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From the AG

Don't Let 'Ouchy' People Discourage You



Last month in Letters to the Editor, one writer offered some constructive criticism. Based on the answer, our editor, SFC DeVoe (who is doing a great job with the publication) gave the writer, we may have lost a contributor. SFC DeVoe works long and hard and most of his weeks are closer to 60 hours rather than 40, for which he gets no extra pay. So if he gets a little "ouchy" at times, it's understandable.

In a similar situation, one mess hall at Camp Grayling continually hassled PIO personnel who were unable to get to their normal mess in the field at chow time when filing news releases in the main camp. When the PIO sergeant intervened for his people, the unit commander complained he wasn't drawing

adequate rations, rather than taking action to draw more rations. Seems mess personnel forgot my message, don't hassle the troops, and the commander forgot that in the Army you see that the troops have food, clothes, and shelter. PIO personnel were moved to the 416th Engr Hqs mess where the food service personnel always had plenty of great food even for late personnel and took pride in seeing that everyone had plenty to eat.

I cite these incidents to remind each of you that everyone gets a little "ouchy" (or grouchy if you prefer) at times and we often give short answers which tend to discourage those who are really trying to help or to call attention to something that should be corrected. I suspect I am

the guiltiest officer around and I'm sure it's a title no one really wants to compete for, although I know a few officers and NCO's who run a close second to me!

The message is this—If you have a good idea or have seen something that needs to be corrected or there is a better way to do it, don't become discouraged if in your first attempt you are rebuffed. Look it over again. If it should be done, try a different approach or present it to a different person or at a different time.

There are too many rat holes to be plugged for us all not to work to make the required improvements or at least continue to attempt to make changes for the better. Working together we can do anything we decide to do. Some we can accomplish today, some next week or next month, or maybe some will be next year or the year after. Hang tough and don't become discouraged if you run into that "ouchy" response the first time.

—ONWARD AND UPWARD—

MG JAMES C. CLEM
The Adjutant General

CSM Comments

From
CSM CARL ARN
State Sergeant Major

Another successful annual training year has been partially completed. Long hours and hard work prevailed and morale was at an all-time high. It is now time to concentrate on armory training.

Our young soldiers indicate many improvements are needed in home station training. Every effort should be made to make armory training both interesting and challenging. Above all, wasted time must be eliminated.

As we all know, there is nothing more frustrating for an individual than to come to drill and have little or nothing planned for the weekend; especially if identical training is programmed and has been accomplished many times before. It behooves each of the training planners to come up with realistic, interesting and challenging training. The individual who enjoys coming to drill is a satisfied individual, will continue coming, and will remain in the Guard.

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From the Asst. AG-Army

Learn the Importance of Leadership

By the time this issue of the BUCKEYE GUARD is printed, annual training will be over for most of our units.

This year's training has been excellent. We learned new lessons and probably relearned a lot of forgotten ones. The most important thing that should have been recognized by everyone is the importance of leadership.

As I've said many times before, successful command is dependent on the leadership and managerial abilities of the commander. Make no mistake about how the two function toward success. Good management will provide the manpower, the logistical support, the administration, etc., so that units are able to fight. *Only good leadership will win the battle.*

I want to talk briefly about leadership and the responsibility that goes with it. Leadership, defined in its simplest terms, is motivation. This means getting people to do things that they ordinarily might not want to do.

This all boils down to a couple of very simple fundamentals. Number one and always number one is, "Take care of your troops." Unfortunately, we don't all understand what this means.

KNOW YOUR TROOPS

Many of us think we're doing the right thing and we're really not. Take the squad leader, for example, who thinks he's doing a good job but is quite sure his platoon sergeant isn't. While he is

totally involved in these thoughts, he has forgotten that he is responsible for the uniforms and equipment of the people in his squad, responsible for the fit, the condition, the serviceability, along with everything else that goes into troop needs. Don't forget—it isn't restricted to just material things such as the ones already mentioned along with chow, comfort, etc., but also things of a personal nature which affect the ability to perform.

A good leader knows his troops and knows them well. He or she knows them as people and realizes that they have people needs. That leader, doing the proper job, has the respect and dependency of those who are being led and even more important, their confidence. Whatever the problem, they have no hesitation in going to their leader. Confidence in leadership makes one feel sure that at least an attempt to help solve the problem is going to be made.

Probably the thing that came out loudest and clearest at annual training was who were most effective at being leaders. Those who came back with the respect and confidence of well-motivated troops did their job well. Those coming back with less, obviously did not.

Many will assume that all was well. Those who do are making the biggest mistake of all because you can't make assumptions with people; you've got to

know them and they've got to know you.

Those who came back satisfied in their role as leaders have the satisfaction of knowing what I call the "joy of leadership." This is the exhilaration that comes from seeing well-motivated people who jump in and do the things they have to do because what you have done as a leader has gotten them charged up. For those who do not yet know this feeling, you are missing the greatest satisfaction on earth. Worse than that, you are not fulfilling your responsibility as a leader. You're not getting your troops trained so they have the maximum chance of surviving the first 24 hours of combat. You have left a hole at your level in the chain of command and you're a failure in the trust that has been placed in you.

So, the next time you're alone with your troops, wherever you might be, ask yourself, "Am I fulfilling my position as a leader? Have I accepted the trust that has been placed in me and am I responsible to my troops? Do I have their respect, their confidence? Do I motivate them?" If the answers are yes, your troops will take care of you far better than you're ever going to take care of them. If the answer is no, then you're part of a humdrum syndrome and have no business being assigned in a leadership position.

There is no more satisfaction in any job, regardless of what it is, than being a successful leader.

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It's Your View

Are We Doing Our Thing?

Editor's Note: The following article was written by Colonel Pasquale A. Gicale, Commander of the Ohio Air Guard's 251st Combat Communications Group, Springfield Municipal Airport. "It's Your View" is a new regular feature of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine. Any Guardmember, Army or Air, is invited to express his or her opinion in this new column. Send your typewritten, double-spaced article (in less than 500 words) to "It's Your View" care of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh. 43085.

BY COL. PASQUALE GICALE

Are we, as individuals, doing what we were enlisted or appointed to do?

Without too much thought, our responses would normally be "yes". However, if we do some serious and candid soul searching, we may revise the "yes" to a "maybe".

Let us backtrack for a moment to the day we were enlisted or appointed—when the boss gave us the ground rules; such as: the years committed; hours and dates of attendance; governing regulations and other important requirements. A discussion then followed and we were informed that we were expected to be productive, efficient, have the proper attitudes and use our abilities to the highest levels possible; without hesitation and question, we agreed to perform in the required manner.

Formally and, most important, morally, we accepted that contract and seriously committed ourselves.

Some months or years later, due to disappointments, questionable working relationships, lack of respect for managerial authority or personal reasons, adherence to the accepted rules began to deteriorate.

Somewhere along the line we perhaps became too self-involved, not genuinely concerned for others or the overall mission. We chose a problem rather than a solution and convinced ourselves and others that the unit was a farce, lacked leadership and we wanted no part of it.

Our disloyalty was obvious, causing

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Some said it couldn't be done. Others snickered at the thought of such an "absurd" operation.

Nearly 70 part-time unit public information NCO's and officers combined forces at Camp Grayling in June to mount a unique Press Center operation that has made history in the Ohio National Guard—and across the nation.

Never has any state National Guard attempted such an ambitious and comprehensive news gathering and external news release program at annual training.

After nearly two years of PIO workshops and "preaching the public relations gospel", the State Public Affairs Office decided to give our unit-level PIO's the ultimate test—to support a massive annual training exercise in northern Michigan with an aggressive external news release program; broadcast capabilities and a professional photo lab operation.

Our PIO effort at Grayling was quickly organized; started off at a rapid pace; and never lost momentum—thanks to the efforts of our unit PIO's and their sincere dedication to our program.

We worked as a team and got to know each other during AT this year. Spirit and morale was at an all-time high (in spite of the lack of support from some units).

Many troops viewed the unit PIO's as having a "soft" job. But I can assure them — PIO work — when done properly — is definitely not a sham!

LONG HOURS

The Press Center staff worked virtually around the clock to get the news releases, photos and radio actualities on the Ohio Guard's AT efforts back to Ohio. Many put in 18-20 hour days and even worked through the weekends to get the news home (518 separate press releases in all).



Our broadcast section, in addition to sending dozens of radio feeds back home and around the world, also produced a super five minute radio program which was aired twice daily on WGRY Radio in Grayling. The program, called "Buckeye Bits", was well received by both the troops and residents of Grayling and featured unit news, interviews and Ohio weather and sports. SGT STEVE JABLONSKI (Co. D., 612th Engr. Bn., Sandusky), and SSG DON NARDECCHIA (Co. C., 612th, Norwalk) did a fantastic job producing the show each day and running a supercharged broadcast section during AT this year.

SPECIAL KUDOS

One of the most tireless and dynamic PIO's at Grayling was the 16th Brigade's SFC JERRY CONDO. Jerry won the respect and admiration of the entire Press Center team for his great efforts and effectiveness at AT this year. He served as the Press Center's key writer and coordinated PIO efforts for the 16th Bde.

Others sharing the writing chores at the Press Center included: SSG DON NARDECCHIA; SGT. STEVE JABLONSKI; SGT DON BECK (Co. C., 612th Engr., Norwalk); and CPT JUNE WHITNEY, (HHC, 134th Engr Gp., Cincinnati).

A number of unit PIO's supported Press Center operations with their super

photography including: SP5 DAN MERGY (HHC, 134th Engr. Gp.); SSG BOB KRAFT (Co. C., 216th Engr Bn., Felicity); and SP5 FRED McKISSACK (37th Signal Co., Lakewood).

The Press Center photo lab operation, provided by the 37th Signal Company, was positively outstanding. During our two weeks at Grayling the crew processed 185 separate work requests involving 2800 photographic prints and 215 rolls of 35mm and 120 film!

The photo lab crew, supervised by SP5 SCOTT BRUCE, worked around the clock to serve our unit PIO's. Other members of the lab team included: SGT JOHN BAYOREK; SP5 FRED McKISSACK; SP4 TIM AVERY; SP4 ARNOLD STILLIS, and SP4 DENNIS LUTSKI.

The Press Center staff combined forces to design a two page photo-feature spread in the CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE during the two weeks. That particular issue of the AVALANCHE was a sell-out. Our thanks to publisher H. D. MADSEN for donating the pages to the Ohio Guard.

Hundreds of articles and photos were sent back to Ohio during these two weeks—all a result of both the Press Center and unit PIO's. CPT DAVID CROSSON and CPT STEVEN STONE were Public Affairs Officers in charge of Press Center Operations this year. I served as the center's NCOIC.

With dedicated Guardmembers like these it's no wonder Ohio's Public Information Program is rated tops in the nation. Hats off to all unit PIO's who were part of the most dynamic and successful team to ever hit Grayling!

