

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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Ohio veterans hall of fame



THEODORE M. STULTS II

Stark County
United States Army Veteran and the
Ohio Army National Guard

Mr. Stults followed his military service by starting a career as a traffic manager at Buckeye Feed Mills, incorporated in Dalton, Ohio and retired there as President and CEO.

His leadership skills have been in high demand from civic and veterans' advocacy groups, to which he freely gives both of his time and financial support. Major beneficiaries have included Doctors Hospital of Stark County, Walsh University, the American Heart Association, Wreaths Across America, and the 555th Honors Detachment, a group of veterans that performs military

funeral services at Western Reserve National Cemetery.

Ted is a life member of the Reserve Officers Associations of the United States, Military Officers Association of America, Ohio National Guard Association and the 37th Division Veterans Association.

He is also a member of the Civil Air Patrol, a volunteer auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. He received three Civil Air Patrol Commander's Awards and voluntarily participated in over 50 search and rescue, counter-drug and homeland security missions.

Ted continues to make a positive and lasting impact in his community.



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State of Ohio Trivia

Ohio State Motto:

"With God All Things Are Possible"

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.

Submissions received after the 10th of the month will be considered for future issues

"With God All Things Are Possible" became Ohio's state motto on October 1, 1959. A twelve-year-old boy named James Mastronardo recommended this quotation from the bible during a contest sponsored by the Ohio legislature in the early 1950's to select a state motto.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a suit against Ohio and its state motto in 1997, claiming the biblical quotation violated the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution which guarantees religious freedom separation of church and state. Federal courts allowed Ohio to retain its motto, ruling that the state motto does not endorse a specific God and therefore was not a violation of the first amendment. Four other states contain the word "God" in their mottos.

Ohio State Seal



Ohio has had an official seal for more than two hundred years and it has gone through several revisions, the last modification in 1996. The modern version the Scioto river flows between cultivated fields and Mount Logan. A rising sun with 13 rays symbolize the original thirteen colonies. A sheaf of wheat stands in the foreground as a symbol of agriculture and bounty. Standing next to the wheat is a bundle of 17 arrows representing Ohio's Native Americans and also symbolizing Ohio as the 17th state to enter the Union

Deployment activity

Current deployed Army units are:

The Operational Mentoring & Liaison Team 1.7	2-174 Air Defense Artillery Regiment Avenger (NCR)
The 290th Engineer Detachment	37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team
The 295th Engineer Detachment (Fire fighters)	There are 2,931 Ohio Army National Guard Soldiers deployed.
The 1937th Support Detachment	
The 1484th Transportation Company	
37th NATO Training Mission Afghanistan	
684th Medical Company	

Current deployed Air units, per Wing, are:

The 121st Air Refueling Wing has approximately 280 Airmen deployed.

The 179th Airlift Wing has approximately 50 Airmen deployed.

The 180th Fighter Wing has approximately 40 Airmen deployed.

The 178th Fighter Wing has approximately 60 Airmen deployed.

Upcoming events

2012 OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SKI TRIP

WHO: All National Guard personnel, family, friend, or significant other.

WHERE: Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville, New York (it is about a 5.5 hour drive from Springfield, OH)

WHEN: Arrive at Holiday Valley, Sunday, Feb. 12 skiing starts at 1500 and ends 1630, Tuesday, Feb. 14 (3 days 2 nights)

Reservations are FIRST come FIRST serve. We have 30 inn rooms reserved for our group under the name "OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SKI CLUB".

If you prefer to reserve a condo, please call Holiday Valley Resort direct for pricing and availability.

When booking a condo be sure to mention "BOOKING ID #2188" to receive a discount.

To Make Reservations Call: 800-323-0020 or (716) 699-2345, and ask for: Ms. Donna Erlandson
Book by credit card no later than Dec. 31, 2011.
Rooms will be released to the public on this date.

2011/2012 INN ROOM RATES

Rates: Double Occupancy: \$251.00 / person (\$502.00 total for Sunday - Tuesday)

Triple Occupancy: \$210.67 / person (\$632.01 total for Sunday - Tuesday)

Quad Occupancy: \$190.52 / person (\$762.08 total for Sunday - Tuesday)

Max Occupancy is 4 people per room.

These prices include ski lift tickets and tax. Equipment rental available, at an additional charge.

No package deletions or substitutions, \$20.00 Cancellation Fee.

If canceling after Jan. 12, you are responsible for all rental charges.

Once you have made your reservations with Holiday Valley Resort send Maj. Powers your email address to receive updates on the trip.

