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With oil fires burning in the background, members of the 5694th Fire Fighting Detachment, Shreve, pose for a photo in Kuwait City during the Gulf War, see page 16. — Photo courtesy of MAJ Joe Knott.



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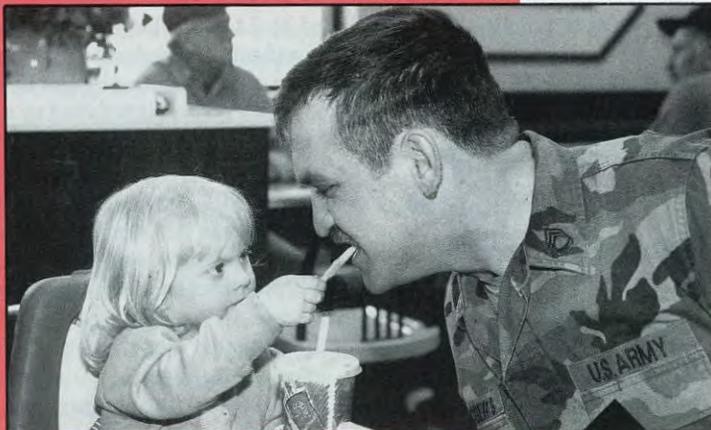
ABOUT THE COVER: The Carpenter family serves together proudly in the Ohio Army National Guard. *Photo by Staff Sgt. Lori King, 196th Public Affairs Detachment.*



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NATIONAL NEWS

Perry memo clarifies sexual harassment policy. Secretary of Defense William J. Perry, wants everyone in the department to know sexual harassment will not be tolerated. "It

remains the policy of the Department of Defense that sexual harassment is strictly prohibited in the Armed Forces and the civilian work force," Perry wrote in a memorandum to service chiefs and agency heads. He said harassment is legally actionable even if it does not result in concrete psychological or physical harm to the victim. DoD defines sexual harassment as a form of sex discrimination involving unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. These acts are considered sexual harassment when submitting to or

rejecting them affect whether a person gets or keeps a job or promotion, or affects working conditions. The conduct is also considered harassment if it interferes with performance or creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile working environment. (AFIS)

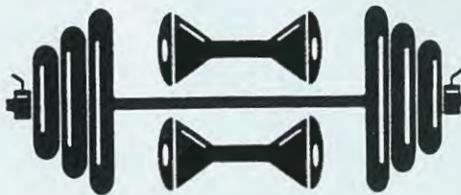


No more Unknowns. "No more unknown soldiers (sailors, airmen or Marines)" is a goal DoD set for itself a long time ago. In the Persian Gulf war, the department finally met that goal. New facilities for the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, dedicated June 21 in Rockville, Md., should make the identification process faster. In 1906 the War Department began issuing metal dogtags to military members. "Still, until Operation Desert Storm, we have had to bury someone from every major war in the Tomb of the Unknowns," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Victor Weedn, a forensic pathologist who heads the identification laboratory. "Thanks to DNA technology, we hope to never bury another soldier in an 'unknown' grave." The military still uses fingerprints and dental records as the primary means of positive identification. But the lethality of today's battlefield and other factors make it important to have DNA identification capabilities as well," said Weedn. (AFIS)



Restructuring plan blasted. An Army Reserve plan to revamp its command structure is "irrational" and "flawed," say three Missouri congressmen who were instrumental in scheduling hearings that could derail the plan in late November. Under the plan, seven commands, including 83rd Army Reserve Command in Columbus, would be closed. The remaining 10 commands would become reserve support commands organized into the same standard federal regions as those of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This would make it easier for the Army Reserve to respond to domestic emergencies, say Reserve officials. The Army was expected to approve the plan later this year. (Army Times)

Alternate PT program developed. An Air Force doctor, assigned to the Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center in Germany has developed a physical training program for military members deployed to remote sites. Developed by Lt. Col. (Dr.) Daniel Kuland, the full body and muscle workout is designed to use common objects such as bricks and rope



to substitute for weights found in a gym. In Kuland's program the enzymes that burn fat are activated when a person works out with heavy hand weights at least three times per week. Individuals bear weight on their arms while changing body positions from standing to squatting and then to the horizontal position.

Throughout the process, muscles build up and gain the enzymes to burn fat 24 hours per day, even while sleeping. For more information about the program, contact Kuland at DSN 486-8392 or commercial 011-49-6371-86-7545. (Air Force News Service.)

Anonymous 'Letter to Editor' stirs controversy

After reading the letter to the editor signed by "Anonymous" in the Winter 1994/95 *Buckeye Guard*, I was compelled to reread Sgt. King's commentary regarding the Guard's "gender gap."

Unlike Anonymous, I think the commentary and the statistical data did a fair job of informing guardmembers that females don't have significant representation in the leadership positions in the Ohio Guard. The chart clearly illustrates that less than 10 women were represented in each category noted, including: officer assignments (O-5 and above); commissioned commands (Army battalions and Air flights and above); upper enlisted assignments (E-8 and E-9); and enlisted commands (1SG and CSM).

Nowhere in Sgt. King's commentary does she say that women should "get something only because of gender." In fact, she suggests quite the opposite: that women may have to try even harder in order to gain representation at the top. She even states that "Maybe a few of us need to reevaluate our priorities and realize that the National Guard is important enough to make some personal sacrifices."



She certainly never claimed that women in the Guard don't have to work for the opportunity to lead soldiers, as Anonymous leads readers to believe.

I think her point was that it's unfortunate that more women don't hold more of the top leadership positions in the Ohio Guard.

This opinion is even more credible if you take into account that out of the five women profiled in the Summer 1994 issue of the *Buckeye Guard* in respect to their position in the Ohio Guard, only two — the battalion commanders — still hold those titles. The two Air Guard squadrons led by Lt. Col. August and Maj. Madison have since been realigned as flights (therefore their positions are no longer equivalent to battalion commands). And now, like the Air Guard, the Army Guard no longer has a female E-9 in its ranks.

In order to ensure that tomorrow's key leaders are represented by women in more significant numbers, the editorial clearly points out that it is up to us to "jump over the hurdles and

go for the leadership positions and heavy rank."

The last point I'd like to make is that I am more than willing to air my opinion in a public forum such as this — without having to shield myself behind an anonymous signature block.

Staff Sgt. Diane Farrow
HQ STARC (-Det. 1-5)

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Buckeye Guard will no longer run anonymous comments. However, we reserve the right to withhold names upon request. Simply put, if you want it published, sign it! Your opinions are valuable and this is your forum to voice your concerns or make comments and suggestions.*

Recognition wanted

On June 4-18, 1994, I attended the Food Service Specialist School (94B10) given by the Ohio Military Academy at Camp Perry Training Site. The 94B school was the first of its kind to be given by the OMA, and I have been curious to know why the *Buckeye Guard* has not published an article. Several photos were taken which I understood to be for the magazine. The photos showed several phases of training, from dicing vegetables to making bread rolls. I feel that the instructors should be commended on their excellent training, especially in light of this being the first class.

Sgt. Brian Summers
HHC, 216th ENGR. BN

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Army does travel on its stomach, and we all benefit from the efforts of the OMA staff to train our food service personnel. But once again, the Buckeye Guard depends on UPARs to submit stories about the activities and training of the more than 100 units in the Ohio Army and Air National Guard.*

Thanks so much

I was recently placed in Doctor's Hospital West while on a drill weekend in Columbus. While I was there many guardmembers from everywhere in Ohio called, offered help wanted to donate blood, and prayed for me. Many of them I did not know. I would like to thank all of them for their concern. It has left on me an everlasting impression of the Ohio National Guard. Thank you again.

Candidate John J. Thomas
838th MP Company

Attention to detail

In reference to the Winter 1994/95 *Buckeye Guard* issue, the caption of the picture on the bottom right of page 9, is incorrect. The trooper shown is Staff Sergeant Adam L. Hughes, HHT, 2nd Squadron, 107th Armor Cavalry. I know this because I'm the trooper shown. The photo was taken during station training at the .50 caliber range at Grayling, Michigan during annual training. You are correct in that it was the Phase II, 19D MOSQ course. However, if the public affairs specialist who took the picture had taken the time to ask, he would have gotten the correct information. If the photo editor had taken the time to do more research, he would have noticed the shoulder patch of the 38th Division. During the time of this photo, the 1/148th Infantry Battalion was under the command of the 37th Division (The Bloody Bucket Patch). A correction would be appreciated.



Adam L. Hughes
SSG, OHARNG

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Staff Sgt. Adam L. Hughes, you've just set the record straight—our apologies.*

Hall of Fame search

The Ohio Bureau of Employment Services is currently searching for exceptional veterans to be nominated for the Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame. The hall was created to highlight the outstanding achievements of veterans after their successful military careers. Nominations are now being accepted for 1995 inductees. Nomination packets are available at all 76 Ohio Job Service offices and customer service centers, or call (614) 466-3966.

FAX your Letters to the Editor to DSN 273-3820 or commercial (614) 766-3820. Mail letters to AGOH-PA, ATTN: Buckeye Guard, 2825 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43235-2789. All submissions are subject to editing based on space and style considerations.

Partnership agreement forms closer relationship

By Lt. Col. Dean Boling
Labor Relations Officer

Recently, a radically new kind of compact was formalized between management and unionized employee representatives of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard. While an agreement between union and management, even in the form of a formal, signed commitment, is not rare, this document constitutes more of a declaration of shared principles than a bargained agreement. The agreement, entitled "Charter Agreement for Partnership," proposes a fundamental shift in the way we think about labor-management relations within the Ohio National Guard.

The impetus for change to the established approach toward labor-management relations can be traced to recommendations in the report of the National Performance Review (NPR), "From Red Tape to Result: Creating a Government That Works Better and Costs Less."

As a result of this report, President Clinton issued Executive Order 12871, "Labor-Management Partnerships." This order directed agencies within the Executive Department to create partnerships with labor and to seek methods

which "involve employees and their union representatives as full partners with management representatives to identify problems and craft solutions to better serve the agency's customers and mission."

In October, a diverse group of Ohio National Guard management representatives and labor organization officials arranged to meet with mediators of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) to consider the development of a partnership council. The group included Ohio's adjutant general, both assistant adjutants general (Army and Air), and several senior and middle management representatives from Army and Air component organizations. The group also included the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), local 3970, president, secretary treasurer, vice presidents for Army and Air locations, and two union stewards.