Bob DeVoe

It's Your View

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a weakening in the organizational chain and image; yet we continued to accept remuneration as a member of that same organization, often demanding more.

Logic would dictate that discussion was necessary, but if the discussion were requested, too often the conclusion was "... a one-sided conversation because management does not fully understand..." The inability to communicate any sincere resentments or objections results in justification of non-compliance and lacadaisical attitudes.

Obviously, when these conditions prevail, we are not on-track and it is absolutely essential that we regroup to solve these differences—with honesty, fairness and objectivity.

As human beings, we have tendencies to want to satisfy our personal desires, even at the expense of our subordinates, peers and higher authorities; however, if a team is to function effectively, individuals must constantly strive to be open-minded. Unresolved differences eventually affect others and the mission will surely suffer. Equally important, our God-

given talents will not be properly used; this is wasteful, dishonest and ultimately accountable.

In conclusion, even if we believe that we are doing an excellent or outstanding mechanical job, it might not be a bad idea to reevaluate our mental attitudes. Are we egotistical? How do we affect others? Why did we enlist or accept appointment? We should always strive for refinement and growth and in so doing, we will have healthier, happier outlooks and our organization will become stronger.

Triple Header

Editor's Note: MG Clem recently received this letter from the Commander of the Fifth U.S. Army. The letter commends the Ohio Guard's award-winning magazine, BUCKEYE GUARD, and our statewide public information program. He'd like to share this letter with all who made these awards possible.

Dear General Clem:

Hearty congratulations on the BUCKEYE GUARD'S triple header! Winning the prestigious Keith L. Ware, Thomas Jefferson and Public Relations Society of American Silver Anvil awards is no mean achievement, and I know you and your good people are very proud. I join you in commending those whose fine work made these awards possible.

Your mixed media public relations program is truly A #1, and it has been of great benefit to the entire Army. Congrats again, and warm best wishes to you and every member of the Ohio Guard.

ALLEN M. BURDETT, JR.
LTG, USA, Commanding

AGAUS Congrats

Editor's Note: General Clem would like to share the following letter with all Ohio Guardmembers.

Dear General Clem:

Please accept my personal congratulations and those of the entire Oregon National Guard for your recent achievements in this year's Adjutants General Association Awards Contest.

Not only did your State receive the Minuteman Mike Award in the Recruiting and Retention category of the contest, it also received the runner-up spot in Command Information and special mention in the Other Community Action category. Certainly these achievements are worthy of emulation by others.

You have every reason to be proud of your National Guard units and of their outstanding accomplishments.

RICHARD A. MILLER
Major General
Awards Committee

Kookie Caption

On behalf of the members of 416th Engineer Group, Ohio Army National Guard, Walbridge, I would like to express my appreciation for the photograph on page 18 of your June 1978 issue, which showed me presenting a

Blizzard of '78 T-shirt to BG James Abraham and MG James Clem. I regret to say, however, that I was surprised, at the least, to read the accompanying caption.

Contrary to what was stated, my name is SP4 Patricia A. Cutcher, and I am a member of the 416th Engineer Group, not the Enlisted Association Auxiliary. Along with being a member of the Enlisted Association, I am its Unit Representative to the 416th. It was for this reason I had the honor to make the presentation at the 1978 Convention.

The enlisted members of the 416th Engineer Group put forth a great deal of effort to produce and to promote the sale of these T-shirts, designed by SSG Robert Sabo, to units in our area who participated in the Blizzard of 78 Snow Emergency. Therefore, I wish that they, rather than the organization noted in the caption, could be recognized for their efforts.

We are proud of the part we played in joining forces with the Active Army troops to clear NW Ohio during the Blizzard, and are honored to have MG Clem and BG Abraham accept this symbol of our pride.

PATRICIA A. CUTCHER

Editor's Note: If units are interested in purchasing the T-shirts they can be purchased in lots of 12 (must be same size) at \$3.50 each. Send your order, along with check or money order to: SP4 Patricia Cutcher, HHC, 416th Engineer Group, 28846 Tracy Road, Walbridge, Ohio 43465. And thank you, Specialist Cutcher, for setting us straight!

Our Cover...

Our cover photograph, taken by CPT. Steven Stone, Commander of the 196th Public Affairs Detachment, Worthington, shows SGT Bob Patchen, Co. C, 612th Engineer Bn., Norwalk, as an aggressor during Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Michigan, recently.

This issue of BUCKEYE GUARD features a special AT section. Another special section, also dedicated to Annual Training, will appear in the October issue.

CSM Comments . . .

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It was also evident at summer camp that many NCO's lack a "take charge" attitude; possibly because of fear of not doing the job correctly. This fear must be eliminated. The time is rapidly approaching when NCO's will be conducting most unit training.

The purpose of our training is to learn and correct mistakes—if we did not make mistakes there would be little need to conduct training.

UNIT PIO'S SALUTED

While at Grayling this year I had the opportunity to observe the performance of our unit-level PIO's. Those who were allowed to do their job performed in an outstanding manner; and the people back home were much more aware of the Ohio Guard's role at AT this year. An effective unit-level PIO program helps instill unit pride and positively enhances the overall recruiting and retention program. I personally urge each and every one of you to support our statewide PIO effort.

WANTED: Techs With Problems

Technicians, do you have a personal problem that is affecting your job performance?

If your answer to this question is "yes", contact LTC Paul Koreckis, your Technician Assistance Program Coordinator, at Autovon 346-7058, or commercially at (614) 889-7058.

Or you may contact Employee Assistance Counselor at the following locations:

CANTON—MSgt Ronnie Garber, (216) 455-8373.

NEWARK—SFC George Tuttle, (614) 344-1148.

McCONNELSVILLE—SFC Harvey Cunningham, (614) 962-2461.

Eisenhower Winner Named by ONG

The Ohio National Guard's 1486th Transportation Company (Medium Truck-Cargo), Ashland, has been named the 1977 winner of the Eisenhower Trophy.

The trophy is named in honor of former General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower and is awarded to the Army National Guard unit rated the most outstanding during the calendar year.

The Eisenhower Award will be placed on display by the winning unit.

Laughter the Prize At This Contest

BY TSGT ZANE ZIMMERMAN

"I want to Live," the title of singer John Denver's newest hit, seems most appropriate in describing the attitudes of these special people.

No longer heavily medicated and shut away from society, they are doing their thing—and doing it well!

The 179th Tactical Airlift Group NCO Graduates Association in Mansfield, Ohio, has assisted the Galion Kiwanis Club in operating the Regional Special Olympics for several years.

This year's event was blessed with great weather and the usual abundance of enthusiasm from the contestants.

Over 200 mentally and physically impaired people participated in sprints, relays, high jumps, frisbee and softball throws, wheelchair races, and the fellowship of other human beings.

No matter what color of the ribbon won, laughter and excitement were always the top prize.

Those Guardmembers and families who assisted were the real benefactors as they watched and cheered for people who have fought adversity and by their



PHOTO BY TSGT ZANE ZIMMERMAN

very actions made us more humble and grateful.

There were no losers.

Spectators, contestants, workers—

each came away with more than they gave, and we the Guard thank these special people for allowing us to be a part of their olympics.

Blizzard Rescue Nets Award

Reprinted From the
Springfield News-Sun

As dozens of fellow guardsmen looked on in Saturday's sizzling sun, SSG William J. Roberts was thinking of a freezing mile and a half journey through blinding snow.

Roberts rescued a husband and wife and their three-month-old baby at the height of January's blizzard. They never learned his name and more than four months later he still did not know the identity of the three trapped for most of a day in a stranded automobile.

But his efforts did not go unrecognized. At Saturday's ceremony, attended by the Headquarters Company of Springfield's 237th Ohio Army National Guard Support Battalion, the 27-year-old professional medical technician received the highest honor

the Ohio Guard can bestow—the Distinguished Service Medal for Valor.

After the bronze medallion was pinned to his green fatigues and a letter from Governor Rhodes read aloud, Roberts wiped his brow in the sun and reflected on winter.

"We didn't get their names. It's one of those things," the U.S. Navy veteran commented. "The company rescued about 265 people. We'll never know who they all were."

With visibility at zero, Roberts trudged a mile and a half through snow somewhere on I-70 between the South Vienna and London exits to find the family.

He and another guardsmen led them to a helicopter which whisked them safely to the local armory.

"It's really not all that easy to remember now," Roberts said.

Next Deadline August 31

Copy and photo deadline for the October issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is August 31, 1978. No articles or photos can be accepted after this date for the October issue.

All submissions must be typewritten and double-spaced (not all capital letters

please). Photos should be accompanied by complete captions and identification of all individuals concerned.

Articles should be mailed to: SFC Bob DeVoe, Editor, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh. 43085.

RECRUITING ROUND-UP



The latest news on recruiting and retention including kudos for our go-getters!

BY CPT DENNIS JANKOWSKI

Marching Onward

Recruiting activities around the state continue to surge onwards and upwards. During the April, May, June time frame the Ohio National Guard had over 800 new enlistments. Most importantly between 55 to 60 per cent of these accessions were non-prior folks with a six year obligation.

Chief's Challenge

All Army commanders, recruiters, technicians and unit members are reminded about "Chief's Challenge" from Major General Laverne Weber, Chief, National Guard Bureau. Essentially it calls for each company size unit (Army only) to show a net gain of one person per month from April through September (six months). Various incentives to new and successful commanders are

currently being staffed at NGB. In Ohio, MG Clem has authorized the Ohio Commendation Medal to any Commander who shows average gain of two persons per month during the same time frame.

Special Mention to . . .

MR. EARNE SHAVERS, one of the world's top heavyweight boxing contenders, for his public support of the Ohio National Guard (see ad, back cover); Shavers has been recognized by MG Clem and Governor Rhodes as a Buckeye Colonel. From 18,000 members, thanks a lot Earnie!

CAPTAIN JERRY BROVE, Commander Co. D., 112th Engineers, for an excellent speech in the AMHERST NEWS TIMES and his "Go-Guard" bowling team.

The COMMANDERS in the 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT for doing a super job at the Camp Grayling Benefit

Center, way to go CAV!

Hats off to MS. MARCEY GOULDER from WBNS Television in Columbus, WILLIAM PILLAR of SCRIPTS-HOWARD NEWS SERVICE, MARY ANNE FACKELMAN, of the TOLEDO BLADE, and MARY ARTHUR of ECHO for their in-depth media coverage of the Ohio National Guard.

Top federal recruiters during May and June were: MSG FLOYD FORGY, SFC KENNETH CREW, SSG JAMES POWERS (Cincinnati); SSG LARRY JONES, (Cleveland); MSG ROBERT SPEAKMAN, SSG PAMELA RECROFT (Columbus) SSG DONALD SUTTS and SSG ROBERT EVENER (Toledo).

