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To All Members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard

Christmas 1991

As we are reunited with family and friends during this holiday season, we can take pride in our many achievements of the past year. Once again, as we have throughout history, the Ohio National Guard responded to the call of our country to fight for freedom.

Patriotism and the will of a nation were never expressed so passionately as when 1,700 of our Army and Air National Guardmembers were called to duty for Operation Desert Shield/Storm. The people of Ohio were united in their support for our military members and their families. From rousing community sendoffs to colorful welcome home celebrations, that support never wavered.

We who kept the home fires burning in your absence are eminently proud of each and every one of you. Through your efforts, the torch of freedom shines brightly now in an area of the world where darkness and oppression once reigned.

Words can never express the heartfelt gratitude this state feels for its National Guard, especially for those who made the ultimate sacrifice in serving their country. In peace or war, you are truly twice the citizen and "Americans at their Best."

From the Offices of the Governor and the Adjutant General, have a happy, safe and joyous holiday season. You've earned it!

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Lessons from the Gulf

One soldier's story

by Spec. James Sparrow
641st Quartermaster Det.

The books all say that war is supposed to make you wise. If you read the hundreds of books about enlisted men at war, you come away convinced that being there gives one special insight. War veterans are wiser humans because they went to a harder school; they learned something from the military they could not have learned elsewhere.

I read too many of those books. They are why I joined the National Guard at the advanced age of 28. I thought I could pick that wisdom up on the cheap; six years of civilian soldiering and I could be as wise as anyone at Anzio. On Thanksgiving Day, 1991, I was performing the civilian function of watching football on television. During the halftime show, they interviewed from Saudi Arabia some of the early arrivals at Desert Shield. "You poor people", I thought, feeling wise, "we soldiers know how our comrades in the field suffer."

Exactly one month later, I climbed aboard a C-141 transport for transportation with my unit to Saudi Arabia so we could take our place with our comrades in the field. It was that quick. I barely had time to realize that I was really in the Army before I was placed in a war zone where hostilities were imminent. The experience I thought could be had for so little was now demanding the full measure of my devotion.

My unit is the 641st Quartermaster Detachment, Ohio Army National Guard. We are one of the smallest cogs in the Army machinery, numbering only about 60 soldiers. We are Water Purification Specialists laboring in an old armory in a small town far from the maddening crowd. We do our job fairly well and because of that, and our obscurity, we are mostly left alone. We

have only three full-time soldiers: our First Sergeant, our Supply Sergeant, and our clerk; the rest of us are civilians.

On December 1, when we arrived at Fort Knox, we realized that the impossible had occurred. In our hearts, we believed they would call out the Boy Scouts before they called us out. We joined because we wanted a college education, or some fun and money, or, in the case of the NCO's the responsibility and the respect. We took an oath, and to the person, we were faithful to that oath—no AWOL's were numbered amongst our ranks—but we thought it would never happen.

"... We believed they would call out the Boy Scouts before they called us out."

In that hectic month at Fort Knox we were outfitted, inoculated, indoctrinated, qualified, trained, tested, poked, and prodded.

A week of that time was spent at Fort Lee, taking a crash course in the equipment we would be expected to operate. We got to see our families on Christmas, but on December 26th we were gone to Saudi Arabia dressed in Army green.

We welcomed the New Year at Dammam, sleeping under a big picnic shelter adjacent to the Persian Gulf. Two days after that we were aboard our trucks, with live ammunition in our pouches, heading north and west towards the Iraqi border. Twenty miles outside of the city the desert just swallowed us up, but we traveled on through its barren beauty to Log Base Alpha. There we met with our battalion.

We were there when Desert Storm started, far enough from the border to make

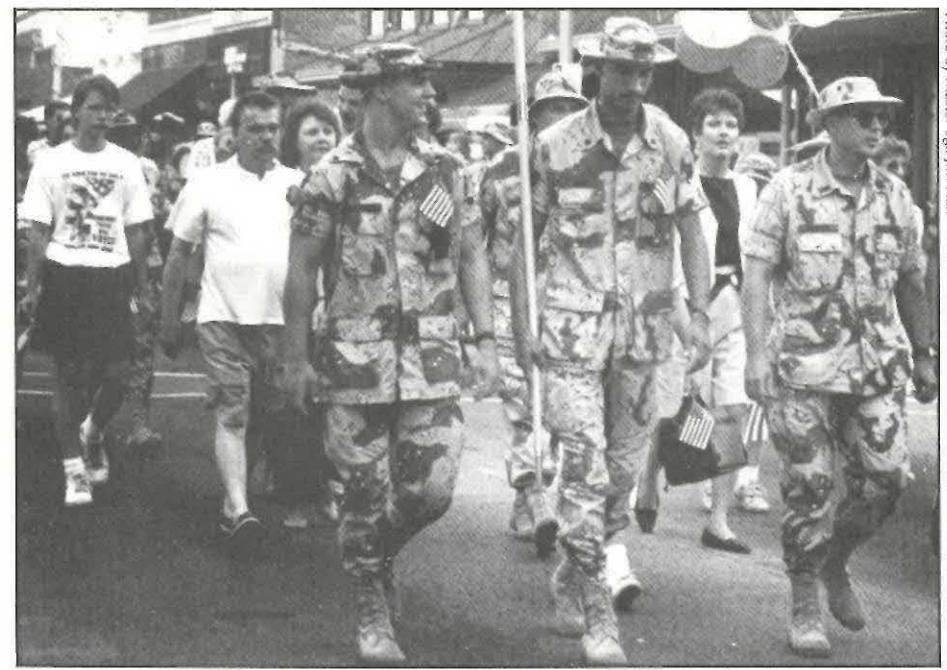
a ground attack unlikely, but close enough to make a chemical attack a deadly possibility. NBC training gained new stature and authority. Guard duty and bunker digging received respect they had not previously enjoyed.

After a fortnight at Alpha, we jumped to Log Base Echo, about 30 miles from the Iraqi border. In the middle of the desert a mile off of Tapline Road (MSR Dodge), the Saudis had dug a well and erected a water tower. This was to be our home for the next four months.

We deployed quickly and with much skill. A month in Saudi Arabia had rubbed the rest of civilian off of us. In an Army war zone you are given orders that you must execute. Your opinion of those orders is of no consequence. Once we realized this, we stopped being civilians. We moved four times in that month, and with each move we got more efficient, more soldierly. Our energy and imagination was channeled towards doing our job better and making our lives more comfortable.

We were given \$1,000,000 worth of water purification equipment and a mission. Though we had little training on this equipment, we had capable minds, good leadership, and a system that rewarded those who proposed practical, common sense solutions. Our NCO's and enlisted men came from all walks of life and they were able to use those skills to get our machines up and to keep them running. The 641st purified four million gallons of water, and we were as proud as any unit in Saudi when victory favored our side. We were civilians who had become soldiers to do part of what had to be done. We pitted our lives and brains against the enemy and helped to win the war in our own small way.

Every hour that we spent there was a great hour in our lives. I don't think we appreciate



Covington pulled out the stops to welcome home the 641st Quartermaster Detachment.

it now, though we will later on, more and more. We were too busy adapting our environment so it would conform to Army ideas of how a camp should be governed. Our camp equipment was as durable and practical as our water equipment. If anything, we were more ingenious in arranging for our personal comfort. We never considered that we were living only a little above animal; in our minds the arrangements were homey.

After what seemed an interminable wait, we arrived home at the end of May. The homecoming was very thrilling: how often in any lifetime is one permitted to receive the thanks of a grateful nation? We have been home now for as long as we were in Saudi. The parades are mostly over, and we have again taken up the occupations that we left so abruptly 11 months ago. Only since I have been back in the civilian world did I gain the special insight all the books spoke about.

The wisdom consists in understanding this: civilians, myself included, are a little reckless and more than a little irresponsible. Many of them are unwilling to sacrifice personal gain for the good of their society. As a result, their world is rude, unfair, dangerous, dishonest, and not very clean. Civilians seem to spend a great deal of their time looking for someone else to blame for their problems.

By contrast, the Army believes in per-

sonal responsibility. It teaches that the only strong societies are ones where the good of the many outweighs the good of the one. It could not function or perform any mission without this belief. The Army recognizes that its soldiers are responsible citizens because these soldiers have made a responsible decision: they have volunteered to put their lives between the United States and war's desolation. For the benefit of the body politic, soldiers willingly sacrifice a portion of their rights. In return, they have a society that is just, meritorious, relatively clean, and fairly safe and honest. This is how the social contract is supposed to function. As an added bonus, the Army has proven to be one of the more efficient parts of society as a whole. Civilians poke endless fun at the clumsy Army, but they proved quite adept at incorporating a small quartermaster unit into a mighty weapon of right.

I would not have acquired this insight without a tour of duty in the Gulf. I can take my place with countless other veterans who were rewarded for their services by learning something seminal about life and the world. When a man attained citizenship in ancient Rome, he was given a toga. Those who put on the uniform of the United States Army, whether for Desert Storm or not, have earned their toga of citizenship. As we all scatter for our homes, we should remember to wear it with care. □

Guard Profiles



Name: Gordon M. Campbell
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Occupation: Assistant Adjutant General for Air, Ohio National Guard.

Life has taught me: The "Golden Rule" is truly golden and can simplify many of our daily decisions.

If I could have just one day all to myself, I would: Helicopter to the top of a Western U.S. mountain peak and then lie back and enjoy the solitude and beauty.

The one film I would have liked to have starred in: "The Hunters"—1958 movie about the Korean air war. I would have played the part of Lt. Ed Pell...he got the MiGs; Maj. "Cleve" Seville got the women.

When no one's looking I: Close my eyes and daydream. Sometimes I do this when people are looking!

When I was little, I wanted to be: A fighter pilot.

The worst advice I ever received was: Join the Army.

The best advice I ever received was: Join the Air Force.