The collective group decided to form a

team of eight members to continue the analysis and bring back recommendations to the larger group. The work team was formed of volunteers, with equal representation from management and union, including the adjutant general and president of AFGE local

PARTNERSHIP MISSION:

To transform Labor-Management relations from confrontation over rights to collaboration on achieving military readiness, public service and individual quality of life goals.

3970. Meeting regularly in half-day sessions, the work team began to piece together a mission statement and formulate goals for a partnership council.

Instead of the traditional give and take approach to management and labor negotiations, the team elected to focus on developing clear, consensual statements of desired outcomes of a partnership. In discussion, each member of the work team offered suggestions that built on the perspectives of the other members. By the third session, the team's approach had evolved into development of a mission statement, goals and strategy for achieving desired outcomes. With the focus of a common objective and individual input tempered by constant feedback of the team, the members departed from the guarded perspective of management representatives interacting with union representatives. The proposal took the form of a declaration of partnership principles -- defining the purpose, desired outcomes, and methodology, as the product of an association with their own mission and goals.

When the original management and labor group reconvened in late December, the work team process was recreated within the larger group. By the end of the day, the "Charter Agreement for Partnership" had been ratified, and represented management and labor's commitment to the principles and promises stated. ■

Photo by SGT Andrew Allinson, State PAO



Ronald Liwo (left), president of AFGE Local 3970, and Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, the adjutant general of Ohio, sign the "Charter Agreement" while the Labor-Management Partnership Development Committee looks on.

'Top of the Crop' chosen for 1994

When officials in the Ohio Air and Army National Guard made their annual selections honoring those who stood above the rest, the following airmen and soldiers were chosen.

Senior Airman James H. Linscott, Jr., Airman of the Year, is an air transportation journeyman in the cargo section of the 179th Airlift Group Aerial Port Squadron in Mansfield, Ohio. Linscott has received numerous awards and completed many military training courses -- most recently the Phoenix Ace Airbase Ground Defense School. He is majoring in Industrial Technology Education at Ohio State University. He owns a small business, Mohawk Paintball, and works for United Parcel Service.



SrA. James Linscott, Jr.

SpC. Jennifer A. Schnell, Soldier of the Year, is a finance specialist with the Headquarters STARC Military Pay Section, Columbus, Ohio. She is attending Columbus State and studying wildlife management. Schnell works full-time for the Ohio Army National Guard. She is very involved with the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association as a member of the Columbus State Equestrian Team, competing about once a month against other college teams. Since she began riding about 18 months ago, she has won numerous ribbons including six for first place.



SPC Jennifer Schnell

Staff Sgt. Trisha C. Davison, Ohio Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, is assigned to the Headquarters, 251st Combat Communications Group, Springfield, Ohio, as an inventory management specialist. She has volunteered for deployments, completed numerous professional military

education classes and was recognized as a superior performer during the unit Operational Readiness Inspection in April 1994. Davison received a bachelor of science degree in Human Factors from Wright State University.



SSgt. Trisha Davison

Staff Sgt. Derek E. Straiton, Ohio Army National Guard Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, is a Noncommissioned Officer Education System instructor for the Ohio Military Academy. He is the recipient of various military awards. Straiton received his bachelor of science in math from the Ohio State University and also has completed 50 hours of graduate study. He is employed by Lancaster City Schools as a mathematics teacher. Straiton, his wife Carolyn, and son, Daniel, live in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.



SSG Derek Straiton

Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Ray, Air National Guard Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, is the Safety and Health manager for the 178th Fighter Group, Springfield, Ohio. He is the only enlisted member of the 178th to attend and graduate from Air Command Staff College and also has completed three years towards his bachelors degree. Ray is also a member of the Fighting Back Anti-Drug Coalition and the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board. He and his wife, Thelma, have one daughter, Amy, and live in Springfield, Ohio. Congratulations to all the winners. ■



SMSgt. Ron Ray

Command Profile



CMSgt. Dale T. Williams Senior Enlisted Advisor Ohio Air National Guard

Age: 48

Occupation: Facilitator for the Defense Contract Management Area Office.

Life has taught me: Not everything is fair but it equals out in the end.

If I could have just one day all to myself, I would: Find an open field and fly my radio control aircraft.

The one film I would have liked to have starred in: Gone with the Wind.

When no one's looking I: Get lazy.

When I was little I wanted be: Rich and famous.

The worst advice I ever received was: Don't worry about education, it's not that important!

The best advice I ever received was: Try it, you will never know if you don't and you will always wonder, could I have?

If I could dine with anyone, past or present, I would invite: My son.

The best moment of my life happened when I: Married my wife Debbie.

My favorite book: Hunt for Red October.

My favorite movie: The Bodyguard.

If I could leave today's guardmembers with one piece of advice it would be: Believe in yourself and keep humor in your life.

Note: CMSgt. Williams replaces CMSgt Earl Lutz as the senior enlisted advisor for Air.

Patriotism runs deep as Families serve in the Ohio Guard



Courtesy photo.

Story by Staff Sgt. Lori King
196th Public Affairs Detachment

The Doogs family from left to right: SSgt. Wendy (Doogs) Whip, MSgt. Mickey Doogs and SrA. Mike Doogs. At one time, all three family members served together in the 178th Fighter Group, Springfield.

Many years ago I was watching an old war movie with my grandfather, my uncle and three brothers. After the movie, we began recalling our own military careers.

I thought how odd it was that most of the men in my family had worn a military uniform, yet we never thought of ourselves as a military family. Just considering those of us sitting in that room, our family's contribution to our country's freedom spanned three generations, dating back to when my grandfather served in World War II. A generation later my uncle was drafted into Vietnam, and then two of my brothers and myself volunteered for active duty in the Army and Navy.

Although I will be the only one to retire from the military, I still consider us a military family and am proud of the sacrifices we have made to help preserve our country's heritage.

Because of my family's military history, I was honored to do a story on other families who dedicate their lives and make the sacrifices necessary to keep our country free.

The families chosen for this article all responded to a "Guard Families Wanted" news

brief in a 1993 *Buckeye Guard* issue. The respondents included fathers, sons, sisters, cousins, uncles and some very supportive parents and spouses.

After numerous interviews, the traditional reasons for joining the Guard were given: a new direction in life, leadership skills, extra spending money, travel and patriotism. But the most popular reasons these family members joined were college tuition and family ties. Most everyone I spoke with planned to stick it out until the Guard "kicked them out," as one guardmember put it.

Now it's time to meet just a few of the families who contribute to our state's well-being....

Doogs: Master Sgt. Mickey Doogs' first taste of military life was as a Marine Corps machine gunner in Vietnam--mostly in the rain, on beds of mud and dirt. Then he tried the Ohio Army Guard for two years. As a reconnaissance man, he said he continued to endure more rain, mud and dirt.

"I got real tired of the stuff I was doing and wanted to get out. Then a friend suggested I try

the Air Guard before giving up. I tried it, liked it, and I'm still here."

That was 22 years ago. Now he's proud to declare that his daughter, Staff Sgt. Wendy (Doogs) Whip, and his son, Senior Airman Mike Doogs, are also giving it a try.

At one time, all three of the Air Guard members served in the 178th Fighter Group in Springfield. "I thought it was great when my kids joined because it benefited them both in many ways," said Mickey. "They really surprised me, especially my daughter. I didn't think she'd ever go into the military because of the way she kept her room at home."

Mickey, who was once Wendy's first sergeant, believes that in addition to the college and spending money luring her in, familiarity with the military played a role in her following in his footsteps. "She's known the military all her life because of me being in," he said. Wendy, an elementary school teacher, claims her father never pushed it. "It was a decision I made while still very young. It just always intrigued me."

Like Wendy, her brother Mike always knew he would join the Air Guard. He said he made

his decision when he was only 16. Two years later, he was building bombs in his dad's unit. Mike, who works for Ohio Edison, said if it wasn't for his father being in the Guard, he probably wouldn't have known about it. "Ever since I can remember, dad's been gone for summer camps and weekends," recalled Mike. "I remember seeing him in uniform, with his boots shining. Seeing that, well, to a kid shiny boots and camouflaged uniforms were pretty neat stuff.

"Then, after Wendy and I joined, before we walked out of the house together dad would look us over to make sure we were both "35-10" (looking sharp). He's very military and has always been

concerned about appearance. With him being the first sergeant, everything had to be perfect."

"Yeah, I tried to look them over," confessed Mickey, "but I didn't try to run their military lives or interfere, which was very hard not to do."

Master Sgt. Doogs proudly admits that the military has been a great experience to share with his kids, and that it has brought his family closer together. In fact, he's already hoping his grandson, who's due to be born on his birthday in February, will continue the legacy. "I look for him to be in someday. His mother was in the Guard, as well as his grandfather. I just hope I'm here to see it happen."

Though Wendy opted for motherhood instead of a military pension, and has since gone inactive, she will no doubt "35-10" her own son (or daughter) should he decide to "Go Guard!"

Carpenters: A good game of basketball in the armory is what the Carpenters consider a great workout. Although all four of the Carpenters are in three different units, they still drill out of the same armory, with a basketball as their common denominator.

The man responsible for this

particular family team is Chief Warrant Officer Russ Carpenter, a test pilot with the 137th Aviation Battalion, Akron/Canton.

Russ first joined the regular Army in 1963 as a pilot. After only a year, he began flying helicopters for AirAmerica in Thailand, where his twin sons, Jerry and Terry, were born. Ten years later, he joined the Ohio Army Guard, drifting from the 416th Engineer Battalion to the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, back to the 416th, then back to the 107th, and finally landing in the 137th two years ago.

Chief Carpenter has eight brothers and proudly declares himself part of a military family. Seven of the Carpenter siblings, including himself, joined the military and four of those seven served in the Ohio Guard

So it's no surprise that the Chief was all in

favor of his sons enlisting in the Guard. Until recently, all three of his sons were working in the armory, but Brian, who was in his dad's unit, is now in the Ready Reserve.

But Brian's slot in his dad's unit wasn't vacant for long. Taking his place two weeks later was his own cousin, Pfc. Rob McPherson, a Cobra helicopter mechanic. "I wanted to serve in the military like my dad, who was a Marine in Vietnam," Rob said. "I've always wanted to go somewhere and serve my country."

Rob actually did go somewhere much farther away than his hometown. He served three months in the Regular Army in Hawaii, but a prior injury forced him to temporarily give up his dream. "It took five years to get back in, but I made it and plan to stay in until I retire," he vowed.

Also planning to go the long haul are the twins, Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Carpenter, 107th ACR, and Staff Sgt. Terry Carpenter, 37th Armor Brigade. When they decided to enlist, their father said he was all in favor of it. In fact, he even performed the swearing-in ceremony. "They were only 17, but I've been in the

"I didn't think (my daughter) would ever go into the military because of the way she kept her room at home."

