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Col Steven Nordhaus, 180FW commander, selected as executive assistant to Chief, National Guard Bureau

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(Swanton, Ohio) – Col. Steven S. Nordhaus, 180th Fighter Wing Commander, has been selected to serve as executive assistant to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Gen. Frank Grass. Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenhurst, Ohio adjutant general, said that “Col. Nordhaus’ selection gives the Ohio National Guard an excellent opportunity to showcase its leaders to the Department of Defense, the Air Force and National Guard Bureau. His strength in leadership and his experience with the Ohio Air National Guard will be invaluable in his new role at NGB.”

Nordhaus is a seasoned F-16 Fighting Falcon command pilot, with more than 3,000 flying hours, including 83 combat missions in support of Operations Southern Watch, Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Nordhaus knew at an early age that he wanted to fly. “Growing up, I flew with my father and uncles regularly,” Nordhaus said. “Each time we took off, I knew I wanted to fly for a living.”



Col. Steven S. Nordhaus, currently the 180th Fighter Wing Commander, Ohio Air National Guard, prepares for a combat sortie in support of Operation Enduring Freedom at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar in 2005. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Beth Holliker/Released)

“He has the natural ability to link many disparate agencies across the wing and community into a single goal,” said Maj. Gen. Mark Bartman, Ohio assistant adjutant general for Air. “Successfully moving the mission from Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., to Toledo ANGB, Ohio in approximately 18 months was a Herculean effort that he embraced wholeheartedly.”

“There is no one more qualified for the job than Col. Nordhaus,” Bartman said. “He has cultivated relationships at the national level that will serve him well as he transitions to the new job. From the time he served on active duty, he either served with or for many of the other active duty officers who serve in similar positions for other senior leaders in the Department of Defense. I expect that he will set the standard for all executive assistants who have to follow him.”

“I’m going to miss the community, the Airmen and the relationships,” Nordhaus said. “The military Family that we have out here, I’ll miss them tremendously.”

“To the 180th members, I’d say that I’ve been extremely proud and humbled to serve with them,” Nordhaus said. “I wish them the best and I want them to continue with the motto, ‘Here to Serve.’ When we do that, it makes us even better. It will make the 180th and the nation better as we serve with distinction. I joined to live our core values; Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. They are three simple values, but they mean so much and they really add a great amount of power, passion and capability to our lives.”

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Col. Steven S. Nordhaus, commander of the 180th Fighter Wing in Swanton, Ohio, stops for a photo before taking off on his final flight in the F-16 Fighting Falcon on Nov. 25, 2013, at the Toledo Air National Guard Base. Nordhaus has been appointed as the executive assistant for the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and will be transferring to the Pentagon in December. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Beth Holliker/Released)

Ohio National Guard units currently deployed

Air units:

JFHQ
121st Air Refueling Wing
178th Fighter Wing
179th Airlift Wing
180th Fighter Wing
200th Red Horse Squadron
220th Engineering Installation Squadron
251st Cyberspace Engineering and Installation Group
269th Combat Communications Squadron

Army units:

Military Advisor Team - 2
837th Engineer Company
838th Military Police Company
437th Military Police Battalion
371st Sustainment Brigade

As of Nov. 22, 2013, about 968 Ohio National Guard Airmen and Soldiers were deployed

Where can Veterans go for assistance?

Mike Magnusson, Transition Assistance Advisor Ohio National Guard

Since 1886, Ohio has provided help to care for Veterans, their spouses and children, and the surviving Family members of a deceased Veteran. These services are provided through the County Veterans Service Office in each county, normally located in the county seat. Each office is funded by a portion of the assessed local property taxes to ensure this ability is available to Veterans and Families.

The offices are staffed by certified and accredited service officers able to help Ohio's Veterans apply for all benefits earned by active military service. These benefits include:

FEDERAL – disability compensation, pension, healthcare, education, home loans, burial, and survivor benefits.

STATE – Ohio Veterans Bonus, education, employment, healthcare, home loans, Ohio Veterans Homes and Military Injury Relief Fund.

LOCAL – claim preparation and assistance, financial assistance, transportation to VA medical appointments, indigent burials and inter-agency benefits.

Each County Veterans Service Office has certain requirements to help Veterans, or their Families experiencing a financial emergency. This short-term assistance varies with the individual abilities of each county. Such assistance may include payment of rent, mortgage, food, utilities, car payment or insurance. An application process is required in all counties.

To learn more about state and federal Veterans benefits contact your County Veterans Service Office.

Veterans can find their local office by calling 1-877-OHIO-VET (1-877-644-6838), or by visiting www.ohiovet.gov

Grassbaugh Project offers free legal assistance to Veterans

The Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Veterans Project at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law is currently helping Veterans who may find themselves in need of legal assistance in the areas of housing and consumer issues. Housing matters that the Project may handle include landlord-tenant issues, evictions and foreclosure. Consumer issues that the Project may handle include creditor/debtor and credit agency disputes, as well as assisting in cases involving relief from default judgments. Assistance will be provided to Veterans at no cost by volunteer lawyers and Moritz students selected and trained to work with Veterans on these issues. There is no income requirement to qualify for services.

Veterans with consumer or housing legal issues with potential cases in Franklin County should contact the Grassbaugh Veterans Project at 614-292-0290 or send a message to our project via grassbaughveteransproject@osu.edu.

For more information visit <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/grassbaugh>.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began at 7:55 a.m. on Dec. 7, 1941. Japanese naval forces compiled for the raid included 4 heavy aircraft carriers, 2 heavy cruisers, 35 submarines, 2 light cruisers, 9 oilers, 2 battleships and 11 destroyers.

