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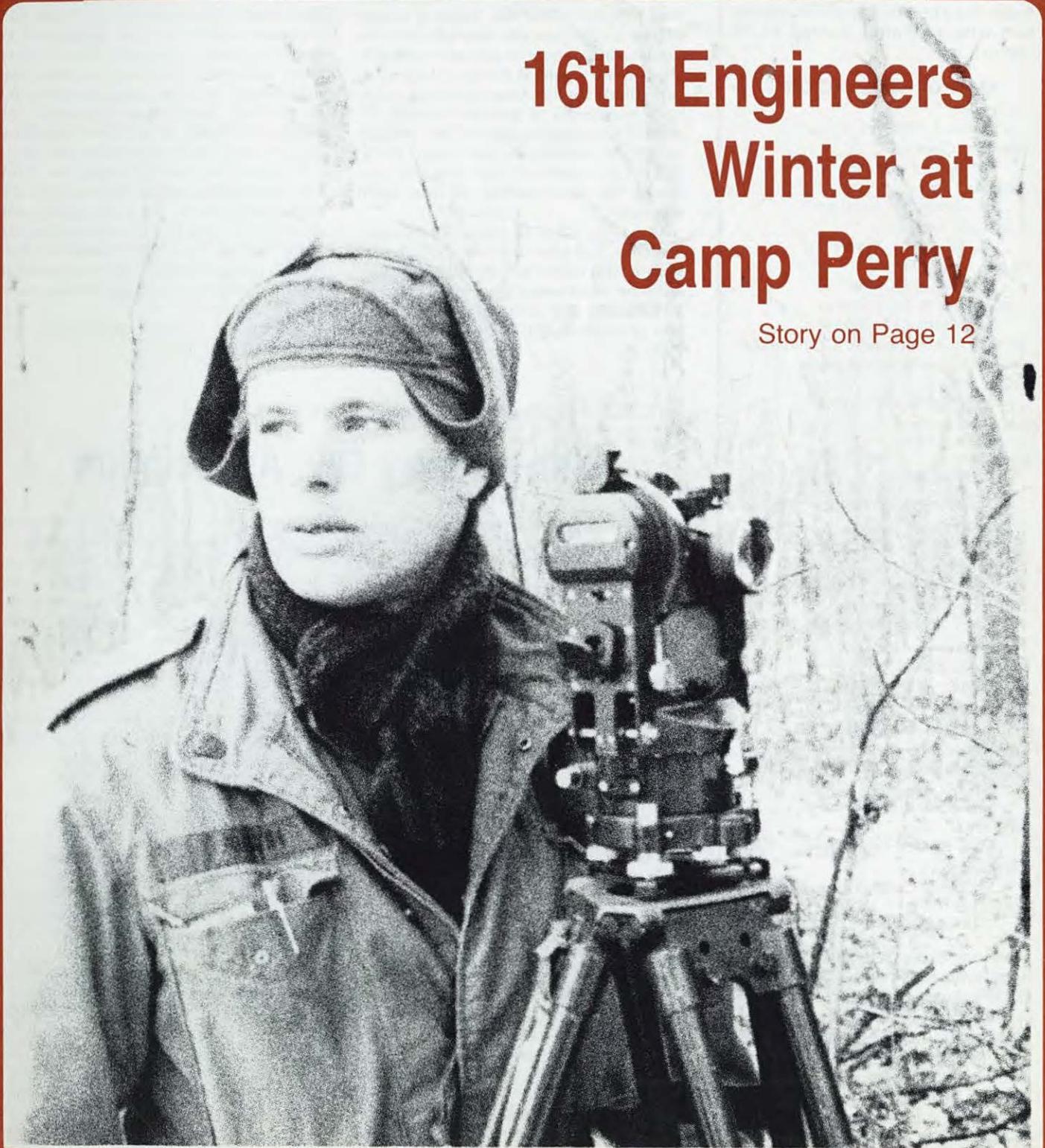
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The AG Speaks

A Word of Praise and a Word of Warning



You done good again. By the time you read this, the Ohio Air National Guard will be at 105 percent strength and the Army Guard at over 96 percent strength. That's quite a gain in the last 24 months, particularly on the Army side where you have managed a 14 percent strength increase. Encouraging too is the average length of enlistment, over four years. This means you won't have to go out and recruit the same number all over again next year.

There, the word of praise for all commanders, full-time recruiters, unit personnel who furnished the leads and our full-time technicians who work with the recruiters to take care of paper work, tuition assistance, pay, and all the other records.

Now the word of warning. All of us have made commitments to these new members which we are obligated to keep. We have promised tuition assistance, enlistment bonuses, prompt pay, interesting training, opportunities for promotion, leadership positions and other incentives. All of these promises can be met if each of us does our best.

However, we have to make the training interesting, insure our recruits are made welcome in the unit rapidly and receive their pay and bonuses promptly. I urge all officers, NCO's and full-time technicians to take a special interest in our new members and see that we meet our obligations.

Remember — treat them well; use them well.

Annual Reunion

30th Infantry Div. Association

The 30th Infantry Division Association (Old Hickory) Veterans of World War I & II will hold their 35th Annual Reunion, July 6 to 9, 1981 at the Hilton Inn, Wichita, Kansas. For additional information contact Executive Secretary, Saul Solow, Burgundy E. 197, Delray Beach, Florida 33445. We feel there are a good number of 30th Veterans in Ohio who served in Europe during World War II, and would like to know of the reunion.

The 30th Division was one of the first four National Guard Divisions called into federal service on September 16, 1940. When the Army of the United States began expanding, the division trained for several years before it was committed to combat.

During combat, the division was known as the "Workhorse of the Western Front". It was also familiarly known as "Roosevelt's SS Troups", so named by the German High Command because of the consistent vigor and terrific pressure the 30th Infantry Division brought to bear on Hitler's Elite 1st SS Division.

The German Elite 1st SS Division was the main force of resistance just prior to the breakthrough at St. Lo, and again at Mortain, which the 30th Infantry Division literally destroyed, thereby allowing Gen. George Patton's Armored forces to

go forward and race across France, shortening the war by many months.

The 1st SS Division was reorganized over the next few months, and was again faced by the 30th Infantry Division in the "Battle of the Bulge", during the great Ardennes Offensive in the winter of 1944-45. The 30th Infantry Division defeated this "Elite" Enemy Division, which was never to return to combat.

The Division participated in five major campaigns and was awarded five Battle Stars, for Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe. And decorations from France, Belgium and Holland governments. It is still, and always will be the opinion of the historians, that while Omaha and Utah Beach invasions were a necessary holocaust, in the Battle of Mortain, France the 30th Division took something out of the German Army which it never regained.

At the conclusion of hostilities in Europe, the men decided to organize the 30th Infantry Division Association, through which they could perpetuate the friendships formed in service by meeting each year and renewing friendships, and remembering the men of the division who made the supreme sacrifice.

From the Asst. AG-Army

A Squad Leader's Responsibility

As a youngster, I was brought up to believe in the concept of the Holy Trinity: God the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Later in life, after my entry into the Army and while in basic training, I discovered that there perhaps was a fallacy in this theology. There were really four, not three; the fourth being in the person of Corporal Tamarin, my basic training squad leader.

Since I spent most of my waking days under the close eye and supervision of Cpl. Tamarin, there wasn't much time to do anything but please him, which I was to discover was a nearly impossible task. I also discovered that the Corporal knew what to do with me as a member of his squad but the fact that I was also a graduate electrical engineer didn't make too much of an impression. That's the way it has to be in a large organization of people, each of whom has to accomplish specific tasks.

After my disappointment and frustration abated somewhat, I remember Cpl. Tamarin as being thoroughly dedicated not to his needs but to ours as he perceived them. The development of his squad was not dependent upon the daily published training schedule although he basically followed it. What was more im-

portant about this squad leader was that he was more interested in those deficiencies not up to his standards.

For example, I recall, after having miserably failed in-practice firing the day before we were to fire for record, he came into the barracks that evening and made me work through the various positions with the 03 rifle until finally, by 11:30, he was satisfied that I might just be able to pass. He had made a robot out of me and that 03 and I were pretty much one and the same. Needless to say, the next day in five below zero weather, my record fire was the highest in the training company. I managed not only to fire expert but scored eight out of nine possibles in rapid firing.

The point I'm getting to is this: the concerned squad leader doesn't wait for someone to say what to do or for a schedule to dictate each step of training. One of the reasons that the ARTEP Concept should be very valid is that it delegates responsibility for training to the squad leader. However, what is not spelled out is that aside from those tasks that each individual has to learn, the squad leader also has to look at the weaknesses in that squad. In addition, such things as the fit, condition and wearability of clothing

and equipment, and other items such as self-discipline, the manual of arms, appearance — all those things which not only make a soldier but make you look like a soldier are extremely important. These items also include pay, food, personal problems and anything else that affects the soldier in that squad.

What this all boils down to is that the squad leader doesn't have time to enjoy the luxury of a few moments off. There must be constant attention to shortcomings that aren't spelled out on paper or aren't directed as SQT skills.

A good example of how critical a good squad leader becomes is when the commander conducts a show-down inspection. What the commander really learns is not the condition of the equipment, shortages, etc., but whether or not the squad leader is carrying out the responsibility of the position. It is an excellent test of the chain of command.

Hopefully, this will jog the memories of those who are currently assigned as squad leaders. As for those who aspire to this position, think carefully of not the privilege of becoming a squad leader, but of the responsibility. This is really what leadership is all about.

For Training's Sake 251st Deploys Comm Gear

One vital part of Air National Guard duty is training to support civil authorities in time of natural disaster, civil disturbance, or other potential peril.

The 251st Combat Communications Group (Cmbt CG) headquarters at Springfield, Ohio, completed a successful one day deployment to a remote site using Clark County, Ohio, facilities, Ohio Army Guard helicopter airlift, and all drill-status (non-full-time) personnel in planning and execution.

Communications units, particularly combat communications units, have unique capabilities which make them especially valuable to civil authorities. In a disaster such as a tornado or flood, communications links are usually severely curtailed or eliminated entirely.

Combat Communications units can deploy to an area and establish telephone, telegraph, and radio contact with the world outside the disaster area in much the same manner as they might provide such services to a remote or isolated Air Force base.

In addition, such comm units can function for considerable periods of time with very little outside support. They can provide their own vehicles capable of driving around obstacles, their own billets, rations, and security. By AFCC planning and doctrine, they are as "self-contained" as possible. This means that such a unit can provide power and transportation resources to a community in addition to its ability to restore interim communications.

In order to refine their own ability to plan and execute such support, the headquarters personnel prepared a scenario in which an initial radio support team was required at an unmanned fairgrounds. With a very short lead time and without using technicians (full-time personnel) the Guardsmen derived the plan, contacted the various authorities, organized the airlift, and ran the mission.

After the helicopter dropped in the initial radio team, a follow-on team arrived

by six-wheel-drive vehicle with additional support. When effective contact was made with home station, the facility was immediately disassembled and recovery procedures accomplished.

The team then met to trouble-shoot their own performance and to evaluate the effectiveness of the operation in light of current state and federal operations plans.

Col. Pasquale Gicale, Commander of the 251st Cmbt CG, requires such an operation quarterly from his staff. Most states have Army units willing to work in such combined exercises; Ohio is fortunate to have one of the largest populations and one of the greatest varieties of functions in both the Army and Air National Guard units.