Master Sgt. Mickey Doogs

Dear Buckeye Guard:

I would like to let you know about my Guard family. My brother, Spc. Chris Todd, and I are currently in the 337th Personnel Service Company. Chris and I enlisted to take advantage of the tuition grant program but came away with much more.

When Desert Shield/Storm arose, we were called to active duty at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. At that same time, my younger brother Ryan Hackworth had just enlisted into the 1486th Transportation Company.

One week after returning from basic training, Ryan's unit was activated and deployed to Saudi Arabia. You can imagine how our parents felt. There were three of us in the Ohio Army National Guard, and all three called to active duty in support of Desert Storm--Chris and I stateside and our little brother overseas.

Well, we all came out of it no worse for wear. Ryan is no longer in the Army National Guard; Chris is looking for an E5/Sgt. slot, and I'm considering Warrant Officer Candidate school. The Ohio Army National Guard is a big part of our family. Our next goal is to get our youngest brother Craig to enlist in the split-option program this year.

Sincerely,

Kimberli R. Mollenkopf



Courtesy photo.

From left: Ryan, Chris, Kimberli and future guardsman Craig.

military all their lives, so they grew up around it," Russ explained. "The Guard most definitely changed their lives. It helped me in my career and then led them into theirs. I have a lot of positive feelings toward the Guard because it unequally returned my contribution. It's been good to me and my family."

Throughout all of their military careers, the Carpenters have occasionally crossed paths. At one point, Russ was in the 1416th Aviation Battalion (now the 137th) with Terry, and from 1989 to 1992, he served with his other son, Jerry, in the 107th. Russ was Jerry's commander and Jerry was his readiness NCO.

"I, as well as my unit, really benefited from us working together as a team. Being dad's readiness NCO enabled me to talk to him about the Guard's business while at work or at home. Our communication was far better because there was no hiding or covering-up anything. I was more outspoken because I didn't fear retaliation or repercussion," recalled Jerry, who is also a Nazarene minister. "Those were the best years of my Guard career."

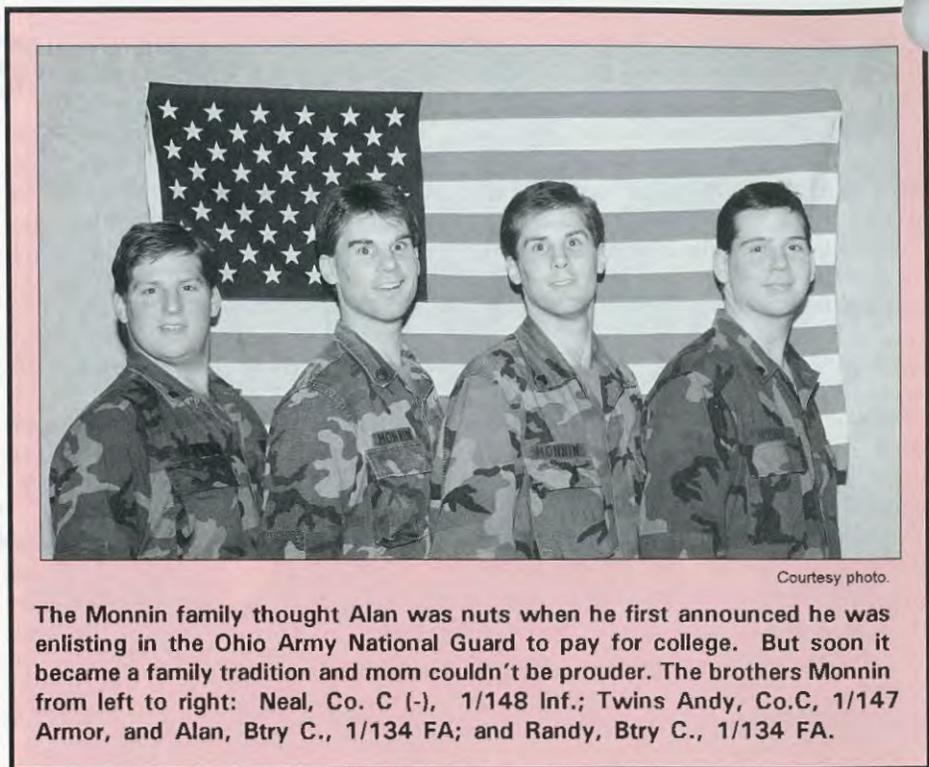
Jerry also hopes his daughter enlists because she's been around the Guard since day one. "She's grown up around it, understands it. She's seen this kind of life and hopefully I have presented an appealing attitude toward it. A family can be built on the Guard because it takes care of its own."

Not surprisingly, Terry thinks the same way. He said his sole function is to provide for his family, with the Guard instilling basic values into his own life. "I had good guidance growing up, but the military pushed me one step further, like having short hair and being in good physical shape. The Guard taught me to set goals for myself. My wife is 100 percent supportive of this and carries as much of a load as I do," Terry said.



Courtesy photo.

Patriotism is the driving force behind this Air Guard family's tradition. From left: 2nd Lt. Kim McMahon, Maj. Steven McMahon, and dad, Col. Jack McMahon (ret.).



Courtesy photo.

The Monnin family thought Alan was nuts when he first announced he was enlisting in the Ohio Army National Guard to pay for college. But soon it became a family tradition and mom couldn't be prouder. The brothers Monnin from left to right: Neal, Co. C (-), 1/148 Inf.; Twins Andy, Co.C, 1/147 Armor, and Alan, Btry C., 1/134 FA; and Randy, Btry C., 1/134 FA.

McMahons: Retired Col. Jack McMahon is one of few men interviewed for this article who didn't have a father who fought in World War II. Because his father was the oldest of six boys and a father himself, he obeyed a law which enabled him to stay home to ensure his family name was preserved.

But none of Jack's three kids were influenced by that historic law because just a year ago, they were all in the Ohio Air Guard. Though one of his sons, David, has since completed his six-year obligation and chose not to reenlist, his other two kids, Maj. Steve McMahon and 2nd Lt. Kim McMahon, plan to remain in the Guard until retirement.

Jack, describing his family as "truly an Air Guard family all the way," said he's pleased his kids followed in his footsteps because he believes the Air Guard is a fantastic opportunity to travel, make lifelong friends, and enjoy great adventures. "And all for the sake of this country! How can you beat that and get paid for it?" he asked.

"There are a lot of people in the Guard

who believe they're doing something valuable and worthwhile for themselves and their country. We don't wear it on our sleeves, but I certainly think this way, and I think my kids do, too."

Jack was commissioned in the Air Force in 1958. After his three-year tour ended, he came back home and began working for the telephone company. "The irony in this story is that even though I come from a military family, I didn't even know about the Guard until a co-worker at the phone company introduced me to it," he recalled.

Since Jack's retirement, he said he's doing whatever he wants to do--a little woodworking, a lot of reading and thinking, and watching his kids grow up.

"They're good kids and I'm proud of them. Life these days isn't easy but they have weathered the storm well. I think the Guard helps prepare them to deal with many issues in life. "I'd rather see a kid join the Guard than work at McDonald's because they learn responsibility. I feel the military does a good job getting kids into the right groove."

One military career he had a heavy hand in was his own daughter's. Kim, 25, is a services operation officer in the 180th Fighter Group in Toledo. "The month my dad retired I entered my officer school in Knoxville, Tenn.

...ee days before his retirement, he came and swore me in. It was sentimental to both of us," she said.

Kim agreed that the military is a family affair. "We all did it. I never thought twice about joining because it was a way of life when I was growing up. We never traveled, but we have always been involved in military functions. I liked it because I saw what my dad got to do.

"The tuition and travel were bonus incentives, but I think I would have joined anyway. I've always had a goal of getting commissioned and being a leader in the Guard."

Big brother Steve said he's glad to see his sister he involved in the Guard family because it's a big part of their lives. "Other families are coaching families, medical families. Our common thread is the Guard," Steve said.

Steve was the first to join the Air Guard, attending basic training a week after high school graduation in 1977. At 18, he was a cable splicer in the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron in Zanesville. He earned a mechanical engineering degree from Ohio State in 1981, the same year he began applying for flight slots. Now, 18 years later, he's a pilot with the 179th Airlift Group in Mansfield and an engineer with the Gorman-Rupp Company.

"Dad's glad I'm in the Guard, but I live a hectic life and have a lot of management responsibility. His only concern is that I've loaded up my life. But it was great decision which I don't regret at all," he explained.

Like Kim, Steve joined the Guard because of his dad's exposure. He said his dad was instrumental in steering him into the military. "My opinions depended on dad's experiences, which reflect a good organization and commitment to our country. It doesn't come without certain risks and dangers. But there's also a measure of patriotism and pride for us, if you want to get real philosophical."

Kruegers: The scenario is certainly becoming common now: Father is in the Guard, has a kid with college fever, but money is a problem, so father educates kid concerning Guard benefits. Kid considers the options... and thus a Guard

family is born!

It happened in the Doogs family, the Carpenter family and the McMahon clan, and it happened again to Maj. Tim Krueger and his son, Spc. Matt Krueger.

Of course not every family story is the same, but there is a strong pattern here. Most of the offsprings interviewed for this article swear that enlistment was their own idea, but then admit that dad, or an uncle, had a good deal to do with it. The Kruegers are prime examples:

Matt: "It was my idea. My dad never pushed it. I had started a year of college but the financial aspect started to wear on me. I knew about the benefits from dad. He was key to my decision. Otherwise, I would have never known about the benefits."

Tim: "Matt joined due to my affiliation with the Guard. I've been in it all of his life. But I can't say if I influenced him. He was primarily interested in the tuition program."

These testimonies illustrate that Ohio Guard benefits have a lot of luring power. But pa-

to see them do it," he said.

Tim confirms that his 15-year-old sons are already talking about the Guard because "they both want to be like Matt." With visions of combat boots and brotherly love in their young minds, the twins could extend the Krueger Guard family to four, making their name a dominate force in either their dad's or brother's unit.

As for now, Tim, who lives in Cleveland but drills in Toledo, will continue to stay with Matt on drill weekends, which, he said, helps bring his family even closer because, as he described it, "the Guard has created a basis of commonality, a bonding thing, of which he and I can relate." ■



Courtesy photo.

The tradition continues as (left) LTC Glenn Hammond III recently enlisted his daughter, Elizabeth, into the same unit he joined 24 years ago, which is HHC 134th Engr.Gp. (CBT).

