Special Edition
Women in the Military

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AG Speaks . . .

Now Is The Time . . .

April again and a chance to relieve the armory dothums, get outside and use up some vacation in order that your unit will be ready for annual training and able to compete for the top honors in our battalion.

April and only ten weeks or less until 100,000 high school seniors and usc-fie to Ohio will be thinking of college or a job. If we think a minute, each of us knows one of these graduates. It may be a relative, a friend, or a friend of the family. Regardless of the relationship, we are in a position to offer that graduate one of the greatest opportunities for personal advancement and monetary rewards that exist in America today.

You can offer your graduate state paid tuition and general fees at state supported colleges and technical schools or an equal amount towards tuition at a private college, in exchange for a six year enlistment; active duty training with a split training option with pay; $1,500 annually paid enlistment bonuses in some advanced technical training at Army service schools; and good pay for part-time employment while achieving that degree. That's just the money incentive and there is another side of the coin to sell. Most young graduates have a true feeling for their country and the Ohio National Guard provides a means of serving, gaining valuable training and community local and common as well. All this while continuing their education.

Don't miss this opportunity to help someone else and at the same time help your nation, the Ohio National Guard. Please, do your best to sell your unit and yourself. The nation needs more trained soldiers. The Ohio National Guard has 60 units at less than 90% strength, your unit can always use an enlistment. We have the enlistment stipulation that a person can receive a day's state active duty pay for turning in that Blue Streak Referral Card on your high school graduate if he or she joins the Ohio National Guard. You are the campaigner and salesperson. We will furnish a professional recruiter to close the sale.

Over 1,000 men and women are now taking advantage of the Ohio National Guard tuition assistance program. There should be more. Let's each do our part in making sure that all Ohio June graduates are aware of the program.

NOW IS THE TIME.

Letter To The Ohio National Guard

My acquaintance with you began in the early pages of 1947, when I first read your column. I was not listed with you. I thought I was crazy; I couldn't possibly want to enlist in the Guard anyway!

But then his first enlistment was up, the second the third and so on. As I began to look at you in another way, I said to myself, "Now look, this National Guard person must be something special for him to serve her so longly." Then my feelings toward you began to change.

Oh, I must admit I did resent you in the beginning. Your surplus time; your weekend drills; but as his love and faithfulness for you grew, so did mine. I have had to defend your honor verbally a few times, particularly in the last six states, but I did it with much pride.

AG Speaks . . .

From the Asst. AG . . .

Moral Is Telling It Like It Is

There are many methods and tools available to maintain good morale. Most are so雅lished in such a way that people often do not pay attention to them. In general, they all tends to affect human nature in the same way.

Let's look at some of the things that happen in the Guard. Here are a few of which, at times, don't seem important enough to some to worry about. The problem is that in the long run, they not only affect morale but tend to destroy the image that the Ohio National Guard has along with the integrity of the leader, resulting in a loss of credibility and confidence. After all, the greatest asset of leadership is the absolute reliance in its leadership. Any maintenance of morale are pay, food, quality of training (notice that I didn't say "meaningful"), a feeling that the individual is important and useful and a sincere consideration of personal problems that affect the individual's ability to perform.

Beginning with pay, too many times we have carelessly told recruits who come in under the training program that if the increment of bonus would be received immediately after basic and advanced individual training is completed.

The truth of the matter is that by the time the training is over, the recruit look forward to, or is the food stopped together, hand­ed out as quickly as possible with little or no care for the effect it produces. Again, troop impression of leadership isn't very good.

When we talk about the quality of train­ ing, we are not talking about how much time we can make for it but how many times we have our drill platoon time is not used at all. There is a measurement of effectiveness and if the troops are turned off because during training times there is a loss or wasted, once again the credibility of lead­ ership is reduced and troop reliance is dropped. We've got to establish what we are going to do and then put the quick­ est, most effective methods on it. Probably the greatest effect on individual satisfaction is whether or not a per­ son feels that a useful task is being accomplished and can't dig the same foxhole on the same hill over and over again for six years and end up feeling that anything useful has been done. However, if that same chore can be accom­ plished in such a way that the individual is feeling that he is meeting new conditions and along with some innovations and a little imagination, the whole picture changes. After all, there are a lot of times in the past, there is more than just a job that the individual is ever going to use. It takes more than just individual training to make a fine unit and all that talent, if used properly and effec­tively, will yield individuals into a unit with high spirit and morale.

Finally, the consideration of personal problems as they affect the individual and the personal environment of the com­ mand and leadership. Personal problems influence the individual at all levels of the chain of com­ mand and affects the ability to perform. No one knows better than your troops whether or not you listen. The funny thing is that you will find the best moral and discipline under that type of leadership.

An effective organization with good morale depends upon everyone accepting and understanding the responsibility that goes with the job. In spite of what is being said, the truth is that your individual recruit doesn't reduce the amount of re­ sponsibility but rather, increases. As we progress we go through periods of ex­ emption from responsibility and it doesn't mean that the rules no longer apply. It is the exact opposite.

Concerned leadership which sets the example is essential if we are to maintain responsibility will find not only good men but an army of men, one of the required of military­ men systems, a chain-of-command that real­ ly works. That kind of leadership never has to worry about what the individual organization feels that their unit is the best.

From the State Chaplin

New Life . . . New Dreams

March. April. Springtime. Easter. All of these words evoke thoughts of new life. New life is often though of in terms of dreams. It is all of this in vain, or can we realistically have these new dreams, and the investment in the future that they imply?

March would not be hard to look at the passing of the seasons as little more than a reminder of the futility of the cycles of the earth, the passage of time, the rhythm of the universe. Where can we find inspiration in the world as we look at the calendar?

We have to be aware of something more than an ebb and flow of time. We can look at this springtime experience as a careless slip of the tongue but it is still a promise and our leadership is being held to that. We've got to tell it to the people some time, the same time, we are working diligently at finding ways to reduce the time lag between the receipt of the Guard check and the actual receipt of the bonus payment.

April, in the subject of pay, how about the first drill pay after return from active duty training? Was the pro­ cess started too soon, so that individual pay or did we put it off thinking another month wasn't going to hurt anything? In the eyes of the recruit, that becomes a significant indication of lack of concern for the individual.

How about food? Are we really making an effort to provide a wholesome meat¬ under the best serving conditions so that mealtimes is a pleasant time and that the troops look forward to, or is the food stopped together, hand­ed out as quickly as possible with little or no care for the effect it produces? Again, troop impression of leadership isn't very good.

