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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.

D-Day Remembrance. On the 50th anniversary of D-Day in 1994, President Bill Clinton noted the veterans who attended the Normandy ceremony and said, "Oh, they may walk with a little less spring in their step and their ranks are going thinner, but let us never forget---when they were young, these men saved the world."

2009 Ohio Air National Guard Award Recipients

The following Airmen and Units were recognized for outstanding achievement at the Annual Awards Banquet, held May 14, 2009: Human Resources Advisor of the year - CMSgt Lee Burgy (180 FW); Honor Guard Member of the Year - SrA Michael Chase (179 AW / 200 RH DET 1); Honor Guard Program Manager of the Year - SMSgt Joseph Onesto (121 ARW); Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year - MSgt Chad Bacon (178 FW); Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year - MSgt Marc Pumala (179 AW); Outstanding NCO of the Year - TSgt Janeen Przysiecki (180 FW); Outstanding Airman of the Year - SSgt Paul Dangelo (180 FW); Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Year- Capt Steve Dudash; Best Public Affairs Program - 121 ARW; Best Unit Newsletter - 180 FW; The Medical Hippocrates Award - 178 FW; The Individual Readiness Award (Wing) - 179 AW; The Individual Readiness Award [GSU] - 123 ACS; The Mission Readiness Award (Wing) - 178 FW; The Mission Readiness Award [GSU] - 251ST CCG & 269 CCS; The Ground Safety Award - 180 FW; The Flying Safety Award - 178 FW; The Pasquale A. Gicale Award - 251 CCG; and The Alan P. Tappan Award - 179 AW.

Upcoming Events:

New Classroom Facility Ribbon Cutting at Camp Perry. The Ohio National Guard will conduct a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 12:30 p.m. June 8, 2009, for the new Camp Perry Joint Training Center Classroom building. The new \$1.3 million facility encompasses more than 7,400 square feet and will be used not only by Ohio National Guard units but also by other DoD agencies. The building can be configured for up to five classrooms. The project was authorized and funded in the federal 2008

Military Construction budget bill through the efforts of Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-9) with the support of the National Rifle Association.

Wright Patterson AFB Defense Technology & Intelligence Career Fair, Tuesday June 09, 2009 10am to 2pm at the Hope Hotel & Conference Center, 10823 Chidlaw Road, Building # 823, Area A, Wright Patterson AFB, OH 45433. This Event Is For Job Seekers With Any Federal Security Clearance, IT, Technical, Communications, Aerospace, Engineering, Scientific, Military, Government, Contractor Or Intelligence Background. You can preregister at: <http://www.TransitionCareers.com>, and expect to meet with many different employers/recruiters and education institutions from organizations in your community and around the country. The event is designed for job seekers to have informative face-to-face discussions with each exhibitor.

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 Adjutant General's 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:

1192 Engineer Co., Newton Falls-June 12, 1000, Mt Zion Oakwood Village, One Mt. Zion Circle, Oakwood, OH 44146. **Note: this is a change in location.**

OMLT 09-3, (Operational Mentor and Liaison Team), Columbus, June 15, 1600, Groveport Madison High School.

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:

Veterans, President to mark D-DAY'S 65th Anniversary. President Obama will join veterans, military members and European leaders Saturday, June 6, to mark the 65th anniversary of the invasion of Europe by Allied forces, a dangerous gamble that helped spell defeat for the Third Reich of Adolf Hitler. Events will be held on the beaches of Normandy in northern France where the largest naval armada in history delivered a massive invading force of Americans, Brits, Canadians, French, Poles and others on June 6, 1944.

In an address at the Normandy American Cemetery on the bluff above Omaha Beach, site of bloody fighting on D-Day, Obama is expected to pay tribute to the veterans who joined with comrades from other nations to fight a common foe and liberate millions of people. Obama is in Germany today where he visited Buchenwald, one of many former concentration camps that operated during Hitler's time in power. www.ngaus.org

Army plans \$426 Million for Army Guard Construction. The Army plans to spend more than \$426 million on Army National Guard military construction in the 2010 fiscal year, lawmakers were told this week. Joseph Calcara, deputy assistant secretary of the Army, detailed for members of the readiness subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee in written testimony how that money would be spent.

The list includes \$158 million for transformation efforts, including three aviation projects to provide facilities for modernized aircraft and changed unit structure, two readiness centers and a

maintenance facility. It also includes \$154 million for two training facilities, six range projects and two readiness/Armed Forces Reserve centers and \$80 million for five readiness centers expect to improve the Army Guard's ability to deal with continued high levels of deployment.

The Army has requested \$10.4 billion for military construction. Calcera told the lawmakers that the Army is undergoing its largest organizational change since World War II and is a growing force. The Army Guard's portion of the total amount is a conservative estimate, according to a news release from the National Guard Bureau, because the Guard is also affected by other areas of the military construction budget, such as money set aside for base realignment and closure or for overseas contingency operations. www.ngb.army.mil/news

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

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

Pattie (Millier) Van Wagner, 78, wife of COL (ret) Donald Van Wagner (Army), May 16, 2009, Columbus.

SGT (ret) Jerry D Hart (Army), 61, May 21, 2009, Fredericktown.

Jimmie R. Leach, (Air), 66, May 28, 2009, Dayton.

We are continuing the planning for the Adjutant General's Alumni Reunion to be held at DSCC in Columbus on September 19. Please hold that date as we will be sending out registration materials soon. 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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