Surviving the Storm
Guardmembers assist counties in January's snow emergency
Aviation unit cleans up Scioto

Story by Spec. Derek R. Almasby
BG STARC (DET 1-5)

Environmental awareness and community service have long been high priorities with the National Guard. Second Battalion of 137th Aviation at Rich­

end rover found a unique approach to meet both challenges at once. It "adopted" two miles of the Scioto River located south of Columbus.

Unit member Sgt. Alan T. Slaughter first learned of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Adopt-A-Waterway Program while attending the Ohio State Fair last summer. The ODNR had set up a display, and Slaughter said it caught his attention.

"I was looking into adopting a highway, but this seemed more unique and fun to participate in," Slaughter said.

Paul Gregory, Chief, Ohio Division of Watercraft explained that the Adopt-A-Waterway Program is designed to allow groups and concerned citizens a hands-on opportunity to make a difference in Ohio's natural environment.

Slaughter said all he did was call Vicki Shuff at the Division of Watercraft, and she outlined everything he needed to know. The Division of Watercraft administers the program.

"A group or individual enters into a contract with ODNR in which the adoptive partner agrees to clean up trash along a two-mile stretch of waterway at least twice a year for a two year period," says Shuff. "The Division of Watercraft will provide technical assistance, a step-by-step 'How to Organize a Waterway Cleanup' booklet, patches for volunteers, certificates for volunteers and contributors, and trash bags."

Slaughter says it was not difficult to get started.

"With all the support we were getting, I just organized small 10 to 15 person groups, and we went out and had fun."

"The rivers really are in bad shape," said Slaughter. "On our first trip out, we gathered 78 tires and six full trash bags from just one one-mile stretch. We also found part of a wrecked car and a safe that our maintenance section helped recover."

Local businesses may pitch in too, as did Max Akers of Scioto Canoe Rentals. When the 2-137th went out in October, Akers supplied them with canoes and a patches for the volunteers to warm up in.

But Slaughter says Guard units in particular really need to get involved in this program. "The heavy maintenance equipment a lot of units have gives them more capabilities than most civilian outfits."

Because of the good publicity the unit received from this program, it expanded its services to the Columbus Parks and Recreation Department and plans on pulling a car from Big Walnut Park early this year.

Akers said since the river clean-up started, he has been receiving many compliments on the improved appearance of the river. "Customers come up to me and thank me for cleaning up the river. I tell them to thank the National Guard."

EDITORS NOTE: To adopt a waterway, call the Division of Watercraft at (614) 265-6625.

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Expanded call-up authority, interstate compacts future for Guard?

In order to increase accessibility to Guard forces, Congress is considering the adoption of policies that would allow the president to order 200,000 selected reserves for up to 180 days. A Senate initiative developed by the Southern Governors Association and endorsed by NGB, guardians in the future could be called up for emergency duty in neighboring states. The Interstate compact plan won the support of the National Guard from states that if an emergency warrant extra help. The agreement was signed by the governors in September 1983, and must still be approved by Congress. (DOD)

Cost of living adjustment delay, new pay system ahead for retirees

Due to changes in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989, military retirees will receive their cost of living adjustments in April 1994 and October 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998. These would normally be given in January. The Defense Finance and Accounting System will soon begin paying systems under a standardised DoD plan. Under the program, all military retiree pay accounts will be handled by the Cleveland Defense Finance and Accounting Service offices, while annuities will be handled by the DFAS center in Denver, Colorado.

Guard to help at-risk youth, medically underserved

Army and Air National Guard will take part in four pilot programs to help at-risk youngsters and get help to medically underserved in the United States. The programs will cost $7.5 million. Three of the programs are targeted at at-risk; these include ChalleneStar, Base, and the Los Angeles Unified School District Outreach program. The National Guard will provide medical support to urban and rural areas with few or no medical facilities with the fourth pilot program. Consisting primarily of administering inoculations, physicals and basic preventive care, the program will be "not much different from the help we provide in pin building in Central and South America," said former NGB Chief Gen. John B. Gossman. (AFRS)

New military ID card system saves money, cuts fraud

The Department of Defense will introduce a new 15 million people beginning in 1994. The new tamper-resistant ID card has a digitized photograph and a micro-readable bar code that contains all ID information that will make counterfeiting almost impossible. Although the primary emphasis for the new card is on security, the bar-coded card could be used by dining facility managers to determine usage, it could replace other military membership cards, and allow a quick determination of a cardholder's credit for benefits by running the card through a computer. Full implementation is expected to take about four years. (AFRS)

VA adds more Agent Orange-related diseases to compensation list

A new Department of Veterans Affairs list includes cancers and two skin disorders to Agent Orange, a herbicide used as a jungle defoliant during the Vietnam War. Hodgkin's disease and a skin blistering condition known as porphyria cutanea tarda were added to the three, the bar-coded card could be used by dining facility managers to determine usage, it could replace other military membership cards, and allow a quick determination of a cardholder's credit for benefits by running the card through a computer. Full implementation is expected to take about four years. (AFRS)

Foundation selects "Prepared and Proud" as essay topic

"Prepared and Proud" is the theme for this year's Freedoms Foundation military essay contest. The contest is open to all active and reserve members, as well as ROTC and JROTC students. Winners will be announced in June. A $5000 scholarship will be awarded to the winner.

Editor's Note: Before his retirement in October, Deputy STARC Commander Maj. Gen. James R. Williams wanted to share some insights regarding retention at the National Guard. With over 40 years in the military, the general has a few noteworthy comments for both soldiers and leaders alike.

Why is Homer bored?

BNCOC demands prepared soldiers

Editor, After attending Active Component BNCOC at Fort Ben Harrison, Indiana, I felt I should address several areas of concern that pertain to the National Guard/ACHES program. With these areas may be regarded as elementary to some, it is my observation that they might be overlooked by many NCOs.

All National Guard soldiers who are to attend any Active Component School must be proficient in the following areas:

- Drill and Ceremonies: Soldiers must be familiar with FM 22-5. They must be able to march properly, take a proper stop or size element at any time. If they do not get the opportunity to lead these types of exercises at home station, they must make time to practice with their peers. It is easier to make and correct mistakes at home, than do so at the school.

- Physical Training: Soldiers must be able to extend a rectangular PT formation for a plenty-size element. This includes leading the platoon in stretching (warm-up/cool down) exercises and regular calisthenics. Chapter 7 of FM 22-10 covers all of these areas. Also, successful completion of the APFT is mandatory. Only "good" pushup/sets-UPS are counted.

- Homer has been to annual training four times and back to his home. He enlisted for three years and extended. He knows how to do annual training. He takes his uniform, extra underwear, has a nice raincoat and almost always has his chair lounge ready.

- VA's nationwide toll-free number, 1-800-22-US-VET. If you know veterans who believe they have health care, contact VA.

- The contest is open to all active duty and reserve component members, as well as ROTC students. Winners will be announced in June. A $5000 scholarship will be awarded to the winner.

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE 1994

SURVIVING THE STORM

Story by SrA Shannon Scherer
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While 1,500 California National Guard troops were activated to aid victims in one of the most devastating earthquakes this decade, the Ohio National Guard was also called up further to battle the elements in 13 of the 17 counties declared in snow emergency.

On Monday, Jan. 17, Governor George V. Voinovich activated over 250 members of the Ohio National Guard to assist in snow removal and emergency service operations. Providing personnel and equipment to the hardest hit counties, the Guard worked in cooperation with the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, the State Highway Patrol, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the American Red Cross and civil authorities handling the crises locally.

All across southeastern Ohio, guard members were split up into small teams to carry out diverse assignments such as transporting medical professionals and emergency patients to health care facilities, evacuating families from unheated residences, delivering necessities such as food and medication to those home-bound, and clearing roads in areas that reported up to 50 inches of snow.

Guard members continued on their mission through record low temperatures and wind chill factors of 60 degrees below zero.

Members of the Ohio Guard were dispatched to various sites by officials at the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EEMA) in Bealighter Armory, Columbus. The sense of desperation was conveyed by each of the county emergency management directors as they called in for assistance.

Kim Campbell, Scioto County EMA director, reported that over 200 miles of county roads needed to be plowed. "There are people stranded out there without heat, without food, and with critical medical emergencies."

While the eastern counties of Athens, Belmont, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Jefferson, Monroe and Washington were under the direct control of the State EOC in Columbus, the emergency operations required for the southern counties of Adams, Brown, Gallia, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Pike, Scioto and Vinton were handled by "Task Force 16."

