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

Ohio Army National Guard Wins the OPE Gold Level Achievement of Excellence. The Ohio Partnership for Excellence Board of Trustees on April 28 announced the Ohio Army Guard as a 2010 award recipient. OPE is Ohio's Baldrige-based quality program. They partner with organizations using the internationally-recognized Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence to assist them to improve their performance and increase effectiveness. OPE's primary product is a comprehensive organizational assessment that helps organizational leaders better understand and prioritize key strengths and opportunities for improvement. While the assessment is the foundation, OPE's main focus is on organizational learning, resource optimization and improvement.

This is the Ohio Army National Guard's second year as a participant in the OPE program. The Army Guard has benefited greatly from its decade long Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) participation, winning national awards in 2003, 2006, and 2009. Although both programs use the same criteria, OPE provides a very different focus from that of the ACOE program, in that it is non-military and is administered by skilled examiners who are leaders in Ohio communities. The insights already gained have been significant and have greatly enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of the Army Guard.

The Ohio Partnership for Excellence Award recipients will be honored at OPE's Annual Quest for Success Conference. The awards dinner will feature speaker Lowell Kruse, recently retired CEO from Heartland Health, a 2009 MBNQA recipient. Visit OPE's website at <http://www.partnershipohio.org> for additional information

Deployed ONG Soldiers to Hold Susan G. Komen Shadow Run. Although 2010 marks the 17th year of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Columbus, Ohio, it is the first time that Columbus will have a shadow race in Baghdad. A group of Ohio National Guard Soldiers from the 16th Engineer Brigade who are committed to the cause is busy planning a Susan G. Komen shadow run, scheduled for May 15 at Camp Liberty. "We contacted the Komen team in Columbus and they were delighted to work with us to sponsor the 5k run," said Lt. Col. Jane Lengel, of the 16th Engineer Brigade and chairperson for the Baghdad event's planning committee. The shadow race in Baghdad is being conducted in special honor of Stefanie Spielman, from Columbus, Ohio, who lost her battle with breast cancer late last year.

Staff Sgt. Shari Camper, also of the 16th, is on the race planning committee and hopes the event will help raise awareness of the seriousness of the disease. The cause is particularly significant for Brigade Commander Brig. Gen. Glenn C. Hammond, III, who lost his own mother to breast cancer. "I have a special place in my heart for people who have lost loved ones to this relentless disease," Hammond said. Lengel said the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Baghdad is expected to be one of the largest runs ever sponsored on Camp Liberty, drawing upwards of 1,500 runners from the Victory Base Complex area. The run allows friends and family back home to log on to the Susan G. Komen web site and sponsor the group that will be running in Baghdad. The runners can also log on and donate.

"It is really good that Soldiers who are deployed have an opportunity to donate to the cause," Camper said. "There has been such a long, hopeful and oftentimes desperate line awaiting a significant breakthrough in the treatment, cure and prevention of breast cancer," Hammond Said. "Anything we can do to contribute to this cause, is certainly a step in the right direction. Clearly our engineer motto of 'ESSAYONS, Let Us Try' is quite appropriate." For more information log on to www.komencolumbus.org. To donate on behalf of Baghdad 16th Engineers, go to: https://secure.infokomen.org/site/Donation2?idb=1420536485&df_id=5021&FR_ID=1644&PROXY_ID=130479&PROXY_TYPE=22&5021.donation=form1.

Ohio Army National Guard Soldier Seriously Wounded in Afghanistan. Master Sgt. Doug Reed, an Ohio National Guard Soldier assigned to a U.S-Hungarian Operational Mentor and Liaison Team serving in Afghanistan was seriously wounded April 11 when his combat patrol came under attack. Reed suffered severe trauma to his head and hand when his vehicle was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade. The Jackson, Ohio, resident and local fire chief is currently in serious but stable condition and has been transported to Brook Army Medical Center in San Antonio, where he is undergoing treatment for his injuries. On April 28, BG Rufus Smith, commander of the 174th Air Defense Brigade presented MSG Reed with the Purple Heart Medal in the presence of his family.

To aid in the logistics of his recovery, local fire fighters have established the following fund for anyone who wishes to contribute: The Doug Reed Courage Fund, c/o Atomic Credit Union, 711 Beaver Creek Road, Piketon, OH 45661. The Reed family very much appreciates the outpouring of support they have received from their friends and community and they are requesting their privacy during this difficult time. At the Reed's request, we will post updates on Doug's progress on the Ohio National Guard web site at <http://ong.ohio.gov>.

