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Commentary

The AG Speaks

Accomplishments shared by all

As I complete my service in the Ohio National Guard I pause to review the progress and accomplishments of the Ohio National Guard since 1947 when I first became a member.

In 1947, our membership consisted of about 4,000 Army Guardsmen and fewer than 1,000 Air Guardsmen, less than 50 percent of authorized strength.

In 1947, many of our units drilled in barns, garages, and other leased facilities, many without heat. Today, while our armories need a great deal of maintenance and repair work, most are adequate to meet our needs.

In 1947, pay was minimal (a captain, company commander, received \$160 for 12 drills plus \$60 administrative pay each quarter); there were no retirement benefits; no survivor benefits; no incapacitation pay; no technicians at unit level; no additional training assemblies; and very little equipment. I believe all of you are aware of the changes in these areas we have witnessed over the past 35 years.

In 1947, there were no officer candidate schools or NCO schools within the state and very limited funds to pay for Guardmembers' attendance at Army and Air Force Service Schools. In 1983, the Ohio Army and Air Guard will have over \$3,000,000 to support such training.

In 1947, both the Army and Air Guard received little encouragement from their active counterparts and little equipment. Today this too has changed and we are looked upon as a valuable and most important part of our total national defense force

and supported accordingly.

Through the years we have had our highs and lows in the eyes of the public, but as time progressed we have come to be highly regarded generally throughout the public sector.

How has all this come about? Not through the efforts of any one individual, I can assure you. It has resulted from each of your personal efforts, dedication and pride in your contribution to the organization. Working through our various state and national organizations, your efforts toward obtaining your present state of readiness and professionalism have finally achieved the recognition and support you so richly deserve.

Your contribution and that of your family, friends, relatives and employers who have supported you, combined with the efforts of your fellow members, has gained the Ohio National Guard recognition throughout the nation.

I wish to commend you and thank each and everyone of you for your service to your state and nation, and for your support of our total state program. It has made my tenure as The Adjutant General a pleasant and rewarding experience. I am extremely proud to be able to share in your accomplishments and I hope each of you share that pride.

May you and your families all enjoy a beautiful Holiday Season and continued success in the future.

JAMES C. CLEM
Major General
The Adjutant General



Commentary

From the Asst. AG-Army

Parting comments and a challenge

My nearly 40 years of service, which has covered the span of three wars, is rapidly coming to an end. I find that had I been a more astute student of history in my younger days, I might have avoided making some of the errors that had already been made by others. Unfortunately, I learned this after I began to know better and too many times, learned the hard way. Let me then leave to those who aspire to lead in the future, a few of the many thoughts that you have heard from me before.

The basis and justification for a democratic society is the willingness of its citizens to provide for its defense. Over 38 million Americans have put on a uniform and gone to war throughout our history. Over one million have not come back. We are a free people because of them and for no other reason. It's relatively simple to talk about our "rights" but we will have them only as long as we are willing to defend them. In this, the

Ohio National Guard has always set the example and we continue that heritage today.

What happened yesterday is soon forgotten unless we make a deliberate effort to keep reminding ourselves and others. That means that we must continue an aggressive public affairs program focused on unit and individual accomplishments. Also, we are and must maintain our being part of the community. That is the spirit of the "Citizen Soldier."

The "best public relations" is "personal relations."

Leadership's one major responsibility is always to our troops. Without troop concern (and this covers everything from morale and motivation to the best training we can innovate), we will never reach the highest attainable level of readiness.

I leave you at a time when we are setting an example of success for all. We can look

back with satisfaction on our accomplishments. However, be careful we don't make the mistake of forgetting that "success is only temporary." Or we can profit from the past and use success as a springboard to go even higher.

Nothing would give me more satisfaction than to see our future leadership reach such heights of success that the "good old days" look like amateur night.

I've always enjoyed what I call the "Joy of Leadership" from my days as a buck private to my present position. If I could leave one lasting wish, it would be that this privilege be experienced by everyone. That is one of the great opportunities the Ohio National Guard has to offer.

My best wishes go with you and your families for a most Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with Joy and Success. My thoughts will be with you as you take up the challenges of the future.

Brig. Gen. James M. Abraham

Letters

Hidden rank

Editor:

Sooner or later every Guardmember will don the new battle dress uniform (BDU).

The Department of Defense is worthy of praise for the spectacularly colored attire that really camouflages, conceals, and disguises.

In fact, the new uniforms are so designed that it is very difficult to distinguish between officers and enlisted or to identify rank hidden within the background pattern.

According to the Soldier's Manual, an enlisted member commences the salute six paces from an approaching officer. The SOP should be modified to read six feet from an advancing officer wearing the BDU.

Even with 20/20 vision and a pair of binoculars, it is a puzzle to locate the subdued rank of fellow Guardmembers. Officers will have to be mindful of this malady and not get "hot under the collar" if not saluted when sporting the new BDU at AT'83.

Honestly, it's not out of disrespect!

Sgt. Herman Casey
Co C, 112th Engr Bn.

Abraham remembered

Editor:

I have just completed reading General Abraham's commentary in your October Issue of The Buckeye Guard re: "Accepting Responsibility for your position." The article was a scholarly and articulate approach to a most elusive objective and seems to represent the embodiment of General Abraham's expressed personal philosophy of his service to the Ohio National Guard.

My experience with General Abraham's service predates his assignment as Asst. AG Army ONG, however, all previous personal association with him was particularly impressive in regard to his willingness to accept responsibility and leadership positions and to perform them in a superb manner.

My warmest regards and appreciation is extended to him for his exemplary service to his country and state.

Charles Lees
COL (Ret.)

The life for me

SP4 PAUL A. TRAUNERO
385th Med Co (AMB)

The National Guard is the life for me, it's a place to meet new friends. One has the job security, but the work load never ends.

Many stories have been told, about

the Army chow. Sometimes it can be cold, but it's good, I will avow!

The Guard is a melting pot, with different people working together. Whether a man believes it or not, this will make him better.

Retention

BY SFC CALVIN MEADOWS
112th Transportation Battalion

I often think retention is like a door, that opens into a soldier's life where I should have been before.

A Private or a Sergeant may lift the latch for me. I often wonder when I knock, what welcome there will be. If I find a soldier that is dead, I do not often stay; but when I find one full of life I often spend the day.

I never know what sort of soldiers will be within you see, that's why retention is always so interesting to me.

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Sorry

In the October issue, two errors appeared in the "73D Infantry Brigade (Sep) Awards" article. The Best Company Size Unit (Patchen Trophy) and the Readiness Award (Goodson Trophy) was presented to Battery B, 1/136th Field Artillery. We wish you a belated but hearty congratulations!

Personnel reporting system now in use

BY Sp4 REBECCA SLYH
196th Public Affairs Detachment

The Guard knows more about their members than most people. In fact, there are 283 bits of information available to them which can be obtained with either written or verbal consent by an individual.

With the use of the Standard Installation Division Personnel Reporting System (SIDPERS), personal and military information is recorded in a computer by authorized personnel. This program is basically the same as in the Army yet goes beyond mechanics of the operation by updating information for

the Guard.

"One of the most important benefits is that the active Army and the Guard can obtain the same type of information needed for mobilization purposes," said Clyde E. Gutzwiller, state personnel officer for the Army Guard.

Although SIDPERS is new to the Ohio Guard, effective January 1, 1983, the program will take a six-month time period before it is adapted correctly.

Split up into two phases, the program will set goals to achieve within a certain time period. Phase one will involve information

about civilian occupations and military education.

Right now, retirement credits are kept manually yet with the implementation of phase two, personnel will base this information on pay documents.

Nine full time people are to man these computers, but at the present time the Ohio Guard has only seven members. This means four openings are available since 11 members are allowed. To qualify, members must be in 71L or 75B military occupational specialties and must also complete a two week school in Little Rock, Ark.

Reserves are important to total defense

NATO nation spending for conventional weapons should be increased, even if at the expense of social programs, delegates attending the Congress of the Inter-allied Confederation of Reserve (CIOR) Officers agreed recently.

More than 1,200 officers from 12 NATO nations supported the position by acclamation. Only the United Kingdom delegation, which said it was prohibited from taking official positions, refrained from the voting but added that the position was the consensus of its members.

The need for CIOR to take a more active role in delivering these messages to the pub-

lic was sounded by Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, at the beginning of the Congress. He said that the defense of NATO has been mortgaged to a nuclear response because nations have not been willing to pay the cost of a creditable conventional force.

He added that elected leaders often find it politically unfeasible or expedient to speak out on such issues as the need to increase defense expenditures by reducing other public programs or increasing taxes.

Rogers, Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger, deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Dr. Edward J.

Philbin and other officials who spoke to the delegates throughout the week emphasized the importance of the reserve in NATO's defense.

"We cannot afford to think of reserve forces as just forces in Reserve," Weinberger said. "It is important to develop and improve and blend our reserve forces with our active forces," he added.

"Nearly one-fourth of the total strength which would likely be involved during the initial phases of a NATO defense is in our reserve components," Rogers said.

STARS

By Dept. of Army

A new acronym is being brandished around the headquarters which has the commander's attention. The acronym is STARS, which stands for State/Army Reserve Schools.

According to Maj. Michael Dunegan, training management officer, ARMR VI, STARS is a process that seeks to make maximum use of all training opportunities available to reserve component personnel during their IDT periods.

Twice each year unit commanders meet with representatives of their senior headquarters, ARMR VI, the Ohio Military Academy, and the commandant of the USAR schools which support their unit. They jointly discuss training requirements and options available for meeting those needs.

The company commander submits a roster with names and MOS requirements to the USAR School Commandant who in turn organizes his curriculum to meet the commander's individual training requirements. When these requirements cannot be satisfied by USAR Schools, other options are sought. These options include the use of Active Component schools, Army National Guard academics, contract training, structured-on-the-job training (SOJT), and the use of mobile training teams.

While MOS qualification has the priority for training assets, much is being done to improve NCO qualification. All of the USAR schools and state National Guard Academies have NCO courses. In several states, USAR schools are teaching NCO

courses for Army National Guard units in the Guard armories. Conversely, many reservists are enrolled in ARNG State Academy NCO courses and officer candidate schools.

