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Visionary Executive Board Plans for the Future

The Ohio National Guard Executive Board was created by Maj Gen Wayt . It was formed in January of 2010 to bring a formalized management structure to the Ohio National Guard. The Executive Board is charged with the overall stewardship of the Ohio National Guard.

By exploring various issues and assessing current processes and procedures, the executives create plans to enhance the Ohio National Guard's overall efficiency and effectiveness.

Comprised of Ohio National Guard's top Air, Army and civilian leaders, the Executive

Board is one of the first of its kind in the nation.

The Executive Board is also charged with maintaining the vision of the Ohio National Guard, "To be a relevant operational reserve powered by a diverse team of engaged Soldiers, Airmen and Civilians, and to be respected for its leadership and ability to produce and employ ready units that epitomize the values of integrity, excellence, reliability and trust."

The new Ohio National Guard Strategy Map identifies core competencies, internal processes, people, learning and growth, and resources.

The Executive Board works together to strengthen internal processes, such as operational readiness, enhanced capabilities and maintaining relevancy. Ensuring that members of the Ohio National Guard are well, diverse and well-trained are key priorities.

New organizational core values include Integrity, Excellence, Reliability, Diversity, Global Team Work and Trust.

The Ohio National Guard Strategy Map and the current Executive Board membership can be viewed by clicking on the links on the Executive Board webpage, http://ong.ohio.gov/executive_board/

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President Proclaims National Military Family Month

President Barack Obama signed a proclamation designating November as Military Family Month. The President affirmed, "We owe each day of security and freedom that we enjoy to the members of our Armed Forces and their families.

Behind our brave service men and women, there are family members and loved ones who share in their sacrifice and provide unending support.

Just as we hold a sacred trust to the extraordinary Americans willing to lay down their lives to protect us all, we also have a

national commitment to support and engage our military families".

To read the proclamation, visit <http://www.ng.mil/news/archives/2010/11/110210-President.aspx>.



TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP), first authorized by Congress in 1997, offers one of the few affordable, comprehensive dental benefit programs available to the nation's Uniformed Services retirees, including members of the National Guard and Reserve who, regardless of their age, have transferred to Retired Reserve status (as defined under Title 10 of the U.S. Code, Section 10141(b)).

Enrollees may seek care from

any licensed dentist within the TRDP service area. Although they have the freedom to see any licensed dentist for their dental care, selecting a participating TRDP network dentist can save time money and paperwork. The participating TRDP network is expansive with over 100,000 offices nationwide.

TRDP offers coverage for diagnostic and preventive services, basic restorative services, periodontics, endodontics, oral sur-

gery, dental emergencies and a separate dental accident benefit with no waiting period. Call Delta Dental's toll-free number for (888) 838-8737 for details.

New mailing address for all retirement applications:

HUMAN RESOURCE
CENTER OF
EXCELLENCE
ATTN: AHRC-PDR-RCR
1600 SPEARHEAD
DIVISION AVENUE
DEPT 420
FT. KNOX. KY 40122-5402

TRICARE Comprehensive Website

Have you checked out the new features of the TRICARE website on <http://tricare.mil>? The website has benefit information tailored just for you.

Upon entering the website you can specialize your search by keying in your military status, your specific coverage plan and your zip code. The website will take you to more information

about your specific coverage, and give details which will help you learn more about your health plan, and allow you to update DEERS, and make medical appointments.

Tricare.mil also gives valuable information on ordering medications through the mail and Medicare eligibility requirements. Valuable coverage information is

also available for download, so you can have it at your fingertips.

Information concerning key life events, such as a divorce or a spouse passing can also be found on Tricare.mil.

ONG Ski Trip : Holiday Valley Resort Feb 13-15 in Holiday Valley, NY 1-800-323-0020 RSVP no later than Dec 31. POC is Major Laura Powers, 937-525-2557 or laura.powers@ang.af.m

Wing Updates and Upcoming Events

178th FW— 35 deployed
121 ARW— 19 deployed
179th AW—3 deployed
180th FW—2 deployed

Family Readiness is sponsoring an **Army Navy football game** gathering on Dec 11 at 1430 at *King Avenue 5* at 945 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. \$5 cover charge or bring a toy. POC is Susan Bogan 1-800-589-9914.