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Maj. Steven McMahon

triotism and family history deserve much of the credit, too, as demonstrated by the Kruegers once again.

"I have a military tradition in my family. My father served in World War II, and two great grandfather's on Matt's mother's side fought in the Civil War. I was glad when Matt joined because I think lessons learned in the military environment will be beneficial for the rest of his life, over and above his University of Toledo experience."

Matt added that his younger twin brothers might join the Guard because they are all alike and have a lot in common. "It wouldn't shock me



Courtesy photo.

MAJ Tim Krueger (left), a member of HHC 416th Eng. Gp., Walbridge, poses with son, SPC Matthew Krueger, at the 612th Eng. Bn. Winter Dinner/Dance. Matthew is a member of HHC 612th Eng. Bn., also located in Walbridge.

123rd links NATO units

Overseas deployment in midst of conversion no problem

Story and photo by Maj. David E. Corry
123rd Air Control Squadron

The 123rd Air Control Squadron, Blue Ash Air National Guard Station, Cincinnati, deployed personnel and equipment to support the annual fall NATO exercise, DYNAMIC GUARD. The 123rd, augmented by members of the 124th ACS, also stationed at Blue Ash ANG Station, deployed more than 170 people for more than 30 days last September and October to Eskisehir, Turkey.

The exercise commitment was "extremely demanding if you stop and consider that, at the time of the deployment, the 123rd ACS was only halfway through the unit's conversion to the new radar equipment, called Modular Control System," said Lt. Col. Ron Harmon, 123rd commander.

One of the main reasons exercise officials wanted the 123rd to participate was to use the Modular Control Equipment (MCE) and to utilize all of the internal communication equipment associated with the MCE.

The 123rd was the integral unit in tying together the exercise players located in central Turkey. An objective of the exercise was to effectively deploy air forces in the southern region of Europe and into Turkey.

The unit was able to act as the main communication, data and radar link across the entire region. The 123rd's mission was to enhance the local Turkey air defense system by fully integrating into the theater air defense, serving as the critical command, control, communications, computer and intelligence asset by tying together allied land, air and sea-based assets as directed by the Turkish Sector Operations Center.

"From an operator's function, we really had to perform several jobs at once," commented Capt. Gene Hughes, Jr., senior mission director during the month-long deployment.

"The operators, with maintenance support, had to establish and maintain a surveillance data link, provide control of all available air assets within our assigned airspace, maintain communication with exercise participants and,

for the first time in Turkey, conduct Theater Missile Defense," said Hughes. Hughes went on to say, "We were able to link our radar data with NATO Early Warning Aircraft, a U.S. Navy AEGIS cruiser offshore Turkey, Dutch and German Patriot surface-to-air missile sites and the local Turkish Sector Operations Center. The equipment worked great, and the operators learned a tremendous amount operating in a NATO exercise. You really get a good overall perspective of combined operations when you participate in exercises such as DYNAMIC GUARD."

Maj. Norman Poklar, maintenance officer for the 123rd, discussed the challenges the 123rd

faced in the logistics of the deployment. "There were no airlifts available so we had to road convoy more than 45 trucks and pieces of equipment in a two-day drive to Charleston, South Carolina. Once there, all of the equipment was loaded onto a ship and sealifted to Bandirma, Turkey. We met the ship at Bandirma and then drove more than 300 miles to Eskisehir, Turkey. After the end of the live exercise, we had to do the routine all over again. All together, we convoyed more than 1,700 miles, both in the United States and Turkey, and made it back to Blue Ash without one major incident. I feel this speaks highly of the effort of everyone connected to the deployment, especially those who drove the trucks."

During the deployment, the 123rd personnel not only at the main site in Eskisehir, but also at several remote sites manning communication equipment, needed to relay the data links for the exercise. "I could not be more pleased by the skill and enthusiasm displayed by the maintenance personnel. They worked long hours ensuring that the equipment was available 24 hours a day throughout the exercise," Poklar said. He continued, "Though we had many new



Members of the 123rd ACS monitor equipment that tied together the main Turkish air defense system.

section supervisors and, coupled with the fact we were still in a conversion cycle, we were still able to achieve an outstanding operational percentage. We now have the practical experience from which we can come out of conversion and be confident our personnel can perform their jobs in a proficient manner."

Master Sgt. Barry Brennan, the unit's first sergeant, was asked his thoughts about having to deploy to a country like Turkey. "I wasn't sure how the people would take to deploying to Turkey because of the perception some have of the country. However, the unit members had an enjoyable time working with their counterparts from Turkey and other NATO partners. Unit members also had a great opportunity to experience the customs and courtesies of Turkey, take in some sites and socialize with the Turkish people—who could not have been more friendlier toward us. The host nation support was great and I think many of our folks are looking forward to going back."

"We really asked a great deal from members of the 123rd and 124th ACS's, considering the conversion, and the large commitment we were tasked with from an operation's standpoint," admitted Harmon. The unit commander emphasized that, "Maintenance did a great job in getting the equipment up and running and the operation's section performed super in providing the services required by the exercise operating plan. Exercises such as DYNAMIC GUARD give us the chance to operate as an entire unit, working together to accomplish our mission. I think those who participated in the exercise should reflect on their accomplishments and be very proud of what they did." ■

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179th AG achieves safety milestone

Story by Maj. James Boling
State Public Affairs Office

They used to call themselves "Buffoon Airlines," but there's nothing comical about the way members of the 179th Airlift Group, Mansfield, go about the business of flying. The unit recently surpassed 100,000 hours of accident-free flying, representing more than 27 years of continuous operations in fighter and theater airlift aircraft.

About one-third of the hours were flown in the F84F "Thunderstreak" and in the F-100 Super Sabre jet fighter, famous for its difficult handling. The bulk of the flying time was accumulated in the C-130 "B" model Hercules, an aircraft older than the flying record itself. The 179th received the brand new "H" model Hercules in 1991, and its safety record rolled over to a third generation of aircraft.

Considering the unit's global operations and the nature of its mission (theater airlift), achieving 100,000 accident-free hours is no small feat. The 179th routinely flies in various theaters under ever-changing weather conditions, often-times in hostile environments. In the past two years alone, the unit has flown airlift, airdrop and resupply missions in Bosnia, Haiti, Somalia, and throughout South America.

Reaching the 100,000-hour safety milestone was a total team effort, according to Col. Fred Larson, group commander. "It takes



Courtesy photo.

Aircrew and maintenance personnel from the 179th AG, Mansfield, display a banner recognizing the unit's 100,000 hours of accident-free flying. The milestone represents 27 years of operations with three types of aircraft.

the entire unit to maintain safe flying operations," Larson said.

"We've been fortunate over the years to have outstanding people; aircrew, maintenance and support personnel serve with the unit. In the flying business, you don't get many second chances. We have to get it right the first time. That's where quality people and services come in, and that's what we have in the 179th." ■

Tandem Thrust '95, 180th FG deploys in joint operations

Story by 2nd Lt. Denise Varner
180th Fighter Group

The 180th Fighter Group, Toledo, returned Dec. 18 from a four-week deployment to Guam in participation of the largest military exercise in the Pacific Region. *TANDEM THRUST '95* involved more than 14,000 military personnel from the Air Force, Navy, Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The 180th was the only National Guard unit to participate in the joint operations.

"*TANDEM THRUST* is a wonderful opportunity for the Guard to prove we can integrate fully with active duty forces and have smooth operations half-way around the world," said Maj. Mark Bartman, deployment officer.

TANDEM THRUST is an annual exercise designed to help all branches of the military work together in crisis situations that are less than full-scale war. In such cases, units come under the command of a joint task force commander. The task force could be activated in the case of a small regional conflict or a natural disaster.

In the exercise, the combined United States forces are pitted against the hypothetical country of Sonora. Sonora, an aggressor nation which has alleged historical claims on the Ginger Islands, is trying to take them by

force. The Ginger Islands are portrayed by the Mariana Islands chain, which includes Guam, Rota, Saipan and Tinian. The Ginger Islands have no military muscle and have called on the United States to help fight off the Sonoran invasion.

During the exercise, the Toledo Air Guard unit acted as the Sonoran, or aggressor, air force. The 180th's F-16s would approach an aircraft carrier. The Navy would go through its procedures, asking the aircraft to identify themselves and then to turn around. The Toledo pilots were instructed to ignore these commands and continue flying toward the aircraft carrier, forcing the carrier to use defensive contingency plans.

"This is the first time we have done this kind of joint exercise," Bartman said. "The bottom line is that we gained valuable experience."

Not only did the pilots gain some valuable experience, but so did the deployed maintenance and weapons personnel. "They adapted very well to a strange environment in which one minute they would be sweating and the next they would be drowned in heavy rain," said Lt. Col. Thomas Schart, operations group commander.

Schart said the active duty units were very receptive to having the Guard join the exercise. "With the expected cutbacks in the military, *TANDEM THRUST* is probably a good example of how future missions will be enacted, with the Air Guard acting as a major player." ■



First black WACs paved way for better life in today's military

Story by Rudy Williams
Armed Forces Information Service

The Navy didn't want them. The marines didn't want them. The Army was forced to take them by an act of Congress. But the Army would accept only a few — 40 to be exact.

So when the Army opened its doors to women in 1942, there were 40 African-Americans among the first 440 to walk through — members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, or WAAC.

Racism was a way of life in the United States. War Department directives forbade discrimination, but the Army ignored them, said Martha S. Putney, author of *When the Nation Was in Need: Blacks in the Women's Army Corps During World War II*. Putney, 75, joined the corps on Feb. 1, 1943, armed with a master's degree.

African-American women felt the sting of segregation and discrimination even before they arrived for training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, she said.

For instance, Putney said, when black and white recruits arrived in Chicago at night en route to Fort Des Moines, they were separated by race at the train station. Army personnel escorted nonblacks; African-Americans were told to make their way to a designated rooming house.

Putney said African-Americans were the only ethnic group set apart. "The Chinese-Americans, Native Americans, Puerto Ricans, Filipino-Americans and all other ethnic Americans were lumped together in integrated units," she said. "Negroes on one side! White girls on the other," was their greeting by white officers at Fort Des Moines.

Many Americans were against recruiting women. Many felt their place was in the home and that women were being taken into the Army to be companions of men. There was discrimination against women in the military, but black women had the added problem of racial prejudice.

"The Army was overwhelmingly Southern in its orientation and officers were intent on running an apartheid-style operation," Putney wrote. In early 1943, nearly one-third of the black WAACs were classified as "Unassignable," she said.

