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**SEASON'S
GREETINGS**



AG Speaks

TALK FROM THE TOP



We are about to mark the end of the Bicentennial Year and I would like to thank all Guard personnel and their families for the extra time and effort devoted to those special events in which the National Guard participated.

A special project for the coming year will be to improve our recruiting and find ways to increase retention of trained personnel. Recruiting incentives (state) are back in force and the new drive, "GO GUARD," will begin 1 January 1977. (See story in this issue.) You will be hearing more about this from commanders. Emphasis is on each of us becoming more involved to bring in the good people we believe should be in the National Guard.

A second special project for the new year is the Public Affairs Program. Purpose is to let the people of Ohio know what the Guard is doing for them and to let Guard personnel receive credit for their service to the state and nation. Take pride in your unit and your contribution to national defense. You're special.

To each and every one of you, your wives and families, I want to say thanks for your service during the past year. May your holidays be Merry and the New Year your best ever.

JAMES C. CLEM
Major General
The Adjutant General



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Go Guard Recruiters All

The Ohio Army National Guard is launching a new campaign that will affect the daily lives of its current 13,000 plus members.

"Operation Go-Guard," scheduled for formal kick-off on January 1, 1977, is an intensified recruiting effort which will temporarily alter weekend training drills.

For at least a two-month period, guardsmen and women will be manning local armories six days a week, from 7:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. on weekdays, and from 7:30 a.m. until noon on Saturdays.

Units will be divided into essentially six teams which will enable local units to literally have door-to-door recruiters, medical testing and information personnel on hand on a daily basis rather than just on weekends once a month.

According to this plan, "Everybody is a recruiter, everybody is a prospector," said Major General James C. Clem, the State Adjutant General.

"Until now, we've been relying on our 31 full-time recruiters," said Clem. "Now we're asking all our members to get involved with their local communities on an individual basis," he added.

Through Operation Go-Guard, the Ohio National Guard hopes to contact 100,000 new prospects by June 1, and to recruit 4,000 of those contacted.

This is the first time in the history of the Ohio National Guard that such a recruiting effort has been attempted.

However, many other states have had great success employing similar programs in increasing their National Guard strength.

Currently, the Ohio Army National Guard is more than 1,700 persons below the authorized strength of 15,297.

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion on the situation of benefits for Guardsmen in relation to recruiting and retention.

I will admit that the pay scale is a credit to the Guard; I am sure many will agree that the pay is adequate. Yet there are other areas which must be examined. The grants for education are also fine, but it is available only at Ohio University or one of its branches. My question is, why are these grants not available at any state-funded university in Ohio? More Guardsmen would benefit from this grant if available all over the state since many are unable to attend Ohio U. or one of its branches. This change would not only benefit the Guardsmen but also the Guard by making it more appealing to non-prior service people, providing a retention tool for its already precious manpower, and providing a higher caliber, educated soldier to serve the state in time of need.

Another area in which the Guard could benefit its men and itself is in the area of State Civil Service. In this area of highly competitive testing, isn't it strange that the state will give preferential points for people who served the Federal Government yet we who serve the state get nothing? At least we are entitled to half of what the active duty people get. This again would make the Guard appeal to non-prior and active Guard personnel.

The Guard's benefits could also include a reduction in cost for driver's licenses, license plates, and hunting and fishing licenses for all Ohio National Guard members. This is already being done in the southern states and they have had great success in recruiting and retention as can be seen by comparing unit strengths.

These suggestions will make the Guard appeal to the people where they can be appealed to the most: THE POCKET. This state needs a strong, full-manpower Guard and with the ending of the draft, the waiting lists are gone. To retain this manpower the state must utilize its powers to assist the Guard recruiters to make the Guard appeal to the people, because as we all know the Guard is people and without people there is no Guard and without the Guard . . . I'll let you be the judge of that.

SGT Gregory Engel
323d MP Co., Napoleon

To the Editor:

I enjoyed reading "Engineers Help, Enjoy Training" in the August issue. But for one thing you left out the 192d Engineer Co (Dump Truck) who got a C-1 rating in

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training, who did 98% of the hauling at Watkins High School, who did 98% of the hauling at Columbus city Park, who supported and helped the Engineer Company at Lazarus Boy Scout Reservation and who supported and helped in hauling at the Salvation Army Camp in Delaware.

I am proud to be a Guardsman in the Army.

I am proud of my uniform and how it looks.

I am proud of my unit and the way we all worked together to get the job done.

We are a unit proud and willing to work and pull together, and I feel we should be recognized.

I hope you understand the way I feel; I am sure I speak for all the Guardsmen.

Sp 4 Clifford C. Cromberg
192d Engineer Co.

To the Editor:

Are there any options for an early out if a Guardsman lives a considerable distance from his Air Guard unit? There are no other Air Guard units reasonably close, but there are Army units to which he could possibly transfer.

Other pertinent information: Palace-Chase obligator; driving distance from home (Whitesburg, Ky.) to Springfield, Ohio is 300 miles one way (6 hours); I was initially living in Columbus when I joined the Springfield unit.

Since my Palace-Chase contract expires in April, 1978 (6 year obligation up in Jan. 1978), I feel that transferring to a closer Army unit would involve cross training and delays in promotion. The local CBPO suggests I transfer. I would like to know what the regulations say, either positive or negative.

Sgt. Robert Looney
Whitesburg, Ky.

According to Air Guard officials, members must satisfactorily participate in training until completion of their military service obligation, or until completion of the period of time specified by the Selected Reserve Service Contract for Palace-Chase members and by Ready Reserve agreement for other members as outlined in Volume 1, chapter 4, AFR 35-41.

Air National Guard personnel are counselled prior to entry on participation requirements and possible travel distance problems. Para 4-4, AFR 35-41 outlines the procedure for processing members who have a change of residence within or outside the United States.

Travel has become a problem with some Palace-Chase members in some un-

its. The individual agrees to the condition prior to release from active duty.

The policy within the Ohio National Guard has been to authorize transfer between Army and Air Guard units wherein distance has become a problem for a member.

Inquiries on transfer should be directed to the Chief of the Consolidated Personnel Office supporting the member making the inquiry—Ed.

To the Editor:

The Buckeye Guard magazine has printed several articles on units winning different awards, but one award-winning unit has never appeared between the covers of this publication. HHC 134th Engineer Group (Cbt) has either won or come in a strong runner-up for several unit awards during the past year.

HHC 134th Engineer Group (Cbt) received the Superior Unit Award for Training Year 1975 from the National Guard Bureau. In March of this year the unit was runner-up for the Eisenhower Trophy and won the Governor's Trophy. These awards are given to units that demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in the areas of training, administration, organization, maintenance, weapons qualification and the annual general inspection. Few units can claim this distinction.

HHC 134th Engineer Group was runner-up for the Emerson C. Itschner Award. This award is given annually by the Society of American Military Engineers to the engineer company which best symbolizes the character, mission and performance of the Corps of Engineers in the Army, Army Guard and Army Reserves.

The Buckeye Guard magazine, being the fine publication that it is, would be an even better periodical if it included all units that deserve recognition.

SFC Robert W. Parrett
HHC 134th Engineer Group (Cbt)

To the Editor:

This letter concerns the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Personnel Tuition Grant Program. I feel the program is inadequate.

I am presently in the Air National Guard with nearly six years training, and would be encouraged to re-enlist if the tuition grant was extended to other state-supported colleges and to students pursuing advanced degrees. If this program could be extended to those areas, I'm sure the National Guard would benefit.

Robert C. Taylor
Columbus

MG Light Honored . . .

New Armory Is Dedicated

A new Ohio National Guard Armory, located in Walbridge, Ohio, was officially dedicated during ceremonies on October 24.

The \$2.5 million facility was named in honor of Major General Gilson D. Light, a former state adjutant general from Toledo. The general's niece, Mrs. Ruth Light Merwin from Toledo, attended the dedication.

The new armory will house the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 50th Military Police Group; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 612th Engineer Battalion; Company A, 612th Engineer Battalion; and the 192nd Engineer Company.

The dedication program included music by the 122nd Army Band; introductions by Colonel Robert P. Copeland, Commanding Officer of the 50th Military Police Group; and comments from Major General James C. Clem, the State Adjutant General. Ohio Congressmen Thomas Ludlow Ashley and Delbert Latta were also present for the affair.

Situated on a 15 acre tract, the facility provides administration offices, supply rooms, an indoor rifle range, classrooms, kitchen facilities, 8100 square feet of drill area and a modern four-bay maintenance facility.

