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National preparedness month 2011

What is it?

National Preparedness Month begins September 1st. It is a month-long campaign to increase awareness about ways to prepare for any eventuality natural or man-made. It encourages the entire community to ensure they are ready by having a plan in place and a "kit" of supplies in case of potential disaster. It also highly recommends that families stay informed by becoming familiar with their local first responders' disaster action plans for the schools, churches, businesses, hospitals and other entities in their surrounding communities.

What has the Army done?

August 2010 was the first Antiterrorism Awareness Month held to urge Soldiers, their families, civilians and contractors to be aware of, and prepared for, terrorist activities. On the heels of the resounding success of that campaign, the Army is actively promoting the readiness messages throughout the Army community when it comes to preparedness for disasters. The Army has instituted the Ready Army campaign whose motto is "Get a Kit; Make a Plan; Stay Informed." The campaign aims to create a culture and a mindset of preparedness throughout the Army and in our communities.

What continued efforts does the Army have planned for the future?

The Army will continue to place emphasis on preparedness through grassroots campaigns using all traditional forms of dissemination through social media outlets. Local outreach events, practice drills and school activities are also planned at various installations.

Why is this important to the Army?

During the high operations tempo of today it is sometimes easy to forget about day-to-day home life activities once back from deployments. The Army wants to keep Soldiers and their families ready, prepared and safe whether deployed or in garrison. A ready Army is a strong Army.

"During National Preparedness Month, we stress the importance of strengthening the security and resiliency of our Nation through systematic preparation for the full range of hazards threatening the United States in the 21st century, including natural disasters, cyber attacks, pandemic disease, and acts of terrorism..."

- President Barack Obama's proclamation on National Preparedness Month, 2010



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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.

No submissions will be accepted after the 10th of the month unless the article is for later issues.

Submissions that are not added to the latest newsletter will be considered for inclusion in future months.

State of the Guard - full time defense - part time cost

Value to America

- The National Guard currently provides 35-40 percent of the Army and Air Force operational force for less than 7 percent of the base defense budget
- Most Guard equipment is dual-use; it can be employed for domestic and federal missions
- More than 400,000 Guard members are available to the state governors in the event of crisis
- Ten core competencies, known as the "Essential 10," are employed in support of civil authorities: command and control; chemical, biological, and radiological detection; engineering; communications; ground transportation; aviation; medical support; security; logistics; and maintenance
- Cost savings attributable to the community-based, part-time nature of the Guard include:
 - fewer pay days per year
 - lower medical costs
 - lower retirement costs
 - significantly lower training costs beyond initial qualification training
 - virtually no cost for moving families and household goods to new duty stations
 - fewer entitlements, such as housing and food allowances
 - lower base support costs in terms of services and facilities such as housing and child care facilities
- 75 percent of the engineer and medical capability is in the Guard and Reserve
- 80 percent of the logistics capability is in the Guard and Reserve
- 85 percent of the civil affairs capability is in the Guard and Reserve

The National Guard's accessibility, experience, and proven training enable it to efficiently respond across the spectrum of 21st century challenges.

The National Guard is uniquely suited with hard and soft powers for an era of irregular warfare that calls for versatile warriors and a whole-of-nation approach.

Retrieved from www.af.mil/shared/media/document/, Aug. 3, 2010



Deployment activity

Current deployed Army units are:
 The Operational Mentoring & Liaison Team 1.6.
 The Operational Mentoring & Liaison Team 1.7
 The 1-174th ADA Regiment (C-RAM)
 The 1-174th ADA Regiment (RADAR)
 The 295th Engineer Detachment (Fire fighters)
 The 1937th Support Detachment

The 1484th Transportation Company
 There are 548 Ohio Army National Guard Soldiers deployed.
 Current deployed Air units, per Wing, are:
 The 121st Air Refueling Wing has 63 Airmen deployed.
 The 179th Airlift Wing has 47 Airmen deployed.
 The 180th Fighter Wing has 10 Airmen deployed.
 The 178th Fighter Wing has 48 Airmen deployed.