Black leaders were incensed by this and asked the War Department and the commander of Fort Des Moines for their reasoning. The response asserted "blacks did not have the qualifications for (nor did test scores show they had the aptitude for) specialized training in radio or other technical programs."

Yet, Putney said, "Many of them returned to civilian life to become doctors, lawyers, teachers, college professors, administrators, scientists, professional musicians and social workers." She



"Racism was a way of life in the early 1940s," said Martha S. Putney, author of *When the Nation Was in Need: Blacks in the Women's Army Corps During World War II*. (Inset) Putney in her World War II WAC uniform.

used the GI Bill to earn a doctorate in history after being discharged on Dec. 31, 1946.

College graduates with work experience often found themselves permanently assigned as mess attendants (KP, or kitchen police) or doing "dirty work" in hospitals. They were relegated to working as laundry workers, hostesses, soda jerks and sweepers in warehouses, maids in a civilian dormitory and waitresses in the officers mess, she wrote.

More than 6,500 black women, including 146 officers, served in the corps during World War II. Blacks made the transition with the rest

of the women when the Women's Army Corps was established in September 1943. But, she wrote, no more than 3,920 black enlisted women and 121 officers served in the corps at any one time.

During World War II, Putney continued, "The Army had too many field commanders who wanted blacks only to do the dirty work. Too many generals didn't want blacks in their commands. At one post, black officers were told to take orders from the (white) sergeant."

Putney said the first two companies of some 300 black women to complete basic training went to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where the all-black 92nd Division was stationed. African-American women didn't see overseas service until February 1945. However, there were earlier requests for them to serve overseas near black troops. But William H. Hastie, the first black civilian aide to the secretary of war, called the requests "a disguised scheme to afford companionship for the (black) soldiers." The requests were denied.

The War Department decided to send a black unit overseas — the 6888th Central Postal Battalion. It was the only black WAC unit to serve overseas during World War II, Putney said. The battalion consisted of 824 enlisted women and 31 officers. They went to Birmingham, England, and later transferred to France.

Putney said even with segregation and discrimination, the Army was

the best deal for blacks in those days. "We broke down a lot of barriers at Fort Des Moines — separate hours at the swimming pool, segregated theaters and mess hall," she said. "The officers club was the only barrier we failed to break down. It wasn't as bad in the Army for females as it was for males. But it was by no means a bed of roses for women," she added.

At the end of 1944, Putney was assigned to an integrated company. "I think it was the only integrated company in the Army at that time," she said.

Putney said the military is much different today. "There will always be sexism in the military," she noted. "I don't think men are big enough and honest enough to acknowledge that women don't have a fair break. They've always figured that the Army is a man's job."

However, she said, the overt racial discrimination experienced by black women during World War II doesn't exist in today's military.

"Despite all the hardships we endured, the Army — the other services didn't want us — was a step forward for blacks in those days," Putney said. "We were pioneers. Not only that, when black women — and men — were discharged after the war, they were no longer content to work in white folks' kitchens."■

Air Guard team competes in rugged Eco-Challenge race

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

In April, an Ohio Air National Guardsman will take his five-member sporting team to compete in one of the most challenging new races in the world.

The inaugural Eco-Challenge, described by organizers as an expedition competition, requires various modes of non-mechanical transportation to cover 300 miles of spectacular Utah terrain.

The team, organized by Staff Sgt. Jeff Managhan, a life support specialist with the 180th Fighter Group in Toledo, is one of only two military teams in the competition — which will be covered by Dateline NBC, ESPN Extreme Sports and cosponsor MTV. The other military team is comprised of active-duty Navy Seals.

The second team member is Senior Airman Jamie Beavers, a medical technician with the 180th. The remaining members include an Army reservist and two Civil Air Patrol members, all from Pennsylvania. The

team will be supported by authorized assistants Staff Sgt. Mark Lingle and Master Sgt. Shelly Nerswig, both from the 180th.

According to Mark Burnett, the founder of Eco-Challenge, the course offers the best in varied and challenging terrain, including majestic towers, great rivers, deep canyons, snow covered peaks and vast, rocky plains.

The non-stop, 24-hour race includes the use of canoes, mountain bikes, white-water rafts, horses and climbing ropes, all while navigating their way by map and compass.

"They sleep when they dare and move when they can, all the while quenching their thirst for competition and discovery," explained Burnett, who founded the event in 1992.

"In order to reach the finish line, you will need to adapt to the land in the ways of the native Americans, the explorers and the pioneers," he said.

It didn't take Burnett's selling pitch to inspire Managhan to build a team as soon as he heard about the Eco-Challenge last April.

"I've always had a dream of doing something like this but I never figured anyone else would want to. But I was happy to learn there are other crazies who like to do stuff like this, too," he said.

Managhan claims to be extremely competitive, but admits the Eco-Challenge will put his survival skills to the test. He added that he's also looking forward to the team effort, describing his team as very fit.

The race kicks off April 25, and is expected to last between eight and 10 days. The first complete team to reach the finish line will be the official winner. The victors will earn \$10,000 and a free berth in next year's Eco-Challenge, which will be at a different location.

"But any complete team that finishes with all five teammates can proudly consider themselves winners, and call themselves Eco-Challengers," said Burnett.

The name of the competition was derived from the event's focus, which organizers consider an "environmentally-correct race." All competitors will participate in an environmental service project before the race begins. This service project ranges from planting trees to cleaning rivers. The clean-up project will change each year.

"Our purpose as organizers is to promote environmental awareness and to let people know that it's cool to care," Burnett explained. "By conducting and participating in an environmental service project, we support our words with action."■



SSgt. Jeff Managhan, the ultimate adventurer, knows his team's survival skills will be put the the test in Utah.

Through the silence of peace
echoes the pain of war....

Veterans battle **Gulf War Syndrome** at home

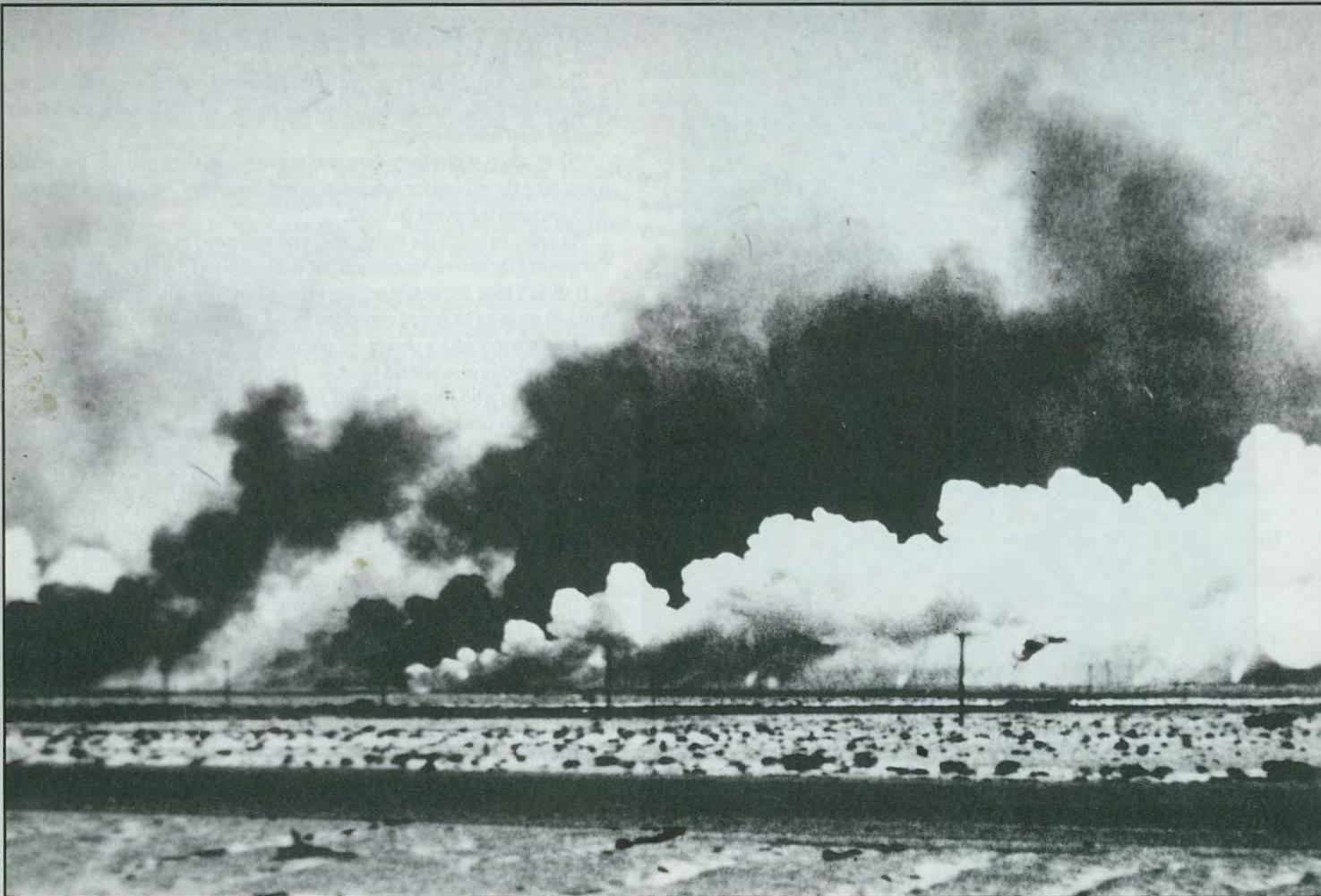




Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Hall, 196th Public Affairs Det.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Oil fires burning in Kuwait is a vivid example of the environmental tragedy and the hazards coalition forces faced during the Persian Gulf War. **LEFT:** Covington residents welcome home members of the 641st Quartermaster Detachment from the Persian Gulf.

Story by 2nd Lt. Neal O'Brien
State Public Affairs Office

In a scenario that's beginning to resemble the long debate over "Agent Orange," Gulf War veterans and concerned families have rocked the Pentagon with questions concerning wounds not caused by Iraqi bullets.

Four years after Desert Shield/Storm, Ohio National Guard soldiers are asking some of these same questions: "Why am I sick, what caused it, where can I get help?" Answers may not be readily available, but all fingers point toward the mysterious "Gulf War Syndrome."

Shortly after returning from the Persian Gulf, 1st Sgt. Dan Brown, of the 838th MP Co., Youngstown, began to experience a numbness

in his hands and feet. This was soon followed by chronic fatigue, memory loss, skin rashes and diarrhea — all symptoms of Gulf War Syndrome. A few months later came eyesight problems and what his wife, Gina, described as "anger fits."