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Sincerely,

GERALD J. BROVE
CPT, CS, OHARNG

Dear Governor Rhodes:

On behalf of the United States Air Force in Berlin, I would like to thank you for sending us your Ohio National Guard newsletter.

The enclosed photograph shows your state flag being raised over a small building in Central Airport in Berlin on December 27, 1979, by S/Sgt Richard Ruzicka from Parma and Capt. Thomas Strand from Shaker Heights, Ohio. Your state flag flew proudly with the American flag for the remainder of the year.

I am proud of the accomplishments of the unit in a large or a small article or a picture in your magazine.

As you probably guessed, I am the Food Service Sergeant for Co. C, 141st Infantry, the unit which has won this great award for two years in a row and received only a small article from your magazine. I am proud of the cooks working under me, as they do a great job. I am sorry for them that your magazine has let them down once again by not giving them the proper credit they deserve.

I have to go to Berlin on a truly important assignment in a large city or an area to receive recognition of pictures in the BUCKEYE GUARD. They are the only one that I have seen, are they?

Sincerely,

VERNON L. FRYE
Calvert, USA: Commander
720th AB Company
(USSF Representative, Berlin)

To the Editor:

I'd like to congratulate you and your staff on a truly outstanding magazine. Keep up the good work.

As a monthly feature, I would like to suggest that you include the Air Guard files of proposed flights on which our members could fly on a space available basis. Included could be the flight facility phone number and any other administrative details necessary. It could prove to be an effective, concrete recruiting and retention tool.

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It's Your View

BY MSG BILL CAPHEART

As members of the National Guard, we have a dual obligation to our State and Country. It is very necessary that we maintain our equipment to a very high standard of readiness. This can be done only by the Army. Our good maintenance program, supervised by the Officer's and NCO's.

A few examples that have occurred reflect lack of Preventive Maintenance include: vehicle engines have nothing to do with the many others that have been corroded to the point where it is costing us a lot of extra hours.

Another case involved a Switchboard (SB 22). The job ordered showed the switchboard as being in a nearly new condition, which was correct, but it was due to lack of maintenance. The plugs on the cords were corroded so badly that electricity was not being made, and SB 22 was dirty from the top of the Men's room to the cost of $15.00 per hour, which in turn is costing us all of our higher taxes.

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You are all familiar with the history of the National Guard . . . how the Guard descended directly from the early colonial militias . . . but how many of us are familiar with a time when the militias from two neighboring states almost went to war?

This is the story behind the so-called "Toledo War," and how Ohio's third-largest metropolitan area almost wound up in Michigan!

A 40-mile stretch on the southern end of Lake Michigan and its eastward extension to form the northern boundary of Ohio started a clamor between Ohio, the newest state, and the territory of Michigan. Ohio Governor Robert Lucas forwarded the northern Harris Line, surveyed in 1817, as was agreed by the Monroe Survey.

Michigan's "boy governor" Stevens Mason, contended the Fulton Line, seven miles south of the Harris Line, was correct. Between the lines lay 40 square miles of the city of Toledo! Tempests between the two governors followed.

Militias were mobilized! The volunteer soldiers marched, sang songs, but stopped short of firing a shot at each other.

Michigan'salerted some fields. Ohio soldiers killed a cow and fired upon an old barn . . .

And to honor the Ohio victory in the "Toledo War" the new Ohio county was renamed - Lucas! -
Passenger

DD Form 1853. Make sure Combination Please keep in mind that this was a get-away aircraft since the generator has been fixed.

0800 - Arive McChord AFB, Tacoma, Washington in 49° weather, it’ll be a two hour stop for refueling and a minor repair. Pair your watch back three hours.

0930 - Arrive Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. Check into barracks for on base quarters. None available due to Jack Frost Exercise. Set watch back two hours.

1000 - On to the Holiday Inn in downtown Anchorage. Prepare to use the green stuff in wallet. 1100-pound. 09:30-09:40

1030 - Rental transportation available. Skiers and equipment board for the scenic drive to ski area.

1015 - Arrive Mt. Alyeska, Beautiful mountain, excellent skiing conditions, hot wine, lunch in the lodge, a once-in-a-lifetime slide ride, new friends and light snow.

1700 - Depart Mt. Alyeska, Arrive Anchorage. Lunch in Anchorage and a quick drive to ski area. Set your watch back three hours.

1900 - Check in to room #344. Wake up call for 0500.

FRIDAY

0600 - Quick breakfast after arriving Base Ops.

0800 - Some more flight lunches. All passengers accounted for. Seat belts secured and engines are on. Get ready comfortably - it’s another six hours to home. Take off at 1000, home time. Set clock ahead three hours.

1700 - According to the Ohio clocks it is 1700. The vacation is over but super memories will be with me for some time. Hats off to the terrific 17th Tactical Air Lift Crew from the "Buckiron Airlifter".

"TURKEY SHOOT TACTICAL AIRLIFT OPERATION"

The second的确是店 Jedwards tactical mission competition between aircraft of the 17th Tactical Aircraft Group was held during the December training period for the Mansfield-based Air National Guard.

Nine mission-ready aircraft competed in an intra-and tactical short field landing operations, dubbed "Turkey Shoot Tactical Air Lift Operation". Eight aircraft were selected by random drawing. The ninth crew was last year's winning team and was kept in a fact to defend their title. Each aircraft consisted of a pilot, copilot, navigator, flight engineer, and a crew chief.

The winning team, flying aircraft 525, was composed of Major Don Schendel, pilot; Capt. J.J. Corginn, co-pilot; First Lieutenant Rick Schubert, navigator; Tsgt. Greg Eyer, flight engineer; and Tsgt. Mary Bennett, flight engineer. The aircraft crew chief was Tsgt. Bill Kohlenberg, flight engineer.

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The Buckeye Guard

Major Daniel M. Snyder is the detailed Instructor, CPT 781 Infantry Brigade (Separate). Major Snyder is a recent graduate of the Command and General Staff College at the Pentagon. He is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at West Point.

Snyder has been an NCO, Platoon Leader, Company Commander, BN S-2, BN S-3 and more recently the Brigade Civil Affairs Officer and Brigade S-2. As the Battalion Executive Officer, he is responsible for solving the problems of the troops of the brigade is very satisfying and challenging.