Top CETA for those two months included, SP4 LYLE WETZEL (New Philadelphia); SGT CHRIS YOUNG (Greenville), SGT JAMES COSTELLO (Norwalk), SGT KENNETH GAULT (Kenton). Hats off to all of you!

Social Actions Office Ready To Help

Social Actions? "Oh, yes, that's the five-hour training class where they teach you about minorities, females, and drug and alcohol abuse". If that's the response you would have given when asked about the Social Actions function in your unit, guess again. If you thought the training was intended to change your mind about the areas mentioned above, that's incorrect also.

Social Actions is a people management tool and the official policy of the Ohio Air National Guard. The principle behind the training given monthly and during annual training is to obtain a status of readiness. That readiness must be maintained when and if we are called upon to do a job. A necessary part of being ready involves the readiness of our people. A military unit with internal problems cannot be considered ready. Cooperation is of prime importance especially when individuals of different groups are brought together to do a job. The idea of differences and the stereotypes brought about by separation tend to

create problems which must be dealt with and controlled. Additionally, problems which arise from substance abuse could create human reliability problems which also affect the military readiness of a unit. The question is what can we do? The Air National Guard's answer is Social Actions. This office is composed of three functions: equal opportunity and treatment, human relations, and drug and alcohol abuse education. The Equal Opportunity and Treatment (EOT) Officer seeks to promote equal treatment of every member of the military unit.

The Human Relations instructor conducts an educational program which is based on policy of the Department of Defense. This program seeks to promote interaction between the members of all groups which make up the military unit.

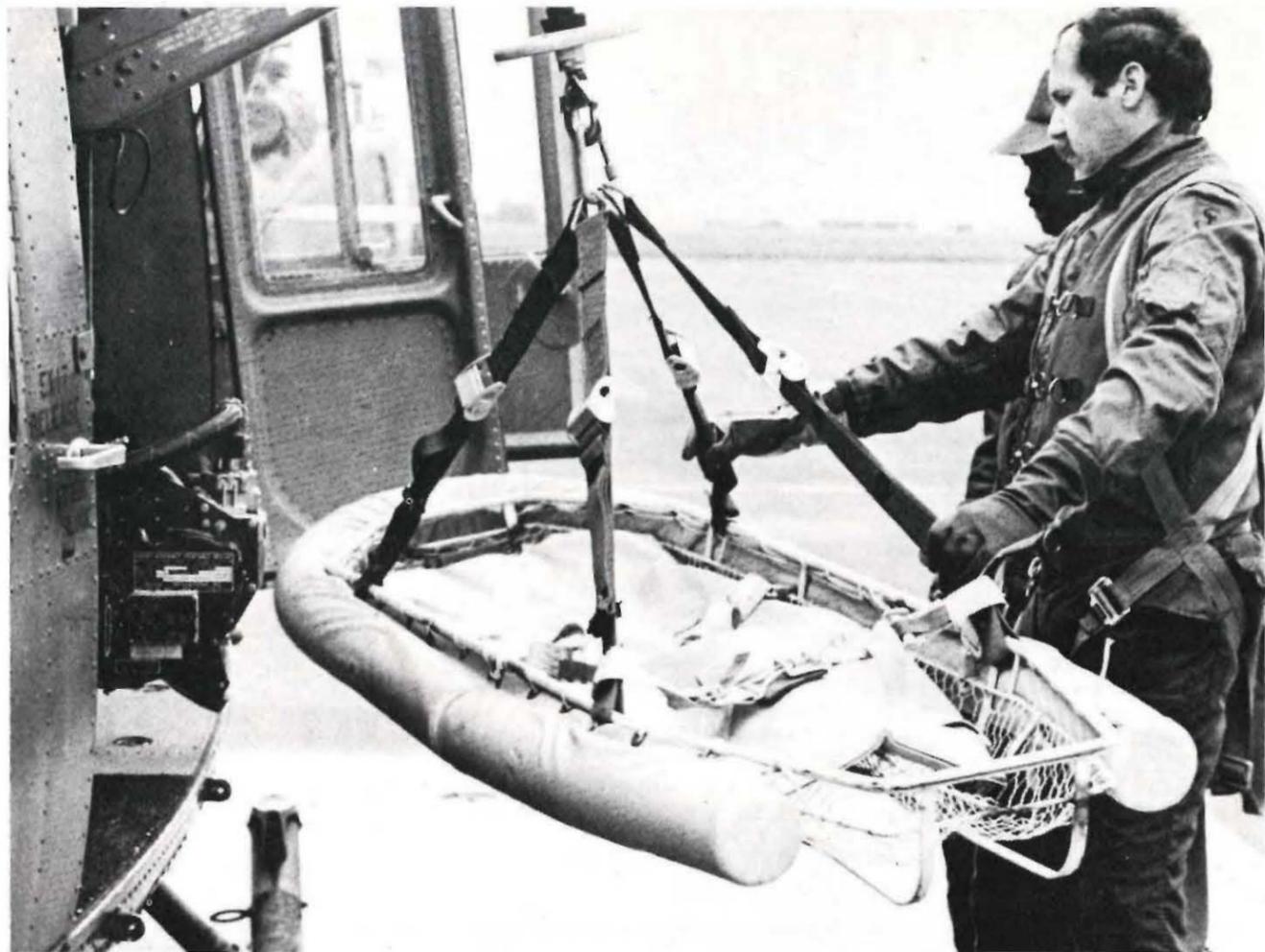
The Drug and Alcohol Abuse NCO attempts to make members aware of the psychological and physical problems inherent in the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. The Ohio ANG

does not have a rehabilitation program like the Air Force, but it does have referral service to community rehabilitation programs.

There are two committees which assist Social Actions. The Human Relations Committee, which is chaired by the commander, is composed of members of the unit. The task of this committee is to surface any problems in the unit which could have an adverse affect on equal opportunity and treatment of human relations in the unit.

The second committee concerns itself with the problems of drug and alcohol abuse of unit members. It works to inform members of the unit of the potential hazards of substance abuse.

All these functions combine to make up the Social Actions Office in your unit. It is there to help your unit maintain the highest military effectiveness possible and if you think differently, well, stop in at your Social Actions Office — there just might be something they can do for you.



HOIST TRAINING—Specialist Mike Robeano of the 437th Aviation Company, Worthington, demonstrates the airlift hook-up to Specialist Jim Evans of the 134th Engineer Group, Cincinnati. Specialist Evans and crew traveled to Alpena, Michigan, to support the Air National Guard annual training mission. To date, twelve persons have been rescued with this type of device by the Ohio National Guard. (PHOTO BY SSG NANCY CLEVENGER)

Army Aviators Train Flyers in Chopper Airlift Techniques

BY SSG NANCY CLEVENGER

When blue uniforms of the Ohio Air National Guard went to annual training in June, they had some Army "green" with them.

Ohio Army Guard members Captain Bill Gavin, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brian Michael and Specialist Jim Evans took off in a chopper to train the Air National Guard in rescue mission work involving airlifts.

When a chopper goes out on a rescue mission it not only is accompanied by qualified paramedics, but also has the necessary equipment on board to take care of almost any type

rescue operation.

This equipment includes a Stokes litter, rescue basket, medications, water and fire rescue articles.

A hoist containing 256 feet of cable and capable of lifting up to 600 pounds is lowered in the area of rescue.

Depending on the type of emergency, a device is attached to the hoist and a man will actually ride down on the hoist if necessary to treat injured persons.

In Ohio alone, a total of 12 persons have been rescued by this air lift hoist method.

It involves a great deal of individualized training for the personnel manning the hoist, as well as for the pilot who must keep the helicopter literally "frozen" in the air.

Specialist Five Mike Robeano is the instructor for the air lift rescue team and has been on many of the actual rescues throughout the state.

The Ohio Army National Guard in Worthington has two air lift hoists. They are extremely proud to be a part of the Air National Guard's summer training in Alpena, Michigan, and to be able to assist them in learning the highly technical art of airlift rescue.

Morale 'Exceptional' As 5,000 Ohio Guardmembers Train At Chilly Camp Grayling, Mich.

Editor's Note: This is the first of two special sections in BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine highlighting Ohio National Guard men and women at Annual Training this year. We'd like to thank unit public information officers and NCO's for their massive contributions to this special issue.

BY SFC JERRY CONDO

Nearly 5,000 Ohio Army National Guard men and women fought mock battles, trained hard, and lost a lot of sleep during their two weeks annual training at Camp Grayling in June.

The Guardsmen of the Ohio Area Command, the 16th Engineer Brigade, the 112th Medical Brigade, 107th Armored Cavalry, and the 54th Support Center, attended the summer camp at Grayling.

Ohio Adjutant General James C. Clem and BG J. M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, visited their troops in the field during the encampment.

Panel bridges were erected during

overnight operations; land mines were laid in some simulated training; and tanks and armored personnel carriers were used in field maneuvers.

The training was highlighted when a tank of the 107th Armored Cavalry challenged the best of the Guard's engineers tank traps during the first week — and lost. During the second week the engineers and 107th joined forces for a massive exercise witnessed by the entire 612th Engineer Battalion.

This year's summer camp of nearly 5,000 troopers represented the largest single Ohio contingent to ever attend a single annual training.

The field maneuvers at Grayling represented an unusual challenge. The troops encountered some overnight temperatures in the low 30's.

A review that had been scheduled was cancelled because of rainy weather.

The Guardmembers did some cross training. Commanders in the field reported that morale was exceptional; particularly when there was a lot of hands-on training.

One Guard unit improvised a little in the field. Members of Company C of the 216th Engineer Battalion put together a hot shower system. Despite being miles deep into the Grayling post woods, they got hot showers every day.

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A Special Report



PHOTO BY SP4 DON CARTER

1,400 Participate in War Game

BY SFC JERRY CONDO

CAMP GRAYLING, Mich — More than 1,400 Ohio Army National Guardsmen from Northern Ohio fought an elaborate war game during the second week of AT here that involved tanks, helicopters, land mines and infantry.

Elements of the Toledo-based 416th Engineer Group and the Cleveland area-based 107th Armored Cavalry fought the exercise, which drew the praise of a three-star-general and a Canadian armed forces onlooker.

Armored Cavalry tanks and armored personnel carriers tried in vain to penetrate a massive obstacle course prepared by the engineer units.

Lieutenant General Robert Shoemaker, Deputy Commander of the United States Army Forces Command from Ft. McPherson, Ga., watched from a bluff as the nearly one-hour war game unfolded.

"It was one of the most innovative engineer exercises I've ever seen," said Shoemaker.

The war game marked the first major joint training of the 107th Armored Cavalry and the Guard engineers.

Family Affair

Like Daughter Like Father

BY SGT DON BECK

Camp Grayling, Mich — "Instead of like father like son, it's like daughter like father in our case," says Private First Class Regina Ellis, 19, about her stepfather's decision to join the Ohio Army National Guard.