If I could dine with anyone, past or present, I would invite: Noah, Moses, Jesus Christ, Michaelangelo, Isaac Newton, Douglas McArthur, General Beighler, John Wayne, and Bob Preston.

The best moment of my life happened when I: ...was cruising in the '50s.

My favorite book: Clausewitz's "On War," the unabridged, German Language Edition (the bedtime edition).

If I could leave today's guardmembers with one piece of advice, it would be: We have great people in the Ohio National Guard. As leaders, we should express our confidence in them, give them responsibility, don't micro-manage, and continue to praise their performance.

Gunsmoke '91

121st Maintenance World-wide Champs

by Master Sgt. Ned Martin
121st Tactical Fighter Wing

When someone or something is the best, they are unrivaled, supreme, and second to none. The 121st Tactical Fighter Wing returned from Gunsmoke '91 the best.

The 121st walked away from the latest Air Force-wide bombing competition with the best maintenance title. This award winning maintenance team is the only Air Guard unit to ever win the trophy and the only Air Force team to win the coveted award more than once. The 121st won the maintenance award in 1983.

The 121st Tactical Fighter Wing is also the only Air Force unit, active or reserve, to compete in four Gunsmokes—1981, 1983, 1987, 1991.

This maintenance team had a first day deduction of eight points, followed by five perfect days of maintenance activity. Their final score was 3,592 points out of a possible 3,600; the closest competition was the 944th Tactical Fighter Group, Air Force Reserve, with 3,585 points.

"The dedication and competitive spirit of the 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron pulled us through," said Lt. Col. John Miller, chief of maintenance for the Ohio Air National Guard unit.

"There's no question about it," he stated. "We were notified just eight weeks before the start of Gunsmoke that we would be a player, and everyone, support players as well as team members, pitched in. Our level of competitive spirit allowed us to attain the levels of professionalism needed to win this competition."

It didn't hurt that six of the team members were on that 1983 winning team. Chief Master Sgt. Ron Dillon, Master Sgt. Bill Groves, Tech. Sgts. Jeff Ray and Jim Sayre, and Staff Sgts. Steve Green and Bill Killelea brought not only their knowledge of the A-7 aircraft weapons system to Nellis, but the experience of three previous meets. In a highly competitive situation like Gunsmoke, pre-planning and home-



base preparations are as important as the actual performance.

Other maintenance team members included Chief Master Sgt. Jack Bishop; Senior Master Sgts. Mel Fridley and Dick McKibben; Master Sgts. Brent Fridley, Gary Pugh and Jeff Taylor; and Tech. Sgts. Dave Anderson, Kriss Bickle, Doug Criswell, Larry Dishong, Paul Dortmund, Lib Malbon, Charles Odum, Sam Pollock, Jimmy Sprouse and Jeff Zaar.

Staff Sgts. Jeff Cantrell, Bob Clark, Mickey Cooper, Todd Devoe, Donnie Dotson, Kris Fausnaugh, John Gibson, Tim Golden, Phil Lovejoy, Rhet Martin, Mike McKinnon and Terry Vinson rounded out the maintenance team.

In all probability, this will be the unit's last Gunsmoke. Current Air Force plans call for the 121st to convert to the KC-135R Stratotanker before 1993. But the members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing left the airfield the only way they know how — they flew out winners. □



What is Gunsmoke?

Gunsmoke is the Air Force-wide tactical gunnery and bombing competition held every two years at Nellis AFB, Nev., and sponsored by Tactical Air Command. Aircrews and ground support members represent units from the worldwide tactical air forces (TAF), including Tactical Air Command, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Pacific Air Forces, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

Most Gunsmoke participants are already competition winners within their commands. Many of this year's players also deployed for Operation Desert Storm.

Gunsmoke is designed to demonstrate the skills and safety of Air Force air and ground crews on the air-to-ground ordnance delivery mission, and to further sharpen their capabilities through competition.

Aircrews are judged in basic bomb delivery, tactical bomb delivery and navigation/attack. Maintenance crews are scored on safety, maintenance effectiveness, maintenance management and sorty generation. Weapons load crews compete in munitions loading exercises where precision, technical expertise and safety count as much as speed.

OPPOSITE PAGE: 121st Maintenance Crews worked on their planes in the shadow of Nevada Mountains. **ABOVE:** A judge looks on as Master Sgt. Tom Guard (R) and Tech. Sgt. Doug Welsh prepare to load a bomb. **LEFT:** Tech. Sgt. Bob Derryberry inspects one of the unit's A-7s.

Minuteman Military Triathlon

Ohio National Guard Competes



by Maj. Christopher Cline
112th Medical Brigade

Throughout history, soldiers have competed in sports that mirrored military skills. In most such events, however, the elements of both fatigue and teamwork are lacking, making the sport abstract, rather than real.

But now a new sport has been invented, the Minuteman Military Triathlon, and it appears to be a true test of the skills soldiers would use in combat. It combines an all-out run and an obstacle course and finishes by testing how well the soldiers can shoot.

"This is the sort of challenge soldiers would face in combat," said State Marksman Coordinator Maj. Vince Jiga. "You would have physically exerted yourself past the limit of what you thought you could do, and be confronted with even more obstacles that demand strength, coordination, balance and speed. Then, while you are worn out, stressed, and gasping for air, you would have to get into position and, within seconds, shoot accurately at distant targets."

Staged by the Arkansas National Guard at Camp Robinson this fall, the competition pitted 5-person teams from 16 states and two territories against each other. Each team was required to have at least one officer, one person over 40 years old, one person E-6 or above, one woman and one person E-4 or below.

The Ohio team hits the rope climb midway through the obstacle course. Left to right: Van Deventer, Cline, Pifer, and Malloy. Bronson holds the rope for Van Deventer while he waits for an open rope.

The teams were required to run a five kilometer (3.1 miles) foot race in combat boots and BDU's, tackle a 14-event obstacle course, and then engage in three shooting events with service rifles.

Just about every soldier at one time or another has run in combat boots. Understandably, Ohio Capt. Phillip Bronson impressed many with his ability to run the foot race with a time of 17:20 – a pace few people can equal in running shoes! Spec. Tracy Deventer was not far behind. They finished, respectively, as the first male and female runners, sparking a first place win for Ohio in the run event.

It was a different story in the obstacle event, however, considering Ohio took only a mediocre 13th place. "We should have done better in the obstacle course," said team captain Maj. Christopher Cline, "but we just weren't ready for the way the foot race affected us. We met surprises on obstacles that we never suspected would be problems. But in fairness to our team, we didn't have a shot at the obstacle course until the day of the competition, so we were hitting it cold."

Ohio came back hard in the shooting events, taking a solid fifth place. The range work started out with 10 rounds from standard rack grade M-16s at 300 yards. No sighters were allowed, and no sight adjustments were permitted. The battlesight zero the shooter arrived with was what was used during the entire match.

Next came the sprint event. Starting from the prone position at the 300 yard line, the shooters, as a team, had 35 seconds to sprint to the 200 yard line, assume the prone position once again, charge the weapon loaded with a magazine of 10 rounds, and then engage ten 12-inch-square steel plates. Accuracy was important, but speed was too, because even the fastest runners only ended up with less than ten seconds of actual shooting time.

The final event was another 100 yard sprint, this time to the 100 yard line and the offhand position, where ten pop-up targets (man sized) appeared for three seconds at a time. Between each snap shot, the shooter was required to place the rifle on safe and assume the ready position. Only when the target appeared could the safety be taken off and the rifle brought to the shoulder.



TOP PHOTO: The 1991 Ohio Military Triathlon team. Rear, left to right: 1st Lt. Terry Della Penna, Master Sgt. William Pifer, Spec. Tracy Van Deventer, 2nd Lt. Michael Malloy and Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Post. Kneeling: Maj. Christopher Cline, and Capt. Phillip Bronson. Not pictured: 1st Lt. Thom Haidet. **LEFT:** Spec. Tracy Van Deventer, named top female competitor and placed 7th overall. **RIGHT:** Malloy (left) and Cline cross the rolling balance logs.

summer.

What will it take to make the team? If this year's squad is any indication, a good starting point is a 300 APFT, a record of foot race competition and a willingness to train as a precision marksman.

This year's Ohio team members and their units were: Maj. Christopher Cline, HHC 112th Medical Brigade; Capt. Phillip Bronson, 1/166th Infantry, Company B; 2nd Lt. Michael Malloy, 1/147th Infantry, Company A; Master Sgt. William Pifer, 200th CES; Spec. Tracy Van Deventer, Det. 3 STARC (OMA). Team alternates were 1st Lt. Thom Haidet, 1487th Transportation Company; 1st Lt. Terry Della Penna, HHD 1-137th Aviation; Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Post, Det. 3 STARC (OMA). □

Capt. Bronson ranked 3rd overall in the male individual classification.

The Arkansas National Guard plans to hold the event again next year. Ohio plans to field a team, and will hold tryouts next



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bob Mullins



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OPPOSITE PAGE: Two would-be soldiers play Army under the cover of camouflage. **THIS PAGE ABOVE:** Youngster practices suturing at 145th MASH display. **RIGHT:** Red Horse mascot (Staff Sgt. Dwight Damschroder) waves from miniature A-7 Corsair fighter, piloted by Master Dave Schroeder. **BELow:** Young girl dreams of playing with the 122nd Army Guard Band.

Wolbert's unit, the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Stow, are scouts whose main mission is reconnaissance and defense, he explained.

The 107th also brought helicopters to the open house. They, like the other military equipment on display, were open for all to climb aboard for a firsthand look.

Guardsman displayed up-to-date decontamination apparatus and charcoal-lined chemical protective suits like those used in Saudi Arabia.

The 145th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) unit, based in Camp Perry, proved to be one of the most popular exhibits. The mobile hospital takes 10 to 12 hours to set up, with everybody — doctors, nurses, support staff — pitching in. Visitors walked through the trailer and tent complex while the personnel eagerly explained their jobs and equipment.

