohio is Col. John Siemer (Ret.).

We invite you to become a part of this worthy endeavor. To do that, you may contact your state association president or Col. John P. Siemer (Ret.) (614) 466-5453.

The 6th Annual Reunion of the Ohio National Guard Retired Officers and Warrant Officers will be held at Camp Perry, Ohio September 26-27, 1981.

This year's conference promises to be the biggest and best yet so all of you retirees should make your plans now to attend.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The 1981 Scholarship Grant winners selected by the Scholarship Grant Committee are as follows: Brian E. Weber, a graduate of Shawnee High School and accepted at Miami University of Ohio has been awarded \$1000. Brian had a 4.0 average in school, is president of the National Honor Society, in the school bands, on the tennis team, yearbook staff, Junior Council on World Affairs and many other clubs. He is the son of Lt. Col. Neal E. Weber, (Ret.).

Lisa Toth has been awarded \$1000 and is the daughter of CMSgt. Andrew L. Toth. Lisa

will graduate from Bedford Senior High School and has been accepted by Kent State University where she'll major in accounting. Her grade point average is 3.705 and she is active in The National Honor Society, varsity track and volleyball teams and is president of the Senior Accounting/Computing Vocational Program.

Teresa Lewis is the recipient of \$500. She is the stepdaughter of Maj. John S. Martin and a graduate of Marysville High School. Teresa has been accepted at Miami University of Ohio where she'll be working toward a Liberal Arts Degree. She carried a 3.8 cumulative average and was very active in student government, athletics and The National Honor Society.

Airman Carl C. Shade also received a \$500 grant. He is a member of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group and a junior at Miami University working toward a double major in Accounting and Finance. His future plans include continuing on toward the completion of a Law Degree.

Airman Shade was named the Outstanding Reserve Intelligence Airman of 1980 by the Ninth U.S. Air Force.

Congratulations to all the young people who have contributed so much.

Campaign Underway

During the month of August, Heritage Publishing Co. will be conducting the Annual Sales Campaign for the 1982 Officer and Enlisted Guard Association's Conference program. This year ads placed by Guard owned businesses will be identified with an emblem; Guard employers will also be identified with an appropriate emblem.

If you desire to be included in the advertising section of the program and feel you will not receive a telephone solicitation, contact Lt. Col. (Ret.) William R. Wirth, Heritage Publishing Co., 815 East King St., Boone, North Carolina 28607, prior to August 31 at (704) 264-9209.

We Made A Mistake

See June 1981 issue of *BUCKEYE GUARD*, Pg. 21, People Section: Lt. Col. MILTON G. MUTCHNICK is with the 180th Tactical Clinic, Swanton, Ohio, not the 179th. Sorry for the slip of the pen Sir, and again congratulations on being selected as the Air Guard nominee for the Malcolm C. Grow Award.

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

Ah, summer, there's just a bit of it left and we want to make it as full as possible. August is — sporting that great tan against the summer whites. It's deciding to either finish the hot weather chores or table them until next June. August is — taking the children shopping for school clothes and shoes. Why do they believe so firmly, that the world will

grind to a halt if some designer doesn't scrawl across the rear of their jeans? It's all blue denim, isn't it? Just try to get a teen-ager to ignore the very subtle differences between the eighteen dollar tennies and thirty-six dollar ones!

Visions come to mind of a certain teen, very ONG minded, with whom this writer

has more than a passing acquaintance, facing a National Guard clothing supply person, in about 1985. "Do you have fatigues with straighter legs and a touch more fitted in the waist?" "And, where are your other boots, the ones with more pizzazz?" Are mothers allowed in clothing supply, I wonder?

August is more than all the above. It is a very busy planning time for the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club. The newly elected officers and the committee heads have been meeting and keeping the phones buzzing. Plans are evolving for the 1981-1982 schedule. At this writing, they sound great. There will be something for everyone.

