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Holiday Greetings 2009, from Gregory L. Wayt, Major General, the Adjutant General

As you enjoy the holiday season, we extend our heartfelt greetings to you and your family. The Ohio National Guard stands ready, and during these turbulent times, it is our sincere hope that you and your loved ones feel the strength that comes from knowing that you make a difference. The contributions of our citizen-Soldiers and Airmen add value all around the world. As you celebrate the joys of the season, please remember the service and sacrifice of those who may not spend this holiday season in the comfort of home. Remember as well the families left behind while a member of our team serves far from home. The strength of our families is one of our greatest gifts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. My wife Debbie and I offer our deepest gratitude for all you do for our great state and nation, and wish you a safe and joyful holiday season.

Update from the Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sergeant, Ohio's Own Chris Muncy.

To my Ohio Retiree friends (which includes my wife - she's retired ANG and my best friend). Life in DC moves right along, although, I'm not in DC very often. Most of my time is on the road on behalf of the ANG, NGB, and the Director of the Air National Guard. We've been all over, including back in Ohio, to see units and Airmen/Soldiers. The normal conferences in the summer (EANGUS, AFSA, NGAUS), plus the new Joint Senior Leader Conference that just concluded in November, where I got to catch up with the Maj. Gen. Wayt, Maj. Gen. Feucht and the Ohio bunch.

I've watched our Hometown Heroes Salute roll out all over the nation to thank our Airmen, their families, and communities for their deployments since 9-11 (just like the Army Guard's Freedom Salute). It's a very special program to me and I'm very proud we have it moving to recognize 70,000 ANG Airmen. We ran a very successful national ANG Enlisted Leadership Symposium in Grapevine, Texas where we invited 800 enlisted members, plus about 40 company grade officers to hear the latest issues and have some motivational speakers to "re-blue" them all. I continue to get to brief each class of the USAF Senior NCO Academy and the USAF Chief's Leadership Course.

These are total force classes, and our two one hour briefing slots are the only hours for the ANG in the entire USAF enlisted professional military education curriculum. Plus, the normal trips to brief our NCO Academy at McGhee-Tyson, our First Sergeants Course at Gunter AFS, Alabama, and lectures to both the Intermediate Commander course & Commanders Development Courses.

This position also gets us a seat on the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force (CMSAF) Enlisted Board of Directors (eBOD). This is the forum the CMSAF uses to work issues with all the MAJCOM Command Chiefs. It's a small council of 12 and we work lots of issues for our bosses and for the over 500,000 Airmen in the Guard, AF reserve and active duty. Our ANG Enlisted Airmen are the largest body. Air Combat Command and Air Mobility Command have as many, but they count ANG Airmen in their numbers.

The Muncy's are doing the split household, keeping our home in Cedarville and also taking the ANG CCM house on Bolling AFB. Monique is still at Cedarville University, but she bounces back to DC for events. One of which was a luncheon at the White House with the First Lady, I got big points for that! Both our boys are in college (one in the ANG). Our daughters are both well (one in NYC now and one in Hilliard); both of course are in the ANG. Life is good for the Muncy's, to include the family business – the National Guard. God bless you all and have a terrific holiday season. Chris Muncy.

179th Airlift Wing Welcomes Home 62 Airmen from Iraq. 62 Airmen from the 179th Airlift Wing will be welcomed home by their base leadership, fellow unit members, families, friends and loved ones on Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at 2:15 p.m. at the 179th Airlift Wing, 1947 Harrington Memorial Drive, Mansfield, Ohio 44903. These members deployed to Iraq for two months to successfully complete a ground-breaking concept of operations test between the Army and the Air Force in preparation for their future C-27 mission.

The Airmen from the 179th were attached to the 25th CAB Nov. 5 when they began the assignment and will continue through late December, returning home in time for Christmas. In preparation for the arrival of the 179th new aircraft, the C-27 Spartan, the 179th answered the call from Air Mobility Command for a unit to participate in this test to watch and document how an Air Force squadron integrates with Army command and control and scheduling processes. This type of mission has not been done since Vietnam. At that time, it was only done for the purpose of transferring C-7 Caribous to the Air Force from the Army. Having Air Force units remain attached while deployed is a new and bold concept that members of the 179th and 25th have embraced and work diligently toward ensuring its success.

