

THROUGH THE LENS

 MAY 1994

 RICKENBACKER ANGB

Spc. James Sims, right, a member of Company C, 216th Engineer Battalion, checks for the source of reported sniper fire during civil disturbance training at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus, Ohio.



WEEK IN REVIEW

MAY 13, 1920: Company A, 1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment is organized in Delaware as Sanitary Detachment, 4th Infantry Regiment.

May 14, 1812: The Army Ordnance Corps is established by an act of Congress as the Ordnance Department. It acquired its present designation in 1950.

MAY 14, 1921: The 684th Medical Company is organized in Westerville as the 134th Ambulance Company, 112th Medical Regiment.

MAY 16, 1973: The 179th Security Forces Squadron is federally recognized in Mansfield as the 179th Weapons System Security Flight.

MAY 18, 1974: Lockbourne Air Force Base is renamed Rickenbacker Air Force Base in honor of Ohio native and Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker.



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS



DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA (DUI) 138TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION, 1970-1977

Allotted to the Ohio Army National Guard in 1970, the DUI for the battalion was approved by The Institute of Heraldry in 1972. The insignia is described as a gold color metal and enamel device, 1 1/8 inches in height overall, consisting of a gold buckeye with crimson burst all enclosed on the upper half by a semicircular arch divided throughout its length into gold and light blue by a dovetail pattern, and in base by two gold double "S" wrenches, one left and one right and surmounted vertically by a gold sword, tip extending beyond at the top and pommel between the wrench heads, all above a light blue scroll arced around base and inscribed "PRIDE IN DUTY" in gold letters. Crimson and light blue are the colors used for maintenance units. The sword, symbol of leadership, represents the overall mission of the organization and the dovetail and wrenches allude to the capabilities. The buckeye suggested by the state's nickname refers to Ohio and denotes the unit's status and home.



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