FRIENDSHIP TEA

OWC traditionally starts off the year with a tea for the members and their guests. This is a time to rekindle old friendships and to meet new Guard wives. Warmth, hospitality and fellowship are the themes of the day. Invitations will be mailed to members on the roster. If you don't receive one, please, write or phone Nita Elliott, 3623 Grafton Ave., Columbus, OH 43220, (614) 451-8588, for reservations.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We in Ohio are very fortunate to have vigorous and active Guard Wives' groups. In visiting, at conferences, with ladies from other states, we find they are often surprised to hear that ONG wives are organized and meeting regularly. If your husband is in the Ohio Guard, you do have a wives' club, enlisted, officer, or consolidated, in almost any part of the state. The primary OWC group meets in Columbus, but there are others at different locations.

Membership in Guard Wives has many benefits, costs nothing, and is fun. How can you resist such a bargain? For more information, contact Nita, at the above address, or us, through the *BUCKEYE GUARD*, and you will be welcomed into the fold! Luncheons are held once a month, September through May. A nursery is also provided for the little people, so mom can enjoy a lively program and good lunch.

ONG wives have many reasons to take pride in our husbands' roles, both in national defense, and in responding with aid in emergencies here at home. The Guard is important to our country, state and communities. Each Guardsmember has a family, and the Guard centers around that unit. Support your Guardsmember. Show them you care about their military activity, be it part-time or full time.



NEW OFFICERS — Here are the new officers of the OWC. From the left, Janet Seidt, immediate past president; Mokie Steiskal, President; Rita Dura, Vice President; Cindy Zieber, Secretary and Joan Thomas, Treasurer.

4th Annual MED Conference Meets

By SSGT. MONA BREINING

112th Med. Bde.

Headquarters 112th Medical Brigade hosted the 4th Annual Medical Conference at General Beightler Armory in April for representatives of all the medical companies, platoons and sections of the Ohio ARNG.

Guest speakers included: Brig. Gen. James M. Abraham, the Assistant Adjutant General (Army); Brig. Gen. James C. Good, the State Surgeon; Col. John R. Daniels, Surgeon, National Guard Bureau; Col. Jesse Faught, National Guard Liaison Officer at the Health Services Command; Col. Donald M. Van Wagner, Logistics Officer for the USPFO for Ohio; Col. Clyde E. Gutzwiller, Military Personnel Officer for the Ohio ARNG and SGM Fay L. Morton, Medical Coordinator for the Personnel Branch.

In attendance were 78 representatives from 16 medical elements.

The major topics of discussion included the medical implications of the Department of Army Study, "Division '86", reorganization of medical elements, current trends

in training of Army Medical Personnel, Recruiting and Retention, Medical Support for Annual Training, stressing the Line of Duty and Sick Slips for the individual that is hurt during AT and drill status, and updated Medical Materials and Supplies.

Col. Faught related the new and upcoming programs for the enlisted medical specialist courses. The new training concepts will include additional skills for the field medic or aidman, along with an Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic Course. These future courses look very beneficial.

Procedures in the medical field are constantly changing. Knowledge we must maintain in our training is essential to mission Readiness as well as for Peace Time support.

A quote from the Journal of American Military Science 1978 reads, "Give me your tired, your wounded and your sick, I will tend their needs. The preservation of health is a duty. Few seem conscious that there is such a thing as physical morality."

The representatives attending the Conference agree and are striving to upgrade the medical program in all areas.

Buckeye Bits

Mt. Vernon

1st Lt. George Kinney of Centerburg, Ohio, has been assigned as the new commander of Company D, 237th Support Battalion, Mt. Vernon.

1st Lt. Kinney is a full time technician in the Personnel Division of the State Adjutant General's Department, Worthington. He is the Educational Grants Officer for the Ohio National Guard's Scholarship Program.