SMSGt. Robert French, one of the deploying communicators, commented upon departing the helicopter onto the snowcovered field, "Routine stuff."

Routine, indeed, but a necessary role for a vital resource!

Thanks for Info

To BG Abraham:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the personalized attention paid to me concerning my departure date for basic training. Knowing the date ahead of time has helped me prepare myself and my employer.

Realizing that someone does care has given me a much better feeling toward the Army National Guard.

Sincerely,
VICKIE A. MOTOK

Commissary Privileges

To The Editor:

I would like some more information on Commissary privileges given to National Guardmembers.

In the Buckeye Guard magazine it said that they were allowed two days a month to shop. Is there any specific two days per month to shop? When my husband was away at Camp, I was allowed in the Commissary. Now, am I allowed to shop at the Commissary these two days a month, or just my husband the Guardmember! If it is just my husband, I would consider this no privilege at all. My husband does not do the shopping, and it would be an inconvenience to him.

I would appreciate hearing from you, because, I think Guardmembers and their families should have this privilege. Thank you.

MARY LOU LOWRY

Mrs. Lowry:

Unfortunately the news I have for you is not what you want to hear. It is true that you can now use the commissary two days a month. You must be accompanied by your spouse (Guardmember) and he must show his ID card and a copy of his Leave and Earnings Statement (LES). The clerk will mark the LES so that they will know how many times a month you are using the commissary. We are trying to have this changed so the spouse may do the shopping and purchasing, but this has not yet been approved. When your spouse goes to Annual Training you may then do the shopping, by using a copy of his LES and a letter issued to you from his commander.

Retirement

To The Editor:

I read the article on retirement in Buckeye Guard and found it interesting but, as usual, of no help to a career National Guardsman attempting to figure what his retirement would be. All

the literature I have ever read, takes into consideration a person's active duty, plus his or her Guard time. They always overlook a person who has made a career with just National Guard time. I would appreciate an article addressed to this matter.

Do correspondence courses add to my points? Does going to AT on the advance party add to them? How many points can I accrue in a year with AT and my weekend drills? Will attending Active Army service schools add to my points, etc.?

I feel that this information should be a part of career counseling and available to a Guardmember upon request. I've been a Guardmember for 16 years and have yet had anyone tell me what sort of pension I would receive.

Please realize there must be many of us around who have made careers of the Guard with no active military service other than our basic and AIT.

SFC RICHARD SIMON

HHC 416th Engr. Grp.

Editor's Note:

We sincerely appreciate your letter concerning the computation of retirement points. It is true that the article in the Benefits Issue of the **Buckeye Guard** does not include the answer to your many questions.

In view of this, the Personnel Department has reviewed your NGB Form 23, Retirement Credits Record, and from the data contained therein has computed your retirement points as follows in accordance with NGR 640-1.

1. Your retirement year begins on February 4 and ends on February 3. For each full year you earn 15 membership points. Your total is 240.

2. One retirement point is earned for every drill attended. During the past 16 years you have earned 759 points.

3. One retirement point is earned for every day of Active Duty, ADT, FTTD and Annual Training. Your total of these points is 417.

4. One retirement point is earned for every three credit hours of Armed Forces Correspondence Courses completed. According to your records you have completed 19 credit hours which equals 6 retirement points.

5. Your total retirement points earned to date are 1422. This figure represents your total retirement points earned and is not the basis for computing your retirement pay.

Under current law you may accrue no more than 60 points per retirement year for inactive duty training. This includes the 15 membership points, points earned for attending drills, points earned for complet-

ing correspondence courses and the performance of various other types of military duties for which retirement points can be accrued. A complete list of these duties is contained in NGR 640-1, Table 2-1.

Generally a member attending all drills and completing correspondence courses will earn over 60 points for IDT activities but only 60 points can be counted. To this total AT and FTTD are added to get the total retirement points for a year. Thus a 30 day service school, in addition to AT would permit a member to accumulate a total of 60 IDT points plus 45 points for service school and AT, or a total of 105 creditable for retirement even though he actually earned more points.

Based on this information your total retirement points creditable for retirement pay is 1358 at the present time. This figure was obtained from your NGB Form 23 and is as accurate as possible. If you have any questions concerning your points you should contact your commander and review your NGB Form 23 with NGR 640-1.

Your present age is 37. If you remain in the Guard until age 60 you should accrue an average of 75 points for each of your remaining 23 years for a total of 1,725. Thus these points plus the 1358 already earned would give you a total of 3,083 points at the time of your retirement. Assuming you receive one more promotion to E-8 each point at today's pay schedule is worth \$102. With no further increases in pay your monthly retirement would be \$314.00. If you elect for your wife to receive a 55 percent annuity in the event you die first this \$314.00 would be reduced \$141.75 per month to provide your wife with a monthly annuity of \$173.25 for the rest of her life. Hope this helps. Commanders take note!

Pride In Flag

To the Editor:

My little girl came home from school last week with tears in her eyes so I asked her what was wrong. She said to me, "Daddy, my teacher wouldn't let me say the pledge of allegiance." My daughter was taught how to recite it in kindergarten, and is very proud of it, so her reply made me very angry.

We wonder why kids don't have respect for our country and flag. If only our schools would just take a little time to teach our children what 'Old Glory' really stands for, maybe our younger generation would have more respect for our country and flag.

I have been in the Guard for about 15 years, and in this time I have seen our flag go through hell. I have seen it stepped on, painted over, burnt and spat

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Human Resources Conference

BY MAJ. STEVE STONE

"Hey, got a gripe? Sound like a personal problem — go tell it to the chaplain or retention NCO."

That little bit of "old Army" advice is OK as far as it goes. However, add to the Chaplain and Retention NCO, the Inspector General, the Staff Judge Advocate General and the Race Relations/Equal Opportunity Officer and the soldier will have at his or her disposal a team that can handle nearly any human relations problem.

Staff members from each of those areas met recently at the Adjutant General's Department to exchange ideas concerning how to deal with problems and questions from members of the Air and Army National Guard.

The one-day conference, co-hosted by the three staff sections, outlined procedures for bringing requests and complaints before the proper agency.

One theme that occurred throughout the meeting was that most problems experienced by Guard members can and should be solved through the normal chain of command.

"The fact that nearly 50 people are gathered here for this conference is a testament that the chain of command is not being used or is not working as it should," Inspector General, Colonel Robert D. Walker said.

"We want to stress throughout this conference that Guard personnel have an ear in these staff sections. But only if the chain of command has been tried first," Col. Walker emphasized.

"If leaders are listening, not just hearing — the problems can generally be solved at the unit level," he believes.

"We are at the end of the process after the chain of command has been tried."

PAY, TREATMENT ARE BIGGEST PROBLEMS

Assistant Adjutant General, Army, Brigadier General James Abraham noted that one of the biggest continuing problems in the Guard is "inattention to pay problems."

Additionally, Assistant Adjutant General, Air, Brigadier General Edward Power noted that discrimination — not just racial, but in all matters — is also a concern in the Guard.

Conference participants discussed four programs designed to meet the discrimination concerns of part-time Air and Army Guard personnel, federal technicians and state employees.

The Air National Guard program is called Social Actions and is directed by the State Social Actions Officer, Captain Don Mathis. It deals with everything

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COLONEL ROBERT D. WALKER, the Inspector General, believes leaders must be more willing to listen to members of their units.

from fair treatment of all unit members, to drug and alcohol abuse. Even stress, he says, can be addressed through each unit's social actions council.

On the Army Guard side, Chief Warrant Officer Ken Mattison described a program called Race Relations/Equal Opportunity.

Through this program, says CW0 4 Mattison, affirmative action plans, four to six member RR/EO sections and affirmative action councils at battalion and squadron level have contributed to a greatly improved environment within the Army Guard.

"We've seen a dramatic increase in minority representation," Mattison noted. "In 1974 the figure stood at 16 percent.

"Formal complaints of discrimination, either racial or sexual, are rare," says Mattison.

"We had one last year," he said. "Ninety-nine percent are solved informally."

"It is important that all Guardmembers understand that they must file a formal

complaint within 180 days of the alleged incident of discrimination."

Information about the Air or Army National Guard Social Action and Race Relations programs can be obtained by calling (614) 889-7121 or (614) 889-7122.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Col. Walker says, "the goal of the Inspector General is to be responsive to people."

In addition to the well-known annual inspections, the IG responds to requests for assistance from both Army Guard personnel and civilians who may have concerns related to the Army National Guard. After a soldier has exhausted the chain of command he or she may write or call the IG if a problem or question still exists.

The DA Form 1559, "Inspector General Action Request," is the normal first step in seeking help through the IG. This form should be available in all unit orderly rooms.

Col. Walker cautions against filing a frivolous complaint aimed at harassment.

"While it is the right of all soldiers to seek assistance from the IG without fear of reprisal from superiors," Col. Walker says, "a maliciously filed request is grounds for court martial."

Throughout the Army National Guard there are four officers detailed to Inspector General duty — two at state headquarters, one in the 73rd Brigade and one in Command and Control (CAC). All other major commands are served by an acting Inspector General.

THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

"There is a role for an independent advocate in the Guard," Staff Judge Advocate General, Colonel William Shimp states.

"We may, at times, frustrate the command, but we will always represent the best interests of the individual involved (in legal action)," maintains Col. Shimp.

The SJA and his assistants serve the National Guard in an advisory role in any matter that may have legal ramifications. Additionally, they will represent a Guardmember charged with a court martial offense.

They will also provide legal advice to both the commander and the service member involved in Article 15 proceedings.

Col. Shimp notes that last year 387 Article's 15 with fines totaling nearly \$8,000 were given in the Ohio Army Guard. While there has never been a General Court Martial in the Ohio Guard there were 26 Summary and Special

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"Millenium Falcon System" Working

BY CAPT. JAMES B. WILEY

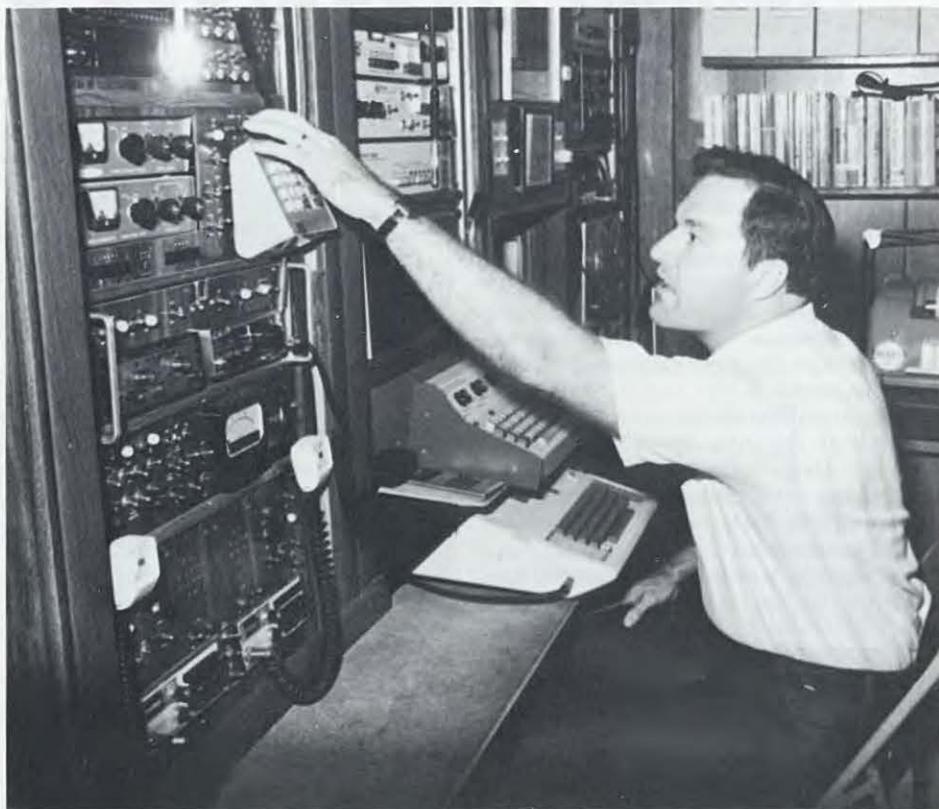
251st Com. Comm. Grp.