The **Columbus Blue Jackets** is offering free game tickets to retired military on Dec 27.

Co B 638th ASB change of command, Army Aviation Support Facility#1 , Dec 11 1400.

637th Chemical Co. change of command Jan 8, 2011 1400, Kreber Armory, Kettering.

18th Engineer RGT Ball, Jan 8, 2011 1730, The Medallion Club in Westerville, RSVP by Dec 28 to Capt Baibak at (614)336-6154.

371st Sustainment Brigade Ball on Jan 15, 2011 at Fort Rapids Indoor Water Park at 1800. POC is CPT Douglas Kin at douglas.kin@us.army.mil.

Call to Duty and Welcome Home Ceremonies

Call to Duty Ceremonies:

About 30 Airmen from the Ohio Air National Guard's 220th Engineering Installation Squadron mobilized for active duty on Nov 9 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Call to Duty Ceremony took place at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus.

The 220th has previously deployed unit members to Operations Desert Storm, Enduring

Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The Airmen will provide permanent and robust communications infrastructure to Army forces deployed throughout Afghanistan.

The 1-174 ADA (RADAR) held a Call to Duty Ceremony on Nov 19 at the Tri-County Assembly of God in Fairfield, Ohio. The Soldiers deployed to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn.

OMLT 1.6 will host a Call to Duty Ceremony at 1000 on Jan 6 at the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, 1636 Graham Rd, Reynoldsburg.

The 178th FW will host a Call to Duty on Dec 29 at 0930 at Springfield Air Base.

Welcome Home Ceremonies:

OMLT 1.4 Welcome Home Ceremony will be held Dec 21 at 1400 at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church.

SAVE THE DATE

2011

Alumni Reunion

September 10, 2011

Location TBD

Shades of Green Resort

Shades of Green Resort in Orlando, Florida opened in 1994 as the only Armed Forces Recreation Center in the continental United States.

The resort located at Walt Disney World is dedicated to enhance readiness and morale by providing affordable, first class accommodations in a premier setting.

Combined with friendly service and respect for those who have served or continue to serve our great nation, Shades of Green offers rooms based on military status. Retirees are welcome to make reservations. Shades of Green offers two adjacent golf courses, a spa and discounted tickets to area attractions, such as Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, Sea World, and the

Kennedy Space Center. For more information on Shades of Green Resort amenities, room rates and availability visit <http://www.shadesofgreen.org>.



CW5 (Ret)
Tom Brandt
at the 2010
Alumni
Reunion

Memorials

LTC (Ret) Owen D. Newell died Nov 6, former commander of the 612th Engineer Battalion and father of CSM (Ret) Rodney Newell, former CSM of the 112th Medical Brigade.

SPC Shane Ahmed, former member Company A, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment died Nov 14.

CWO (Ret) Andrew Gordon Mays, former member of OHARNG died Nov 18.

Shirley M. Ater, father-in-law of COL Dean W. Brown at Fort Ohio died Nov 20.

Vernon C. Griffith, former OHANG member died Nov 21.

Neil Thomas Kettering, former OHANG member died Dec 5.

Did you know?

Three Guard members won U.S. House of Representative seats in the recent election:

- Steve Stivers, Ohio Army National Guard
- Adam Kinzinger in Illinois, former Wisconsin Air National Guard
- Steve Palazzo, Mississippi National Guard



Wildlights at the Columbus Zoo

Operation: Military Kids (OMK) and Ohio 4-H, The Ohio National Guard, and the USO will present a special evening for all Military Families at the Columbus Zoo.

Wildlights will be held on Saturday, Dec 11th from 6-9 PM.

Ticket prices are \$6.50 per adult, \$4.00 per child (2-9 yrs), \$4.00 Senior (60+). Children 2 and under are free.