Children got to try their hand at suturing, using a chicken leg instead of a real human one, for practice. In the hospital display area, children also had their faces painted with camouflage colors.

Outside the ward room sat the mobile washer and dryer, huge by household standards. It can process 178 pounds of bedding, towels, etc. in one hour.

The Camp Perry MASH unit trains at a



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bob Mullins

local nursing home, and some members volunteered to work in Saudi during the war and to help out temporarily in poor countries like Honduras and Haiti.

Most of the open house displays were temporary, but some will be back for another showing next year.

After spending only one day at Camp Perry, the historical significance of this training site is clearly evident: the camp was named after Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, the victorious American commander who defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie; the first 300 acres were purchased by the State Legislature in 1906 for a state

Showing American Pride

Camp Perry holds public open house

by Ellen Tietjen

CAMP PERRY—The 645-acre National Guard Training Site five miles west of Port Clinton is known to shooters across the country as the home of National Pistol and Rifle Matches.

Many veterans, however, remember being received there as new recruits during World War II.

Others might recall that it was a prisoner of war camp during that war, at one time housing approximately 2,500 German and 2,000 Italian POW's.

Today, servicemen and women stationed at Camp Perry are members of both Army and Air National Guard units.

On Saturday, Sep. 14, Camp Perry was all of the above and more.

The Ohio National Guard Public Awareness Day and Open House hosted some 2,500 visitors, many of them families with children, to show off both the base and the Guard.

It was a time to view the latest technology used in the Persian Gulf War, a time to remember past wars, a patriotic time as music from the 122nd Ohio Army Guard Band wafted through the air, and a time for children to get a hands-on look at military equipment.

Sgt. Michael Wolbert, an accountant by trade, explained the TOW (Tube Launched Optically Controlled Wire Guided) missiles and let young and old peek through the infrared eyepiece. With a range of 3,750 meters, the TOWs were used in Desert Storm, most of them mounted on Hummers and Bradleys, he said.

Popularized by the Gulf War, the HMMWV (Highly Mobile Multi Wheel Vehicle) or "Hummer," was there in several

incarnations — as a passenger vehicle, a truck, a mount for TOW missiles, and even an ambulance.

Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger bought a Hummer for \$45,000, visitors were told by one young guardsman. With its four-wheel drive, it'll go about anywhere and is much better than the outmoded Army jeep, he stated.

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LEFT: Curious children climb aboard the tanks on permanent display at Camp Perry. **BELLOW:** Huts which housed World War II POWs were open to visitors to see. **BOTTOM:** The Gratitude Train reminded Camp Perry guests of our friendship with France.



File photo

rifle range and camp; and the National Rifle Matches were first held there in 1907.

On permanent display along the entrance road are four tanks – a Sherman, Sheridan, Duster and an Armored Personnel Carrier. Another interesting permanent display is a railcar from the World War II Gratitude Train. It is one of 49 sent to the U.S. by France in 1949. The cars arrived in New York loaded with gifts as a gesture of friendship and gratitude from the French people.

Next to it is a tank and memorial plaque dedicated to Company C, 192nd Tank Battalion, whose members – many from Port Clinton – fought and died or were captured during the fall of Bataan in the Philippines on April 9, 1942.

A small museum of newspaper clippings and memorabilia from the Bataan campaign and the death march of POWs that followed the Allied defeat is located in the camp's Arcade building. Also on site from World War II are rows of tar paper covered "hutments" constructed to house the German and Italian POWs.

During the annual open house or anytime else for that matter, a visit to Camp Perry is educational family fun. □

Editor's Note: This story is a consolidation of excerpts from Ellen Tietjen's article published in RFD News, Volume 34 Number 8. Of particular interest, this open house resourced equipment and assets from across the state of Ohio. Participating units included 145th MASH, 122nd Band, 107 ACR, 174th AD (HAWK), 200th RED HORSE, 180th TFG, 612th ENG BN, 213th HEM CO, 214th MAINT CO, 637th SVC CO, 1484th TRANS CO, 323rd MP CO, 1-136th FA BN, and the 1-148th INF BN.



File photo

Camp Perry hosts weekend activities

Camp Perry had a busy weekend in mid-September.

In addition to the crowds who showed up for Public Awareness Day on Saturday, Sept. 14, battalion commanders and higher from across the state also met at the training site to attend the annual Commander's Conference for the Ohio National Guard.

The weekend was also open to spouses, and the evening provided an opportunity for entertainment and socializing.

Camp Perry also hosted the National Guard Retired Officer/Enlisted reunion which proved to be quite successful as well. The participants were especially excited to have their meeting coincide with the open house, giving them an opportunity to see firsthand the military equipment which played an instrumental role in the success of Desert Storm. □

Desert Shield/Storm as well as future expectations for the Ohio National Guard.

With opening remarks by Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, Ohio Adjutant General, the joint conference was designed to bring together the leadership of the two elements of the Guard.



by Maj. Nancy August
180th Tactical Fighter Group

TOLEDO—The 180th Tactical Fighter Group is engrossed in the conversion from the A-7 Corsair to the F-16 Fighting Falcon. But even while the pilots and maintenance personnel are immersed in the conversion, training for the Total Force mission never ends.

The last scheduled exercise mission for the A-7's of the 180th was one of the most realistic combat training assignments available to the Air Guard—"Air Warrior," held at the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, Ca. During Air Warrior, pilots, maintenance crews, and munitions handlers were deployed into a simulated wartime environment to work side-by-side with their active duty counterparts.

The overall scenario was simple. The Red Force, supported by the 180th, was dug in, the Blue Force was attacking. The actual missions were far from simple.

"Our pilots, under fire from ground forces, practiced live weapons deliveries," said Lt. Col. Dave Pifer, project officer for the 180th. "We attacked with cluster bombs, general purpose bombs and Maverick missiles. Mavericks were the weapon of choice in Iraq and can hit a tank five to six miles away."

Air Warrior also gave munitions storage and load crews an opportunity to become familiar with handling the "real thing."

"Repetitious activity utilizing inert training items at home station cannot compare to the apprehension developed with 'live' munitions," Maj. Richard Brazeau of the 180th Consolidated Combat Maintenance Squadron said. "Exercises like Air War-

The 180th locks and loads... Air Warrior '91

rior help eliminate this apprehension. Crews gain confidence in the handling, fusing and loading of live ordnance."

The munitions crews also gained experience in aircraft maintenance. A real teamwork effort was required to maintain the quick sortie turn-around times.

In addition to using live ammunition, the 180th pilots were also exposed to something new, mountains. "This is a real benefit for us," Pifer said, "to train in a new environment — mountains versus the flatland of the Midwest."

"Another real advantage is the opportunity to train with the Army," Pifer added. "We get the feel for Army maneuvers and the Army gets an appreciation of the practical application of air power in combination with ground power."

NTC evaluators were constantly monitor-

ing the action. Did commanders on the ground allow their forces to be exposed too long? Was air superiority maintained? Were units quickly changing tactics when necessary, from a defensive posture to offensive? Who won the war game?

It was not a question in the end of who was victorious, the Blue or the Red. The measurement of success for all involved was how much was learned from the experience. □

A 180th munitions handler prepares for a live ammunition exercise during Air Warrior at Ft. Irwin, CA.





A Final

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD Desert Shield/Storm Honor Roll

Army National Guard Mobilized: 1,050

Unit:	Deployed To:
323rd Military Police	Germany
324th Military Police	Saudi Arabia
337th Personnel Service Company	Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.
641st Quartermaster Detachment	Saudi Arabia
838th Military Police	Saudi Arabia
1485th Transportation Company	Saudi Arabia
1486th Transportation Company	Saudi Arabia
1487th Transportation Company	Saudi Arabia
5694th Engineer Detachment (FFTG)	Saudi Arabia

Air National Guard Mobilized: 594

Unit:	Deployed To:
121st Security Police Flight	Bahrain
121st Services Flight	MacDill AFB, Fla.
160th Air Refueling Group	Saudi Arabia, UAE
160th Security Police Flight	Carswell AFB, Texas/ Home Station/Minot AFB, N.D.
160th Services Flight	Minot AFB, N.D./ Barksdale AFB, La.
160th SAC Clinic	Minot AFB, N.D./ Grand Forks AFB, N.D./ Ellsworth AFB, N.D./ Fairchild AFB, Wash.
178th Civil Engineering Squadron	Moody AFB, Ga.
178th Tactical Hospital	Cannon AFB, N.M.
178th Services Flight	Holloman AFB, N.M.
178th Security Police Flight	Home Station
179th Medical Services Squadron	United Kingdom/Andrews AFB, Md.
180th Civil Engineering Squadron	Nellis AFB; Nev.
180th Security Police Flight	Home Station
180th Services Flight	Travis AFB, Ca.

Many individuals from the Ohio National Guard also volunteered and served during Operations Desert Shield/Storm

Tribute



The last Ohio unit returns home

Story by Spec. J.D. Biros

Photos by Sgt. Lori King

196th Public Affairs Detachment

After seven months in Saudi Arabia, the 838th Military Police Company is home at last.

More than 3,000 cheering family members, friends and Ohioans greeted the returning 838th MPs at the Vienna Air Force Reserve Base in Youngstown. The welcome home ceremony even caught the attention of the network news media, being broadcast across the country on ABC.

Many of the returning MPs, like Sgt. Cheryl Hornyak, weren't expecting such a large turn out. "It was pure excitement," she said.

When Hornyak stepped off the C-130 aircraft and into the waiting arms of her husband, 5-year-old child and set of 3-year-old twins, she received a "love bonus." Her father, who was under extensive medical care, was brought by ambulance and stretcher to welcome her home. He said he had to be there when she returned.

First Sergeant Michael Kupitza also wasn't anticipating the number of people at the air base. "I stepped off the plane and I was really surprised," he said. "I was proud that all the people came out to celebrate our homecoming."