The 16th Engineer Brigade, charged with running the task force command headquarters, set up its operations out of the armory which houses the 216th Engineer Battalion in Portsmouth. With the exception of Pike County, Task Force 16 sent eight National Guard representatives to each county EOC to liaison information to the task force headquarters.

"It's hard to paint a picture of need for assets from one end of the state to the other," said Maj. Roger White, executive officer of 196th, 216th Engineers. "We assign resources to all areas based upon the most urgent need."

White coordinated and assigned the operations and resources for all the counties under the task force. "Ferry 16."

His staff provided a central communication link between county EMA directors, local safety officials and the State EOC in Columbus.

"We work with the liaison officer at each county's EOC by communicating their requests to Bealighter. The Military Support Office, with the State EMA, assigns the assets back down the chain of command through us," White explained.

Among the 17 counties effected by the winter weather emergency, Scioto, Washington and Belmont Counties were reported as needing substantial assistance from the Guard.

SCIOTO COUNTY

In Scioto County, the storm dumped so much snow in such a short period of time that only major streets were cleared by Tuesday. National Guard troops and equipment were relied upon for access to all other areas.

Teams of Guard personnel covered the county with five High-Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs), each assigned a particular township. Troops worked around the clock, tackling every emergency situation and mission.

"People's health is our main concern," said Monty Smith, first sergeant of HHC, 216th Engineer Battalion, and National Guard liaison posted at Scioto County's EOC.

Sgt. Jerry Howes was born shortly after we arrived at the hospital," said the grateful new mother. The baby weighed in at a healthy 7.5 pounds.

"Whether it's following the ambulance or delivering kerosene, if we get help, we get ourselves and one person, it's worth it," said Howes.
WASHINGTON COUNTY

Snow removal operations brought in units and equipment from as far north as Cleveland to assist residents of Wash­ington County.

Concentrating primarily on clearing city streets and county roads, HHC, 112th Engineer Battalion of Brook Park, de­ployed to the region with bulldozers and SEEs (backhoe and front-end loader combination). Their mission included open­ing up the roads in Decatur township, where, according to Spc. George Rericha, people weren’t able to get out for a day and a half.

Rericha, a heavy equipment operator in his civilian job and in the Guard, ex­plained the difficulties of the mission.

“Moving dirt in a lot different than mov­ing snow,” Rericha said. “The roads are very slick and we had to keep the graders with chains for traction. The snow is so deep that it’s hard to see where the roads are going. You have to watch for utilities, buried cars, fire hydrants…any number of things.

“I can be a challenge at times,” he added.

Community residents were thankful for the efforts of Rericha and his fellow soldiers.

“The National Guard has been very co­operative,” Bob Yoho, a Decatur Township trustee, said. “They’ve had some of the same problems we do as we plan the equipment, but the Guard is real versatile. If a thing doesn’t work, they try something else.

“By maintaining readiness and equipment in Decatur and the town of Belpre, Ohio, sending soldiers out to transport the units and equipment from as far north as Scioto County, (Photos by 1LT Stephen Tom­poms, 136 PAD)”

Sgt. Lawrence Voelkel, CoA, 112th Engineer Battalion, Wooster, was among several soldiers tasked with snow removal and emergency operations in the town of Belpre.

“Just making a difference,” Voelkel said. “Our mission this morning was to go to an isolated home and clear a driveway so a lady and her young child couldn’t get out. It makes us feel pretty good. We’ve done something and that somebody appreciates the help.

BELMONT COUNTY

Cooperation with state and local pub­lic safety officials was the key to successful operations and the deployment of assets in Belmont County.

Sgt. 1 Class Donald McIntyre, Bat­tary C, 3rd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery, McConnelsville, facilitated the transportation and deployment of assets there. His unit deployed an end-loader, two SEEs, a dumptruck, a lowboy trul­ler and a four-passenger HMMWV.

McIntyre, who also deployed with his unit during the 1978 blizzard, felt the co­ordination between the Guard liaison of­ficers and the emergency operations center has improved considerably.

“The folks were very much au­tonomous—just the Guard trying to help the community,” McIntyre said. “This time, I worked with the disaster ser­vices coordinator, Dick Quinlin, and he pointed out the priorities. Once the equipment got here, I knew exactly where to send it.

“The citizens were helping the Guard, and the Guard was helping the citizens. It was a joint effort,” he added.

But National Guard activities were cer­tainly not confined to snow removal op­erations in Belmont County. On Thursday, Jan. 20, Beverly Moore, Programs Di­rector for the Vocs Corp. Group Home, a senior citizens home in Belpre, called an urgent call to the Belmont County EOC.

“The temperature in the home had dropped to 62 degrees. We were worried if we brought in too many space heaters that the sprinkler system would go off,” explained Moore. “I knew that our county was in a state of emergency, so I called Disaster Services to see if the National Guard could help us out.”

Quinlin and McIntyre worked together, sending soldiers out to transport the patients and staff to another home across town, along with mattresses, food items and clothing.

“The folks were very appreciative and scared, but when they saw the big green HMMWVs, it immediately calmed the sit­uation,” said Quinlin. “The presence of the uniform itself seemed to make a bad sit­uation considerably better,” he added.

“I was out in the ambulance helping them get inside by lifting them under their arms,” recalled Spc. Greg Bolach, Com­pany C, 237th Forward Support Battal­ion. “One patient was a little scared so I told her, ‘You can do it. It’s all right, I got you.’ Then he said, ‘I can do it, I can do it.’”

Moore was quite pleased with the sup­port she was offered. “The National Guard was wonderful! They came in, they smiled, and they made our patients feel relaxed. They were a tremendous help.”

The week ended with the Ohio National Guard having demonstrated its ability to deploy and provide a variety of assis­tance under inclement conditions. It also proved to be an exercise of skills in communication and cooperation for all the agencies involved.

Sally Scholer, Director of Communi­ty Relations at Portsmouth’s Ohio Med­ical Center said it was a real lesson in teamwork. She illustrated the success of the entire operation by remarking, “It was hard to tell where one group of people ended and where another began.”

Army Guard and Reserve restructuring planned

by Sgt. Lori King
19th Public Affairs Detachment

Just days before he announced his retirement, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin revealed a major restructuring of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve.

According to a December news release, the restructuring ensures that both institutions are well organized to carry out the national military strategy in the post-Cold War world, while securing Na­tional Guard capabilities to meet the requirements of state go­vernors for domestic support missions such as natural disaster relief.

Aspin says the plan will enable the Army’s ability to secure the national military strategy as outlined in the Bottom-Up Re­view. Leading to a force structure capable of winning two si­multaneous regional conflicts, this strategy puts greater em­phasis on “power projection” — deploying U.S. forces wherever they are needed — than on “forward presence” — stationing American units abroad.

By maintaining readiness and enhanced access to the Guard, Aspin says Ohio soldiers should not preoccupation themselves with the restructuring. Rather, guards­men should focus their quality of training, readiness and retention. He explained that when a state is at full strength, the empty slots limit a unit’s ability to train, which weakens its combat readiness in the long run.

Stressing the importance of retention, he said if Ohio is at full strength and maintains its readiness, it will be the gateway to a positive force structure, the cuts will be apportioned to those states that can recruit, train, and retain combat-ready soldiers.

At present, Alexander admitted that Ohio is not maintain­ing the desired level of retention. He said it’s improving, but leaders, particularly first-line supervisors, need to create an environment that will help keep soldiers in the unit.

“We need to get the Guard and Reserve back to a place where they are prepared to do the mission the way it was intended,” he said. “It’s not going to take as long to implement — which is why Alexander emphasized that the plan is far removed from having units identified. ‘This is a plan that we prepare now so we won’t suffer later,’ he said.

16th Engineers, Troop Command welcomes new CSMs

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16th Engineers, Troop Command welcomes new CSMs

by CSM Dwight Scott

For winter months brought two new faces to the command leadership of the Ohio Army National Guard’s 16th Engineer Brigade and Troop Command.

Command Sgt. Maj. Dwight Scott took charge of some 3,500 en­gineers, following the departure of the 16th Engineer Brigade upon the retirement of Com­mand Sgt. Maj. Larry Mead.