Alumni Advisory Council Meets. On April 28, the first meeting of the ONG Alumni Advisory Council was held at Beightler Armory. Attending were the following alumni: Tom Foster, Randy Stowell, Tom Kemp, Tom Rutherford, Jim Chisman, Don Biechler, Ken Robinson, Steve Koper, Bob Marsh, Atrel Henderson, and Roger Burnett. This group represents the various ONG alumni groups around the state and provides input and recommendations for the ONG Alumni Program. At this meeting, members received an update on program activities since it's inception in January 2009, and provided recommendations for the 2010 alumni reunion to be held 17-18 September. The next meeting of the group will be held in mid-October to provide feedback on the reunion and to discuss ways in which alumni can actively support ONG Soldiers, Airmen, and Families. If you are interested in becoming a member of this group, please contact COL (ret) Jim Chisman directly.

Recent News Releases

Guard Launches "Minuteman Report". The "Minuteman Report" is a new source of information for news about the National Guard. The roughly one-minute video segment highlights news, current events and items of significance within the National Guard. The program is featured on the Pentagon Channel, Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS), the National Guard Website, and other outlets throughout the Department of Defense.

To view "Minuteman Report," visit the National Guard website at <http://www.ng.mil/>.

Tricare U Offers Free Benefits Courses. If you are new to Tricare and eager to learn about your health care benefits or an old hand who wants to know the latest changes, Tricare University is the place to go. Tricare University offers free online courses 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year at www.tricare.mil/tricareu. "The courses can be taken anytime, and you can learn at your own pace," said Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, deputy director of the Tricare Management Activity. "It's the simplest way to learn about your Tricare benefit."

Of the different courses online, the Tricare Public Course provides the quickest and easiest way to get a general overview and basic knowledge of Tricare programs. There is no registration for this course and it is accessible to anyone who wants to know more about Tricare. The Tricare Fundamentals Course is much more in-depth as it is primarily designed for benefit counselors and family support staff who provide counseling and assistance to Tricare beneficiaries. Topics covered include Tricare eligibility, Tricare programs and plans and online resources. Registration is needed to take the course and "graduates" who pass the test at the end of the course receive a certificate from Tricare. To take one of the offered courses, go to www.tricare.mil/tricareu and click "online training" for a list of options.

Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors. The 2010 Edition of the Department of Veterans Affairs' Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors booklet is available online at http://www1.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp. This booklet provides a general summary on the many areas administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is a good starting point when you have questions about VA benefits and services.

VA eBenefits On April 5, a new version of eBenefits was released that will allow veterans to access information regarding their claim status and benefit payments. Access to this information will require a Level 2 credentialing process that can be completed at one of the VA's regional offices. Veterans are also being advised that if they are a patient in the VHA medical care system, they can obtain a Level 2 credential at a VHA facility by enrolling in My HealtheVet.

eBenefits is an online resource for tools and benefits-related information for veterans, service members, and their families. eBenefits will allow service members and veterans to: check the status of compensation and pension claims; view payment history of received VA benefits; obtain or submit an application for a home loan certificate of eligibility; access My HealtheVet directly from eBenefits; and access and retrieve copies of official military personnel records to include DD-214s active/reserve orders

Individuals should go directly to the eBenefits web site at <http://www.ebenefits.va.gov/> Then fill in the [eBenefits registration form](#). A one-time activation code will be displayed and you will then be directed to the DEERS DoD Self-Service Access Center to activate the DoD Self-Service Logon (DS Logon) and get a username and password. This registration process will give the applicant Level 1 access. To obtain Level 2 access, individuals will require in person proofing or authentication. An authentication process is being established in regional and outbased benefit offices. Service members registering with a common access card will receive immediate Level 2 access. Veterans will also be able to obtain a Level 2 DS Logon if they have a Level 2 My HealtheVet account. Upon logging in to My HealtheVet, they will be prompted to visit the eBenefits web portal and request a DS Logon, which will then be mailed to them in about 5-12 days. Questions regarding eBenefits registration may be referred to 1-800-983-0937.

This Week in Guard History.

April 28, 1993: Washington, D.C: Defense Secretary Les Aspin issues a directive allowing women to fly fighter aircraft in combat. It only takes the Air Guard three days to bring its first female fighter pilot on board when Maj. Jackie Parker transfers from the active Air Force to New York's 138th Fighter Squadron on May 1. Other women will follow her example and the Air Guard welcomes its 10th female fighter pilot in January 2005.

This week in Ohio Guard History

26 April 1945: The 37th Infantry Division captures the city of Baguio, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

28 April 1861: The 107th Cavalry Regiment and 145th Armored Regiment are organized as the 7th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry and mustered into Federal service for the Civil War.