Meet Your IG

BY DOROTHY DANIELS

Wife of SFC Donald Daniels
Mother of SGT Diane Daniels
Henderson
Mother-in-law of SFC David R. Henderson

New Operating Hours at USPFO

The USPFO Warehouse will now be operational on the first and third weekends of the month. This will provide the additional support necessary to turn in and issue large non- livable items, weapons and ammunition requiring the two man rule. Starting June 1, the_items in order to utilize this service must be prior appointments with USPFO Warehouse, (614) 344-4255, before making trips to Newark.
Dusters Polishing Off . . . Again

BY SP4 SCOT LONG

One of the keys behind a successful mission is the swiftness and efficiency of a command. Naturally a command's success depends upon the cooperation of every soldier involved, especially the NCO.

The 2/174th Air Defense Artillery Bn., determined to make their NCOs the best in the guard, completed their third annual Command Post Exercise, "Frosty Duster III," Jan. 19th at the Athens armory.

Terrain boards which covered most of the armory floor were used to simulate actual Soviet-Block aggression along with the mission of defensive operations for the 2/174th ADA. ROTC cadets assigned to the 2/174th ADA, under the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP), assisted in the exercise by controlling movement of miniature enemy tanks over the terrain board.

SGT Roger Howard, Asst. Operations NCO, was one of the busiest soldiers during the exercise. A valuable part of Headquarters, Howard’s section had to quickly react to messages such as "C-Battery has lost a platoon," forwarded from SGM John Hatem, and "A-Battery has relocated two miles south," relayed by SP5 Ronnie McKibben.

"Frosty Duster III" was aimed at developing and using leadership skills among NCOs as well as improving their knowledge, understanding and follow-through of tactical standing operating procedures (TSOP). One valuable lesson learned was the proper procedure for requesting supplies through support channels. Others were the importance of getting reports out quickly and familiarization of call signs. The final consensus reached was that this was a fine show of attitude and cooperation.

Although history has a habit of being selectively recorded, women serving in the military can be found as far back as the Revolutionary War.

Then, as now, women often served in traditional roles such as nurses and clerks. However, through the changing times of public opinion, an increasing number of job opportunities are now open to women in the service. Today, over 90 per cent of all military occupations are open to both sexes, with only combat roles being restricted.

On the following pages are a number of stories written by, for and about women in the military. While this special section is by no means offered as a complete overview of the "female experience" in the military, it is written in the hope that some of the thoughts, history and experiences of the female soldier will be shared.

Next Deadline
April 23, 1980.

Copy and photo deadline for the June, 1980, issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is April 23, 1980. No stories or photos can be accepted after this date.

Submissions should be typewritten (not all capital letters please) and doublespaced. All photographs should be accompanied by complete captions including identification of all individuals involved. Submit to SSG Nancy Clevergner, editor, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2820 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085.

**SPECIAL**

Women In The Military

Written by
SSG Rebecca Moneysmith
196th P.A.D.

Private Joan Baily, 19, of Johnston, Ohio, in Trumbull County directs traffic at a military post. Miss Baily is a member of the Ohio Army National Guard's 324th Military Police Company at Warren, Ohio.
Women Face Unique Problems

The fact that women in the military face unique problems is no secret. Difficulties arise in areas ranging from clothing issue to the channeling of women into traditional job roles.

To deal with these problems and thus aid in recruiting and retention, the National Guard Bureau (NGB) has developed the Army National Guard Women's Program. According to Deputy Director Brigadier General Herbert K. Temple, Jr., "... a recent review of statistics indicates the number of women admissions are not increasing in accordance with projected strength goals." He added, "The goal of this program is to enhance the recruitment and retention of women in order to attain our strength and readiness objectives."

The program addresses several problem areas. One such concern is the use of advertising, recruiting and informational material. NGB has stressed that all such material should be relevant to part-time women, with care taken to avoid the use of sexist language.

A second problem area outlined through the program is career development. NGB stressed that women should be assured they are receiving equitable opportunities for advance training and education, career progression in unit vacancies and leadership positions. Women are kept informed on the availability of these duty tours.

Local state units have also been directed to insure that women are being properly utilized in their assigned specialty and if not to take appropriate corrective action. States have also been asked to determine the number of women filling key leadership positions, with an emphasis placed on increasing that number.

A key section of the program is to research the reasons women leave the Guard. The program offers possibilities such as hazards with clothing issue. A prior service NCO related she joined the Ohio National Guard in December and received her winter overcoat just in time for Spring.

Many of the concerns outlined in the Army National Guard Women's Program will receive ongoing attention by both the state and NGB. If the program proves successful, National Guard officials hope to see an increase in the number of women retained and recruited for each state.

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History of Female Soldiers

It is widely acknowledged that women have served and continue to serve in the Armed Forces. Impressive contributions to our national defense. An update of the status of women in the Army shows that their role has vastly expanded over the past seven years. Women who have provided the margin to make the All-Volunteer Army concept a reality.

It was only during this century that women, through the organization of military forces in the United States, took part in actual military operations. World War II was the turning point in the Army's acceptance of women as soldiers.

In 1942, a Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) was established for noncombatant service with the Army. The next year, women joined troops overseas under the authority of the Regular Army, thus allowing WAC personnel to serve in, rather than with, the Army.

In World War II, female soldiers wore mACKs and uniforms, and truck drivers served in garrisons and in combat theaters. They wore the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. During that war, the WAC strength peaked at approximately 100,000, but dropped to slightly over 9,000 at the postwar era. That figure varied little until the WAC expansion effort in 1972. In that year, WAC strength rose to 16,771, increasing to 30,760 in 1974 and 46,600 in 1976.

Current limitations which apply to women are established via national policy, which prescribes the utilization of women in direct combat roles. The combat role for women is one which must be resolved by the public and Congress. In the meantime, the issue for the Army is to optimize assignment opportunities for women within the limitations imposed by national policy.

Military Professional Education

Women officers became eligible to attend senior service colleges, such as the Army War College, in 1964. Women officers are now selected in competition with their male counterparts for attendance at command and staff colleges and senior service colleges.

The first women to achieve general officer rank were Army officers: the Director, Women's Army Corps and the Chief, Army Nurse Corps, both of whom were promoted to four-star rank in 1976.

Women in the Army are a part of organized history, material and tradition. Women have served in enlistment or appointment that forced women who became pregnant or who had minor dependents to be discharged automatically. In 1975, involuntary discharge for pregnancy/parenthood was discontinued.

Weapons Training

Defense weapons qualification training was made mandatory in July 1975. Under current policy, female commissioned officers, warrant officers, cadets and officer candidates participate in individual weapons training on the same basis as their male counterparts.

Women participate in 280 host colleges and universities that offer Army ROTC, for the first time in Army ROTC history, women participated in advanced camp field training with men in the summer of 1975. The first women received their commissions from the ROC in May 1976. Women ROTC cadets receive the same training as their male counterparts, except for variations required by physiological differences between men and women. Orienting women cadets on combat skills, tactics and weaponry is consistent with the expanding role of women officers.