Questions: Contact Maj. Laura Powers: DSN 346-2557, Commercial (937) 525-2557, or Email: laura.powers@ang.af.mil

To learn more about Holiday Valley visit: <http://www.holidayvalley.com>

One of the 10 major battles that shaped America

Calendar of Events for the Month of January

Dec. 16 - Jan. 25:
Battle of the Bulge

Jan. 1: New Years
Day

**Jan. 7: The U.S.
Army All-American
Bowl @ 12 noon CST**

Jan. 16: Birthday of
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Normandy

On the night of June 5 – 6, 1944, 160,000 Allied troops, backed by 6,939 ships, began to cross the rolling English Channel toward the Normandy coast of France in history's greatest amphibious assault. Wind, high seas and cloud cover on Jun. 4 had threatened to abort the operation, but, ironically, the bad weather had persuaded German defenders there would be no invasion for weeks, and many generals left to visit their families and participate in war games. By the time they realized the assault had begun, some 25,000 British and American paratroopers and glider forces had landed in Normandy to seize bridges and disrupt the enemy response.

At 6:30 a.m. the first landing craft slid ashore and tens of thousands of men stormed onto beaches code-named Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword. On Sword Beach, British casualties were light but the invaders ran into serious resistance inland and failed to secure their chief objective, the port of Caen. At Juno the first wave of Canadians suffered 50 percent casualties, but they penetrated farther inland than any other force.

On Omaha Beach some 50,000 Americans of the 1st and 29th infantry divisions confronted looming bluffs bristling with mortars, machine guns and artillery. Every officer and sergeant in the first company ashore died within 10 minutes, and only two of 16 tanks reached the beach. For a few hours Allied commanders considered abandoning the beachhead. But soldiers banded together in impromptu companies and fought their way inland, establishing two isolated footholds

beyond the bluffs.

On Utah Beach casualties were light, and the men of the 4th Infantry Division moved inland to link up with paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division. By the end of the day the Allies had secured every beachhead except Omaha. In two more days it, too, was in Allied hands, and a new struggle began as the Germans poured in men and tanks. But it was too late to stop the invasion on the beaches. It took another two months of ferocious fighting for the Allies to break out of the peninsula; on Aug. 25, Free French and American troops liberated Paris, and the battered Germans retreated to the Rhine. By then Allied victory was only a matter of time.

If the Germans had flung the Normandy attackers into the sea and foiled the Allied invasion plan, the course of the war and the balance of power in Europe would have incalculably changed. As it was, the U.S. emerged from World War II a superpower.

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



Print and Post

Does Drawdown Mean Benefit Cuts?

Military pay and benefits have enjoyed record growth over the last decade. However, given the current budget problems the benefits boom may soon end. The 2012 National Defense Authorization Act includes several provisions to ease the coming reduction in forces, but the defense bill also includes a provision for increasing the TRICARE Prime enrollment fee each year at a rate equal to the retiree cost-of-living-adjustment percentage.

Read the (<http://militaryadvantage.military.com/category/the-benefit-advantage/>) Military Advantage Blog to learn more about how the end to the Iraq war and looming budget battles may lead to reductions in military pay and benefits.

2012 Thunderbirds Show Schedule

The Thunderbirds recently announced their 2012 show schedule. Officially known as the U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the team is set to perform more than 60 demonstrations in 33 locations, including two shows in Canada. The air show season lasts roughly from March to November. The 2012 schedule is (<http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?storyID=123282816>) currently available. For more information, visit the (<http://thunderbirds.airforce.com/>) U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds website

New VA Health Services Webpage

VA's Health Services Research & Development Service recently launched a webpage designed for the veteran community.

The (http://www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/for_veterans/) new webpage offers features describing health services research into critical topics such as women's health and PTSD. Visitors can also read about current research news and also watch videos featuring VA health services investigators talking about their work. To learn more about VA's Health Services Research & Development Service (HSR&D), visit VA's HSR&D webpage at www.hsrdr.research.va.gov/.

Navy Purple Heart Policy Update

The U.S. Navy recently updated its policies concerning the awarding of the Purple Heart. Sailors and Marines may be now awarded the Purple Heart for certain mild traumatic brain injuries that were caused by enemy action.

If they suffered a loss of consciousness, or had to be given the disposition of 'not fit for full duty' by a medical officer for a period greater than 48 hours after a concussive event, they may qualify for the Purple Heart.

Purple Hearts awarded for MTBI will continue to meet the historical standards of severity applied to all types of wounds. For more information, read (<http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/>).

DoD Priority Job Placement for Vets

Civilian employees adversely affected by actions such as transfer of function or base realignment and closure may be eligible for assistance through the Department of Defense Priority Placement Program (PPP).