Cooperation among the Reserve, Guard and Active Component is saving the Army time, energy and money in improving its readiness posture. In addition, courses which have a mix of personnel from each element are found to produce richer and deeper learning experiences for all students.

Another ancillary benefit has been the development of mutual respect between components. In the future, STARS will receive additional emphasis because it dovetails neatly with the planning phase of the Battalion Training Management System (BTMS) and the Command Operating Budget (COB).

Ohio gets new CSM

BY Cadet D.S. DANKWORTH
196th Public Affairs Detachment

The Ohio National Guard's new command sergeant major says the military is not as "hard knock" as it was when he joined the Army in 1942. But soldiers can bet they are not going to slack off on him.

CSM Nathan B. McGlone was chosen in March to be Ohio's highest ranking non-commissioned officer.

"This isn't the old hard knock Army anymore, it's an educated Army," said the WWII veteran.

McGlone said a description of his new duties would take "many paragraphs," but, put simply, he is the Adjutant General's representative for enlisted soldiers.

One of his responsibilities is to help soldiers in their problems with things like pay and morale. "If they see me any time, any place, they can talk to me. I won't bite."

He might not bite, but he will check out the soldier's uniform and military bearing. McGlone said he is also interested in the training of the troops.

"I want to see if we can get back the discipline we have lost over the years. When

I see people out of uniform and needing haircuts, I see a lack of discipline."

He added that his scrutiny of soldiers won't stop with the younger troops.

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CSM McGlone

"I also want to get the NCOs out from behind their desks and get them training soldiers."

McGlone went on to add that, "Today's soldier is more highly educated and has many new or modern training methods to contend with than the "hard knock" soldier. This requires the NCO to be even more prepared to train the soldier in the best, most efficient way possible."

Combining his time on active and reserve duty, McGlone, who lives with his family in Cincinnati, has been with the military for 37



CSM Nathan B. McGlone

years. He was the sergeant major of the NCO academy at Fort Hood, Texas, when he was discharged from the Army in 1953.

McGlone was also battalion sergeant of the 512th Engineer Battalion in Cincinnati from 1957 to 1982. As command sergeant major for the Ohio National Guard his office is located at Beightler Armory in Worthington.

137th CPX adds realism to training mission

BY SFC DAVID MEURER
137th Support and Service Battalion

"In the early hours of the morning, the 13th Recon Battalion without warning, crossed the border into Western Germany near the FULDA GAP area. The attack that followed was led by the 61st Guards Motorized Rifle Division and the..."

No! I didn't sleep through the beginning of World War III. This was the opening scenario of the 137th Support and Service Battalion's CPX (Command Post Exercise). Fortunately it is an exercise, but training and readiness posture is the objective of a CPX and realism is a paramount ingredient. For the majority of the troops the exercise begins on the Friday prior to the CPX.

On Friday it's 4:30 p.m. and another week's shot and everyone at work is looking forward to "Miller time" and a relaxing weekend. Everyone that is, except the men and women of the 137th S&S Battalion in Toledo. We have a MUTA 5 CPX in Plumbrook beginning this evening. Uniforms, field gear and lots of mosquito repellent were packed days ago for the 1800 hour formation.

I arrived at the armory with 15 minutes to spare (funny how I was always late when I was a PFC and now I'm always early — training I guess). After completing any last minute details with MSgt. Joe Williams, we received a safety briefing from our new

Personal View

commander, 2nd Lt. Harmon. We then handed out the weapons and protective masks, pulled maintenance on the dozen vehicles in the convoy to leave for Plumbrook, and finally we were ready to "move out." While in convoy it was the first time I had to relax all day.

The first thing I looked for upon arriving at Plumbrook was to see if SFC Maxwell and his advance party had set up the tents we needed for the CPX. Great! All tents were up. It's no fun trying to pitch tents at night when someone could get injured. Next, I checked with the soldiers in my section to insure that they had their equipment and a place to sleep. About then, 1st Sgt. Lewis called the NCOs together for a briefing, after which I sprayed myself with mosquito repellent for about the fourth time. Finally time for bed as wake-up will be at zero dark thirty.

Waking up, I didn't realize how hungry I was, until breakfast tasted so good, even though I had to look at SSgt. Osinski's, our food service sergeant, smiling face. After a second cup of coffee I headed for the Logistical Operations tent.

The combat mission of a Support and Service Battalion is to keep the battlefield supplied with the highest possible percentage of fully operational weapons systems

and personal supplies. This battalion commands and controls from two to six direct support or general support supply and service companies. These supplies include every type including medical and ammunition. It is responsible for the clothing, feeding, bathing of all combat troops in its area of control, as well as the troops in its command.

This unit also performs graves registration functions, decontamination facilities, supplies, replacement parts for just about every piece of equipment; along with the major repair of much of a combat unit's equipment on a 24-hour basis. In other words, the unit must be ready to respond quickly to any combat demand for critical supplies and/or essential maintenance.

When noon Sunday rolled around we had been going nonstop since early Saturday morning. I went through six cans of mosquito repellent, and felt like "hell." We headed back to Toledo, reflecting on the training, and even though you have some items to report on that could be improved, you feel like you have accomplished a great deal and that the next CPX will go more smoothly.

"In the early hours of the morning, the 13th Recon Battalion..." Dear God, I hope it never happens, but if it does we are now just a little better prepared.

World War I vets honored

BY Cadet D.S. DANKWORTH
196th Public Affairs Detachment

In 1918 George Williams of the Ohio National Guard sounded his bugle which led a unit of his black comrades into the bloody throes of World War I.

Many soldiers in that segregated unit failed to survive the war, but even fewer lived long enough to receive recognition for their service to their state and country.

On Nov. 6, Buckeye Guard officers presented the 102-year-old Williams and each of his four fellow surviving war veterans with the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal during the opening of the Ohio National Guard Museum. The ceremony was held at the Columbus Cultural Arts Center, which houses the museum.

The five old soldiers were the only men from the World War I contingent of the 372nd Infantry — an all-black unit mobilized in both world wars and decorated by the French in World War I — that the Guard could locate for the presentation.

Honored along with Williams, who lives at the Dayton Veterans Administration Center, were William Drew of Columbus, and Maceo Burns, the Rev. Willard Gilmore and Freeman Lee, all of Springfield.

Lee, 84, said he was in Springfield when he and his black friends heard about the start of the infamous war. "We all volunteered. I remember some of the feelings I had, but I don't like to talk about them all the time. We got treated pretty bad at times."

Maj. James M. Chubb, commander at headquarters detachment, Beightler Armory in Worthington, told the audience at the ceremony about the unit's gallant actions in France with the French 157th "Red Hand" division. The French awarded the unit the coveted Croix de Guerre after it gained "the reputation of, once obtaining land, they refused to give even an inch to the enemy," Chubb said.

Brig. Gen. Michel de Noray, French mili-



Mr. George Williams, 102-years-old, salutes as he enters the Columbus Cultural Arts Center where he was honored, along with five other veterans. (PHOTO BY Sgt. JAMES DAY)

tary attache to the United States, also attended the presentation to testify to France's gratitude to the "trey-lucky-deuce" unit. He noted that during the war's Champagne offensive, French officers said, "The (372nd) regiment's achievements were equal to those of any in their division. On behalf of France I am happy to thank the Ohio National Guard and especially the 372nd."

After Sp4 Steven L. Frantz from the Ohio Guard's band blew taps to honor the unit's

dead, Williams spoke.

"I am extremely proud to be with you. God Bless everyone here and to come in the future."

Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, the adjutant general of Ohio, pinned the decorations on the honored veterans. Representing the Department of the Army at the presentation was Brig. Gen. Richard D. Dean, deputy director of the Army National Guard of the United States.

CRI's locate deficiencies prior to mobilization

BY Sp4 CHARLES TRITT
196th Public Affairs Detachment

With the first round of Command Readiness Inspections (CRI) over unit commanders, NCOs and enlisted can now breathe a sigh of relief and begin preparing for the next round of CRI's in about 18 months.

That's the whole idea behind the CRI's: to prepare units for mobilization by pointing out deficiencies so that they can be corrected, according to Col. Ronald Bowman, the State Inspector General.

The CRI program was begun in early 1981 when Fifth Army made significant revisions

in inspection policies. The objective was to make the inspections reflect a unit's ability to function if it were mobilized.

"The CRI emphasized readiness posture. The senior inspector explained its results were to be used as a tool for the identification of problem areas," according to 2nd Lt. Christine M. Harmon, commander of the Headquarters Detachment of the 137th Supply and Service Battalion. Harmon's unit was recently inspected.

The thoroughness of CRI's has been noted by many Guardmembers.

"The kinds of questions asked of me by the senior inspector allowed him to assess my knowledge of my unit and its internal functioning," said Harmon.

There are 21 areas covered during a CRI. Each area is rated either as satisfactory or unsatisfactory during an inspection.

Problem areas for Ohio Guard units during this cycle's inspection were: unequal enforcement of the weight program, problems in conduct of training and failure to discharge service members with an excessive number of AWOLs, according to Bowman.



TO ALL MEMBERS
OF THE
OHIO ARMY AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD

CHRISTMAS 1982

The approach of the Christmas Season heralds the close of another year. Christmas 1982 will close out an epic era of service and accomplishment for Ohio National Guard Members. And so, as in the Birth of the Prince of Peace, new hopes are born for the future, so also, the ending of one era furnishes a stepping stone to a new, and hopefully, an even brighter period.

Service to others is the theme of the Ohio National Guard and each one of you, your spouses, and families, represent a cornerstone in that concept. As the Prince of Peace's mission was to serve, so also is ours. As you have touched the lives of your fellow citizens, so have you deeply touched ours.

For this we thank you and say, "Live life to the fullest; be happy and you'll know the peace and love necessary for a Blessed Christmas and joyous New Year."