Scott is excited about getting in­volved in the con­ference and de­velopment of the strategic action projects of the brigade. “I’m really looking forward to getting out and doing something as part of a troop,” he said. “This outfit does a job and can stand back and look with pride and satisfaction at the work they’ve done.”

Scott is employed by Goodyear Tire and Rubber, and resides in Logan with his wife, Mary.

With his move to the engineer brigade, Scott replaces Maj. Gen. Gerald Richard, the former command sergeant major at Troop Com­mand, where he had been assigned since 1991. On Feb. 1, Command Sgt. Maj. Phillip Wesley filled this position, which entails the responsibility of 4,600 enlisted personnel.

“The excitement in terms of being in the Na­tional Guard,” said Wesley. “I hope to be able to influence the men, as I can by letting them know that the changes we are going through are for the better.”

Offering his philosophy on the re­sponsibilities of a command ser­vant major, Wesley said, “People need Vitamin C to stay healthy. The Na­tional Guard also needs Vitamin C in its people — in the form of com­mitment, candi­d committed, courageous and caring leadership.”

Wesley resides in Toledo with his wife, Lois, and is employed by the city’s Department of Public Works.

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CSM Phillip Wesley

CSM Dwight Scott

20th Engineers, Troop Command welcomes new CSM

by CSM Phillip Wesley

Although the 20th Engineer Brigade is a part of the 16th Engineer Brigade, it has been assigned to Troop Command.

Command Sgt. Maj. Lynn Hahn took charge of some 2,100 engineer personnel, following the retirement of the 20th Engineer Brigade upon the retirement of Command Sgt. Maj. Melvin Dale. Hahn was recently reassigned to the 20th Engineer Brigade as a member of the command staff.

“Getting to work with the men is one of my big reasons for being here,” he said. “It’s a different atmosphere, they seem to be more approachable. I can get them to understand that the changes we are going through are for the better.”

Offering his philosophy on the re­sponsibilities of a command ser­vant major, Hahn said, “It’s no easy task to lead a group of 4,000 individuals. The key is to maintain the men’s esprit de corps and to keep them focused on the mission.”

Hahn resides in New Franklin with his wife and two children. He is employed by the city’s Department of Public Works.

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Ohio's Army National Guard: Pledged for Success in the Future

by Brig. Gen. John S. Martin
Assistant Adjutant General for Army

During federal fiscal year 1993, the Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG) underwent a transition of tremendous proportion in terms of size and structure. The genesis of the transition was the deactivation of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the transition of the 37th Separate Infantry Brigade into the 37th Armored Brigade. Without the benefit of any outside resourcing from the National Guard Bureau, the OHARNG successfully accomplished the force structure reorganization mission which included:

- Reducing the OHARNG in authorized size by 34 percent.
- Converting 15 armories.
- Reducing the size of the technicians/AGR force by 10 percent.
- Issuing orders to transfer the unit of assignment for 7,700 soldiers.
- Conducting Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) transition and qualification training for the new armory brigade which resulted in 435 personnel qualified for the MOSs.
- Transferring over 1,900 total sets of organizational clothing and equipment.
- Transferring 350 tracked vehicles and related equipment.
- Turning in 2,300 sets of organizational Clothing & Individual Equipment to the USFPO warehouse.
- Managing 250,000 pieces of equipment.
- Issuing over 790 letters of lateral transfer.
- Inactivating 24 company-size units.
- Reorganizing, redesignating or releasing 73 other unit elements.

The turmoil and disruption caused by transferring the unit of assignment for 7,700 soldiers alone could well have been a prescription for failure. But we didn't fail. Just the opposite has occurred. We have succeeded. In the very first quarter of its existence, the 37th Armored Brigade has submitted unit status reports indicating a level of readiness far exceeding expectations. How did this happen? What made the effort so successful? In a word — you!

Many, many dedicated, concerned and energetic members of the OHARNG worked hard, long and hard, to ensure the force structure transition effort went well. Whether it was taking inventory of sets, kits and outfits, or boxing up Common Table of Allowances (CADA) gear for turn-in, or cleaning and preparing tracked vehicles for transfer or turn-in, every one worked hard and got the job done. Many soldiers underwent training in new jobs and skills or on new equipment to prepare themselves for their new assignments. Many soldiers looked past the short-term uncertainty and inconvenience and did what was needed to be done for the future — to prepare to be a member of the new OHARNG. And it worked.

The OHARNG has come through the metamorphosis in great shape — well prepared and prepared for success in the future. So to each of you who contributed in a positive way to this effort, I extend my personal thanks. The senior leadership of the OHARNG is extremely thankful for all that you have done to make our organization a better one. The credit goes to you. But there is more good news. Federal fiscal year 1994 brings additional positive and beneficial things to the OHARNG. We continue to improve our armories and training areas so as to be better able to train our soldiers to execute their missions.

In this current fiscal year, the OHARNG will begin expanding nearby $11 million as follows:

- Camp Perry
  - Unit Storage Building: $175,000
  - Combat Portal Range: $650,000
  - Ammunition Storage Complex: $224,000
  - Lighting and Fencing: $400,000
  - Organizational Maintenance: $600,000
  - Shop Improvement: $600,000
  - Multi-Purpose Range: $900,000
  - Ravenna Arsenal Training Area
    - Unit Training Equipment Site: $800,000
  - Rickenbacker Army Enclave
    - Mess Hall: $1,350,000
    - Fencing and Lighting: $400,000
    - $1,850,000
  - McCollameville
    - HAWK Armory: $4,610,000
  - Medina
    - Armory Renovation: $1,200,000
  - TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURES: $10,882,000

The size and scope of this construction effort is unparalleled in recent history in the OHARNG. The results of this program will certainly enhance the quality of the OHARNG, and will result in better training of soldiers and better quality of life for soldiers. This, in turn, will enhance our recruiting and retention efforts and will increase the readiness of the force.

So, thanks to you and your help, we have come through a tough period of force structure downsizing and related turmoil. But we have pulled together and accomplished the task in fine fashion. Now, because of it, we are a better and stronger organization. The OHARNG is prepared for today and tomorrow. We continue to build upon and improve our training site and armory base. By continuing to work together in a positive mindset, we will be able to meet and exceed whatever challenges the future might hold.

It's a great day to be member of the Ohio Army National Guard.

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### Ranked “above the rest” for 1993

Each year, officials in Ohio's Army and Air National Guard pick those soldiers and airmen who rank above the rest. The following guardsmen were selected for their outstanding performance in 1993:

**Senior Airman John A. Huffman, Airman of the Year, is an Entry Controller assigned to the 121st Security Police Flight at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in Columbus.** Huffman is the recipient of numerous awards including the Air Force Achievement Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. A graduate of Muskingum College with an academic degree in business management, Huffman has four years of active duty experiences with the United States Air Force. He is also active with his local church, First Congregational, Ohio.

**Spc. Michael Rodenhouser, Soldier of the Year, is a TOW garner with B Company, 216th Engineer Battalion, in Kettering, Ohio.** He is one of the unit's team leaders and was awarded the Ohio Special Services Ribbon for his participation at the Lucasville prison riot. Rodenhouser works full-time as a corrections officer at Dayton National Penitentiary and is pursuing a bachelor of science in chemical engineering at Sinclair Community College. He currently resides in Centerville, Ohio with his wife, Amy, and three children, Drew, Cameron and Abigail.

**Tech. Sgt. Nancy B. Hasefl, Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, has a full-time assignment as the Command Post Training NCO for the 121st Combat Engineer Battalion.** Hasefl is a graduate of Ohio Dominican College with a degree in business administration, she has earned a number of honors including the Air Force Commendation Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Medal and Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal. Hasefl is also active in the local community, participating as a YMCA volunteer and a tutor for her unit's Adopt-A-School program in the Central Ohio area.

**Lt. Col. Thomas Sautters, 220th Engineer Installation Squadron**

- **Age:** 51
- **Occupation:** Vice President of Finance, Smith & nephew Perry
- **Life has taught me:** You can be the best at anything you want if you have determination.

When no one's looking: Don't do anything different than if they were looking.

When I was little I wanted to be: a cowboy.

The worst advice I ever received was: Sell that stock now! The best advice I ever received was: You should marry that girl.

If I could dine with anyone, past or present, I would invite: Thomas Edison.

The best moment in my life happened when: I married my wife, Barbara.


My favorite movies: Sleepless in Seattle.