Changes of Command

121st Air Refueling Wing, 2 May 2010, 1430, Hangar 888, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. Outgoing Commander, Brig.Gen. Thomas Botchie, incoming Commander, Col. Mark Stephens.

Support Company, 216th Engineer Battalion, 1 May 2010, 0700, Camp Sherman Joint Training Site, 2154 Narrows Rd. Chillicothe Ohio 45601-9688. Outgoing Commander, 1LT Scott Ross, incoming Commander, CPT Andy Haap.

1194th Engineer Company (Vertical), 1 May 2010, 0800, Camp Sherman Joint Training Site, 2154 Narrows Rd. Chillicothe Ohio 45601. Outgoing Commander, CPT Adam Sagraves, incoming Commander, 1LT Scott Ross.

1191st Engineer Company (Horizontal), 2 May 2010, 1100, 1620 Coles Blvd, Portsmouth, OH 45662. Outgoing Commander, CPT Dion Goins, incoming Commander, CPT Gene Hancock.

147th GS BN Regional Training Institute, 5 June 2010, 0930 hrs, Bldg 930, Rickenbacker Columbus, Ohio 43217. Outgoing Commander, LTC Kenneth R. Lambright, Incoming Commander, LTC Allison Whatley.

HHD, 147th Regional Training Institute, 5 June 2010, 0900 hrs, Bldg 930, Rickenbacker Columbus, Ohio 43217. Outgoing Commander CPT Travis L. Ressler, Incoming Commander 1LT Benjamin D. Mackley.

Change of Responsibility

147th Regional Training Institute, 2 May 2010, 1300 hrs, Bldg 930, Rickenbacker Columbus, Ohio 43217. Outgoing CSM, CSM Robert L. Jennings, Incoming CSM, CSM Joseph A. Agarenzo.

Upcoming Events

Mobile Commissary and AAFES Site Sales. 31 July, 1 August in Cleveland, 7-8 August at McConnellsville, Details to follow.

Military Appreciation Day at OSU Baseball. Bill Davis Baseball Stadium, OSU Campus for the OSU vs. Illinois Game, Saturday, May 8, 2010. Friends, family, teams, groups are all encouraged to attend this event. As long as the group is tied to an Ohio Military Member, everyone can participate. Operation Military Kids will be hosting a Pre-Game Tailgate in the stadium parking lot (parking in the stadium lot is FREE), which will begin at 1100 on May 8th with City BBQ serving food at 1130. Pre-game activities include: City BBQ meal of pulled pork, 2 sides and a dessert. All kids can stand on the field with their favorite Buckeye Baseball player during the National Anthem. The game will begin at 1305. To purchase the special \$8.25 tickets, use the online ordering link below: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=buckeyes&o=6882571&q=74>. The promo code is: Heroes. Baseball tickets for children 6 and under are free. Please contact Erin Berry at 614-336-7314 to make meal arrangements for youth ages 6 and under. Please bring your ticket and meal voucher with you to the tailgate. No refunds will be made if the game is cancelled due to inclement weather. If you have any questions please contact Erin Berry at 614-336-7314.

Retirement Party Honoring CSM Bruce Thomas, 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment, Saturday, 8 May 2010, 1800, The Fairways at Arrowhead (Arrowhead Country Club), 1500 Rogwin Circle SW, North Canton, Ohio 44720. Buffet Style Dinner Cost per Person \$25.00. Deadline for Reservations is 30 April. RSVP to Becky Arndt at rebecca.arndt@us.army.mil or 614-336-6100. Make checks payable to Armory Board Control and mail to Becky at AASF #1, 5989 Airport Dr NW, North Canton, OH 44720.

Retirement Party Honoring the Career of CSM William A. Myers, 371st Sustainment Brigade, Saturday, 8 May 2010, 1800, VFW Post, 75 W. Johnstown Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230. Casual dress. RSVP or questions to SGT Preston at carol.a.preston@us.army.mil or 614-336-1807.

LTC Steven K. Hess Retirement Celebration Luncheon, 13 May 2010, 1130-1300, Sunflower Restaurant, 7370 Sawmill Road, Columbus, OH 43235. Cost: Order from Menu. RSVP to Ms. Pam Tabler at pam.tabler@ng.army.mil or 614-336-7051.

Ohio ANG Annual Awards Banquet, Toledo, Thursday, 13 May 2010. Presentation of the ANG awards will include the prestigious Tappan and Gicale Awards, the Ohio ANG Flying and Ground Safety Trophies, and the individual recognition awards for the Company Grade Officer, First Sergeant, Senior NCO, NCO, Airman of the Year, as well as the Honor Guard Program Manager, Honor Guard Member, and the Human Resource Advisor. This year's banquet will be held at the Toledo Club, 235 14th St. in downtown Toledo. The reception will begin at 6:00 pm (cash bar) with dinner served at 7:00 pm followed by the awards program.

