

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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### Gen. Dempsey's letter to the Joint Force 1

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20318-9999  
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It is an honor to be the 18<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to serve with you.

The most important thing I want you to know is that I *trust* you to do what's right for each other and for our country.

Thanks for your service. You have fought harder and your families have sacrificed more than most will ever know. You make us the finest military on the planet. We're powerful, versatile, responsive, and resilient. We are admired by our allies and partners, and we are dreaded by our enemies. You are our decisive advantage.

To ensure we remain the Joint Force our nation needs, I'll focus on a few key themes as I begin my time as Chairman.

We must *achieve our national objectives in the current conflicts*. As long as our forces remain in harm's way, we must ensure they have what they need to succeed.

We must look beyond our current requirements-to 2020-and *develop Joint Force 2020* to provide the greatest possible number of options for our nation's leaders and to ensure our nation remains immune from coercion. Keeping our military the best led,

best trained, and best equipped force in the world is the non-negotiable imperative. Doing so in a new fiscal environment will be hard, but we've overcome similar challenges in our past, and the nation is counting on us to overcome them again.

We must *renew our commitment to the Profession of Arms*. We're not a profession simply because we say we're a profession. We must continue to learn, to understand, and to promote the knowledge, skills, attributes, and behaviors that define us as a profession.

And, of course, we must *keep faith with our Military Family*. Our active, guard and reserve service members, our wounded warriors, our families, and our veterans deserve the future they have sacrificed to secure.

Continue mission! I am proud to serve with you.

MARTIN E. DEMPSEY

General, U. S. Army



link to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff - Blog

<http://www.dodlive.mil/index.php/2011/10/general-dempseys-letter-to-the-joint-force/>

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Ohio National Guard



## Commissary on site sale

### RICKENBACKER



**12 November Sat: 1000 - 1700**

**13 November Sun: 1000 - 1600**



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## VALID MILITARY ID REQUIRED

Any question please call Linda Foreback or Darlene Oliver at 937-257-2060  
Or Anna Mitchell at 614-491-8424

### Editor's Note

The newsletter you are reading is read in Ohio and around the world.

If you would like to submit an article, let other alumni know about an upcoming event or provide a helpful suggestion please email

james.m.moore2@us.army.mil.

Submissions received after the 10th of the month will be considered for future issues

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS)



### National Guard 375th Birthday Ball

The National Guard traces its roots to the Massachusetts Bay Colony Charter, dated December 13, 1636, which called for the formation of a militia to muster for the common defense of the community. We plan to take the audience on a 375-year journey through militia and National Guard history with a tapestry of music, photos, video, and dance.

**Tuesday, November 08, 2011**

**Reception 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Banquet 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM**

\*This Ball is technically a banquet.

Dancing will be demonstrated by professional dancers in period garb.

### Deployment activity

**Current deployed Army units are:**

The Operational Mentoring & Liaison Team 1.6

The Operational Mentoring & Liaison Team 1.7

The 1-174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment (RADAR)

The 295th Engineer Detachment (Fire fighters)

The 1937th Support Detachment

The 1484th Transportation Company

37th NATO Training Mission Afghanistan

684th Medical Company

2-174 Air Defense Artillery Regiment Avenger (NCR)

There are 1,293 Ohio Army National Guard Soldiers deployed.

**Current deployed Air units, per Wing, are:**

The 121st Air Refueling Wing has approximately 170 Airmen deployed.

The 179th Airlift Wing has approximately 50 Airmen deployed.

The 180th Fighter Wing has approximately 160 Airmen deployed.

The 178th Fighter Wing has approximately 50 Airmen deployed.

### Upcoming events

**MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT**

Join the Toledo Walleye to honor those who have served in the US Armed Forces.

**EVENT DETAILS...**  
Pre-game ceremony, color guard, jersey auction and more!

**DATE...**  
Friday, November 11  
7:00pm

**TICKET INFORMATION...**  
Contact Adam Haman  
ahaman@toledowalleye.com  
419-725-9257

To donate tickets to military families, contact:  
**HEROES IN ACTION**  
PO Box 352046  
Toledo, OH 43635  
419-699-3439  
heroesinaction.org

**POST-GAME JERSEY AUCTION**

Presented by **Stautzenberger COLLEGE**

**New Time. New Location. Always Grateful.**

**The 7th Annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Fair**  
Friday, November 11, 2011 8:00 - 11:30 am  
Savage Hall, University of Toledo  
2801 West Bancroft St  
Toledo, Ohio 43606