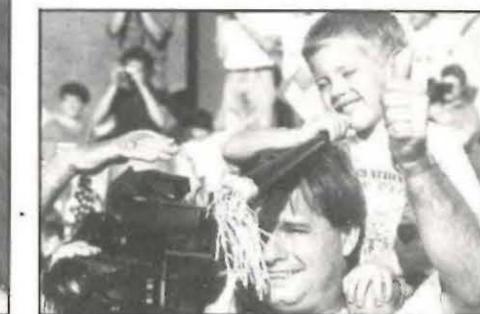
While in the Middle East, the Youngstown unit performed tasks that stretched the personnel across three countries and hundreds of miles. The 838th provided area security for military posts, battlefield circulation control for supply routes, safety checks on the highways and customs inspections in the airport. The unit personnel also investigated vehicular accidents and were involved in first aid administration and emergency assistance.

Although the 130 soldiers of the 838th MP Company who served in Operation Desert Storm returned in early September, it wasn't until two months later that the unit was considered "officially" home.



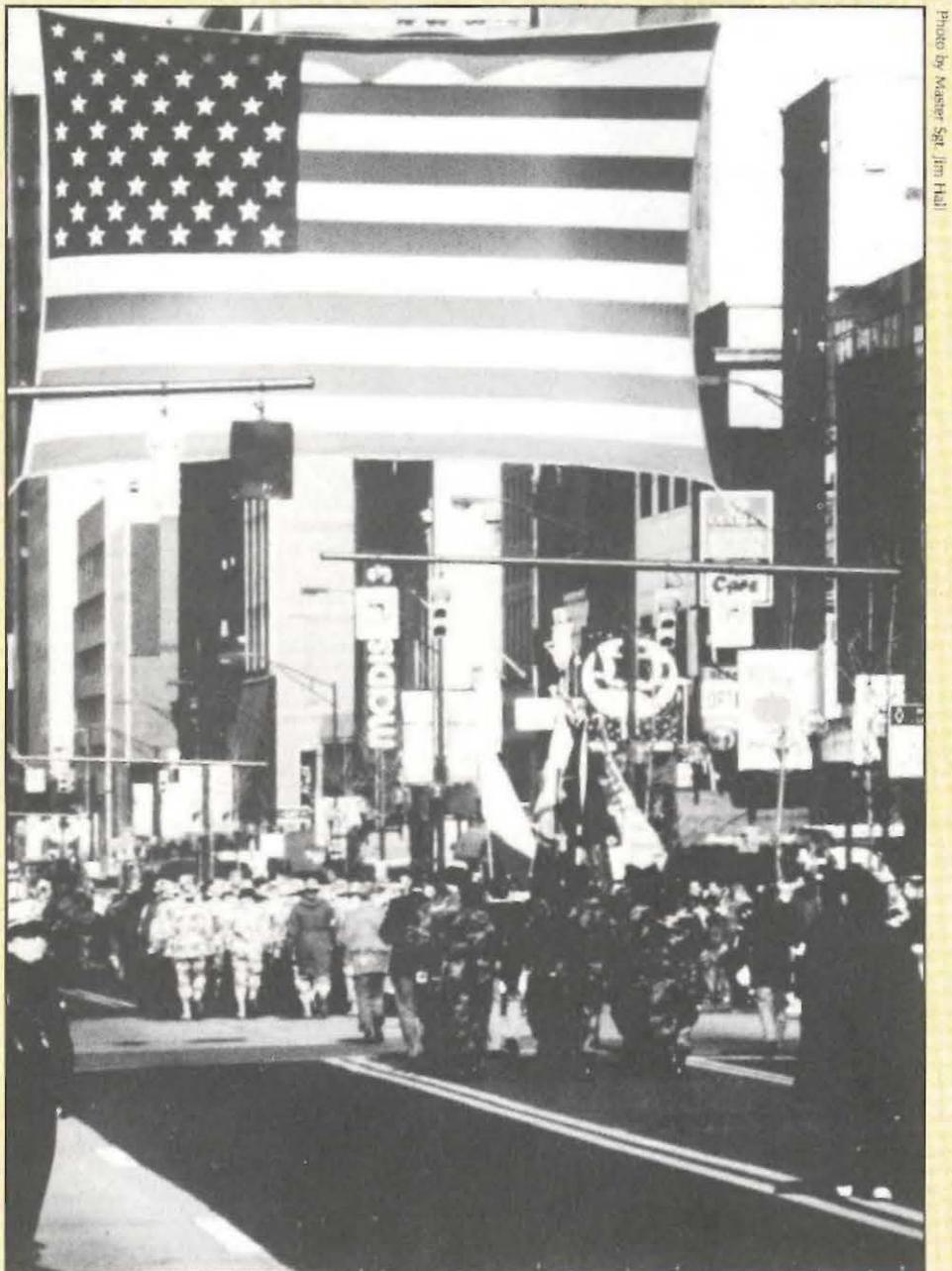
Editor's Note: The 838th MP Company was activated on Jan. 7 and deployed to Saudi Arabia on Feb. 10. Arriving in Youngstown, Ohio, on Sept. 7, the 838th was the last of 23 Ohio National Guard units to return to the United States after service in Operation Desert Storm. It was also the last of all Ohio reserve components to return.

ABOVE: Crowds shed tears of joy for returning MPs. **BELOW LEFT:** Not even the weight of two duffle bags can wipe the grin off Spec. Thomas Warmouth's face. **BELOW:** The parents of Sgt. Cheryl Hornyak overcame every obstacle to welcome their daughter home. **BOTTOM:** Bill Starr, with his son Benjamin, offers a thumbs up to the returning Youngstown troops.





Welcome Home Ohio



More than 3,600 troops marched through downtown Columbus in the "Welcome Home Ohio" Parade.

Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Hall

by Sgt. Diane Farrow
State Public Affairs Office

COLUMBUS—Brisk winds greeted the record crowds who gathered on that chilly Saturday morning; crowds who cheered loudly for Ohio troops and waved flags proudly for all to see.

On November 9, people from all across the Buckeye State met in Columbus for "Operation Welcome Home Ohio," a day-long celebration to honor our 10,000 Desert Storm veterans from all branches of the armed forces.

Undeniably, the highlight of the day's activities was the military parade.

Spectators sported eye-catching combinations of red, white and blue, which contrasted sharply with the woodland and desert camouflage worn by Ohio troops; the visual impact clearly indicated that patriotism reached an all-time high.

Ohioans were given the opportunity to view military equipment and aircraft that figured prominently in our success in the Persian Gulf War. The M-1 Abrams, the M-3 Bradley, and the Patriot Missile dominated the parade route on the ground, while the KC-135 Stratotankers of the Air National Guard impressed all with their flyovers in the sky.

Hosted by Ohio Governor George V. Voinovich and veterans organizations throughout the state, the day's festivities were historically significant in that no statewide celebration had ever been conducted for Ohio's veterans of all wars. Marching with Desert Storm units were veteran elements of Vietnam, Korea, World War I and World War II.

"Operation Welcome Home Ohio" certainly succeeded in revitalizing the meaning of Veteran's Day. One can only hope that cities throughout Ohio will follow the State's lead and continue the tradition of honoring our state's veterans each year on November 11th. □



Photo by Spec. Brian Uppley



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Hall



Photo by Sgt. Lori King



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Hall

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: The Ohio Air National Guard offered the crowd an up-close view of an A-7D fighter jet. Despite the morning chill, record crowds turned out for the celebration. Representatives from this century's five wars participated in this state-wide event. Young and old alike were thrilled with the day's activities.

A Farewell Salute

Spec. Brian K. Spackman, 324th MP Co.

NILES—Brian K. Spackman was born on January 13, 22 years ago. He joined the 324th Military Police Company in September 1986. He was a young specialist when his unit headed for their mobilization station, Ft. Bragg, before being deployed to Saudi Arabia in early January.

At such a young age, it was assumed that Brian was in great physical shape. His mother Patricia, described him as a strong, healthy kid. After all, he was a black belt in Tae Kwan Do and an avid sportsman.

But on January 14, just one day after his birthday, Brian suffered a fatal heart attack during a physical training test at Ft. Bragg. His death came as a shock to both his unit and his parents — there were no warning signs, no known physical ailments, sim-

ply no reason.

The day before Brian died, his mother spoke with him on the phone. It was about 5 p.m. and he was in high spirits. He told his mother about the candy his fellow soldiers gave him for his birthday and talked about how everybody was keeping each other's morale up.

"He said they (the 324th MPs) didn't have a television so they weren't as down as we were. President Bush's deadline (Jan. 15) was fast approaching," his mother recalled. "Then he said he'd call me next week after the firing range."

But the call never came.

The following Monday morning, January 14, the Spackmans learned of their son's death.



Since that tragic day, Brian's parents, Keith and Patricia, have been honored at a parade in their hometown of Niles, and have shared with caring listeners the many loves of their son.

Brian is not remembered for only one specific passion. Well, maybe one — food. Not because of how much he liked to eat it, but rather for how much he liked to cook it. He was even a qualified food inspector for the State of Ohio.

"He was always cooking, taking over someone's kitchen. He'd tell them what to get and he'd prepare it. David, his brother, didn't even know how to turn on a grill," his mother said. Since his brother's death, David has taken on the legacy of Brian's culinary duties.

In fact, since Brian had been a student at the University of Akron before deployment, the school awarded an honorary Associates Degree in the Culinary Arts to Brian in May 1991. His brother accepted the honor.

Memories of Brian began to flood the minds of Keith and Patricia as they recalled the antics of typical family outings.

They said the family always went camping together. They always swam together in the neighbor's pool. They enjoyed staying up until early morning hours, Brian cooking for all of them.