Upcoming events

The 4th Annual

SFC Daniel Crabtree Memorial



17 September 5k Run/Walk

<p>Event: 5k Run/Walk Age Groups: 15-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-60, and 60+</p> <p>Pre-race packet pick-up Thursday (15th) and Friday (16th) 10am-7pm at RoadRunnerSports 533 Lakeview Plaza Blvd Worthington OH 43085</p> <p>Time: Run starts at 9:00am Registration starts at 8:00am</p> <p>Location: Creekside plaza 133 Mill St. Gahanna, OH 43230</p>	<p>Prizes awarded for top 3 males and females in each age group</p>  <p><small>* Daniel Crabtree 1974 - 2005</small></p> <p>Please go to www.active.com to register. Type in "Crabtree" in the search box, which will direct you to the registration link for the SFC Daniel Crabtree Memorial 5th Run.</p> <p>Charitable donations can be made at www.firstgiving.com/crabtreerun</p>
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For more information please go to www.firstgiving.com/crabtreerun



5th Annual Army vs Marine Golf Scramble



Open to all Active Army, Marines, Reserve, National Guard; and Retired Army and Marines as well as Army and Marine veterans.

What: 5th Annual Army vs Marines Golf Outing on DSCC.

When: 29 Sep 2011 (1000 shotgun start)

Where: Eagle Eye Golf Course

2-person teams and singles are welcomed

Cost is \$25 per person which includes greens fees, cart and range balls

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Please bring an unwrapped toy to be donated to the USMC "Toys For Tots" Drive. Cash donations will be accepted as well.



One of the ten major battles that shaped America

Gettysburg

In the spring of 1863 General Robert E. Lee, commander of the 75,000-man Army of Northern Virginia, decided to invade the North and perhaps force President Abraham Lincoln to negotiate peace. Lee and other Confederate generals had repulsed Union attempts to invade the South, but the North's industrial power and larger population would likely prevail if the war dragged on. Maj. Gen. George Meade, newly appointed commander of the Union's 93,000-man Army of the Potomac, engaged Lee's army at Gettysburg, Pa.

On July 1 the fighting comprised heavy skirmishing and cavalry clashes. By the second day Meade had created a defensive line south of the town. Convinced his infantry was superior to Meade's, Lee attacked. Both sides suffered heavy casualties at Little Round Top, the Wheatfield and other sites, but the Union lines remained unbroken.

On the third day Lee sent Maj. Gen. George Pickett and 12,500 infantrymen against Meade's center on Cemetery Ridge. Union artillery and small-arms fire inflicted heavy casualties and broke the attack. On July 4, after waiting for Meade to attack, Lee began a retreat to Virginia. Both

sides had suffered staggering casualties—a total of more than 45,000 dead, wounded and missing, almost evenly divided.

At first no one realized Gettysburg was a turning point in the war, which lasted another two years. But the Confederate cause had received a mortal wound, and Lee would never again attempt an offensive in the North. Lincoln added to Gettysburg's symbolic power by giving his greatest speech that November at the dedication of the battlefield cemetery. The Union—one nation—was preserved.

Posted by David Lauterborn, Nov. 3, 2010 in *HistoryNet*, www.historynet.com/10-battles-that-shaped-america.htm

Calendar of Events for the Month of September

*Suicide Prevention
Month*

*National
Preparedness Month*

*Sept. 15 - Oct. 15:
National Hispanic
Heritage Month*

Sept. 1: Operation
News Dawn begins

Sept. 11: Patriot Day

Sept. 16: POW/MIA
Recognition Day

Sept. 25: Gold Star
Mother's Day



Changes of command



LTC Mark Cappone, 371st Special Troops Battalion Commander

invites you to attend the

Change of Command ceremony for the 196th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment



Outgoing Commander
Maj. Marshall Jackson

Incoming Commander
Capt. Robert Miller

Military Dress: Duty Uniform
Civilian Dress: Business Casual

18 September 2011 at 1500
8302 South Perimeter Road, Bldg. 931
Columbus, OH 43217

Retroactive traumatic injury no longer just for OEF/OIF injuries

Washington – As of October 1, 2011, the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection benefit, also known as TSGLI, will be payable for all qualifying injuries incurred during the period October 7, 2001 to November 30, 2005, regardless of where they occurred, and regardless of whether the member had SGLI coverage at the time of the injury. The Veterans' Benefit Act of 2010 removes the requirement that injuries during this period be incurred in Operations Enduring or Iraqi Freedom.

This is welcome news for the many servicemen and women who suffered serious traumatic injuries while serving stateside or in other areas outside of OEF or OIF during this time period, but until now have not been eligible for TSGLI. TSGLI provides a payment ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to Service members sustaining certain severe traumatic injuries resulting in a range of losses, including amputations, limb salvage, paralysis, burns, loss of sight, hearing or speech, facial reconstruction, 15-day continuous hospitalization, coma, and loss of activities of daily living due to traumatic brain injury or other traumatic injuries.

