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National Guard Bureau chief visits Ohio

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Army Gen. Frank J. Grass, chief of the National Guard Bureau, was the guest speaker at the 2015 Ohio National Guard Association (ONGA) and Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association (ONGEA) Spring Dinner Dance, which is part of the annual ONGA/ONGEA conference, on April 25.

Grass currently serves as the 27th chief of the National Guard Bureau and also is a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During his speech, Grass outlined three unique missions of the Ohio National Guard — providing warfighting capabilities for Air Force and Army combat missions worldwide; providing mission capability for the governor when called to respond in the homeland; and fostering long-term partnerships with State Partnership Program participants Hungary and Serbia to form global security alliances.

Grass said the annual ONGA/ONGEA conference provides an opportunity for members of the Air and Army National Guard to get together, away from their jobs, and reflect.

“We are able to gather and talk about issues. What’s in the future? What are the things we’re going to need be able to do our homeland mission as well as our overseas mission and our partnerships in the future,” he said.

Grass also traveled to Ohio to meet with Ohio National Guard leaders and tour facilities at Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) and the 178th Wing in Springfield, Ohio.

“Gen. Grass had the opportunity to speak to the largest warrant officer muster in the nation (at DSCC) and express his personal thanks for the professionalism that they bring to the Ohio Army National Guard,” said Maj. Gen. Mark E. Bartman, Ohio adjutant general. “In addition, he was able to see, firsthand, Ohio Airmen engaged in the daily warfight overseas, while visiting the UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) and intelligence area (in Springfield). Our Soldiers and Airmen greatly appreciated Gen. and Mrs. Grass’ visit to Ohio, and look forward to a potential return to see additional capability.”

Gen. Grass was joined by his wife, Patricia whose visit included meetings with Ohio National Guard Family Readiness leaders, the USO of Central & Southern Ohio, and The Ohio State University Extension 4-H.

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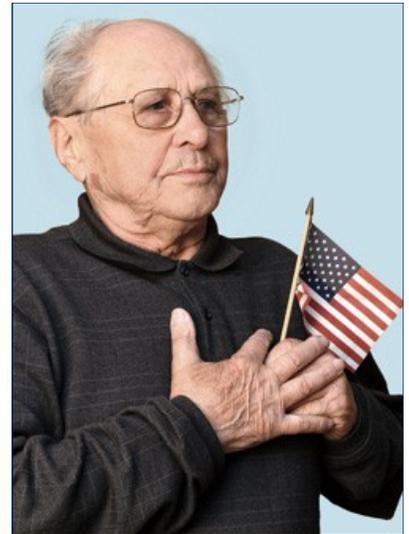


Maj. Gen. Mark E. Bartman (from left), Ohio adjutant general, Gen. Frank J. Grass, chief, National Guard Bureau, and Grass' wife, Patricia, attend the Ohio National Guard Association and Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association Spring Dinner Dance.

Ohio Veterans Homes

The Ohio Veterans Homes are a State of Ohio establishment comprised of three unique facilities – a nursing home located in Georgetown, Ohio (approximately 45 miles east of Cincinnati), and a nursing home and a domiciliary located in Sandusky, Ohio (approximately 60 miles west of Cleveland). Each one offers a quality of life which emphasizes privacy, encourages independence, provides comfort and security, and meets social needs.

The Georgetown Home is a licensed nursing home providing two levels of nursing care – standard care and special care (Alzheimer/ Dementia). The Sandusky Home, in addition to offering standard care and special care in its licensed nursing home, also offers Veterans Hall (DOM), a domiciliary for those who are able to function in an independent living situation, and DOM+ for those requiring very limited assistance (supervised care) but who do not require the level of care provided to nursing home residents.



Regardless of the level of care required, Ohio Veterans Homes residents are provided the convenience of a small community and comforts of a home-like setting. We offer a quality of life, which emphasizes privacy, encourages independence, provides comfort and security, and meets social needs.

Source: http://dvs.ohio.gov/VETERANS_HOMES/About_Us

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“She’s getting an opportunity to talk to the volunteers here as well as the Family support groups,” Grass said. “After 14 years of war, who knows better what the impact of that is than the Families?”