The new armory replaces a converted factory located on Wall Street in Toledo, which had been used as an armory since 1938.

MG Light was born in Columbus Grove, Ohio, in 1883. His military career spanned four decades, during which he served with distinction through the era of the "Great War," the tumultuous emergence of the labor unions during the 1930's and the mobilization of the Ohio National Guard for World War II.

He was promoted to Major General in 1936 and assigned to command the 37th Infantry "Buckeye" Division. He was appointed Adjutant General for the State of Ohio on July 18, 1939.

General Light died February 26, 1941.



MRS. Ruth Light Merwin, General Light's niece from Toledo, and MG James C. Clem, State Adjutant General, unveiled the dedication plaque for the new \$2.5 million armory in Walbridge, Ohio (Bob DeVoe photo).

Letters (cont.)

To the Editor:

In reply to the "AG Speaks—Talk From The Top" in the October issue: The AG suggests that we "start eliminating those who say it can't be done, to include Technicians if necessary," regarding enlistments.

I would ask the AG by what means he would accomplish this.

Perchance the opposition recalls the days past, when most of the State was SRO and the recruits were lined up at the Armory doors waiting to get in. But now they're gone, all 2100 of them.

And now the Ohio National Guard wants to dispose, by some means, of those who questioned Guard policies. I'm one of those who asked questions then and I'll ask some now.

Arkansas picked up 1642 enlistments in 15 days you say. How did they do it? Let's see what the State of Arkansas offers: \$60,000 in Military pay is exempt from the State income tax; Guard members are exempt from the road tax.

Indiana made 1050 extensions and 150 new enlistments, you say; how did they do it? In Indiana, \$2000 in Military pay is exempt from State income tax.

17 other States provide relief from State income tax. These amounts vary from \$500 to all military pay. 12 States provide various types of educational benefits, not only to active members, but to their dependents as well. 5 States supplement Guard retirement income in amounts ranging from \$50 a month to \$100 a month for 20 to 30 years of service. 2 States provide an enlistment or re-enlistment bonus.

What does the State of Ohio offer? Wait! Let me count the ways. Sorry, but I'm stumped at zero.

I'm on your side. Now that most of the distasteful things of the past have been licked, let's move forward. I suggest that the Ohio Guard leadership move its fight to the State Legislature to enact measures to close the gap between Ohio and the other States, and take the burden of guilt off the troops and put it where it belongs and perhaps the opposition would become the strongest supporters. Without knowing the real number of the opposition the "elimination" program should be reconsidered.

PSG Ken Kashmer
Co. B, 612th Eng Bn
Fremont

To the Editor:

I read with interest the article by Don Vaquera entitled "'Grave of Rodger Young' Cast for 73rd Brigade." In the article the writer states that Rodger Young was buried at Fremont, Ohio not far from a park named in his honor.

It is true that Fremont, Ohio has a Rodger Young Park but Rodger Young is buried in McPherson Cemetery in Clyde, Ohio next to his mother. He is one of two Medal of Honor winners buried in this cemetery; the other being Charles McCleary.

Ken Dummering
SSG, 212th Maint Co (GS)
Clyde



Happy New Year... Buckeye Minutemen

If "Roger, Wilco, over and out" has always been considered preposterous by the military communications folks, then "Four-Ten, Roger Dee, Threes on you" will really burn out their "finals." Nonetheless, CB (Citizens Band) Radio has become one of the most popular pastimes in America.

CB Clubs have been forming at an amazing rate. Some serve useful roles, such as REACT, others exist primarily so the "good buddies" can just "belong to a club." Most clubs, unfortunately, do not have a specific function in which its members can take pride and participate.

Now, members and employees of the Ohio National Guard have formed a CB Club with a function. Known as the "Ohio Buckeye Minutemen Citizens Band Radio Association," (whew! "Buckeye Minutemen" will do, thank you) it has the potential of becoming one of the largest regional clubs in the U.S.A.

The main goal of the "Buckeye Minutemen" is to establish a "Statewide



Communications Network," for use by guardsmen, employees and their families. This network can be used for information, assistance or, when in an unfamiliar area, just a way of knowing "someone out there is one of ours." The potential is limitless. The radios and the people are already there, it's just a matter of getting them organized, and this is to be the main function of the Association.

It must be mentioned that although the "Buckeye Minutemen Association" has the approval of the Adjutant General's Department, it is not directly affiliated with the Ohio National Guard. However, membership in or employment by the Army or Air National Guard is a prerequisite for membership in the Association and its chapters.

For information on starting a chapter in your area, write:

The Ohio Buckeye Minutemen C.B. Radio Assn.
P.O. Box 660
Worthington, Ohio 43085

Historic Heritage Requires Sacrifice . . .

Notes from the Assistant AG

As we go into the holiday season and we find that "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Towards Men" has more meaning than at any other time, it is fitting to reflect on the role of our Armed Forces in what might appear to be an incompatible situation.

For those of us who believe in the dignity of mankind, in the concept of Peace on Earth and in a place where people are free to pursue their own ambitions, we must all wonder whether it seems fitting or consistent that, at the same time, we prepare ourselves with all the armament, weapons and equipment of war. It is indeed a paradox to practice the ideals of freedom on the one hand and, on the other, to pick up the weapons of harmful turbulence. Such considerations must surely leave many of us confused.

It is particularly important during this season that we remember that our ability to remain free, to pursue the religion, speech and endeavor of our choice is dependent upon our being strong. As we glance around the world, we find many countries who at one time were able to enjoy these ideals but have since had an aggressor take them away.

It remains an absolute fact that these freedoms could not have been taken away had the people chosen to retain their freedom and been willing to remain strong—physically and spiritually. The aggressor has been prone to attack not the strong but always the weak or those who

appear to be weak. The same principle applies to individuals—the bully never jumps on someone stronger.

With the Active Army continually decreasing in strength, the role of the National Guard takes on more importance. Forty-four percent of the combat strength of the Army today is in the National Guard, thus continuing our tradition of being a vital factor in the defense of our history, heritage and traditions. It gives us the privilege and opportunity of helping to be a part of the



defense of all the things we hold dear in this country. It allows us to set an example for the rest of the world to observe.

Each of us as members of the Ohio National Guard is playing a very vital role in helping to maintain the strength necessary to guarantee the continuation of individual freedom and a democratic form of government. Some who may scoff at the importance of our role are blind to what has been shown by history. Certainly, the peoples in the countries of the world who are no longer able to enjoy the freedoms that they used to know are no longer scoffing, but for them, it is too late. Freedom, as precious as it is, once lost is most difficult to restore.

Only history will document and appreciate the sacrifices you and your families have made in the cause of freedom. Just as those who came before us and left to us a heritage of freedom and democratic government, you are among a very few who by your efforts are helping to ensure that for those who come after us, the same heritage will be enjoyed. Not many understand or accept this grave responsibility.

My best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and my personal thanks for volunteering to help keep this country great and free. God Bless you all.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM
Asst AG, Army

Crack Shots

Guard Shooters Win Honors

by Bob DeVoe

Did you know the Ohio National Guard boasts some of the nation's best marksmen?

Ohio National Guard marksmanship teams and individual shooters have smashed 18 state, regional and national records this year alone—one by 174 points! In addition, three Buckeye guardsmen competed on the All-Guard National Squad this year.

"Six guardsmen are recognized nationally as Distinguished Shooters and many more Ohio marksmen are on their way to this status," said Lieutenant Colonel Frank H. Ladd, State National Guard Marksmanship Coordinator.

Ohio's crack shots were honored at the Annual Shooters' Banquet held recently in Columbus. Row after row of medals and trophies won by the Buckeye shooters were on display at the dinner.

"We are in a great position for next year's competition," LTC Ladd said. "My prediction is that Ohio will win the team match in pistol and rifle at the U.S. Forces Command Regional Matches, Ft. Riley, and place high in the All Army Matches at Benning. Our ultimate goal is a clean sweep."

LTC Ladd credits the success of the overall Guard Marksmanship Program to state and unit support. He also believes spouses are important supporters of the team.

Sergeant Joseph Pascarella, the All National Guard Pistol Champ, was singled out this year for his dedication. LTC Ladd said Pascarella has unselfishly devoted over 110 days of active duty to the team this year.

The Ohio National Guard was the big winner in the precision rifle championship matches held earlier this year at Little Rock, Arkansas, for the National Guard of 47 states.