"Dan became extremely frustrated with things because of his condition," Gina said. She also suspects that the recent decline in the health of her and their four children is somehow related to Dan's sickness. "We have been affected in some way from uniforms and equipment Dan either shipped home from Saudi Arabia or brought back with him."

So when information began circulating about a Gulf War illness in late 1991, the Browns immediately began asking questions. After contacting the Veterans Administration Hospital, Dan was told the earliest he could get an appointment was six months. Frustrated, the Browns resorted to trips to their family doctor, who, for all his efforts, could only diagnose high levels of cholesterol.

Like many veterans, Dan Brown has run into the nay sayers, at both the Veterans Administration and the Pentagon, who say his illness is

the result of battlefield stress—more commonly known as "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder." Nevertheless, estimates are running as high as 40,000 with regard to the number of soldiers, sailors and airmen who fought as part of the coalition forces and now may be suffering from the symptoms of Gulf War Syndrome.

The Department of Defense began registering veterans who display the symptoms and, as of June 1994, had placed over 7,000 on its list. In addition, according to *American Legion* magazine, the British have registered over 2,500.

Sadly, most sufferers have refused to step forward fearing medical separation from the military or the stigma attached with this Agent Orange-type disease.

Maj. Joe Knott, who volunteered to command the 5694th Fire Fighting Detachment, Shreve, during the war, said that there were "an incredible amount of hazards in addition to Iraqi forces." Following the 3rd Armored Division (Spearhead) into battle, the 5694th found itself in the midst of desert oil fires outside of Kuwait. "It was awesome at night," remarked Knott. "You could see the oil fires for miles. During the day the C-130's and all of the vehicles had to drive with their lights on. That's how dark it was. Between the oil fires, bugs, dead animals, blown-up tanks and climate, there were a ton of things that could effect every one of us in some way."

Two days before the ground war kicked-



Courtesy photo.

During the war, MAJ Joe Knott took precautions to avoid sand and other environmental dangers.



Photo by MAJ Joe Knott, 54th Spt. Det.

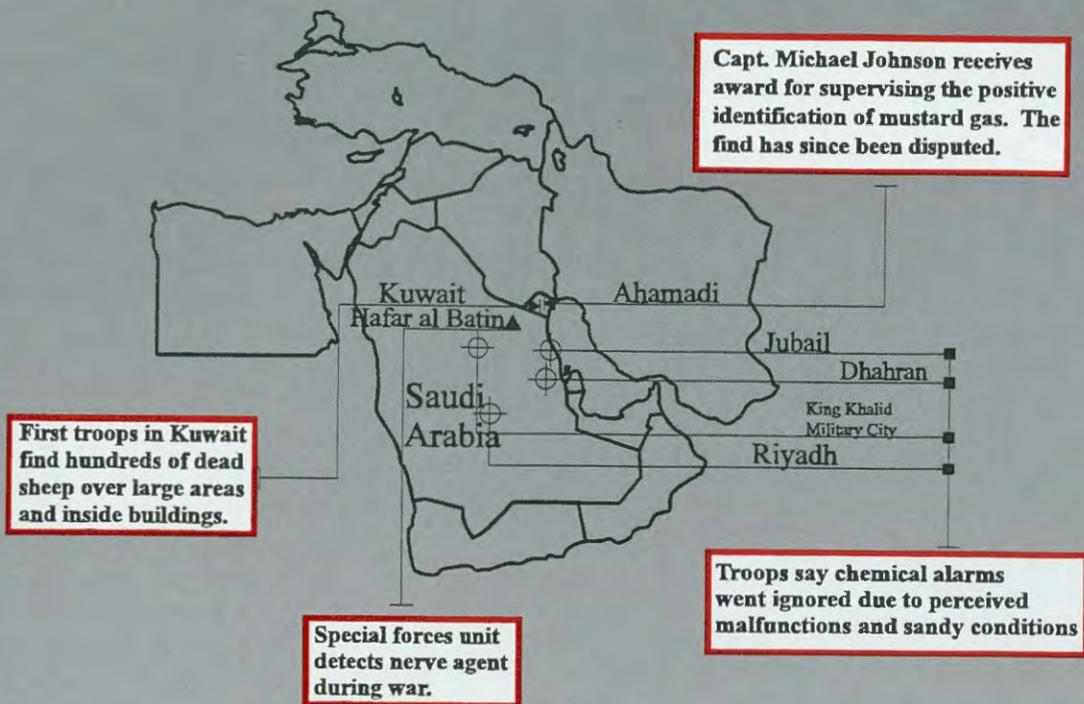


Figure 1 - Some of the possible affected areas.

off, the 5694th received their orders for battle. "We had to go through a series of shots in case of chemical and biological attacks," said Knott. "One was an anthrax shot that was some sort of experimental vaccine that hadn't been tested. When I got my shot, the doctor, an Army O-5 (Lt. Col.), refused to sign our shot cards because he said the vaccine had not been tested. So I made sure that myself and the senior NCOs signed all the cards as verification. I couldn't believe it!"

The Gulf War Syndrome is perhaps the most controversial aspect of Desert Shield/Storm. As a growing number of troops come forward and the number of troops discharged for unexplained medical reasons increases, the questions and theories on what is causing this illness remain. Although the Pentagon is hesitant to admit the enemy used chemical weapons, the evidence is mounting.

According to an investigation conducted by Senator Don Reigle of Michigan, "Czech and French units reportedly detected chemical and biological warfare agents five times." Eyewitness reports led Senate investigations to conclude that "chemical or biological weapons exposures may have occurred in at least 17 locations, to include Kuwait, Rafhaa, King Khalid Military City, Al Jubayl and Ad Dammam."

In addition, Capt. Michael Johnson, an Army chemical and biological specialist, received a Meritorious Service Medal for "supervising the positive identification" of

mustard agent in Kuwait. The Pentagon has since discounted this claim and says the find was not mustard but nitric acid.

The commander of allied forces in the Persian Gulf, Gen. (Ret.) Norman Schwarzkopf, believes there is absolutely no evidence of chemical warfare by the enemy. "There seems to be no geographical pattern whatsoever to the illness. If it was a biological or chemical type thing, you would assume that everybody within a certain geographical area would be showing symptoms...that's the part that throws me about the whole thing."

Ironically, many chemical alarm warnings went unheeded. According to Dan Brown, "When our chemical alarms went off, we were told not to worry by brigade because they were malfunctioning from the sand."

Staff Sgt. Sam Payden, who deployed with the 1485th Transportation Company, Dover, recalled that when there were Scud attacks, his unit immediately went to MOPP (Military Operation Protective Posture). "But," said Payden, "there would be people

coming into our area with no chemical protection while we were in MOPP 4."

Payden, whose unit supported the XVIII Airborne Corps and other forward deployed Corps elements, says he also suffers from symptoms of the Gulf illness--primarily chronic fatigue and soreness of his joints. "I have a somewhat dark complexion, and since

I've been back from the Gulf, I get white spots on the parts of my body that are exposed to sunlight," he said.

Government studies and medical experts agree that Gulf War veterans could have encountered three kinds of harmful agents: biological, chemical and radiological. Among the biological expo-

surements, most significant is leishmaniasis, a parasite carried by sand flies. Those infected with the parasite experience pain and weakness. Two biological agents detected include a strain of brucellosis and Q-fever. Both agents are commonly used as biological warfare agents, and traces were found in filters of coalition forces' protective masks. Also suspect is the chemical agent resistant coating paint that was applied to combat vehicles to change them from the traditional

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Commander, Allied Forces**

woodland camouflage to the desert tan. Civilian doctors have isolated and treated some biological agents.

Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Ron Blanck, Commander of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, said in an *Army Times* article, "Many of the reported causes and cures being put forth by civilian doctors and scientists are medically controversial and need to be thoroughly reviewed." But all remain convinced that Desert Storm/ Shield veterans are suffering from something...they just don't know what.

Voices are starting to be heard on Capitol Hill, prompting Veterans Administration Secretary Jesse Brown to vow action. "Persian Gulf veterans are suffering," admitted Brown. "They are suffering from fatigue, memory loss, painful joints, and other physical and psychological problems. And it's the VA's top priority to help them. VA intends to do everything possible to assist those who are suffering right now. We intend to continue to look for more scientific answers. We intend to give veterans the benefit of the doubt on all questions about problems that may relate to service in the Persian Gulf. We don't want to take 20 years to find a solution, like it did with Agent Orange," declared Brown.

However, many have found their VA Hospital experiences to be almost as frustrating as the illness. Gina Brown, who has experienced some of the symptoms passed along by her husband, said the "VA is doing everything they can, but all they can diagnose is bad skin and high cholesterol." Many families like the

Browns have chosen to rely on their health insurance and family doctors because VA disability claims have not rated the illness on a high enough scale to warrant medical services for additional family members. This has caused many families to begin paying out of pocket expenses after their insurance has been exhausted.

Chief Warrant Officer Larry Corn, who deployed with the 1486th Transportation Company, Ashland, has been in and out of VA Hospitals over the last three years. He contends that, "Support units were exposed to more Scud attacks than the front line units." Corn, a former Marine Corps rifleman in Vietnam, has suffered the effects of Agent Orange, and now suffers from the symptoms of Gulf War Syndrome, most significantly joint pain. "Before long, I came to the realization that I'm not the soldier I used to be."

Corn is currently participating in a volunteer program at Wright Patterson Air Force Base for Gulf War veterans, called the "Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program." The two-part program consists of initial assessment and further evaluation phases. Initial assessment (Phase I) lasts one day and consists of a series of x-rays, lab work and a review of medical history. The results of this stage determine whether or not volunteers will move on to Phase II. The Phase II stage is a 10-14 day medical confinement where certain symptoms are isolated and looked at more carefully in an effort to make a diagnosis.

At Phase I, it was determined that Larry had "Fibrositis Malasia," a muscle and tendon disease that is not curable. "I asked the doctor how many people had gone through the clinic since it had opened, and he said 'a lot.' I then asked him how many had complained about the joint pain and he gave me the same answer. So I then asked him how many were diagnosed with fibrositis malasia, and he repeated his answer; I just shook my head."

Sgt. Michelle (Dies) Bline, who served as a squad leader with the 838th MPs in the Gulf, has undergone treatment by the VA and a private physician. She suffers from a lack of sleep, irregularity in menstrual periods, and what she calls a "horrible temper."