The Buckeye Guard

FATHER/Daughter

Ohio Army Guard Staff Sergeant Andrew Ivanisko, mortar section leader with F Troop, 2d Squadron, 619th ACR, Massillon, double checks a report being typed by his daughter. Private Andrea Ivanisko, Andrea, who recently completed both basic and advanced individual training is assigned to Det. 17416th Trans. Co., Greensburg, as a production control clerk. She received a $1500 bonus when she enlisted and is also enrolled in the ONG Scholarship Program. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DOVE)

26th Engineer Co.

An article titled "26th Treats Children" appearing in the February issue of Buckeye Guard has got the members of the 30th Engineer Company (ACR) somewhat confused. We are sorry for the confusion. We do thank all of you who contributed to the children during the holidays and gave them such joy. Thanks to the 26th Engineer Company.

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I Couldn’t Hang There Indefinitely . . .

BY SSG REBECCA MONEYSMITH

When my editor asked me to do a story about the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) headquartered in Cincinnati, I immediately envisioned myself as Police Woman and Wonder Woman all rolled into one. I would go through a practice exercise with them and fulfill all my fantasies about being a member of the elite superhero class. (What I didn’t take into account is that superheroing is hard, dirty work.) The following is an account of the beginning and end of my career as a SWAT member.

The 1/147th Infantry Battalion in Cincinnati is the home of the only Ohio SWAT team in existence. The men who form this group are special, not only because they are highly qualified but also because of their dedication to the job. Being a SWAT member means working without being paid. These men have other duties with the Guard which they perform on regular drill weekends. When they practice their SWAT missions they do it on their own time.

When I arrived at the 1/147th Saturday morning the exercise had already begun. My briefing was short. ’We’ll be going through narrow passages in the walls of the building. Stick close to the wall, and don’t make noise. Oh, yeah, if somebody jumps out and pokes a gun in your face, don’t worry.’

We did the only thing we could do . . . we waited. My mouth was open so long my jawached, and I was beginning to wonder if I’d ever be able to get my fingers out of my ears. Just as I was about to give up the explosion came. It wasn’t as bad as I had imagined, but it certainly wasn’t a firecracker.

GOOD GUYS’ WIN

We choked our way through the smoke and dust to the welcome sight of light and fresh air. The good guys had won, but not before I’d decided that the life of a hero was too exciting for me.

We exited into the kitchen, then, baked with dirt and sweat. As I scrambled for a cold drink, the men of SWAT were preparing to critique their performance, and plan another drill.

My part of the exercise had ended. I’d come to research a story and live a fantasy, and I’d done both.

I can’t remember if I had a good time doing either, but I did learn two things. First, it takes special people to make up the Special Weapons and Tactics Team. Not everyone is willing to train as they do, month after month, without pay or even thanks.

Second, I found that dreams are made of flimsy material, and are better left in their fantasy form.

The Skills of Army Women

More than half of the Army’s 56,271 enlisted women are serving in so-called “less traditional” and “non-traditional” skills.

Although most women, both officer and enlisted, serve in more traditional administrative and medical fields, 24.6 percent are serving in less traditional skills such as law enforcement and supply.

Non-traditional skills such as field artillery, maintenance, and transportation employ 32.8 percent of the Army’s enlisted women. (Commander’s Call)

Afro-American Women Continue the Tradition . . .

Although their names and deeds have often been unrecorded, black women have been given their time and talent to aid in the birth and preservation of the United States. Once they served as cooks, nurses, spies and washerwomen. Today, black women serve in all non-combat positions and at every level in the Army.

The tradition of assisting in the country’s defense began during the Revolutionary War. Black women accompanied the Continental Army as cooks and nurses and performed domestic duties. Among the Afro-Americans who served a Northern victory during the Civil War were many black women. Hailed by some as the “unsung heroines” of the war, they cared for the sick, taught and did other chores which freed soldiers to fight.

When the United States became involved in the Spanish-American War in 1898, black women again devoted themselves to caring for the wounded. Later, despite the discrimination blacks in the military were suffering at the time, Afro-American women helped in the war effort during World War I. In 1941 the United States again went to war. To supply some of the enormous number of soldiers needed for the war, the Women’s Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) was created in 1942. Afro-American women were among the first to join and eventually 6,500 black women served during World War II, with 120 of them serving in the military. They were all segregated units and experienced some discrimination. Many of them were assigned menial jobs although they had been trained for skilled positions or they were not given assignments which would help them get promotions.

World War II was the first time black women could actually serve in the military and their service made a significant contribution to the war effort by freeing men for combat duty. One unit that made a difference was the 6888 Postal Battalion. It ended a backlog of millions of letters and packages to Europe. The black women’s unit to be stationed overseas, the battalion was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams.

Since World War II, black women have participated in the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War and the wartime operations of the Army. Today, Afro-American women continue the tradition of service begun in the Revolutionary War, serving in all non-combat positions within the Army.

NOTICE TO 148th INFANTRY VETERANS

Master Sergeant Robert E. Albright (Ret.) is making plans for the second annual 148th Infantry Reunion. Anyone interested, please contact Sergeant Albright at 247 Case Lane, North Fort Myers, Fl. 33903.

Last year’s reunion of the 148th brought veterans from WWI, WWII, the Korean conflict, and members from his former Headquarters Company and Service Company of the 148th Infantry.
ONGEA Auxiliary

During this year’s Annual Conference to be held at Mohican State Park the Auxiliary will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday and adjourn by noon. Some very special things are being planned for Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Right now, the Auxiliary has two beautiful signatures to raffle, plus a beautiful picture and there may be one or two other articles.

Each Auxiliary member is urged to bring something to be used for a door prize. Last year, there were enough door prizes so that each member attending the conference went home with one. We hope to be able to do the same thing this year.

On the agenda for the Auxiliary will be Officer and Treasurer’s Reports, Election of Officers and Area Directors, National Conference Report, Installation of Officers and Area Directors. The banquet and dance will be Saturday evening.

Due to so many requests for Enlisted Association Jackets, the Auxiliary is ordering 50 more. If you want one, please contact Sonda Monstra, 2941 Chaucer Dr., N.E., North Canton, Ohio 44721 about size and price. The jackets will be delivered at the State Conference. Place your order early so you will be assured of getting a jacket this time.

The February Ali States meeting in Cincinnati was a great success. Everyone had such a good time. Our thanks go to Jim and Evelyn Hillcooke, Wes and Vi Stengel, and Steve and Sherry King and all the others who helped to make it such a great weekend.