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The flying chaplain



Capt. John Ellington (Chaplain) climbs out of the back seat of the A-7K after his first flight in the aircraft. (PHOTO BY SSgt. MEL BAUMGARDNER)

BY TSgt. DAVID L. TAYLOR
178th Tac Ftr Grp

Chaplain (Capt.) John Ellington, of the Springfield-based 178th Tactical Fighter Group, is rapidly becoming known as "the flying Chaplain."

Ellington, who has previously flown in the

O-2, C-130, C-131, KC-135 and T-39 military aircraft in addition to various helicopters, has added the unit's new A-7K to his list of military flying experiences. The A-7K is a brand new two-seat version of the A-7D Corsair II attack aircraft which is flown by the 178th.

During the Group's recent deployment to Alpena, Mich., the Chaplain had to return to Springfield for an emergency. His trip to Springfield and the return trip to Alpena were made in the back-seat of the A-7K. The aircraft was piloted by Col. Richard E. Higgins, commander of the 178th.

The Chaplain has been with the unit for three and one-half years. He described flying in an A-7K as "an experience of a lifetime, fantastic, really something, just unbelievable. If it wasn't for the fact I am too old," the Chaplain said, "I think they should send me to flight school. I love to fly."

The Chaplain hopes to be able to pilot an airplane someday, but because he is too old for U.S. Air Force pilot training, he hopes to qualify with a civilian license.

The Chaplain's only military flight outside the continental United States was on the Group's deployment to Panama in 1981. He has flown "space available" several times including a recent trip to his churches' conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Although Chaplain Ellington can't pilot an aircraft he wants to fly at every opportunity and who wouldn't like having the Chaplain fly with them. After all, look who's flying with the Chaplain.

251st continues to excell

BY 1st LT. MARK L. STOUT
251st Combat Comm. Group

This has been a banner year for the 251st Combat Communications Group.

The group headquarters at the Municipal Airport, Springfield, Ohio, and its units located in six states has been the recipient of the Major General Harold M. McClelland Award, the National Guard Bureau Communications-Electronics Trophy and now the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The 251st was cited for the high degree of initiative, competence, enthusiasm and dedication displayed by members of the group in support of Air Force, Air National Guard, and community requirements, and the exceptional training programs and inspections which produced outstanding results in the pursuit of mission objectives.



PHOTO BY 1st LT. MARK STOUT

Brig. Gen. Edward J. Power, Asst. Adj. Gen. for Air, Ohio, attaches the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Streamer to the guidon presented by 251st Combat Communications Group guidon bearer, SMSgt. Robert E. French, Sr., at a ceremony on October 2nd. Assisting is 2nd Lt. Gregory J. Gicale of the 269th Combat Communications Squadron.

Special Benefits Issue



December, 1982

57 Reasons to stay Guard

While most members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard know they have a benefit package most would be hard pressed to name even a fraction of the benefits available to them.

BUCKEYE GUARD magazine firmly believes all members of the Ohio Guard should know about the benefits available and take full advantage of each and every benefit applying to both them and their dependents.

As a member of the Ohio National Guard mountains of state and Federal benefits are yours for the asking. This issue will examine many of these benefits and provide guidance on how to qualify for most.

In addition to the obvious financial rewards of being a Guardmember, there are many intangible reasons for staying Guard. We'll explore some of these reasons in this issue.

Think of some reasons to Stay Guard!

1. Business Contacts.
2. Free inoculations.
3. Space Available flights on military aircraft.
4. PX benefits (day to day).
5. Promotions/personal and professional recognition.
6. Stay at Visiting Quarters (VEQ/VOQ) at some military posts while traveling.
7. Monthly pay checks.
8. Work clothes provided for Guard duties.
9. Community contacts.
10. Craft shop use at some military installations.
11. Free aptitude testing.
12. Free physical exams.
13. SGLI \$35,000 full coverage for \$5.25 per mo. ONGA and ONGEA insurance coverage also available.
14. Military education may enhance the Guardmember's civilian position through service schools and extension courses.
15. Free college tuition — up to 4 years — through the Ohio Guard's unique Scholarship Program. The program also covers most two year vocational schools and extension courses.
16. On the job health benefits (emergency medical, dental and pharmaceutical).
17. Free meals at meetings.
18. On the job disability coverage (medical costs and full military pay and allowances with approved line of duty).
19. Commissary use during Annual Training and for each period of three or more consecutive days active duty training for self and dependents.
20. Source for resume' referrals may be found in association with other unit members.
21. Comradeship.
22. Skill training.
23. \$50 per day for State Active Duty under emergency situations.
24. \$20,000 free life insurance from State of Ohio if killed while on State Active Duty

status for an emergency situation. Also, Workers' Compensation is available to Guard members injured in the line of duty.

25. A break from the norm (adventure/excitement).

26. The life of a retired soldier or airman (Pay, PX, Commissary, Medical, Club Participation, etc.).

27. Patriotism.



180th firefighter

28. Service to community, nation, fellow-man.
29. Advance in your field through on-the-job training.
30. Expand your horizons.
31. Launch a career (be a professional at something).
32. Pursue your hobbies.
33. Take a break from school.
34. Blue Streak Referral Program — earn extra money for referring prospective recruits to Ohio Army National Guard Recruiters.
35. Stripes for Buddies — earn additional rank by helping to enlist your friends in the Buckeye Guard.
36. Discipline/order.
37. Marksmanship Program — The Ohio Guard has some of the top shooters in the nation.

38. Opportunity to join special clubs (Flying Club, Officers Club, NCO Club) at nearby military installations.

39. If a national emergency should arise, unit members will be called up with the unit they are trained and familiar with rather than as an individual draftee or control group member.

40. Tax deductions/advantages (Federal and State).

41. Physical Training.

42. Opportunity for management background through leadership training.

43. Means to increase or participate in Social Security.

44. Legal assistance and counseling.

45. Unit family activities (parties, picnics, etc.).

46. Membership in Officers' Wives Club and Enlisted Association Auxiliary for Guardmembers' spouses and membership in Enlisted Association for all Guardmembers.

47. Opportunity to improve the system through participation in the Army Suggestion Program.

48. Rental of Camp Perry cottages at a very low cost. Use of other recreational facilities at Perry.

49. New Federal Enlistment Incentives for selected Guard Units (AGO Circular 600-3).

50. Car rental discounts — up to 40 percent.

51. Ohio National Guard Association Scholarships available to all ONG members and their dependents.

52. Use of USO facilities across the nation.

53. Receive college credits for military training and experience.

54. An opportunity to attend the Ohio Military Academy's NCO and Officer programs — improve your leadership ability.

55. Disney World, Sea World and Kings Island discounts.

56. VA-FHA Home Loan Program.

57. Increased death benefits under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

A soldier

BY TSgt. JON STIERS
220th E1 Squadron

*A soldier is a man who does his best when and where he can,
A soldier is a man who takes his country in stride, riding along with it is this man's pride,*

A soldier is a man who risks his life so that others can go free, across this great land of ours to the deep blue sea,

And when this soldier dies you can say, that soldier was a man.

Benefits

New Enlisted Pay Tables

EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 1982

PAY GRADE	YEARS OF SERVICE	MONTHLY PAY RATE	DAILY PAY RATE	MUTA-4 PAY RATE	15 DAYS ANNUAL TNG	BAG RATES MD	BAG W/OUT
E-1 PV1	-02	573.60	19.12	76.48	286.80	7.12	4.09
E-2 PV2	-02	642.90	21.43	85.72	321.45	7.12	4.33
E-3 PFC	-02	668.40	22.28	89.12	334.20	7.12	4.90
E-4 CPL	-02	709.30	23.65	94.60	354.75	8.16	5.48
E-5 SGT	-02	760.80	25.36	101.44	380.40	9.29	6.22
E-6 SSG	-02	866.40	28.88	115.52	433.20	10.11	6.47
E-7 SFC	-02	1007.40	33.58	134.32	503.70	10.98	7.12
E-8 MSG	-02	1443.00	48.10	192.40	721.50	11.80	8.37
E-9 CSM	-02	1720.20	57.34	229.36	860.10	12.78	9.08

Enlisted Basic Allowance For Subsistence
When rations in kind are not available
\$5.29 a day 30 days is \$158.70

B \$1.19
D 2.05
S 2.05
\$5.29

the program — at slightly higher rates. For retired Guardmembers with 20 years service under age 40, the cost is \$10.50 per month. For those between 40 and 49, it is \$14. And for those 50 and over, it is \$17.50 monthly.

In addition, there are programs offered by the various enlisted and officer organizations which make it a simple and inexpensive matter for Guardmembers to insure their families.

Ohio National Guard officials stress the importance of the insurance program. They cite the untimely deaths of Guardsmen during 1982 as examples of why the insurance is vital. At least one of the Guardsmen had no insurance.

The improved benefits were the result of long and intense lobbying of Congress by organizations representing Guard and other Reserve component members. Until 1974, SGLI benefits were only afforded Guard members when they were on drill and annual training status. But Public Law 93-289 extended that coverage to 24 hours a day, as long as the member was carried on the rolls as an active participant in the Guard or Reserve.

Another important factor in the bill is that it was extended to retired Guardmembers under the age of 60. Then, in December 1981, Congress increased the maximum insurance level from \$20,000 to \$35,000.

Guardmembers on inactive training status (attending monthly drills) should apply for SGLI through their unit. Retired Guardmembers should apply through the Veterans Administration.

SGLI coverage ends, by law, at age 60.

ONGEA Insurance

BY Cadet D.S. DANKWORTH
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Although the administrator for the Ohio National Guard Association Insurance Fund used to refer noisy jets with the Air Guard, his hearing problem results from people, not machines.

John Young's ears work just fine. But since Guardmembers do not pay much attention when he tells them about the ONGA/ONGEA insurance plan, Young thinks they are missing out on a great opportunity.

"No other company can touch what it (the plan) does," Young said at his office in the Ohio Military Federal Credit Union at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

"Our first 15 months, in this program, we experienced 12 claims (deaths) of Guardsmen and/or dependents, and every claim has been paid within a week."

A retired full-time member of the Guard who now drills monthly with Air Guard state headquarters, Young has been traveling to armories since the June 1, 1981, start of the program telling soldiers and airmen about

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Let's talk insurance

BY SGT. FORREST S. GOSSETT
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One of the best benefits offered for National Guard members is the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program.