Miss Ellis and her father, Sergeant Edward McMorrow, 39, both of Norwalk, are members of the 612th Engineer Battalion.

PFC Ellis joined the Guard about a year ago. Her father decided to join a few months ago. The daughter is with Headquarters Company. He is with Company C.

Miss Ellis, who joined the Guard under its tuition grant program, is a freshman at Ohio University.

She's no slouch as a troop. The female Guard member qualified as an expert with the M-16 rifle and is the best marksman in the family, according to her father.

How does the petite Miss Ellis feel about spending days in the woods under simulated battle conditions.

"I like it," says PFC Ellis.

Sgt McMorrow works in the com-



PHOTO BY SSG RAY KRAFT

several years."

Miss Ellis works as a personnel action specialist in her Guard unit, but would prefer to do other things. "I like just about any kind of outdoor activity: camping, motorcycling, and sports. In the Guard, I'd like to learn how to operate heavy equipment," she said.

munications section of Norwalk-based Company C. When not with the Guard, he is employed as a locomotive engineer with the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

When asked if his daughter really talked him into joining the Guard, Sgt. McMorrow smiled: "I've been thinking about coming back in for

26th Engineers 'Unique'

They're Engineers, Armored Too!

BY SGT DON BECK

Camp Grayling — A keening vibration sounded distantly. The landscape shifted slightly as wind gusts transmitted sound and vibration from air to ground. From the near tree line came a guttural roar mingled with the sharp crack of breaking timbers under heavy weight.

Three armored personnel carriers (APC's) claimed the clearing. There was no one to oppose them. This was a training exercise, practice for readiness by the 26th Engineer Company of the 512th Engineer Battalion, Ohio Army Guard. The Brook Park and Berea, Ohio, unit recently completed annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich.

The 26th is an Engineer Company with armored capability, and "we are the only such unit in the National Guard," said 1LT Timothy Harmon, of North Royalton. "We're sort of unique . . . we're a mini battalion. We can support anything, any kind of unit, armored, infantry, . . ."

Third Platoon Sergeant Steven Moore, Olmstead, whose men were operating the APC's, said, "We're strictly a front line unit. If a bridge has to be built we go in before the infantry," he said.

The mission of the APC's is to secure the work area. If the unit comes under fire the APC's attack the source of fire.

"We get as close to the enemy as we can, then drop the rear hatch," Moore said. Each APC carries nine



WATCH OUT FOR THIS BABY — It's got a 50 caliber sting! — Members of the third platoon of the 26th Engineer Company, Berea, practice tactical maneuvers while on annual training at Camp Grayling, recently. (PHOTO BY STAFF SERGEANT RAY KRAFT)

men plus a driver and a gunner. When the hatch is dropped the men scramble out to secure the area, while the gunner provides cover with a 50 caliber machine gun mounted on the APC.

The APC's are powered by 273 horsepower Chrysler V-8 engines, and the 12-ton vehicles have a top speed of 45 miles per hour. They are made of aluminum "so that if a bullet comes in one side it will go out the

other instead of bouncing around inside," Moore said.

Some of the Company's unusual equipment includes an armored vehicle launch bridge (an M-60 tank with a 63 foot, 60-ton weight capacity bridge attached to the top of it), a 20-ton load capacity rough terrain crane, a combat engineer vehicle (an M-60 tank with a 165 demolition gun, a bulldozer blade, and a wench and tow system), and a 10-ton tractor.

Enemy Action Realistic For Company B

BY SFC JAMES FRAZIER

There was tension in the air as this Ohio Army National Guard unit awaited the attack that was coming. All day helicopter gun ships and hit and run enemy action had honed the nerves of each guardsman to a fine edge.

Now as night approaches, he knows that at any minute the enemy will rush his position, hopeful of overrunning his company.

He only hopes that the trip flares, booby traps, barb wire and mine fields he has so painstakingly put out all night the night before and all day today will slow the enemy enough and light the

area enough so he can fire with his rifle on anyone getting through.

A tense scenario, a Viet Nam war scene?

No, it is training, as realistic as possible.

This was the scene at Camp Grayling, Michigan, on a cold, damp night in June.

Members of Company B, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Greenville, prepared for the enemy "aggressors" they knew would attack shortly.

The citizen-soldiers of Company B put as much realism into this training as possible to prepare themselves should they have to meet the real enemy in the future.

Enemy action had commenced now and the defensive perimeter has held.

Prisoners of war have been taken and will soon be questioned.

However, it is to be a long night and we will be tested again and again.

The purpose of this training is to prepare Company B for whenever or wherever they may be called.

The National Guard makes up over 64 per cent of our trained fighting force.

If called to duty in Africa or Europe, in a matter of days the Guard could be in combat.

The citizen-soldier is ready, willing and able to protect you and those freedoms you hold so dear.



TWO AKRON MEMBERS of the Ohio Army Guard pull up a log from a tank trap during Annual Training at Camp Grayling. PVT Clarence Osborne (left) and PFC Maritte Cheatham are with Co. B, 112th Engineer Bn.

(PHOTO BY SP5 DAN MERGY)

SP4 John Thomas

Dual Uniforms His Bag

BY SSG JOHN PETERS

Ohio National Guard members come from all walks of life, bank presidents and factory workers, college professors and auto mechanics.

For one weekend a month and two weeks during the summer, they wear the familiar Army green or the Air Force blue uniforms.

Specialist John Thomas of D Company, 216th Engineer Battalion, Tarlton, is a citizen-soldier who wears a uniform during the time he does not serve the Ohio National Guard.

Thomas lives in Circleville, and works in Columbus as a corrections officer

with the Columbus Correctional Facility. "I was unemployed when I returned from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and I applied for the corrections job," said Thomas. "After two days on the job, I was ready to quit! I talked it over with my wife and decided that someone had to do the job and that someone was me!"

Thomas is the supply sergeant for D Company, which is the same job he performed while on active duty at Fort Bragg.

Thomas joined the 84 other men and women of D Company for a two week summer camp at Grayling this year.



CYNDEE CARROLL, 21, of Toledo, Oh., doesn't grow things out of her head, she is camouflaged for field training exercises. She spent two weeks at Camp Grayling, Mich. with her unit, Headquarters Company 612th Engineer Battalion, for annual training. She is employed by Dana Corp. of Toledo, as an executive secretary. (PHOTO BY SP5 DAN MERGY)



CAN YOU DIG IT - Soldiering often means a lot of "hands-on" training. For SSG Andrew Surritt, Co. A, 216th Engineer Bn., Chillicothe, it meant some time spent digging a foxhole. The foxhole took him and another trooper three hours to dig.

(PHOTO BY SSG RAY KRAFT)

The Buckeye Guard



SERGEANT BOB PATCHEN (center) leads men of Company C, 612th Engineers on an aggressor mission against opposing forces while on Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Michigan. (PHOTO BY CAPTAIN STEVEN STONE)

Teamwork . . .

THAT IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT - Erecting a double apron barbed wire fence are (Left to Right) Sergeant Dennis Marlett, Private Leroy Thomas, and Staff Sergeant Wayne Shelton. All three men are members of Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion. (PHOTO BY SP5 DAN MERGY)



Dreams of a Soldier in the Boonies



HOT IDEA Sergeant Mike Brill (left) and Staff Sergeant John Schmidt "ain't makin' moonshine." They are operating their hot water heater used to supply warm showers for the nearly 100 men in Company "C", 216th Engineer Battalion, while in the field at Camp Grayling. (PHOTO BY CPT. STEVEN STONE)

BY CPT STEVE STONE

What are the dreams of the soldier in the field; his girl friend or wife, a thick steak, a soft bed?

For the men of Company C, 216th Engineers, Ohio National Guard, Felicity, a dream stood in the middle of their bivouac area at Camp Grayling.

It is a hot shower.

More than 10 miles from the nearest running water, to say nothing of hot water, a remote forest camp serves as home for 98 men. After 18 hour days of jockeying earth-moving equipment through thick underbrush, washing the grease and grit from one's body ranks very

high. Imagine going without a bath for five or six days and one begins to have some appreciation of just how important a bath or shower can become.

In the true spirit of the combat engineer, Staff Sergeant John Schmidt and Sergeant Mike Brill built the world's strangest water heater. It resembles a mating of Grandpa Hatfield's moonshine still and the municipal water works.

The system starts with a 1500 gallon water tank donated to the Guard by a southern Ohio farmer. It sits majestically in the back of a dump truck. Both are painted a color-coordinated olive drab green. Schmidt, who operates a heating and plumbing firm in Felicity, Ohio, con-

tributed a water pump and 50 feet of half inch copper tubing.

"You have to have 50 feet or the water won't heat," said Schmidt, proudly.

The tubing is coiled around inside a 30 gallon oil drum. Diesel fuel drips into the bottom while an electric fan feeds air into the fire to raise the temperature. The entire operation is powered by a standard Army generator.

After a few attempts at igniting the device, a fire roared hot within the drum. Valves were turned and water began to flow. Within two minutes, five shower heads spewed forth hot water to wash away the day's collection of dirt and sweat.

Of course the water was not too hot. A special valve has been designed to feed cold water into the system to keep the shower at just the correct temperature.

Schmidt, the plumber, designed the system for easy construction in the field. Brill did all of the machine work and welding to make everything fit together. While such a miracle may seem complex, Schmidt and Brill put the entire thing together in just one day.

Of all the engineer units, Company "C" seemed to be the most remote. Perhaps they were trying to keep their water works a secret. Who knows what might happen should other units in the field discover such a clean operation.

Desert Heat Greets 121st

Canteens, C-rations, tents and hot, desert heat were waiting on nine 121st Tactical Fighter Wing firefighters when they deplaned to start their two weeks of annual training.

The location was Rock LZ (landing zone) in the Mojave Desert near the California/Nevada border. The job was to support the U.S. Army in Brave Shield 17, a joint readiness training exercise. The operation was conducted to train unit commanders in the planning and execution in joint operations. Their units had to jointly defend against an integrated air defense system and conduct joint air and ground operations.

Participating from the 121st were Master Sergeant Gerald Robinson, Technical Sergeants John Campbell and Robert Bloom, Staff Sergeants Stanley Teater, Robert Wentzel, Ralph Burns and Thomas Stevens, Airman First Class Douglas Barger and Airman Basic Cecil Seaman.

Huffing and Puffing

4 Mile Run Presents Challenge

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY STEVE JABLONSKI

Don't ever let anyone tell you that Ohio Guardpersons are out of shape. The men and women of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 612th Engineer Battalion, of Toledo, accepted the challenge of a four mile walk/run during this year's AT at Camp Grayling, Michigan, and passed the physical training test with flying colors.

According to company commander Captain Barry Jenkins, the four mile marathon was a newly-instituted part of AT designed to evaluate the com-

bat readiness of Guard troops, who were required to complete the rectangular course within an hour. Unit members unable to finish the four miles were to be given two additional opportunities to fulfill the requirement, but the make-up runs were unnecessary in most cases.