Brian also loved the military. In 1988 he earned the unit's First Sergeant's Award and in 1989 he was a contributor when the unit won the Eisenhower Award for being the best National Guard unit in Ohio. The 324th also chose him to represent the unit as a security guard during a West Point football game last year.

"Brian felt you should live each day to the fullest because you don't know what's happening tomorrow," his mother said. "We've always said that so our kids always thought that. Brian did enjoy life and his friends." □

"Anybody who was even remotely involved in Operation Desert Storm knows the hardship endured. Separation of family and friends, uncomfortable overseas travel, lost jobs, lower incomes.

Most of the Ohio National Guard soldiers survived it all and were welcomed home with parades and parties.

Most of them.

This is a special tribute to the two military policemen who didn't make it home."

Sgt. Lori King
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Sgt. Mark J. Gologram, 838th MP Co.



ALLIANCE—Sgt. Mark J. Gologram wrote a paper about his personal visit to the Vietnam War Memorial.

Mark, who was a first semester freshman at the University of Akron last fall, initially wrote the paper for his English class, but decided against turning it in and submitted something else instead.

His mother recently found the paper when she was going through some of his personal items. She could hardly believe what she read.

"...we will probably end up in war with Iraq, and I may fall victim to the harsh realities of that war..."

Mark J. Gologram fulfilled his own prophecy. On the morning of March 18, Mark was driving his military vehicle down Dodge Highway—a narrow, heavily traveled road in Saudi Arabia—when he collided with another military vehicle. He was killed instantly.

His father believed that Mark wasn't afraid to die. In one conversation prior to his death, Mark had mentioned that if he were to fall, he'd be joining another Army, God's Army.

At only 23, Mark had already made several requests in case he were "to fall"—his expression for dying for your country.

According to his parents, Eleanor and Harry Lee, all of his requests have been honored.

One of the requests was to have a military funeral in his hometown of Alliance.

He also requested that if he or his best friend, Marine Cpl. Dennis Betz should fall in war, they would wear each others dog tags for eternity. Ironically, Dennis also lost his life while serving in the Marines. Mark was one of his pallbearers.

In death, they are wearing each others dog tags.

Mark was an active Army military policeman from July 1986 to July 1989. After a year of being away from the military, he decided to resume serving his country and joined the 838th

MP Company in May 1990. Before deployment, Mark planned to go active duty again, making the Army a career as an officer.

"Mark loved the military. It was in his blood," his mother said. "When he was in high school, he and his friends would play "soldier" in the woods. They'd use camouflage, flashlights, everything."

"He also liked rifles and pistols, and spent a lot of time target practicing at ranges," she continued. "He was a ranger when he was at the University of Akron, but he wasn't in ROTC. He was one of the few rangers who wasn't in ROTC; since he had prior Army training, they let him join." Even though he wasn't in ROTC, they still had a ceremony for his death.

Just four months prior to Mark's death, when the 838th was at Fort Dix for deployment, he was promoted to sergeant. He was made team leader three weeks before he died.

For his tour of duty in the Persian Gulf and his overall contribution to military life, the U.S. Army posthumously honored Mark with the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, an Army Accommodation Medal and a Good Conduct Medal.

Mark's father refers to Mark as 'a child sent from heaven.' "He was the kind of son that every parent would want to raise—respectful, helpful. If I had a ditch to dig, a fence to move, a roof to put on, he was there."

The Golograms say they will never get over their son's death. Nobody ever does.

"We've talked to people who have been dealing with this for more than ten years," Harry Lee said, "and they say it still hurts."

"It's a victory for those parents who welcomed their children back. We pray that other parents will never have to go through this. You just can't imagine this kind of pain. We didn't."

"It changes your life. You'll never be the same." □



News Briefs



The Greater Pittsburgh area is pleased to announce it is planning to host the first all-military reunion of Operation Desert Storm veterans. Planned for Friday, July 3 through Sunday, July 5, 1992, the event will enable military personnel, their families and supporters to enjoy a weekend of camaraderie and information exchange. All other veterans are welcome, too. For further information, send inquiries to: Greater Pittsburgh Convention and Visitors Bureau, Suite 514, Four Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222. ATTN: Desert Storm Reunion Committee. □

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The Salesian Boys Club of Columbus announced its participation in the Boys and Girls Club of America's Desert Storm Outreach Program. The Columbus organization is one of 350 facilities nationwide that will provide services to some 20,000 young people of local National Guard and Reserve families that were deployed during Desert Storm.

"Whereas the children of active duty personnel are conditioned to having one or both parents away for extended periods, and often under perilous conditions, the recent conflict has been especially traumatic for Reserve and Guard families," said Mr. Richard Crager, Executive Director of the Salesian Boys Club. "This outreach will help provide some of the stability and guidance that these children have lacked for the past year."

The Salesian Boys Club has a variety of activities of interest to youth which include bowling, basketball, race cars, swimming pool, billiards, computers, arts & crafts, tutoring, air hockey, camping and much more. Hours are 3:00-9:00 Tuesday through Friday and 10:00-5:00 Saturday. Free membership.

For further information on programs, activities or membership call Michael Ross at (614) 464-4045. □

To veterans of Operation Desert Storm: Congratulations on being a participant in what will surely go down in history as one of America's finest campaigns for freedom in the twentieth century. We are looking for veterans who are interested in having their biography included in the soon to be published "Who's Who in Desert Storm." To request an application, send your name, address, and phone number to CALS Publishing and Consulting Co. Inc., National Headquarters, 110-64 Queens Boulevard, Suite 177, Forest Hills, NY 11375 or call 1-718-544-0700 at your own expense. □

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Congress continues to work on legislation to provide family counseling to Guard and Reserve members who were mobilized for the Persian Gulf War. The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee approved its bill on Sept. 12. Counseling services would be provided through Veterans Affairs Department resources or a contract with local providers. The benefits would be available for three years after demobilization. □

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Acting at the National Governors Association meeting in Seattle, Washington, in August, the nation's governors adopted a resolution strongly objecting to DoD proposals to cut the size of the Army Guard by one-third. Noticing that the Total Force Policy worked superbly during the mobilization for the Persian Gulf War, the governors said:

"The Department of Defense now proposes to abandon this policy only months after it proved so successful in the Persian Gulf." The cover letter transmitting the resolution to President George Bush was signed by 31 governors of such disparate political views as Mario Cuomo of New York and Ann Richards of Texas, Democrats, and Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin and George Voinovich of Ohio, Republicans. □

Of interest to Guard members is the Gulf War Compensation Act of 1991, which would allow the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make loans to small businesses that are owned and operated by Guard and Reserve members or small businesses that suffered as a result of the mobilization. The loans would be similar to SBA disaster loans. □

Service Medals

Desert Shield and Desert Storm participants who meet certain requirements may now wear the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

To be eligible, a person must have served after Aug. 2, 1990, in the Persian Gulf, of Oman, Gulf of Aden, portions of the Arabian Gulf, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar or the United Arab Emirates. Additionally, two bronze service stars to be worn on the medal and service ribbon will be awarded: one for participation in Operation Desert Shield Aug. 2 to Jan. 16; and the second for Desert Storm after Jan. 16.

Under certain conditions, people who directly participated in Operation Provide Comfort and people who directly supported combat operations while serving after Jan. 17 in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, or Jordan, including airspace and territorial waters, may also wear the medal.

The Department of Defense announced earlier this year that the National Defense Service Medal is authorized for participants of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

All service members serving on active duty after Aug. 2, 1990, are eligible. A closing date has not yet been determined.

The medal indicates honorable participation in a particular national emergency, campaign, war or expedition. This is only the third time in 40 years that the award has been authorized. Active duty service dates from June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954, (for the Korean Conflict) and from Jan. 1, 1961 to Aug. 14, 1974 (for the war in Vietnam) are the only other time periods that were previously authorized this award.

by Kelli D. Blackwell
HQ STARC (-Def 1-5)

"The Army used to have an old saying: If the Army wanted you to have a spouse, it would have issued you one," said Sally Williams, Columbus resident and chairperson of the Ohio Volunteer Family Assistance Council (OVFAC).

In the past, when a service member was mobilized, the spouse, children and/or parents were often left behind, uninformed and unaware of what help and services were available to them. And all too often, it was unhappy families who influenced their service members to leave the military.

The Ohio Volunteer Family Assistance Council initially organized in January 1991, during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, "...but not solely for that purpose," Williams emphasized.

"Our group was formed out of necessity because state family assistance didn't have the staff to do it all by themselves."

Even though the war has ended, OVFAC continues to provide support and information to families of military members.



Gov. George Voinovich and Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander attend a banquet to honor Ohio Family Assistance.

Region VI Representative Sherry Parsley of Cincinnati said the mission of OVFAC is to ensure the development and maintenance of a state family support program for both the Army and the Air National Guard.

According to Maj. Christine Harmon, chief of Plans and Actions Branch, the mission of the National Guard Family Assistance Program is to establish and facilitate ongoing communication, involvement, support and recognition between the National Guard and its members' families.

Although the National Guard Family Assistance Program and OVFAC both work together and deal with military families, their focus varies.

Williams said, "An easy way to distinguish between the two is that the National Guard family assistance is done through the military chain of command, whereas volunteer family support is accomplished through a 'chain of concern.' "

Harmon said, "The volunteers are truly the heart of this program. They make up the unit level family support groups. They receive volunteer training under the direction of the State Family Assistance Office."

Both Williams and Parsley stressed that keeping the family members informed and involved is imperative. OVFAC is developing a bimonthly newsletter called the Purple Postscripts. Copies of the newsletter will be provided to regional support group leaders.

For additional information, contact the Family Assistance Office, 2825 West Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235 at (614) 889-7192 or 1-800-589-9914. □



Story and Photo by Sgt. Lori King
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Since the onset of Desert Shield/Storm, the color orange doesn't bring to mind just pumpkins anymore! The seasonal color now means love, care, support and hope.