For only \$5.25 per month, Guardmembers get \$35,000 of life insurance coverage.

In short, it is one of the most inexpensive methods around to make certain that a Guardmember's family is provided for in case of untimely death.

And, retired Guardmembers qualify for

Insurance

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the no exclusion insurance plan. Young is also a former member of the Air Guard's 160th Air Refueling Group.

All active members of the Guard are eligible to purchase life and dependent insurance from the plan issued by Statesman Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa. The plan offers year-round coverage, with benefits ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. The claims are paid in the event of death from any cause.

The plan also carries no suicide or war clause, no aviation exclusion, and no hazardous duty or civilian occupation restriction.

But Young said what really makes the plan worthwhile is the Guardmember's option to retain the insurance after leaving the Guard, regardless of his or her health. "The average rate for a Guardmember and his family is running about 30 cents per \$1,000 per month."



Sp5 David Christman

Survivor benefit plan

BY Sp4 CHUCK TRITT
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One of the most important features of National Guard retirement is the Survivor Benefit Plan. The plan is designed to give retired National Guard members a low-cost way to leave a portion of their retirement pay to their families if they die.

Through the program, retirees can leave 55 percent of their gross monthly retirement pay to their survivors, in the form of annuity. The annuity provides monthly payments to the family.

SBP can be thought of as a type of life insurance for the guard members retirement pay. The "premiums" for SBP are deducted from the retiree's gross retirement pay. Like any kind of insurance the more protection you elect the more it costs.

Under the basic plan guard members elect

The plan is not intended to compete with the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance program. It is in addition to your SGLI. "SGLI, while you're in the Guard is cheaper." But the association's plan has cheaper conversion rates and, "You can bring your family in on this," Young said.

Guardmembers can have both plans but they cannot join the association's program once they are discharged from service.

Besides running into lack of attention when he briefs Guardmembers about the plan, Young said some unit commanders misinterpret his reason for coming to the armory. Young said he goes to the armories to explain the insurance plan as just another one of the many benefits the ONGA/ONGEA has acquired for members.

"I'm not an insurance man, I'm a Guardsman," the 34-year Guard veteran stressed. "Commanders should not think an insurance man is coming to the armory. It's an ONGA/ONGEA association member."

Military Credit Union

The Ohio Military Federal Credit Union, at "A" Avenue and Third Street, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, has announced Saturday hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to better serve the Ohio Army and Air National Guard.

A full range of services are available through the institution.

The basic share accounts now pay up to 7 percent. There are six high yield plans available including money market certificates.

Certificates of deposit are issued for one, two, three or four years.

An Individual Retirement Account plan is also offered. The interest rate of this new plan is tied to the rate of treasure notes and adjusted quarterly.

Loans of all types and varying terms and rates are also available.

These include signature, share-secured, collateral (vehicle and recreational), first and second mortgages, and line of credit loan accounts.

The credit union is also open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For those unable to visit the facility in person a 24-hour telephone and mail service is offered at (614) 497-0390.



dren coverage, children only coverage, or person with "insurable interest" coverage under the SBP.

If both spouse and children coverage is elected, on the retiree's death, annuity payments are normally made to the surviving spouse. If the spouse becomes ineligible through death or remarriage the annuity payments are split among the retiree's eligible children. To be eligible children must be under age 18 normally, under age 22 if in school, or any age if incapacitated. Payments stop when there are no longer any eligible beneficiaries.

The additional cost for children is based on the ages of the youngest child, spouse, and retiree. Additional deductions for children coverage stop when there are no longer any eligible children.

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Retirement pay—Medical benefits

BY Sp4 CHUCK TRITT
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Not many part-time jobs provide retirement benefits, but the National Guard does. Guard retirement provides benefits ranging from retirement pay to overseas international space-available flights.

To be eligible for any of these benefits however, you must have served 20 "satisfactory" years of federal military service and be over 60 years old.

One of the most valuable retirement benefits in the Guard is the retirement pay. This monthly pay begins on your 60th birthday, but only if you apply. Calculation of the amount of retirement pay is based on a point system. Eligibility for retirement pay is based on 20 years of "satisfactory" service federal military service.

In order to be eligible to receive retirement benefits guardmembers must meet the following requirements: (1) have completed 20 years of "satisfactory" military service, of which at least the last eight were served in a guard or reserve status, (2) must have reached age 60 and (3) must not be entitled to receive any other military retirement pay.

The amount of retirement pay is calculated and the definition of a "satisfactory year" are both based on a "point" system. Points are awarded in the following way:

- (1) You receive one point per day for any active duty you have served regardless of when it was served. This includes time served during active duty military service schools and annual training.
- (2) You receive 50 points a year for every year of inactive duty served before July 1, 1949. You receive fractional credit for any fractional years served.
- (3) You receive 15 gratuitous points for every year of inactive service since July 1,

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If a person with "insurable interest" coverage is selected the annuity payments are made to a relative or other person with an insurable interest in the retiree. The "insurable interest" coverage is quite a bit different from the spouse only and spouse and children coverage discussed earlier. This coverage is only available to retirees who have neither a spouse nor any dependent children, and is payable only to a beneficiary having a bonafide financial interest in the retiree.

The cost of this coverage is 5 percent of the total retired pay for each full 5 years the beneficiary is younger than the retiree, to a maximum of 40 percent of the retired pay. The annuity payments are 55 percent of the retired pay remaining after the cost of the coverage is subtracted.

There are two ways a retiree can avoid risking their dependents security between the time they retire and the time they reach age 60. One option is an annuity that begins payment to the beneficiary on the date the

1949. In addition to these points you receive one point for each military unit training assembly (MUTA), that's four per drill weekend. Points are also available for other training, but there is a limit of 60 points total per year. Satisfactory years are defined as years in which you received more than 50 points.

To receive your retirement pay however, you must apply. Retirees should apply for retirement pay several months before their 60th birthday. Air Guard members should apply through their Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO), if still serving on drill status and complete ARPC Form 192. If assigned to the retired Reserve, upon reaching age 59½, Guard members should request application forms and assistance from the Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC), Denver, Colo. 80205.

Army Guardmembers should complete Form DD 108, the application for retirement benefits, available from the state Adjutant General's Department. If the Guard member is still in an active status, the forms should be submitted through National Guard channels, otherwise it should be mailed directly to the Commander, U.S. Army Personnel and Administration Center, St. Louis, Mo. 63132.

Medical care

Retirement pay begins on the retiree's 60th birthday, if application is made on time. Even if application is made after age 60, pay is retroactive. However, if application is made more than six years after the retiree's 60th birthday, one day of retirement pay is deducted for each additional day of delay.

retiree would have reached age 60 if the retiree dies before that date. If the retiree dies after reaching age 60 the annuity payments begin the day after the retiree's death.

A second option is an annuity that begins payment on the day after the retiree's death regardless of the retiree's age. To receive this coverage the guard member must make an election in writing within 3 months after completion of 20 years service. To make it easier for the guard members to elect this coverage notices are sent to all members immediately before they reach the twenty year goal. The election to participate in these two plans can not be withdrawn as long as there is an eligible beneficiary remaining. The cost of providing this additional coverage is shared by the retiree who lives beyond age 60 and the potential beneficiary. The cost to the retiree will be an additional deduction above the standard "premiums." The cost to the beneficiary will be a reduction in the 55 percent of the base amount received monthly.

Another important feature of Guard retirement is medical care. This program has two parts, care at military facilities and care at civilian facilities. Care at military facilities (these include more than 100 uniformed service hospitals and numerous clinics throughout the U.S.) is provided on a space available basis. If there is no room at the military facility, the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) takes over. Under this cost sharing program, the government generally pays 75 percent of the charges for physicians and medical facilities.

In military facilities a variety of benefits are available. These benefits include hospitalization; outpatient treatment and services; prescription drugs, immunizations; diagnostic tests and X-rays; artificial limbs; loan of durable equipment, such as wheelchairs, orthopedic braces, except orthopedic footwear; and many others. However, a few things are not authorized, including custodial care and dental care for dependents.

There is no charge under this program for any outpatient care or hospitalization for retired enlisted members. However, there is a small charge for hospitalization for dependents and retired officers and warrant officers.

If you live within 40 miles of a uniformed services hospital, and if you or your dependent require nonemergency inpatient care, you must find out if the care is available through a military facility. If the care is not available at the military facility, you must obtain a non-availability statement (DD Form 1251) or CHAMPUS will not share the cost of the care. This rule does not apply if you live more than 40 miles from a military facility or for outpatient or emergency care.

The amounts of these reductions are based on actuarial calculations using the members age at election, the difference in age and sex of the survivor, and the option elected. The percentage of the reduction will be calculated at the time of the members election and will not change unless there is no longer an eligible beneficiary.

Like retirement pay SBP payments are taxable. However, SBP costs are deducted from your gross retirement pay before taxes. Another feature is that the SBP annuity will not be considered as part of your estate and therefore will not be subject to federal estate or gift taxes.

Other details of SBP include cost of living increases similar to those made in ordinary retired pay and limitations on how much can be received when other federal benefits are being paid. These reductions include Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and Social Security payments.

Education

Military Academy

The Ohio Military Academy was established 25 years ago to help further the military education of Ohio Army National Guard members.

The courses, most of which are offered in drill status, help Guard members advance their careers by meeting military education requirements. As promotions grow more competitive, military education takes on new importance.

When most people think of the OMA, NCO and Officer Candidate Schools probably come to mind first. But while these courses can properly be considered the core of OMA's offerings, they are by no means complete.

Among the subjects taught by OMA staff members are Battalion Training Management System (BTMS); and other selected leadership subjects.

First, the glamour course, OCS. OCS takes about 13 months to complete. In general, to enter, candidates must have a GT score of 110 or higher and be no older than 32½ upon commissioning. In addition, candidates must be able to pass the advanced Army PT test and take the OCT/OQI battery of qualifications.

Classes usually start in May with the first of two annual training periods required before commissioning. After the initial AT period,

candidates drill once a month, normally in the Beightler Armory, Worthington, where OMA is located.