Former Reservists and National Guard members who were injured during the retroactive period and suffered a qualifying loss are eligible for a TSGLI payment even if the cause was not related to service, such as a "civilian" automobile accident or severe injury which occurred while working around their home. The law regarding these payments covers these individuals 24/7. Additionally, survivors of Servicemembers who died more than seven days after their injuries are also eligible to receive a TSGLI payment if the member had a covered loss.

VA is working with VA and DoD Public Affairs to publicize this change in the TSGLI law, while the branches of service are identifying any retroactive claims they have denied because the injury was not OEF/OIF and outreaching to those individuals.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Eric K. Shinseki stated, "We at VA appreciate the President's and Congress' efforts to improve benefits to our troops. Now all of our nation's Service members who suffered severe traumatic injuries while serving their country can receive the same traumatic injury benefits, regardless of where their injury occurred."

Although applications are currently being accepted by Branch of Service TSGLI Offices, benefits will not be paid until October 1, 2011, the effective date of the law. For more information or to apply for a TSGLI payment, Servicemembers and Veterans should go to <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sqliSite/TSGLI/TSGLI.htm>. They can also contact their branch of service TSGLI Office (contact information available at above link).



Department of Veterans Affairs

Upcoming Event

The 2-174th ADA BN
Retired & Past
Members Association

Fourth Annual
Reunion

September 18, 2011

1:00 p.m.

McConnelsville
National Guard
Armory

4497 Hawk Drive

McConnelsville, OH

For more information
please contact one of
the following:

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Helpful web links

For more information about

<http://www.trdp.org/>

Military pay, go to:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
<http://www.dfas.mil/>

Military Personnel Records, go to:

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>

Ohio National Guard Association, go to:

<http://www.ohionga.org/>

Retirement Services Office

go to: <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/>

Ohio Department of Veterans

Services, go to: <http://dvs.ohio.gov/>

Military Insider: Retiree Benefits &

resources, go to: <http://www.military.com/NewContent/1,13190,Retired,00.html>

TRICARE Retiree Dental Program, go to:

Buckeye retirees association meeting dates, times and locations

The Buckeye Retirees Association has many retirees from the south west Ohio area.

It is made up of Engineers, Infantry, Air Defense Artillery, Artillery, Armor, and Cavalry soldiers.

Currently serving soldiers are always welcome.

Retirees 2011 Luncheon Dates

September 29, 2011

October 27, 2011

November 17, 2011

December 15, 2011

Retirees 2012 Luncheon Dates

January 26, 2012

February 23, 2012

March 29, 2012

April 26, 2012

May 31, 2012

June 28, 2012

July 26, 2012

August 30, 2012

September 27, 2012

October 25, 2012

November 29, 2012

December 20, 2012

Location: Sorrento's Restaurant,
Reading, Ohio

Time: 12:00 noon

Reservations Not Required

"ALWAYS THE LAST THURSDAY of the month"

(Except November & December)



Ohio National Guard
Community Outreach Office
Alumni Affairs
2825 W. Dublin Granville Rd.

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

**April 2011 Regional Inter-Service
Family Assistance Committee
Meetings:**

Region 1 - October 20

Region 2 - October 19

Region 3 - October 25

Region 4 - October 25

Region 5 - October 11

Region 6 - October 19

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



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Twitter <http://twitter.com/ohnationalguard>

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

The Ohio National Guard reunion and a new alumni initiative

One last reminder about the Ohio National Guard reunion being held on Sept. 10, 2011. Don't forget that the last day to RSVP is Sep. 1, 2011. Also, please bring your identification to ensure a smooth transition through DLA security will be smooth.

The agenda has not changed for the reunion, but the speakers have changed. Due to scheduling conflicts Maj. Gen Ashenhurst and Col. Harris will not be attending. The guest speakers will be Brig. Gen. Bartman and Col. Tansill. We look forward to seeing you!

With your help we are going to launch a new alumni initiative. The initiative is called “Giving Back”.

Many alumni write or call the office wanting to know how they can get involved or give back to the currently serving military members and their families.

Once a quarter Alumni are sent invitations to attend *Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee* meetings taking place near their location. More attendance is needed at these meetings to determine what families need while their loved one is away.

We believe there are alumni handy with tools or have time to give back to a needy family.

We are gearing up and starting this new initiative because of the very large deployment of the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in September and October.

So, if you receive an email one day asking if you could help one of our own, please consider it.