The facility is as complete as the radio room on the Star Ship Millenium Falcon. The teletype printer is clattering away with a Marsgram; the Apple II computer is comparing the coded conversions of two hams with the International Morse program in its memory and displaying the conversation on a silent television screen. Occasionally, a random bit of noise adds or changes a character, but the meanings are clear and the distinctions are sharp. Another TV in a different room is displaying line drawings created by a computer halfway across the country. The whole facility is operating unattended, except for an occasional notification of the Air Force officer in charge on still a third remote screen that he is being paged.

Has the Air Force finally bought "state-of-the-art" comm gear, using computer magic to replace manpower? Has the ultimate one-hand combat comm facility finally been produced?

No. The officer in charge spends his days helping the Ohio Air National Guard meet its rapidly growing contingency requirements with something less than state-of-the-art equipment. He is Major Lee Cook, the Air Force Advisor to the 251st CmbtCG. AFCC's most widely dispersed combat communications group. The Springfield, Ohio, headquartered unit has assigned units from Minneapolis, Minnesota to St. Louis, Missouri to Badin, North Carolina.

Major Cook is detachment commander for the advisors assigned to support the 251st CmbtCG's activities. The radio room mentioned, is in Major Cook's Springfield-area home, so Hans Solo (pilot of Millenium Falcon) can rest more easily. It holds the workings of a complete Ham office, a MARS station, hundreds of publications, and files of computer programs covering subjects from bridge to banking. The major is like commercial airline pilots who leap into smaller more acrobatic aircraft on weekends. He can't escape the call of airwave, so he "leaps" into smaller, more versatile



MAJOR LEE COOK, earnestly operating the controls to the MARS Station located in his home.

comm systems in his spare time.

Cook came to AFCC from a uniquely-related functional area; he was a technical services officer for the Office of Special Investigations (OSI), and was responsible for many of the technical surveys AFCC personnel have periodically witnessed through the years.

The major spent several years in the field, working throughout Europe and the Middle East before crossing into DCA as an AUTODIN Officer and then the tactical communications business at HQ TAC. After three years in DCNX, he received his current assignment as advisor to the 251st. Just prior to his move, however, Major Cook was diverted to

Cairo, Egypt, for Exercise Proud Phantom. Of course, with his wife also a radio operator, she can keep close track of his travels.

Cairo adds experience in one more area to the diverse and widely-travelled staff of the 251st Group HQ, whose backgrounds include bases from Fiji to Wakkanai, from Marrakech to Eskesehir. With his computer primed to automate some of the group's unclassified reports, Major Cook has found himself a home with the Guard — wherever they are deployed. His Millenium Falcon systems may even help them get there a little sooner.

Toledo Air Guard Wins Flying Safety Trophy

BY LT. COL. JACK B. ARLEN

HQS, Ohio Air Guard

The 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo Air National Guard, has been selected as the winner of the 1980 Tactical Fighter Flying Safety Trophy. All Air National Guard tactical fighter units in Ohio are eligible for this award.

A rotating trophy and a permanent plaque are awarded annually at the completion of the fiscal year. The criteria upon

which the award is based includes the total number of accident-free flying hours during the year, operational limitations such as weather and airfield limitations, results of safety inspections, exercises and deployments, and transition and training programs conducted during the year.

Although this award has been presented for a number of years, this year marks the presentation of a new trophy

which was commissioned by the Adjutant General's Department, State of Ohio. The trophy was sculptured by Arthur Limbach, Professor of Art at Kent State University.

The design of the trophy is symbolic of the combination of man, machine and mission in competitive flight, bound by the parameters of technology, physical limits, knowledge, skill and the will to win. (See photo at right).

1/147th Infantry Battalion Tops State in Net Gains

BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS

237th Spt. Bn. (Co. A)

When the figures were tallied for 1980, the 1/147th Infantry Battalion, headquartered in Cincinnati, topped all other Ohio Army National Guard units in net gains with 115 more members added to its roster.

According to 2nd Lt. Thomas Lutes, state Recruiting and Induction officer, net gain refers to the amount of people added to a unit over and above all losses for the year.

Taking second place with a net gain of 108 was 737th Maintenance Battalion; third, 1/148th Infantry Battalion with 97; fourth, 112th Engineer Battalion with 82 and fifth, 237th Support Battalion with 64.

The 1/147th and 1/148th Infantry Battalion and 237th Support Battalion are all elements of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate).

Each battalion is assigned full-time recruiters but Lutes said that recruiting is only part of the effort to reach 100 percent unit strength.

"A unit can have a terrific recruiting program yet still fail to maintain adequate manning levels because of losses," Lutes said. "A good retention program is one of the strongest assets a unit can possess."

Lieutenant Colonel Jay N. Gibbs, the 1/147th Infantry Battalion commander

agrees and credits the battalion's retention program for the unit's high net gains.

"When we initiated a total involvement program last year, it was our goal to inform all our troops on the Guard's benefit package and keep them up to date on any changes or additions," Gibbs said. "We feel we have profited from that program because our people have a better understanding of what the Guard can do for them and with that understanding, you have a more satisfied soldier who is bound to do a better job."

Gibbs feels that the total involvement program provided the added benefit of giving battalion members the latest information on Guard programs to pass along to potential recruits.

"When you have a good, strong, enthusiastic unit, each one of your people becomes a 'recruiter' in the community," he said. "In the Cincinnati area, we were surrounded by units who had the enlistment bonuses for first-termers long before we were authorized to offer the money. When we were authorized in October to offer the bonuses, we found it helped, of course, but the money didn't make an appreciable difference. It was our people who were bringing new members in."

Gibbs estimates that 50 to 75 percent of the new enlistments came from refer-

als within the battalion. "Once our people knew the programs and worked together to get the word out, our strength just continued to increase."

The total involvement program is a cornerstone in the battalion's retention process but it doesn't stop there. "We stress personal attention from the top right down to the team leaders," Gibbs said. "We keep track of our troops and their status. If they are dissatisfied, we don't want to find out about it a month before their ETS. The days of those kinds of surprises are gone for this battalion."

Gibbs stated that for any unit, no matter what size, communication and training are vital ingredients. "If you haven't communicated to the grunt out there with a M-16 and back pack so that he understands his role in the unit's mission, you automatically have hurt your unit, like weakening a link in a chain." According to the colonel, training is the means to strengthen an already strong chain.

Apparently Gibbs' reasoning is sound — the battalion's strides in recruiting, retention and readiness over the past year is proof.

"We're determined to be 100 percent manned by summer camp. But," he laughed, "I know the 148th is just as determined."

Attention! Tours Available

All clubs, groups and organizations! Now is the time to sign up for your tour of the 160th Air Refueling Group and Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

The 160th AREFG has implemented a Base Tour Program. The tours will be offered during the unit's training weekends.

Each tour includes visits to the fire/crash station, the control tower and a KC-135 "Strato-Tanker", the plane utilized by the 160th which can refuel other aircraft in mid-air. Transportation and tour guides, while on base, will be provided for the group.

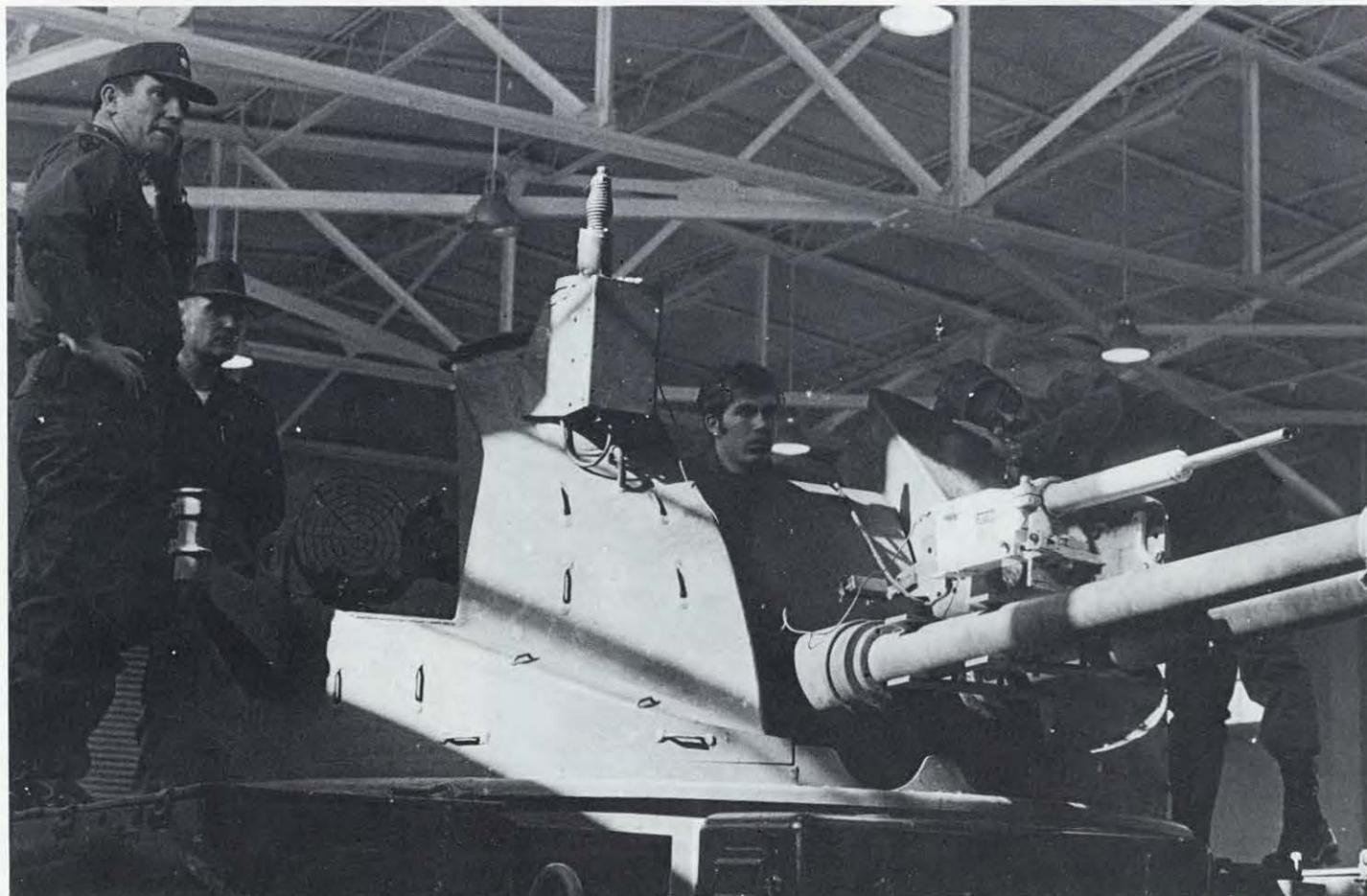
To make arrangements for your group's tour, write to: 160th AREFG, Air National Guard, Group Tour/PAO, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio 43217.