About a year later, during the middle of their second AT period, candidates are commissioned as second lieutenants and receive a week of leadership training.

There are four courses for NCOs. The first, primary NCO course, is designed for E-4s and E-5s, as is the Basic NCO course. Many junior grade soldiers are finding promotions impossible to obtain without these courses, so it is wise for the soldier to plan these as part of his or her military education. An Advanced NCO course is offered for E-6s and E-7s. It, too, has become a "must" for soldiers looking to advance.

Finally, there is the Senior NCO course, designed for E-8s and E-9s. In addition, OMA officials are planning and about ready to offer a first sergeants course, designed to teach that important job to E-7s and E-8s either in or striving for promotion to first shirt.

Soldiers interested in courses at OMA should either contact their unit or call the OMA at 614-889-7106.

Army Schools

Basic and advanced military occupational specialty (MOS) schooling is a must for any

enlisted soldier looking to advance.

Perhaps the most attractive benefit to these schools is the fact a soldier is paid to learn. All Army or Air Guardmembers attending schooling full time are on active duty for training with full benefits.

Information on Army schooling is available from your local unit.

For Guardmembers who can't get away from their jobs long enough to attend residence schooling, they should investigate the Army Correspondence Program. Offered through the U.S. Army Institute for Professional Development in Newport News, Va., the courses are an excellent way to not only gain valuable basic knowledge, they help gain promotion and retirement points.

The course offerings are varied. A good place to start is with your unit training NCO or officer. Also, Army Guardmembers can enroll in certain correspondence courses offered by the Air Force.

Another positive feature for soldiers and airmen is that many military schools have been recommended for college credits by the American Council on Education. The number of credit hours depends upon course content and length.

Acceptance of the ACE's rating, in whole or part, is up to the individual college or university. However, keep in mind that many colleges, state-supported and private, award credit for military schooling.

Direct deposit

Maj. EDWARD REICH

Finance Officer

Direct check deposit is now being offered to Guardmembers in order to help improve the payment of regular Guard earnings. You no longer have to wait for the mail to arrive in order to have your Guard earnings available.

You can have your paycheck sent directly to a financial institution of your choice. They will apply your earnings to your account, saving you a trip to the bank to cash the check. Also, your money is deposited to your account whether you are at home or away, allowing you the freedom from worry of your check being stolen from your mailbox.

Another asset to direct deposit is that it builds a better credit reference for you. The bank knows your check arrives each and every month on the same date, and the amount of your deposit. This helps you when applying for a credit card, charge account or a loan.

The finance personnel consider this a most reliable way for you to be paid and your paycheck to be deposited when you expect it. In order to take advantage of this program, please contact your unit administrator and request a DA Form 3685, JUMPS Army Pay Elections, to be completed by you. Your bank or financial institution account number and its address must go on this form.

Benefits

Recreation-Exchanges

Military Hops

BY Sp4 JON FLESHMAN

196th Public Affairs Detachment

Defense Construction Supply Center (DCSC). Public Affairs Information Office 236-2328, 3990 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43221. Supplies for buildings, vehicle parts and weapon parts (only parts). Exchange Monday thru Friday 10:00 - 5 p.m., Saturday 9:00 - 1 p.m., Sunday closed. There are no recreation facilities and no commissary, mainly eating facilities.

Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. Exchange 491-8424. Monday closed, Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00 - 5 p.m., Sunday 12:00 - 5 p.m. Need a valid military ID card to get in. Commissary 492-3360. Monday closed, Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 - 6 p.m., Saturday 9:00 - 5 p.m., Sunday 12:00 - 5 p.m. Food Exchange in care of Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus, Ohio 43217. NCO and Officer's Clubs 492-3774. Monday and Tuesday 6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday 6:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Sunday 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Toledo Coast Guard Station. Has no recreation facilities. Captain of the port (419) 259-6372. Exchange (419) 259-6445. Monday and Saturday 10:00 - 2 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 - 4 p.m.

Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Exchange (513) 879-5730. Monday thru Thursday 10:00 - 6 p.m., Friday 10:00 - 7 p.m., Saturday 10:00 - 5 p.m., Sunday 12:00 - 4 p.m. Guardmembers need a valid military ID card and a current pay voucher to both get in the PX and be able to buy items. Commissary (513) 257-4601. Monday closed, Tuesday 8:00 - 8 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 - 6 p.m., Friday 8:00 - 8 p.m., Saturday 8:00 - 5 p.m., Sunday closed. Need a valid military ID and a current pay voucher to buy items. LES must show at least 72 hours active duty to use commissary. Officer's Club (513) 257-2216. Monday thru Thursday 11:00 - 11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11:00 - 1 a.m., closed Friday. NCO Club (513) 257-3767. Monday thru Friday 7:00 - 11 p.m. Bingo night Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 7:00 p.m. - 1 a.m. For both clubs a club card from the base is required.

Guardmembers enjoy the best exchange privileges in history.

There was a time when Guardmembers were limited to exchange visits on just drill weekends, which, needless to say, cramped what shopping could be done.

All that changed in 1974 when Congress passed legislation allowing Guardmembers one day of exchange visits for each drill day (MUTA-2) any day of the month they chose.

Then, in 1979, things got even better. Guardmembers were granted one day of exchange benefits for each four-hour MUTA period — or an average of four days per month. Additionally, at many military concerns in the U.S., Guardmembers are allowed to use post recreation centers and movie theaters. The decision on those privileges is generally left up to the installation commander.

In 1981, Congress made it easier to expand Guardmembers exchange benefits to include families. Dependents are now also allowed to use exchanges without the sponsor's presence. Dependents can enter exchange facilities by showing proper ID and the sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement.

Also, during AT periods, dependents are allowed full use of all exchange and commissary facilities, including Class VI beverage stores.

Listings

No matter where one looks entertainment can be found just about any where. Even at an armory. Yet just like at home, one has to look for it. Though this isn't the only recreation type entertainment in Ohio, with this guide others can be found. Calling these numbers is a start.

Camp Perry, Port Clinton, Ohio. Officer's Club (419) 635-2519. Monday thru Friday 9:30 - 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8:00 - 4 p.m. Club House Port Clinton, Camp Perry, Ohio 43452. NCO Club (419) 635-2519.

Cleveland Coast Guard Station, East 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Exchange (216) 522-3939. Monday thru Friday 9:00 - 3:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday closed. Commissary (216) 522-4436. Monday closed, Tuesday thru Friday 9:30 - 5 p.m., Saturday 8:00 - 4 p.m., Sunday closed. 703 Eagle St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Need a valid military ID to get in or a dependents card, 100 percent disability card. Family and friends can visit yet without a military ID they cannot buy things.



Benefits

Co-op education available

So you're attending College under the Ohio National Guard Scholarship program? Good, smart move on your part! Unfortunately, your National Guard salary and scholarship monies will not support an affluent life style. In fact, many guardmembers, under the scholarship program, are required to work just to make ends meet. Cooperative Education (Co-op) could be the answer to your prayers.

Major "Jim" Lewis is the Personnel Projects Officer for the Headquarters Ohio Air National Guard at Beightler Armory, Worthington, Ohio. In civilian life, he is assigned as the Cooperative Education program coordinator for the Aeronautical Systems Division (ASD) at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.

According to Lewis, ASD has one of the largest Co-op programs in the federal government and they are always on the look-out for good students working on a bachelors degree in Aerospace Engineering, Computer Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering or Computer Science.

Cooperative Education is a well balanced combination of academic study and practical work experience, each closely related and complimentary to the other. Periods of work and study alternate, the work being an integral element of the education process. The program provides students with a

unique plan for earning money needed for college, as well as a chance to learn about their chosen career.

To be considered for the Co-op program, students must meet the following requirements:

a. Full time student status in a Baccalaureate program at an accredited College or University. In addition, the school must have a recognized Cooperative Education program.

b. Recommendation by the school.

c. GPA of at least a 2.0 overall on a 4.0 scale.

Co-op students enter the program at the grade consistent with their academic progress and are paid at the following rates:

GRADE	SALARY	EDUCATION LEVEL
GS-03	\$5.12 per hour	1 year of College
GS-04	\$5.74 per hour	2 years of College

The Cooperative Education program does not conflict with your National Guard career. A "dual career" in the Ohio National Guard and Federal Civil Service is a marriage made in heaven, as Lewis can attest to after serving twenty years in this capacity.

If you are interested in the Cooperative Education program at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, please call Maj. Lewis at (513) 255-6974.

G.I. Home Loan Rate Down To 12 1/2%

The GI home loan interest rate decreased from 13 1/2% to 12 1/2%, effective October 13, 1982, the Veterans Administration announced recently. This was the fourth rate decrease within the last two months.

The new 12 1/2% interest rate was agreed upon jointly by the Veterans Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is in line with interest rate reductions in the private sector.

For a veteran buying a home with a 30-year, average GI loan of \$57,000, the rate decrease will lower the monthly payment by \$181 over the 16 1/2% rate which was in effect earlier this year.

The new GI home loan interest rate for mobile home loans is 14 1/2% and 14% for a mobile home and lot, or lot only.

The change, however, does not affect existing loans, whose interest rate remains the same for the life of the agreement.

GI home loans can be used to purchase, construct, alter, improve, repair or re-inance a home. This includes the purchase of condominiums and mobile homes, with or without a lot.

Car rental discounts

Military and Department of Defense civilian personnel can now take advantage of discounts offered by six car rental companies.

The discounts, which were negotiated by the Military Traffic Management Command, vary from 10 to 40 percent. All but one company offers this discount for both personal and official travel. In addition, five of the six companies offer this discount to retirees.

Participating in the program are Avis,

Deductions

There can be little doubt that for many Guardmembers, expenses often exceed reimbursements. That is one reason many members should consider taking deductions off their Federal income tax return at the end of the year.

Basically, the most important requirement is good record keeping. Without them, deductions may be denied during an audit by the Internal Revenue Service.

The way to determine how best to use National Guard expenses for tax purposes is to consult a tax adviser or accountant.