The 179th has special capabilities that will greatly assist the 25th in completing their mission. As a "slick" (non-special operations) unit, they're qualified in airdrop/air land and adverse weather aerial delivery and certified in flying with full-up night vision goggles. This will enable the 25th to haul more cargo and personnel, relieving the stress on the general support helicopters (UH-60 Black Hawks and CH-47 Chinooks). In most instances, the 179th can execute direct support plus time-sensitive and critical missions with more robust and quicker delivery. Both the Air Force and the Army have their unique tactics, techniques and procedures. This study is focused on learning how to combine the two in order to forge a blend that will make the two services successful in future missions. This

is particularly important as the C-27 Spartans are scheduled to begin arriving at 179th in the near future. Additionally, in preparation for the new mission, the first group of 179th pilots and loadmasters have begun training on the C-27J Spartan at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

History of the P-38. Even with billions of dollars spent annually on defense technology, the most iconic piece of military equipment might be a 1.2-cent can opener that most of you are very familiar with. Beginning in World War II, the P-38 was standard issue in every box of rations. Veterans carried it to Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East, and with its elegant simplicity, indestructibility and versatility, it was treasured by soldiers. I opened a lot of culinary delights with my P-38,” says Fernando Rodriguez of Watertown, Wis., a Marine in Vietnam. But that’s not all. “It was a screwdriver, a bottle opener, and you could cut things with it. I carried it on my key chain for years. I still have it.”

In 1942, the U.S. Army Subsistence Research Laboratory in Chicago was presented with the challenge of creating an opener small enough to carry in the pocket. Moreover, it couldn’t break, rust, need sharpening or polishing. It took the lab 30 days to invent what was originally dubbed Opener, Can, Hand, Folding.” U.S. Army Col. Renita Menyherst once called it “The Patron Saint of Army Inventions.” The J.W. Speaker Corp. of Germantown, Wis., was one of the first companies to manufacture the P-38, and it produced millions. The company’s founder, J.W. Speaker, actually improved the design by adding tabs for the hinge, which held the blade securely open or closed as needed. J.W. passed away in 1960 and his son Jack Speaker took over the business.

“The first contract I bid on was a Department of Defense solicitation for 10 million P-38s, with a rider for 10 million more,” Jack Speaker says. “The bid was about \$12 per thousand.” He estimates that between 1960 and the late ’80s, his company made around 50 million P-38s. Luther Hanson, curator at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Museum in Fort Lee, Va., estimates that “750 million P-38s were produced for WWII” and “at least a billion” from Vietnam to the present. Beginning with the first Gulf War and the advent of Meals, Ready to Eat (MREs), the P-38 was phased out. Today, the Speaker Corp. manufactures electrical lighting components for vehicles, but still has about 100,000 P-38s in stock. Or you can buy one at most Army surplus stores for about 50 cents.

Ohio Army Guard Doctor Volunteers during Downtime. Story by Sgt. Samantha Beuterbaugh, MND-B PAO Baghdad– “I volunteer because I remember what it was like when I was the medical provider in charge of a clinic,” said Col. Brett Call, the brigade field surgeon attached to the 16th Engineer Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. Call, an Amanda, Ohio native, volunteers at the Witmer Troop Medical Clinic, twice a week after a full workday. “It’s nice to get some relief, a way to give the docs a breather,” Call said. When the Ohio National Guard Soldier was in charge of a clinic during a previous deployment, Call said he would work 36 hours on, 12 hours off. As the brigade field surgeon, he works at the brigade’s aid station, teaches classes, helps with sick call, prepares special staff reports and occasionally fills in as an ambulatory medic, and still makes time to volunteer in support of the busy doctors in charge of clinics.

“We were short on docs, and Col. Call volunteered to come take a spot,” said Spc. Jason Anderson, a combat medic assigned to Whitmer TMC. Anderson said several captains and lieutenants have

volunteered, but he's never seen a colonel volunteer before. After Call gets done with his patients, he sits down with the combat medics to explain the steps he took in each case, he added. Call volunteers at the Witmer TMC every Tuesday morning and Friday evening. When he first arrived, he was volunteering four to five days a week because the clinic was short two physicians due to redeployment processes.

Field surgeons typically deploy every 12 to 18 months for a 90-day period. The 90-day rotations are designed to prevent family practitioners, called to active duty, from losing their practice when they are deployed. On the civilian side of the spectrum, Call is an emergency room physician for the Berger Health System in Circleville, Ohio. BHS has been very supportive of his time devoted to the military, Call said. This is Call's fourth deployment, and he is already scheduled for a fifth tour to Afghanistan. He keeps his deployment packing list ready at all times.

But it's not all work for Call. In his spare time he carves intricate, detailed wood objects, with his pocket knife and wood files. Twenty-three years ago, he carved a chain for his then fiancée – now wife – with her name dangling from it and hung it from their Christmas tree. He has decided to carry on this tradition by carving one for each of his four children. Each link takes approximately two hours to craft. The current 21-link chain, for his daughter, is almost complete. Call's extracurricular activities prove him to be a highly motivated Soldier. Although Call takes pride in what he does, he stated, "I couldn't do half of the things I do in the military or civilian life without the unwavering support and devotion from my loving wife." (On February 6, 2010, COL Call will assume command of the Ohio Army National Guard Medical Detachment).