Bartman’s wife, Christi, who was the lead host for Mrs. Grass’ visit, said she could not have been more proud to introduce her to Ohio’s Army and Air Family Readiness volunteers and staff.

“Their dedicated service to our Families and Guard members was evident in the stories they told of their experiences with the countless programs we provide our Families here in Ohio,” Mrs. Bartman said.

During his visit to the Buckeye State, Gen. Grass emphasized that he had a message for the Soldiers and Airmen of the Ohio

“You are the best of the best, no doubt, and we want to keep it that way,” he said. “Our nation, our children and our grandchildren need you now more than ever to reassure the security of the United States and even the world. The best part of my job is to go out and see the men and women that serve in the Guard. There is nothing better.”

June is National Safety Month

Join the thousands of organizations across the country as they work to raise awareness of what it takes to stay safe. Observed annually in June, National Safety Month focuses on reducing leading causes of injury and death at work, on the road and in our homes and communities.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 6

237th Support Battalion Ball

The Emidio & Sons
Banquet Center
48 E. Bath Road
Cuyahoga Falls
Cocktails: 5:30 p.m.
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Awards Presentation: 8 p.m.

AUGUST 8

16th Engineer Brigade Annual Engineer Ball

NorthPointe Hotel and Convention Center
100 Green Meadows Drive South
Lewis Center
Social Hour: 6 p.m.
Dinner: 7 p.m.
RSVP to:
Capt. Mamula at
kevin.t.mamula.mil@mail.mil
or 614-336-6154 NLT
July 24.

Stay safe during 'Critical Days of Summer,' urges Ash Carter

By National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. - As the summer approaches, the Defense Department is redoubling its efforts to promote safety and emphasize responsibility to all service members and their families, starting with a "Critical Days of Summer" message from Secretary of Defense Ash Carter.

In a memo issued to DOD leaders, Carter said,

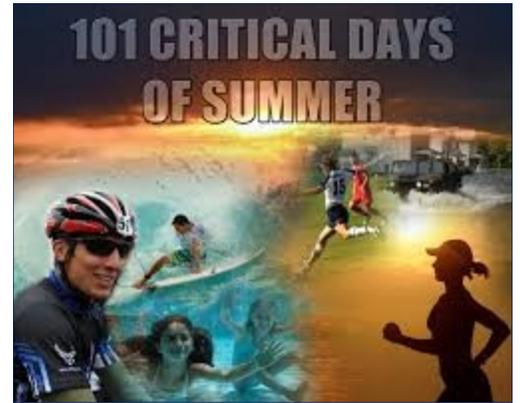
"For many of us, summer allows for days away from the office, on leave and time with our family and friends. It also means time on the road, at the beach, and in the country. We all want to ensure our military and civilian personnel, and their families, return home safely from much-needed recreation. Now is a good time to remind all those for whom we are responsible that many recreational environments and activities involve danger and risk."

"Many accidents are preventable, and by having greater risk awareness, avoiding alcohol when driving and boating, and using basic safety equipment such as seatbelts, motorcycle helmets and life preservers we can eliminate these accidents."

"Summer 2014 was one of our safest periods on record, but we still lost 64 service members to accidents between Memorial Day and Labor Day, demonstrating why we must keep talking about safety. We must teach our personnel to learn to mitigate risk and when to say "no" to risky situations."

"As a leader, you have the ability to save lives and prevent needless loss. I urge each of you to again promote safety and personal responsibility in the force and throughout the department. We owe our best efforts to keep our military, civilians and their family members safe."

Source: <http://www.nationalguard.mil/News/ArticleView/tabid/5563/Article/589398/stay-safe-during-critical-days-of-summer-urges-ash-carter.aspx>





SOCIAL MEDIA

Join the Conversation



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2015 Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee Meetings:

*Region 1 - 23 July; Region 2 - 15 July; Region 3 - 21 July
Region 4 - 28 July; Region 5 - 14 July; Region 6 - 8 July*

For questions regarding the RISFAC meetings,
contact Lt Col Kathy Lowrey at (614) 336-7002.