The Buckeye team won the rifle championship aggregate with a score of 5545 out of a possible 6000, taking third place in the long range event with 1087-22 and winning the national match course shoot with 2797-53 and the infantry trophy team match with a score of 911.

Team members included: Technical Sergeant Terry Martino, Orient; Staff Sergeants Ernest Tracy and Russell Kotaris, Bellefontaine; First Lieutenant Frederic Obermiller, Canton; Specialist Five Marvin Cox, Chillicothe; Staff Sergeant James Hogue, Somerset; and Staff Sergeant Charles Warman, Blanche.

Technicians . . .

Suggestions Rewarded With Cash

Master Sergeant Richard E. Driftmyer, a member of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Swanton, was awarded a Special Achievement Award of \$500.00 for establishing a Consolidated Tool Kit Management System which not only helps to keep tools in order, but also provides for quick inventory. The system has a safety feature by which a mechanic can look at his tools to see if they are all there, preventing accidentally leaving tools in aircraft.

As an indication of the usefulness of this system, favorable comments have been made by both the Management Evaluation Team and the Operational

Readiness Inspection Team; and other flying units have indicated a desire to pattern their tool management system after the one developed by MSgt Driftmyer.

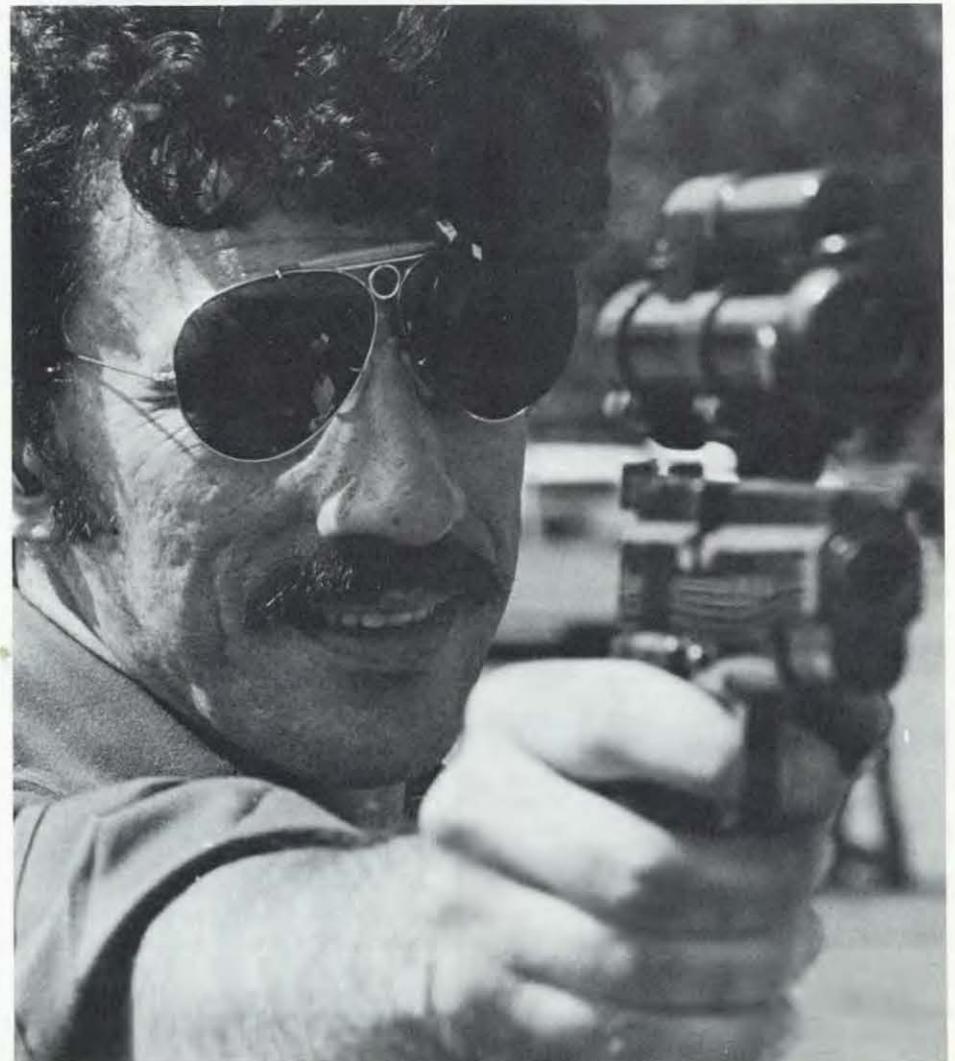
During this quarter three technicians, SSgt Stewart W. Cearley, 178 TFG; SP6 Frank E. Turrin, CSMS 1; and SP5 Gary S. Vanderbosch, AASF 2, received cash awards totaling \$675.00 for the use of their ideas through the suggestion program.

Thirty-five other technicians were also recognized during the quarter ending September 30 for performing their duties in a superior manner. They received a total of \$16,760 in cash awards.



Sgt Pascarella, a member of the ONG pistol team, emerged the All National Guard Pistol Champion. Winning with a grand aggregate score of 3483-164 x's, Pascarella bettered the old record by 31 points and 37 x's.

Absent from the dinner, due to the birth of a son, was Sgt James Lenardson, 8330 MP Co, currently the National Indoor Pistol Champion and third place winner Outdoor National Championship.



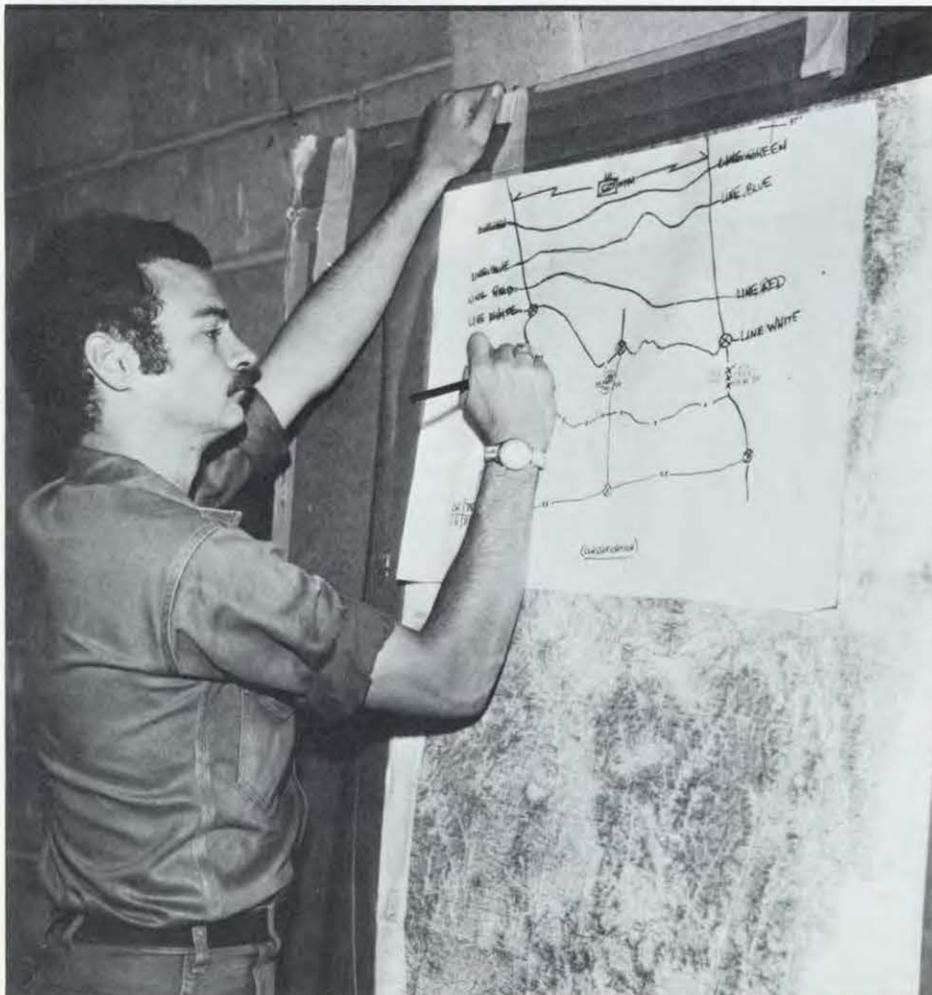
Sgt. Joe Pascarella of the 324th MP Co., Youngstown.



Nicknamed "Operation Big Swing", fifteen members of Mansfield's 179th Tactical Airlift Group moved into action recently and helped with another project of assisting the handicapped at the Newhope School for the Handicapped.