This Week in Guard History.

December 1944 — Four National Guard infantry divisions are involved in repelling a German counterattack on the western front in what becomes known as the Battle of the Bulge, named for the bulge in the American lines caused by the initial German attack. When the Germans strike on Dec. 16, 1944, VIII Corps is stretched more than 80 miles from Belgium across the Ardennes Forest in Luxembourg. The 28th Infantry Division of the Pennsylvania National Guard is among the first units attacked along Skyline Drive. The 30th Infantry Division, made up of Guard units from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee, covers part of the northern shoulder of the bulge, including the area around Malmedy. They move into position the day after the attack begins. The 30th fights first to contain the German penetration and later attacks to erase the bulge.

Soon after the start of the German Ardennes offensive, the 26th Infantry Division of the Massachusetts National Guard, which is part of Gen. George Patton's Third Army, is diverted from its eastward advance toward the German border near Metz, France. It is one of the spearhead elements of Patton's winter march to relieve the 101st Airborne Division surrounded in Bastogne. The forward elements of the 3rd Division reach the outskirts of Bastogne on Dec. 26, effectively lifting the siege. The 26th is joined by the 35th Infantry Division, made up of Guard units from Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, in widening the corridor to Bastogne. They would stay in close combat with German forces until the enemy is finally pushed back to its starting positions, marking the end of the campaign on Jan. 25, 1945.

It is the largest land battle involving American forces in history. More than a million Allied troops fight in the battle across the Ardennes, including about 500,000 Americans and more than 55,000 British troops. More than 19,000 are killed in action.

This week in Ohio Guard History

18 December 1945: The 37th Infantry Division is inactivated at Camp Anza, California after five years in active combat service for World War II.

Changes of Command

371st Sustainment Brigade, January 10, 2010, Camp Perry Conference Center, 1300. Outgoing Commander, COL Dan Tack, Incoming Commander, LTC Maria Kelly,

237th Brigade Support Battalion, January 9, 2010, 1530, Green Road Armory, Cleveland. Outgoing Commander, LTC Gerard Garvey, Incoming Commander, LTC Glenn Wirth.

37th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, January 10, 2010, 1000, Springfield Armory, Springfield, Ohio, Outgoing Commander, LTC John P. Dernberger, Incoming Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Kevin W. Lochtefeld.

Ohio Army Guard Medical Detachment, February 6, 2010. Outgoing Commander, COL Terry Johnson, Incoming Commander, COL Brett Call, details to follow.

1-145 Armor Regiment, February 7, 2010, 1100, Stow Armory Drill Floor, 4630 Allen Rd. Stow, Ohio 44224. Outgoing Commander COL Jeffery Ziol, Incoming Commander LTC Corwin Lusk.

73rd Troop Command, April 11, 2010, Outgoing Commander, BG Jack Lee, Incoming Commander, COL Deborah Ashenhurst, details to follow.

Upcoming Events

Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee Meetings– January 2010. These are great opportunities for alumni to re-engage and to volunteer in support of ONG units, soldiers, and airmen. If you are able, please attend the meeting in your area and learn more about how you can continue to serve the ONG as an alumni ambassador.

Region 1 – RISFAC Meeting, January 21, 2010, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Veterans Service Commission of Summit County, 1060 E. Waterloo Rd. Akron, OH 44306, Phone: 330-643-7636

Region 1 - Family Assistance Center Specialists: Joyce Stingel and Melissa Wise
Office: 866-278-5756, Cell: 330-730-9243
Email: joyce.stingel1@us.army.mil, or melissa.wise@us.army.mil

Region 2 – RISFAC Meeting, January 14, 2010, 6:00pm – 7:30pm, Ross County Service Center Conference Room A, 475 Western Avenue, Chillicothe OH 45601. Phone: 740-702-3120
Region 2 - Family Assistance Center Specialist: Jennifer Moore, Office: 866-270-8283
Cell: 740-637-0340, Email: jennifer.l.moore2@us.army.mil

Region 3 – RISFAC Meeting, January 26, 2010, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Woodlawn Community Center, 10050 Woodlawn Blvd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215, Phone: 614-336-6714
Region 3 - Family Assistance Center Specialist: Brian Via, Office: 866-278-5757, Cell: 513-869-9248. Email: brian.via@us.army.mil

Region 4 – RISFAC Meeting, January 26, 2010, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Dayton Area American Red Cross, 370 W. First Street Dayton, Ohio 45402, Phone: 937-222-6711
Region 4 - Family Assistance Center Specialists: Jerry Wiggins and Robin Robbins, Office: 866-278-5759, Cell: 937-751-8472, Email: jerry.wiggins1@us.army.mil or robin.robbins1@us.army.mil