"Operation Orange Ribbon," now over a year old, was inspired and founded by



Ellen Lambing hugs an 838th military policeman prior to his deployment to Saudi Arabia.

Cincinnati resident, Ellen Lambing. "I was watching television one night and feeling very apprehensive because my son was on the U.S.S. Eisenhower in the Gulf," explained Lambing. "I had sent my prayers, and this (the campaign) was the message sent back to me. The color orange just flashed in my mind and I knew it was the right thing to do."

What started as a local campaign, turned into an international show of support for the troops who served during the Gulf Crisis. A total of 200 Orange Ribbon Groups were established throughout the country, while six others were organized abroad.

"I didn't want to see another Vietnam, where the troops were forgotten. So I spread the message to the soldiers: this time, they won't be forgotten."

Throughout Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Lambing and other Orange Ribbon

supporters visited many military units prior to deployment, passing out millions of ribbons to thousands of troops and their families.

Lambing envisioned the orange ribbons signifying safety for the troops wherever they are, while yellow ribbons traditionally symbolize a safe return.

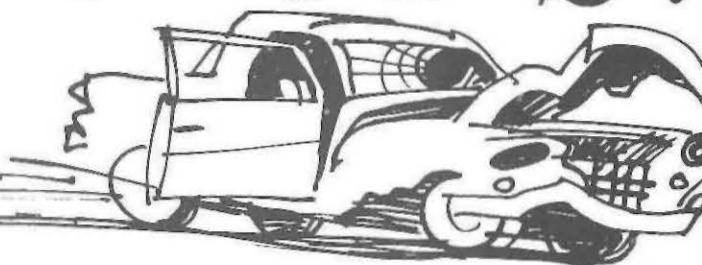
Many of the campaign's supporters feel that until every American soldier is out of the Gulf, the orange ribbons should remain intact. Lambing's own son, Petty Officer 2nd Class Tim Young, is still in the gulf as of mid-November.

Honored as a VIP at the Governor's "Operation Welcome Home Ohio" festivities, Lambing clearly stated that although the war is over, she isn't finished yet. Next on her agenda is thanking veterans by presenting them with "certificates of appreciation." □

Family Assistance after the STORM

Winter driving safety tips

OOPS!



American Forces Information Services

Control and common sense are the keys to safer winter driving, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Kent Milton of the highway safety agency suggests keeping the following points in mind when heading toward wintry climates and conditions.

First, make sure the car is equipped to handle the colder weather. This includes getting a tune-up, checking the antifreeze and ensuring the heating system and wiper system work, he said.

The car's traction on ice and snow is also important. But Milton suggests checking local laws before putting on snow, all-

weather or studded tires, or throwing chains in the truck. "For example, various jurisdictions prohibit studded tires, while others require both snow tires and chains," Milton said.

Every driver should consider having a winter survival kit - easily put together in the car during cold weather. Milton said items for the kit could include a shovel,

whisk broom, ice scraper, sand or other abrasive material to provide traction, blanket, first aid kit, flashlight, safety triangles for the road, lock antifreeze, booster cables, and warm, dry clothes.

The traffic safety official added that drivers might also want to put some high-energy snacks, such as peanuts and granola bars, in their glove compartments in case they

become stopped or stuck in the snow or ice.

During winter, people tend to drive as they normally do the rest of the year, he said. Last-minute stops and lane changes, and driving the speed limit are all common mistakes during the snowy season, he added.

To help prevent accidents, slow down, use common sense and don't overdrive. Allow more time for traffic-control devices, stops and lane changes, and anticipate the other driver's actions, he added.

"Remember that bridges and overpasses ice up first, so drivers should slow down as they approach them," Milton said.

Skids can occur by going too fast for conditions, sudden braking or other quick movements. "You have to know how to handle your car in a skid," he noted. "It's not an instinctive action. You want to slam on the brakes, but that's the worst thing you can do."

"A simple way to explain it is to steer the car in the direction of the skid until you find traction, easing up on the accelerator. Don't use the brakes. Once you've got traction, steer the car in the direction that you want to go."

"Don't jam on the brakes, and stay cool and calm," he said.

- Don't park on a snow route during a snowfall or the car may be towed away or buried.

- Clean all snow and ice from the car's windows, hood, roof and rear deck.

- Make sure all outside rearview mirrors are clear.

- Be sure to wear seat belts. □



HERE'S ONE FOR THE ROAD

Celebration '91

U.S. Army Soldier Show visits Ohio

Story by Spec. J.D. Biros, 196th Public Affairs Det.
Photos by Spec. Pam Gilmore, 16th Engineer Brigade

They sing, they dance - heck, they even play music - but what's most unique about the cast and crew of "Celebration '91" is that they are all soldiers.

For the eighth consecutive year, 40 active Army soldiers have left their positions of cooks, technicians and mechanics to be traveling minstrels.

They are the United States Army Soldier Show, presenting Celebration '91 — a potpourri of country, rock, rap, blues and gospel music.

The tractor-trailer they convoy bears their name proudly as they travel up and down the U.S. interstates, performing at military posts throughout the country.

What brought their musical abilities to Ohio was the performance they delivered

in September at Veterans Memorial in Columbus.

The traveling troupe set the stage for a dazzling display of pride for our nation's military and their victory in the Persian Gulf. MILVETS of central Ohio sponsored the free event, while the Ohio Army National Guard supported the show with greeters, ushers, and logistical assistance.

Launched in 1984, the current Army Soldier Show has developed into a dynamic dazzling extravaganza which carries on the tradition of entertainment "For the Soldier, By the Soldier," established by Irving Berlin in World War I.

The show usually only tours for four months, but it was extended to six to express appreciation to Army Reserve and National Guard units who serve as part of the Total Army Family, said Edwin Ridenour, artistic director for the show. Ridenour, from Springfield, Ohio, became involved with the show while on active duty and now continues his involvement as a civilian.



To become a member of the cast or crew, each soldier must audition at their station of assignment. Six thousand try out annually, but only 1,500 are chosen for final selection. Of the finalists, 40 soldiers are selected, receiving a six-month temporary assignment to imitate such acts as the Blues Brothers and the Simpsons (Do the Bartman), while also performing hits like "Voices that Care."

"Not a note of the show is written before the performers arrive (for duty)," Ridenour said. "We write the show around the talent." Describing this year's show as "fast-paced variety show," Ridenour said, "In a little more than an hour, Celebration '91 packs in enough songs to tantalize every musical taste and to raise the audience to their feet with cheers and applause."

Though each performer has a specialized musical talent, each is assigned additional duties as stage hands and sound technicians. For each performance, they unload and assemble 38,000 pounds of theatrical stage equipment, perform the show and then disassemble the equipment for the next tour stop.

After the curtain dropped, the singers, dancers, and musicians relaxed only briefly before tearing down the equipment and packing it up for their show the following night in Wisconsin. □

The cast of Celebration '91 tickled the audience with "The Bartman," moved them with soulful renditions of popular songs, and inspired them with a rousing ensemble of patriotic tunes.

News you can use

Catalog Offers Hundreds of Money-Saving Tips

American Forces Information Service

Looking for ways to save money on your car insurance or how to organize your finances?

Car insurance and personal finance are subjects of two new pamphlets available from the Consumer Information Center. Part of the General Services Administration, the center publishes a quarterly catalog listing more than 200 free and low-cost brochures on safety, federal benefits, health and more.

Nine Ways to Lower Your Auto Insurance Costs, Item 503X, is published jointly by the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs and the Insurance Information Institute. Information Center officials said the free book will help a shopper buy the best auto insurance at the best price. One of many tips in the booklet is how to comparison shop for insurance.

Facts About Financial Planners, Item 434X, is a new 50-cent booklet jointly published by the Federal Trade Commission and the American Association of Retired Persons. It explains what financial planners do and how to determine if you need one to help with investments.

The Consumer Information Center and the National Consumer's League have published two free booklets on medicines. A *Guide to Warning Labels on Non-prescription Medications*, Item 580X, explains what the warning labels on over-the-counter drugs mean and what can happen if they're ignored. *When Medications Don't Mix*, Item 513X, tells what happens when certain drugs interact and how to avoid possible problems.

You can also learn about the U.S. Government plans to help finance education costs by sending for a free copy of *Federal Student Aid Fact Sheet*, Item 578W. Published by the U.S. Department of Education, the fact sheet answers questions about grants,



TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,
In regard to Brig. Gen. Gordon Campbell's Profile: Bob who?

Brig. Gen. John Martin
Assistant Adjutant General
Ohio Army National Guard

FROM THE EDITOR:

The staff of the Buckeye Guard has received several inquiries recently about what seems to be a recurring problem: National Guard members not receiving the Buckeye Guard Magazine.

Mailing labels for the Ohio Army National Guard are obtained from SIDPERS automated personnel system. Labels for Ohio Air National Guard members are provided by the CBPOs of each major Air-Guard command.

Every Ohio National Guardmember should receive one magazine at their home address.

If you are not receiving a magazine on a quarterly basis, it indicates that your unit personnel records do not contain your correct mailing address.

You should review your records to ensure the correct mailing address has been entered into the SIDPERS or CBPO files.

State Public Affairs Office staff or Buckeye Guard staff can not change or forward a change of mailing address.

This must be accomplished by you, through your unit administrator.

Infantry soldier receives highest state award

Story by Capt. Sandra J. Wilson
73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate)

Spec. John E. Piatt of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep), Ohio Army National Guard, was recently awarded the Ohio Cross for the heroism he displayed earlier this year. During a multi-alarm fire, he saved the life of Scott Gircsis at Acropolis Apartments in Columbus, Ohio.

On the evening of March 24th, 1991, John and his brother, Steve, were entertaining friends in their apartment. Through the patio doors, they noticed flashing lights across the courtyard of the complex. When Steve Piatt ran to the apartment in question, he found Scott asleep. John began shaking him, yelling, "GET UP! GET UP! THE APARTMENT'S ON FIRE!"