If I could today's guardsmen or members of one piece of advice it would be: Take better advantage of the opportunities and benefits of being a guardsmember, and make a career of being a contributing member of the Guard.
One of WWII's greatest military leaders called Ohio home

"Do I Remember General Beightler? He was the best field soldier I ever had in my command."  
Gen. Douglas MacArthur

Beightler inducted into Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Story and photo by Spc. Nicole Smith  
106th Public Affairs Detachment

"He was definitely meant to be a general, even from the time when we were small. As far as I can remember, he was always in control," said 93-year-old Mary Beightler Wallace, younger sister of the general. Wallace was asked to accept the award for her brother, but was unable to do so due to health reasons. Beightler, commander of the 57th Buckeye Division, was the only National Guard division commander to lead his unit through World War II. In 1945, upon the recommendation of President Harry S. Truman and Army Chief of Staff General Dwight D. Eisenhower, a special Act of Congress recognized Beightler as a major general in the Regular Army, one of only two National Guard generals ever honored.

"Polly Me," was the nickname of one of his first units, and many soldiers in the Ohio National Guard did just that.
Environmental compliance has become an important issue in the Army National Guard in recent years. To help achieve, maintain and monitor compliance with the ever-growing body of environmental laws and regulations, Headquarters, Department of the Army established the Environmental Department of Defense and Army environmental regulations.

After the sites were evaluated, the findings were assembled and categorized, and the regulations were reviewed again for relevance. The environmental managers then determined responsibility for compliance and assembled a working file. The results were used to develop funding requirements and budget reports.

Deficiency ratings are assigned to each finding. The following ratings are used: 1) Significant: A threat to human health or safety, the environment or facility mission, requires immediate attention; 2) Major: May pose a threat to human health or safety, the environment or facility mission, but not necessarily immediately; 3) Minor: Administrative, may result in a notice of violation (NOV). Also includes temporary or occasional instances of non-compliance; and 4) Management Practice: No specific regulatory requirement, but attention recommended by AING-ECCAB team (may be positive or negative).

Ohio was the first state to receive a complete external assessment. Since the program started in the Army National Guard, there have been many changes based on the problems and results in the first few states. Therefore, a conclusive report for the Ohio Army National Guard was not received until October 1993. Results were previously provided in a draft report which was used to plan environmental projects and funding. Many deficient situations have now been brought into compliance and others are being addressed by various departments of the Ohio Army National Guard.

The Environmental Branch of the Facilities Management Office has begun working on an internal assessment. They are using the results from the external assessment to establish a follow-up program. The follow-up program will be modeled after ECCAB, so that it will be an internal assessment as well as a program to bring the Ohio Army National Guard into compliance with environmental regulations.

Recycling program benefits four charities

Story by Spec. Clifford E. Nicol
HQ STARC (DET-1-5)

Though recycling benefits every community by nature of the program, employees at Beightler Armory found a way to spread that goodwill a little further in the central Ohio area.

Both state and federal employees at the Columbus armory began participating in the state-sponsored "Recycle Ohio" program shortly after a community meeting was held in early spring 1993. As a result, this program succeeded in reducing waste and saving valuable resources through the recycling of pop cans and office paper. Money derived from this effort amounted to over $213.27.

Because government agencies are not allowed to keep money collected this way, the proceeds were donated to a local non-profit organization that performs three main functions: emergency services, aerospace education and cadet training. From the $213.27 collected through recycling office paper, $163.25 was donated to last year's "Children's Christmas Party," held annually at the armory for children of the Franklin County School of Mental Retardation. Organized by a small committee of Beightler employees, 1993 marked the 28th Christmas party for the disabled children. The "Homeless Shelter Foundation," a charitable organization that provides food, clothing and shelter for the homeless, also received $106.50 from the paper recycling effort.

The Recycling Committee looks forward to increased participation in reducing waste in the workplace, and hopes to expand the list of charitable and non-profit organizations that the program can benefit.
From the Kitchen Table to Kids

Springfield's KiDSAFE program teaches lessons for life


What do the members of the Ohio Air National Guard and the children of the Springfield, Ohio, area have in common? Both groups have had the experience of learning important safety lessons from "Safety Dog.

But who is Safety Dog and how did he get where he is today? Safety Dog is the newest tool used by the Safety Office of the 178th Fighter Group to communicate safety issues and warnings to the Group and other units supported by the Group. The brainchild of Senior Master Sgt. Ron Ray (and bearing a very strong resemblance to his beloved family dog), Safety Dog is a cartoon character that made his debut in 1991 in the base SafetyGrams (one-page safety messages distributed by the unit)!

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Col. Lance Meyer, commander of the Springfield fighter group, is one of Safety Dog's biggest fans. "Using Safety Dog in the SafetyGrams was a clever way to grab people's attention," he said. "It's also a fun way to get across a serious message."

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While Ray's Safety Dog theme was growing, the unit's Security Police Office realized that a program was needed to identify children in the event they were lost or abducted. As a result, Staff Sgt. Tom Tinker developed Ident-i-Kid, a program in which guardmembers compile fingerprints, photographs and other physical data for parents of the children who participate.

"I had seen other communities with identification programs for kids, and we (178th's security police) realized Springfield didn't have one," Tinker said. "We figured the only way to be effective was to create a program that we could take to the children."

With plans to implement Ident-i-Kid, Ray's "pet project" quickly became well known and very popular among members of the unit. Ray explained that educating young people out in the field is a real challenge for Safety Offices. "A strong education program means fewer injuries," Ray said, "but people don't like to read long articles. So I attached the cartoon with the article so they would be more interested in reading it."

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Ron's wife, a 5-year-old girl, has spent hours working with Ron designing props for KIDSafe, stuffing plastic bags with coupons, crayons and coloring books, and being the support mechanism needed to launch this program.

Ohio First Lady Janet Voinovich had the opportunity to see the KIDSafe program in action last September at Pleasant Elementary in Springfield, Ohio. She came away impressed with the Ohio National Guard's commitment to preserving the future of our youth.

"We need to do everything we can to protect these kids," she said. "They are our future."

Since then, Safety Dog and his R-9D aircraft have been invited to appear at many schools throughout the state as part of the Governor's Adopt-A-School program.

Over 6,000 youth have been processed through the Identity-Kid program and many more have been touched by the lessons of Safety Dog and Catpatch.

In January, members of the Adjutant General's Department, the 120th Medical Brigade and 196th Public Affairs Detachment presented the KIDSafe program to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Adopt-A-School, Cranbrook Elementary, Youth to Youth International, and also took part in the presentation which included a drug-free puppet show, visits from Safety Dog and Army National Guard helicopter pilot Capt. John Siles, and Identity-Kid processing.

"KIDSafe was a great experience for the children and a wonderful service to their parents," remarked Susan Banks, Adopt-A-School coordinator for ODNR.

The future of the KIDSafe Program is very bright. Current plans are to expand the program statewide, making it available to all Ohio Guard units and their Adopt-A-School partners. A long way from a simple sketch at the kitchen table, Safety Dog has become an effective tool in communicating very serious and oftentimes difficult subjects to people of all ages.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Units interested in putting on the KIDSafe program at their Adopt-A-School should forward a request to the Office of Public Affairs or call (614) 889-7000. All requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

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**Explorer Posts Offering today's youth high adventure, career exploration**

Story by Sgt. Derek B. Almanzy HQ STARC (JFT-1-5)

Scouting has been a worldwide tradition since 1907, when Lord General Baden Powell founded an experimental boys' camp at Brownsea Island. From the camp grew the plan for the British Boy Scouts Association. Three years later, on Feb. 8, 1910, W.D. Boyce introduced the United States to Scouting when he founded the Boy Scouts of America.

In 1910, women were finally allowed to become members of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Girl Scouts were formed for girls. The boys and girls also experienced a decline in numbers at about the same time.

In 1966, women were finally allowed to join the Explorer program's special interest groups. According to Christy J. Waugh, the Exploring Executive for the Central Ohio Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the benefits of this change were twofold.

"Officers elected from within the group," continued Harris, "manage all routine operations. To ease the burden of costs for the parents, the members have even organized a fiscal committee to raise funds." Five adult advisors from the Guard direct the group's focus and recommended resources.

"The advisors stress the importance of education, physical fitness and decision making," Harris said, adding that the post is an excellent recruiting tool.

Waugh agreed, reporting figures from the 1995 annual student survey that support her case. Of all of the careers listed, "the military is in the top 20 with over 1,000 members professing an interest in the armed forces as a career."

