A LOOK IN THE ATTIC
THIS WEEK IN OHIO NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY

THROUGH THE LENS:

July 21, 2013: Sgt. Rikkelle Showalter, a paralegal with the 237th Support Battalion, helps provide perimeter security during a medical evacuation training exercise in the 2013 Paralegal Warrior Training Course at Fort McCoy, Wisc.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

July 20, 1971: The coat of arms for the 437th Military Police Battalion is approved by The Institute of Heraldry.

July 21, 1861: The Battle of Bull Run takes place, marking the first major battle of the Civil War. The 1st and 2d Ohio Volunteer Infantry provided rear guard actions as the Union Army retreated toward Washington following the battle. ⦾ 112th Engineer Battalion

July 22, 2008: Support Company, 112th Engineer Battalion is organized in Brook Park.

July 25, 1788: Gov. Aurthur St. Clair organizes the Northwest Territory Militia in Marietta, marking the birth of the Ohio National Guard.

FAST FACTS
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• The Ohio National Guard is 232 years old this year.

• The Ohio National Guard has served under three names: Northwest Territory Militia, Ohio Militia and Ohio National Guard. The Ohio Militia was redesignated as the Ohio National Guard on April 6, 1864.

• The Ohio National Guard has answered the call in 10 of our nation's wars: the War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, War with Spain, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Southwest Asia, Kosovo and the War on Terrorism. In addition, Ohio National Guard units have served the citizens of Ohio in countless periods of state active duty.

• The oldest unit in the Ohio Army National Guard is the 112th Engineer Battalion, which was organized on Sept. 18, 1837, as the Cleveland Grays. The oldest Air National Guard unit is the 112th Fighter Squadron, which was organized on Aug. 18, 1917, as the 112th Aero Squadron.

• Maj. Gen. Richard Alexander became the first African-American general officer in Ohio National Guard history in 1988 when Gov. Richard Celeste appointed him Adjutant General.

⦾ Lineage Link-Up icon shows the current unit that perpetuates the lineage of a cited unit.