1st Lt. Kinney enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1968 for four years; serving three of those years in Germany. In 1974 Kinney enlisted in the Ohio National Guard as the supply sergeant of the 1416th Transportation Company. He attended the Ohio Military Academy NCO School at Camp Perry in 1976, graduating as the Honor Graduate. He then attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA.

Kinney's first assignment as an officer was with the 214th Maintenance Company in Coshocton as the maintenance platoon leader. Following this he attended Officer Basic School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD. In March 1980 he was transferred to State Headquarters as a TAC Officer for the State Officer Candidate School.

1st Lt. Kinney is married with two children.

Digs The Guard

Annette Woolley, a Piqua High School student, selected a photo taken by the 1/136th Field Artillery, Piqua, as her theme to enter in an art contest.



Her oil painting called "Destruction in May," was displayed at the Piqua Eastland Mall. Annette presented the painting to SFC Danny Flaughter, 136th FA, for donating the black and white photo to her. Annette was asked why she selected a photo about the Ohio Guard and she replied, "Oh, I just dig the Guards."

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New Inspector General Named

Colonel Ronald Bowman, a Toledo attorney, has been named Inspector General for the Ohio Army National Guard.

He replaced Judge (Colonel) Robert D. Walker who retired in April.

With nearly 33 years of active Army and National Guard service, Col. Bowman has served as an enlisted person, non-commissioned officer, warrant officer and commissioned officer. He also served as a National Guard technician. His many military assignments include duty with an infantry company in Korea, as a Brigade and Group S-3 and as an MP Battalion Commander.

Col. Bowman is branch-qualified in Infantry, Military Police and Engineers. He served as commander of the 416th Engineer Group. During his career Col. Bowman has attended resident courses at the U.S. Army Infantry, Armor, Engineer, Military Police and Adjutant General's School. He has had a wide range of other military educational experiences. He recently completed the Inspector General Orientation Course at the Pentagon.



Having served with a rifle company in Korea, Col. Bowman's awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, three battle stars, the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal.

Active in community organizations, Col. Bowman is the immediate past president of the Toledo Bar Association.

He is married and has three children.

Col. Bowman feels that his present assignment is one of the most interesting endeavors he has ever undertaken.

"I will make every effort to provide fair, prompt and just service to the command and every person in it," he emphasized.

A, 216th Best Unit

Company A 216th Engineer Combat Battalion, located in Chillicothe, Ohio, has won the battalion Best Unit Award for annual training for the third straight year.

The award is presented for overall excellence in infantry tactics, maintenance of equipment, engineer type missions and general support of the unit ARTEP training site mission.

Crews is Best

SSgt. James Crews, HHC 612th Engineer Battalion, Walbridge, has received the honor of being selected the University of Toledo's outstanding cadet of the 1981 Military Science Class. Crews was in the top 10 percent of his class and received the ceremonial saber which honors him as the outstanding brigade commander.

Earlier this year, Crews was named winner of the 1981 George C. Marshall ROTC Award. During the university presentation he also received the American Veterans of World War II Award and the commander's trophy which is presented annually to the outstanding battalion commander.

Roberts Dies

With profound sadness and deepest feeling of loss, announcement is made of the death of Brigadier General James O. Roberts, Commander, Ohio Defense Corps.



The death of Brig. Gen. Roberts is a loss to the state and nation. His leadership and the professionalism he displayed throughout his distinguished career, both in the Active Army in World War II and his outstanding career in the Ohio Defense Corps will forever serve as a guide to the officers and enlisted members of the Ohio Militia.

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All About People-

Sgt. GREG POWERS, HHD, Worthington, has been selected as the Soldier of the month for May.