In addition, the Explorers have an added advantage upon enlisting: they are exempted from the military as a second grade private.

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Capt. John C. Harris, 137th Aviation Battalion-1 Post Advisor for Explorer Post 2337, said, "At the post has grown, the opportunity to impart the standards and values of the military has increased. Specifically, the post is an excellent opportunity to emphasize the need for a drug-free lifestyle."

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t was Christmas in January for E Company of the 148th Infantry in Urbana, Ohio. When the company came “on-line” last September, it became the only Echo Company in Ohio, and took on a new mission of destroying enemy armor using ITVs (Improved Tow Vehicles).

Since then, they have been training with at drill, until now. On Sunday, Jan. 9, 1994, Echo Company became the proud owners of five ITVs.

The ITVs came from the Ravenna Arsenal in northeastern Ohio. Arriving at the unit around 8:30 a.m., the drivers were met by cheers from the unit around train with at drill, until now.

He stressed that the hazards of working with new equipment threats not only the safety of the men, but also the future of the unit’s mission. “If we don’t take care of those trucks, we lose them,” he said.

Finally, with the safety briefing and PMCSs out of the way, members were able to begin training on the new vehicles.

Members were given an in-depth safety briefing about the vehicles, and then they were turned over to Staff Sgt. David Wilson, the unit’s motor sergeant. Wilson explained the importance of preventative maintenance (PMCS) when dealing with track vehicles.

Ohio’s Combat Rifle Team won national honors at Wilson Matches.

The combat rifle team from the 200th Red Horse Civil Engineering Squadron at Camp Perry won first place honors at the combat rifle team event during the 22nd Annual Wilson P. Wilson Rifle-Fast, Sni- per and Light Machinegun Championships.

The team captured top honors during the October competition by scoring 1,054 out of 1,200 total possible points, with a team total of 33 bull’s-eye hits. They also set a new record for the event, narrowly edging out the Vermont Army National Guard team who finished second with 1,028 points.


In addition to the kudos achieved by the combat rifle team, two Ohio guardsmen were awarded individual honors for their marksmanship skills.

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Strain, 300th Bn., RHCES, was awarded first place honors in the overall aggregate portion of the combat rifle individual championship on Oct. 15. Strain fired a total score of 798 points out of 800, with 36 bull’s-eye hits.

Spc. Larry A. Shaf, assigned to HQ STARC (Det. 1-5), placed in the top three in two combat sniper events during the Wilson Matches. Shaf placed third in the Combat Sniper Match — Cold Barrel Engagement, which requires shooters to fire at two targets with a minimum of two shots. He then placed second in Combat Sniper Match — Field Fire (iron), a “slow fire” event with shooting from 200 to 600 yards.

The Wilson Matches are conducted annually by the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas. To qualify for this competition, interested guardsmen should register to compete in the upcoming Ohio National Guard 1994 Outdoor State Championships.

The marksmanship program focuses on combat-oriented, run-and-shoot scenarios, detailed in ADRD Circulars 356-12. For further information, contact Maj. Vince Jaja, State Marksmanship Coordinator, at (614) 889-7424 during days or (614) 855-2944 evenings.

The 148th Engineers Group conducted their first open house and Veteran’s Day, the 416th Engineer Group kept their doors open one more day, by special invitation only.

On Nov. 12, high school administrators and counselors came to the Walleridge armory for an orientation on the unit and tour of the facilities. But the 416th Engineers had something a little different in mind.

“We wanted to take people through the different missions we are given and to see the equipment we work with up close, so they can take information people can use back to the schools,” Training NCO Staff Sgt. Brian Alger said. With these goals in mind, a community outreach education campaign was launched.

With camouflage netting covering the usual ceiling tile, armory guests were greeted by the Group staff and given an official welcome. The tour began with displays of individual equipment and tactical vehicles, so people could see the resources the engineers have to perform their state and local missions.

“Considering what the Ohio National Guard does for the state,” remarked Robert Gehrig, a counselor at Woodward High School in Toledo, “visitors can take the National Guard for granted.”

Jerry Reed, counselor for Anthony Wayne High School, agreed, saying that more people should attend this type of orientation.

Around the next corner, the visitors were putting on the flak jackets and donning kevlar helmets as if they were going to war. They were given a sense, for they entered a realistic simulation of a tactical operations center; or TOC, in action. Conducted from a standard classroom, the armory, combat-like surroundings left guests involved, with red light illuminating maps and soldiers playing missions while listening to transmissions over a tactical radio.

After a briefing by the TOC’s operations NCO, Master Sgt. Danny Prater, people had very few questions about the battle simulation.

After turning in helmets and jackets, guests made their way to their final destination: a classroom in which an entire wall was one huge recruiting poster of a combat engineer operating a road grader.

There, several NCOs gave talks on available tuition programs, training benefits, careers and career-oriented goals within the 416th Engineers and the Ohio Army National Guard.

“People can learn good work ethics here,” said Libby High School counselor Deborah Rhodes of Toledo, Ohio. Rhivers says she knows many people who could benefit from the Ohio Guard.

“What you learn here leads to something else. If the kids have the initiative, the opportunity is right here,” said Robert Gia.

After the talks, the high school counselors and administrators were surprised to find out that some of the visitors touring with them were actually soldiers and officers in the 416th Engineer Group. The “visitors” that had been mixed in the group all day.

Story and photo by
Capt. Dean W. Irvin, Sr.
416th Engineer Group

Story and photo by
Capt. Matt Shannon, 621st Eng. Bn., discusses the features of the armored personal carriers.
December drill rings in warmth of holidays

Story by
Spc. Edward E. Brinson
HHB, 1-134th, FA

During December’s drill, members of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery, came together with family and friends to share the true meaning of the holiday season.

This year’s holiday dinner started with a tribute to Sgt. 1st Class Philip H. Schnipke, who died after a physical fitness test on Jan. 8, 1993. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Schnipke and one daughter, Stephanie. Capt. Charles Neuhart and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Yeost presented them with a posthumous gift in memory of the former unit member.

Other awards and presentations were also given during the function. In honor of his 20 selfless and faithful years of service, 1st Sgt. Patrick Mausie was presented a plaque upon his retirement from the Ohio Army National Guard by Company Commander Capt. Kevin Loy. The unit’s Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year, Spc. Andy Loeffler and Staff Sgt. Tony Trifon, were honored as well. They were selected based on their knowledge of Army standards, leadership abilities, military bearing and a strong commitment to duty, honor, and country.

After the grandeur of the award ceremonies, Santa Claus made a special visit to see the children. The talk of the day, Santa handed out goodies and asked the kids what they wanted for Christmas. For the adults, a television, VCR, answering machine, and gift certificates were raffled off to lucky ticket holders.

The holiday dinner itself was a meal to envy, thanks to the efforts of Sgt. 1st Class John Dorsey and his culinary staff.

Much of the day’s success was attributed to the unit’s family support group, headed by the commander’s wife, Maureen Loy. Capt. Loy has continued to stress the importance of family support, so that unit members and their families have a “chain of concern” to lean on.

This past holiday season, that concern and caring grew into a day of warmth and fellowship that will not soon be forgotten.

112th Engineers Mess is Ohio’s Best

Story and photos by Sgt. Bob L. Pasha
Co. C, 112th Engineer Battalion

Those who look forward to mess hall cooking are a rare breed at most military installations. But for members of Charlie Company, 112th Engineer Battalion, dining at drill can be quite a treat.

The unit’s mess section, headed by Sgt. 1st Class Dominic DiLoreto, was recently named the Best Field Kitchen in the Ohio Army National Guard. The unit, based at Christy Army in Austintown, celebrated this accomplishment at the annual Family Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1996.

With more than 400 unit and family members attending, Congressman James Traficant presented a Congressional Certificate recognizing this achievement to DiLoreto and his staff during the afternoon’s festivities. In his remarks, Congressman Traficant praised not only the mess section for their consistently excellent performance, but also the entire unit for their service to state and nation.

Representing the Adjutant General’s Department, Supply and Services Officer Lt. Col. James Simpson presented the award for the Best Field Kitchen to DiLoreto. Each year, the mess section that demonstrates the highest level of excellence in field expediency, sanitation, food preparation and quality is honored with this award. Battalion Commander Col. James Pogic presented DiLoreto with the Army Commendation Medal and awarded individual section members with Army Achievement Medals.