When writing, give: your group's name, the point of contact and his/her phone number. If you prefer, you may call Capt. Knapp (Chief of Administration) at 614-492-4373 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



MAJOR GENERAL HARRY L. COCHRAN, Chief of Staff, Presents the Ohio Air National Guard Flying Safety Trophy to **Colonel Keith Cramer**, Commander of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo Air National Guard. The rotating trophy is presented annually. The 180th has not had an accident or incident in the past five years. (PHOTO BY SGT. SCOTT RIDGE)

Unique Winter Training for 174th



MAJOR DONALD HEDGEPATH, of Readiness Region IV oversees firing range of 2/174th ADA. (PHOTO BY FRANK DOUGLAS)

BY SP4 FRANK DOUGLAS

196th P.A.D.

The gun goes off. The balloon pops. But nobody wins a stuffed animal.

That's because this is not a carnival, but an Ohio National Guard target range at the Caldwell Guard armory. And the weapons used are not BB guns, but self-propelled Dusters, tank-like air-defense weapons.

The balloon-popping competition is one of ten training stations in the 2nd Battalion of the 174th Air Defense Artillery's winter modular training.

"Historically we in the air defense artillery could only simulate firing except once a year during annual training," said Capt. William Radford, commander of Battery D in Caldwell. "Though they're not firing 40mm rounds, they can see the results and actually go through the motions."

An M-16, adapted to fire .22-caliber rounds, is attached to the barrel of the tank-like vehicle. This permits the rounds to be fired on Guard indoor ranges.

Other stations in the training also offer Guardmembers hands-on experience. Two Dusters have lasers attached to their

barrels to help tone marksmanship skills.

On one of these, the Duster team engages a small arrow, flashed onto a nearby wall by a flashlight. The laser, when fired, flashes a small red light at this arrow. The target can then be followed across the wall as an enemy aircraft would be traced across the sky in a real encounter.

To add to the realism of the exercise, a small slide screen near the Duster flashes slides of different aircraft. The squad leader must identify the aircraft as either enemy or friendly before giving the order to fire.

At the second laser-equipped Duster, the soldiers are tested on their ability to aim the anti-aircraft weapon according to specific vocally-given data. This helps the troops learn the proper method of setting the Duster's many aiming devices.

Even the classroom-type stations are more than simply lectures.

"We use videotape equipment, televisions and things. In these classes they learn to identify enemy and friendly aircraft and tanks, as well as other things they'll use at the other stations," Rad-

ford said.

Capt. Jerry Sterner, Battalion Project Officer, said the lasers and video equipment, all supplied by the Readiness Regional Group at Fort Knox, have energized winter training in the battalion.

"We were really limited during the winter without these training devices," he said. "The inclement weather really made it difficult to train."

"Firing the weapon once a year also presented a problem," he said. "The guys would really do a good job when they did get the chance to fire, but that was only at annual training. Hopefully this extra training will enhance their scores."

Maj. Donald Hedgepath, of the Readiness Group, added that he doesn't believe use of lasers for training is done at any other air defense unit in the nation.

"The problem here is that white stuff outside. The other ADA units are in New Mexico, Florida, Virginia, areas where you don't have to worry about it," he said.

Though the unit has no lasers of its own, Hedgepath said he believes it will in the future.

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'Training Is Fantastic'

BY SP4 FRANK DOUGLAS

196th P.A.D.

Though the officers of the 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery, are excited about the hands-on experience gained in the unit's winter modular training, few compliment the new concept like those being trained.

"I feel this training is fantastic," said SSgt. Bob Bates of Caldwell. "I've really learned a lot about the gun and how it operates. And I've only been to three stations. It's hard to believe I have seven more to go."

SSgt. Terry Frye added that the practice is really needed. "We always hear about how to do these things, but we really need practice. This will give us that practice," he said. "It's also the type of training where people can't fake it. They have to actually do something."

"I personally like doing something instead of just sitting in class," he said. "And this is something that is really interesting."

Because only the Caldwell and Logan armories used by the battalion are large enough to move Dusters indoors, many of the troops have to travel for training.

But SSgt. Dennis King, Battery C in Cambridge, said the traveling was worth it.

"I really like this. It gives you something to do other than sitting in a classroom," he said. "You remember things better when you have your hands on the equipment, too."

And perhaps the greatest compliment a soldier could pay the new training concept came from PFC Jim Butler of Caldwell.

"It's really interesting training," Butler said. "In fact, when they said, 'It's dinner time,' I said, 'Already?'"

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"There's enough of a need for them," he said. "They'll probably be justified. The problem is they are a high cost item. They cost about \$10,000 to \$12,000 apiece."

"Actually they end up saving money," he said. "This is because they don't use the 40mm ammunition."

The Buckeye Guard

Lewis Gives 37 Years To Country



RIDE ALMOST OVER — Col. Lewis at control of C130. (PHOTO BY SSGT. D. MATTHEWS)

BY MAJ. ROBERT W. LORD

On January 17, 1981 Colonel Emerson E. Lewis, Commander, 179th Tactical Airlift Group retired from military life with over 37 years of service to his country. Over 18 of these years were spent as Group Commander of the Air National Guard units at Mansfield, Ohio. As a result of Col. Lewis' leadership, the 179th TAG is recognized as one of the finest Air National Guard units in the nation.

Among his most noteworthy accomplishments during a long and distinguished career was the conversion of the 179th TAG from a Tactical Air Command F-100D tactical fighter group with close air support/interdiction missions to the C-130B aircraft of the Military Airlift Command. All of this was done with a minimum of prior notice and with limited and very inadequate facilities combined with monumental re-training requirements. All challenges were surmounted with exceptional results as reflected in the MAC IG Operational Readiness Inspections.

Col. Lewis was recognized for his many accomplishments during an award ceremony held on December 14, 1980 at which he was presented with the Legion of Merit by Brig. Gen. Edward J. Power, Assistant Adjutant General for Ohio (Air).

Colonel Lewis was born at Blairs Mill, Kentucky and enlisted as an Aviation Cadet in 1942. He graduated from pilot

training in 1943 and was assigned to duty with the Eighth Air Force in the European Theater, flying B-17's. He served in the Rhineland, Northern France, and Normandy Campaigns, completing 35 combat missions with 251 combat hours. Returning to the United States, the Colonel instructed at Henderson Field, Florida, in B-17 aircraft until his release from active duty in 1945.

Colonel Lewis joined the Ohio Air National Guard in 1950 as a Fighter Pilot and later became Operations Officer and Squadron Commander prior to assuming his present position as Group Commander in October 1962. He served on active duty during the Korean Conflict, serving with a Ferry Squadron at Long Beach, California, and again during the Berlin Crisis as Squadron Commander from October 1961 to August 1962.

His awards and decorations are: The Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Unit Citation, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four battle stars, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal with clusters, and Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

He is a member of the Air Force Association, National Guard Association of the United States, Ohio National Guard Association, and the Order of Daedalians. (See sidebar on pg. 17).

HELP WANTED

The State Recruiting and Retention Office is looking for any Ohio Army National Guard personnel who have attended the American Legion Buckeye Boys' State or Buckeye Girls' State. Please contact 2Lt. Tom Lutes at (614) 889-7023 or call toll free 1-800-282-7310.

Lima PE Station Triples Business

BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS

237th Spt. Bn (Admin)

What was conceived in 1977 as a way to aid the community and provide valuable hands-on training for their headquarters company medics has snowballed for the 1/148th Infantry Battalion, Lima, much to their delight.

The Lima Physical Examination Station chalked up nearly 450 physicals in 1980, nearly three times as many as they conducted in 1978, its first full year of operation, said Major Thomas G. Kemp, the Station coordinator.

"The majority of our business is new enlistment physicals but we do conduct periodic physicals for members of units in the area as a service to them," Kemp explained.

Those units include National Guard elements in Lima, Ada, Spencerville, Belfontaine, Piqua, and Army Reserve units in the area.

The battalion operates one of 11 PE stations in the state, but is the only element of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) with such a program.

"The station was recognized as a real need for this area," Kemp said. "Without it, anyone trying to get into the Guard or receive a periodic physical had to travel to Columbus for the exam, which in some cases, was a two-day process. Here, the actual physical takes only two hours or so. It's quite a difference."

The station is open two Monday nights



PFC JOE SIMS, a medic with HHC, 1/148th Inf. Bn., checks enlistee's responses during vision test. (PHOTO BY SSGT. D. MATTHEWS)

of each month and the medical platoon conducts all aspects of the exam except x-rays (taken at a local hospital) and the actual medical exam which is handled by a staff physician from the St. Rita's Memorial Hospital in Lima or by a physician's assistant, who is contracted to come to the armory and conduct the exams.

"Since we operate at night, most of

our customers can have the physical without missing time from work or school," Kemp explained. "In many cases, that makes the difference between joining or not joining for new enlistees."

It made the difference for Howard D. Hairston, a maintenance manager for a large apartment complex in Lima.

"I served with the Marine Corps for 18 years and was thinking about joining the Guard to finish up my time for the retirement benefits," Hairston said. "But I heard it took two days to get a physical because I'm over 40 years old and required an EKG. Rather than take the time off from my job, I kept putting off looking into joining."

Hairston finally contacted a recruiter after a friend told him about the Lima PE Station. He passed the physical and now serves in Supply for Headquarters Company, 1/148th in Lima.

The five medics who run the station come in the early afternoon to prepare for the evening's work. The two nights per month count as their drill and they rotate the duty every six months within the section.

"They are professionals, there's no doubt about it," Kemp said. "Without them we would have to close down."

"Our battalion strength has increased 25 percent over the past three years," Kemp explained. "We realize the Lima station wasn't the only reason for the gains but we certainly are an important factor."



PVT. 2 HILLARY ROBINETTE checks blood pressure of potential recruit during enlistment physical at the Lima PE station. (PHOTO BY SSGT. D. MATTHEWS)

Is HF Radio Operation Outdated?

BY 2ND LT. MARK L. STOUT

251st Com. Comm. Grp.

Although many people, even some veteran communicators, feel that HF radio communications is an outdated mode of operation, in this age of satellites and computers, members of the 251st Combat Communications Group, headquartered here, are out to insure that it does not become a lost art. Morse code (better known as CW) over an HF radio with maybe only a coat hanger or some fence post as an antenna, may be that one-and-only final link the combat unit will have to its headquarters if a disaster or all-out conflict should occur. One cannot wait until it's needed to learn to operate an HF rig, especially in the CW mode.

The 251st is not just looking at CW, however. Training in voice techniques to counter deception and intrusion, as well as jamming of the various stations, is practiced by the Air National Guard 293x3's via their weekend HF/SSB nets. Training in proper net operating proce-

dures, message techniques and net handling is accomplished by use of the USAF MARS Region and TRANSCON HF radio nets. Similar training in single channel radio teletype (RATT) operation is being planned, together with experiments in HF transmission of DSTE and computer data.

Major Lee Cook, recently assigned as the Senior Air Force Advisor to the 251st and formerly the TAC Command MARS Director, has established procedures whereby all subordinate units of the 251st CmbtCG will be using the MARS TRANSCON system in a manner similar to the TAC, ATC, AFSC and AFLC MAJCOM Contingency Net System.