Playground equipment was removed from the Mansfield school to Knox County. A newer, updated variety of playground equipment to lessen injuries is being installed at Newhope.

Assisting in "Big Swing" were: Sgt Larry Carr, Sgt Bill Cooner, Sgt Bill Fox, Sgt Bill Heacock, Sgt Al Leedy, Sgt Charlie Landis, Sgt Chas Matney, Sgt Fred Johnson, Sgt Larry File, Sgt Ron McClain, Sgt Dick Mowry, Sgt Larry Rogers, Sgt Jim Kreis, Sgt G. Hamblin, and Sgt Bob Hammond.



1LT. George Johnson posts map during CPX Liberty Bell I. The Buckeye Guard

Liberty Bell I Provides Lesson

by Paul Malenky

The Ohio Area Command, the 112th Medical Brigade, Ohio National Guard, and the 75th Maneuver Area Command (USAR) of Houston, Texas, conducted a command-post exercise (CPX), Liberty Bell I, October 2 and 3, 1976.

On a brisk Friday, October 1, over two thousand Guard members left their armories, in convoys headed to Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant in Northeastern Ohio.

Most of the Guardsmen and women arrived at night, and personal gear, as well as the map warfare equipment, had to be set up before the troops retired for a well-earned rest.

As in all exercises, pre-planning is the key to success. Small groups of Guardsmen had arrived at Ravenna before Friday to put up tents, run communications wire, install electricity and set up water points.

Early Saturday morning participating units were briefed on the exercise situation, and then play began.

Liberty Bell I was set in Korea, so exercise planners and players could draw on actual combat activity and available maps and intelligence for more realistic training. Some of the "old-timers" provided terrain analysis based on experience!

Battle continued hour by hour, with vehicle movements, helicopters, a medical evacuation team and aggressor teams adding realism to the problem.

The major forms of communication were messenger and land-line, with some radio training using new techniques added for practical experience.

The 24-hour exercise gave officers and enlisted personnel an excellent opportunity to operate a headquarters in a field environment.

In conjunction with Liberty Bell I, several units participated in Army Training Tests. Other units serving in an administrative capacity had a more relaxed exercise.

Reserve personnel worked as controllers for the CPX.

In evaluating Liberty Bell I, Ohio Area Command's Major General Charles H. Jones said, "The exercise was a success, with many valuable lessons learned. It required a lot of manpower and equipment to set up and operate a problem of this magnitude. Liberty Bell I demonstrated that Ohio Army Guardsmen can work effectively as a team to accomplish the mission."

Based on the command evaluation and that of the USAR controllers, plans are underway to conduct a similar exercise in 1977.

16th Engineers meet Korean Challenge

by Steven C. Stone

If God had any plan when He created the different lands of the Earth, the Korean Peninsula plan must have been labeled "battlefield."

So many infantrymen sweat blood crossing ridge after ridge of its barren mountains. Tank battalions advanced fitfully across the plains of soggy rice fields only to be halted, frustrated and battered, in some mountain pass. But the man who has more nightmares and headaches than there are people in Asia is the Combat Engineer.

This is the story of those engineers; men and women from Ohio and many other parts of the nation called to active duty, trained and sent to fight in that desolate foreign land.

The 16th Engineer Brigade (Combat), Ohio Army National Guard, had been mobilized a year and in South Korea for eight months. It was supporting the 30th United States Corps; one infantry division, one mechanized division and an armor division. The enemy had come across the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in force and placed two U.S. Corps and one Republic of Korea (ROK) Corps under severe attack. Now after months of delay-

ing actions, the 30th Corps had stopped the momentum of the enemy attack, penetrated their front lines and was attempting to exploit the break-through by rushing the armored division into the gap.

From the beginning of the operation, the assets of the 16th had been taxed to the limit. First, Pusan Harbor had become jammed with supplies and there was no way to unload the precious fuel needed to keep tanks, trucks and aircraft moving forward. The engineers solved this problem by designing and building an off-shore petroleum, oil and lubrication (POL) facility for unloading tankers.

Since the war zone was populated by people friendly to American troops, action had to be taken to care for those civilians displaced or injured by the opposing armies. Refugee camps, food and water, and medical facilities were planned for and built by the engineers. It also seemed as if part of the enemy plan was to bury the advancing forces in prisoners. Prisoner-of-War compounds had to be constructed to handle the daily flood of enemy soldiers surrendering.

A dam had been damaged and was in danger of breaking, flooding civilian villages and perhaps military movements.

This, too, had to be repaired. As the war raged forward, civic action projects had to be initiated in its wake.

Then a new and perhaps the most damaging problem arose. The enemy had retreated across the Naesong River and blown up the bridges crossing it. On the north side of the river they might have time to re-group and, using the river as a natural line of defense, stop the advancing Americans.

The entire armor division that was spearheading the attack, nearly 800 tanks, trucks and a variety of smaller and armored vehicles, was stopped cold. Nearly as large as our own Ohio River, the Naesong might easily have been the end of the operation unless more bridging material could be found in a hurry. One other large river had just been crossed and there was no more bridging material in the area.

Once again, the 16th Engineer Brigade needed to make some fast decisions. There was a float-bridge company back near Pusan in Southern Korea. It was too far away. Perhaps bridge sections could be airlifted. The enemy had air cover that could possibly shoot down one of the helicopters carrying the sections. If just one section was lost, the bridge could not be completed. Then suddenly, as staff members pored over the thinly spread units of the brigade, they found two mobile assault bridge companies close enough to be moved quickly to the front.

The attack could go on.

In such a large operation, the 16th Engineers must certainly have lost a lot of equipment and sacrificed many lives. Not at all.

Operation "Essayons I"

The battle just described was only a story on pieces of paper. It was a story that could more easily than we realize become reality. For now, however, it will remain a story, a "paper exercise" as soldiers like to call them.

On October 15, 16 and 17, within the borders of the state, the 16th Engineer Brigade (Combat), OARNG, participated in a command post exercise: CPX as they are commonly called.

More than 1,000 National Guardsmen and Army Reservists from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Texas and Oklahoma took part in the mock battle. Colonel Oliver Seffens, Deputy Commander of the Columbus-based brigade said the exercise was unique in that troops were deployed across a wide geographic area.

The command center for the exercise, code-named "Essayons I," was a Salvation Army camp in Delaware, Ohio. Troop locations included a Boy Scout camp near



SSG Marshall Gilbert, G-3 (Operations and Training) sections scansmap of Korea.



SFC Gary Krzeczowski, 16th Eng. Bde. HQ, appears to be keeping vigil over the Naesong River.

Oberlin, Plumbrook NASA Station at Sandusky, Lebanon Correctional Institute, the Ohio Guard Armory at Tarlton and an airfield at Wilmington in Clinton County.

Colonel Clifton Harris of the 75th United States Army Maneuver Area Command, Houston, Texas, was the exercise director for "Essays I." The mission of the 75th, he stated, was to provide war game scenarios for field training exercises (FTX), Annual Training Tests (ATT) and Command Post Exercises (CPX) for brigade and larger-sized units. The nearly 400 men in this unit work with units in the 5th and 6th Army areas. Only one other Reserve unit in the nation, the 87th USA Maneuver Area Command in Birmingham, Alabama, has this kind of mission.

According to COL Harris, three areas of the world are used for planning war games. These are, not surprisingly, Korea, West Germany and the Middle East. The

opposing forces are never referred to as "enemy" or by the national or geographic name of the people in the area.

"We refer to them as threat-forces," COL Harris said.

However, when the "make-believe" operations are planned, the actual strength of "threat-forces" in the area is considered so that requirements can be realistic.

COL Harris maintains that "appropriate" areas of the world are selected where such operations "really could happen."

Pointing to a rather ironic fact, COL Seffens said, "We began the final planning for this exercise right after the tree incident in Korea."

During the days following the killing of two Americans on tree-trimming duty in the DMZ, it seemed as if Americans might again be fighting a real war in Korea.

"This added an element of realism to our planning," he said.

The "one-Army concept" was stressed by COL Seffens. Members of the Army Reserve and National Guard from Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky, and the Active Army all worked together on the operation.

"We've had a lot of cooperation," explained COL Seffens.

He pointed to a brand-new map of Korea on the wall. It seemed the brigade could not get any maps through Guard channels. So, the Ohio Guard called Readiness Region Six, which in turn called the United States Army's Pacific Command, which sent the new maps.