First across the finish line was Lieutenant Colonel Karl Obert, commander of the 612th Engineer Battalion, and Specialist Fifth Class Patricia Clark. They completed the run in 45 minutes, after starting out ahead of the rest of the company.

The 5 fastest runners in the com-

pany were Private Donald Alexander, Private Jeffrey Alexander, and Private First Class Michael Dubois, who all finished in 32 minutes, Staff Sergeant William Terry, who completed the course in 38 minutes, and Private First Class Mark Bear, who crossed the finish line in 39 minutes.

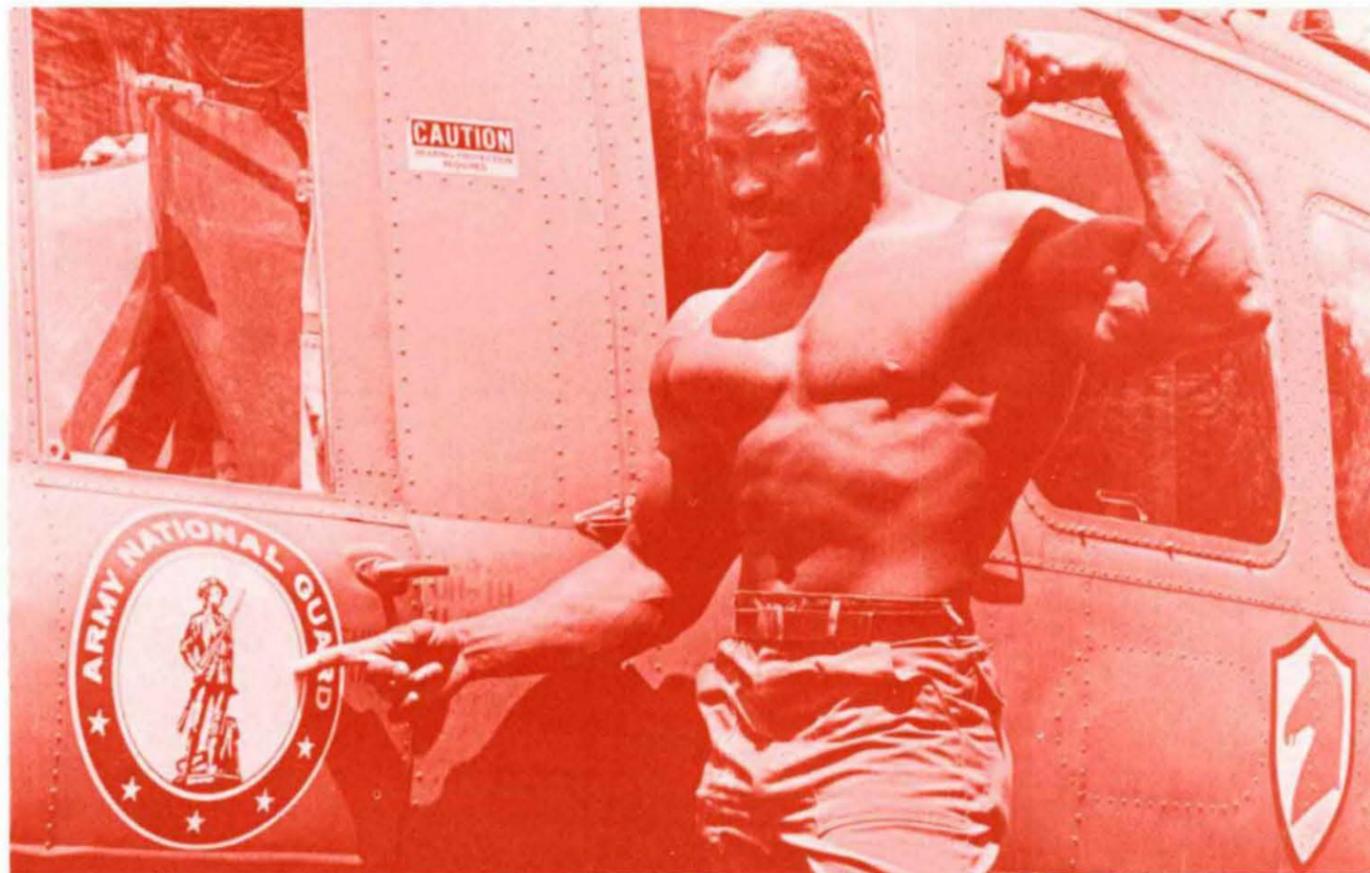
The company members were part of a 5,000 man contingent of Ohio Guard troops participating in AT at Camp Grayling. All troops were required to complete the run, and, for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, it was a challenge accepted and met.



First to finish —

FIRST ACROSS THE FINISH LINE — were LTC Karl Obert, Commander of the 612th Engineer Battalion, and Specialist Fifth Class Patricia Clark. Both completed the run in 45 minutes.





(PHOTO BY CPT STEVE STONE)

Putting Muscle in the Guard

Willie Johnson 'Builds' A Career

BY SFC RONALD V. REGAN

"You can't imagine the amount of excitement and the thrill you get from competition. Hey! There I was on this raised platform, bright spotlights blinding me, standing there, posing and pumping up my muscles with two other great finalists for the title of 'Mr. Appollo'. The loud and enthusiastic cheering from the crowd actually raised goosebumps all over my body! Man . . . it was a great feeling . . . it was worth all the sacrifices" Sergeant Willie Johnson said.

Since the physical fitness program has become the by-word of the Ohio National Guard, it was indeed a pleasure to have met a man who is so far up the spectrum of personal conditioning, that it hurts your manly ego just to look at a picture of him.

Sergeant Willie Johnson is presently an Ohio National Guard member assigned to Troop N, 2/107th Armored Cavalry at the Akron/Canton Army Flight Facility. Willie recently related to his younger days as being a somewhat "scrawny" 140 pound Marine stationed on the Pacific Island of Okinawa and his

eventual dedication to a sport he loves. He said he saw a chance in that sport to gain recognition and possible fame.

EXERCISE AND PROTEIN

"I worked hard", Willie said. "I started working out about a year before I was discharged from the Marines. In just the first year I gained 50 pounds! Exercise and a high protein diet was the reason."

Willie Johnson worked six years to perfect his body. He worked out two hours each day in the beginning and now works out three to four hours each day just to stay in shape.

At 34, Willie is looking forward to competing again. After winning first place in the "Mr. Appollo" contest in 1974, he slacked off the competition trail for a few years. The lack of financial backing was one factor, and his prime reason for joining the Ohio National Guard was to earn extra money to pay for expenses at competitions. "You know, food, transportation and a place to sleep costs money," he said. "I sure would like to get a sponsor to back me. All I can afford now are a few trips a year to various regional competitions. It takes a lot of money to get to contests in New

York, Dallas and places on the west coast."

STRANGE INCIDENT

During one of these competitions Willie remembers being involved in a strange incident as he left his hotel. "I was walking to a nearby competition when this creep stops me and wants to hold me up! I don't look big in everyday street clothes, but I decided to take off my jacket and shirt right there rather than give that turkey my money. I flexed my muscles a few times and I began to bulge here . . . and here . . . and there. The guy's eyeballs nearly fell out of his head. The last time I saw him, he was travelin' south . . . runnin' like a madman!"

Sergeant Willie Johnson is a quiet and very likeable person who doesn't have to prove himself to anyone. All you have to do is look at his gleaming six foot high "Mr. Appollo" trophy standing proudly in his living room. He chuckled and said, "I use it for a coat and hat rack."

Johnson presently works for the Goodyear Corporation in Akron, Ohio. He resides there with his wife Nina and their three children, Dale, Tamra, and Sheri.

The Buckeye Guard

Their Cooks Have It Together

Troops Love To Dine With HHC, 416th Engineer Group

Many Guardmembers gripe about chow at Annual Training each year. Matter of fact, it's somewhat of a tradition.

There's one dining facility in the Ohio Army National Guard that hasn't had a complaint for sometime; and it belongs to HHC, 416th Engineer Group, Toledo.

Five cooks and one mess steward from this unit produce each meal with the professionalism and concern of high paid gourmet chefs.

Troops love to eat at the 416th facility where they're offered extras like omelets to order for breakfast and garnished dishes that are pleasing to both the eye and the taste buds.

CW3 Russell Wanamacher speaks of this particular mess hall with a great deal of pride. "We try to make every meal look more appetizing", he added, "cleanliness is very important here".

Wanamacher also emphasized, "We also insist our staff use Army recipe cards. The Army spent a lot of money to develop these recipes and they're really very good if followed to the letter".

Both SP6 Jerry Smith and SP6 Danny Caywood, cooks for this superb dining facility, say they have no major problems after nearly five years on the job. Matter of fact, they've received countless compliments.

PRIDE EVIDENT

Both take pride in their work and credit SFC Richard Simon, the Mess Steward, with insuring the unit has proper rations.

Smith, who as a civilian lives in Toledo and is an inspector for Chrysler Corp., commented on the difference between his dining facility and some others in the Guard.

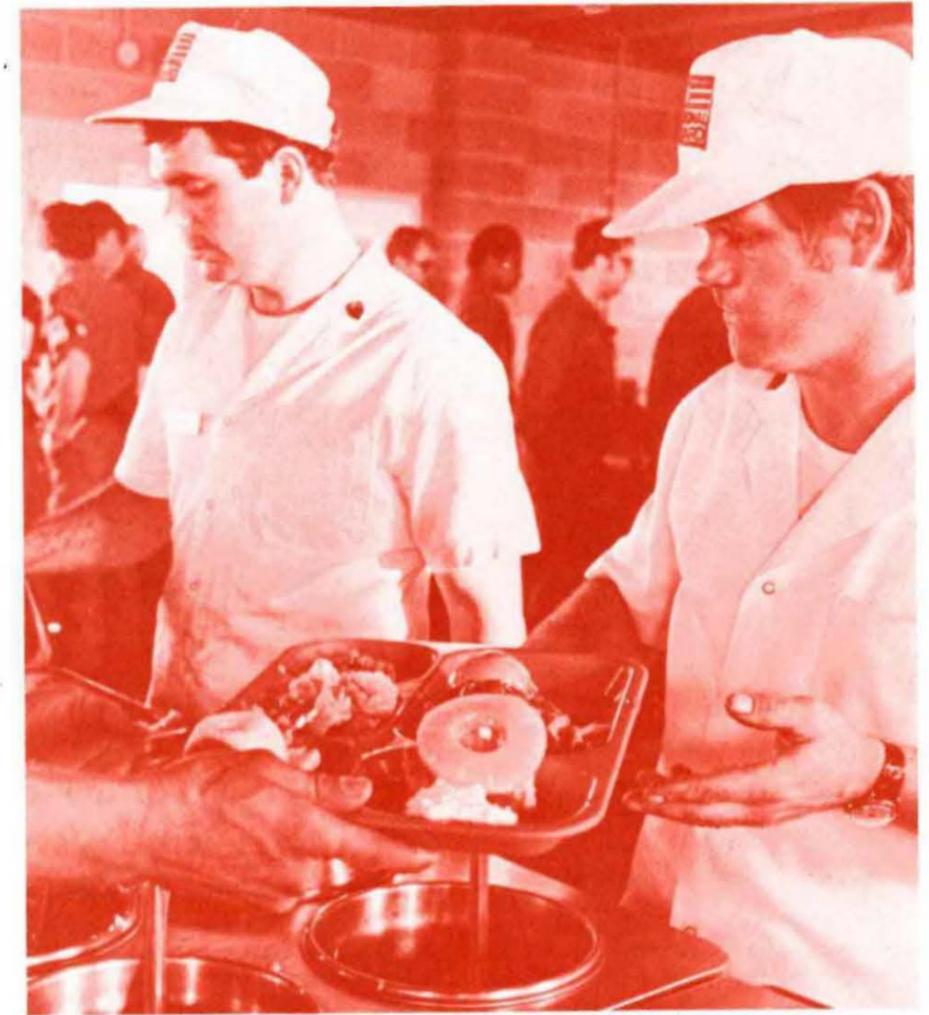
"You can throw the food together and put it out as is, or you can garnish it and make it look nice".