The job of training radio operators in CW, practicing on-air operations and experiencing actual on-air operations is greatly enhanced in the 251st due to the fact that there are over 25 licensed radio amateurs, or "hams", currently in the eight units which make up the 251st. The group of "hams" recently increased by three when personnel being trained to

meet the new CW requirement went that one step further and also obtained "ham" licenses.

With all 251st units now participating on the USAF MARS nets, morale/welfare and phone-patching for deployed personnel is keeping them in closer touch with their families. Most recently, the 251st provided phone-patch support for the co-located 178th TFG (OHANG) during a Panama deployment. In addition, 251st group stations are handling considerable numbers of written messages, "MARSGRAMS", for their home station localities. This allows local delivery of much more traffic as the ANG units are not usually located near active Air Force installations already handling traffic for their areas of responsibility.

Several of the 251st "hams" are also becoming active MARS Affiliate members which will further expand the capabilities of all units to maintain HF radio contact.

Brandewie Is Winner

Capt. Eugene W. Brandewie of the Ohio Air National Guard was the winner of the prestigious Citizen-Soldier Award in the ANG Academy of Military Science of 0-81-2. The award was announced during the recent graduation ceremonies at McGhee Tyson ANG Base, Knoxville, TN.

Capt. Brandewie was chosen for the award by his fellow officer candidates as that student who best manifested the ideals expressed in the hallowed military concept of "duty, honor, country."

The Citizen-Soldier Award is sponsored by the Tennessee Department of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States. One member of each graduating class of the Academy of Military Science, the officer training academy for the Air National Guard throughout the country is selected by his peers for the award. In addition, a member of each graduating class of the Tennessee Military Academy, the Army Guard's officer training school, receives a similar award.

The presentation to Capt. Brandewie was made by Col. Jack K. Westbrook, USAFR (Ret.) representing the Tennessee Department of ROA. Col. Westbrook called on Capt. Brandewie and the entire class to live up to the ideals of the citizen-soldier concept and to communicate to the public "the need for vigilance if American's freedoms and free institutions are to be preserved."

Outstanding Unit 269th Tops in Keen Competition

BY 2ND LT. MARK STOUT

251st Comm. Grp.

Competing with the best — and winning — requires being better than the best. The 251st Combat Communications Group recently named its Ohio unit as outstanding beyond all other subordinate comm units in the group's structure.

As a result of their many wide-ranging achievements in 1980, the 269th Combat Communications Flight, also located at Springfield's Municipal Airport, was honored with the 251st Outstanding Comm Unit Award for the second consecutive year.

During 1980, the 269th saw extensive participation in exercises in Europe as well as the United States; this involvement elicited many laudatory com-

munications from a variety of military organizations which recognized the professionalism of the 269th personnel. Further recognition from the state level came as the unit received Ohio's ANG outstanding Unit Recruitment and Retention Award, and one individual was named Ohio's Outstanding Guardmember for 1980. The National Safety Council's Award of Commendation also became a part of the 269th's history during 1980.

All subordinate units of the 251st have caused this competition to be keen because they themselves are representatives of the best. The race for "outstanding" is always strong within the group, a fact that continually challenges everyone to greater achievements and higher goals.

Deployment to New Mexico

BY MAJ. TEB BAINES

178th Tac. Ftr. Grp.

Thirty members of the Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group deployed from the Springfield Municipal Airport to Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico recently.

"The purpose of the deployment," said Major John H. Smith, mission commander, "is to conduct dissimilar air combat training. Our A-7D attack aircraft will be flying against F-15 fighters. The F-15s will try to stop our A-7s from getting to assigned targets.

"We'll also be conducting composite force training," continued Smith. "On some days, we will be flying 'with' the F-15s rather than 'against' them. On other days, we will fly with F-4C fighters from a Missouri Air National Guard unit."

While in New Mexico, the Ohio A-7s have been scheduled to fly 12 sorties per day, Monday through Friday.

Later this year, the Springfield unit has other deployments scheduled for Florida, Arizona, Michigan and Canada.

121st TFW Puts RDF Training to Use



RDF DEPLOYERS — (Front row, left to right) SSgt. Terry Smith, SrA. Mick McClelland, MSgts. Dick Featherston, Mike Jones, Paul Rarey and Bob Brown. (Middle row) Capt. Ron Baker, MSgt. Ed Townsend, SSgt. Bob Panian, MSgt. John Samson, TSgts. John Snoke and Don Carruthers and SSgt. Jeff Taylor. (Back row) MSgt. Jim Hughes, TSgt. John Waibel, MSgt. Don Erle, TSgts. Kevin Pearson, Steve Brown and Jim Lewis and A1C Larry McGuire, Amn. Dave Toy is not pictured. (PHOTO BY TSGT. BOB GOOD)

BY MAJ. DOUGLAS E. BASH

A great deal of publicity has been given to the recently organized Rapid Deployment Force (RDF). When a reserve's force unit has been identified as an RDF member, it cuts the unit's response time and brings into sharp focus the importance of mobility and other training which leads to improved readiness.

The 121st Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus, has been designated as an RDF unit. But none of the assigned Guardsmen knew what it really meant to be a member of the RDF, or what would be expected of them. That is, none of them knew until recently when a choice group of 121st personnel learned what rapid deployment is — first hand.

Earlier last month, 21 Guardsmen were awakened by the call to duty. They were told to report immediately with their baggage for an emergency situation.

Many thoughts run through a Guardsman's mind at a time like this: "Where are we going?" "How long will we be gone?" "What type of emergency is it?"

Hasty farewells were said and the men rushed to their stations. Upon arrival they were told to palletize equipment

and parts in preparation to assist the 150th TFW out of Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

A C-130 Hercules from the 179th TAG in Mansfield was to transport the men and their equipment from Rickenbacker to the now known destination — Pease Air Force Base, N.H.

The Hercules landed and was loaded and ready within an hour. The RDF mission was underway.

Upon arrival at Pease, Captain Ronald Baker, team chief, and Master Sergeant Paul "Luke" Rarey, non-commissioned officer in charge, were met by a tactical Air Command representative and briefed on the scenario.

The Guardsmen were told that they were to aid the 150th in launching A-7D Corsair IIs for support of operation "Bright Star". The A-7s required maintenance and inspections and were to be launched the next morning to the operation site in Egypt.

The team members worked around the clock to prepare the aircraft for the scheduled launch. They expected to complete their task and board the C-130 for the return flight home, but even the best-laid plans cannot account for the temperament of Mother Nature. What was intended to be a one-day deployment

turned out to be a five-day waiting game because of severe weather conditions.

Finally the RDF team was given the "go" signal. The A-7s were successfully launched to the United Arab Republic and operation "Bright Star".

Team Chief Baker commented later, "If it had not been for the members of this team, at least three of the aircraft would possibly have aborted the mission." He also said that this type of rapid deployment is just a taste of what the 121st could expect in the future.

Besides Captain Baker and Sergeant Rarey, the team was made up of MSgts. Dick Featherston, Mike Jones, Ed Townsend, Jim Hughes, Don Erle, Bob Brown and John Samson; TSgts. Don Carruthers, John Snoke, John Waibel, Kevin Pearson, Steve Brown and Jim Lewis; SSgts. Terry Smith, Bob Panian and Jeff Taylor; SRA Mike McClelland; A1C Larry McGuire and AMN Dave Toy.

Recently Col. Robert E. Preston, 121st Wing Vice Commander, accepted a gold replica of an aircraft stick grip on behalf of this RDF team while attending a conference at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. The stick grip is awarded to units having accomplished an outstanding achievement.



SSGT CHUCK SMITH surveys the range road at Camp Perry while at Annual Training with the 16th Engineer Brigade Headquarters. (Photo at left) Sp4 BRAD WORTH identifies a survey point. (Cover Photo) Sp4 DAVID AUSTIN is seen checking out a location with his instrument along a road at Camp Perry. **PHOTOS BY MAJ. TERRANCE DALRYMPLE**



SP4 BRAD WORTH

Annual Training

16th Engineers Winter at Camp Perry

BY MAJ. TERRANCE DALRYMPLE

While most of the units drilling in February were in nice warm armories, the frigid blasts of Lake Erie greeted the first unit to Camp Perry for annual training.

The Staff Engineer Section of the 16th Engineer Brigade Headquarters gained the dubious distinction of being first, by shivering their way through seven days of sub zero weather.

Their mission was to plan the construction work to be done this summer by the 216th and 112th Engineer Battalions. The 20 man team consisted of Engineers, Architects, Draftsmen and Surveyors, all dedicated to the task of drawing plans, writing construction directives, and keeping warm, but not necessarily in that order.

Times are tough at Camp Perry in the winter. Mess halls are not open, few buildings are heated, and the lake is anything but inviting. Fortunately the Commander of the section, COL Karl E. Koett had done his home work and the section was able to draw a heated dormitory. All

work of the section was done in the dining room of the club house, which soon resembled the drafting room of an engineering firm. Between these two facilities most of the men had quite comfortable accommodations.

The brave soldiers in the survey team spent their duty days fighting the elements in order to measure the lay of the land at each project site. Without their dedication and hard work the mission would not have been completed. Sgt. Maj. Richard Jones, the section's senior NCO, did his best to provide for the comfort and safety of his men. He soon discovered that several draftsmen could double as cooks. So the club house kitchen was turned into a Mess Hall.

The delightful meals, which were never the same twice during the entire week, included bacon, eggs, pancakes, waffles, and grits for breakfast, and an unending variation of soup, sandwiches, stews, and cake for lunch. Everyone was on his own for supper. The food was in plentiful supply and tasted far better than anyone had expected. But the

Sergeant Major became overzealous one evening and set up a snack table at the dormitory, complete with sardines, onions and limburger cheese. Very quickly he was asked to move his snacks elsewhere.

By week's end, plans for some 20 engineering projects were completed and turned over to the battalions. Everyone agreed that despite the less than friendly elements, a good training experience was had by all.

Filled with a feeling of accomplishment, and at least ten pounds heavier, the section infiltrated to home station, happy to have "Summer Camp" behind them.

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It's How You Play The Game

BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS

Faced with heavy casualties, ammunition shortages, air strikes, three separate chemical warfare attacks and artillery barages, elements of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate), headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, still managed to hold their positions — not an easy feat against an enemy that held all the cards.

The enemy was a computer in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, representing opposing forces in a hypothetical battle fought in Central Europe as part of a Brigade-level Command Post Exercise (CPX) called *Robust Buckeye IV*. The exercise was conducted March 14-15 at the Defense Construction Supply Center in Columbus.

In all, approximately 300 staff and support members from Brigade units across the state took part in the exercise, representing a friendly force of about 15,000 to 18,000.

The CPX, which was declared a stalemate when the battle ended, provided valuable training for officers and their staffs in making and carrying out combat-situation decisions without the ex-

pense and time involved in taking their troops to the field.

Army Reserve members from the 75th U.S. Army Maneuver Area Command (MAC), Houston, Texas, and 100th Division, Maneuver Training Command (MTC), Ft. Knox, Kentucky, prepared, conducted and controlled the exercise.

The Computer Assisted Map Maneuver Simulation System (CAMMS) used in the war games was connected through a direct telephone link-up. CAMMS takes into consideration the reaction of a friendly unit to a given situation, then determines the result based on probabilities. For example, if a company of friendly forces is outnumbered three to one, the probability is that the company will fall to enemy forces. However, if the company has tank support, then the probability is that they will be able to hold their position.