Tickets can be purchased at the

Zoo on the day of the event. Parking is free.

You must bring your Military ID & let the ticket booth know you are with Operation: Military Kids to receive the military ticket discount.

Wildlights includes free refreshments and food provided by The USO and a free Holiday Family Photo. Photographers will be located in the Education Auditorium, just inside the Zoo's front entrance. History has shown if it is a warm evening you may encounter a long line at the zoo entrance, so come early.

For more information, contact Ohio National Guard Family Readiness, 614-336-7274.

For directions, visit www.columbuszoo.org.

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Evolution of The National Guard

In 2009, the National Guard made great progress in supporting DoD's efforts to both manage the Reserve Components as an operational force and establish the National Guard Bureau as a joint activity.

The NGB, as part of the total operational force, has a greater role and increased responsibility for shaping the discussion and recommendations within DoD for issues related to Homeland Defense and Defense Support to Civilian Authorities.

The National Guard has always recognized its unique role as America's first military responder. In the continued quest for serving our citizens, we have leveraged the concept of the Joint Staff, both at the national and at the state level, to ensure rapid, effective, coordinated responses to domestic emergencies.

This capability is modular, scalable, and can maximize effectiveness by employing Army and Air Guard capabilities into a true joint response.

This supports the Adjutants General with single procedures for communication, coordination, collaboration, and employment.

The Guard must remain a community-based organization with a clear understanding of its dual role: to serve abroad in support of our national defense; and to serve the Governors and people of the states, territories, and the District of Columbia to which they belong.

The depth provided by the National Guard is no longer the "once in a lifetime" use of a strategic reserve as envisioned during the Cold War.

The National Guard has become an operational force that is an

integral part of the Army and Air Force. It is populated by seasoned veterans with multiple deployments in support of operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Balkans, and many other locations around the world.

Our most precious assets flow from our communities. At this time, nearly 60,000 Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen are deployed in support of overseas operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Balkans, and the Sinai.

The National Guard has maintained a high operational tempo for more than eight years in support of the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Through the admirable service of thousands of Guardsmen we have provided essential combat, logistics, and other support capabilities to these operations.

OUTREACH UPDATE

As of 10 November 2010, **Mrs. McWherter resigned as the Alumni Affairs Coordinator.** The position will be announced soon.

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Community Outreach Events Calendar

http://ong.ohio.gov/community_index.html



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When called, we respond with ready units to execute federal, state and community missions.

What's the RISFAC connection?

Maj Gen Greg Wayt and Family Readiness have built a network of family support across Ohio. The Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committees (RISFAC) facilitate the identification, coordination and delivery of community services and donations supporting military families. This strategy was initiated one year ago.

We are calling on you, our Ohio National Guard Alumni, to explore opportunities for involvement in your region's RISFAC. You can serve as a volunteer yourself or as a catalyst in your community to enroll neighbors in support of Ohio's military

families. Your presence is truly appreciated, and needed.

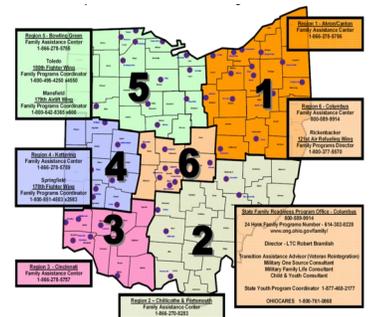
During the meeting RISFAC attendees introduce themselves and the goals of their organization or program. A time of networking after the formal presentation provides points of contact during which people of like interests can connect.

The RISFAC meetings are a meaningful way for Alumni to share their wisdom, talents and community contacts in support of Ohio's military families. There are multiple ways to serve. The needs are immediate and the opportunities are varied.

Sharing your expertise or contacts in your region would be appreciated.

RISFAC meeting location and times are available by calling 1-800-589-9914.

Won't you consider attending the next Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee meeting in your area?



Call 1-800-589-9914
for more information
about the next
Regional Inter-Service
Family Assistance
Committee meeting
near you.