Dick Simon credits his men with the excellent record his dining facility has compiled. "We've got a together group of guys." He added, "We take pride in preparing a good meal for our troops . . . even in the field".

Working 19-20 hours a day to support a field operation is not unusual to Sergeant Simon and his staff. Despite the long hours, they still find time to prepare eggs to order in the field.

This unique team has even spent many hours of their own time making extra equipment like a unique portable steam table and a homemade grill for frying foods like hamburgers and steak. The

The Buckeye Guard



TOP NOTCH COOKS - Both SP6 Jerry Smith and SP6 Danny Caywood, cooks for the 416th Group Dining Facility, have received numerous compliments on the quality of the food they serve. Both take pride in their work and credit SFC Richard Simon, the Mess Steward, with insuring the unit has ample rations for its troops. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).

steam table is also used in the field to insure hot meals for the troops.

This same dynamic crew saw duty during the Blizzard of '78 when they served 9,646 meals to military and civilians alike in just five days.

Matter of fact, they received a letter of commendation from the Commander of the U.S. Army Airborne troops who were dispatched to the Toledo area during the blizzard.

The HHC, 416th Dining Facility has also been nominated for the Phillip J.

Connelly Award this year in the 16th Engineer Bde. This is the top mess award given by Dept. of Army.

Other members of this fine dining facility crew include SP5 Mark Tucholski; PFC Michael Thornton; and PFC Michael Willoughby.

As this writer walked out of the 416th Dining Hall I happened to hear a comment from a private about that evening's meal. It was what a cook would consider his greatest reward . . . "Damn fine meal," he said.

UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio National Guard Officers' Association

BY CPT. STEVE KOPER



OHIO'S COMMANDER IN CHIEF, Governor James A. Rhodes, was honored by the 'Ohio National Guard Officers' Association during their recent state convention at Salt Fork. CPT. Steven Koper, Association President, presented a miniature Minuteman statue to Governor Rhodes in recognition of his contributions to the Ohio National Guard and Guardmembers across the state. (PHOTO BY TSGT BOB BARKER).

GOVERNOR RHODES ATTENDS STATE CONFERENCE

Salt Fork State Park near Cambridge was the setting for the Annual Conference of the Ohio National Guard Association May 19-20. The park was beautiful and the weather, for the most part, excellent.

The business session featured a rousing debate on a proposed constitutional amendment which would have provided for a two year term for the Association officers. The amendment was rejected.

Officers elected were: Capt. Stephen Koper, President; LTC Robert Zimmerman, 1st Vice President; Lt. Col. Philip Williams, 2nd Vice President; COL Leslie Pletcher, Secretary; MAJ John Mutchler, Treasurer; and COL John Siemer, Trustee.

Distinguished guests included Governor James Rhodes, Col. Merle Allen of NGAUS and 1SG Frank Cartwright of the Enlisted Association. The featured speaker, Lt. Gen. Richard L. Lawson, commander, 8th Air Force (SAC), gave an inspirational message which concluded with a presentation to Mrs. Ed

Power, wife of the commander of the 160th Air Refueling Group.

NATIONAL GUARD DAY PROPOSED

On May 23, the Association was contacted by Congressman Clarence "Bud" Brown of Urbana with a request for our support of House Joint Resolution 946. The resolution, sponsored by Mr. Brown, designates October 7, 1978, as National Guard Day. The attendant publicity of such a national commemorative day would be invaluable in our recruiting and retention efforts.

In cooperation with the Enlisted Association, a campaign was begun to contact all of the members of the Ohio congressional delegation urging them to co-sponsor H.J.R. 946. As this article is written, Mr. Brown was some 35 co-sponsors short of the 218 required, but his office felt that the balance could be secured on the floor of the House. A large majority of our Ohio delegates had agreed to co-sponsor.

Once again, the positive contribution of your Association to shaping National Guard affairs is readily apparent. Thanks to all of you.

From the President's Desk . . .

The Salt Fork conference is now behind us. I was extremely pleased to observe our Association membership actively participating in the business session and reacting to the issues presented.

There were many new faces at the Conference. Each of those new people have a variety of talents which are sorely needed by the Association and the Guard. Many of those "new" people have already accepted assignments to Association jobs for the coming year.

I would like to encourage all of you to consider serving the Association. Opportunities in a number of areas are available. Our organization operates with a number of committees: Continuity, Resolutions, Insurance, Legislative Action, Constitution and By-laws, Finance, Publications, Enlisted Association, Special Activities, Awards, Scholarship and 1979 NGAUS Cleveland Conference.

Should you desire to serve, drop a note to the Association secretary or call the Association at (614) 889-9279. We will be glad to have you.

Tourney Results . . .

Golf

Class A (gross scores under 100) 1. Tom Mulcahy; 2. Ken Mathias, Sr.; 3. Paul Hoover, Dan Arnett (tie).

Class B 1. Bob Radcliffe; 2. Ken Mathias, Jr.; 3. Virginia Huxel.

Closest to the Pin — Bob Springer
Longest Drive — Tom Mulcahy

Tennis

Men's Singles 1. Paul Koreckis; 2. George Arnold; 3. Ron Huey; 4. Raymond Hanback.

Junior's Singles 1. Dave Baum; 2. Marty Baum; 3. Ben Rowe.

Ladies Singles 1. Kathy James; 2. Jan Nelson; 3. Casey Moore.

Men's Doubles 1. Ron Huey/Paul Koreckis; 2. George Arnold/Joseph Moran; 3. Neal Weber/Orville Miller; 4. Keith Kramer/Boris Evanoff.

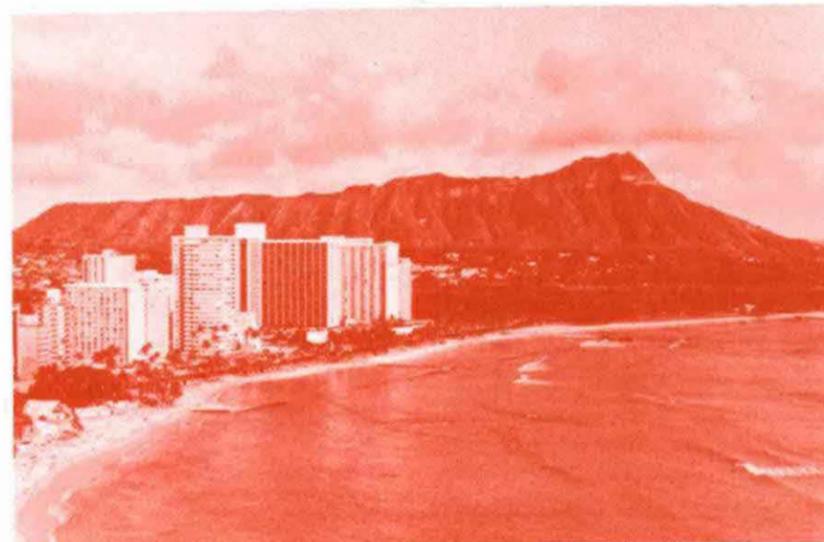
Ladies Doubles 1. Helen Koreckis/Jan Nelson; 2. Kathy James/Casey Moore.

Mixed Doubles 1. Helen & Paul Koreckis; 2. Margie & George Arnold; 3. Jan & Floyd Nelson; 4. Marianne & Keith Kramer.



Enlisted Association Rap

A column designed to keep members of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association informed of the latest developments



ALOHA — Breathtaking views, like this one of Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach on the island of Oahu, will greet members of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association planning to attend the National Convention in Hawaii Sept. 25-Oct. 2. Those planning to attend should make their reservations early. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE)

Geauga Lake Picnic Planned

BY SSG NANCY CLEVENGER AND MSGT WARREN MYERS

At the Seventh Annual Enlisted Association Convention recently a new set of by-laws was adopted and each unit received a copy of these by-laws. The Enlisted Association was reorganized according to the new by-laws and as a result it has brought the Army and Air Guard together with better representation from both sides.

Each unit of the Army and Air National Guard has appointed a unit representative to the association. This unit representative acts as a link between Guardmembers and the association. The unit representative attends periodic meetings of the association and collects information to pass on to the members. The unit rep also has a copy of the by-laws of the association if you would like to read them.

The association membership is growing steadily. There have been 200 new members signed up since the April issue of the VOICE. Any member not receiving a copy of the VOICE should contact their unit representative or write to the association. The mailing list is now computerized for better accuracy. The new mailing address of the Enlisted Association is P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

Don't forget the Guardmembers picnic, sponsored by the association, on August 27 at Geauga Lake. Use your Sea World Discount Card and spend two fun filled days at Sea World and Geauga Lake. Anyone not receiving tickets in the VOICE please contact their unit representative or write to the association.

Just a reminder that the National Convention will be held in Hawaii September 25 to October 2. The State Convention for 1979 will be held in Lima, May 4 thru 6, at the Best Western Motel. Make your reservations early.

Auxiliary Planning Many Projects

We are getting closer to count-down for Hawaii and many of us are getting excited. If you haven't signed up as yet, the time is getting short and you will need to do so as soon as possible.

Anyone not going with the Holmes tour is to pay their registration fees directly to Tom Sato. The registration fee is \$35 per person and should be sent to MSGT. Thomas Sato, 99-560 Hokea St., Aiea, Hawaii, 96701. Please make checks payable to: HNGEA Hawaii '78.

We are planning many events for the upcoming year. As you know, the officers and area representatives will be meeting for three All-State meetings during the year and we hope this will enable us to keep abreast of all the current legislation and keep you informed.