According to Brigade training officer, Maj. Dennis Tomcik, the computer allows for free play and random selection.

"It can throw realistic obstacles such

as bad weather or ammo shortages at the friendly forces and monitor their reactions," he said. "With the computer, we can throw just about anything at our people and provide them with valuable training they might not receive otherwise."

According to Tomcik, the system provides an added bonus — it allows for realistic war games with a swift response time.

"We can plan, plot, carry-out and critique an entire mission, all in one weekend drill period," he explained. "With this immediacy, we can point out mistakes or potential problem areas while the action is still fresh in the commander's mind."

In the final critique, the 75th MAC declared the Brigade staff officers to be top-notch in terms of readiness. According to the critique team, the 73rd Brigade compared favorably and even surpassed some active duty units in overall performance in similar type training exercises.



Colonel Theodore Jenkins (left), chairman of the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee, presents the Outstanding Reservist Award to Technical Sergeant London Mitchell and a certificate from the National Committee on Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve to WTOD Radio's operations manager Bill Hughes.

Sergeant Mitchell manages the public affairs office of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo Air National Guard, and is the news director of WTOD. Sergeant Mitchell lives in Sylvania with his wife Linda and two children. (PHOTO BY MSGT BOB BARKER)



The Buckeye Guard

New Hamilton Armory

The newest, most modern, Army National Guard facility in Hamilton, Ohio was dedicated on March 15, 1981 at 2 p.m.

The dedication program was highlighted by guest speakers Congressman Thomas N. Kindness and Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, Adjutant General of Ohio, along with Maj. Gen. (Ret) Charles H. Jones (left) in whose honor the new Armory was dedicated.

Keynote speaker Congressman Kindness addressed the issue of National Defense.

Other distinguished and honored guests in attendance from the State House of Representatives were Honorable Corwin M. Nixon, and Honorable Michael Fox, along with various county and city officials.

The 122nd Ohio Army National Guard Band performed at the ceremonies.

Following the dedication ceremonies, everyone toured the new facility.

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Time has arrived again to start planning to attend the 10th Annual ONGEA State Conference on May 15-17, 1981 at Hilton Inn North, 7007 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio

Advance registration is \$20 per person. Registration postmarked after April 15 will be \$25 per person. Below is a registration application for the Dinner/Dance, which will be held the evening of May 16, 1981. The menu for the dinner will be:

- 10 oz. Prime Rib*
- Fresh Fruit Cocktail*
- Tossed Garden Greens Salad*
- Baked Idaho Potato*
- Green Beans Almondine*
- Sherbert*

Rolls, Butter and Choice of Beverage

The 10th Annual Conference Dance will begin after the dinner. The fantastic 555th Air Guard Band will be providing the music. A cash bar will be open during the dinner/dance only.

Room rates at the Hilton Inn North are: \$34 for single and \$41 per double. Those of you bringing children may have them stay in your room for no additional charge, regardless of age. The Hilton Inn North has a year-round swimming pool and kiddie slide. If you call for reservations make sure you state you are with the Ohio National Guard. You may call the Hilton at (614) 436-0700.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED

May 15, 1981 — Free Hospitality Rooms will be provided by Army & Air Units in the Columbus Area.

May 16, 1981 — Business meeting with opening ceremonies
Dinner/Dance

May 17, 1981 — Finish Business Meeting, Oath of Newly Elected Officers.

As always special activities have been planned for the Auxiliary. After the business session has been completed on Saturday, a special luncheon and shopping spree to the French Market is planned for the Auxiliary members.

AUXILIARY COMMENTS

I hope everyone has survived this crazy winter we just had and are ready to enjoy all the things coming up in the next few months. Ready? Then let's go! First, there's the bowling tournament April 25, 26. Have you joined a team to bowl or are you going to keep score? In any case, it's sure to be a lot of fun . . . hospitality room too!

There's the State Conference May 16, 17. I hope you are all planning to attend! Watch your newsletters for details.

Then there will probably be a family picnic this summer, maybe a Clippers Ballgame and, of course, the '81 National Conference in Rapid City, South Dakota (Black Hills) in September.

As you can see, there is a lot going on; a lot to participate in; and a lot of friendship and fun to enjoy. If you don't participate, you just don't know what you are missing! These are great opportunities for family involvement in the National Guard and a marvelous way to make new friends. Won't you join us?

Hilton Inn - North Registration Form

7007 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085 (614) 436-0700

Circle One Single (1 person) Double (one bed) Double (two beds) King (if avail)

Name _____ Address _____

No. of persons per room _____ Remarks _____

Conference Registration Form May 15-17 1981

Mail to: ONGEA State Convention, P.O. Box 601, Worthington, OH 43085

Name _____ Address _____

Is spouse attending? Yes No Name of spouse or guest _____

Dinner/Dance Include \$20 per person. After April 15 \$25 per person.

Please mail in the above registration forms as soon as possible to reserve your place at the Hilton Inn and/or the Dinner/Dance. (Check address on each please).

Remember, the Enlisted Association is your association. We want everyone to be proud of the association and what it stands for.

Please join so that you may have the fellowship the rest of us have with our active members and their families, and

also so that our Enlisted Association can grow in number in order to obtain the benefits for the Ohio National Guardmember that you and I desire for all. You really do count when the total number of members is given to the legislature when we ask for something extra for the Guardmember.

By attending the Annual Conference you can get an idea of what we are talking about and have a super time as well!

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upon. It has even been torn into shreds by students. I have also seen it used for curtains; but you know, that old flag seems to come out of it every time smelling like a rose. It just makes me sick to know our young children aren't told about our flag and what it stands for.

I am prepared to lay down my life, if it comes to that, to keep my land free and most important of all, to keep my family FREE!

SSG. ROBERT E. HITTLE

Co. "B" 372nd Engr. Bn.

Retiree Observes Growth in Aircraft Sophistication

BY DAVIDA MATTHEWS

237th Spt. Bn. (Admin)

It was still dark when my ride dropped me off at the Air Guard facility in Mansfield. To the east, the pink glow that marked the beginning of the day did little to take the chill from the crisp December morning. Clad in my Class "A's" with my DD Form 1853 in hand, I was there to take advantage of a space available flight to Travis AFB, California.

Check-in went smoothly — I had called in advance and followed all their requirements to the letter, not wanting to risk missing a chance at the free flight. When the paperwork was finished, I settled down with the two other passengers to wait until the aircraft, a C130 Hercules Transport, was ready.

As we waited, a colonel walked briskly into the room, glanced over at us, then immediately came over to shake our hands. "Hello," he said with a smile. "I am 'Red' Lewis. I'll be your pilot for the flight."

Since the flight included an overnight stop in Lincoln, Neb., I had the unique privilege of talking with the colonel about his more than 37 years of flying.

He started out as a four-engine bomber pilot in World War II — at age 19. How did he handle such an awesome responsibility?

"Times were different then and we had a more clear cut idea what patriotism and love of country meant," he said. "Sure, we were young, but we knew what we were fighting for and that's what made the difference."

In his nearly four decades of military flying, Lewis went from bombers to fighter aircraft to transport planes. He marks his career not in years but in terms of aircraft sophistication. For example, "About the time the B52s came out . . ." or "When I switched to flying the . . ." pepper his conversation.

But it's not the ever-progressing aircraft that he feels ". . . puts the years on him." It's the progression of people.

"You know you've been around when you encourage a still-wet-behind-the-ears lieutenant to go into flying and the next thing you know, he's a lieutenant colonel in the cockpit with you," he laughed.

Lewis admits that leaving flying behind when he retires won't be easy but he looks forward to the years ahead.

"I have some land along a lake front that I'm considering developing into a camping area," Lewis said. "It's a project I've always wanted to do but never had time for."

"I guess I'll have the time now."

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MEMBERS OF THE 180TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP, — Ohio Air National Guard, Toledo, aid civilian authorities and the Coast Guard in a two-day search for a missing 18 month old boy. The toddler had wandered away from his mother while playing in the back yard and slipped into a drainage ditch. Swift current in the ditch swept the boy away. His body was found several miles from his home.



BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES M. ABRAHAM, Assistant Adjutant General (Army) is cutting the ribbon during a dedication ceremony at Laces Skating Center, located in Whitehall. The new owners of Laces, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Labonty (right) and Mr. Jerry Pullins (left) admitted all military members and their families to the skating rink for free during the entire month of March in order to show their appreciation to the Ohio National Guard and the military. (PHOTO BY SSGT. NANCY CLEVINGER)

UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio National Guard Officers' Association

BY LTC ROBERT ZIMMERMAN

MEMBERSHIP LIFE INSURANCE

Each active member of the ONGA is presently covered by a \$2,000 life insurance policy that is included in the membership. This insurance coverage is provided by the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company.

The policy includes the provision for each individual member to continue the coverage when they either retire or separate from the National Guard by submitting their premiums to the Association at the same rate.

The current rate is 52 cents per month or \$6.24 per year. This completes the action required by the membership's desires expressed at the 1980 Salt Fork Conference.

OTHER INSURANCE PROGRAMS

There are three other optional insurance programs available to the members of the Association. The Uniformed Services Benefit Association term insurance, the Statesman Group term insurance, and the NGAUS Insurance Trust Guard Health Plan.

You should have received mailings on the USBA Plan and the NGAUS Health Plan in recent months. If you have not received these mailings your address is not current in our records, and you should contact the secretary as to your present address at your earliest convenience. The Statesman Group Insurance is a policy that the Association is recommending and each unit will be contacted when this new program is available. It is a term policy in the amounts of \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20 thousand similar to the government SGLI and the premiums will be deducted from your drill pay. This insurance will be available to enlisted members of the Guard as well.

The Association legal folks are pre-

sently establishing an Ohio National Guard Association Insurance Trust. This Trust will administer all of the insurance programs mentioned above. It will be possible then to pay all of the premiums through deductions in your drill pay through this Trust.

RED BOOK CONFERENCE

The annual Red Book Conference was held in Washington, D.C. at the NGAUS Building on February 9. At this conference the upcoming legislative program was presented. Naturally this program is based upon the guidelines set forth at the Las Vegas conference last September which was manning, modernization, and mobilization.

As a brief overview it is anticipated that the new administration is going to concentrate its efforts, along with Congress, toward solving the economic problems. In addition, the proposed increase in the defense area is about \$35 billion, however, only \$18 billion of this will be real spending increase, due to inflation. All of the \$18 billion will be utilized in major programs such as the MX, submarines, manned bombers, etc.

You can see that with emphasis on the economy and major defense programs, that there is little remaining for funding the shortage of equipment in the National Guard. Consequently, NGAUS has developed a five-year program for modernization of the equipment coupled with an increase in the equipment for the Guard.

This is the approach that we in the National Guard will use in the coming year with a grass roots effort to achieve the add-ons required to solve this problem.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

While we were in Washington for the

Red Book Conference, we took the opportunity to invite all of the Ohio Congressmen, Senators and their Legislative Assistants to a breakfast. Congressman Bud Brown's office assisted us in making the necessary arrangements. The breakfast was held in the Rayburn House Office Building.

Attending for the Association were: Brig. Gen. James Abraham; Brig. Gen. Edward Power; Lt. Col. Ray Trickler; 1st Vice President Capt. Bob James; 2nd Vice President Capt. Herschal Knapp; Membership Committee Chairman, Maj. Steve Koper; Legislative Committee, Col. Joe Vogel, Col. Bill Ingler, Col. Bob Pettit, and Capt. Jim Beard. Tom Foster, President of the Enlisted Association, and Carl Bicanovski, Legislative Chairman for the Enlisted Association, represented the Enlisted Association.