Waking from a sound sleep and feeling the affects of the smoke, Scott, assisted by Piatt, headed down the stairs and out the door of the apartment.

During this time, Piatt's guests started banging on doors, cautioning the residents of nearby apartments.

John Piatt, however, decided to risk entering the burning apartment in order to



Brig. Gen. Herbert B. Eagan, Jr. awards the Ohio Cross to Spec. John Piatt.

warn his friend who lived there. Avoiding the flames, he went through the smoke, up the stairs, and into the bedroom where he found Scott asleep. John began shaking him, yelling, "GET UP! GET UP! THE APARTMENT'S ON FIRE!"

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Fortunately, Piatt received only minor injuries and was treated and released at the scene. Scott, however, was sent to Riverside Hospital and treated for smoke inhalation.

Spec. Piatt not only received the Ohio Cross for his heroic efforts, he also received the 73rd Infantry Brigade's Humanitarian Service Award. This honor is awarded to an individual in the brigade for a single act of humane service that results in saving a human life or substantially improving the quality of life for others through his or her actions. Maj. Roger A. White, Piatt's commander, writes in the narrative of the award that "There can be no greater sacrifice than that of one human being putting his own life in harms way, in order to save the life of another."

The Columbus Fire Department also honored Piatt with the Distinguished Service Award based on a recommendation which stated that the actions of John Piatt saved Scott Gircsis from serious injury or death.

Although one can only speculate what could have resulted from this fire, the brave actions of Spec. John Piatt undoubtedly affected the life of at least one, very grateful friend.

CoA, 237th Support responds to water emergency

Story and photo by Sgt. Sandra Pinkerton
Company A (S&T) 237th Spt Bn

When guardmembers return from two weeks of annual training, most go straight home, tug off their combat boots, and happily revert back to "civilianization."

That may commonly be the case, but nine soldiers of Company A (S&T) 237th Support Battalion received calls requesting their support for a water emergency in Woodsfield, Ohio, only hours after returning home from AT.

"I just started my after-AT laundry when the phone rang," said Pvt. Mike Hacker. "Eight hours later, I was back in a tractor trailer hauling water pipe."

Apparently, the eastern Ohio community of Woodsfield was in such desperate need of water, that the Oxford transportation unit was called and asked to supply approximately eight people for one week.

Four 5-ton tractor trailers, one blazer, and nine people were sent to Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base (RANGB) to load up as much pipe as possible and to drive it to E. Monroe Lake in Woodsfield. When the team arrived at RANGB, members of the 136th Field Artillery Battalion operated cranes to stack the pipe on the beds of 12-ton trailers, while the 16th Engineer Brigade provided the logistical support necessary to coordinate this mission.

Many local citizens met the soldiers at the lake, calling the crew "a welcomed sight," and volunteering to help unload the equipment. By this time, the community was left with only a few day's supply of water, so everyone immediately began laying pipe from the lake to the pumping station.

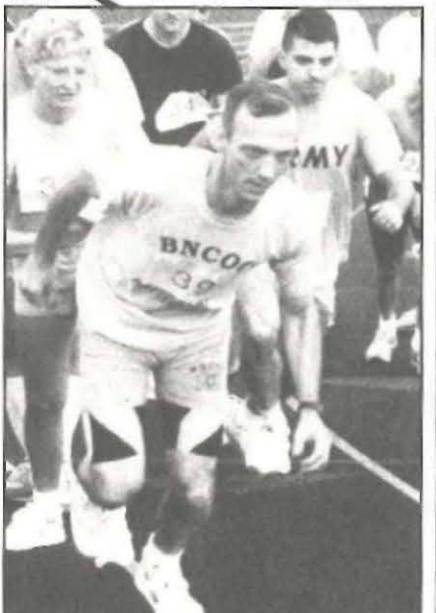
Four 18-hour days and three trips later, the Company A team had successfully hauled 200 pieces of pipe, together with other miscellaneous items such as pumps and hoses.



Pvt. 1 Mike Hacker (left) and Sgt. Bob Robinette preparing to load water pipe onto trailer.

People

AGR Day for HQ STARC



Late October, Ohio State Area Command AGR personnel met for a morning PT test and several afternoon AGR program briefings. The guard members were also treated with a bake sale and chili cook-off.



Water purification unit goes canoeing

Story and photo by Spec. Brian Lepley
HQ STARC (-Det 1-5)

COVINGTON—When Higher Headquarters suggested that the 641st Quartermaster Detachment try some innovative training this year, the mind of the water purification unit's first sergeant, like a divining rod, was drawn to water.

Donning civilian clothes, the soldiers demonstrated their water and land navigation skills to family members during a morning canoe trip on the Great Miami River and an afternoon compass course set up at a local motocross track. Some unit members spent Saturday night on the banks of the river, while others reported the next day to continue the trip down river to Tylersville.

Because the journey down the river spanned several miles, the search for an overnight campsite began in July and

ended when the unit discovered the 80-acre farm of Mr. Don Kenworthy Jr. in Troy, Ohio.

"When we inspected the area, we realized it would be an excellent training area," 1st Sgt. Ripley said. As a result, the location was officially approved for future field training exercises.

Spending drill weekend in the great outdoors supplied the National Guard soldiers from Covington with an exercise far removed from their last bout with "innovative" training — five months in the Saudi Arabian desert.

"We organized this outing as special training and decided to involve families as a gesture of thanks for the support we received while in Saudi Arabia," Ripley said.

Fun was had by all, and the detachment looks forward to organizing similar events in the future. □

Reigning commander gets soaked

Story and photo by SFC Candace J. Kline
Det 1 HHC 237th Spt Bn

CAMP GRAYLING, Mich.—The flag waves and the race begins. The crowd is yelling; cheering on their favorite team. It's a photo finish!



But instead of horsepower, these racers depend on manpower. Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry supplied the power for their HUMMV racers in the 2nd annual Commander's Road Rally at Camp Grayling, Mich.

This event was started last year during annual training at Camp Custer, Mich. by Lt. Col. Joseph C. Bowsher, battalion commander. Each of the five companies in the battalion enter a HUMMV which is occupied by the company commander and guided by the first sergeant. Five unit members are designated as "propulsion assistants." Decorations are encouraged and the unit guidon is required.

Excitement mounted as windshields and hoods were removed and decorations added.

All were gunning for the defending champs, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, led by Capt. Paul Meyers, company commander, and Sgt. 1st Class Robert D. Lyle, first sergeant.

A ceremonial drawing of bayonets, numbered one through five, determined the positions and heats of the racers. When the first heat began, the crowd went crazy.

After a valiant effort by all, the reigning champs kept their title. Sharing the task of propulsion assistants were Spec. Jack D. Brown, Staff Sgt. James L. Ford, Spec. James J. Grass, Spec. Brian P. Kirkhoff, 1st Lt. Steven F. McNabb, Sgt. 1st Class Howard D. Spriggs, Spec. Kenneth Ward and Pfc. Daniel L. Weaver.

ONGA requests Hall of Fame Nominations



Distinguished Service Award

Criteria for Distinguished Service Awards are as follows:

1. Any person, military or civilian, is eligible.

2. A person is eligible for nomination at any time.

3. This award may be given for a single act or for performance over an extended period of time.

4. a. An individual must have accomplished an outstanding achievement on behalf of the Ohio National Guard.

b. Outstanding performance by the individual must have been such as to clearly identify the person as having played a key role in the accomplishment for which the award is to be given. Superior performance of duties normal to the grade, branch, specialty, or assignment experience of an individual are not considered adequate basis.

c. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed qualification for this award if it is of sufficient significance and character, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding service on a sustained basis. Personal dedication and self sacrifice may be regarded as factors deserving consideration.

d. Civilians who assist the Ohio National Guard by their actions and support may be considered for this award.

Nominations

The proposed citation should not exceed 800 words for the Hall of Fame and 500 words for the Distinguished Service Award. The language used should be such as will be readily understood by the news media and the general public. Acronyms and military jargon are to be avoided. Citations used in connection with the awards previously made to the nominee may be quoted. The full text of these and other supporting documents may be attached for the consideration of the Awards Committee. A suggested

outline follows:

1. Date and place of birth.

2. Date and circumstance into military service.

3. Chronological listing of career high-points to include:

 duty assignments

 promotions

 noteworthy actions or accomplishments

 excerpts from previous citations

4. Conclusion

Award of Merit

Over the past year the Awards Committee has received a number of award nominees who have made a contribution which did not meet the criteria for the present awards but whose contribution has been such as to merit the recognition of this Association.

Upon the recommendation of the Awards Committee, the Board of Officers and Trustees of the Association approved a third award called the Ohio National Guard Association Award of Merit.

Personnel considered for this award would be those who have made a contribution which did not meet the criteria for the present awards, but whose contribution has deserved recognition.

This award is to be based on such areas as leadership, longevity, a meritorious act or deed, a project or activity which has contributed significantly to the benefit of the Ohio National Guard, military service performed at a level above the norm, or to an individual who has served the Ohio National Guard Association over and above what is reasonably expected from the member.

Anyone may submit nominations for the awards. Nominations along with proposed award citation text and a synopsis (brief summary) of no more than two pages should be submitted to The Ohio National Guard Association, ATTN: Awards Committee, 577 West Second Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Deadline for the submission is March 1, 1992.

People

Recruiters escort pageant contestants



Six members of the Akron/Canton Regional Recruiting Force took part in the Annual Alliance Carnation Week Queen Pageant. The recruiting force opened the event by posting the colors, and later served as escorts during the formal wear competition. Above, Sgt. 1st Class Lawrence Sampson accompanies a contestant down the runway.