However, some of the basic deductions include:

- Travel to and from drill and their unit meetings if the armory or meeting location is more than 50 miles from your home. The current deduction for mileage is 20 cents per mile, though some choose to use the actual expense method.

- Meals and lodging associated with travel to and from drill locations.

- Round-trip expenses in excess of reimbursements. The Army mileage rate is lower than the IRS deductible rate; therefore, good record keeping can reduce your tax bite at the end of the year.

- Dues for memberships in National Guard associations and professional societies. NCO and officer clubs do not fall in this category.

- Uniform expenses — dry cleaning, insignia purchases, replacement purchases and maintaining shoes.

- Education expenses. This one is somewhat tricky. The education must be undertaken to meet requirements for the military job. In other words, an officer attending a branch school at a Reserve Center can probably deduct costs because he is meeting requirements of his job.

There may be others, but keep in mind this is only a guide, not advice. If you have any doubts, check with a professional. And remember, maintain excellent records. It is important.

Hertz, National Car Rental Systems, Econo-Car International, Dollar and Thrifty. (Thrifty does not permit the discount to be used in conjunction with personal travel, does not accept credit cards and does not offer the service to retired personnel).

For additional information concerning these agreements, contact HQ MTMC, ATTN: PTS, Washington, D.C., 20315 or phone (Autovon) 289-1590 or 202-756-1590. (FORSCOM)

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Birthday

The HHD 737th Maintenance Battalion, Newark, helped the Newark Air Force Station celebrate their 20th Birthday and the U.S. Air Forces 35th Anniversary. Several members of the 737th Maintenance Battalion and the 214th Maintenance Company displayed major weapons and repair vehicles.

The Aerospace Guidance and Metrology Center, located at the Newark Air Force Station, plays a vital role in the defense of our country. Their mission is to measure, calibrate and repair inertial guidance and navigation systems for missiles, aircraft, ships and submarines. Accuracy and precision is a must for the systems that are returned to service.

The maintenance battalions enjoyed being a part of the Air Force celebration and acknowledges this as just one more way to display the "Total Force" concept.

BY SSGT. ROBERT T. POST

Erie Canal

The Guardmembers of the 112th Engineer Battalion Corps, Company A, Wooster, assisted the Heritage Society of Canal Fulton when they undertook the project of repairing a breach in a canal feeder system as a training exercise.

The building of a retainer wall and repairing of the breach was between Lock 4 Park and Canal Fulton of the Ohio and Erie Canal. The completed work now allows enough water to properly feed through the channel to maintain the canal system.

The canal is traveled on by more than 20,000 people a year who ride the famous St. Helena II, according to the Heritage Society.

Sgt. Neal Powers

251st Commander

The new commander of the 251st Combat Communications Group is Col. Richard E. Bennett. Bennett was group deputy commander prior to assuming command on Sept. 11th.

He joined the U.S. Navy in November 1945 and attended the V-5 pilot training program. He returned to civilian life in 1947 for nearly five years. In November 1951, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and was assigned to the Aerospace Medical Research Lab at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Bennett is a 1944 graduate at Springfield High School and was graduated from Wittenberg University with an A.B. in chemistry in 1951. He has completed higher levels of military training through Communications Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Benefits

BUCKEYE BRIEFS

135th relocates

The Ohio National Guard armory in Brook Park acquired about 150 new soldiers when the 135th Military Police Company moved there from their former location at the old Nike missile site located in Fairview Park. The armory will now be shared with the 26th Engineer Company and the Headquarters, 112th Engineer Battalion (Cbt) (Corps).

Sp5 Sandra Darvas

Kidaloski

Pvt. Raymond D. Kidaloski of Canal Fulton captured 12 awards during his basic and advance training at Fort Knox, Ky. His top award was "Best M1 Tank Crew Member" in his company of 76 basic trainees. He is a member of "F" Troop, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Massillon.

Col. Andrew P. O'Meara, Jr., commanding officer during Kidaloski's armor training, presented Raymond with a Letter of Commendation. It reads in part:

"In the judgement of your drill sergeants and company officers, you have mastered the M1 tank crewman skills to an outstanding degree. You have shown consistent dedication to duty, shown proven ability to perform learned skills and above all to act and share the responsibilities of an armor professional."

Medivac reunion

Over the years, many lives have been saved by the "MEDIVAC" program in Northeast Ohio, through the coordinated efforts of doctors, nurses, pilots and crewmembers of the Ohio National Guard. As the Medivac flies away to Children's Hospital in Akron, most people rarely ever get the opportunity to see it again.

On October 9, 1982, over 3,000 people attended an open house at Army Aviation Support Facility #1, Greensburg, Ohio.

Through the efforts of the hospital and the Army National Guard Flight Facility, parents and children involved with the MEDIVAC program, or involved with the intensive care unit, were given the opportunity to meet other families who have had similar experiences.

Events for the open house included games, marching bands, magic shows and several static displays of aircraft. In addition, a helicopter demonstration with rappelling and hoist operations, provided insight into some of the capabilities of the National Guard.

Festivities concluded with a hot air balloon departing the airport.

Capt. Thomas Luczynski

Mental workshop

Members of Company A, 216th Engineer Battalion CBT, Chillicothe, recently completed the site for a new mental retardation building to be used as a mental workshop for Pickaway County.

To complete the project, approximately four acres of wooded rolling area was cleared of undergrowth, the building and road sites were laid out, leveled and graveled, and the entire area made ready for the building contractor.

The work was completed by the unit on four weekends, using equipment assigned to an engineer company, such as dozer, chain saws, loaders, graders and dump trucks. Approximately 20 people in the unit worked on the project each weekend. Lt. Robert A. Ritter, of Circleville, and Sgt. Steven G. Holdren, of Londonderry, were in charge of the project.

The project required approximately 647 manhours and 279 equipment hours to complete. The engineers equipment used 1,140 gallons of fuel. During the course of the project, the unit received MOS training for equipment operators, chain saw operators, and dump truck drivers.

100% SQT

We have received more names of soldiers earning 100 percent on their skill qualification tests. They are: Sgt. Audrey F. Buckley, HQ 371st Support Grp., Kettering, 71L20; SFC Roy A. Schmidt, 200th Medical Company, Cleveland, 91B40; Sp5 Jeffery C. Apke, 383rd Medical Company, Cincinnati, 91B20; Sp5 Bessie D. Egelston, 383rd Medical Company, Cincinnati, 91C20; Sp4 Thomas M. Miller, 383rd Medical Company, Cincinnati, 91B10; Sp4 Brenda K. Allinder, 684th Medical Company, Westerville, 91B10; Sp4 Thomas E. Fichter, Det. 1, 1416th Transportation Company (AVIM), Greensburg, 67N20; and Sp5 Patricia G. Dudding, HHD, Worthington, 71L20. Scoring 97 percent were Sp4s Steve Eckhardt and John Theuring who tied for high score, Co A, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Middletown.

Refresher

Thirteen members of the Ohio National Guard joined over 50 other guardmembers and reservists from throughout 5th Army at the Senior Food Services Management Course held in Lansing, Mich.

The course was monitored by MSgt. Newby, Food Service Supervisor, 5th Army, and taught by two active Army instructors from the Quartermaster School at Ft. Lee, Va.

Newby said, "The purpose of the course is to refresh the experienced food service

operators and to familiarize newcomers in the field. What is being taught to the Regular Army is being taught to Reservists at these schools as it applies to them."

While at the two-week school, students received instruction in the areas of files management, insect and rodent control, administration, field ration issue system, operational ration accounting, and numerous forms relating to food service.

Students also spent a day working with field equipment, including the M-2 Burner unit, M-59 Range outfit, and the M-1948 Kitchen tent.

BY 2nd Lt. RANDY STEPHAN

FIST exercise

Capt. Jerry Dunn, commander of Howitzer Battery, 2nd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Alliance, Ohio, took his Fire Support Teams (FIST) to the Stow armory to participate in a Computer Assisted Map Maneuver Systems (CAMMS) exercise recently. The exercise was administered by the 100th and 75th training divisions. Maj. Larry Ball, 5th Army advisor to the 107th, also attended.

The purpose of the CAMMS is to train command groups and Fire Support Officers to use command and control techniques, fight various tactical scenarios, coordinate and control the combined arms teams, plan and coordinate direct and indirect fires, and to apply administrative and logistical support to combat operations.

The scenario for this exercise was that of a retrograde or retreating operation with Threat armor and artillery divisions moving into West Germany.

The exercise especially benefited the FIST teams by giving them more exposure to the maneuver element commanders to whom they are to advise on the capabilities and limitations of fire support.

A word from State SGM

Proper wear of Army uniforms is fundamental to building the pride, self-discipline, and esprit de corps essential to an effective fighting force. Failure to enforce uniform wear policies and appearance standards has a serious effect on morale and discipline. Although soldiers understand that they must comply with Army standards, they will question the standards if some soldiers are permitted to deviate from them.

A noncommissioned officer who does not enforce and equally apply Army uniform wear policies and appearance standards to all soldiers is creating serious leadership problems.

It is the responsibility of all noncommissioned officers to be knowledgeable of AR 670-1 and to enforce uniform and appearance standards.

CSM McGlone

Enlisted Association conferences scheduled

VOICE / ONGEA

They say Summer is over, but I am beginning to wonder if it ever was really here. It is now time to start thinking about Christmas and snow flurries.

The National Conference held in Nashville, Tenn., at the Opryland Hotel was really a great one. The meetings were well attended and the activities planned by Tennessee will certainly be hard to beat when August 28, 1983 comes around and it is our turn, here in Ohio, to welcome some 1500 National Guard families.

Now is the time to start making your plans

to attend the National Conference for '83 being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 350 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 28 thru Sep. 1, 1983. Since this one is being held in Columbus it is not over a 2½ hour drive from any part of the State. The first 500 to register will get an added attraction; free admission to attend the Tecumseh Outdoor Drama in Chillicothe, Ohio.

On the National Auxiliary level Sondra Monastra will be serving once again as the Historian and Joanie Foster as Legislative Chairman. I was re-elected to a two-year

term as the Secretary and will be serving with Delores Ford, president from the State of Mississippi; Virginia Ericson, Treasurer, Arizona; and Joe Delia, Vice President, Missouri.