Application forms and information for the ONGEA Auxiliary Scholarships are available from Thelma Scherer, R.E. #2 Andrews Rd., Bellevue, Ohio 44813. There will be five $300 scholarships awarded. You must fill out the appropriate forms, include the necessary letters and have them returned to Thelma by June 1st. Each application must be approved by the ONGEA Executive Board. In order to be eligible you must be a son, daughter or spouse of an ONGEA and EANGUS Auxiliary member. Last year’s applicant, Ruth Ann Zelnik, placed sixth in the standings.

Start making your plans to attend the EANGUS 9th Annual Conference in Millville September 14-18th at the Merc Plaza. The Merc Plaza is right downtown near many fine stores, restaurants, night spots and theatres. The room rates are $20 for a single $35 for a double. Conference registration will be $25 per person or $50 per couple. There will be more later on the many activities planned. So start making your plans now.

Winner Gets Ride in F-100

The Prize

"You're No. 21!" “No. 2, Huft!”, was my intelligent reply. "Wow!”, was my exclamation when I fully understood what my friends were telling me; the results of “The Drawing”. Due to our A-7 aircraft conversion period, a drawing was held to select a few of our enlisted members for final rides in the soon-to-be-gone F-100’s.

Everyone dreams of being No. 1, but I'll take No. 2 when it happens to be the ultimate prize at the 180th — a ride in a "Huft"! What an opportunity to know the thrill of being part of the whole plan: the complete mission! To really experience the teamwork and skill involved in the takeoff of an F-100, reaffirmed the immense pride I have in our unit and people. I now look at my own job, NCOIC Records and Custom Service, with new enthusiasm.

From February drill when the results were announced on the ride, I had the realization of my actual ride in March, I escalated from anticipation to much doubt as to whether I should even fly, being the mother of three children was my main reason for doubt, but after having their encouragement and support given to me, I decided I couldn’t pass this one up! What sealed my decision to fly was the fact my pilot was going to be LTC Ron Browne who happens to be my friend and has the reputation of being one of the best out here.

I was notified on a Tuesday, to report on Wednesday, to Life Support for cockpit egress training, being outfitted in flight suit with survival kit, and finally to be "Hufted" (parachute fitting).

My trainer was none other than Maj. Joe Doran, NCOIC of the shop, who had the awesome responsibility of briefing and training me on egress from the plane. He was very thorough and professional, Joe exerted much patience and understanding with me because of my nervousness and excitement!

Our flight was scheduled for 1700 hours, delayed until 1745 due to a problem with LTC Browne's mask which was not operating correctly when we were getting ready for takeoff. Walking over to the flight line before takeoff, Ron reassured me of what we'd be experiencing so I would have no worries. Bringing up the rear of our "Good Luck Group" on this warm spring evening were my children, "Hurry back, Mom, we can go to the Golden Arches, we're hungry!" My friends were lending me their support by not saying anything, knowing me.

After we were settled in the cockpit, we were double-checked by the crew members, TSGs Jerry Helfinger and Jim Miller who were responsible for the cockpit egress equipment. Of course, Joe was hanging on the side of the plane repeating instructions to me on cockpit ejection, the wear of the mask, and making sure I was ready for the "wild, blue yonder".

In No. 2 plane was Maj. John Murphy, Vietnam Veteran. It was unique to observe him in flight along with us; like looking at ourselves in a mirror. Maj. Murphy took the lead and we rode in his "trill" for a short time. How can one express such an experience as I have had? "Great!" would be my best adjective. Traveling at 500 to 600 miles per hour at 10,000 feet, you hang suspended in the blue-gray sky, awed, and thrilled to be alive.

What impressed me the most was the maneuverability and ease this fighter tackled the sky with; rolls, dips, and dives like a bird; feeling complete freedom from the earth. For one hour and ten minutes, life below did not exist for me! It was just me, feeling free like never before in my life.
Femininity Fails

BY CYNDI BIRCHFIELD

Do you know the surest way for a confident, self-assured second lieutenant to become completely debilitated and frust-
ated? Give her a fifty-minute platoon with a combat patrol mission!

Five hundred miles from home.

Ninety-five degrees in the shade.

Snakes slithering behind every tre-

eep.

I can still see myself jaunting into Ft.
McClellan, head up and ready for any-
th ing, in those early days of Military

Police Officer Basic. Little did I know
what horrors lie ahead during the field

training exercise!

Donning my complete wardrobe of
wartime fashion, I suddenly became ex-

posed to the long lapses of my feminine ways. They seemed to be magnified against the hot, sticky temperatures.

Somehow my Chanel #5 smelled conspicuously sour on my OI colored feathers. Conditions forced me to forego my daily makeup routine to don camou-

flage paint of varying hues. Fear peeked through the paint as it laughed at my sudden vulnerability.

There must be female equivalents to

General Patton in this Army, but I'm de-

finitely not one of them.

As visions of pretend aggressor forces danced (or should I say lowcrawled) through my mind, I concluded rather

painfully that I'd live perhaps three to four minutes in a real combat situation. I can see it all now. Bombs bursting all around, soldiers scurrying for their fox-

holes, and, oh, there, painting my nails in the Corps rear area!

With intense concentration, I clung to every word of the operations order. Oh, dear Lord, please help me make it through this one! Please don't let the in-

structors pick me for platoon leader!

"This platoon leader is Michaels,"

screamed the instructor.

A sudden chorus of sighs filled the air and eyes crossed involuntarily - heaven, thanking the ominous power which had saved them.

A smile had barely overtaken the trec-

kles of my face when I heard my name. It was as if I knew I were coerced through my

ears.

"Birchfield ... you have the honor of being the platoon sergeant!"

I felt my face turning red, then green —

always conscious of being color-

coordinated with my green attire.

"I speak at the peaked classroom

note I had snuck onto the training exercise site via "cross-my-heart" appeal. Perhaps those precious pieces of paper would be my salvation!

my eyes dropped as I realized I had only been versed in the "how's" and "why's" of being a platoon leader, not the "what's". As calmly as I had just stepped out of a soothing bath, I returned the notes to their place of

safetaking.

With the wit and talent of a true soldier, I created and realized all my problems would be solved when the platoon leader gave me his "plan of attack. There was noth-

ing for me to worry about. He was the

leader — not I!!

I stripped three inches and 220 pounds of sheer muscle suantser over to me and began to recite my responsibilities.

"You mean, I have all to worry about is supply, accountability, and noise discri-

pline? I simply have to follow the squad ahead of me?" I asked weakly.