The 1416th Transportation Company (AVIM), Worthington, has been busy during the past several months with promotions and awards. The following members have been promoted: **ROBERT GREGORY** and **JOHN MECHLIN** to SFC; **RICHARD CRITCHFIELD** and **PHILLIP PAOLINI** to Sgt.; **ROBERT CROTHERS**, **GORDON JENKINS**, **WILLIAM JORDAN** and **JAMES TAYLOR** to Sp4; **NICHOLAS ANDROMALOS**, **ROBERT BURNS**, **TROY COONS**, **ANDREW CULBERTSON**, **DAVID GANGER**, **KURT SENALIK** and **MARK SHUMWAY** to PFC; **WILLIAM BOYER**, **GARY COONS**, **STEVEN HARD**, **DAVID KELLY**, **WILLIAM OTTE**, **KATHLEEN RUDOLPH** and **RONALD SHULER** to Pvt. 2. **SSgts MICHAEL WOLFE** and **MARGARET CARRIVEAU** extended their enlistments. **DEBRA ARNOLD** and **ERVIN PACK** were commissioned to 2nd Lieutenants. They were attending ROTC at the Ohio State University.

The following engineers from HHC, 612th Engineer Battalion, Walbridge, were promoted: Army Advisor **ROBERT RIDDLE** to Sgt. Maj.; **CARL DIEFENTHALER** and **GEORGE HARDY** to Sp4; and **GREGORY HUFFMAN**, **MICHAEL PUHL** and **FRANK RICHARDSON** to PFCs.

Pvt. 1 DWAYNE H. RUNNELS received the Commanding General's Award for military excellence, the Association of the United States Army's Honor Award and three letters of commendation while attending basic training and AIT at Fort Leonardwood, MO. Congratulations **Private RUNNELS** for a job well done. **RUNNELS** has returned to Company A, 612th Engineer Bn., Walbridge, Ohio.

Three members of Company D, 237th Support Battalion, Mt. Vernon, were recently promoted. **DONALD BELCHER**, **DAVID ROBINSON** and **DOUGLAS SPEARMEN** were promoted to Sp5s.

Corporal JAY V. FRAZER, Co A 216th Engineer Combat Bn, has been selected as one of the "Outstanding Guardsmen" for 1981. This honor will entitle him to five days of Family Active Duty Pay and five free days of family housing at Camp Perry, Ohio.

1st Sgt. LARRY D. RASE, HHC 216th Engineer Bn., Portsmouth, was appointed assistant foreman at the Ashland works of Armco, Inc. He also recently completed Senior NCO school at the Ohio Military Academy.

Capt. MARK A. GICALE, 178th Communications Flight, Springfield, has been appointed Commander of the 178th Comm Ft. **Capt. GICALE** has a bachelor of science de-

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gree in management from Wright State University and is a Resource Manager for Ohio Bell Telephone Co. in Cleveland.

ANTHONY ALLEN SHAFFER, 371st HHC Support Group, Kettering, was sworn into the Guard by his father **JOHN ROBERT SHAFFER**, United States Airforce Major, stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Members of HHC1/148th Infantry Bn., Lima, recently promoted were: **GERALD C. GAY, SR.**, **JAMES E. HOLIMON**, **DON R. LUGINBUHL**, **MARK W. STERLING** and **DONALD R. VITITOE** to Sp4; **DARRYL A. BEGGS**, **THOMAS G. HOFSTETTER**, **DONALD C. HULLINGER, JR.**, **JEFFERY P. KIRWAN**, **WILLIAM J. LUDWIG** and **CURTIS R. TREECE** to PFC; and **GLENN GIBSON** to Pvt. 2. **SSgt. RON DECKER**, **SSgt. TONY CUMELLA** and **Plat. Sgt. LARRY FAIRBURN** extended their enlistments for two more years. **Sp4 LUGINBUHL** was selected as the unit's Soldier of the Month.

Larkin Receives Commendation

TSgt./Lt. Col. (Ret.) Darrell R. Larkin, Dayton, Ohio came out of retirement "one more time" to accept the prestigious Air Force Commendation Medal.

Larkin recently retired from the Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group at the Springfield Municipal Airport as a Technical Sergeant. He retired once before in 1971 as a Lieutenant Colonel. "I liked it too much to give it up," he said.

