

# The Ohio National Guard Alumni Newsletter



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## **Ohio National Guard Garners \$100 million in Federal Funds**

Ohio Governor Ted Strickland and Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, today announced the Ohio National Guard had been awarded nearly \$100 million in the federal defense appropriations and military construction appropriations bills recently signed by President Barack Obama. The funds are available now through Sept. 30, 2010. "We are grateful to our federal partners for securing these resources, which will help fund the construction of new facilities, make capital improvements to existing buildings and upgrade major weapons systems," Strickland said. "These resources will also be used to expand the Ohio National Guard's investment in renewable energy to continue reducing energy costs."

About \$30 million is allocated for continuing implementation of the Army portion of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) action. "In 2005, Ohio proposed to the Army as part of the BRAC process a series of closures of long-outdated facilities, offering to consolidate Ohio Army National Guard, and in some cases, Army Reserve units, at newly constructed facilities," said Maj. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic, Ohio's assistant adjutant general for Army. "The \$30 million in 2010 is a continuation of the nearly \$160 million in BRAC construction we have going on in Springfield, Mansfield and Columbus."

Another \$38 million will purchase engine upgrades for the F-16s of the Ohio Air National Guard's Toledo-based 180th Fighter Wing. "The engine upgrades are a program we have been pursuing with Ohio's Congressional delegation since 2000," said Maj. Gen. Harry "A.J." Feucht, Ohio's assistant adjutant general for Air. "Congresswoman Kaptur, in whose district the 180th is located, has been a champion of this effort from the beginning, and with Senator (George) Voinovich working on the Senate side, the 2010 appropriation brings the total amount we have received for new engines to approximately \$200 million." "These engine upgrades are absolutely critical," added Col. Mark Bartman, commander of the 180th. "The new engines provide significant additional thrust, making our aircraft much more capable and survivable in combat."

The federal appropriations will also support a significant amount of new construction for the Ohio National Guard in 2010. Ohio has long been home to the 200th RED HORSE squadron in Port Clinton, an Air Guard heavy engineer unit, but it only had half of the 400-person unit, with the other half in the ranks of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. Ohio recently was awarded the additional

positions to build the full 400-person unit in Ohio, with the new detachment based at the Mansfield Air National Guard base. “We needed a little over \$11 million to build the facilities to house Detachment 1 of the 200th RED HORSE,” Feucht said. “We are pleased that we were able to secure \$11.4 million to build the new RED HORSE facilities.” Rep. Jim Jordan (OH-4), Sens. Voinovich and Sherrod Brown all made the RED HORSE project part of their earmark requests for FY 2010. Other Ohio National Guard projects funded in the 2010 bills include \$2 million, secured by Rep. Tim Ryan (OH-17) to construct a shoot house to expand training opportunities at Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center in Trumbull and Portage counties. “We continue to seek to expand the capacity of Camp Ravenna to prepare our Soldiers for the difficult missions facing them, and this project is an important step in that process,” Kambic said.

Rep. Mary Jo Kilroy (OH-15) secured an earmark for \$2 million to expand the National Guard’s Joint Operations Center (JOC), with Sens. Voinovich and Brown providing matching earmarks in the senate. “We have anywhere from 2,000 to 4,000 Soldiers and Airmen deploying and returning home every year, in addition to monitoring and controlling troop and equipment movements in support of civil authorities here at home,” Wayt said. “We began to test the capacity of our Joint Operations Center several years ago, and this project will permit us to continue to track and manage the activities of the Ohio National Guard around the world.”

Rep. Zach Space (OH-18) requested and secured \$1 million to build a storage site at the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron in Zanesville, and Kaptur and Voinovich secured an appropriation of \$2 million for a multi-use instructional facility at the 180th. Kaptur has also worked to provide more than \$8 million in 2010 to expand the solar field at the 180<sup>th</sup> – already the largest in the state – and to expand solar production at a National Guard readiness center in Toledo and start a new solar project at Camp Perry. “By the end of FY 2010 the Ohio National Guard will have over two megawatts of solar productive capacity, drastically reducing our carbon footprint and saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy bills every year,” Wayt said.

Ohio National Guard				
Federal FY 2010 Appropriated Projects				
Type of Project	County	Name of Project	Appropriated Amount	
New Construction	Franklin, Richland, Clark	Army BRAC--Armed Forces Reserve Centers, Maintenance Facilities, Warehouse	\$30,000,000	
Weapons Modernization	Lucas	F-16 PW229 engine upgrades	\$38,000,000	
Renewable Energy	Ottawa	Camp Perry solar project	\$2,560,000	
Renewable Energy	Lucas	Toledo Readiness Center solar project	\$3,200,000	
Renewable Energy	Lucas	180th Fighter Wing solar project expansion	\$2,400,000	
New Construction	Lucas	180th Fighter Wing multi-use instructional facility	\$2,000,000	
New Construction	Trumbull, Portage	Camp Ravenna shoot house	\$2,000,000	
New Construction	Richland	Mansfield RED HORSE facilities	\$11,400,000	
New Construction	Franklin	Columbus Beightler Joint Operations Center Expansion	\$2,000,000	
New Construction	Muskingham	Zanesville ANG supply warehouse	\$1,000,000	
				\$94,560,000