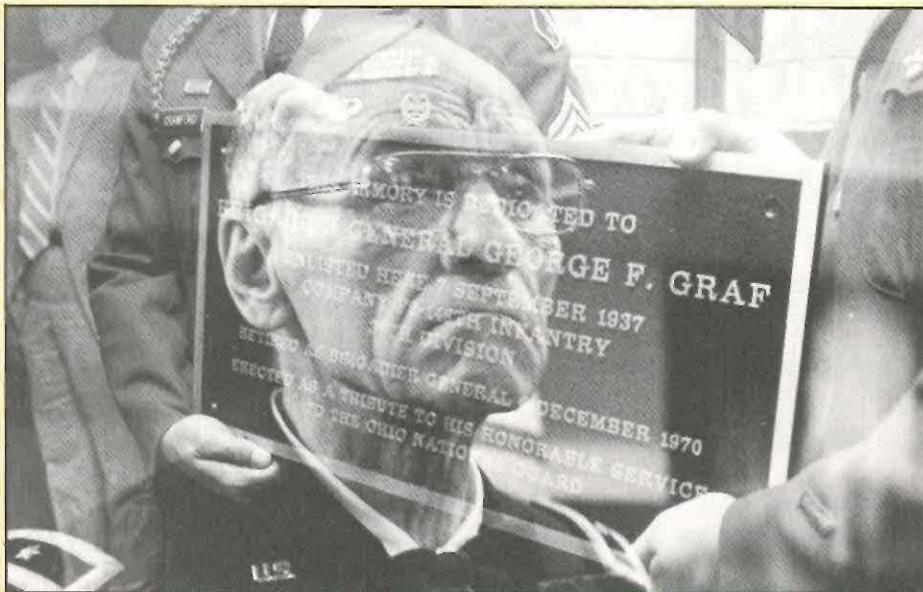


Photo by Eric Null

Retired general honored

Excerpts from the
Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune,
by Emily Vosburg

BOWLING GREEN—During a dedication ceremony on Aug. 31, the Ohio National Guard Armory in Bowling Green was named in honor of one of Ohio's most prestigious soldiers, Brig. Gen. George F. Graf.

Graf said of the honor, "It's just out of this world. I was surprised."

Graf, now a Findlay resident, is originally from Bowling Green. First enlisting in 1937, he joined Company F, 2nd Battalion, 148th Infantry as a private at the same armory which now bears his name.

Graf received several awards and honors in the military, to include the Combat Infantry Badge, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with second and fifth Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with first Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars and one Arrowhead, American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army Occupational Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

He retired as brigadier general in December 1970. The general was inducted into the Ohio National Guard Hall of Fame in 1983. □

Pedaling for pledges, Part II

Story by Pvt. 2 Nicole Smith
196th Public Affairs Detachment

COLUMBUS—Pedaling with a purpose, Sgt. 1st Class Jim D. Hull represented the Ohio Adjutant General's Department in the Annual State of Ohio Bike-A-Thon, which supports the Ohio Hunger Task Force.

For the second year in a row, the supply sergeant from Headquarters State Area Command met with 57 other participants down at the Statehouse lawn for the annual fundraiser. There they were instructed to ride on a stationary bike for 15 minutes,

trying to clock as many kilometers as possible.

Hull pedaled 26.5 kilometers (16.4 miles), five kilometers more than last year. With the assistance of his coordinator, Michelle Noel, Hull also collected over \$500 more in donations than last year—with a grand total of \$850 in pledges.

"I knew I did better this year," Hull said, "and I had a fun time doing it."

It wasn't all fun and games, though. Hull began training one month prior to the event, pedaling every day for 40 minutes in addition to his regular PT schedule.



Jim Hull clocks in kilometers as his coordinator, Michelle Noel, looks on.

With the help of bikeathon participants like Hull, as well as a surprise \$5,000 check from Governor Voinovich, the Ohio Hunger Task Force succeeded in raising over \$35,000 to fight hunger in Ohio. □

Buckeye Briefs

Football Hall of Fame offers free admission

National Guard soldiers, airmen, and their families have until the end of the year to take advantage of free admission to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. The 50,000-square foot museum contains memorabilia from football's early days to recent times. Founded in 1920, the museum includes exhibits, bronze busts of football greats, and hourly full-color football action movies in a 350-seat theater.

Guardmembers can present their pink ID cards for admission of themselves and dependents. This offer is an expression of appreciation for the Guard's military role in the Persian Gulf; however, a Guardmember need not have gone to the Gulf to take advantage of the offer. □

Beightler Open House

by Spec. Derek R. Almashy
HQ STARC (-Det 1-5)

COLUMBUS—On Sunday, Sep. 8, the Adjutant General's Department held an Open House at Beightler Armory which featured the largest display of military equipment in central Ohio.

Over 15 Ohio Army National Guard units participated, to include elements of the 166 INF BN, 137th AVN BN, 107 ACR, 136th FA BN, 174th ADA, 684th MED CO, 216th ENGR BN, and 211 MAINT CO. Traffic in and out of the open house was directed by military police from 73rd INF BDE, HQ.

Over 5,600 people attended throughout the day, viewing captured Iraqi weapons as well as static displays of air and ground equipment. The public was also given the opportunity to witness our soldiers in action: the 166th demonstrated their rappelling skills and simulated air-inserted assaults on an enemy position. Additionally, free refreshments, blood pressure checks, and face painting was available, and door prizes were given away. □

To obtain your passes, submit a request with the name of your unit, your name, address, branch of service, and service dates to ODNR, Ohio State Parks Information

ANNOUNCEMENT

WHAT: OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL (OCS)
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WHO: ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND ARMY RESERVE
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I-70 and S.R. 256
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THEN COORDINATE WITH YOUR UNIT
COMMANDER FOR ATTENDANCE STATUS
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PRESENTATION TO ATTEND. IF YOU
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AT (614) 492-2580



Fellow NCOs, we are at the forefront of a golden opportunity. The Ohio Military Academy will begin its 40th Officer Candidate Class in May 1992, and we are looking for prospects. However, we want only the cream of the crop. Our problem is that we don't know who the cream of the crop—but you do.

Talk to your most dynamic, enthusiastic and motivated soldiers about the benefits of being an officer. If they

are interested or qualified, now is the time to start putting their application package together.

I realize that new lieutenants rarely return to their unit of origin, but if every NCO practices this career counseling, each unit will get some other NCO's most dynamic, enthusiastic and motivated soldier. Everyone wins.

by Sgt. 1st Class Larry Rinehart
Ohio Military Academy, Training NCO.

Attention All Campers!

The Ohio Department of National Resources (ODNR) Division of Parks and Recreation is issuing three-day free camping certificates to personnel of the Ohio National Guard who were members during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

The certificates can also be used for the Rent-A-Camp program if you don't have camping gear but would like to try it. You will receive three certificates from ODNR and plenty of information to plan your camping trips. The certificates are good through December 31, 1992. For more information, call (614) 265-7000.

SHOOTERS CORNER

by Maj. Vincent Jiga
State Marksmanship Coordinator

Since the last Shooters Corner, a number of shooting events have occurred.

The pistol and machinegun portions of the state outdoor championships were conducted on June 23 and Aug. 24-25. We had a good turnout at each of these matches, 38 shooters and four teams at the pistol match, 29 shooters and seven teams at the machinegun match. The results of these matches are listed below. I also had a rewarding experience attending the high power rifle portion of the national matches at Camp Perry in August.

Additionally, I was able to work with the junior team sponsored by the Ohio Rifle and Pistol Association. It was a pleasure to work with young men and women who show a dedication and enthusiasm seldom seen in individuals of their age (15-18).

The National Guard Championship matches were at Camp Robinson, Ark., during the last two weeks of October. We sent six different teams to shoot in these matches. We brought home a number of individual and team trophies. All the results are not in, so these matches will be covered in the next magazine.

Combat Pistol Match Results

Individual

Match Winner	SSgt. Howard L. Smith, Co C, 612th Engr Bn
First Open	SSgt. Don Murray, Co C, 612th Engr Bn
Second Open	Capt. Lawrence Kowalski, 200th RH CES
Third Open	SSgt. Henry W. Tappel, Co C, 612th Engr Bn
First Novice	SPC Dale P. Mayberry, 135th MP Co
Second Novice	TSgt. Donald E. Link, 200th RH CES
Third Novice	SPC Shawn P. McCollough, HHC 73rd Inf Bde
Fourth Novice	TSgt. Edward J. Lacroix, 200th RH CES
Fifth Novice	SSgt. Jose R. Rodriguez, 200th RH CES

Team

First Place	200th RH CES
Second Place	Co C, 612th Engr Bde
Third Place	HHC 73rd Inf Bde

Machinegun Match Results

Individual

Match Winner	SPC Steve E. Yoders, HHT 4/107th ACR
First Open	Sgt. Joseph G. Gild, Trp Q, 4/107th ACR
Second Open	SPC Patrick Cooney, Trp T, 4/107th ACR
Third Open	SPC Frank L. Motini, HHT, 4/107th ACR
First Novice	SPC Michael R. Konves, 213th Maint Co
Second Novice	SPC Stephen A. Shumaker, 237th PSC
Third Novice	PFC Larry S. Lang, 237th PSC
Fourth Novice	Sgt. Todd W. Fehnrich, Co D, 612th Engr Bn
Fifth Novice	SPC Sidney B. Follick, 54th RAOC

Team

First Place	4/107 ACR
Second Place	54th RAOC
Third Place	737th Maint Bn

We are putting the schedules together for the indoor championships now. Look for the bulletins at your unit. If you need further information on the marksmanship program, Contact Maj. Vince Jiga (614) 889-7424 days or (614) 855-3304 evenings.

In appreciation...

I want to thank all of the individuals who participated and everyone who helped make the matches possible by giving their support to me and the shooters. It takes support at the unit level to send a team out. Someone must be there to issue weapons and transportation when the teams are going out and they must be there when the teams get home to take in the equipment. You are the people who make all the programs in the Guard work. Keep up the good work. □

Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott pays tribute to DESERT STORM troops





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