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The Ohio National Guard webpage is: <http://www.ong.ohio.gov/>. Click on Community Outreach and then Alumni Relations to register for the data base and direct receipt of the newsletter. Please take a few minutes and explore the entire website, particularly the many recent news releases about your Guard.

Registration information for the Ohio National Guard Alumni Reunion to be held at DSCC in Columbus on September 19th will be coming out before the end of the month.

37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Change of Command. Assistant Adjutant General for Army, MG Matthew Kambic, has announced the selection of COL James Perry as the next commander of the 37th IBCT. COL Perry follows COL Rick Curry who relinquishes command after leading the IBC in an outstanding manner for 45 months, including a highly successful OIF deployment in 2008. COL Perry's notable recent assignments include Commander of the 37th IBCT (Rear), Commander of the 1-107th Armored Battalion, and G-3 for the KFOR6A deployment to Kosovo. The change of command will be held at Camp Graying on Thursday, August 27th.

New Commander of the Ohio Military Reserve. On June 6, MG Wayt announced the selection and assumption of command of COL (OH) Charles S. Rowell Jr. as the Commander of the Ohio Military Reserve (OHMR), replacing retiring MG (OH) Charles Hollar. COL (OH) Rowell has served the OHMR for over 22 years, holding the position of Chief of Staff prior to assuming command. MG (OH) Hollar has served as the Commander of the OHMR since September, 2001 and retires with over 46 years of combined service to the Army and the OHMR. There will be a change of command ceremony at a later date.

This Week in Guard History

June 15, 1933: Washington, D.C. --- The National Guard Status Act of 1933, creating a dual status for Guardsmen, is signed into law. This little-known but critical legislation finally solved a Constitutional dilemma that had troubled the Army and the Guard since 1903. Despite all the laws passed from 1903 to 1933 increasing the readiness of the Guard to serve as a reserve of the Army, the Guard remained the militia of the states, according to the Constitution. It was thus limited in its federal service to the three purposes specified in the Constitution: executing the laws of the union, suppressing insurrections and repelling invasions. In order to remove Guardsmen from these restrictions imposed on the militia, the federal government drafted each National Guardsman for

World War I, thus legally removing him from the militia and placing him in the Army. Guardsmen universally resented being drafted, since they all considered themselves volunteers. However, they also did not wish in peacetime to surrender the independence from Army control that membership in the state-controlled militia conferred, and, barring an amendment to the Constitution, they could not simultaneously be members of both a state and a federal military force, no matter how the law was written. The solution to this problem was developed in the 1920s after considerable study by leaders of NGAUS.

When it was finally passed by Congress in 1933, the National Guard Status Act created a new Federal Reserve component of the Army called "The National Guard of the United States." This new reserve component would only be populated when the Guard was ordered into federal service. At all other times, this federal reserve would have only an inactive "shadow" existence, its personnel residing in identical units of the organized militia, called "The National Guard of the several States, Territories, and the District of Columbia," under state control.

Upcoming Events:

Columbus Crew Military Appreciation Night. All Military families are invited to join the MLS Cup Columbus Crew Champions for their Military and Service Appreciation night, Saturday, July 18th. Enjoy discounted admission of \$19, Children 2 and under are free! It will be Bob Evans' Buck-a-Brat night! All families will have a chance to enjoy an interactive hands-on military themed plaza that will embody the core values from each branch of the service. Please see the attached ticket ordering form. For any questions please contact Jermaine Kennedy at 614-292-3758New

Reunion for Veterans of all Eras will be held Aug. 28, 29 & 30 at the Marion County, Ohio, Fairgrounds. Camping sites are available. The event will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and continue through Sunday. There will be inspirational speakers, music and entertainment, vendors of military memorabilia and others. Food is available on the grounds as well as numerous restaurants in the area. Registration information is available at www.vietnamveteransmuseum.org, or by calling Ben Morris, chairman, at 740-383-4735.

Mobile Commissary Schedule

Toledo ANG Dining Facility, 2660 S. Eber Rd., Swanton, OH. Saturday, June 27- 0900-1800 and Sunday, June 28-1000-1700.

McConnelsville Armory, 4497 Hawk Drive, McConnelsville, OH, Sunday July 26 - 1000-1900.

For additional information: www.commissaries.com

Upcoming ONG Retiree/Alumni Events

148th Infantry Reunion (27th) – Camp Perry – August 28-29.

37th Division Reunion – Camp Perry – August 28-29. Associated with the Camp Perry events, there will be a golf outing on August 28. For more information, contact CW4 (ret) Jerry Wilson at 614-486-4186.

NIKE reunion (13th) – Camp Perry – September 11-13.

The Ohio National Guard Alumni Reunion – DSCC, Columbus – September 19.

2-174 ADA Reunion – McConnelsville – September 20.

437th MP Bn. reunion (8th) - Sunday, Sep 27th, 2009, at the armory, 475 Victoria Road, Youngstown, Ohio. Time is 12-6 PM. All former members of the 437th MP Bn. are invited.