Depending on the situation, the program provides mandatory placement, matching eligible well-qualified employees to vacant positions throughout the DOD. For a PPP placement to occur, the registrant matched against a job vacancy must be well qualified for the position and certified by the current supervisor.

For more information about the priority placement program and other personnel issues, visit the (<https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/>) Air Force Personnel Services website or the Office of Personnel Management website at (<http://www.opm.gov/>).



Helpful web links

For more information about

Military pay, go to:
<http://www.dfas.mil/>

Military Personnel Records,
<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>

Ohio National Guard Association,
<http://www.ohionga.org/>

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association, <http://www.ongea.org>

Army Retirement Services Office
<http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/>

Air Force Retirement Services Office,
<http://www.retirees.af.mil/>

A moment in history (Iraqi Freedom becomes New Dawn)

Changes of command

Headquarters and
Headquarters
Company 112th
Engineer battalion

Outgoing commander

Capt. Todd Winn

Incoming commander

Capt. Joe Ayers



Operation Iraqi Freedom/New Dawn

They [Soldiers] will cross the border out of Iraq with their heads held high. One of the most extraordinary chapters in the history of the American military will come to an end. Iraq's future will be in the hands of its people. America's war in Iraq will be over.

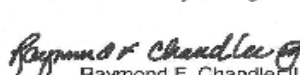
President Obama, 14 December 2011


The magnitude of what this Nation and our Soldiers have accomplished in Iraq is unprecedented. We have never been more proud of our Army – our Soldiers, Civilians, and our Families. You freed over twenty-five million people from tyranny and given hope when hope was forsaken. Our Army provided new opportunity for the people of Iraq. No other Army in the world could have accomplished what you have done – Only American Soldiers.

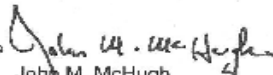
Throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, our Soldiers embodied physical and mental toughness and courage under fire. Over the past eight years, the quality of our Soldiers has stood in stark contrast to the desert sands. Just as the WWII generation defeated tyranny across the globe, a new generation – galvanized by the attacks of September 11th – bravely defeated tyranny once again. Even during the darkest days in Iraq, our Soldiers never wavered in the face of growing doubt. They continued to risk life and limb for a cause larger than themselves. For their heroic action, they received nearly 9,000 awards for valor including two Medals of Honor, 16 Distinguished Services Crosses, and 408 Silver Stars.

We remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, our Wounded Warriors, our Gold Star Families, and all of our loved ones who have been touched by the horror of war. Their sacrifices have given meaning to our values and ideals. For that, we thank them. A grateful Nation will always remember, respect, and appreciate these heroes as the Next Greatest Generation.

We are extremely proud of all of our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. Our Army has once again proved that it is America's Force of Decisive Action. Thank you for a job well done. Army Strong!


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Sergeant Major of the Army


Raymond T. Odiemo
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff


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**2012 Regional Inter-Service Family
 Assistance Committee Meetings:**

Region 1 - January 26

Region 2 - January 18

Region 3 - January 24

Region 4 - January 24

Region 5 - January 17

Region 6 - January 11

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



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

Motts military museum update for 2012

Motts Military Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that operates solely on memberships, donations, and sales from our gift shop and memorial brick garden. This is the time of year when we ask our members for tax-deductible contributions and also to renew their annual memberships. Please join the museum and/or contributing to its efforts to honor our nation's veterans and preserve history.

2011 saw an increase in attendance, as well as some substantial new exhibits. Motts museum recently put on display an OH-6 "Loach" helicopter that flew in Vietnam and present at the delivery were the pilot and gunner who actually flew that particular tail number in Vietnam.

The latest and greatest news, however, is Motts museum received a telephone call just yesterday confirming that the New York Port Authority has approved donating a number of items damaged on 9/11 at the World Trade Center. Warren Motts visited the storage hangar last month and selected a number of items, all of which will soon be received. Included are a police car and police SUV, a hook and ladder fire truck, a section of stairwell, a large

antenna from the top of one of the buildings, a marble sign with map from outside the buildings, and other items.

Motts museum is going to need substantial funds in the coming months to transport these items from NYC and to construct a new facility to display the 9/11 mementos. In the near future Motts museum will issue formal releases regarding its fundraising efforts.

Motts Military Museum in Groveport, Ohio will soon have the largest collection of NYC 9/11 memorabilia in the Mid-West. Requests were sent to the Pentagon for 9/11 artifacts as well. For more information please go to the web site below <http://www.mottsmilitarymuseum.org>

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