### **U.S. Armed Forces Symbol now Available on Ohio Driver Licenses and ID Cards.**

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces now have the option of displaying a symbol representing this on their driver license (DL) or state identification card (ID) through the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. (BMV). House Bill 450 of the 127th General Assembly gave the BMV the authority to place this special symbol on DLs and IDs. Certain merchants may offer discounts or unique services to veterans or current members of the Armed Forces and they will now be able to conveniently use their DL or ID to prove their affiliation for these discounts. This symbol is not intended to be used in lieu of a military identification card issued by any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. There is no additional cost to have the symbol added, other than the normal fees associated with applying for or renewing a DL or ID. The Armed Forces symbol can be added to the DL or ID at any Deputy Registrar. The applicant must submit a copy of his/her DD-214 displaying their military service or honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information, log on to [http://bmv.ohio.gov/faq\\_Armed\\_forces.stm](http://bmv.ohio.gov/faq_Armed_forces.stm) or call the BMV customer service line at 614-752-7500.

**The 178th Fighter Wing, Springfield, Ohio, Graduates its Final American F-16 Fighting Falcon Basic Course class.** The 178 FW training mission began in September 2000 and has graduated 77 pilots through the basic course and a total of 350 pilots. The total number includes both graduates of the transition course, which is for experienced fighter pilots transitioning to fly the F-16 and training for pilots upgrading to operational or formal training instructor pilot status. Lt. Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, C.I.A. associate director for military affairs, was the guest speaker at the banquet held on December 12, 2009. The general began by reminding the new fighter pilots of the rigors of the duty they have been trained for and he also urged them to keep an eye on the milestones that lie ahead of them.

"We're very grateful and honored to have General Welsh attend our last American B-Course graduation as the guest speaker," said Col. Roberts. "General Welsh is one of the finest motivational speakers I've had the opportunity to hear, and he sent these young fighter pilots on the road in style. Of significant note is the fact that General Welsh, as the next U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, will soon be the boss for three of the graduates headed to Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, and Aviano Air Base, Italy."

The American F-16 training program will no longer continue at Springfield ANG base as the mission was ended under the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission. The 178 FW was one of three formal training units for the F-16. The Springfield aircraft will be distributed to ANG units across the country. "We'll especially remember these guys; they're the end of an era for the 178th Fighter Wing in the training of American pilots," said Col. Roberts. "However, we won't get too sentimental as we look forward and move into new missions to replace our current American jets."

**178<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Hail and Farewell Celebration and Reunion.** The 178<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing is holding a Hail and Farewell Celebration and Reunion on June 5, 2010. The 162<sup>nd</sup> FS will hold a Pilot Reunion on Friday, June 4, 2010 as well. This celebration is to commemorate the outstanding history of excellence by the 178<sup>th</sup> FW, which has flown U.S. aircraft since 1947. Due to BRAC, the wing will lose its American F-16s this fiscal year. A tail flash and nose art contest is in the works to

commemorate this event as well. The Saturday celebration will culminate in a full unit reunion that evening for all former and present members. For information on this event and other retiree information from the 178FW, please go to [www.178fw-alumni.com](http://www.178fw-alumni.com) for full details. Please take the time to register on this site to ensure that you receive all the latest information for retirees and former members of the 178<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing.

**TRICARE Program for Gray Area Reservists On Its Way.** A new program will offer “gray area” reservists the opportunity to purchase TRICARE health care coverage. While qualified members of the Selected Reserve may purchase premium-based coverage under TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS), retired National Guard and Reserve personnel did not have TRICARE health coverage options until they reached age 60. Under a provision of the National Defense Authorization Act for 2010, that’s all changed. To view the full release, please visit: <http://www.tricare.mil/pressroom/news.aspx?fid=573>

**President Signs Defense Budget; Billions for National Guard.** The 2010 Defense Department appropriations act signed last week includes \$24.5 billion for the National Guard and a 3.4 percent pay increase for military members. The budget total is \$636 billion. Also in the bill is \$128.3 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The bill includes increases in most areas for National Guard programs and needs. The Army Guard will received \$7.546 billion for personnel, more than 14 percent above the previous level. The Air Guard will receive \$2.74 billion for personnel, a hike of more than 7 percent from the 2009 budget. The Army Guard's operation and maintenance portion of the budget is \$6.189 billion, an increase of nearly 6 percent. The Air Guard's budget for operation and maintenance stayed pretty much at the same level as last year at \$5.9 billion, a decrease of \$18 million, less than 1 percent. Other highlights include \$110.8 million for the Guard's Youth Challenge program and \$1.1 billion for drug interdiction and counterdrug activities. The complete bill can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov>

### **This Week in Guard History.**

Dec. 31, 1880: Uniontown, Pa. George C. Marshall, future chief of staff of the Army during World War II and later secretary of state and defense secretary, is born. One of the most important American military leaders of the 20th century, he had several periods of service working directly with the National Guard.