We have as yet received no copies of letters from anyone written on the issues brought out at the conference in April. We would very much like to have a copy in our files.

We really do need to address the Military Leave issue and above all the Survivor Benefit which can affect all of us sooner than we think.

If you need the particulars on these matters, feel free to call or write to your area representatives or any of the officers and they will be more than glad to be of assistance to you.

Ladies — let's not get lethargic and complacent about these issues. They are vital to the Guard as a whole and to each of us as spouses and/or survivors. A few of us cannot do the job, but many comments from all of us can. Let's go the extra mile and address these issues as soon as possible, before they are brought up for a final vote, and it is too late.

BEVERLY S. ARN
President, EANGO Auxiliary

Reminder . . . State Convention May 4-6 in Lima, Ohio

Buckeye Bits

Tryouts Slated

Annual tryouts for the Ohio Guard's Rifle and Pistol Teams, and selection of the Battalion Combat Rifle, Pistol and MG teams will be held at Camp Perry Sept. 30 to Oct. 1. Further information is available by contacting LTC Frank Ladd, the State Marksmanship Coordinator, at (614-889-7113).

148th Supports Camp

According to SSG Ed Radabaugh, Unit PIO for 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry, Lima, his unit's participation at a recent Boy Scout CAMPEX, held at Camp Lakota in Defiance was a "smashing success".

The 148th provided two medical sergeants and seven medical aidmen to support the affair.

The young Scouts won the admiration and respect of the Guardsmen. SSG Raygetman (a Registered Nurse by profession) emphasized, "It's a pleasure to work with these 'professionals' in 'kids' clothes".

"The day was an example of people in uniform working together to help others. The Guardsmen were ready and the Scouts were prepared," added Sergeant Radabaugh.

Out of the Rut

Some people in Ohio's Ross county were in a rut and it took the help of the Ohio National Guard to get them out.

The severe winter left many Ohio roads in less than perfect shape, but some roads in Huntington Township were so bad that they were impassable.

Township trustees recognized the problem and turned to Company A of the 216th Engineer Battalion in Chillicothe and Company D, 216th Tarlton for help.

Over 1,000 tons of gravel was hauled over a period of three weekends, with the result being a smoother ride for the residents of Huntington Township; according to 1SG Boyd Flowers.

Troop K Saluted

The Ohio Army National Guard's Troop K, 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Ashtabula was recently honored by the March of Dimes for its contributions to the community,



179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield Lahm Airport, was host to the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Ohio Wing drill competition held during the unit's June training session, according to Major Jack Arlen. Dayton's Squadron 704 (above) was the winner in the color guard competition. Squadron 803 from Columbus won the nine man squad drill competition. Both units now advance to regional competition with the winners going on to the national competition.

according to Unit PIO, SFC Joe Felch.

March of Dimes representative Sally Steinforth presented an appreciation plaque to Command Sergeant Major William T. Oxley for K Troop's "fine support of the local March of Dimes Walk" this year.

Miss Steinforth stressed the Guardmembers freely gave their own time to insure a successful fund raising event for the March of Dimes. Local Guardsmen furnished water for the walkers and road guards along the route for the walk.

251st 'Successful'

The Ohio Air Guard's 251st Combat Communications Group from Springfield recently participated in Exer-

cise Bold Eagle 78 at Elgin Air Force Base in Florida.

According to Maj. Edward Morley, the unit was responsible for installing equipment to provide communications between various reservation locations within a 40 mile radius.

In addition, food service was provided by the cooks of the 269th Combat Communications Flight, Springfield.

The exercise was considered a "complete success" despite a few communications problems. The 251st was lauded for its outstanding performance by the United States Readiness Command, the Air Force Communications Service, National Guard Bureau, the 9th Air Force Commander and other higher headquarters.

178th Passes MEI

The Ohio National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group at the Springfield Municipal Airport passed its Management Effectiveness Inspection, announced U.S. Air Force Colonel Ronald K. Oakley.

Col. Oakley was team chief of a 31-member inspection delegation from Ninth Air Force headquarters at Shaw AFB, South Carolina. The team spent five days evaluating the Springfield group. Particular attention was on how well the group is managing its conversion from F-100 Super Sabre fighter-bombers to A-7D Corsair II attack aircraft.

Col. Robert E. Preston, commander of the 178th, said, "I'm very proud of the men and women in this group in achieving a satisfactory rating on this inspection. With the Total Force Policy of the Department of Defense, there is increased reliance on Guard and Reserve forces to assume missions formerly assigned to active-duty forces."

555th at Fair

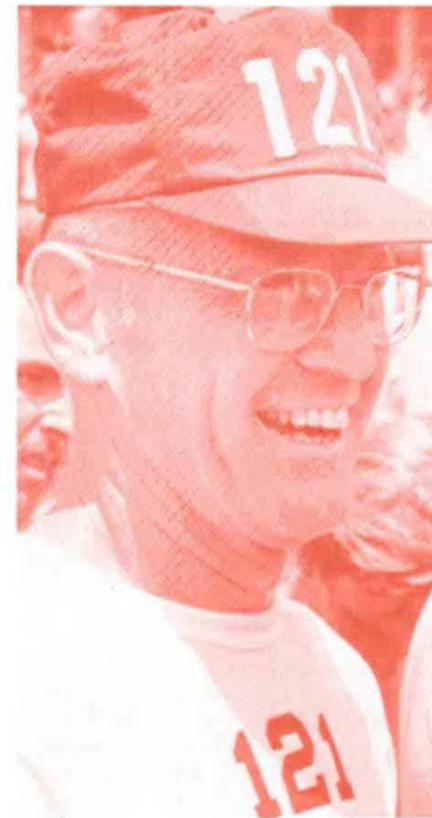
The Toledo-based 555th Air Force Band, Ohio Air National Guard, will perform at the Ohio State Fair this year.

According to a spokesman for the Ohio National Guard, the "Triple Nickel" will provide music for Veteran's Day on August 19.

The band will play their first concert in front of the Arts and Crafts Building beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th. Other concerts are planned the afternoon of the 19th and the morning of August 20th.

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All About People-



GETTING HIS GUARD UP- -Brigadier General Harry L. Cochran, Jr., 121st Tactical Fighter Wing commander, spent a Sunday last month recruiting for the Guard in an unusual place. The general, an avid distance runner, was participating in the Columbus CITIZEN-JOURNAL 10,000 meter run. He passed out recruiting cards to all runners who were around him. Four other members of the 121st also ran in the race. (PHOTO BY TSgt. TOM FOLEY)

SSG ROY WORTMAN, Headquarters Detachment, Worthington, has been invited to participate in the American Farm Project, a long-term rural humanities program. The imaginative project, co-sponsored by the National Farmers Union and the National Endowment for the Humanities, will engage farmers and humanists in examination of the history, values and future life in rural America. Wortman is a history professor at Kenyon College.

Good things come in "threes" for PVT DAVID L. DUNAWAY, a member of Co. B., 372nd Engr. Bn. in Greenville. Following his recent enlistment in the Ohio Army National Guard he was awarded a four year tuition grant to Ohio University. When he attended basic at Ft.

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Leonard Wood he was selected the outstanding soldier of the cycle. To cap off his honors David was selected as the outstanding soldier for his unit during Annual Training at Camp Grayling in June.

LT. GEN WILLIAM B. CALDWELL, former Commander of U. S. Army Readiness Region VI, Ft. Knox, has been assigned Commander of the Fifth U. S. Army, headquartered at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. LT. GEN ALLEN M. BURDETT JR. has retired following 35 years of military service.

COL RICHARD E. BENNETT, Deputy Commander of the Ohio Air Guard's 251st Combat Communications Group, recently received U. S. Senate confirmation of promotion to his present rank.

SFC LEO E. OCKER JR. has been selected to attend the Army National Guard's Physician's Assistant Program at Sheppard AFB, Tex. He is a member of the 684th Medical Co. in Westerville.

SFC LUAINIE LINDSAY and MS. LUCILLE REDMAN, both accountants with the U. S. Property and Fiscal Office for Ohio in Worthington, received Alaska Visitor Certificates from the "Order of the Walrus" recently from COL ROGER SCHELL, Chief of Staff for the Alaska Army National Guard, for their assistance in the accounting section of USPFPO for Alaska. The two were on temporary duty assignment from their home state.

LTC DERRALE E. PELTON, executive officer of the Ohio Defense Corps' 4th Infantry Brigade headquartered in Kenton, is the new president of the ODC officers Association.

SSG TOM CABLE and SP5 JAN MURRAY, of Headquarters Co., 216th Engr. Bn., Portsmouth, recently served as emergency medical technicians for the Rushtown Emergency Squad. The two were needed to fill in for the Scioto County team.

Two 121st Tactical Fighter Wing recruiters, MSGT ROBERT MERCER and SSGT RANDY VAUGHN, were awarded trophies recently by BG HARRY L. COCHRAN, 121st Commander, for their outstanding work in the recruiting field.

SGT DAVID J. JOHNSON was named the outstanding Guardmember for Co. D., 216th Engr. Bn., Tarlton, during annual training at Grayling recently.

MIKE HAUXWELL, News Director for WGRY Radio in Grayling, Michigan, recently received an Ohio National Guard Appreciation Plaque for the station's outstanding support of the Ohio Guard while on Annual Training this year. SGT STEVE JABLONSKI and SSG DON NARDECCHIA produced a five minute pro-

gram which was aired twice daily on WGRY.

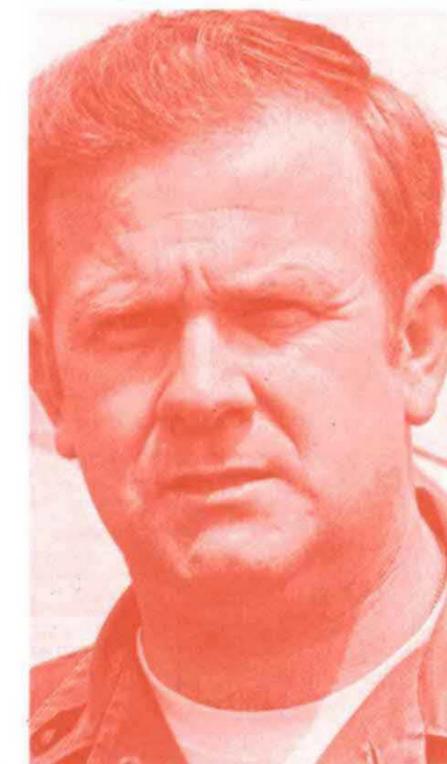
BG JAMES O. ROBERTS, Commanding General of the Ohio Defense Corps has received a plaque in appreciation of faithful service and devotion to the ODC officers Association.

CHAPLAIN (LTC) WILLIAM BRIDGES of the 121st TFW was recently awarded the Mt. Vernon Nazarene College President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. The chaplain is a professor of speech and communications at the college.