FAMILIES SHARE IN SYNDROME NIGHTMARE

OHIO- Gina Brown, who serves as the national chairperson for the Veterans Family Support Network, has experienced severe pain and itching as well as open sores and rashes since her husband Dan's return. These symptoms have occurred off and on and have lasted for up to three months. One spouse of a Gulf War veteran, whose husband suffers from Gulf War Syndrome and has been rated with a 100% disability, wishes to remain anonymous but complains of a myriad of personal health problems that she attributes directly to her husband's condition.

According to an *Army Times* report in the April 25, 1994 edition entitled, "The forgotten wounded of the Persian Gulf War," sick wives report "having gynecological problems including recurring yeast infections and abnormal menstrual periods. In many of these women, doctors have found abnormal lumps or growths on their uteruses or ovaries. Many report that sex with their husbands has become painful because of 'burning semen' that leaves rashes on the exposed skin of both partners." The article also reveals that DoD is "not convinced that there is a connection between these women's illnesses and their husband's service in the Persian Gulf," despite the fact that one spouse and two children have been diagnosed as having Gulf War Syndrome.



Photo by CPT Doug Green, commander of the 1487th Trans.Co., during the Gulf War.

A soldier from the 1487th Transportation Co., Eaton, goes through the daily ritual of disposing of human waste by burning and stirring.

RIGHT: Ohio Legislators listened to testimony from the Browns and other concerned veteran groups. **BELOW:** Dan Brown, his wife, Gina and their 13-year-old daughter, Dana, wait with cautious optimism for the start of the legislative hearings.



Photo by 2LT Neal O'Brien, State Public Affairs Office.



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Bline says that during the war the water they showered in was "incredibly oily. When you went to wash yourself with soap, it wouldn't produce any bubbles or suds. When we pulled out of an area, we had to leave a huge water bladder behind because one quarter of it was filled with oil."

Local VA Hospitals are as frustrated as the veterans in attempting to get to the bottom of Gulf War Syndrome. Cheryl Blakely, Persian Gulf Registry coordinator for Central Ohio, said that 276 veterans have registered locally with an untold number who have yet to come forward. "We had been scheduling approximately 10 physicals a day, but on average only two were showing up. We lost a physician because veterans just weren't showing for appointments. We attempted to do them on weekends but ran into the same problem."

Others have not suffered from any symptoms of Gulf War Syndrome. Second Lt. Rick Figuly, who was a sergeant and driver in the 1485th, has had no physical problems as a result of his service. Figuly also took the physical and has registered with the VA for the syndrome. He said that his experience with the VA "was different. It didn't seem as though they cared that much." Figuly received the physical and, afterwards, counseling. But the counseling didn't prepare him or give him any information that would help him should symptoms appear later. "They just talked to me about alcohol and drug abuse. It's like they assumed that because I was a veteran I was going to abuse drugs."

The governor's office of Veteran's Affairs and the Adjutant General's Department have been working closely to ensure that Gulf War

veteran's register with the VA so they may undergo physicals to determine the extent of their ailments.

On Jan. 25, the Ohio Senate and House of Representative's veteran's Affairs Committees held hearings in Columbus to answer questions and gather information on Gulf War Syndrome. Senator Joe Vuckovich has been an active participant in hearing out the concerns of people like the Browns. Dan and Gina agree that Ohio has taken the lead in addressing the plight of Persian Gulf Veterans. They want to do everything they can to address the issues that are affecting Ohioans. The hearings are believed to be the first in the country where Gulf War veterans have addressed a state legislature with their problems.

Dan, Gina and their 13-year-old daughter, Dana, all testified about the extent of Dan's condition, the level of care he has received, and how his condition has affected the entire family. Dana testified that she wondered if her father would ever get completely better, or worse. "I can't be sure, I can only pray and hope he gets better."

The Ohio Legislature is committed to assisting veterans in the cause. Senator Dick Schafrath, chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, agreed that the committee must gather additional data from veterans and their families to substantiate a need for federal action. The committee plans to continue its efforts in order to facilitate action from the federal government through Congressional leaders in Washington. ■

MOST COMMON SYMPTOMS

Joint and muscle pain	Chronic fatigue
Recurring rashes	Memory loss
Irritability	Depression
Insomnia	Gastrointestinal problems
Diarrhea	Abnormal hair loss
Vaginal yeast infections	Bleeding gums
Menstrual irregularities	

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KC-135R leak provides

'Fuel for thought'

In-flight emergency tests 121st's crew's nerve, skills

Story by Lt. Col. Ron Albers
121st Air Refueling Wing

It was a KC-135R crew's worst nightmare: a jet fuel leak discovered while airborne and en route to their refueling tract.

On the afternoon of Aug. 1, a Stratotanker from the 121st Air Refueling Wing was sent from its deployed location at Le Tuhe Air Base in southern France. Its mission: to refuel aircraft in support of Operation DENY FLIGHT. The four-man crew consisted of Capt. Douglas W. Moore, aircraft commander; 2nd Lt. Kenneth E. Copely, copilot; Capt. Charles J. Aliberto, navigator; and Sgt. Michael S. Bursk, boom operator.

Shortly after takeoff, Bursk went to the boom pod to check the system used to refuel NATO and Navy aircraft in flight. There, he found a hose malfunction, which made completing the mission an impossibility.

Since the maximum gross weight for landing a KC-135R is 200,000 pounds, the crew was forced to fly to an assigned fuel dump area and dump approximately 80,000 pounds of fuel. Still, there were no signs on-board the aircraft indicating how serious their problems were with the fuel system.

Dumping completed, Aliberto gave the pilot a heading direct to Le Tuhe for an en route descent. When Moore called for the descent checklist, Bursk returned to the boom pod for a final check of the air refueling system prior to landing. To his horror, he found the area



Courtesy photo.

Experience and skill made the difference in the safe landing of this crippled KC-135R. (INSET) The crew from left: Capt. Charles J. Aliberto, Sgt. Michael S. Bursk, 2nd Lt. Kenneth E. Copely and Capt. Douglas W. Moore.

between the boom sighting door and the boom pod full of fuel.

"It was like looking through the glass window of a washing machine in action," Bursk said. Vast quantities of additional fuel were pouring outside the windows and flowing into the slipstream.

Copely then declared an in-flight emergency to air traffic control and requested priority vectors direct to Le Tuhe. Although French controllers were cooperative, the language barrier made it difficult for Copely to express the seriousness of the situation.

At this point, the crew knew they had a severe fuel leak, but they did not know where it had occurred or the specific nature of the problem. Clustered in the cockpit, the crew immediately shutdown all elec-

trical equipment that was not required for flight safety. They also decided not to touch any of the switches in the boom pod due to the possibility of arcing. Copely told French controllers not to ask questions in order to minimize radio transmissions.

Upon reaching the air base, Moore made a low pass down the runway for ground personnel to visually inspect the aircraft. They were warned that fuel was pouring out of the aft center portion of the airplane in such quanti-

ties that the leaking fuel was visible before the aircraft could be seen at 10 miles out.

Because of the possible fire hazard, the crew decided not to use aircraft brakes unless absolutely necessary. Instead, they would roll to the end of the runway. After they touched down, Copely cut the inboard engines to slow the aircraft and reduce total landing distance. As soon as the aircraft stopped, Bursk and Aliberto opened the crew entry door and set up the evacuation ladder. All four guardsmen exited off the nose and headed a safe distance away.

"Fuel kept gushing from the lower aft of the airplane as the fire trucks and maintenance crews arrived," Moore said.

The aircraft commander added that the crew quickly recovered from the potential life-threatening situation. "After evacuating the aircraft, we caught transportation back to Operations, refilled a flight plan, gathered our gear, preflighted a spare KC-135 and were airborne within an hour of landing the damaged aircraft."

A later inspection revealed severe fuel leaks filled the entire bottom of the airplane with explosive jet fuel, while leaking 45,000 pounds (7,000 gallons) through the aircraft skin.

Though the cause of failure has yet to be determined, the Air Force knows of no similar problems in the history of the KC-135. Through systems knowledge and exemplary coordination, the crew from the 121st was able to save a valuable aircraft and their own lives. ■

...leaking fuel was visible before the aircraft could be seen at 10 miles out.

TreeSource rooted in anniversary of Earth Day

Story by Candace J. Kline
Environmental Branch,
Facilities Management Office

Earth Day celebrates its 25th anniversary April 22, and is observed by communities, schools, organizations and individuals around the world.

Its meaning and purpose are universal: to recognize the importance of reducing waste and conserving resources, to educate people on important environmental issues, and to make a personal pledge to be environmentally conscious and responsible.

The Ohio National Guard will help commemorate this day by planting trees throughout the state. Part of this project involves a partnership with Ohio's TreeSource program. This volunteer program, coordinated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, was started to increase tree planting in Ohio.

Volunteer groups, established in each county, distribute free tree seedlings and conduct group planting projects. In April 1994, the projects planted 1.7 million trees in 86 Ohio counties, involving more than 900,000 private citizens.

The state volunteer coordinator, David A. Kidd, asked the National Guard to assist this year with some of the large planting projects. In some cases, this volunteer effort will include bivouac at the site. Trees are to be planted April 22, Earth Day, and April 29, the day after Arbor

Day. The sites include state parks, wildlife reserves, recreation areas and other public lands. In some areas, they will plant up to 20,000 trees, so many volunteers are needed.

The other part of the project began in early September when Air and Army National Guard units and facilities were asked to evaluate their own needs for trees. Those who wanted to participate in the American Free Tree Program sent a list to the environmental office of types and quantities of trees they felt would enhance their facilities. They have been asked to plant these trees in late April to celebrate Earth Day.

One such project was coordinated by Sgt. 1st Class William Horne, master gunner, Headquarters 1-107th Armored Battalion. During construction projects at the Ravenna Army Arsenal Plant tank training area, many trees were removed. The trees must be replaced to control erosion and to provide dust and sound barriers. The battalion will plant approximately 9,000 native trees at the site April 29.

Families, scout troops and school groups will participate in the planting and a wiener roast. For more information, contact Candace Kline in the environmental office at, (614) 889-7224. ■



GUARDing the Environment Compliance assessments scheduled for early June

Environmental compliance continues to be an important issue for the Army National Guard. Ohio will again receive a compliance assessment in early June.

The Environmental Compliance Assessment System (ECAS), as explained in the Spring 1994 issue of the *Buckeye Guard*, will help identify the resource requirements necessary to ensure full compliance with all federal, state, local, Department of Defense and Army environmental regulations. ECAS will help the National Guard determine overall compliance status and provide a focus for planning for future environmental projects and programs.

The assessment will be conducted by



teams from an environmental consulting firm; the teams will consist of personnel with a wide range of expertise in all aspects of environmental programs. They will visit all

facilities in Ohio, including armories, organizational maintenance shops, combined service maintenance shops, Army aviation support facilities, training sites, unit equipment training sites, USPFO warehouse, and local training areas.