Two high-ranking officers were in Ohio for the war games. They were Major General William Caldwell III, commander of Readiness Region Six, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and Major General Kenneth A. Kuykendall, commander of 75th MAC.

Still, even with all the planning, the high-ranking visitors, and Guardsmen and women spread across the state, it seemed to the untrained or uninformed observer to be a very boring exercise. Everyone involved was quick to admit that there was not really any way to make a "paper exercise" any more than just a lot of paper.

No weapons were fired and no equipment, except for communications gear and several vehicles, was used. The biggest "real" problem faced was maintaining communications with units around the state.

Yet these exercises are essential to maintaining military readiness.

Subordinate units participating in the operation were the 416th Engineer Group, Cleveland, the 112th and 612th Engineer Battalions, Cleveland and Toledo, the 134th Engineer Group, Cincinnati, and the 216th and 372nd Engineer Battalions from Portsmouth and Kettering. Also, the 364th Engineer Battalion, United States Army Reserve, Columbus, the 478th and 983rd Engineer Battalions, Kentucky and the 46th Engineer Group, Michigan Army National Guard, Flint, Michigan participated in the exercise.



MSG Marvin Blake, communications chief for the Brigade.

The Buckeye Guard

Operation Is Painless

Mount Vernon Unit Does Heavy Work

by Scott Sherry

Early autumn is a season of change; from the change in the air to the shortening days.

Going out from Beightler Armory shortly after dawn, we headed east into the sun, toward Mount Vernon and Company B of the 738th Maintenance Battalion.

It was brisk, and a day made for the precision work of the members of Company B.

Today, after they unwound and checked the inventories from summer camp, they were going to perform a transplant operation.

A deuce-and-a-half had fallen. Sure, it was somebody else's, but Company B would perform the surgery, right there in the open air of their compound.

John Hatfield, a bearded celebrant of the Bicentennial, an E-5 with Company B, stood by in case of emergency, but the operation was in other hands.

Specialist Five Rich Hanna gracefully mounted the cumbersome 2½ tonner, perched on the fender, and guided the hook in from the hydraulic lift.

In seconds he had attached quad leads, and calmly SSG Paul Minder pulled on his control stick.

The engine rose slowly from the body of the truck.

Within ten minutes it was over.

Precision and power sweeping away the obstacles.



Members of Company B, 738th Maintenance Battalion, Mount Vernon, change the engine block and transmission of a 2½ ton van.

NG to Rescue

The Ohio National Guard came to the rescue of the Franklin County Swine Flu Innoculation Program.

According to William Myers, coordinator for the county's swine flu program, "The county was in dire need of additional vehicles and drivers to transport the swine flu vaccine from the Columbus Health Department to the various clinic sites in the county, and the Ohio National Guard quickly answered our call for help."

The Guard provided medical vans and drivers to pick up the vaccine and delivered it to the clinic sites on Oct. 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, and Nov. 6.

Many of the guardsmen used as drivers were also medically trained and assisted health officials in repackaging vaccine supplies.

Additionally, the Franklin County Flu Program used the Ohio National Guard's Beightler Armory on Route 161 in Worthington as an inoculation site on October 24.



Buckeye Guard members from the Greater Cleveland area were on hand to assist the Academy of Medicine and Science of Cleveland to help transport swine flu vaccine throughout Cuyahoga County in support of the city's inoculation program to combat the disease (37th Sig. Co. photo).

In Memory . . .

Ohio National Guardsman Teddy Ray Holcomb died October 27 in OSU Hospital after being struck by a car in Trimble in Athens County. Holcomb was the police chief of Trimble, and had set up a roadblock on Rt. 13 after receiving a radio call for assistance from the Glouster police.

He was getting out of his police cruiser when he was struck by the car, driven by a man police have identified as one of a group of men fleeing Glouster after a bar fight.

Holcomb's wife Beverly, a trained emergency medical technician, was in the cruiser, and suffered injuries in the collision.

Holcomb, 29, was a Specialist Five with Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2/174th Air Defense Artillery.

Personal Contact Is Needed

Every election brings new faces and the recent general election was no different. As a result, the legislative committee of the Ohio National Guard Association is seeking your help in updating its grassroots legislative contact plan.

The idea of the grassroots contact plan is to bring members of the Guard into contact with a government official who could be influential in assisting with matters concerning the Guard. After contacts are found, the guardsman or woman will be listed as a legislative contact and be subsequently contacted and asked to contact the government official.

Personal contact by guardsmen and women is one of the most important ways the Guard has to get legislators to know there is some matter that would benefit all Ohio National Guard members.

During the 94th session of the Congress of the United States, measures were introduced to reduce the number of drills from the current 48 per year to 24. Based upon the feeling that a reduction in drills would seriously hinder Guard operations, grassroots contacts went into operation all over the country. The result was the defeat of the measure.

The grassroots contact program can and will work for you. But first we need you to work for the plan. If you know a legislator or other government official, or want more information about ONGA programs, contact Colonel Donald Anderson, Adjutant General's Department, P.O. Box 660, Worthington, 43085.

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Legislative Listing

In January, new sessions of the Congress of the United States and the Ohio General Assembly will convene. For your information, below are the persons who will make up the new legislatures, listed by district number:

United States House of Representatives

- 1—Willis D. Gradison (R—Cincinnati)
- 2—Thomas Luken (D—Cincinnati)
- 3—Charles W. Whalen (R—Dayton)
- 4—Tennyson Guyer (R—Findlay)
- 5—Delbert Latta (R—Bowling Green)
- 6—William Harsha (R—Portsmouth)
- 7—Clarence Brown (R—Springfield)
- 8—Thomas Kindness (R—Hamilton)
- 9—Thomas L. Ashley (D—Toledo)
- 10—Clarence Miller (R—Lancaster)
- 11—J. William Stanton (R—Painesville)
- 12—Sam Devine (R—Columbus)
- 13—Donald J. Pease (D—Oberlin)
- 14—John F. Seiberling (D—Akron)
- 15—Chalmers P. Wylie (R—Columbus)
- 16—Ralph Regula (R—Canton)
- 17—John Ashbrook (R—Johnstown)
- 18—Douglas Applegate (D—Steubenville)
- 19—Charles J. Carney (D—Youngstown)
- 20—Mary Rose Oakar (D—Cleveland)
- 21—Louis Stokes (D—Cleveland)
- 22—Charles A. Vanik (D—Euclid)
- 23—Ronald M. Mottl (D—Parma)

United States Senate

- John Glenn (D)
Howard Metzenbaum (D)

Ohio House of Representatives

- 1—Eugene Branstool (D—Utica)
- 2—John P. Wargo (D—Lisbon)
- 3—James E. Betts (R—Rocky River)
- 4—Rocco J. Colonna (D—Brookpark)
- 5—Francine M. Panehal (D—Cleveland)
- 6—Patrick A. Sweeney (D—Cleveland)
- 7—Kenneth A. Rocco (D—Parma)
- 8—Edward F. Feighan (D—Cleveland)
- 9—Troy Lee James (D—Cleveland)
- 10—Thomas M. Bell (D—Cleveland)
- 11—Robert W. Jaskulski (D—Garfield Heights)
- 12—Donna Pope (R—Parma)
- 13—Ike Thompson (D—Cleveland)
- 14—Arthur V. N. Brooks (D—Cleveland Heights)
- 15—John D. Thompson, Jr. (D—Cleveland)
- 16—Harry J. Lehman (D—Shaker Heights)
- 17—Virginia Aveni (D—Lyndhurst)
- 18—Dennis E. Eckhart (D—Euclid)
- 19—Richard H. Finan (R—Cincinnati)
- 20—Thomas A. Pottenger (R—Cincinnati)
- 21—Norman A. Murdock (R—Cincinnati)
- 22—Chester T. Cruze (R—Cincinnati)
- 23—William L. Mallory (D—Cincinnati)
- 24—Terry M. Tranter (D—Cincinnati)
- 25—James W. Rankin (D—Cincinnati)
- 26—Helen H. Fix (R—Cincinnati)
- 27—Alan E. Norris (R—Westerville)
- 28—C. William O'Neill (R—Columbus)
- 29—Les Brown (D—Columbus)
- 30—Mike Stinziano (D—Columbus)
- 31—Phale D. Hale (D—Columbus)
- 32—James L. Baumann (D—Columbus)
- 33—Mack Pemberton (R—Columbus)
- 34—Edward J. Orlett (D—Dayton)
- 35—Tom Fries (D—Dayton)
- 36—C. J. McLin, Jr. (D—Dayton)
- 37—Paul Leonard (D—Dayton)
- 38—Robert L. Corbin (R—Dayton)
- 39—Vernon F. Cook (D—Cuyahoga Falls)
- 40—Thomas C. Sawyer (D—Akron)
- 41—Robert D. Nettle (D—Barberton)
- 42—Pete Crossland (D—Akron)
- 43—Clifton Skeen (D—Akron)
- 44—Irma L. Karmol (R—Toledo)
- 45—Casey C. Jones (D—Toledo)
- 46—Arthur Wilkowski (D—Toledo)
- 47—Barney Quilter (D—Toledo)
- 48—Richard F. Maier (R—Massillon)