The charge for each attendee is \$40.00 per person. Please make your checks payable to the 180th FW Officers Fund and mail them to the 180th Fighter Wing Attn: Capt Gary Bentley at 2660 South Eber Rd. Swanton, OH 43558. Questions to Capt Gary Bentley at 419-868-4380, DSN: 580-4380 or gary.bentley@ang.af.mil. R.S.V.P. by 06 May 2010.

Armed Forces Day Observance Luncheon. Friday, May 14, 2010, sponsored by: The Military / Veterans Educational Foundation (MILVETS). "Honoring All Who Serve", dedicated to the U.S. Army. Location is the Villa Milano Restaurant, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, Ohio. Luncheon and program begins at 11:45 am. Featured speaker: Lt. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley, CG, United States Army Accessions Command (USAAC). Registration: tickets: \$20 prepaid, \$25 at the door, table of 10 \$200.00 prepaid. To R.S.V.P, please call Robert Thurman, President, (614) 855-5456 or Rick Isbell, AFDL Chair, (614) 645-6504.

2/174th ADA Retirees 2nd Annual Golf Outing. A Four Person "Best Ball" Golf Scramble will be held Sunday, May 23, 2010 at Fuller's Fairways, Zanesville, Ohio. Registration begins at 7:30 AM with a Shotgun Start at 8:30 AM. Registration Fee is \$50 per person or \$200 per team (4 Man Scramble Best Ball Format and Scoring). Proceeds from the event will go towards operation of the Retiree Association and to help the Family Support Association to assist Families of deployed Soldiers in need. To register, contact CPT Bob Lytton at 614-336-6727. or by email at robert.lytton@us.army.mil Registration Fee includes: Green Fees and Cart for 18 holes, with Lunch and Beverages to be served during the presentation ceremony at the end of the event.

Military Appreciation Day at the Memorial Tournament, Tuesday, June 1, 2010. All active, reserve, National Guard, retired and immediate family will receive complimentary admission, simply show your military ID. Gates open at 7:00 A.M. Free exclusive PGA/Military golf clinic – 1:30 P.M. Honoree Ceremony – 3:00 P.M. (Seve Ballesteros). Jack Nicklaus Golf Clinic – 4:30 P.M.

COL Daniel L.Tack Retirement Celebration Luncheon, Thursday, June 3, 2010, Crowne-Plaza North, 600 Metro-Place North, Dublin, OH 43017. Time: 1130-1330. Cost: \$20 per person. Duty Uniform. RSVP to LTC Thomas Haidet at thomas.haidet@us.a.rmy.mil or 614-906-6482 NLT 15 May 2010. Please make checks payable to 371st SB Officer Mess Fund.

178th FW June Event Celebration and Reunion. The 178th Fighter Wing is holding a Hail and Farewell Celebration and Reunion on June 5, 2010. The 162nd FS will hold a Pilot Reunion on Friday, June 4, 2010 as well. This celebration is to commemorate the outstanding history of excellence by the 178th FW, which has flown U.S. aircraft since 1947. Due to BRAC, the wing will lose its American F-16s this fiscal year. A tail flash and nose art contest is in the works to commemorate this event as well. The Saturday celebration will culminate in a full unit reunion that evening for all former and present members. For information on this event and other retiree information from the 178FW, please go to www.178fw-alumni.com for full details. Please take the time to register on this site to ensure that you receive all the latest information for retirees and former members of the 178th Fighter Wing.

Retirement Dinner for LTC Gerard Garvey, Saturday, 5 Jun 2010, 1800, Clarian Inn and Conference Center, 240 East Hines Hill Road, Hudson, OH 44326, (330)653-9191. Dinner will be buffet style, \$30 per person. Include check with RSVP to SPC Petiya ashley.l.petiya@us.army.mil or 614-336-6963. Please make check payable to: Officer Mess Fund. Mail to: HQ 237th BSB, 4304 Green Rd., Cleveland, OH 44128.

15th Annual Governor's Cup Golf Tournament, Free for Veterans, Activity Duty, Guard and Reserve, Monday, June 7, 2010 Noon Shotgun Start, Riviera Country Club, 8205 Avery Road Dublin, Ohio 43017. Limited availability, register early. Contact: Liz Flick, Member, Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation, 614-451-2405, 1395 E. Dublin Granville Rd. Suite 222, Columbus, Ohio 43229.