Our main purpose is to support the Enlisted Association and one way to do this is to increase our membership. Membership dues are still only \$3 a year with \$1 going to the National Association for dues. Won't you join us now and help promote the National Guard throughout our State. Remember if your spouse is a member of ONGEA then you can become a member of the Auxiliary.

Nancy McDowell
President ONGEA Auxiliary

Volunteers

We need volunteers to help put on one of the best Enlisted Conferences ever. Anyone interested in helping should contact CSM Robert Goodson, Chairman for the National Conference at 614-276-3442.

There will be around 500 enlisted members and their guests coming to Columbus to see how good we are and what the state of Ohio is really like. It is the time when many of our members can get acquainted with members from across the nation, exchange ideas and policies, have some fun, and then attend meetings which are of concern to all of us.

It is at the National Conference meetings that we can decide which resolutions to submit to National Guard Bureau, to further benefit us as a Guardmember.

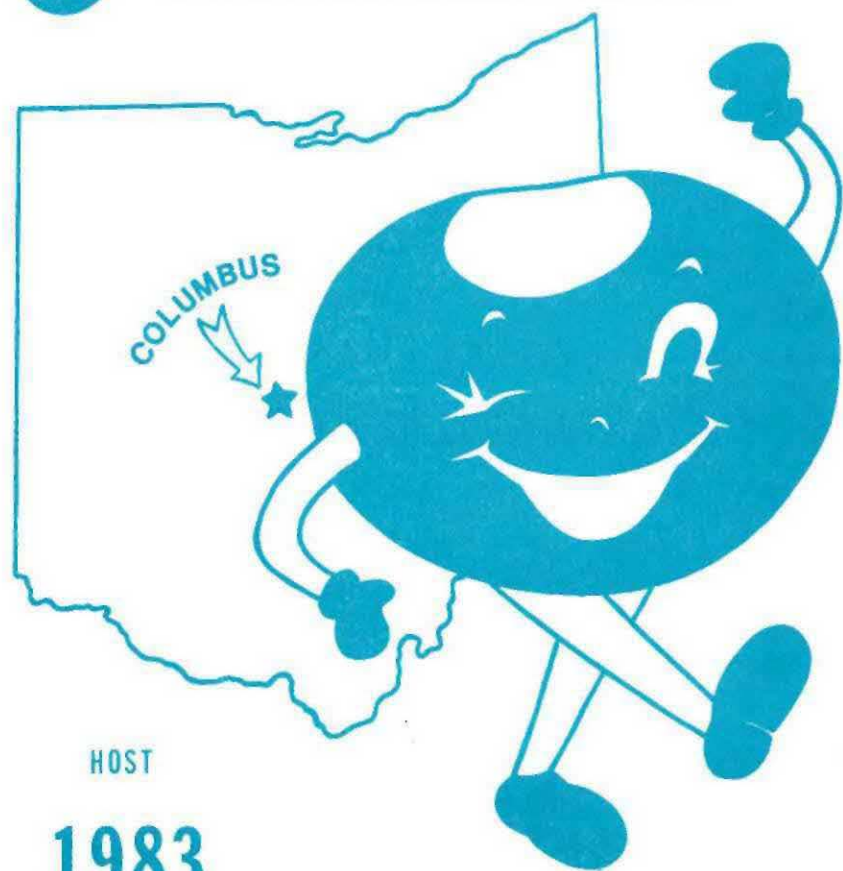
If you want to do your part, meet and enjoy your fellow Guardmembers, and give your input, keep your calendar open to attend the conference from August 28 thru Sept. 1, 1983.

ONGEA STATE CONFERENCE

April 8-9-10, 1983
Holiday Inn, Dayton
Contact Jim Mowery at 513-294-0337 or Jerry Wiggins, 513-256-2800 for more information.

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Radio van becomes school



SSgts. Michael Crossley (center) and Allen Donahue instruct Sp5 Frank Euhlin (right) on the use of a radio teletype unit by using a TEC tape attached to the van in the field. (PHOTO BY SSgt. RAY KRAFT)

BY SSgt. RAYMOND KRAFT
HHC 134th Engineer Group

When you have a class to teach on a piece of equipment and that equipment is too large to be brought into the classroom, what do you do?

You take the class to the equipment. SSgts. Allen Donahue and Michael Crossley of HHC 134th Engineer Group's communication section came up with the solution, after receiving a new radio teletype unit (AN/GRC-142).

Part of the capabilities of the radio teletype van include a converter that changes 12 volts to 110 volts, the voltage requirement to operate a Training Extension Course (TEC) tape machine. Now with the aid of TEC tapes, they can conduct classes on the van and its equipment.

Donahue and Crossley have made trips to other units within the 134th to make them aware of the portability of giving classes on radio teletype units, and they also feel that other units around the state might benefit from this.

Change of Command for 112th Medical Brigade

The 112th Medical Brigade held ceremonies to turn over the reins of command from Brig. Gen. James C. Good to Col. Paul J. Kopsch.

Good has 35 years of military experience, serving the Ohio National Guard in many command assignments. He commanded the 112th Medical Brigade, and is now assigned as the State Surgeon, where he will continue to serve the advancement of medical policies in the military.

Kopsch first entered the military as a college student in 1942. He completed medical school at the Long Island College of Medicine, Brooklyn, N.Y. He interned at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, In., and served his residency at the University of Oklahoma Hospital. He completed the Army Dental Service Orientation Course, Army Medical Service Officer Career Course, Nuclear Weapons Employment Course, Drug Education / Prevention Training Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course, and the AMEDD Executive Management Course.

He served as Group Surgeon, 1st Battle Group, 145th Infantry, 37th Division; Staff Surgeon, Emergency Operations Headquarters; Surgeon 54th Support Center (RAOC); Commander 112th Medical Group; Deputy



Col. Paul J. Kopsch

Commander 112th Medical Brigade, and Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Health Services, 112th Medical Brigade.

Kopsch was awarded the Faithful Service Medal with the 20 year device, the Ohio Commendation Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

The new commander's civilian profession is that of anesthesiologist physician. He has many civic and professional affiliations.

ONGA Winter Dinner Dance
Feb. 19, 1983

For reservations contact Jerry Wilson at 614-889-7011

All About People-

Sgt. **JAMES PHILLIPS**, HHD, Worthington, has been presented with the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious service while serving as a recruiter in the Brook Park, Ohio area.

Congratulations to the following members of the 54th Support Center, Worthington receiving promotions: **BRETT OXLEY AND GILBERT WHITE** to Sp4. NCO of the Month of October was SSgt. **TERRY DRAUDT**. Soldier of the Month of November is PFC **ROBERT HARRISON**.

Attack Helicopter Troop 107th, Worthington recently recognized SFC **JAMES MIKE NEAL** as this Quarter's recipient of the Commander's Award in recognition of his professionalism, service, dedication and significant contributions to the Attack Troop.

Promotions to SSgt. were given to **CHARLES HARTON** and **L.G. LEROY MAXWELL** of How Battery 2/107th ACR, Alliance. **BRUCE SIMMONS** and **LARRY BOWMAN** were promoted to Sgts.

HHC 112th Medical Brigade, Worthington, extends best wishes to the following personnel on their recent promotions: **PAUL J. KOPSCH** to Brig. Gen.; to Sp5s **KATHY JAMEYSON** and **MONA KILBARGER**; to Sp4 **DIANE OYER**. Their congratulations goes to the Soldier of the Month for September Sgt. **WAYNE B. WAGNER**.

Promotions were received by the following members of 112th Engineer Battalion, Brook Park: to Sp4s **JOHN BIDINOST, TIMOTHY DAVIS, MARK FETTERMAN, BERNARD GASTON, RONALD JOSIE, JOHN RICE** and **JOSEPH VOROS**; to PFCs **LEONARD BEECH, PATRICK BIRMAN, WILLIAM CLUTE, PIETRO MANIACI, RANDALL NELSON, JOSEPH RADDISH, WILLIAM TAYLOR, MARK VENES, DAVID VOELKER** and **LEROY WILFONG**; to Pvt. 2s **ROBERT BARSA, DAVID CLARK, BARRY CROUSE, GEORGE JACOBY, MARK KENSKI, PAUL LEWIS, HAROLD MAHEW, STEVE RAKOCZY** and **GREG STEFFENS**; to SSgt. **ROBERT HUCK**; to Sgts. **MARK RICHARDS** and **JOHN YAHNERT**; to Sp5s **BRIAN DEY** and **JOHN GLEASON**; to SFC **STANTON STOUT**. Congratulations for a job well done.

The HHC 371st Support Group, Kettering, has promoted PFCs **ERIC EVANS, SHARA RYAN, TOD EBETINO, ROBERT GABRINGER** and **STEVEN MARSHALL** and Sp4 **VERNON SEIKER**.

The 383rd Medical Company, Cincinnati, recently promoted the following personnel: to Sp6 **CHARLES HANCOCK**; to SSgt. **CLIFFORD HARKNESS III**; to Sp5s **ROSE BLYMEIER** and **JANICE JOYCE**; to Sp4s **KENNETH BRINSON, GALEN JONES, CLINTON LIKE, WILLIAM LYTTLE, LAUREN PARKER** and **RICHARD RILEY**; to PFCs **DEBRA HAAS, DENISE KELLY, SHA-**

RON RHODUS, DOUGLAS TEKULVE and **SHARON WEAVER**; to PV2 **LESLIE SCHMIDT**.

Congratulations are in order for the promotions of Capt. **RICHARD KEYSER**, 1st Lt. **JACK ARRANT**, SSgt. **MICHAEL JOHNSON**, Sgt. **KATHY CLARK** and Pvt. 2 **AMANDA KIRBY** of 385th Medical Company, Tiffin.

The 684th Medical Company, Westerville, commanded by Maj. **DICK BELT**, was presented with the Eisenhower Trophy on September 26th. It was awarded by the Chief, National Guard Bureau to the Army National Guard unit in each State rated the **MOST OUTSTANDING** unit during the training year. **PATRICIA HARMON** of the 684th was promoted to Sp5.