- 49—Irene Smart (D—Canton)
- 50—William J. Healy (D—Canton)
- 51—Thomas P. Gilmartin (D—Youngstown)
- 52—George D. Tablack (D—Campbell)
- 53—J. Leonard Camera (D—Lorain)
- 54—Scribner L. Fauver (R—Elyria)
- 55—Robert A. Nader (D—Warren)
- 56—Michael Del Bane (D—Hubbard)
- 57—William W. Donham (R—Middletown)
- 58—Michael A. Fox (R—Hamilton)
- 59—Edward J. Hughes (D—Mentor)
- 60—David Hartley (D—Springfield)
- 61—Sherrod Brown (D—Mansfield)
- 62—John A. Begala (D—Kent)
- 63—James S. Zehner (D—Yellow Springs)
- 64—Waldo Bennett Rose (R—Lima)
- 65—Robert A. Taft II (R—Cincinnati)
- 66—Lawrence E. Hughes (R—Columbus)
- 67—Larry H. Christman (D—Englewood)
- 68—John E. Johnson (D—Orrville)
- 69—John A. Galbraith (R—Maumee)
- 70—John M. Kellogg (D—Mansfield)
- 71—Thomas J. Carney (D—Youngstown)
- 72—Marie Tansley (R—Vermilion)
- 73—Corwin M. Nixon (R—Lebanon)
- 74—Dennis Wojtanowski (D—Willoughby Hills)
- 75—Charles Rockwell Saxbe (R—Mechanicsburg)
- 76—Harry E. Turner (R—Mt. Vernon)
- 77—Bob McEwen (R—Hillsboro)
- 78—Rodney H. Hughes (R—Huntsville)
- 79—Fred B. Hadley (R—Bryan)
- 80—Dale Locher (D—Anna)
- 81—Robert E. Netzley (R—Laura)
- 82—Michael G. Oxley (R—Findlay)
- 83—Charles F. Kurfess (R—Perrysburg)
- 84—Frederick H. Deering (D—Monroeville)
- 85—Gene Damschroder (R—Fremont)
- 86—Walter D. McClaskey (R—Marion)
- 87—Harry C. Malott (D—Mt. Orab)
- 88—Myrl R. Shoemaker (D—Bourneville)
- 89—Vernal G. Riffe, Jr. (D—New Boston)
- 90—Don S. Maddux (D—Lancaster)
- 91—Claire M. Ball, Jr. (R—Athens)
- 92—Ronald H. James (D—Proctorville)
- 93—William G. Batchelder (R—Medina)
- 94—Rex F. Keiffer, Jr. (R—Zanesville)
- 95—Tom Johnson (R—Cambridge)
- 96—William E. Hinig (D—New Philadelphia)
- 97—Robert J. Boggs (D—Jefferson)
- 98—Arthur R. Bowers (D—Steubenville)
- 99—A. G. Lancione (D—Bellaire)

Ohio Senate

- 1—M. Ben Gaeth (R—Defiance)
- 2—Paul E. Gillmor (R—Port Clinton)
- 3—Theodore M. Gray (R—Columbus)
- 4—Donald E. Lukens (R—Middletown)
- 5—Neal F. Zimmers, Jr. (D—Dayton)
- 6—Tony P. Hall (D—Dayton)
- 7—Michael J. Maloney (R—Cincinnati)
- 8—Stanley J. Aronoff (R—Cincinnati)
- 9—William F. Bowen (D—Cincinnati)
- 10—John K. Mahoney (D—Springfield)
- 11—Marigene Valiquette (D—Toledo)
- 12—Walter L. White (R—Lima)
- 13—To be selected
- 14—William H. Mussey (R—Batavia)
- 15—Robert E. O'Shaughnessy (D—Columbus)
- 16—Michael Schwarzwald (D—Columbus)
- 17—Oakley C. Collins (R—Ironton)
- 18—Marcus Roberto (D—Ravenna)
- 19—Thomas A. Van Meter (R—Ashland)
- 20—Sam Speck (R—New Concord)
- 21—M. Morris Jackson (D—Cleveland)
- 22—Anthony O. Calabrese (D—Cleveland)
- 23—Charles L. Butts (D—Cleveland)
- 24—Jerome Stano (D—Parma)
- 25—Anthony J. Celebrezze, Jr. (D—Cleveland)
- 26—Paul E. Pfeifer (R—Bucyrus)
- 27—Oliver Ocasek (D—Northfield)
- 28—Kenneth R. Cox (D—Barberton)
- 29—Robert D. Freeman (D—Canton)
- 30—Ronald Milleson (D—Freeport)
- 31—J. Timothy McCormack (D—Euclid)
- 32—Thomas E. Carney (D—Girard)
- 33—Harry Meshel (D—Youngstown)

A Time to Reflect, Establish Goals

By Frank Cartwright

As we approach the close of another year, it is time for us to reflect on our accomplishments and establish goals for the coming year.

The Bicentennial year has been a very busy one for the Ohio Enlisted Association. Following the State Conference in Toledo in April, the Board of Directors has been meeting once a month to complete unfinished business and point our efforts to continuing programs.

The Board of Directors and Executive Council have been organizing and selecting committees, with one goal in mind. That goal is to obtain benefits for Ohio National Guard personnel, primarily state benefits. Presently we are working on issues such as (1) free vehicle license plates for all Ohio Guard personnel, (2) state gasoline sales tax exemption (7½¢ Gal.) for all Guard personnel, and (3) free camping at state park camping areas. We are hopeful these three State Bills will be introduced in January, 1977.

In September, 1976 the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association, along with the National Guard Officers Association, agreed to enter into a contract with the Uniformed Services Benefit Association to furnish our members with a group life insurance program. This will afford both

officers and enlisted personnel of the Ohio National Guard an opportunity to insure their families with a very low cost life insurance plan.

These two associations, Officer and Enlisted, will be introducing to the State Legislature in December of this year the Education Bill for Enlisted Personnel, which when approved, will provide a grant based on the individual's income and number of dependents. This grant would be for use at state-supported universities for full-time undergraduate students. The officers of your Association are very optimistic for the passage of all these bills. But we must realize that any bill takes some time to be passed by our Legislature.

As a member of this Association you could be a great help by contacting your representatives to the Ohio General Assembly and informing them these bills will be introduced and that we need their support.

Some important dates to mark on your calendar: Our state conference will be held in Cincinnati at the Holiday Inn, Sharon Road, 30 April and 1 May, 1977. Registration fee will be \$10 per person which will include registration and a dinner-dance Saturday evening. All hospitality rooms will be free of charge, as they will be operated by each major com-

mand headquarters, Air and Army. Your next copy of *Voice* will contain registration forms. Please plan to attend what promises to be our best conference yet.

The National Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado, at The Regency, 19-22 Sept., 1977. More information will be furnished as it becomes available.

Twenty-one members from Ohio attended the National Conference at Lancaster, Pennsylvania in September, 1976. A large number of bills were introduced at the national level. Copies of these bills will be distributed to all units by the Area Directors.

Congratulations to Mrs. Robert (Lois) Goodson on being elected Vice President of the National Enlisted Association Auxiliary. Lois is the wife of CSM Robert Goodson, 73d Infantry Brigade, Columbus. Lois is also Secretary of the Ohio Enlisted Association Auxiliary.

If we are to achieve the goals previously outlined, we must have strength in membership. Your membership is due for renewal, so why not send in two new memberships with yours. If each member will do this we will have the strength we need.

In closing, my wife Carol and I would like to extend to all of you our sincere wishes for a healthy and prosperous year in 1977.



The Boss is a Lady First Woman C.O. in Ohio Guard

by Jerry Condo

A 37-year-old Guard officer will become the first woman company commander in the Ohio National Guard this December.