Larkin began his military career as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943. He joined the Ohio Air National Guard in 1949. Over the years, he has logged more than 7,700 flying hours in two dozen different types of military aircraft.

After 28½ years of military service as an officer, Larkin traded in his silver oak leaves for three stripes. Sgt. Larkin was assigned to base operations. Later, he moved into the 178th Command Post.

According to the citation accompanying the Air Force Commendation Medal, he "distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding service to the Ohio Air National Guard as a Command Control Technician from Oct. 1, 1978 to Apr. 5, 1981."

In July 1979, TSgt. Larkin served as one of the key controllers during the "ability to survive" phase of an Operational Readiness Inspection. His experience as a former pilot, his high caliber of professionalism, his exceptional motivational skills, and his enthusiasm and dedication were all cited as justification for the award of the Air Force Commendation Medal.

SSgt. SHERMAN W. ASTROP, JR. has been named Member of the Quarter by the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield.

SRA CARL C. SHADE, 178th Tactical Fighter Group at the Springfield Municipal Airport, has been selected as Outstanding Intelligence Airman for Air Reserve Forces by Ninth Air Force, Shaw AFB, South Carolina.

HHC 612th Engineer Battalion, Walbridge, had the following promotions: **JOSEPH JIANNUZZI** to SSgt.; **GARY BAIDEL** and **TIMOTHY DUDAS** to Sp5, and **RAMIRO ALVAREZ, JR.** to Pvt. 2. **Privates MICHAEL H. SMITH**, **JAMES J. SEDLAR**, **STEVEN E. MURRAY**, **DANIEL T. CROSSEN**, **JEFFREY A. HARTWIG**, **LEMUAL SCARBOROUGH**, **ARTHUR J. LINGER**, and **DEAN R. FERGUSON** received the Basic Training Ribbon.

Promotions received by the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker, were as follows: **ALBERT E. BLISS** to MSgt.; **CHARLES H. BRANSCOME**, **ALLEN R. FREELAND**, **ALBERT E. GRUNDEN**, **LARRY D. JIRLES**, **WALTER R. MOORE** and **RICHARD A. NORRIS** to TSgts.; **MITCHAEAL P. BISLICH** and **TERRY W. TACKETT** to SSgts.; **ANTHONY B. CHRISTY**, **GERALD H. COLLINS**, **MARY L. DIVINE** and **GEORGE S. HISSONG** to SRA; **TERI A. FISHER**, **OLIVIA GRIFFIN**, **TIMOTHY D. HAMPSON**, **ALVIN E. TAYLOR, JR.** and **DERRICK E. TAYLOR** to AIC.

MSgt. JAMES D. GUNNING, 160th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance, Rickenbacker, retired after 31 years of military service, 28 of those in the Guard.

Sp4 DALE K. TAYLOR was selected Soldier of the Month for Attack Helicopter Troop, 107th Armored Cavalry, Worthington.

Sp4 J. CLAY KING was selected Soldier of the Month for Co C, 372nd Engineer, Lebanon. The following soldiers from the unit were promoted; **HAROLD OL HOSEA** and **WILLIAM P. OBST** to SSgts.; **DONALD E. YENKEY** to Sp5; **GREGORY W. HAYES**, **ROBERT M. McCLUNG**, **CHARLES SMITH** and **TIMOTHY O. BISHOP** to Sgt.; and **CYRIL SYKES** to PFC.

Airman with the 179th Tactical Airlift, Mansfield Lahm Airport recently promoted were: **JAMES GRIFFITH** and **ALBERT WAL- ENT** to TSgts.; **DAVID WOLFE** to SSgt.; **KEVIN COOK**, **ROD JACKENHEIMER**, **MARGARET MAYER** and **SCOTT ZIMMERMAN** to SRA; **JOHN BRYAN**, **KERRY KERN**, **CHRISTOPHER KINTER**, and **JANE PINKLEY** to AIC.