Approximately 27 Congressmen or their representatives attended. During this function I presented the Ohio National Guard status in regard to strength, tuition scholarship program, Air and Army Guard unit status, and touched on readiness. Major Steve Koper then briefed them on the NGAUS five-year program that I mentioned earlier.

We feel that the program was a success in getting the Ohio National Guard story to the legislators, and I highly recommend that this policy be continued in future years.

1981 NGAUS CONFERENCE

Now is the time to start making plans to attend the 1981 NGAUS Conference to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi, October 4-8, 1981. The appointed secretary of the Conference for Ohio is Capt. James Pleasant. Please contact him as to your plans to attend at Area Code (513) 256-2600.

Proud To Have Served

BY SGT. BOB BLAIR

Two dedicated members of Company B, 1/148th Infantry Battalion have retired with combined years of service totaling over 51 years.

Sergeant First Class William Donnett served 23 years, both with the Ohio Guard and the 82nd Airborne Division. He joined the Ohio Guard in 1958, in a weapons platoon section of the 1/148th unit. He later transferred to the Defiance unit of the 1/148th where he was promoted to sergeant first class.

In 1971 Donnett transferred back to Napoleon with the 323rd Military Police Company. In 1977 the unit was reorganized to Co. B, 1/148th Infantry Battalion where SFC Donnett served as the rifle platoon sergeant until his retirement.

First Sergeant Lester J. Joseph had over 28 years of service when he retired recently.

1st Sgt. Joseph began his military career with Battery C, 180 AAA Gun Battalion in Lima, Ohio. He worked full-time with the 148th Infantry Battle Group

from 1954 until 1966, at which time he transferred to Co. B, 1/148th Infantry Battalion to fulfill the position of Assistant Administrative Supply Technician. During his drill status he served as the platoon sergeant until 1979 when he was appointed first sergeant.

Joseph taught many of the NCO and OCS classes held at Camp Perry, Ohio and will be remembered by all. Congratulations to both SFC Donnett and 1st Sgt. Joseph for their many years of dedication to the Ohio National Guard.

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

Swing into spring is always a popular theme, and the Ohio National Guard Wives' Club is in full swing this spring!

Dream interpretation, a universally fascinating subject, was the featured topic at the February meeting of the wives' club. After enjoying a visit and luncheon at the DCSC, the ladies settled down to hear Dr. Marlene Kocan, of Harding Hospital. Dr. Kocan gave some very revealing insights into what the subconscious mind is saying when we dream!

February hostesses were Helen Clouse, Nita Elliott, and Shirley Farrell.

FAST AND FANCY COOKERY

In this age of instant credit, quick copy, drive through anything, well, almost anything, should we spend hours in the kitchen cooking a meal which takes 15 to 20 minutes to be eaten? Look at that child who can dress, brush his teeth, comb his hair, gulp down breakfast, and make it onto the school bus in seven minutes flat! Does that same child need a mother to bake cakes from scratch? Does he know the difference? The answer to all of the above is a resounding "No".

One way to bring the kitchen into the modern age is by use of the microwave oven. The gals who attended the March OWC luncheon got a vivid demonstration of this modern-day magic. Sue Helmreich home economist for Sun TV, brought her trusty microwave and put it to work. Those who already have microwaves got some new pointers, and those who don't have them got the bug to buy! Wives of the 160th ARG hosted the March meeting.

ACTIVE APRIL

April is a big month for Guard wives. We have a dinner theater evening, rescheduled due to a change in the play, as well as the regular meeting on April 28.

If you are reading this by the middle of April, you still have time to reserve tickets for OWC night at the Reynoldsburg Country-Dinner Playhouse, on April 24. The program will feature popular TV and stage star, Hugh O'Brien, in "A Thousand Clowns". It promises to be a fine, funny evening. As the classic story of a bachelor uncle unfolds, there is romance, laughter, and warmth. This is the one OWC event of the season to which we invite our husbands. So, mark the calendar and give Nita Elliott a call, at (614) 451-8588, to reserve your tickets. Admission is \$14 per person, which in-

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cludes dinner, play, and gratuity.

On the 28th of April, the group will gather downtown in Lazarus' Spare Room, for lunch and a Spring Fashion "Show and Tell". The fashion department of Lazarus will present spring wardrobe suggestions, the newest in accessories, and lots of great ideas for updating those clothes already hanging in our closets! All this, and shopping time too, makes an afternoon too good to miss. Election of officers will also be held at this meeting.

SIGNS OF RENEWAL

One characteristic of the spring season of the year is the feeling of renewal. Bulbs pushing up through the ground, and grass greening, and visible evidence of life renewed. The Lenten season is, for many of us, a time of great spiritual renewal.

This spring, however, the word renewal has a whole new meaning. Return of our hostages, and a new political climate, has spawned a renewal of patriot-

ism! For the first time ever, many young people in this country have a new and proud sense of Americanism. The uniforms of our armed services, sometimes unpopular in recent years, are being saluted this year! Citizens, young and old, are feeling a revival of hope for the future. This renewed willingness to shoulder the responsibilities of citizenship is surely the key to the strengthening of America!

While national magazines devote entire issues to the examination of the "Renewal of America", we in the Guard already know what it is. Simply stated, it is the reaffirmation, the revitalization, the renewal, if you will, of those attitudes and values which, for Minutemen, Revolutionary or modern-day, have been fundamental! The pride, hope, and sense of responsibility are very old standards for Guard families. We celebrate the fact that a new generation is becoming eager and willing to carry those standards forward!



SALUTE TO PVT. SCHAUB — Members of the 1486th Transportation Company pay a memorial tribute to Pvt. Terry L. Schaub. (PHOTO BY SP5 GARY DRAVENSTOTT)

Members of the 1486th Transportation Company, Ashland, Ohio were requested to participate in a Memorial Service for Pvt. Terry L. Schaub. Terry was a member of Company C, 60th Infantry Battalion, of the 9th Division who died in combat during the Vietnam Conflict.

Many members of the Hayesville Community as well as state and local Amvet members and guests paid tribute to a fallen Comrade in Arms.

Members participating were: SSgt. Jimmie M. Sagraves; Sp5 Ronald A. Will; PFC Jeffrey W. Frizzel and Pvt. 2 Mark E. Young.

Buckeye Bits

Unemployment Compensation

The Adjutant General's Office has been advised of a change in federal law, specifically 5 U.S.C. 8521 (a) (1) (a) which now requires that an individual be on active duty with the Armed Forces for a total of 365 days or more to be eligible for unemployment compensation on their return to the civilian community. The old law required only 90 days.

Operation Match-Up!

1Lt John A. Quinn, Commanding Officer of HHC 216th Engineer Battalion, Portsmouth, is also the adult advisor for Explorer Post 83. After receiving a request for help from the Explorer Troop SSgt. Gary Beckwith and 1Lt. Quinn organized a program for them. As a result of their efforts 30 young adults age 14 through 20 fall-in each Monday night on the drill floor. The 83rd Cadets learn the handling and operation of weapons and basic fundamentals of soldiering.

With the aid of Mr. Vancil Rase, of the National Guard Association for Search and Rescue, basic mountaineering is being taught on weekends. Judy Quinn, the commander's wife, is assistant advisor. Many of the Guardsmen from the 216th also volunteer their services. The Detachment is going to start Post 101 shortly and the unit hopes to see similar programs started throughout the state.

AFCC Award

MSgt. Daniel W. Becker, 237 ATCF was awarded an AFCC Certificate of Aircraft Assist. The following data is extracted: "The safe recovery of an imperiled aircraft was a direct result of the actions of MSgt. Becker. His superb duty performance reflects a thorough knowledge of ATC procedures and the ability to apply this knowledge in a truly professional manner.

When presenting this award, please convey the personal congratulations of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Air Traffic Services, to Sergeant Becker." Our congratulations to you, Sergeant Becker!

NOTICE

The Editor of Buckeye Guard would appreciate receiving Air National Guard Training photos. None have been received in recent months.

Primary NCO Combat Arms School

A primary NCO school to train combat arms NCOs will be held in April, May and June. The pioneer program is a cooperative effort between the NCO school of the Ohio Military Academy and the 73rd Infantry Bde. It's the first of its kind in the state and one of the first of its kind in the nation. The troops will train one weekend each month in April and May, and then will go to Camp Grayling for a week. After completion of the course the NCOs will rejoin their home units for two weeks of Annual Training at Grayling.

100 Percent Strength

Congratulations to HHC, 112th Engr. Bn. for reaching 100 percent strength. Capt. Robert Archer, Company Commander said, "The unit members, section sergeants and senior NCOs have banded together to help encourage retention." The unit also combined recruiting efforts to include job fairs, shopping mall displays and many other activities.

Cochran Receives Second Star

Harry L. Cochran, 56, retired Air Commander for Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus, recently received his second star and a promotion to major general in the Ohio Air National Guard from Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, the Adjutant General for Ohio, during recent ceremonies.

Cochran currently serves as the Chief of Staff for Headquarters, Ohio Air National Guard, Worthington. He has been a member of the Guard since 1947.

Guardmember Dies in Auto Sgt. Michael Rees

Sergeant Michael Rees, 27, a member of the Military Police platoon of Headquarters Company, 73rd Infantry Brigade and a Franklin County Sheriff's deputy died in a tragic auto accident Feb. 16, 1981.

Rees joined the National Guard in 1975 after leaving active duty with the Marine Corps. He transferred to the HHC MP platoon June, 1980, where the sergeant served as a squad leader.

Fellow MPs honored Sgt. Rees during his funeral service and acted as pallbearers.

His leadership, skill and enthusiasm will be sorely missed.

Connelly Award

Ohio's top Army National Guard mess section, Company C, 1/148th Infantry Battalion in Van Wert, took second place in the regional competition for the Philip A. Connelly Award.

The unit competed against Guard units in Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky which were evaluated by an Army Readiness Region VI team last November.

For three consecutive years, the company has taken top honors in the OARNG Best Field Kitchen Award. They were honored recently by Brig. Gen. James Abraham, assistant Adjutant General, who presented the state award trophy to the food service sergeant, SFC Michael C. Stanley and SSgt. Lawrence J. Wortman, the first cook. Other members of the award-winning section included: Spec. 5 Gary Stittsworth, Sgt. Randall Pollock and PFC Gerald Mitchell.

Correct Address

Anyone receiving more than one issue of BUCKEYE GUARD is asked to notify AGOH-IO, The Adjutant General's Department, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085. Retirees must notify this office of any changes in their address since they are no longer on the JUMPS System. If you do not receive the magazine at home we would like to know that also. We need your help to maintain an accurate mailing list. Thank you.

Got A Gripe

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Courts Martial last year resulting in nearly 500 days in county jails being imposed on Guardmembers. About half those days were suspended, according to Col. Shimp.

With only 16 SJAG officers throughout the state there is no way, Col. Shimp says, that his people can provide routine legal services such as wills or civil court representation to Guard personnel. However, they are willing to offer advice in most legal areas.

"We like to practice preventive law," Col. Shimp concluded.

"We encourage commanders to contact the SJA before he goes ahead to solve a problem and ends up creating a bigger problem.