This is the second time DiLoreto and his men earned their place as Ohio’s Best Field Kitchen. Last year, the mess section was also presented the honor. Charlie Company’s mess section has since competed against seven other states under 1st Army for the Connelly Award, and, based on those results, is set to rival its peers in a Department of the Army competition.

Congressman James Traficant presents a Congressional Certificate to Sgt. 1st Class Dominic DiLoreto, recognizing the sergeant and his staff for their achievement as “Best Field Kitchen” in Ohio.

ANG combined deployment poses for a train in Turkey

Story by Tech. Sgt. Lon Mitchell
180th Fighter Group

Air National Guard units from five different states deployed to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, the first week of December for a 45-day mission in support of Operation Provide Comfort II.

Three guardmembers from Toledo’s 180th Fighter Group worked together with F-16 fighter units from Iowa, Colorado, South Dakota and Virginia to enforce the “no fly zone,” north of the 59th parallel in Iraq, in association with the time of the Operation Desert Storm cease-fire in 1991. Coalition forces established the 100-mile wide, 50-mile deep security zone in northern Iraq to allow Iraqi refugees to return home. The refugees fled to the mountains of northern Iraq and across the border into southern Turkey to escape repression from Saddam Hussein.

This deployment marked the first time Air National Guard F-16 units had been deployed in support of Operation Provide Comfort II, a mission that has been primarily supported by the United States Air Force in Europe. A total of 11 fighter aircraft and 185 guardmembers gave their active duty units a well-deserved respite.

“We proved that the Air National Guard is more than a weekend operation,” said Tech. Sgt. David Parker.

Buckeye Guard

Spring 1994
E
ey Tuesday afternoon several Ohio National Guard soldiers visit Buckeye Junior High School with one mission in mind: education. They are not teaching about the military, rather they are teaching reading, writing and arithmetic, with some occasional biology or history thrown in.

Soldiers of the Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery in Medina were called to service when Debbie Marshall, Prevention Program Coordinator for Buckeye Schools turned to the National Guard for help. While attending the PRIDE (Parents Resource Source Institute for Drug Education) Conference in Cincinnati, Marshall noticed several mentions in the program about the Ohio National Guard's Adopt-A-School initiative. So she contacted Sgt. Andy Allinson, Drug Demand Reduction Coordinator for Army, expressing an interest for this program in her school.

Based on the locale of Marshall's school system, Allinson called Sgt. 1st Class Jaycox Addwell, Readiness NCO for the Service Battery, and together they instituted a partnership between the unit and the Buckeye Junior High School.

At first, some of the students didn't know what to think. When Mike Sinclair, 13, first saw the guardsmen in their camouflage uniforms, he recalled scenes from films and television that portrayed aggressive, threatening images of men in uniform. He thought, "Oh my God, what did we do wrong?"

Since the guardsmen have helped him with his studies, Mike is no longer intimidated by the uniforms he sees. "I now feel that in addition to helping the students, the program gives the Ohio National Guard an opportunity to show the community that it's more than a military organization. "We are here for the good of the community," he said.

Although neither Butcher nor Sudina expected to tutore students when they enlisted in the National Guard, both recognize that the face of the military is changing and that helping students on an individual basis merely reinforces the oath they took to protect the United States of America.

"The Ohio National Guard has not only a federal and state mission, but an increasing mission to the community," said Battery Commander 1st Lt. Timothy Y. Owen. "It's important to be active in the community, to show that we care about the community and that we are a vital part of the community."

All involved with the program have been encouraged by its initial success. Debbie Marshall of the Buckeye Schools hopes to expand the program to include Buckeye High School in the very near future.

Like many cities, DeNardi didn't realize that National Guard units throughout the state and country are becoming involved with many different community activities. However, she did feel that the guardsmen would provide a "big brother type of role model" to the students.

Staff Sgt. Brian Butcher assists Buckeye Junior High School student with her studies.

ONG to host 1994 Red Ribbon Campaign

The Ohio National Guard will be the host agency for the 1994 Red Ribbon Campaign scheduled for Oct. 29-30, 1994. The campaign honors the work of former Drug Enforcement Agency agent Enrique Camarena, who was murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico, and is sponsored locally by Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth. Ohio Army Commanding General Maj. Gen. Richard Alexander will serve as an honorary co-chairperson, along with Governor and Mrs. George V. Voinovich, Senator John Glenn and Louise Fleming, Director of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

The Ohio National Guard has one of the campaign's largest supporters in the past year, distributing over 100,000 red ribbons and banners, while collecting thousands of signatures on drug free pledge posters. For its participation in the 1992 Red Ribbon Campaign, the Ohio National Guard received the "Outstanding Coalition Effort" award from Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth.

During the month of April, local units will host Red Ribbon training for all 88 counties in the state of Ohio at respective armories.

For more information on the Red Ribbon Campaign, contact the Public Affairs Office of Ohio National Guard's Drug Demand Reduction Program, contact the Public Affairs Office at (614) 889-7000.

Units support Red Ribbon Week, 1993

All across the state, the Ohio National Guard demonstrated its commitment to the War on Drugs by actively participating in the 1993 Red Ribbon Campaign. On Oct. 20, soldiers and airmen gathered at the State House with Gov. George V. Voinovich, Ohio Attorney General LGreg Ladushak, and members of the Franklin County Red Ribbon Committee to kick off the week-long awareness campaign. In central Ohio, students from Watkins Memorial High School and Middle School were treated with an appearance by members of the Ohio Army Guard helicopter, while Westland High School decorated their halls with "Ask an Air National Guard aircraft," each poster with the caption "Get High Without Drugs." At Kossel Elementary, the 1211st Air Refueling Wing (ARW) held a re-adoption program with Vice Command Col. Richard J. Seidl delivering a strong education and anti-drug message to over 400 students, teachers and parents.

Youth minced B 237th Forward Support Battalion made the most of Red Ribbon Week by participating in events with their "adopted" Frank Oli Middle School in Austintown. The middle schoolers signed pledge sheets, promising to say no to drugs and received ribbons from 1st Lt. J.B. Hart, Staff Sgt. Robert Shutemehl and Spec. John McCarthy.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company for the 112th Engineer Battalion, Brook Park, initiated renovations on playgrounds at Dexten and Louis Pastre Elementary schools on Cleveland's west side. These playgrounds were identified by the City of Cleveland and the Substance Abuse Initiative as "Red Ribbon Playgrounds." On Oct. 27, the engineers helped the community of Brook Park tie a 5,000-foot red ribbon around Cleveland's International Exposition Center.

On Oct. 29, over 500 Lackland County students, adults and guardians surrounded the Newark Court House with a red ribbon. Guardians also supported Columbus' Youth-to-Youth in their drug free dance/bonfire "Fall Night." The 1211th Air Refueling Wing provided transportation for over 200 teenagers, and others volunteered as chaperones, wood cutters and photographers.

Cellular phones keep roads safe by dialing "DUI" (384), a driv­ enforcement initiative. The event was planned and organized entirely by the youth in the program. It was held at the Columbus Convention Center and attended by nearly 400 area youth.

The Youth to Youth program focuses on drug prevention and peer involvement and gives youth the opportunity to associate with their peers who are interested in leading drug and alcohol-free lives.
Tech. Sgt. James Thompson (left) and Sester Airman Jonathon Alexander pose for a photo at Camp Maikonda in Toledo. (Photo by Msgt. Tom Kubik)

BUCKEYE BRIEFS

180th CES lends hand to Boy Scout Camp

Though many guardians fondly remember scouting as youth, the 180th Civil Engineering Squadron relived “the good ol’ days” up-close and personal during a recent weekend at Camp Maikonda Boy Scout Reservation in Toledo.

Unit members worked on several projects at the camp, to include constructing a porch roof for the Trading Post, new decking on a foot bridge and car ports at the main warehouse building.

Camp Ranger Dave Krammer said that having Guard resources available is a big help. “We really appreciate the Guard,” Krammer said. “They do high quality work.” In the past, the unit required camp shelters, provided electrical maintenance and installed pot belly stoves in cabins. “The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are very impressed when they see our uniformed guardsmen perform this work. They’re doing a fine job,” Krammer added. Submitted by Tech. Sgt. Lon Mitchell, 180th Fighter Group.

Army Air in NGB media contests

For the second year in a row, the Buckeye Guard took 1st place in the Magazine Format category of the National Guard Bureau’s print media competition for Army publications. The magazine, edited by Sgt. Diane Durrow in the State Public Affairs Office, was rated on its editorial content, writing, design and photos.