Doors Open: 8:00a.m.  
Breakfast and Recognition: 8:45a.m.  
Remembrance at Veterans' Plaza : 11:00a.m

LUCAS COUNTY Lucas County Commissioners  
LUCAS COUNTY Lucas County Veterans Service Commission  
BCI  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO  
American Red Cross Greater Toledo Area Chapter

## One of the 10 major battles that shaped America

### Second battle of the Marne

On May 27, 1918, German Field Marshal Erich Ludendorff threw more than 20 divisions at French and British forces north of Soissons, France. Weakened by mutinies, the French Sixth Army all but evaporated. In just three days German troops captured 50,000 Allied soldiers and reached the Marne River, less than 40 miles from Paris—and victory.

General Ferdinand Foch, Allied supreme commander, turned to the Americans. It would be the U.S. troops' first major test in all-out combat on the Western Front, after months of being committed as piecemeal reinforcements by the struggling French. The 27,000-man 3rd Division deployed on the banks of the Marne, flanked by elements of other divisions.

When the Germans renewed their offensive on July 15, they were stunned by the Americans' machine-gun and rifle fire, which took a terrible toll as the attackers crossed the Marne in rafts and canvas boats. On the right flank, six more French divisions vanished, but the 3rd Division's line remained unbroken, isolating some 20,000 Germans who had crossed the river.

At dawn on July 18 the American 1st and 2nd divisions and a French colonial division stormed into the exposed right flank of the Marne salient. Their objective was the railroad that ran through Soissons—the main supply line for the half-million Germans in the salient. Attacking without artillery preparation, they achieved complete surprise and for 24 hours sent the Germans reeling. But on the second day German machine guns sprouted

everywhere, and the Americans suffered more than 12,000 casualties.

At the end of the third day the Allies withdrew both shattered American divisions. The rail line remained uncut, but the stalled Germans abandoned all thought of crossing the river. They "shortened" their lines—a euphemism for retreat. Four months later the Germans surrendered, and America emerged as one of the world's great military powers.

If the American troops had failed on the Marne, they would have been dismissed as inferior soldiers and dupes of the British and French. Germany could well have become the 20th century's dominant world power.

Posted by David Lauterborn, Nov. 3, 2010 in *HistoryNet*, [www.historynet.com/10-battles-that-shaped-america.htm](http://www.historynet.com/10-battles-that-shaped-america.htm)



**3rd Division**



Calendar of Events  
for the Month of  
November

**2010-2013: 60th  
Anniversary of the  
Korean War**

**Military Family  
Appreciation Month**

**Warrior Care Month**

**Native American  
Heritage Month**

**Nov. 11:**

**Veterans Day**

**Nov. 24:**

**Thanksgiving  
Holiday**

## Modernizing military retirement

Many veterans have been planning their military retirement for almost as long as they have served in the military.

The military retirement system has been an earned privilege for those who have faithfully served our country. And, along with Social Security and Medicare, it seemed almost an inalienable right. But as our soaring US deficits cause more and more program cuts, a Pentagon-sponsored study says military pensions are becoming unaffordable.

### OVERHAUL OF MILITARY RETIREMENT?

In high-level meetings starting July 2011 at the Pentagon, from a panel comprised of influential military advisors and called the Defense Business Board, a radical proposal to overhaul retirement for the nation's 1.4 million service members is being explored.

Their plan, laid out in a 24-page presentation "Modernizing the Military Retirement System," would eliminate the familiar system under which anyone who serves 20 years is eligible for retirement at half their salary. Instead, they propose a 401k-style plan with government contributions.

In addition, veterans may need to wait until normal retirement age. This new plan is said to save \$250 billion dollars over 20 years.

The Pentagon's stated goals are to review all areas of the defense budget, and to "inform the decisions and strategies that we have to make," said Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta. "... and in what areas we look to for savings."

The Defense Business Board provides DOD's senior leaders independent advice and recommendations "on effective strategies for the implementation of best business practices on matters of interest to the Department of Defense," according to Pentagon officials.

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said any changes to military retirement should be studied carefully and should be "grandfathered" so the military keeps its word to all

those already in the service.

"Any recommendation to change the military retirement system must be approached with thoughtful analysis, to include considerations of impacts to recruiting and retention," Eileen Lainez said. The military retirement system, as with all other compensation, is subject to review for effectiveness and efficiency.