"That's it!" bellowed back the answer. 

What a clench! This was too much, true. Just a simple game of follow the leader! Even I couldn't mess up this assignment.

Casp ing for breath, the reconnaiss-

ance team jogged in toward the platoon

leader. Messages of dense foliage and hills surrounding the objective (a silly lit-

tle hill not even high enough for romantic star-gazing) were exchanged and dismissed by the platoon leader.

Suddenly, all my map reading and orienting nightmares of by-gone KOTC days at Ohio State University flashed before my eyes. My palms were sweating so profusely by this time that one of the machine guns slipped out of my hands and almost toppled a thin lieutenant on the head.

"Perhaps I should take one of the re-

forces with me, just in case something should happen", I suggested, to the leaderboard voice I could muster.

"Nope, just forget about it. I'll need them both with me up front."
The platoon leader had spoken. Staring in disbe-

lief, I shrugged my shoulders and re-

sumed my duties.

0900 - The patrol starts toward OBJECTIVE RED.

The patrol moves through the woods (stopping every 50 meters or so to instruct the instructors.)

0930 - First "danger zone" crossing reached - a creek about five Chryslers long.

0955 - Last member of patrol crosses stream.

1000 - Panic, fear, nausea, and hyster-

ia overcome the platoon leader. Only a handful of men can be seen through dense foliage!

Leaning over my back, I shout, "Oh, no! Please not me! Think of the bridge club back home! I'll never live this one down!

The look of fear there stood there among each other in shock. We had somehow

been separated from the rest of the platoon as they proceeded toward the objective.

All eyes immediately stuck to me as sensors in the story by what hor rors I was saying to themselves. "Well, let's see how the 'ole lady gets out of this one!"

Fumbling through my pockets, I searched for the "map" as if my life de-

pended upon it.

Down went the machine gun.

Down went the five extra pouches of ammo.

Down went the helmet.

Down went the pistol belt.

After searching every crevice of my uni-

form I realized the sad truth that I was indeed "mapless."

I ran like a frightened animal back to the creek, just in time to see the map floating wistfully and defiantly down-

stream.

After radiating the platoon leader back about the situation and listening to every fourth-letter word he could shout to de-

scribe my incompetency, a search party was finally sent out to retrieve the missing "map."

Two hours later, we spotted signs of life through the dense woods where we stood once again reunited. Mission de-

layed, but accomplished.

My face was reddened with anger and my body ridged with exhaustion. I could think of nothing but the critique at the end of the program — and a box of Gal-

gon Bath Oil beads lying on the tub shelf back at the barracks.

The tension finally over, I joyfully accepted the apology of the platoon leader for the censorable word I had used to describe my effectiveness as platoon sergeant. Carefully, I listened to the critique, relieved that I could once again dink back into the ranks of the common, anonymous soldier.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story is a person-

al, humorous experience by 23d Birchfield, and in no way intends to mock the seriousness or pride the women in the Ohio National Guard feel toward their mission.

Salute to the ‘GUARD’

This award was made possible by the contributions from all of our unit information specialists. You’re doing a great job! Keep up the good work.

Experts at Ft. Rucker have put together a special safety program to reduce acci-

dents, says CW3 George Cline, state safety-

officer. He said the theme of the program is, “doing the job safely in order to do it right.”

He said annual training accidents cost the state of Ohio $25,674 in damages and $115,440 in hospital, sick pay and other costs in 1979. Traditionally, an accident the previous year cost the life of the company commander of Co. C, 171st Infantry, when the quarter ton in which he was riding overturned on a hill at Ft. Campbell, Ken-

Cline said safety posters, brochures, decals and a 20-minute film calling atten-

tion to common accidents comprise the program. The posters and decals should begin appearing around army units.

"He said if Guard members pay extra attention to convoy safety, operating tracked vehicles, driving quarter ton trucks and handling ammunition, a 20 percent reduction of both numbers of accidents and in cost can be realized.

"It's been said over and over again, but it's still true. Every accident can be pre-

vented and the soldier is his own best protection against an accident," he said.

"Not only that, but a wife, husband or a neighbor one sees you home in one piece and they expect the government to deliver you home again in one piece,” he added.

How's Your Journal?

DE NTIST . . . by Frank Douglas

The Ohio National Guard is testing the courage of its members — by pla-

cing them in the dentist chair.

In a new dentistry program the guard will begin dental records and provide emergency care for units.

Nearly recruited recruits will be traveling to each armory to do initial screenings on recruits.

"They're all trained as civilian den-

tists, and they come from all over the state," said Capt. Michael Fair, D.C., who is heading the project.

"Most of them are also prior service types," he added.

It is hoped that by establishing den-

tal records, time and trouble can be avoided if the guardsman should be mobil-

ized, Fair said. The records will be kept at the Guard.

The dentists will also be attending all of the summer camps to provide emergency dental work for the troops.

"We, however, won't be able to do the everyday dental work. No cavities, just emergency situations," Fair said.

The Guard dentists will not do ev-

eyday dental work at the initial screenings, either, but will simply refer troops who need dental work to their civilian dentists.

If troops heed their warnings and take care of their teeth, they will help the Guardsmen avoid emergency mobiliza-

tion, Fair said.

"They don't take care of their teeth, upon mobilization there would be a big problem," he said.

"It is our philosophy when they're small and easy to repair, everybody gets a lot better off," he said.

Each of the dentists will be screen-

ning the units near his hometown. They will spend more time for every one they spend at the Bright-

er State University, the 120th Medical Brigade, usually drills.

The dentists will also be giving first aid training at each camp.

One of the problems with doing screenings on the different arms is a lack of dental equipment.

"We have a mobile kit, but it's not ideal. What we'll probably be using is mak-shift things similar to it set up at an office in your house," said Maj. Kenneth C. Reed, D.C., one of the dentists involved.

Another problem the dentists are having is a lack of dental assistants in the camps.

"Though guardsmen can be trained by the dentists themselves, there is an A1 for dental assistants."

The Buckeye Guard
UPDATE

A Report From the Ohio National Guard Officers' Association

BY LTC ROBERT ZIMMERMAN

The time is drawing near for our Annual Conference which I'm sure you haven't forgotten—May 16-17, 1980, Salt Fork State Park. The mailing for reservations has been made so be sure to return your registration form in the past, I'm expecting a large turnout.