The 220th Electronics Installation Squadron, Zanesville, has promoted **T.L. STONEBURNER** and **JEFFRY A. LEWIS** to SSgts.; **RAYMOND K. FRANCIS** to SRA; and **JEFFREY L. MASON** to AIC.

“58 days of pure hell” — 1416th’s Smith

BY GLADYS B. WALLACE
OSU ROTC

If leaping ten feet from a hovering helicopter onto a small platform mounted in a tree doesn't cause fright, then rope rappelling 100 feet from that platform down to the ground might.

This is just one feat OSU's Jeff Smith, 1416th Trans. Co. (AVIM), Worthington, performed on his way to becoming the Distinguished Honor graduate in the Army's Air Assault School during spring break. Smith is a freshman at The Ohio State University and is in the junior level (MS 3) in the Army ROTC program. He is planning to major in business and eventually enter the field of aviation management.

Finishing first in a class of 129 is difficult, especially when the majority of his competitors were tough non-commissioned officers in the Regular Army. Air Assault School consists of two written tests and personal inspections as well as rigorous physical performances. One written exam dealt with the complexities of rigging and sling-loading helicopters to carry needed equipment such as 105mm howitzers to combat areas. Smith took part in the rigging of an Army jeep to one Blackhawk helicopter for airlift.

The other written test was on Combat Assault Pathfinder Operations, which demands a thorough knowledge of hand signals and other field communications. Smith got perfect scores on both exams.

Physical fitness was tested in daily runs, which started out at two miles and worked up to a ten-mile finale in which the soldier had to cover the full distance in combat boots and full gear, including a M-16 rifle.

Failure to complete the ten miles in less than two hours and 20 minutes meant failing the whole program. Forty-nine percent of the men did not pass the course. (Since the school's origin in 1974, 12 men have been killed, most from accidents involving helicopter rappelling.)

The rappelling exercises began with 35-foot towers simulating helicopters. Anyone not performing well was not allowed to go on to the real thing or pass the course. Rappelling to the ground from helicopters hovering 100 feet up was the next requirement. Next came the drop onto the tree platform. Smith said the platform was about 10 feet in diameter, but, looks much smaller when you're about to jump onto it from up there.

Finally, Smith had to climb a 70-foot troop ladder into the rear of a hovering Chinook helicopter. These giant choppers have two large rotors that put out an amount of propeller wind-blast that Smith described as very difficult to climb against.

Smith's first place accomplishment is something we are very proud of, an honor far above the ordinary for an ROTC student,

said Captain Charles H. Brent of the Army ROTC faculty. Smith, however, is not resting on his laurels. This summer it's on to Ranger School, "58 days of pure hell," he said, "it's the Army's toughest school." During one phase of the school, he will spend 17 days in a Florida jungle, living on one-half hour of sleep and one box of C rations per day he said. "Ranger School isn't easy," said Curt Dawson, a cadet at The Ohio State University and a graduate of the ordeal. "I lost 40 pounds. After a few weeks it begins to affect your head. We call it droning." Smith, whose father is the Sergeant Major of the Army ROTC Detachment at The Ohio State University says he believes Jeff is ready for the challenge.

RCATs (From Pg. 12)

The teenagers, a group of high school students from Washington and Morgan Counties, and part of the Summer Youth Community Action Group, were the honored guests of the 2/174th ADA and spent two days at beautiful Camp Perry. The teens were treated to barracks living (in the new 400 man dorm), eating in the mess hall with the troops, viewing a Bessler film on Air Assault called "The Duster" which held their undivided attention, and some of them played volleyball with the off-duty troops.

2nd Lt. John Rozsa, the tour guide for the two days, kept everyone on schedule and provided answers to the countless questions asked by the teenagers.