All About People-

PFC DANIEL S. HOLLENBAUGH, a member of Btry A, 1st Battalion 136th Field Artillery, Marion, has recently received the honor of being selected Soldier of the Month. **CAPT. JAMES DAPORE**, Commander, presented the award during drill ceremonies.

SRA DEBORAH McMANUS and **MSGT DAVID SMITH** were recently named "Outstanding" in the 251st Headquarter's group-wide competition for 1980's best Airman and NCO.

JAMES R. WILLIAMS, Nuclear Preparedness Officer for the Ohio Disaster Services Agency (DSA), Worthington, was recently promoted to the rank of full colonel in the Ohio National Guard and named deputy commander of the Columbus-based 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) by Brig. Gen. Andrew G. Skalcos, Brigade Commander.

DENNIS L. McNAMEE, was recently promoted to captain and appointed commander of the Headquarters Company, 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate), Columbus.

CAPT. WILLIAM H. HALL, director of residence and dining halls at the Ohio State University, recently received the Army Commendation Medal for his outstanding part-time work with the Ohio Army National Guard. The Medal was presented by **COL. ARTHUR E. WAL-LACH**, commandant of the Ohio Military Academy, Worthington, at a ceremony held at the Beightler Armory.

Members of the 837th Engineer Co., Lima, recently promoted are: **KEN MELTON** to SSgt; **CHRIS BURDEN**, **DAVE GLICK**, **RICK BRADLEY**, **BILL HERSHBERGER**, **JIM McPHERON** and **BOB PARK** to specialists four and **DAVE HAUSEMAN** and **MIKE JACOBS** to PFCs.

The 216th Engineers also have promotions to tell about. **GARY PERNELL**, HHC Portsmouth, has been promoted to Command Sergeant Major, by the direction of the Department of the Army; **DONALD NOBLE**, Co D, Sandusky, promoted to PSG, E7; **TERRY CAVINE**, **JAMES HALL** and **JEFFREY PARKS**, Co D, Sandusky, to Sgts; and **LARRY CAUDILL**, Det. 1, Ironton, to SP5.

Members of the 1416th Transportation Co. (AVIM) Worthington, who received promotions are: **ROBERT BRUMFIELD**, **TODD DOTY**, **LARRY FINNEGAN**, **BRYAN JONES**, **CHARLES POLING** and **JAMES QUINN** to PFCs. **SGT. LLOYD RILEY III** and **SGT. MARK GEORGE** both extended their enlistments for a year.

The 1416th Trans. Co. Worthington, Soldier of the Month for December was

SP4 CAROL STILLION. A special congratulations goes to **SFC ROBERT KNOX**. Bobby has lost 55 pounds in his weight reduction program to meet Guard regulations.

Promotions earned by members of Attack Helicopter Troop, 107th AC, Worthington, are as follows: **FRANKLIN KNICELEY**, **DAVID KOCH**, **MARTIN SICHEL** and **STEVEN ZORKO** to Pvt. 2s; **STEVEN BOGANWRIGHT**, **BRIAN CASERLY**, **ERNEST GORDON** and **SEAN JONES** to PFCs and **CHARLES WILCOX**, **MARTIN TWYFORD**, **KENT TAYLOR**, **PRIMO PRIMAVERA**, **MICHAEL MURTHA**, **TIMOTHY McCARTNEY**, **BRIAN GALLAGHER**, **DAVID BROWN** and **ROBERT BROFFERD** to Sp4s.

The following named enlisted personnel of the 372d Engineer Bn. have been promoted to the grade indicated. Headquarters Company, Kettering, **JAMES B. LAWSON** promoted to Sgt. B Company, Greenville; **WILLIAM E. HENSEN** and **JOHN E. JENKINS** promoted to Sgts. C Company, Lebanon, **PAUL S. PRATER** to PSG, **LOWELL S. SILVER** and **FLOYD L. TURNER** to Sgts, and **DAVID J. CARBERY** to SSgt. D Company, Middletown, **NORMAN W. SIMPSON** was promoted to Sgt.

MAJOR ROBERT F. RICE, Commander 372d Engineer Battalion, Kettering, presented to Sp4 **DAVID A. DELGROSSO** an award for Outstanding and Distinguished Graduate of the Defense Mapping School, Fort Belvoir, VA.

Congratulations to Sp4 **BRIAN J. GALLAGHER** on his selection as the Atk Hel Trp Soldier of the Month. **CAROL MACIVOR**, also from Atk Hel Trp, Worthington, has been promoted to Sp4.

JOHN THOMAS, Co. C, 216th Engineer Bn., Felicity, has been promoted to Sgt.

SGT. GARY R. SMITH, 54th Spt. Grp., Worthington, has been selected as the Soldier of the Year for the 54th. He was presented a plaque during recent ceremonies at Beightler Armory, by **LT. COL. BENJAMIN ROWE**, Center Commander.

Recent promotions for members of 54th Support Center, Worthington are as follows: To SSgts., **MIKE FORREST**, **RAY DALRYMPLE** and **STEVE MUTER**; to Pvt. 2s, **DARRELL BATTLE** and **JERRY HESLER**. **MSgt. ROGER McINTIRE** was selected as the NCO of the Month and **SP4 WES BATES** as the Soldier of the Month for January. **Maj. ANTHONY COOKRO** received the Ohio Faithful Service V device and 1st Lt. **JOHN GRA-**

HAM received the Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon.

Recent promotions for members of 213th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, Port Clinton are as follows: To PFCs, **JAMES DORSKI**, **BILLY GREENE** and **JEFF MEGGITT**; to Pvt. 2s, **DANIEL SEARS**, **WILLIAM JUSTICE**, **WILLIAM DEAN**, **STEPHEN WELLS**, **WAYNE ERMENROUT**, **MICHAEL GRAY** and **GREGORY THOMPSON**. Pvt. **JEFFREY HABEGGER** was selected as Soldier of the Month at the March drill.

Members of the 213th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, Port Clinton were recently recognized for their years of service to the Ohio National Guard. Plt. Sgt. **DAVID MOYER** was awarded the 'V' device to the Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon and the Award of Merit for a total of 25 years National Guard service to each. Awarded the 'X' device to the Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon and the Award of Merit for a total of 20 years service to each were: **SSgt. RONALD SOUTHARD**, **SSgt. ROBERT GLECKER**, **Sgt. DONALD MEGGITT**, and **Sgt. DENNIS MUSSELL**. Lt. **WILLIAM HESSELTON** was awarded the Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon and the Award of Merit.

Vista 1999

What will the National Guard look like in 1999? That's the question Major General Robert Teater, Director, Ohio Area Command, and others are pondering on the National Guard Bureau's Vista 1999 Committee.

Knowing that change is constant, the Vista 1999 Committee is charged to look at the many things that could impact on the growth of the National Guard during the rest of this century. Out of all the information gathered the Committee will make recommendations on a course to follow to allow the Guard to remain a strong force in national defense.

If you have ideas that you wish considered, or a direction you feel the National Guard should take, forward it to Major General Robert Teater, Ohio Area Command, 2815 West Granville Road, Worthington, OH 43085.

Your ideas might make a difference.



COLONEL MARTIN PETREE, WMNI Radio, the keynote speaker at the conference is seen presenting the best Army Mimeograph Newsletter Award to Sgt. Harold Pinney for "Tracks of Troop K".

Ohio's Winners

Fourth Annual Awards Conference

SSgt. Davida Matthews, SSgt. Gary Beckwith and Lt. Col. Jack Arlen garnered the top awards at the Fourth Annual Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Awards Conference.

Matthews, of Company A, 237th Spt Bn., Worthington, and Beckwith, of HHC, 216th Engr. Bn., Ironton, tied for the Best Public Affairs Effort-Air. Arlen, now of HQ Ohio ANG but formerly of the 179th TAG, Mansfield, won the award for Best Public Affairs Effort-Air.

The awards conference was held March 7 at the Ohio Historical Society.

Best Mimeograph Newsletter-Army was won by Troop K, 3/107th AC, Ashtabula, with their monthly publication

"Tracks of Troop K". The Air award for Best Mimeograph Newsletter was won by the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker, and their publication "Super-sluf".

Best Offset Newsletter-Army was judged to be the 73rd Infantry Brigade's "Sword and Shield". The Air award for Best Offset Newsletter went to the 160th Air Refueling Group's "Tanker Topics".

Sgt. Robert Blair, formerly of Detachment 1, Company B, 1/148th Inf. Bn., Napoleon, and now of HHC 612th Engr. Bn., Walbridge, received the top award for Best Annual Training Coverage for 1980.

Four top Civilian Awards were also

given out. The *Napoleon Northwest Signal News* took top honors for Best All 'Round Support. Kevin Ragon, of WBNS-TV in Columbus, won the top award for Best Television Story with his series *Ready or Not*". The Best Newspaper Article award went to Jim Parker of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* with his story entitled "*Beefing Up the Force*". Best Annual Training coverage went to Ralph Kiley and Eunice Ott of the *Brown County Press*.

Thanks to all the information specialists in the field for making the state program successful.



IMPRESSIVE SITE — An observant NCO noticed the vast number of years of service stripes displayed on a coat rack during the recent Senior NCO Course Class-20 held at the Ohio Military Academy. There are a total of 11 coats showing 246 years of service having been completed by the men who own them. (PHOTO BY SSgt. NANCY CLEVENGER)



OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD Lieutenant Christopher Cochran (left) pins a second star on his father, Major General Harry Cochran, during recent promotion ceremonies conducted in the office of Ohio Adjutant General James C. Clem. Cochran, retired Air Commander for Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, and current Chief of Staff for the Ohio Air National Guard, was promoted to the rank of major general following confirmation by the President of the United States. Cochran and his family reside at 2540 Rebecca Dr., Springfield. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE)

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Jim Young Retires

BY CAPT. JAMES ASHENHURST

March 6 of this year marked the culmination of the long and distinguished military career of MSgt. James A. Young. From service in Europe during World War II to his most recent assignment with the 54th Support Center, MSgt. Young has exemplified the old saying "the NCO is the backbone of the service".

MSgt. Young's first service to the country came during World War II when he enlisted in the Army in 1944. Following his release from active duty, Young joined the National Guard as a member of the 37th Infantry Division. He was activated for service during the Korean conflict and once again during the Berlin crisis.

While most of his service was with maintenance units, MSgt. Young also served with HHD, OHARNG and the Ohio Military Academy.

Young said, "The 38 years I served were very rewarding and satisfying to me. There were trying times but generally I loved it."

Young's awards include the Army Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. The members of the 54th Support Center and the countless hundreds of Guardmembers whose lives he has touched throughout the years wish him a long and happy retirement. MSgt. Young, your fellow Guardmembers salute you!

NEW SLOTS AT NCO SCHOOL

Any NCO's interested in a change of pace might be interested in the opening of 16 new NCO slots part-time at the Ohio Military Academy's NCO school.

The openings include: Cadre Trainer/Evaluator — Slot open to E-6s and E-7s with a possibility of acceptance of exceptional E-5s. This is a position much like that of a drill instructor. Trainers will be responsible for the complete training of a 10 to 12 member squad. Trainers must be well versed in leadership skills, land navigation, Battalion Training Management System (BTMS), communications, maintenance, and personnel management.

Trainers are also expected to be extremely knowledgeable in the wearing of the uniform and drill and ceremony. The ability to answer the broad range of military questions asked by students is also an asset.

Operations Clerk — Open to E-4s. The ability to perform the usual duties of an operations clerk is required.

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