Junior Officers, OMA Candidates to Attend

As a reminder, I am asking all command­ers to stress the attendance of their junior officers. Also, candidates from the Ohio Military Academy have been invited to attend with their seniors during their February MUTA and they all seemed very eager to be with us during this business meeting. The Officer Candidate School Alumnus Association is planning a get together immediately following the business meeting for all candidates and all past graduates of the school. We are hoping for a good turnout for this affair. As mentioned in the last update, don't forget to send the follow-up to Col. Bob Green, 2535 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, OH 43084. Deadline is April 1.

Proposed Changes

The official call to the conference will be mailed out March 14. The Ohio Vanguard Bill has been passed by law and the legislation is being worked on immediately following the Annual Conference. Col. Williams has called for all junior officers to be present who are no longer junior officers.

Tornado Tips to Save Lives

Each year tornadoes kill hundreds of people. Thousands of homes are destroyed. Whole buildings disappear and only their basements are left. No one can stop a tornado; but there are precautions you can take to safeguard lives and property.

The Ohio Committee on Tornado Safety has prepared valuable information to help you in the event a tornado is heading your way.

For further information please contact the Committee at (614) 889-7103 or your local District Association or the local office of the National Weather Service.

Fun-In-The-Sun

Mohican '80 — Fun-In-The-Sun

A unique way to start the outdoor family fun season is being offered by the Ohio National Guard Auxiliary. A weekend of fun is being offered Saturday and during and after the business conference, in- put your way. We have been invited by Mohican State Park to be the main event Friday. This is going to be an informal Polish ballet: military order. It will be announced throughout the Conference to both children and adults.

OutOfBounds

NOMINATIONS: Lori Erhan is now conference chairman. You may obtain a copy of the rules, regulations and procedures from LG Erhan by calling (614) 889-7188, or contacting the Association Secretary.

POSTER CONTEST: There will be a poster contest to be held and judged at the 5th Convention at Mohican. Specifications for entry are: It must be 16 by 24 inches, vertical design, framed without glass: may be black and white or color; theme should depict both the Air and Army Guard. Rules and the State and National Associations and the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association.

The winner of the State Convention will be entered in the National Association contest to be held at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. First place will be awarded a plaque and a cash bonus of $250.

NEWSFLASH: If you have any items to be submitted for publication on unit bulletin boards, please contact John Zeitlin thru the Association Secretary.

There was also discussion of the importance of the unit representatives and the part they play in the unit and the Association. We hope to see you at Mohican with your best friends and you don't get to see all year.
OPEN FOR BUSINESS
In December the 200th Medical Company, 1st CRAC of Cleveland entered the "physical examination business" with completion of the first physical on none other than 2LT Woods King of 2707CR, grandson of BG Woods King for whom the armory was named.

With a temporary improvised series of examination stations located throughout the armory, the Physical Examination Team was coordinated by LTC Stavros Meimaridou, assisted by 2LT Byron Kohl and SFC Lawrence Mann. Personnel from the unit's Clearing Platoon manned the individual stations. "Quality control" was provided prior to the first examinee arriving, by initially examining those 30th personnel who needed re-exam.

MAJ G.A. "Scotty" Knight, unit commander says, "We have to get the word out that we're here."

The unit is enthusiastic about the new mission and looks forward to being able

to process more personnel as experience is gained. Plans are also in process for some limited physical modifications so that many of the examination station functions can be carried-out in one area.

Unit personnel feel this will help the processing operation become more efficient and, at the same time, create a more professional working environment that should help put examinees at ease more quickly.

Klonkide Derby
Members of Camp Perry's 21st Maintenance Unit Heavy equipment received a special treat in judging the Boy Scouts annual Klonkide Derby.

The Derby, held at Camp Maikonnda in Toledo, is a contest among boy scout troops in Sandusky County, giving them a chance to prove their skills they have learned over the past the year. There were 148 scouts participating in such skills as cart steering, lost person search, map making, log cutting and building a tripod to lift 75 lbs. of weight. This was the 21st Maintenance unit's second year judging the Klonkide Derby. A good time was had by all.

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$700 to Buckeye Guard
Company B, 612th Engineer Battalion, Fremont, held a charity basketball game with the proceeds to go to United Way.

The "Mean Green Machine" of Company B, played the FM-114 Disc Jockeys of Counseling Radio.

Over 40 spectators watched the fun and action as Steve Kromer of Co. B, and Mike Sayed of FM-114, tried to outdo each other by scoring 16 points each.

PIC James Cole planned the charity program and after the game, both he and SSG Downing presented Subcommittee Chair of United Way with the $700 check.

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Buckeye Bits

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LTC HARRISON J. WITTERS, 100th Air Refueling Group, was recently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by MG JAMES C. CLEM during the 21st Air National Guard's winter ceremony held at Rickenbacker Air Force Base.

BG EDWARD J. POWER received the Mechanical Arts Maintenance Award for outstanding performance as commander of the Ohio Air National Guard's 100th Air Refueling Group, RAFB, prior to his appointment as Assistant Adjunct General for Air.

NM. ED HAMLIN, of WDT-1, Dayton, was presented with an Award of Recognition by MG James C. Clem for his presentation of the Air Guard Story via public service announcements on CH 2 in the Dayton area.

Maj. GEORGE HENDRIX, of the 170th Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield.

CPT. JUTTA U. SANFORD, 160th Air Refueling Group, was recently awarded the Air Force Command Medal for meritorious service as executive support officer.

CPT. GEORGE J. POWER, Asst. AG for Air, MG James C. Clem, Adjutant General and LTC WILLIAM J. INGER, Commander of the 16th AREFG were present for the ceremony.

COL. RONALD L. BURG, former commander of the 737th Maintenance BN., was promoted to First Lieutenant in the Army department's Legion of Merit Award. This is one of the highest honors a soldier can receive and was presented for his modernization of the personnel section.

LTC. GEORGE R. HOLLAND, recently retired from the 100th Air Refueling Group as deputy operations commander, NELSON has been honored with having the most flying hours (13,000), of anyone in the Ohio Air National Guard. At age 55, NELSON served in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for his service, which included transport missions to Alaska, and has been stationed in the Far East.

Members of the 16th Infantry Company, A 1st BN., Washington C.H., have received Ohio Award of Merit ribbons for serving three years honorable service in the ONG. They are: SP4 JAMES D. KLINEDINST, SP4 RICKY TAXBY, SGT. DAVID C. RILEY, SP4 TOMMY EVERHART, SP4 FRED BROWN, SGT. DONALD J. BOGGAN, STAFF SGT. PAVEY, SSG MICHAEL McCORMICK and SSG TERRY MITCHELL.

SUSAN KIMBLE, a member of the 251st Engineer Combat BN., was promoted to Phased Out Classification.