1/137 Aviation Regiment Commercial Point Welcome Home. The city of Commercial Point has been a source of much support to the Soldiers of the 1/137 during their recent deployment. They will honor the unit on Saturday, 12 June 2010, with a parade starting at 1100. There will also be a helicopter flyover and landing at 1230. At 1300, there will be a "Welcome Home Event" at 26 W. Scioto St. in Commercial Point, Ohio 43146. The welcome home event will be a combined effort of the City of Commercial Point and the Battalion's Family Support Groups. Friends, alumni, and family members are encouraged to attend. For additional information please contact Maj. Wayne Thomas at wayne.allen.thomas@us.army.mil or by phone at 614-336-6459.

178th Fighter Wing Golf Outing, Monday, June 21, 2010, Locust Hill Country Club, Springfield, Ohio. Team Best Ball: Shotgun Start at 0830. Entrance fee: \$45.00 per person. Includes: golf cart for two, lunch, beverages, and door prizes. registration deadline: June 12, 2010. Participation is open to employees and friends of the 178th Fighter Wing active and retired Ohio National Guard members, their families, and sponsors. For additional information, contact Jane Esprit, 5319 Regula Ave. Springfield, Ohio 45502 (937) 525-2583 jane.esprit@ang.af.mil.

2010 Alumni Reunion Date Set. The date and location for the 2010 ONG Alumni Reunion have been established. The date is Saturday, September 18, at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. We are currently developing the program and will have additional information including possible social activities for Friday, September 17, and discounted lodging at a nearby hotel. More information to follow.

37th DVA/148th Infantry Regiment Annual Reunion, August 27-29, Camp Perry Joint Training Center, Port Clinton, OH. Details to follow.

Call to Duty Ceremonies – none currently scheduled

Welcome Home Ceremony

204th Engineer Detachment (CMT), 7 May 2010, 1500, Westerville Church of the Nazarene 355 Cherrington Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081. This date/time is tentative at publication. If you are planning to attend, please confirm that this information is correct at 614-336-7000.

With sorrow we announce the passing of the following members of the ONG family:

James Stone, April 16, 2010, brother of Rick Stone, member of the HRO staff.

Wilma Sharrock, April 17, 2010, wife of COL (Ret) Sheldon “Bud” Sharrock, former member of the OHARNG.

Rosalynn Patricia Foster, April 20, 2010, infant daughter of CPT David Foster of the 52nd Civil Support Team, and his wife Erin Foster of the 684th Medical Company.

COL (Ret) Shelley Saunders, April 22, 2010, former member of the OHARNG.

Mr. Ralph W. Egbert, April 28, 2010, father of SFC Amy R. Minc, Distribution Platoon Sgt, SPT Co 216th EN BN.

Websites of Interest:

www.ohiovetscan.com – Ohio Vets Can is a combined effort of the Ohio AMVETS and the Ohio National Guard to provide interactive job search and assistance services for Ohio veterans.

<http://www.dfas.mil/rna-news/march2010.html> DFAS Retired Pay Newsletter: March 2010 Issue. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) published a newsletter dedicated to retired pay issues. The index for the current March 2010 issue includes the following articles: Director's Corner, New and Improved Web Pages, 2010 Tax Updates, International Direct Deposit Information, myPay Puts You in Control, and Retiree Seminars.

Where Are They Now?

Dennis J. Carroll, CW4 (Ret). Dennis' initial enlistment was with HQ, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment in 1965, with a subsequent 13 month deployment out of the IRR in 1969. He came back

to the 107th with G Troop 2/107th ACR, from 1975 to 1979, went AGR with Air troop from 1980 to 1985 and received his warrant officer appointment with HHT, 2/107th ACR as a supply technician/PBO, serving from 1985 to 1989. He also spent three years with the FL ARNG 1989-1992, and then came back to the OHARNG with 73rd Troop Command as a member of the IG Team until 1995. Following that assignment, he went to the NGB Logistics Directorate in DC for a year and then managed the NGB Europe Equipment Program in Germany until retirement in 2003.

Dennis stayed in Germany, took a contracting position with USARUR G4 and had logistics oversight for the Balkans mission in Bosnia and Kosovo until 2007. He then served as Director of Logistics for Joint Task Force-East in Romania and Bulgaria in Constanta under NSPS and retired for the last time a year ago. Since that time he has been traveling across Europe and the USA until recently purchasing a home in The Villages, FL. He plans to winter in FL and summer in Germany and hopes to cross paths with fellow Buckeye Guardsman along the rest of the journey.

If you would like to be highlighted in the “where are they now” segment, or have other ideas for future newsletter content, please feel free to contact 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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