As part of an eight day orientation of U. S. Armed Forces in Europe COL ARTHUR WALLACH and COL OLIVER C. SEFFENS of the Ohio National Guard, along with other high-ranking Guard officers from over 16 other states recently spent a day with the men of the active Army's largest tactical unit, the 1st Armored Division, in Ansbach, Germany.

MAJ ERNEST BRADLEY, Race Relations and Equal Opportunity Officer, and Assistant Information Officer for the Ohio Defense Corps, is one of 48 Columbus

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OHIO CROSS RECIPIENT - - - SFC Jon Wilson, a member of HHC, 612th Engineer Bn., Toledo, received the Ohio Cross during Annual Training at Camp Grayling in June for heroism in rescuing a trapped motorist from a burning vehicle. (PHOTO BY SGT JOHN BAYOREK)

ONG Wins Silver Anvil Award

The Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office and public information personnel from units across the state received the ultimate honor in Houston recently when the Public Relations Society of America presented its coveted Silver Anvil Award to the Ohio Guard for the most outstanding public relations program during 1977 in the public affairs category.

The award was accepted by CPT Dennis Jankowski, Public Affairs Officer and Recruiting and Retention Manager for the ONG, at the PRSA's 34th Annual Silver Anvil Awards banquet at the Houston Oaks Hotel.

The Ohio Guard's winning program was based on successful passage of Ohio House Bill 228 which provided four years of college tuition to all Ohio enlisted Guardmembers. The documented program used an aggressive mixed media public relations program to achieve its goal and to dramatically improve the Buckeye Guard's overall image.

Key contributors to the winning Silver Anvil Program were CPT Dennis Jankowski; CPT Don Vaquera; SFC Bob Devoe; SSG Nancy Clevenger; unit-level PIO's across the state; the ONG Officers' Association and the ONG Enlisted Association.

The Ohio National Guard was the only organization in the state to win a Silver Anvil Award. A total of 336 entries competed for the nation's most prestigious public relations award.

The Ohio Guard, with its unique unit-level public information program and award-winning publications and audio-visual products, has won over 40 national awards for excellence in both journalism and public relations over the past year.

People . . .

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residents to receive a Mayor's Medal for outstanding community volunteer service.

COL CHARLES EVANS JR., of Findlay, Ohio Defense Corps surgeon, received a personal letter of congratulations from Dr. John H. Budd, President of the American Medical Association after being decorated with the Ohio Commendation Medal.

A hearty welcome to both **SGT DON BECK** and **SP4 RICHARD FRANK**, two new unit PIO's for Co. C., 612th Engr. Bn., Norwalk. Company C has added increased "firepower" to its already super-charged unit-level public information program!



Prestigious Presentation

MARY ANN PIRES, Silver Anvil Awards Chairman, presented the coveted Anvil to (left to right) CPT Don Vaquera, Ohio National Guard State Information Officer; SFC Bob Devoe, Assistant State Information Officer; and CPT Dennis Jankowski, State Recruiting/Retention Officer and Public Affairs Officer. The Anvil was presented at the Annual Public Relations Society of America Awards Banquet in Houston, Texas. (PHOTO BY PRSA)



ENGINEERING AN INTERVIEW—COL Bernard T. Chupka, Commander of the Ohio Army Guard's 16th Engineer Brigade, was interviewed for a radio feed at Grayling by Ohio National Guard Public Information NCO's Sergeant Steve Jablonski (Co. D, 612th Engineers) and SSG Don Nardecchia (Co. C, 612th). The radio feeds, produced by the Ohio National Guard Press Center at Grayling, were sent back to Ohio to be broadcast on radio stations across the state. Jablonski and Nardecchia also produced a five minute radio show which was broadcast twice daily on Grayling's WGRY Radio. The program, known as "Buckeye Bits", was well-received by the troops. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE)

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THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

Here's a riddle for all Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives. What do you have that is fun, friendly, informative, purposeful, automatically yours without asking, and absolute free?

No, not your Avon lady, nor the three year old toddler from next door! You guessed it, your Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club!

Yes, you are automatically a member if your husband is an officer in the Ohio National Guard.

You do not have to join, and there are no dues! Unfortunately, many ladies don't realize this, and the membership remains inactive.

Make this the year you activate your OWC membership. Join the ladies, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, for lunch.

FRIENDSHIP TEA

The OWC begins its 1978-79 season with a repeat of last year's lovely and successful Friendship Tea. The tea will be on Tuesday, September 26, at the Rickenbacker Air Force Base Officers' Club, from one until three p.m. This event is to be hosted by the officers and members of the OWC board. Jo Ellen Griffith is in charge of plans and arrangements for the tea this year and she's surely hoping for a large attendance of new and old members. It is a very relaxed and informal way to get acquainted with some other Guard wives, if you are new in the group. And the long-time members always enjoy chatting with old friends. There is no charge for this party! So, meet us at Rickenbacker, and be our guests!

Reservations may be made with the telephone contact ladies, or by mail to, Arlene Wayt, 1579 Ramblewood, Columbus, 43220. It is hard to keep the membership lists completely up to date, so, if you aren't contacted, and would like to come to the tea, or to any of the succeeding meetings, please contact Arlene. She will be happy to make your reservation or add your name to the calling list.

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers, who were installed at the May meeting, are: Susan Button, President; Mary Anne Doane, Vice President; Bonnie Spelman, Secretary; and Joy Smith, Treasurer. The hostesses for that meeting really outdid themselves in putting together beautiful and appropriate red, white and blue flowers, favors and decorations. There was even a large "Minuteman" cake. Such talent the OWC has in its midst!

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APPRECIATION—Jo Ellen Griffith, Ex-President of the Officers' Wives Club, is being presented a gift on behalf of the members of the Wives Club, as a token of their appreciation for a job well done. (PHOTO BY SSG NANCY CLEVINGER)

NEW PROGRAMS

The members of the board have been developing the plans for the 1978-79 season of meetings. The programs will be a mix of subjects, designed to capture the interest of all Guard wives.

One change in the plans for this coming year is that the OWC will alternate the meetings between the Officers' Clubs at the DCSC and at Rickenbacker AFB. We are very fortunate in having two such accommodating clubs at our disposal. By using them both, the ladies can have a change in scene and in food without having to hunt for a strange location.

There are good nursery facilities at both places for the gals who have pre-

school youngsters. The September tea is at Rickenbacker, the luncheon on October 24, is at the DCSC, and so forth, alternating each month. Remember, the tea is from one until three p.m. The luncheons are at twelve-thirty, with social hour beginning at eleven-thirty.

There are some other exciting plans for the year, including a meeting at Beightler Armory, and an evening at the Dinner-Theatre. Details of the line-up for the year will be available in September, at the tea, and in the October BUCKEYE GUARD. Watch this page in the next issue for more information.

Remember, Guard wives, just as the ONG needs your husbands, the Wives Club needs you. See you in September!

Help For Those Who Can't Pass . . .

By SMSGT DON MATHIS

The Ohio National Guard and Job Corps, a branch of the Department of Labor, have combined forces to provide assistance to those educationally disadvantaged individuals unable to obtain the adequate test results necessary for joining the Guard.

This program, the first of its kind in the nation, was created through an agreement signed in November, 1977, by Brigadier General James M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio National Guard, and representatives of the Job Corps.

The pilot program, which is being conducted at the Cincinnati Job Corps Center, provides an education and trade curriculum which is intended to raise the knowledge and skill level of an individual to a point that will enable him to pass the military examination. The results, hopefully, will result in increased membership in the Guard.

Evaluation of this program is currently being conducted by both the Job Corps and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office of the Ohio National Guard in Worthington.

Earnie Shavers Comments on Ohio's College Tuition Assistance Program

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"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to become a heavyweight fighter, just like anything else in life that's worth having. You too can become *somebody* by taking advantage of the Ohio National Guard's new College Tuition Assistance Program. If you qualify, you can receive up to four years of college tuition FREE. Learn new skills and earn extra income while serving your country and Ohio. For more information on these outstanding benefits, call the Ohio National Guard Recruiting Office nearest you today or call Toll-Free 1-800-282-7310. You'll be glad you did!"

Earnie D. Shavers



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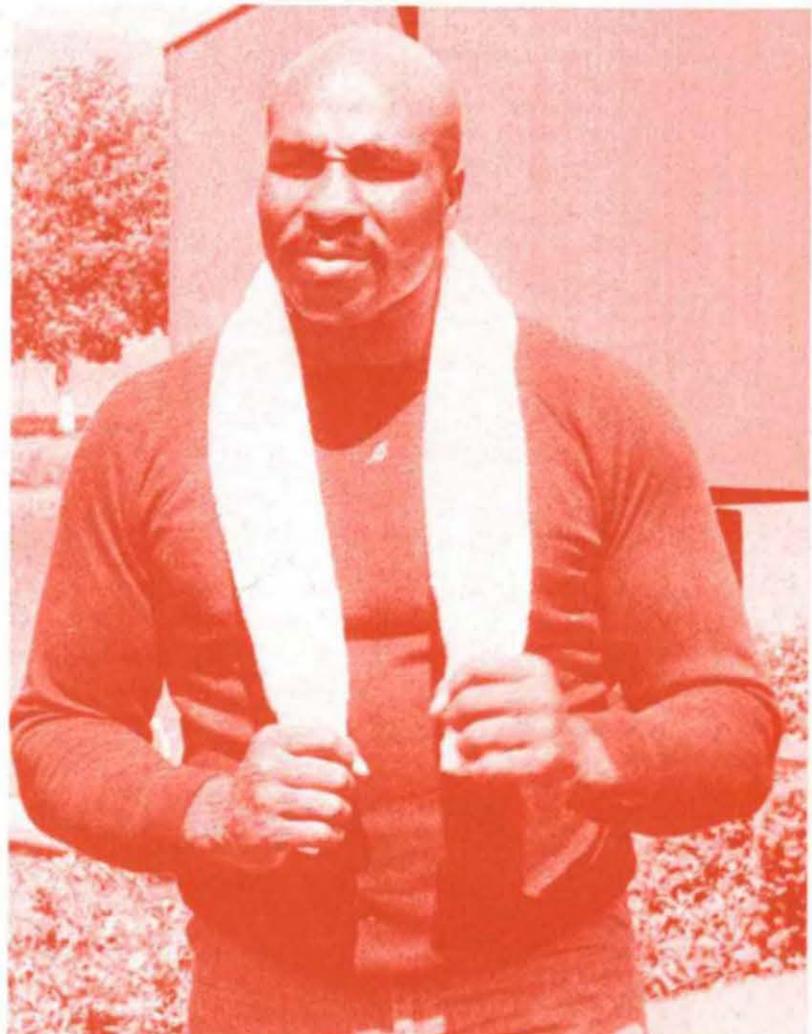


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