Taking 1st place for the Ohio Army Guard was Sgt. Lori King of the 160th Public Affairs Detachment. In the Photo with Stories category, King took top honors after being judged on all the work involved in each layout, including the story and photos as well as the headline and outline. Representing NGB, King garnered an Honorable Mention in the Kenneth Wor. Journalism Competition, where she competed against her peers throughout the Department of the Army.

Springfield’s 179th Fighter Group ranked in a number of awards for the Buckeye State on the Air Guard side of the house. The Thunderer, the group’s newsletter edited by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Tisdale, placed 2nd in Funded Newspapers (Small). It also earned “excellent” ratings in coverage of national issues and commander’s involvement.

Two-time winner Senior Master Sgt. Ron Bay, Safety NCO for the 179th, took 1st place in Special Achievement for his Safety Dog coloring books and 2nd in Illustrative Art for Safety Dog cartoons. To learn more about Bay’s creative efforts, turn to page 16 and read about the KIDD SAFER program and get a more personal look at the man behind the cartoons.

Reunion news


The 317th Air Cav­ alry is planning a reunion July 1-3, 1994, in St. Louis, Mo. The 317th was formed at Fort Knox, Ky., in February 1967 and was active for the remainder of the Vietnam War. Any inquiries regarding this reunion should be forwarded to Mr. Nathan Holley, 7440 Lay Springs Road, Gadsden, Ala., 35901.

The 49th Annual Reunion of the 181st Airborne Division Association will be held in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9-10, 1994. The association was founded by Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor in Austria in 1945 following the Screaming Eagle’s greatest battles of WW II: the nighttime airborne assault into Normandy in June 1944; the day-light airborne operation code Market Garden, into southern Holland in September; and the defense of Bastogne, during the Battle of the Bulge, in December 1944. Since 1944 is the 50th anniversary of these battles, the association is sponsoring trips to each site during the aforementioned anniversary months.

For more information about the reunion or the trips to Europe, write Ivan Worrell, Executive Secretary, 101st Airborne Division Association, P.O. Box 586, Sweetwater, TN 37874 or phone (865) 387-4103.

121st ARW supports Army War College

Although the mission of the KC-135 Stratotanker normally involves refueling other aircraft, the 121st Air Refueling Wing recently provided airlift support for the International Fellows Program of the Army War College.

Each year the Army War College tours several major capital cities within Central and South America. The passengers on this tour included general and field grade officers from 35 countries, the Ambassador to Brazil and the Commandant of the Army War College. Their trip included stops at Howard AFB, Panama; Brasilia and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Santiago, Chile; and Quito, Ecuador.

Aircrew Commander Capt. Mark Rutkoff, 160th Air Refueling Squadron, was pleased with the mission, especially due to the complex coordination required; the 16-day journey combined multiple legs with unusual landings and locations.

Army War College Commandant Maj. Gen. William A. Stofft commended the squadron members for being outstanding in all respects. “They were technically competent, courteous and cooperative,” the general stated in a letter to the squadron commander. “The flight planning was flawless and each leg of the visit was professionally executed. The senior international officers participating in the field trip gained a very positive appreciation for the quality of both the Air National Guard and the 180th Air Refueling Squadron,” submitted by 1st Lt. Kathy Rieser, 121st Air Refueling Wing.

Ohio Guard appreciates employers

National Guard and Reserve members nominated their employers in record numbers for the “My Boss is a Pro” award, according to the National ESGR Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Ohio was in the top 5 states to lead in these nominations, with 331 awards presented.

The state of Ohio selected Cleveland Metroparks, Ranger Department as its PRO PATRIA nominee for 1993.

Eight other companies were recognized as “Outstanding Employers” by the ESGR state chairman for 1993.

Cincinnati Group Health Associates; Columbus Public Schools; Franciscan Health System of Cincinnati; George Ballas Buick-GMC Trucks, Inc., Toledo; Handy & Harman Automotive Division, Dover; Ohio University College of Business, Athens; Rubbermaid Incorporated, Wooster; and Standard Register Co., Dayton were all honored.

180th hosts educators

The 180th Fighter Group held a special orientation at Toledo Express Airport for over two dozen Toledo area junior and senior high school principals and counselors.

The unit’s Minority Support Committee arranged the visit which featured tours of several aircraft maintenance shops and a ride in a KC-135 tanker as it refueled F-16s in flight. Later, the National Guard’s commitment to the youths of Ohio was reaffirmed by the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, as he told the guests, “We want to help you turn out quality students.”

Alexander encouraged the educators to consider the National Guard as a resource to help the schools, while Group Commander Col. A.J. Feucht pointed out the educational opportunities the Guard has to offer. Many of the visitors were impressed with the variety of career fields available as well as the Community College of the Air Force associate’s degree program.

“I am better informed and enthused to tell young people of the opportunities that the Ohio Air National Guard can provide them,” said Chet Barnos, a counselor at Toledo’s Woodward High School.

This activity was one of several planned orientations at the Toledo Guard Base. Similar orientations have been conducted for local business executives and religious leaders. Submitted by Tech. Sgt. Lon Mitchell, 180th Fighter Group.

12th Annual TAG Golf Tournament planned

The 12th Annual Adjutant General’s Golf Tournament will be held on Aug. 21, 1994. The tournament will be held at Tree Links Golf Course, located in Belle­ gowen, Ohio. Tee times are being scheduled from 7 a.m. to noon.

Whether golfers compete in the individual or foursome tournament, a $45 entrance fee, due Aug. 20, covers the cost of the game, a cart, a sandwich lunch and dinner. Call Jerry Wilson at 1-800-4452452 for application information.

Buckeye Guard

First Lt. Jeffrey Hart (left) presents Division Security Manager Alan Thorn a DoD Certificate of Appreciation as requested by his employers, Tabor, Inc., for his work as a Business Analyst. (Photo by Capt. Taker, a Staff Sergeant in Company B, 237th Forward Support Battalion, works for Rite Aid Pharamcies in Parma.

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BUCKEYE BRIEFS

Col. A.J. Feucht, 180th Fighter Group Commander (left) and Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Richard Alexander address a group of junior and senior high school principals and counselors during an "Educators Day at ANG Base.

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America's largest mini-marathons last late last
Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander (right) presents the marathon team with
streets of Washington D.C.

of the men's team were awarded medals
second in nation

made up of

prestigious competition. The team was
Marathon team

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Debbie Ashenhurst, 237th
HQ

Angela Marshall , HQ

Staff Sgt. Bob Mullins , HQ STARC (-Det.

Football-wielding sergeant

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There's nothing like getting fired up be

or so Ohio Guard

man Sgt. Shawn Norvet thought until he

had to experience the phrase literally.

On Oct. 2, 1990, Norvet, a member of the
Columbus Knights semi-pro football
team, raced away from pre-game warm-
ups when he saw an apartment complex on
fire.

"It was a spontaneous reaction," Norvet
said. "We looked over and saw a fire, so
we just went."

Norvet and teammate Carl Sharp also ran to
the scene of the fire.

Sealing a 10-foot fence to reach the
burning building, Norvet ran inside,
carrying a crying baby out to safety. He
then returned to the smoke-filled build-
ing and rescued several other children as
well.

"There were a lot of kids upstairs," said
Ebone Love, who was baby-sitting three
children where the fire broke out. "He
didn't have to do what he did."

Both Norvet and Sharp warned other tenants by haging on the doors through-
out the building. When the residents did not respond to the warnings, the athletes
began kicking in the doors and leading them out too.

"No one was surprised about Norvet's
actions at Detachment 1, 213th Main-
tenance Company, where he is Switching
Central Repair System Supervisor.

"He's the type of person you'd expect
to respond in a crisis," said Spc. Ted
Wood, a full-time supply clerk for the
Newark unit. "He really cares about peo-
ple, and always gives more than 100
percent."

Although the Norvet and Sharp
returned to the football field losing 6-0
to the Columbus Knights, they were winners in the minds of many grateful residents
of Lexington Green Apartments. Sub-
mitted by Spc. Ted Woods, Det. 1, 213th
Maintenance Company.

Bayers retire from Triple
Nickel after 40 years

The 555th Air Force Band recently bid
a fond farewell to Senior Master Sgt.
James A. Bayers, a man who touted the
band for the band in more ways than one.