After graduating from the Virginia Military Institute in 1901 he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the 30th U.S. Infantry. As a first lieutenant in 1912, he was assigned as an Army advisor and instructor to the Massachusetts National Guard. During World War I, he served as assistant chief of staff of the 1st Division in France, earning high praise for his detailed planning of the Cantigny offensive in May 1918. Reassigned to headquarters of the American Expeditionary Force, he helped plan two more offensives before the war's end. He was then assigned as Gen. John Pershing's aide-de-camp with the rank of major.

After the war, he served in several assignments, including as senior instructor with the Illinois National Guard from November 1933 to August 1936. Most of his time was spent assisting the Guard officers in the planning and performance objectives of the 33rd Division. Soon after leaving the Illinois Guard, he was promoted to brigadier general and moved to Washington, D.C., to join the war plans division. Due to his considerable organizational talents, in August 1939, just as Europe is about to plunge into World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt appointed Marshall as Army chief of staff. He earned great distinction during the war, becoming one of the five people given a fifth star when the rank was created by Congress in 1945.

## **This week in Ohio Guard History**

9 January 1945: The 37th Infantry Division makes the assault landing on Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Units which made the assault landing were recognized by the Red Arrowhead Device which is reflected to this day in the colors of the 1-148<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. (Ed. Note – SFC Josh Mann, State Historian provides the information for this section).

## **Changes of Command**

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

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

**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.

**73<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:joyce.stingel1@us.army.mil), or [melissa.wise@us.army.mil](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jerry.wiggins1@us.army.mil) or [robin.robbins1@us.army.mil](mailto:robin.robbins1@us.army.mil)

**Region 5 – RISFAC Meeting**, January 20, 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](mailto: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](mailto:angela.dyer1@us.army.mil) or [michelle.c.mcmillan@us.army.mil](mailto:michelle.c.mcmillan@us.army.mil)

**174<sup>th</sup> 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.

**371<sup>st</sup> 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.

**112<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Ball**, Saturday, February 13, 2010, 1900, The Crowne Plaza Hotel Cleveland Airport. 7230 Engle Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio. Registration and additional information is online at: <http://events.SignUp4.com/112engineerbattalionball2010>. or call 1LT Eric Holtzapple at (614) 336-6000 ext. 8753.

**Ohio National Guard Association Winter Dinner Dance**, Saturday, February 27, 2010, 1800, Villa Milano Banquet Center, Columbus. Details at: <http://www.ohionga.org/Winter%20Dinner%20Dance%20Page.htm>. Questions may be directed to CW5 James Markley, 614-336-6618.

**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](http://www.ongea.org)

**2010 Alumni Reunion Hold the Date** – The ONG Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2010. Details to follow as the program is developed. A number of alumni have indicated a desire to participate in the planning of this event and a meeting will be held soon to start the process. Many alumni also expressed an interest in participating in a social event on Friday evening, September 10.

### **Call to Duty Ceremonies**

None currently scheduled

### **Welcome Home Ceremonies**

None currently scheduled

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

SFC David G. Edwards, December 30, 2009, HHC STB 37TH IBCT.

SFC (Ret) Paul E. Cupp, December 30, 2009, former Supply Sergeant for HHD STARC.

MAJ (Ret) Wayne E. Harmon, Jr., January 1, 2010, former full-time Training Officer for HQ 371st Support Group.

### **Websites of Interest:**

2010 Services Almanac: [www.militaryalmanac.com](http://www.militaryalmanac.com)

ONG Press Releases:

[http://www.ong.ohio.gov/information/press\\_releases/2009\\_press\\_releases\\_index.html](http://www.ong.ohio.gov/information/press_releases/2009_press_releases_index.html)

ONG Publications: [http://www.ong.ohio.gov/publications\\_index.html](http://www.ong.ohio.gov/publications_index.html)

## **Where Are They Now?**

**Michael C Metcalf, Chaplain (Colonel), USAR**, served as the 112th Medical Brigade Chaplain in the OHARNG from 1994-1997. Since that time, he deployed to Bosnia in 1997, was mobilized in 2003-2005 to be the Deputy Installation Chaplain at Fort Lewis, and served with a Civil Affairs Brigade in Baghdad in 2007. He has subsequently served as the Army Reserve Medical Command Chaplain, the 75th Battle Command Training Division Chaplain, and briefly as the JFHQ New Mexico State Chaplain. He is currently mobilized and serving at Fort Carson as the Soldier Readiness Processing Center Chaplain, and has been nominated to serve as the 4th Infantry Division Rear Chaplain when the Division Headquarters deploys in 2010.

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](mailto: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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