Captain Sandra Campbell, of Columbus, will take over command of Headquarters Company, 16th Engineer Brigade.

Announcement of the assignment was made by Colonel Oliver Seffens, deputy brigade commander.

CPT Campbell said she was confident of doing a good job.

"I think a woman with military experience can command," said CPT Campbell.

And, she has that experience.

She has served in the Active Army, the New York National Guard and the Texas National Guard.

When she joined the New York National Guard in March 1973, she was the first woman to join the ranks.

While in the Active Army, Campbell commanded a 400-member headquarters detachment at Ft. Jackson. The unit was primarily composed of women, although there were 17 male mess-section personnel.

The Guardswoman says top priority, when she assumes command, will be to put a lot of emphasis on retention.

The native of South Carolina received her commission in 1967 upon graduation from Officer Candidate School (OCS).

She served 7 years and three months on active duty.

Her last military assignment in the Guard was in the state headquarters of the Texas Guard where she advised the Guard on race relations and equal opportunity concerns.

On the civilian side, Campbell is a civil rights officer with the Federal Highway Administration. The FHWA transferred her to Columbus from Ft. Worth Texas.



Guard Eligible for Membership

Credit Union Makes Checking Account Pay

Are you making money in your checking account?

Frequently, Guard members wonder about getting additional incentives and benefits for belonging to the Ohio National Guard. Well, how about a special sort of "checking" account that pays you interest?

That's right! Instead of paying a monthly service charge for using a checking account, the Ohio Military Federal Credit Union (OMFCU) offers all Ohio Guard members the opportunity to open a share withdrawal account.

This account is actually a unique sort of "checking" account. It provides you with checks and checkbooks, has absolutely no monthly service charge and pays a quarterly dividend on the minimum balance maintained in the account.

Although technically Guard members assigned to units in Franklin, Ottawa, Wood and Lucas counties are not in OMFCU's area of membership, Guard members may join this credit union while they're on annual training status and take advantage of this special "checking" account.

The checks are underwritten by a Columbus bank, making them an easy and reliable way of paying your bills.

The Ohio Military Federal Credit Union also offers a wide variety of financial services to ONG members who join the OMFCU. For example, they offer a life savings insurance program at no additional cost. In the event of death, life

savings insurance matches the amount of your share savings up to a maximum of \$2,000. In some instances, your insurance pays up to 300 per cent of the maximum of \$2,000 or \$6,000.

Another benefit for Guard members through the Ohio Military Federal Credit Union is special "ICAPOP" travelers checks. They're like bank traveler's checks but with one important difference: you don't pay a cent until you cash the traveler's check. You have the convenience of instantly available cash but you don't have to pay in advance as you do with ordinary traveler's checks.

Additionally, OMFCU offers members the opportunity of "Share Secured Loans." This means that you can use your savings account money in the credit union as collateral on a loan of an equal amount, and get the loan for an annual percentage rate of nine per cent. Your money still draws interest in the savings account. On top of that, your finance charge is deductible from your income tax.

By being members of the Ohio National Guard, you're eligible for all these services: an interest-paying "checking" account; free life insurance; ICAPOP traveler's checks; and, share secured loans, just to mention a few. There are an additional 42 different services offered to OMFCU members including purchase discounts with various merchants, student educational loans, banking by mail, free notary services, and many more.

If you'd like to take advantage of your Guard affiliation (remember you have to be on annual training status in Franklin, Ottawa, Wood and Lucas counties to be eligible for membership in the OMFCU), you may contact the Ohio Military Federal Credit Union at one of its four locations: Rickenbacker AFB, 43217, phone (614) 497-0390; Youngstown Municipal Airport, Vienna, 44473, phone (216) 545-1197; Wilmington, 45177, phone (513) 382-1651; or at the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15231, phone (412) 771-7828.

Hey there...

Remember Me?

I'm the person who goes into the orderly room and patiently waits while the First Sergeant or AST does everything but pay attention to me. I'm the person who goes into the supply room and stands quietly by while the supply sergeant and his assistant finish their little chit-chat. I'm the person who does not grumble while I clean rifles in addition to my own while other people wander aimlessly around the armory. Yes, you might say I'm a pretty good person. But do you know who else I am? *I am the person who never extends my enlistment*, and it amuses me to see you spending many hours and dollars every year to get me back into your unit, when I was there in the first place; and all you had to do to keep me was Give Me a Little Attention; Show Me a Little Courtesy; Use Me Well; and Treat Me Well.

New Tuition Grants

The Adjutant General's Department has announced that fifteen tuition grants are now available to both Ohio Army and Air National Guard members at Hocking Technical College in Nelsonville, Ohio. The grants are available for winter quarter, beginning January 3, and also for the spring quarter beginning March 28.

Located in scenic Southeastern Ohio, Hocking Technical College has over 2,000 students pursuing two-year associate degrees. The college has seven especially interesting programs. The heat processing technology and ceramic technology courses are one of the few of their kind in the entire nation and the environmental health, recreation and wildlife, forestry, broadcast engineering and emergency medical technology courses of study are unusual in Ohio.

The tuition grants include the \$175 full-time instructional fee, \$30 student service fee, and fees for books (which average about \$55 per quarter). Over a two year period, this amounts to at least \$1560 in educational assistance.

To be eligible for the tuition grants, applicants may either be current members of the Ohio National Guard or persons willing to enlist in the Guard if they are selected to receive a grant.

Current Guard members must agree to reenlist or extend for at least three years

in the Guard.

Additionally, all applicants for the program at Hocking Technical College must agree to maintain a minimum full-time effective enrollment of 12 credit hours and a 2.0 accumulative academic average.

While attending the college, Guard members will continue to attend drills and summer camps, receive Guard pay, and most important, they'll be given the opportunity to sharpen technical skills and receive additional points towards military promotion by getting additional civilian education.

Members of the Guard who are active duty veterans will remain eligible for full federal GI Bill benefits in addition to receiving the tuition grant.

Hocking Technical College has a dormitory right on campus. That gives students the option of either living on campus or commuting to Nelsonville. The college offers a very flexible evening class schedule. Additionally, interested Guard members may have the opportunity to live in Ohio University dormitories and commute to Nelsonville.

For more information write or call CPT Edwin Hall, Adjutant General's Department, P.O. Box 660, Worthington, 43085, or call toll free 1-800-282-7310.

Guard Briefs: **Sign Up for Next OCS** **SGT Puztay Runs Again**

The next state OCS class will start in May at the Ohio Military Academy, Worthington.

Orientation sessions will be on 7-8 May and 11-12 June 1977. Annual Training will be 9-23 July 1977 at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Some of the major individual qualifications for OCS are listed here. Others can be found in the letter referred to below:

For both *men* and *women*: The age limitations for enrollment in OCS are: minimum of 20 years-maximum 28 years and 3 months. Waivers can be obtained under certain circumstances. Individuals must meet prescribed medical and military training standards.

WOMEN: Must have a minimum of fifty percent academic credits toward a bachelor's degree, or Army two year college equivalency.

MEN: Aptitude area GT score of 110 or higher and a score of 115 on the Officer Candidate Test (OCT) and a minimum composite of the OCT Test and Officer Qualification Inventory (OQI) score of 200. High school graduate or equivalent.

Ask your AST for a copy of a letter published by the Adjutant General of Ohio on 15 Oct. 76, on the subject, "Applications for State Officer Candidate School 1977-78—Class XXV."

Deadline for OCS applications to reach Ohio Military Academy is 1 April 1977.

If you want more information call or write: Commandant, Ohio National Guard Military Academy, P.O. Box 660, Worthington, 43085, Telephone (614) 466-5458.

SGT Steve Puztay, of Columbus, clerk typist with the 16th Engineer Brigade, ran the 26 mile USMC Reserve marathon Nov. 7—and wound up 662nd in a field of 1,530. Puztay had a good reason... he injured his ankle 9 miles into the run. The marathon was held in Washington and the ONG paid his round trip transportation.

Correspondence Courses are available to all military personnel who have sufficient time remaining on active status to complete the courses requested. No fees are charged for course instruction, materials or mailing costs.

Applicants for enrollment must submit DA Form 145 (Army Correspondence Course Enrollment Application) to their commanding officer. Applications for enrollment can be picked up at unit training centers.

Courses may be taken by one individual or through a group study session of two or more individuals.

There are some 25 ONG tuition grants still available at Ohio University in Athens for both winter and spring quarter. That program also offers a commission as a second lieutenant as part of the program. If you'd like further information on either the program at Hocking Technical College or Ohio University, fill out the coupon on this page and return it to Captain Hall.