As a result of this good will tour six men have signed up to join the 2/174th ADA in McConnellsville. One student explained, "I really want to go to college and I can't afford it. After watching the dusters firing I want to join the Guard to be on their team and I can still go to college."

Lasers Help ADA

BY SP5 SCOT LONG and
SP4 JIM MARTINDALE

HQB, 2/174th ADA BN, Athens

ZAP! Beeeeeeeeep!

Laser beams are adding a new realism to summer training at Camp Perry this year.

A system called MILES, for Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System, now enables an individual soldier participating in war games to know if he has been narrowly missed... or hit.

These experienced aggressors were a formidable match for the armored dusters. "The duster crews call us the 'heavy half-dozen,'" said Sp5 David Christman of Athens.

"It makes you realize how easily you can get hit," added Sp5 Dave Buckley, also of Athens.

If a soldier is "hit," he can only turn off the continuous beep by using a key contained in his laser firing unit.

McGinley Earns First Star

Donald T. McGinley enlisted in the United States Air Force as a private in July 1951. Almost thirty years later he is called Brigadier General Donald T. McGinley, Deputy Chief of Staff, Ohio Air National Guard.



The promotion ceremony took place at the Ohio Air National Guard State Headquarters in Worthington with Brig. Gen. Edward J. Power, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, pinning on McGinley's first star.

A, 216th Engr. Undergoes Training

BY 1SGT. BOYD W. FLOWERS

Co A 216th Engr Bn (Cbt)

Company A 216th Engineer Combat Bn., Chillicothe, recently returned from annual training at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The training period started with the unit undergoing the annual maintenance inspection, with individuals in ranks, armed with their weapon and protective mask. The inspection received a good rating and several outstanding areas were noted by the inspection team.

The week in the cantonment site was spent doing ARTEP work, which included excavating a lagoon, placing rip-rap on the banks, grading and ditching gravel road nets, re-roofing buildings and various other engineer tasks.

The first three days of the second week were spent in the field, setting up bivouac sites, digging foxholes, night training for unit drivers, setting up gun emplacements, and building tank traps and ditches. At the end of the week the engineers returned to the cantonment area, cleaned all equipment and loaded everything for their return to Chillicothe.

Letters (From Pg. 2)

who were in the Vietnam War. My husband is one of those men. I love and respect him very much, because he loves his country that much.

I want him to know and all the other men in and out of the Guard that fought in the Vietnam War, that they are heroes to me in every way that I can express.

I hope in some small way that this will let them know that I can understand how they were treated then and how they should have been treated.

I want all these people to know that someone cares about how they feel.

My husband works at The Ohio Military Academy and I'm very proud of him. It's a lot of lonely hours for me to give him up. But I wouldn't want him to be any other way. His job is very rewarding to him.

In closing I would like to say that because of SFC Charles R. Graziani, I'm a much better person, because I have had the privilege of meeting so many good men and women in the Guard.

I'm proud that my husband fought in that war. But I'm also proud that he is in the Ohio National Guard. All of these people believe in the American way and are not afraid to show it. More people should be like them.

Sincerely,
Kathleen L. Graziani
A Guardman's wife

To The Editor

Thank you for sending the Buckeye Guard. I was a member from January 10, 1924 until mobilization in 1940. Can you inform me how I can obtain an Ohio State Flag as I would like to fly it along with the U.S. Flag at my home? This information will be greatly appreciated by me.

Thank you,

LEROY STOUT
LTC, USA

P.S. I'm from Ohio; dear old Ohio. Around my home, my heart strings pine. It was the Land of Grant & Sherman, McKinley, Garfield too. We will hear from several others before we're through.

From a song we sang in school during WWI.

L.S.

From the Editor:

I checked with the Quartermaster General's office and most major department stores sell the Ohio State Flag. We thank you for your years of service.

