



JULY 24-30, 2023



### THROUGH THE LENS

**JULY 1959:** 2d Lt. Robert R. Hixenbaugh, left, Battery A, 177th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, and Spc. Richard A. Patterson, Company A, 737th Ordnance Battalion, team up to compete in the two-man team .30-cal. championship matches held at Camp Perry, Ohio, where they earned first place.



### WEEK IN REVIEW

- Tu** **JULY 25, 1788:** Gov. Arthur St. Clair organizes the Northwest Territory Militia in Marietta, marking the birth of the Ohio National Guard.
- F** **JULY 28, 1918:** The 166th Infantry, on the left of the 42d Division, attacks German defenses along the Ourcq River in France.
- Sa** **JULY 29, 1954:** General Orders 38 is published by the Adjutant General, terminating racial segregation in the Ohio National Guard.



### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Lt. Col. Jason Palmer was the commander of the 372d Infantry Battalion from 1949 to 1959. The battalion was one of two units in the Ohio National Guard that was segregated after World War II. Lt. Col. Palmer recounts the conversation with Ohio Gov. Frank Lausche that led to the publication of General Orders 38 on July 29, 1954.

"We were in camp. I had taken the battalion past the reviewing stand. This was under Governor Lausche. I dropped out and joined the reviewing stand. And General Kreber was the AG [Adjutant General] at that particular time. And he asked me, the governor did, why wasn't the unit integrated. I said sir, I had no orders to integrate it. And he looked at General Kreber and told General Kreber he wants the orders issued now, immediately, do you understand. General Kreber says yes sir. He [Gov. Lausche] said if anyone bothers you, you let me know."



Watch Lt. Col. Palmer's account [here](#).