DEC 7

Inactivation Ceremony for the 145th Air Refueling Squadron and Farewell, in honor of 121st Air Refueling Wing members who retire in 2013. To view the invitation, go to: <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=173552&k=0366410C7E55>

Change of Command
Support Co., 216th Engineer Battalion, Woodlawn Army, Cincinnati, 0800 hrs.
Outgoing Commander:
Capt. Sephan Frazier
Incoming Commander:
1st Lt. Philip Oprean

Change of Command
Co. A, 1-145th Armored Regiment, North Canton Army, 0800 hrs.
Outgoing Commander:
Capt. Dan Cox
Incoming Commander:
1st Lt. Brian Persons

Change of Command
HHC, 1-145th Armored Regiment, Stow Army, 0800 hrs.
Outgoing Commander:
Capt. Michael Yates
Incoming Commander:
Capt. Russell Galetti

Change of Responsibility
Co. A, Special Troops Battalion, 37th IBCT, St. Marys, 1600 hrs.
Outgoing First Sergeant:
1st Sgt. Jerry Piddock
Incoming First Sergeant:
Master Sgt. Preston Keith

1st Battalion, 148th Infantry **Viale Memorial Mess**, Seagate Convention Center, Toledo, 1800 hrs. Contact Sgt. Wesley Martz at 336-6671 or wesley.l.martz.mil@mail.mil for more information.

DEC 15

Change of Responsibility
684th Medical Co, 3990 E. Broad St., Bldg 24, Columbus, 1300 hrs
Outgoing First Sergeant:
Sgt. 1st Class David Lewis
Incoming First Sergeant:
First Sgt. Andrew Brace

DEC 31

Ohio Veterans who served during the Persian Gulf War (Aug. 2, 1990 - Mar. 3, 1991) have until December 31, 2013 to apply for the Ohio Veterans Bonus and receive the thank you for their service awarded them by Ohio's citizens.

JAN 25

174th Air Defense Artillery **Brigade Ball**, Hilton Columbus at Easton, Columbus, 1730 hrs. Contact Chief Warrant Officer 2 Christopher George at 614-356-7954 or christopher.r.george8.mil@mail.mil for more information.

APR 24-27

ONGA/ONGEA Spring Events Weekend, Hyatt Regency, 350 North High St., Downtown Columbus.

A day that still lives in infamy

The Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor was one of the defining moments in U.S. history. A single carefully-planned and well-executed stroke removed the United States Navy's battleship force as a possible threat to the Japanese Empire's southward expansion. America, unprepared and now considerably weakened, was abruptly brought into the Second World War as a full combatant.



Sailors in a motor launch rescue a survivor from the water alongside the sunken USS *West Virginia* (BB-48) during or shortly after the Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor. USS *Tennessee* (BB-43) is inboard of the sunken battleship. (Official U.S. Navy Photograph, National Archives collection)



USS *Arizona* (BB-39) sunk and burning furiously, Dec. 7, 1941. Her forward magazines had exploded when she was hit by a Japanese bomb. At left, men on the stern of USS *Tennessee* (BB-43) are spraying fire hoses on the water to force burning oil away from their ship. (Official U.S. Navy Photograph, National Archives collection)



Poster (left) designed by Allen Sandburg, issued by the Office of War Information, Washington, D.C., in 1942, in remembrance of the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. The poster also features a quotation from Abraham Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address*: "... we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain ...".

U.S. Personnel Casualties

Dec. 7, 1941

<u>Service</u>	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Total</u>
Navy	2008	710	2718
Army	218	364	582
Marines	109	69	178
Civilians	68	35	103

Source: <http://www.history.navy.mil/events/wwii-pac/pearlhbr/pearlhbr.htm>

The USS Arizona Memorial Pearl Harbor, Oahu



2013 Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee Meetings:

- Region 1 - 23 Jan*
- Region 2 - 15 Jan*
- Region 3 - 28 Jan*
- Region 4 - 28 Jan*
- Region 5 - 14 Jan*
- Region 6 - 8 Jan*

For questions regarding the time or place of RISFAC meetings, contact Staff Sgt. Ikiya Perry at (614) 336-4135.

Retirement Packets

Retirement packets are mailed to your last known mailing address. If you change addresses before your 59th birthday, make sure you contact the office below so they will know where to send your packet.

You will need to send the packet back to receive your retirement pay. Make sure to include the following: NGB Form 22, DD Form 214(s), NGB Form 23, 20-year letter and SBP election. If you are missing any documents, contact Ms. Jeanette Coughenour at 614-336-7038 (ONG HQs).

**U.S. Army Human Resources
Center of Excellence - Fort Knox
ATTN: AHRC-PDR-RCR
1600 Spearhead Division Ave.
Dept. 420
Fort Knox, KY 40122-56402
1-800-318-5298 or 502-613-8950**

If you are an Army Guard/Reserve or an Air Force Guard/Reserve retiree, and need help completing your retirement pay packet, contact Sgt. 1st Class Richard Wright at 614-336-7277 and he will assist you.



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Lt. Col. Edward Saylor, 93, (from left), Lt. Col. Richard Cole, 98, and Staff Sgt. David Thatcher 92, three of the last four remaining members of The Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, share their final toast at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force Nov. 9, 2013 in Dayton, Ohio. The surviving members decided that this would be their final public reunion. The fourth surviving Raider, Lt. Col. Robert Hite, 93, couldn't travel to Ohio because of health problems. (U.S. Air Force photo)