Region 5 – RISFAC Meeting, January 7, 2010, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Hancock County Red Cross Chapter, 125 Fair Street, Findlay, OH 45840, Phone: (419) 422-9322
Region 5 - Family Assistance Center Specialist: Margret Szymanski, Office: 866-278-5755, Cell: 419-494-2959, Email: margret.szymanski@us.army.mil

Region 6 – RISFAC Meeting, January 13, 2010, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Ohio 4-H Youth Development Building, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr. Columbus OH 43210, Phone: 614-247-8148
Region 6 - Family Assistance Center Specialist: Angela Dyer and Michelle McMillan, Office: 800-589-9914, Cell: 614-406-2148, Email: angela.dyer1@us.army.mil or michelle.c.mcmillan@us.army.mil

16th Engineer Brigade Ball, January 9, 2010, 1800, Medallion Club, 5000 Club Drive, Westerville, Ohio. For additional information and reservations, contact SGT Madison: naynay.madison@us.army.mil, 614-336-6412, or SSG Carter: dale.e.carter@us.army.mil, 614-336-6000 ext. 17. Please RSVP NLT January 4, 2010.

174th Air Defense Brigade Ball, January 23, 2010, 1800, Fort Rapids Water Resort and Hotel, 4560 Hilton Corporate Drive, Columbus, OH 43232, please call CPT Lytton, 614-336-6727 or CW2 Heindel, 614-356-7955 with questions or for additional details. Deadline for reservations is January 14.

371st Sustainment Brigade Ball, January 23, 2010, 1800, Holiday Inn Worthington, 7007 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. RSVP by January 15, 2010 to CPT Eric Kaiser 614-336-6461.

Ohio National Guard Association Winter Dinner Dance, Feb 27, 2010, details to follow.

Army Guard Officer Candidate School Dining Out, March 10, 2010, details to follow.

37th Annual ONGEA Conference and Awards Banquet, Longaberger Alumni House, OSU Campus, Columbus, Ohio, May 8, 2010. Register on-line at www.ongea.org

Call to Duty Ceremonies

OMLT 1.4, January 2, 2010, 1000 hours, Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Road Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Welcome Home Ceremonies

None currently scheduled

It is with deep regret and sorrow that we announce the following deaths:

COL (Ret) Jay N. Gibbs, December 17, former Commander of 1st Battalion, 147th Infantry from 1979-1983 and 237th Support Battalion from 1983-1985.

Thomas Jeffrey Marcum, December 18, father of CPT Grady Marcum, 811th Engineer Company (SAPPER), Commander.

Col (ret) Paul Steiskal, December 23, former Deputy Commander, 73rd Inf. Bde. (Sep). Calling hours are 4 -7 pm, Sunday, December 27, at the Robinson Funeral Home, 32 West Winter Street Delaware, OH. The funeral will be held at the funeral home on Monday, December 28, at 1100 am with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery immediately after the service.

Websites of Interest: Service Newsletters

Army Echoes: <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/RSO/echoes.asp>

Navy Shift Colors: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/referencelibrary/publications/shiftcolors>

Marine Corps Semper Fidelis:

http://www.manpower.usmc.mil/portal/page?_pageid=278,2017336&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

Air Force Afterburner: <http://www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner/>

Where Are They Now?

SGM (ret) David A. McDaniel: Dave retired December 31, 2004 from his final position as the Senior Logistics Operations NCO, S2/3 Section, 371st Corps Support Group. He then started working at the Dayton Corrections Institution as a Teacher until May 2005, when he took a position with the City of Franklin, Ohio as a Utility Clerk in the Water Department. Dave says he enjoys having my weekends off, but is kept busy by going to all the festivals he can possibly attend. He and his wife Cheri travel to Tennessee and Oregon to visit and vacation. He is an active member of the Dayton St. Andrew's Society. He and Cheri have a grand-daughter, with whom they spend a lot of time. They also have a grand-son in Oregon.

Dave enjoys sitting on his deck in the back yard and watching the time go by. He never thought he would enjoy just sitting, but after being deployed in OIF1, he learned that what we take for granted every day is really a shame. The deployment experience made him realize that he was always doing things and projects for other people, and never really doing much for himself. Dave and Cheri now put much of their time into their family and personal interests and are very happy. (Editors note: They say that to this day if you go into 73rd Troop Command Headquarters, Bldg 943 at Rickenbacker, and you listen quietly, you may still hear a faint unusual cackling sound of someone laughing. Those who know Dave remember that sound well).

If you would like to be highlighted in the "where are they now" segment, or have other ideas for future newsletter content, please feel free to contact me at 614-336-7336, or by email at james.chisman@us.army.mil. The Ohio National Guard that proudly serves around the world today is a direct reflection of your service.

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