147th Infantry Retirees Association – Friday, Oct 2, 2009, at the Sharonville, Ohio, VFW post. More details to follow.

Call to Duty Ceremonies:

1483 Transportation Co., Walbridge, July 7, 2009, 1300, Owens Community College,

585 Military Police Co., Marysville, August 13, 2009, 1300, Marysville High School.

Recent News Releases:

Acting Director of the Army Guard. Maj. Gen. Raymond Carpenter of the South Dakota National Guard has been named acting director of the Army National Guard. Gen. Craig R. McKinley made the move while awaiting confirmation of Maj. Gen. Joseph Taluto, the New York adjutant general, for the post. Taluto was nominated last month by McKinley to replace Lt. Gen. Clyde A. Vaughn, who has retired. In another move involving a National Guard general, Maj. Gen. Kenny Montoya, the New Mexico adjutant general, has been named to serve on the Homeland Security Advisory Council Southwest Border Task Force. www.ngaus.org

Non-Disabled Now Eligible for VA Care. (USA Today, June 16, 2009, Pg. 7). www.usatoday.com The Veterans Affairs Department opened the doors of its health care system to about 266,000 non-disabled veterans with moderate incomes. These veterans have no illnesses or injuries attributed to their military service, and they earn more than the average wage in their communities. Enrollment had been denied to them because of a cost-savings move in 2003. Under a new regulation, some — but not all — who fall into this category will be eligible.

The Future Of Military Aviation Is Unmanned, (Seattle Times, June 19, 2009). Unmanned surveillance craft, not high-performance fighters, are part of the new wave in military aviation at this year's Paris Air Show. On the edge of the airfield at Le Bourget, a Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornet jet fighter looms with imposing menace. In front of it sits a dinky Boeing ScanEagle — just 4 feet long with a 10-foot wingspan — with model-airplane looks, a little rotor turned by a two-stroke engine, and a flimsy plastic airframe. The ScanEagle, designed and built by Boeing, has been battle-tested in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it played a key role in the April rescue of U.S. containership captain Richard Phillips from Somali pirates. seattletimes.nwsources.com

Aircraft Retirement Restrictions. Included in the HASC Chairman's mark of H.R. 2647 and written into the bill's summary is a provision restricting the retirement of any fighter aircraft until certain information is provided to HASC. This provision was not introduced as a member's amendment and does not have any specific member's name attached. The report requires answers to these questions:

- * How the capability gap caused by the retirements will be filled;
- * What will be the follow-on mission for each affected base;
- * Where the individuals assigned to those missions will be sent;
- * What the analysis was behind the decision to select these specific aircraft; and
- * What will happen to the aircraft after retirement. www.ngaus.org

Army National Guard End Strength. HASC included an amendment to H.R. 2647 addressing Army National Guard end strength, a top priority for NGAUS. The amendment asks the Army to consider creating a Trainees, Transients, Holders and Students (TTHS) account within the Army Guard. It also includes a Sense of Congress section stating that an increase in Army National Guard end strength should be considered in the deliberations of the Quadrennial Defense Review. The measure was sponsored by Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam) and Representative Dave Loebsack (D-IA), two leading Congressional voices on National Guard issues. Noting that many Army Guard units are not fully deployable and must cross level personnel with other units, Loebsack said, "The result is decreased readiness and morale in the units that are left behind without a full force structure." Bordallo stressed that because 13.3 percent of Army Guard is non-deployable at any given time, it is critical to address the cross leveling problem. Addressing the need for greater end strength, she said, "(A) larger National Guard is a more cost effective and prudent use of tax dollars." www.ngaus.org

Older Recruits Challenge Army and Vice Versa, (New York Times, June 18, 2009)

In the three years since the Army raised its age limit for enlisting to 42, from 35, a steady stream of older recruits has joined the ranks, pushing creaky muscles through road training, learning to appreciate, or at least endure, Army chow and in some cases deploying to combat zones. While the number of such recruits, more than 3,800, is small by Army standards, the pace of over-35 enlistment jumped sharply in the first months of this year. Motives vary, from a yearning for midlife adventure to a desire to serve their country. But rising unemployment is also a major reason; say Army officials, recruiters and training officers. The older recruits are having an impact even on basic training, Army officers say. In basic training classes at Fort Sill, Okla., as many as one in seven soldiers are over 35, and many drill sergeants now look to the older soldiers as mentors, or proxy disciplinarians. www.nytimes.com

Websites of Interest:

https://www.hnfs.net/common/companyInfo/contact_us_cust_service.htm - online chat for Tricare.

<http://www.ohiovetscan> – the Ohio Veterans Career Assistance Network.

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/> - Veterans Today, for the top 20 veterans news stories of the day

If you have ideas for future newsletter content or other alumni programs and would like to communicate with me directly, please feel free to call 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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