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Recruiting Round-up

Work At Retention

RESPECT of the individual is paramount to retention. We all need it not only from our peers but from our supervisors. Without it, guidance and direction will do more to improve performance than any other means. In the Army, there is a constant need to recruit and retain soldiers. The retention of jobs, advanced education, and skills is important in order to maintain and increase our military capabilities.

The first step in retaining the Army's enlisted force is to provide clear communication between leaders and their troops. It is essential for leaders to understand the needs and desires of their soldiers. This communication can be facilitated through regular meetings, briefings, and one-on-one discussions. Leaders should also be mindful of their own behavior, as soldiers are more likely to be retained if they feel supported and valued.

Moreover, it is important to recognize and reward soldiers for their hard work and dedication. This can be done through promotions, awards, and other forms of recognition. The Army has implemented several programs to support retention, such as the Enlisted Professional Development Program (EPDP) and the Enlisted Professional Development Program (EPDP). These programs provide soldiers with opportunities for advancement and growth.

In conclusion, recruiting and retaining the Army's enlisted force is a critical aspect of maintaining a strong and capable military. By providing clear communication, recognition, and opportunities for growth and advancement, leaders can help ensure the long-term success of the Army's enlisted force.

The Buckeye Guard

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Wives Club News

THE OTHER HALF

By Susan Brown

ONG Officers' Wives Club Survey

1) Do you presently attend OWC meetings? YES [ ] NO [ ]
2) Which of your jobs is a primary reason? JOB DISTANCE [ ] not contacted [ ]
3) Which do you prefer? lunchmeat [ ] evening meetings [ ] varied times [ ]
4) Which programs do you most enjoy? speakers [ ] crafts [ ] fashion show [ ]
5) Do you enjoy meeting at: available officers' club [ ] restaurants [ ] other [ ]
6) Do you use the nursery facilities? YES [ ] NO [ ]
7) What are your most comfortable warm lunch [ ] salad bar [ ]
8) The annual Holiday Auction has been held in both the daytime and evening. Which do you prefer? daytime [ ] evening [ ]
9) Will you tell us what you most enjoy about OWC, and if anything, you would like to see changed? Comments:
10) Are you willing to hold an OWC officer or serve on committee? YES [ ] NO [ ]

Letters (Continued from Page 4)

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Just a word on the patch. The patch, to the Scottish people, represents a lot of hard work and many months of training. It would be like our Ranger patch, and we all know we have to earn that patch here in the USA.

As a member of the Company that was chosen to train in South Wales, I would like to express what an honor and pleasure it was to participate in this exchange program. Shortly after we returned home to the USA, the RSM from the 252 Lowlands came to visit my family and stayed with us for a few days. It was during this time that he explained the qualification necessary for wearing this cross rifle patch.

Not trying to downgrade the PIO work that you people do, but I would like to set the record straight regarding this subject.

JAMES S. THOMAS
Co. A 1st Bn. 106th Inf 1st Sgnt

Editor's Note: We appreciate your making us aware of this. Thank you.

Buckeye Blits (Continued from Page 20)

Two Father-Son Teams Join 555th Air Force Band

The 555th Air Force Band, Toledo Express Airport, is renowned in North- west Ohio for its musical ability and excellence. It recently joined the ranks of the distinction of having two father-son teams!

Recently, Major Zilkas, a senior at Northview High School, enlisted in the Ohio Air Guard and will join his father, Tech Sgt. William Zilkas, in the 555th band.

The Buckeye Guard

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Red Legs Did It Again

By ILT SINO LAVIC

JOB FAIR — a cooperative venture between business and education institutions, coordinated by the Ohio National Guard, designed to expose high school students to the opportunities available after graduation.

It was the second time around for the "Redlegs" of the 1st Battalion, 139th Field Artillery, 2170 Howey Road, Columbus, who sponsored another successful "Job Fair" on February 22, 1982. With the support of the local media, employers, universities, trade schools and selected high schools, almost 500 students were attracted to the exposition of jobs, advanced education and military opportunities available to those that qualified.

Students, bussed and self-transported from the Columbus, Columbus and Bloom-Carroll school systems, were able to see first hand what the job market and institutions of higher education had to offer. The majority of students stopped off at the Tuition Scholarship booth which featured counselors who were guard members enrolled in and collecting tuition assistance.

A secondary benefit for the unit was the large number of people who expressed interest in jobs. As recruiting staffs assembled from the local governmental, it was a large number of people, the importance of public affairs has been proven once again.

"Run For Your Life"

The "Run For Your Life" program is an excellent means to increase the physical conditioning of all enlisted male and female members. The three phase approach, Preparatory, Conditioning and Sustaining, lets every participant enter at a level commensurate with his/her current physical condition. Moreover, individuals following the schedule established will increase their physical capability rapidly.

The added advantages to the program are motivational benefits for the individual commander through progress sheet review and positive reinforcement to the individual by participation in the weekly levee commissary with his/her current physical condition. Moreover, individuals following the schedule established will increase their physical capability rapidly.


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Not trying to downgrade the PIO work that you people do, but I would like to set the record straight regarding this subject.

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Editor's Note: We appreciate your making us aware of this. Thank you.

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Two Father-Son Teams Join 555th Air Force Band

The 555th Air Force Band, Toledo Express Airport, is renowned in North- west Ohio for its musical ability and excellence. It recently joined the ranks of the distinction of having two father-son teams!

Recently, Major Zilkas, a senior at Northview High School, enlisted in the Ohio Air Guard and will join his father, Tech Sgt. William Zilkas, in the 555th band.

The Buckeye Guard

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Photography by SSG Nancy Cleenger

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Let's Talk...and in these days of quick sound bites and sound bites read aloud, we need to talk...to each other about the things that matter to us. It's easy to feel isolated and disconnected, but by taking the time to engage in meaningful conversations, we can foster understanding and connection with one another. Let's make an effort to slow down, listen actively, and express our thoughts and feelings with openness and respect. The power of dialogue is immense, and it's up to each of us to contribute to the ongoing dialogue on the issues that affect our lives. Let's talk and listen, together.
Guard members have until May 1 to apply to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School to get some expert help in qualifying for admission to West Point.

Graduating from the prep school automatically earns a Guardsman a nomination to West Point. Although there’s no guarantee, about 95 percent of the prep school graduates are accepted to the military academy. About 170 cadetships are available each year for West Point and half of these must be filled from the reserve components.

Eligibility requirements for the Army’s prep school are established in AR 351-12, dated July 1, 1978, located in your unit orderly room.

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