Soldier's of the Month for September and October were Sp5 **ROY J. GAINES** and Sp4 **JOHN A. KOENIG** of the 1416th Transportation Battalion, Worthington. **GAINES** is to be especially commended for the outstanding job he did during Annual Training at CCAD, and the long and unusual hours he put in during those two weeks. **KOENIG** joined to become an OH-58 helicopter repairman and is currently attending Columbus Technical Institute.

Campbell new commander



Col. Keith Kramer erases his name from the side of the fuselage of Aircraft No. 180. Lt. Col. Gordon Campbell, the new commander of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group watches prior to painting his name on the aircraft. (PHOTO BY MSGT. BOB BARKER)

Lt. Col. Gordon M. Campbell has been named commander of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, (TFG), Ohio Air National Guard, stationed at the Toledo Express Airport. Campbell replaces Col. Keith Kramer, who has been appointed vice commander of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, (TFW),

Company A, 112th Engineer Battalion, Wooster recently promoted: to Sp4 **DAVID BOYLES**; to Pvt. 2 **KEVIN KUNKEL**; to PFCs **STEVE WARNER** and **GAIL CURRENCE**. Congratulations to the Soldier of the Month for September PFC **STEVEN WARNER**.

Members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker, recently promoted were: to MSgts. **KEITH DANIELS, LARRY GRIMM, RICHARD SPARKS** and **DAVID MYERS**; to TSgts. **DEBORAH AIKEN, MICHELE GOLDING** and **ROBERT PANIAN**; to SSgts. **JOSEPH BAKER, VICKI HOUSE HOLDER, JOHN RAE, THOMAS CAMMILLERI, JR., AMY CORRIGAN, DONALD JAMES, JAMES MARKEL, JEFFREY RAY** and **WILLIAM UNDERWOOD**; to SrAs **BRENT FRIDLEY, DANNIE GLAZE, DONALD NOAH, MICHAEL ROBERTS, DAVID REED, JANET SARGENT, STEVEN TURKELSON, CAROLYN VOEDISCH, TIMOTHY WHEELER, DENNIS WHITE, CATHERINE BENDER, ANTHONY BODEKER, ERIC MASTERS** and **DAVID SMITH**; to A1Cs **CAROLYN BLACK, MICHAEL FARMER, TERESA FLEWELLEN, JAMIE KENNEDY, STEVEN POND, PORTER ROBINSON, III, PAUL SCHULZE, TODD TURNBO** and **ERIC SANDSTROM**.

stationed at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus.

Campbell comes to the 180th TFG from the 121st TFW where he was the assistant director of operations. He is employed as an air technician at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

People-

Promotions for the 1416th TC personnel are: **ROBERT KRUEPER II** to PFC; to Pvt. 2s **DOUGLAS ZELLMAN** and **CHRISTIAN ZORMAN**.

Congratulations to Lt. Col. **SHELLEY SAUNDERS**, HHD, Worthington, headquarters adjutant. Lt. Col. **SAUNDERS** was promoted in March and received federal recognition in August. Best wishes in the coming year.

Capt. **CHRISTINE A. WYND**, HHD 112th Medical Brigade, Worthington was awarded the Army Achievement Medal.

Congratulations to members of the Service Battery 1/136th Field Artillery Battalion, Columbus for their recent promotions as follows: to Sp5s **CURTIS LUCKETT** and **LEWIS MOSER** and to Sgts. **HUGH FULLERTON** and **LEON GREEN**.

HHC 1/148th Infantry Battalion, Lima recently promoted the following members to Pvt. 2s: **TOM JEFFERSON, DAVID SMART** and **OWEN WAGNER**.

Congratulations to members of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker for their promotions: to TSgt. **MALCOLM DEWITT**; to SSgts. **MELTON PAYTON, JEFFREY DUNN** and **RAYMOND MILLER**; to SrAs **TODD MARTIN, GARY RHOADS** and **DEAN RUBLE**; to A1Cs **LEANNA GRIFFITH, KEITH KOBLITZ, SHERRY CALDER, WILLIAM McFADDEN, JAMES SUMMERS, WENDY WELER** and **JOHNNY WELLS**; to Amn **BARRY MURPHY** and **LORRI SPECKMAN**.

The 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield has promoted the following members: to SSgt. **LINDA NOVAK**, to SrAs **ROBERT HORAN, STEPHEN LARCOMB, MICHAEL LOGAN, DEBRA ROBINSON** and **HEIDI SUMMERS**; to A1Cs **PAUL BENDER, ALAN DINGER** and **ROSALIA WHITTINGTON**.

TSgt. **KIM GRIMES** was honored with the Air Force Commendation Medal during the September UTA. Kim is a member of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Swanton.

The 200th Medical Company, Cleveland has recently promoted: to Sp5s **CONSTANCE SOSHAY** and **LENORE GRIER** and to Sgt. **JOSEPH SAFFLE**.

Congratulations to PFCs **JAMES CASE, CLARENCE STARLING, CHARLES CHENAULT** and **THOMAS ROWLAND** of Company A, 216th Engineer Battalion, Chillicothe on their promotions. Sp4 **KIRK LIIMATTA** was also promoted. Soldier of the Month of October was Sp4 **GREGORY M. ABBOTT**.

Promotions were given to TSgt. **ELMER SPOTTI**, SrAs **STEPHEN WEBER** and **DAVID PHILLIPS** and A1C **ROBERT HOGUE** of 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville in October. TSgt. **JON STIERS** was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal for his outstanding public affairs efforts.

For Your Information

Locator service

What Became Of Old . . . ?

Want to contact a retired servicemember, a former shipmate or someone you served with in years past?

Many active duty and retired servicemembers would like to renew acquaintances with other military members, including those retired, but have lost track of their whereabouts.

The Privacy Act of 1974 normally prevents the military departments from releasing current addresses; however, each service operates a locator service which will forward your correspondence.

Here's how to do it. On one envelope, in which you have included your message or greeting, write the name and grade of the person you're trying to find. In the upper left corner put your return address. Place a stamp in the upper right. Insert this envelope in another stamped envelope addressed to the locator service. Include your return address on this envelope, too.

Because there are so many people with identical names, accuracy of spelling and completeness of name is vital. It also is a good idea to send the locator service a data sheet, in the "outside" envelope, listing what you know about your friend's service background, duty stations, schooling, dates, etc. This will help the locators to track the individual down faster.

Send your correspondence:
Army: HQDA-DAAG-PSR, Alexandria, VA 22331

Navy: USN (NMPC-641E), Washington, DC 20370

Air Force: AFMPC/DOO3, Randolph AFB, TX 78150

Marine Corps: HQ USMC (MSRB-13), Washington, DC 20380

Coast Guard: HQ USCG (G-PS-1), Washington, DC 20593

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BDU field jacket

The camouflage field jacket for the battle dress uniform (BDU) is expected to be in the supply system beginning in March 1983.

The BDU field jacket is made of the same material as the present field jacket. However, the new version has some of the same characteristics as the BDU to include the infrared reflective dyes and the camouflage pattern.

Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers must have one BDU jacket by October 1985. (DA Scene)

Captains to Europe

BY Cadet **JAMES DAY**

196th Public Affairs Detachment

After two years of testing, the Army has decided to continue the "Captains to Europe" program. The program is designed to provide National Guard captains with active Army experience. The program has also recently expanded to include Panama tours.

The length of tours in Europe range from 20 to 30 months. Under the Panama program, the Guard currently offers seven tours that vary from 24 to 30 months. The Captains must be trained as Special Forces or Foreign Area (Latin America) Officers and have at least two years of Guard unit experience immediately before submitting their application. No extensions of these tours will be authorized so that the largest number of officers can participate.

To be eligible, the individuals must be captains with less than four years in grade or a promotable first lieutenant. They must have certain combat and combat support specialties. In addition, the applicant must meet the height and weight standards and meet certain eligibility criteria. It is desirable that the applicant have a baccalaureate degree.

Qualified applicants are selected for the program on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. There are now 122 guard captains on 36 states serving tours in Europe although officials note that more positions are available. Several members from Ohio are currently taking advantage of the program.

Both the Guard and the Active Army benefit from the program. The Guard benefits from the experience the captains bring back to their states and an active Army's need for personnel in Europe and Panama is fulfilled.

For more information, interested persons can contact Maj. James Chubb at (614) 889-7044, Adjutant General's Department, Officer Personnel.

BDU undershirt

If you are getting confused as to which undershirt to wear with your battle dress uniform it is certainly understandable.

You can wear white, green or brown undershirts with the battle dress uniform (BDU) until January 1983. After this, only the green or brown undershirts will be allowed, until a wearout date on the green undershirts is announced by the Army.

I am the flag

I am the nation's flag.

With no coward's stripe or mark of shame, I have sweated with the country's defenders through the War of 1812, the Revolutionary War and the wars that tried to tear me asunder.

I gave proof, through the rocket's red glare and the bombs bursting in air, that our nation was the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I have flown high and proud through world wars, the depression and the coming and going of presidents. I have helped lay to rest American martyrs like Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, as I draped myself over their coffins in final salute.

My stars recall the history of this nation, from the beginning to the present and the roads traveled in between. Look deep and see their reflections, the symbols of individual states and the men and women they represent.

It shames me that I, the symbol of strength, freedom and the United States, am scorned by the thoughtless and the selfish.

When reveille or retreat is played, too many fail to pause, gaze with respect and give quiet thanks that they are Americans. I have seen people run and hide to avoid me.

Civil War veteran justice Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote of me in 1931 . . . "sixty-nine years ago, the sloop Cumberland was sunk by the Merrimac. The vessel went down with her flag flying and when my regiment arrived to begin the campaign I saw the flag still flying above the waters beneath which the Cumberland lay.

"It was a lifelong text for a young man. Fight to the end and go down with your flag at the peak . . ."

Words like this make me proud. They reflect what I am and what Americans are.

I am the nation's flag. A person must be cold indeed who can look upon my rippling folds in the breeze without pride in America.

The Buckeye

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