Advocates say a new Military Retirement System could not only save money, it could also be more fair by giving some benefits to those who serve less than 20 years, as well as giving more money to those who serve in combat or high risk situations.

Posted: September 6, 2011

<http://www.militaryhub.com/article.cfm?id=359>



## Helpful web links

Anyone stationed in Thailand?

Click on the link below to find out about exposure to herbicides and qualifications for VA benefits

<http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/thailand.asp>

Submitted by Ray Buda, Chief Master Sgt., Ret.

The 112th Medical Brigade Association  
First semi-annual sunshine state reunion  
February 18, 2012, 6:00 p.m. to completion  
Sugar & Spice Family restaurant  
4000 Cattlemen Road  
Sarasota, FL 34233  
941-342-1649  
RSVP to John Good,  
614-288-5799 or email  
[jgood@pkfamily.com](mailto:jgood@pkfamily.com)

For more information about **Military pay**, go to:  
<http://www.dfas.mil/>

**Ohio National Guard Association**, go to:  
<http://www.ohionga.org/>

**Army Retirement Services Office**  
go to: <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/>

**Military Personnel Records**, go to:  
<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>

**The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association**, go to: <http://www.ongea.org>

**Air Force Retirement Services Office**, go to: <http://www.retirees.af.mil/>

## Changes of command



**Colonel Dana L. McDaniel**

Cordially invites you to the  
**1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 137<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment**  
Change of Command Ceremony

**Outgoing Commander**

**LTC Stephen L. Rhoades**

**Incoming Commander**

**MAJ Michael W. Smith**

**Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base**

**Army Aviation Support Facility #2**

**7750 S. Access Rd, Bldg 918**  
**Columbus, OH**

**5 November 2011, 1600hrs**

**Military Dress: Duty Uniform**  
**Civilian Dress: Business Casual**  
**Light Refreshments Will Be Served**



**COL Dana McDaniel**

Cordially invites you to the  
**52<sup>nd</sup> CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM**  
Change of Command Ceremony

**Outgoing Commander**

**LTC Michael Dykes**

**Incoming Commander**

**LTC Jeffrey Suver**

**Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base**

**8302 South Perimeter Road, Bldg 931,**  
**Columbus, OH**

**14 November 2011, 1500hrs**

**Military Dress: Duty Uniform**  
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**Community Outreach Office**  
 Alumni Affairs  
 2825 W. Dublin Granville Rd.

[HTTP://ONG.OHIO.GOV](http://ONG.OHIO.GOV)

**2012 Regional Inter-Service Family  
 Assistance Committee Meetings:**

*Region 1 - January 26*

*Region 2 - January 18*

*Region 3 - January 24*

*Region 4 - January 24*

*Region 5 - January 17*

*Region 6 - January 11*

For questions regarding the time or place of RISFAC meetings, contact Mr. James Moore at (614) 336-7336.



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

## ‘Give Back’ continues and building the alumni membership

As units deploy we must all think about the families left behind. The wife who comes across a leak under the sink. A fiancé that can't seem to unclog a backed up sink. A girlfriend that can't start her car and needs to get to work.

Many things can happen while a loved one is away. Most happen all of a sudden, while others could not be taken care of before the Airman or Soldier deployed. Many of us have been there and hope that while we are away someone can lend a hand to help.

Give Back is nothing more than lending a hand to someone in need. It's taking care of one of our own. It's letting the families of deployed personnel know that we are thinking of them and will provide good neighbor services to them if possible.

In the coming months the Community Outreach Office will email a form to alumni. This form will list different services that could be provided to deployed families. All that is needed is for the alumni to choose which services they feel comfortable providing and email the form back to Mr. Jim Moore at [james.m.moore2@us.army.mil](mailto:james.m.moore2@us.army.mil).

The form does not obligate an individual in any way. The form will provide data on services available in certain areas of the state. More information on this program will be provided in future newsletter issues.

The Community Outreach Office has found a possible way to build alumni membership. There are 635 members in the Ohio National Guard alumni program. Not that many when you consider how many years it has been in existence and the number of Airman and Soldiers that ETS or retire each year.

Each year, on average, 661 Soldiers ETS or retire from the Army Guard and 398 Airmen from the Air Guard. That is 1,059 individuals who have left the system and should have been added to our alumni.

The community outreach office will keep everyone informed on the membership building progress in the coming months.