Retirement Packets

If you are an Ohio Air Guard/Reserve or an Ohio Army Guard/Reserve retiree, contact Sgt. 1st Class Richard Wright at 614-336-7277 for assistance in submitting your retirement packet **nine months before your 60th birthday**, or at whatever age you become eligible to begin receiving non-regular retired pay. If you find you are missing any documents for your packet, contact Ms. Jeanette Carter at 614-336-7038 (ONG HQs). Once you complete your packet, mail it to the following address for processing:

**U.S. Army Human Resources
Center of Excellence - Fort Knox
ATTN: AHRC-PDR-TR
1600 Spearhead Division Ave.
Dept. 420
Fort Knox, KY 40122-56402
1-888-276-9472**

Up...up...and away



Soldiers from Detachment 1, Company D, 1st Battalion, 376th Aviation Regiment, based in North Canton, Ohio, practice life rescue hoist operations from a LUH-72 Lakota medical helicopter. For this mission, the crew wore Tactical Aircrew Dry Suits, which allow them to perform rescue missions over frigid water safely. (Ohio National Guard photo)

Third Annual Veteran's Benefit Expo 2015

Saturday June 6th, 2015

11am-3pm

Woodlawn Community Center
10050 Woodlawn Blvd. Cincinnati, OH 45215

Resources provided by:

VA Mobile Unit

TRICARE Information

Education Services

Veteran Programs

Financial Services

Job/Employment Services

Family/Children Programs

AND MANY MORE!



For Information:

Carlos Lott, 513.733.5007 Eddie Fyall, 513.295.9002

SFC Jarrod L. Kreitzer, 614.336.6758

Amanda Humerick, HRCI Contractor, 614.336.6575

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Rev, Dr. T Scott Swan, I, Pastor

216th Engineer Battalion

**2015 NORTHEAST REGIONAL
AIR NATIONAL GUARD BOWLING TOURNAMENT
10-11 OCT 2015**



TOURNAMENT HOST

104th Fighter Wing

Barnes Air National Guard Base

Westfield, MA



YOU'RE INVITED

**Air National Guard – Army National Guard
Naval Militia
Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard
(Regular and Reserve)
Department of Defense (DOD)
(Federal Employees)
VFW, American Legion
Navy and Marine Corps Leagues**

Bowling Establishment

**AMF Chicopee Lanes
291 Burnett Road
Chicopee, MA
413-592-9161**

Tournament Director:

**Robert Lemire (SMSgt, Retired)
Phone: (413) 537-9429
Email: bobmaryann2@charter.net**

**POC at the 104th FW
Lt. Col. Brenda Hendricksen
Phone: (413) 572-1800
SMSgt Scott Sanderson
Phone : (413) 568-9151 ext 698-1384**

Tournament Host Hotel:

**LaQuinta Inns & Suites
100 Congress Street
Springfield, MA
Reservations:
413-781-0900
FAX: 413-785-1410
Reservation cut-off:
18 Sept 2015**

Hotel Cost:

**\$99.00 plus tax before May 31,2015
\$109.00 plus tax after May 31,2015
Check-in: 3:00 P.M.
Check-out: 11:00 A.M.**

**When making reservations, PLEASE specify:
Northeast Regional Air National Guard
Bowling Tournament**

2015 NORTHEAST REGIONAL AIR NATIONAL GUARD BOWLING TOURNAMENT

- 1. Organizations:** This shall be known as the Northeast Regional Air National Guard Bowling Tournament (NERBT) which carries a USBC Moral Sanction. The tournament will take place from 9 October through 11 October 2015. Organized for the purpose of conducting bowling activities and to determine team and individual champions. It shall, at all times, foster and maintain the spirit of good sportsmanship. Teams shall consist of a four person team, male and/or female, comprised from the following states: (Northeast Region) Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington D.C., West Virginia, and Puerto Rico.
- 2. Eligibility:** This tournament is open to all current and retired members of the Air National Guard, current and retired Air Force Advisors to the Air National Guard, and current and retired employees (State and Federal) of the Air National Guard and their families. It is also open to ALL BRANCHES of the Military and the Department of Defense and their families, the U.S. Coast Guard and Naval Militia, as well as the American Legion, VFW, Navy, and Marine Corps Leagues as voted by the delegates. And open to all members who have previously been GRANDFATHERED. Bowlers do not have to be USBC sanctioned to bowl in this tournament; however, non-sanctioned bowlers may qualify for all USBC services by paying an affiliated membership fee of \$21.00 (See rule 300c).
- 3. Entry:** An individual may bowl in the tournament in the team or doubles event twice, providing his/her second appearance is to fill a vacancy created by an emergency and the HOST unit is unable to fill this vacancy. When a bowler does compete more than once, their first appearance in each event will count towards their ALL EVENTS score. In no way will a bowler be allowed to cash more than once in each event (See rule 315).
- 4. Registration:** Entry forms must be received no later than 31 August 2015. Late entries may be accepted only with the approval of the Tournament Director. Participants entered in the doubles event must also enter the singles event and vice versa. Entry fee is non-refundable after 31 August 2015. Entrants' highest sanctioned league average of 12 games or more 2014-2015 season must be used. If no average is available, 12 games or more from previous years (the most recent possible) may be used, as outlined on the registration form. If the current average of 21 games or more at the time of competition is 10 or more pins higher, then the bowler must use the current average. Each unit delegate is responsible to verify the accuracy of averages. If an entrant does not have an established average in a USBC sanctioned league in any of the four previous seasons, such entrant could use their highest USBC sanctioned current season average based on 12 or more games at the time of bowling. All other bowlers without an established average will bowl scratch, must bowl ALL EVENTS (9 games), then given a nine game tournament average and handicap. Failure to use the correct average will disqualify the entrant if the submitted average is lower than actual average, IAW USBC rules. Average verification is by yearbook or by final standing sheet signed by the league secretary. All registration forms must be verified by the unit or state delegate. For entrants other than Air National Guard, verification of averages by team captain or tournament director.
- 5. Bowling:** After registration closes, a schedule will be created for each team/entrant with lane assignments and a projected start time. Team line up will be in the order shown on the registration form. Captains may make changes through the Tournament Staff no later than one hour prior to start time, IAW USBC rules. A bowler not present at the starting time will receive a zero pin count for each frame missed. Scoring will be whatever the house has in place at the time of the tournament. Handicap will be the standard 80% of 200.
- 6. Fees:** All bowling fees, prize fees, expense fees, and all events fees must accompany the registration form. Entry fees for bowling are \$30.00 per event, FEES: (a) Bowling Lineage \$9.00 per event, (b) Prize Fund \$10.00 per event, (c) Other Expenses \$11.00 per event, (d) All Events \$5.00 – Optional. To enter the All Events category, a bowler must be entered in Team, Doubles, and Singles events. All Events is the summation of the total of nine games bowled plus the handicap per game. All events will be calculated on the first set a bowler bowls if he/she has bowled more than once.
- 7. Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to the winners (1winner per 10 entries) in the Team, Doubles, and Singles events. The ratio for All Events will be 1 winner per 20 entries. All prize fees will be awarded to both male and female handicap winners in the Singles and All Events based on their respective handicap scores. The winning team will receive the traveling trophy. All prize fees collected in an event or division of an event will be returned 100% to the participants in that event or division of the event (Rule 308). Host reserves the right to send winning checks to the Team Captains within 60 days after the close of the Tournament to ensure accuracy of scores and placement.
- 8. Delegates Meeting:** Each unit represented at the tournament will select as a minimum one delegate to attend the meeting. The meeting will be held at the LaQuinta Inns & Suites, Springfield, MA at 7:30 P.M. on Friday, 9 October 2015. Check-in/Registration/Hospitality will begin at 4:00 P.M. and close at 10:00 P.M. also at the LaQuinta Inns & Suites, Springfield, MA .