Want to buy a home—but can't afford that down payment?

If you're an Army National Guard or Army Reserve member, it's possible that you may be eligible for a low down payment Veterans FHA Loan.

Men and women who have performed 90 days *continuous* active duty, including active duty for training (for instance, basic and advanced individual training), qualify for low down payment loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration, if otherwise qualified.

There is an advantage of the Veterans FHA Loan over the regular FHA Loan in that the down payment is smaller. The loan can be 100% of the first \$25,000 of the appraised value (the veteran must make a minimum payment of \$200 to cover prepaid items), 90% on the next \$10,000 of appraised value and 85% on the remaining balance up to \$45,000.

To apply for a Veterans FHA Loan, contact your nearest VA office for a Request For Certificate of Veteran Status (VA Form 26-8261).

Please send me more information on the Ohio National Guard tuition assistance program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Send to: CPT Edwin Hall
P.O. Box 660
Worthington, Ohio 43085



Over 200 persons attended the retired officers reunion at Camp Perry on October 9 and 10. They were given briefings on the current status of The Buckeye Guard, the tuition grants programs, and future plans. A dinner and social hour highlighted the renewal of past friendships. Next years program will be held October 1 and 2.

Home Front . . .

Annual Auction Brings Action

by Joan McDermott

Although the department stores have been tinselled and trimmed for weeks now, the surest sign of the Christmas Season in central Ohio is the Officers Wives Club Annual Auction.

This year's event was worthy of the highest accolades. Very talented ladies displayed their wares and crafts, all for the honor and glory of the Wives Club treasury and each individual member's Christmas shopping list. Such an assortment of baked goods, jams, needlepoint, crewel, and macrame would rival the finest Bloomingdale's has to offer.

If you missed the fun this year, be sure to mark your calendar for the fourth Tuesday in November next year and come out to the Defense Construction Supply Center and get your Christmas spirit early.

The books are closed on the Sadie Hawkins square and round dance hosted by the Wives Club in Columbus on September 25th. Chairwoman Carol Williams reports all persons there "had a ball." The decorations, under the supervision of Jo Ellen Griffith, certainly did something for the drill floor of the Beightler Armory. With pumpkins, corn



stalks and colorful gourds highlighting the arrangements and fresh Fall flowers surrounding the bandstand, you couldn't help but want to dance.

This ought to be an annual event. How about it, out-of-towners?

Recognition must go to the wonderful gals who spent Saturday afternoon of the Ohio State-Penn State game with one ear glued to the radio and both hands dragging corn stalks: Jo Ellen Griffith, Pat Schell, Carol Williams, Mary Radcliffe, Donna Green, Fran Johnson, Shirley Farrell, Margaret Finley, Eleanor Durfey, and Joan McDermott.

Now that you've got your new 1977 calendars, how about marking them up

for the coming activities? You won't want to miss a single luncheon once you hear what our Program Chairwoman, Charlene Hertzler, has lined up.

In January we will see the film "A Change of Worlds" courtesy of the Huntington National Bank and dealing with the great state of Ohio. Mark your calendars: January 25th. We would love to see every officer's wife come out for the fun and friendship of our group. If you want a reservation, call Nita Elliot at (614) 451-8588.

If you'd like to tell the world about what your group is doing, write me at 1770 Ivanhoe Court, Columbus, 43220.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Enlisted Auxiliary Needs Your Support

By Beverly S. Arn

Many changes have taken place since our last news was sent out. Darlene Garber resigned as President on September 19, 1976, followed by the resignation of Janet Haines, Treasurer, a few days later. The Executive Board met and the following have been appointed for the interim period: Viola Stenger, Vice President and June Young, Treasurer.

Beverly Arn, president and Lois Goodson, secretary, along with Viola Stenger, Sondra Monastra, and Olivia Jones attended the National EANGUS

Convention in Lancaster, Pa. Lois Goodson was elected Vice President of the EANGUS Auxiliary. This is a great honor for Lois and also for the State of Ohio. Let's support her in every way.

There are many things to think about with the holiday season approaching. I would like your consideration of the following:

Increased participation and support at the State Convention in Cincinnati on April 30th, 1977, at the Holiday Inn—1-75 and Sharon Rd. Exit.

Promoting and talking up the Auxiliary

to gain more members and thereby becoming even stronger in our support for the Enlisted Association.

REMINDER!!!!

Please get your dues in to the treasurer as soon as possible. With these renewals in our membership, we would have 77 members. Our goal by April 30, 1977 is 100. Presently we have 48 because of the renewals that are outstanding. Complete the form below at your earliest convenience.

See you in April for the convention and a great time.

Enlisted Association
of the National Guard
of Ohio Auxiliary

DUES: \$3.00

Send checks to: Mrs. June Young, Treasurer
6559 Carriage Lane
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

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NEW

RENEWAL

NEW PAY SCALE

Effective 1 October 1976

NEW DAILY MILITARY PAY RATES (FOR ONE UTA) Effective Oct. 1, 1976

Pay Grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	YEARS OF SERVICE							BAQ W/O Dep.	BAQ W/ Dep.		
							Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22			Over 26	
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS																	
O-8	78.77	81.13	83.06	....	....	89.26	....	93.47	....	97.34	101.58	105.47	109.70	....	9.90	12.38
O-7	65.45	69.91	....	....	73.03	....	77.28	....	81.13	89.26	95.39	....	....	....	9.90	12.38
O-6	48.51	53.31	56.78	....	....	....	....	....	58.71	68.01	71.49	73.03	77.28	83.80	8.96	10.93
O-5	38.80	45.57	48.71	....	....	....	50.20	52.88	56.41	60.65	64.13	66.06	68.38	....	8.31	10.01
O-4	32.71	39.81	42.49	....	43.26	45.19	48.26	50.98	53.31	55.63	57.18	....	....	....	7.43	8.97
O-3	30.40	33.98	36.32	40.19	42.11	43.63	45.97	48.26	49.44	....	....	....	....	....	6.56	8.09
O-2	26.50	28.95	34.77	35.94	36.69	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5.71	7.23
O-1	23.00	23.95	28.95	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4.46	5.81
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH MORE THAN 4 YEARS OF ENLISTED SERVICE																	
O-3	....	....	....	40.19	42.11	43.63	45.97	48.26	50.20	....	....	....	....	....	6.56	8.09
O-2	....	....	....	35.94	36.69	37.85	39.81	41.35	42.49	....	....	....	....	....	5.71	7.23
O-1	....	....	....	28.95	30.91	32.06	33.22	34.38	35.94	....	....	....	....	....	4.46	5.81
WARRANT OFFICERS																	
W-4	30.96	33.22	....	33.98	35.53	37.09	38.64	41.35	43.26	44.79	45.97	47.49	49.07	52.88	7.17	8.65
W-3	28.15	30.54	....	30.91	31.28	33.57	35.53	36.69	37.85	38.98	40.19	41.74	43.26	44.79	6.42	7.91
W-2	24.65	26.66	....	27.44	28.95	30.54	31.69	32.84	33.98	35.17	36.32	37.47	38.98	....	5.61	7.12
W-1	20.54	23.55	....	25.51	26.66	27.82	28.95	30.14	31.28	32.44	33.57	34.77	....	....	5.07	6.57
ENLISTED MEMBERS																	
E-9	....	....	....	....	....	....	35.18	35.98	36.80	37.65	38.47	39.23	41.30	45.30	5.42	7.62
E-8	29.52	30.34	31.15	31.97	32.80	33.56	34.39	36.40	40.47	5.01	7.08
E-7	20.61	22.24	23.07	23.87	24.70	25.47	26.28	27.11	28.33	29.13	29.95	30.34	32.38	36.40	4.28	6.61	
E-6	17.80	19.41	20.22	21.06	21.85	22.66	23.48	24.70	25.47	26.28	26.69	....	....	....	3.90	6.10
E-5	15.63	17.01	17.83	18.61	19.82	20.63	21.46	22.24	22.66	....	....	....	....	....	3.75	5.61
E-4	15.02	15.86	16.79	18.10	18.81	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.31	4.93
E-3	14.44	15.24	15.85	16.48	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.95	4.28
E-2*	13.91	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.61	4.28
E-1*	12.48	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.46	4.28

Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ) is authorized during annual training, full-time training duty, and whenever on active duty. Amounts shown are daily rates.
*No longevity step — Pay grades E-1 and E-2 do not increase with added years of service.

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