**August 29,
ONGEA at
the Clippers**

The Buckeye Guard

Memories Of The Past

(From Adjutant General's Report 1859-1863)

The commencement of the year 1861 found the country on the brink of a war, in many respects, unequalled in the history of the world. For nearly fifty years the nation had been relatively in a state of peace.

No one dreamed that a war could arise, demanding the utmost energies of the country, without a sufficient notice of warning to afford opportunity for at least some preparation.

Having been resting in this fancied security, the people of Ohio lost all interest in military matters, so that they not only neglected to cultivate among themselves anything like military taste and education, but also had come to consider every effort in that direction as a subject for ridicule.

Hence, on the breaking out of the Civil War, the state was found to be comparatively without arms, organization or discipline, to prepare her for the part it would take in the fearful struggle.

Of the many thousand muskets received by the state from the federal government, with which to arm and drill the militia, nearly all had been lost or sold for a trifle. The cannon had been used for firing salutes, and left exposed to the weather, until rust and decay had rendered them and their equipment worthless.

Doolittle's Raiders Raid 160th

BY CAPT. STEVE FRIED

160th Air Refueling Grp.

During their Columbus reunion celebrating the thirty-ninth anniversary of their historic World War II bombing raid over Tokyo, Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Jimmie H. Doolittle's raiders visited Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base as guests of the 160th Air Refueling Group.

While at the Base, they toured the Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker Museum and visited the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing's A-7D simulator. They then received a briefing about the 160th air refueling operation which included both a slide presentation and a video tape recording of a typical mission.

1486th Sees Ohio, Michigan for AT

BY SP5 GARY DRAVENSTOTT,

1486th Trans. Co.

Nineteen Guard members of the 1486th Trans. Co., of Ashland, spent the first five days of their summer camp hauling engineering equipment to Camp Grayling, Michigan. The equipment will be utilized by other guard units for their annual training. The unit is presently on "year-round" training and has further commitments throughout the summer months.

After observing the Memorial Day weekend, the Guard members met at the Ashland Armory and delivered several trucks and

The history of the formation of the Ohio Army began at the start of the Civil War when the President of the United States demanded thirteen regiments from Ohio to commence the work of putting down the rebellion. When over twice the needed amount of men volunteered their services, the legislature decided to retain ten regiments in the service of the state to defend her against invasion should it be threatened by the rebels.

These men were promptly clothed and armed, and about May 20, 1861 — a little more than one month after the fall of Sumter — they were pouring into Western Virginia. It was wisely determined that the best way to defend the state against invasion, was to keep the invaders at a distance.

These troops were placed, by the governor, under the command of Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan, who treated them, in all respects, as United States troops. They were placed under United States general officers, Brig. Gen. Hill being the only state officer of that grade. The work done by these state troops in opening the campaign, and contributing so largely to the important victories gained at the time will not be forgotten.

Altogether, Ohio had contributed 350,000 of our native sons by the end of the Civil War.

Unquestionably, however, the high point of their visit came when they climbed aboard the Group's KC-135 "Stratotankers" and witnessed an actual mid-air refueling between KB-135's and A-7D's from Ohio's 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield.

Just before leaving, the raiders autographed two posters depicting a B-24 raid over Burma. The B-25 was used by Doolittle and his men on their raid. One poster will hang in operations and the other in the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance section.

They will be lasting reminders of how the 160th honored those brave men who risked their lives to strike the first American blow at the Japanese mainland only one hundred days after Pearl Harbor.

supplies to their detachment company in Eaton. The next three days were hectic with the men breaking into two groups and traveling to their assigned loading points in Ravenna and Boston Mills. After departing from their assigned points, the two groups travelled to Toledo where the 5-ton Tractor-trailer trucks were grouped for the following day's convoy. They spent a pleasant and relaxing night at a Holiday Inn just outside the city. The following morning it was off to the "sandbox" of Camp Grayling, Michigan. Arriving in the early afternoon the trucks were unloaded and prepared for the long journey back to Ohio.

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