Exciting upcoming performances sched-
uled to everywhere he ran into, the trom-
bone's word of mouth was considered the
band's best form of publicity. Ironically,
Bayers had difficulty finding the words
to convey his feelings upon retirement,
though he admitted his warmest memo-
ry was that of his recruitment.

"It was May 1953, and my high school
band was at ceremonies at Oak Opening
Motorcorps. A man from the 555th
Nickel' was talking to Burnham seniors,
and the rest, as they say, is history. I'en-
tered and just kept enhancing."

During his many years with the Tole-
dobased unit, Bayers served as the band's
first sergeant and supervisor, often plan-
ing the band's concert and summer tour-
ing itinerary. Though "See the World" is a
slogan which sells the military to many
of the toughest tasks in today's military.

But two Ohio Army National Guard units
were recently recognized for making the
job look easy.

During a January Recruiting and Re-
tention Conference, Sgt. 1st Class David
Layne and Sgt. 1st Class Larry Combs were
named Recruiter and Retention NCO of
the Year for 1993, respectively.

Layne, who joined the National Guard
18 years ago, started recruiting in 1992.
He's evidently found his niche, especial-
ly considering he's won the honor of Re-
cruiter of the Year for both years he's been
in the business.

Covering the south central Ohio area,
Layne achieved the highest overall per-
centage of mission procurement in the
state. On the retention side of the house,
Combs attained high extension rates and
maintained minimal losses for his assigned
organizations, which include 26 units with
nearly 1,400 soldiers.

One of only 11 National Guard Area Re-
tention NCOs in the state, Combs said the
competition for this award is pretty ag-
gressive, "We all want to win."

"But helping soldiers iden-
tify problems and caring for their needs
is the main focus for successful career
counselors," said Amlin resident has
been keeping people in the Guard since
1987. Both men traveled to Washington
D.C. to receive their awards from Col.
David B. nordam, National Guard Bu-
reau Chief of Recruiting and Retention.

Submitted by Staff Sgt. Bob Mullins, HQ
STARC (Det. 1-5)

Layne, Combs named
outstanding Recruiter,
Retention NCO

in this era of draw-down and reorga-
nization, recruiting and retention are two
of the toughest tasks in today's military.

In spring 1993, recently released the unit's
121st TQM Trainers

ready to train

Having completed an Air Mobility
Corporation Air Force Recruiting
Trainers' awareness
class, nine technicians from the 121st Air
Refueling Wing are ready to lead the unit's
journey into TQM, or Total Quality
Management.

Course instructor Staff Sgt. Lorrie
Turner said that the classes, which
stretched over a three-day period, were
conducted so that the trainers could pass
on what they learned to other unit
members. "It's now their job as qualified

agent and his military
duties with the band. "I would always check
my Air Guard sched-
ule before planning any of my civilian
and personal activities."

With a career that spanned more than 40
years, Bayers credits his longevity to the
support of his wife Judy and their six chil-
dren. One son followed in his father's foot-
steps, also playing trombone for the 555th.

Tech. Sgt. Michael
Bayers reached 40
years service in
February.

On Dec. 12, 1993,
Bayers performed with the Triple Nick-
el for the last time. The SouthwestYalc
reported a record crowd, made up of the
band's loyal followers and fans of Bayers
himself. Submitted by Staff Sgt. Lee
Fleming, 555th Air Force Band.

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New pay scale in effect

The Defense Bill raises basic pay and allowances for all active-duty and military personnel by 2.2 percent effective January 1994. Many are delighted that any raise was passed for the military. Federal civil servants will receive no nationwide raise for next year but may get locality increases that could exceed three percent. The 1994 raise is reported by the Army Times to be one-half percent below the average wage increases for workers in private industry as recorded through the budget year ending September 1993.

Disney resort, for (service) members only

Members of the National Guard are now able to spend their hard-earned vacation at a Walt Disney World hotel without spending too much of their hard-earned dollars to afford it. The Army leased the 288-room Disney Inn at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., as an Armed Forces Recreation Center for all military members and their families. The hotel's new name is Shades of Green, and it boasts spacious rooms as well as tennis courts, swimming pools and a health and fitness center. Nightly room rates are on a sliding scale based on rank. First priority goes to active duty and retired military personnel, but Vitas and Selected Reserve component personnel are also eligible. Reservations can be made by calling (407) 824-3600 or fax requests to (407) 824-3965.

Expanded RC commissary privileges denied

Because of intense lobbying from the National Grocers Association and the Food Marketing Institute, congressional conferences on the defense Authorization Bill rejected a House proposal to extend unlimited commissary privileges to reserve members. Private grocers protested that they would lose customers and urged Senators to reject the broader commissary privilege. Reserve and National Guard personnel will continue to have unlimited access to the commissary while on active duty orders, and 12 shopping trips a year with the commissary privilege card.

Burial rights approved

A recent change in law authorizes government headquarters, burial flags and markers for reserve members who, at the time of death, were entitled to retirement pay. The Veteran Administration pays for transporting a headstone or marker to a private cemetery, but will not pay for placing it. This benefit is not automatic, however, and the family must request these services. Most funeral homes can normally provide any information on the VA's headstone and marker program, or you can contact the nearest VA Regional Office with questions.

RC GI Bill opens for graduate study

The House and Senate conference committee considering the Fiscal 1994 Defense Authorization Bill approved legislation to open the Reserve Component GI Bill education program for graduate study. This provision became effective Oct. 1 and will end several years of effort by the House to give reservists the same graduate study opportunities as allowed active duty servicemen under the regular GI Bill. Reserve Component education benefits were formerly restricted to undergraduate study.

Tanks for the memories

Story by Spec. J.D. Biros

1965, Public Affairs Detachment

A n armor enthusiast, retired 1st Sgt. Leon Doutrich combined his interest in tanks even after retiring with 21 years in the military. Once a year, he travels to the tank parks at Fort Knox to recall some old memories—primarily those years spent under the command of General Creighton Abrams.

So in the early 1960s, when word was released about the fielding of the M-1 Abrams tank, Doutrich had two thoughts: the tribute was long overdue and he had to see first hand.

"When most soldiers talk about Abrams, usually they’re referring to the M-1 tank," he said. "But I’m usually referring to the man."

Doutrich, who started his military career in the Ohio National Guard during the late ‘40s, served under Abrams in the 3rd Armored Division between 1959 and 1961. Doutrich was assigned as tank commander of one of the two tanks attached to the headquarters unit. The general was tank commander of the other one.

"General Abrams was a great leader. He worked with Patton in World War II and was in armor his entire career. He was a big part of the development of armor units in today’s Army," Doutrich said.

Like the general, Doutrich, too, was a dedicated tanker. For more than two decades, he served with armor units in Korea, Germany, Vietnam and Fort Knox. He even spent part of his military career training tank crews for combat.

When the M-1s started rolling off the production lines, Doutrich knew he had to see our up close and personal. Finally, after several years of anticipation, he got his chance.

Through some contacts in the Ohio National Guard, a VIP tour was arranged last November for Doutrich to see the steel beast of burden at the Ravena Arsenal in northeast Ohio. And his reaction...

"It’s a marvelous piece of equipment. Members of the 716th Armor Brigade gave Doutrich a demonstration of the HMCT Device, a computerized tank simulator, and they briefed him on the Unit Training and Equipment Site #1 and the actual M-1.

At 6 ft-4, the retired first sergeant joked that it "practically took a shoehorn" to get him inside the 66-plus-ton tracked vehicle. But once in, he liked what he saw. "It has a lot different set up than the older tanks. The driver is in a more inclined seating position, and the equipment is located in more convenient areas for the operator."

Most interesting to Doutrich was the use of night vision scopes for targeting. "When we did night firing, we used to have to illuminate our targets before firing. The problem with that was we also gave away our location."

Besides being in awe of the tank, Doutrich said he was impressed with the skills demonstrated by the Ohio National Guard in handling the machine. "The public needs to be more aware of what the Guard does and how well trained its soldiers are. The 716th is a good unit. You can feel that by just being around them."

Two weeks after Doutrich’s visit to the National Guard facility, he was invited back to see his 716th Brigade’s formal ball. In April, Doutrich again plans to be present at the training facilities—this time to see a live fire and maybe, if he’s lucky, he hopes to get a chance to drive an M-1. 

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SSgt. Nick Grothian and Highland Elementary School students join Safety Dog as he makes his television debut on Springfield's WTJC-TV 26.