Compliance will be assessed in 18 environmental areas. Units/facilities will be informed of the dates scheduled for their assessments so they can be available to meet with and assist the teams during the assessment. After the assessment is completed, the consultant will provide a full, written report which will include suggested solutions to resolve the problems. The report will be distributed to units and facilities to assist them with environmental compliance issues. ■

Instructor training course stresses battle focused concepts

Story by Capt. Doug Dankworth
Photos by Pfc. Rick McGivern
196th Public Affairs Detachment

“Remember that evil word, simulate...we’re not going to do that here.” That quote from a BFITC instructor sums up the Ohio Guard’s commitment to “train as you fight.” The Battle Focus Instructor Training course teaches trainers of all ranks and in all MOS’s how to effectively conform to the standards of FM 25-101.

The emphasis of this course is on how to present hands-on, performance-oriented training,” said Master Sgt. James W. Osborn, chief enlisted instructor for the NCOES branch of the Ohio Military Academy. The five-day course combines instruction on how to better teach military tasks (traditional instructor trainer course material) with the battle focus concepts of Army Battle Focused Training (FM 25-101). Osborn explained that students are first taught to write a totally realistic combat scenario to train a task. They then go back to the scenario and make the training as realistic as possible, given the resources available. For example, a trainer may need to teach how to apply a tourniquet to a victim, but the training needs to be conducted indoors at the drill site.

The instructor can still make the training realistic by having the students wear field gear. He can also violently shake the limb that the students are applying the tourniquet to, thereby making a more realistic representation of a trauma victim. “You make the training as realistic as possible,” Osborn said.

During the course—taught on two drill weekends or on five straight weekdays—students are broken down into small-group squads. They are first taught instructor techniques and they then



Recent students of the BFITC course learn to take advantage of realistic opportunity training.

present three classes to their peers and to their evaluators.

The instruction techniques are based on the “4P” model, according to Master Sgt. Atriel Henderson, senior instructor. With the new model, trainers are taught to: prepare the training objective, plan the training, conduct the training and then to conduct the after action review. “Trainers who have attended the old instructor trainer course should attend the BFITC,” Henderson added.

Trainers wishing to attend the course should contact their unit training NCO. ■

Accept the Challenge!

The Ohio Military Academy Officer Candidate School (OCS) Class XLIII will begin 5-7 May 1995 for all personnel interested in meeting the leadership challenges of today’s Army National Guard. The 15-month state OCS program culminates with commissioning in July 1996.

Soldiers who qualify receive automatic promotion to staff sergeant/E-6 for pay purposes, and meet their regular monthly training obligation by reporting to the Ohio Military Academy OCS at Rickenbacker Airport (formerly Air National Guard Base).

Officer candidates maintain their tuition grant benefits and accumulate retirement points for all drill periods.

If you have what it takes and are interested in “accepting the challenge,” contact your unit commander or the Ohio Military Academy at (614) 492-3580.

OCS QUALIFICATIONS:

- ⇒ Complete a commissioning physical
- ⇒ Meet height/weight standards of AR 600-9
- ⇒ Passed APFT within last 12 months (provide copy of DA form 705)
- ⇒ High school graduate with at least 60 semester or 90 quarter hours of college credit (to accept the commission candidate needs 90 semester or 135 quarter hours).
- ⇒ Minimum GT score of 110 on ASVAB and score 90 or better on the Officer Selection Battery (OSB).
- ⇒ Age: Not to exceed 30 years upon commissioning*
- ⇒ Successful completion of basic training and AIT or equivalent.

* waiverable

SHOOTERS CORNER

Ohio team snipes 'Best of the Best' title

Story by 1st Lt. Keith Moore
National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit

With an aggregate score of 9,230 points, the Ohio Combat Sniper team of 1st Sgt. Michael Young and Spc. Jeffrey Schlecty, took first place in the overall Combat Sniper competition at the 23rd annual Winston P. Wilson Rifle, Pistol, Sniper and Light Machinegun Championships held at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark.

The 650 best combat shooters in the Army and Air National Guard representing 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, must have won their preliminary state-level matches to earn the right to compete for the "Best of the Best" title at the Wilson matches.

Schlecty and Young are both members of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry, Findlay. Schlecty also took second place overall in the combat sniper individual championship with a score of 681 points, just 10 points behind the individual champion. His teammate, 1st Sgt. Young, took the first place novice class in the overall combat

sniper individual championship match with a score of 594 points.

Both men are graduates of sniper training school. When asked their opinion of the WWP matches, the Ohio teammates said "the course is very challenging, even for those who have been trained on it. The elements are ever changing, and no one is able to get any real advantage over any other team because of it.

"We hope to take the information and training we receive here back to our units and set up our own sniper training program, to help the battalion train new shooters coming into the unit," Schlecty said.

Schlecty, as a new shooter, achieved another milestone when he was awarded the Chief's 50 Badge--awarded annually to the top 50 shooters from all four shooting disciplines.

This year's awards were especially significant in that Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca,



Photo by: SFC Jim Green, National Marksmanship Training Unit

SPC Jeffrey Schlecty (left) and 1SG Michael Young (far right) accept the "David Logan" sniper team trophy from BG William Bilo, deputy director of the Army National Guard.

chief of the National Guard Bureau, personally presented the awards.

Baca pledged his whole-hearted support of the marksmanship program in the National Guard saying, "There are many new challenges facing marksmanship and the National Guard, especially budget. Not only will we have to do more with less, but on the positive side, I think there will be more opportunities due to added attention placed on the National Guard in the total force."

Commenting on the importance of marksmanship in overall readiness, Baca said, "It doesn't make a hill of beans to be the most physically fit, and best trained soldier in the Guard if you can't shoot well." ■

Minority Affairs Committee reaches out to school children

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

"Heartwarming."

That's how Maj. Mary-Thom Williams described the experience she and other members of the Minority Affairs Committee had at Glenwood Elementary School in Toledo.

Several members of the committee spent two days in the school as one-on-one tutors. The guardmembers, in uniform, worked in the classroom, alongside the teachers, providing the students with not only extra academic help, but also personal attention.

"We want to thank you for all the help, encouragement and support given us during your visit," said Ann Redmond, assistant principal. "You are great role models for our children."

"The kids loved us," said Williams. "They didn't want us to leave."



TSgt. Charles Jones tutors Glenwood student, Charles Cliff, in the Fine Arts.

The Minority Affairs Committee is one of the busiest activities on base. In addition to the in-school tutoring, the committee has hosted several orientation tours and flights, including ones for educators and community leaders.

"Our guests receive a briefing from the commander, Col. Feucht, about our mission. We also discuss the educational and financial benefits of joining the Guard," said Williams. "Then they get a ride in a KC-135 during a refueling exercise. After they land, we take them on a tour of the base.

"A lot of people, including many community leaders, don't know what we have here. Once they have had our tour, they leave with a much better understanding." ■

Red Ribbon '94 celebrates success

The 1994 Red Ribbon Celebration, part of the Ohio National Guard's Drug Demand Reduction Program, ended successfully on Oct. 31.

More than 3,000 Ohio National Guard personnel participated in community-wide activities, distributing more than 150,000 red ribbons throughout the state, and collecting over 20,000 "drug-free pledges."

The kickoff of the celebration was held on the Statehouse lawn in Columbus on Oct. 24. Joining *Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth* were more than 60 members of the Ohio National Guard, including Ohio's adjutant general, and both assistant adjutants general.

The following events are just a few of the success stories of this year's campaign:

One of the highlights of the Red Ribbon Week included, *Operation Red Ribbon Highway*, an event organized by Sgt. Dave Roznowski, HHC (-Det 1), 1-148th Infantry (M), Findlay.

Large red ribbons were tied on the overpasses along Interstate 75 in two counties. Interstate 75 is widely believed to be the most traveled highway for illegal drugs with connections between Detroit and Miami.

At Koebel Elementary School in Columbus, the 121st Air Refueling Wing made a special visit to their *Adopt-A-School* partner. Following a flag ceremony by the Wing color guard, Safety Dog and a 121st pilot, made a "gung-ho" presentation and passed ribbons out to the students.

Thanks to Headquarters 73rd Troop Command, the Army Aviation Support Facility at Rickenbacker and the "KIDSAFE Crew," students at Wilder Elementary School in Columbus got a taste of Army Aviation after a drug free presentation and coloring book contest. Maj. Rick Hall, facility commander, gave the winners a tour of the helicopters and facilities and talked to the youth about safety and drug free life-styles.

Youth at McTigue Junior High School in Toledo received a visit from members of the 180th Fighter Group. The unit made classroom presentations to the students and helped launch hundreds of *Drug Free and Proud* balloon messages, one of which ended up in Ontario, Canada.

Support needed

GuardAmerica volunteers are still needed to participate in this Parent to

Parent training program. The objective of GuardAmerica (highlighted in the Winter 94/95 issue of *Buckeye Guard*), is to take guardmembers and their spouses and give them training on how to handle youth of the '90s. In addition, volunteers will be trained as facilitators for the program. Guardmembers and spouses interested in volunteering should contact the Office of Public Affairs at (614) 889-7000.

Mentoring and Tutoring are still among the most desired activities of *Adopt-A-School* partners. With proficiency tests now for 4th, 9th and 12th graders, schools are in need of dedicated people to help students jump these hurdles and progress toward graduation.

Beightler Armory adoption celebrates 3rd year

For a third year, Ohio Guard employees remain dedicated to keeping young students off drugs and in school.

In addition to initiating state wide participation of Ohio Guard units in *Adopt-A-School* programs and the Red Ribbon Campaign, Adjutant General Richard C. Alexander has endorsed the participation of Beightler Armory employees in a program designed to prevent students in grades 6-12 from dropping out of school.

Located in Columbus, Beightler Armory is the headquarters for the Ohio National Guard, employing over 400 state and federal employees.

The Individualized Plan for the Attainment of Success in School (I-PASS), is meant as an alternative to a recommendation for expulsion. I-PASS provides an instructional program and the opportunity



Courtesy photo.

Paula Watkins-Shaw, a fourth grade teacher at Koebel Elementary School in Columbus, shares a moment with hugable Safety Dog, during a flag raising ceremony performed by members of the 121st Air Refueling Wing.

for individualized psychological and academic assessment. Over the past three years, 52 employees have volunteered their time to help these at risk youth.

Staffed by four teachers and assisted by educational aides, a guidance counsellor, a psychologist and a community liaison, students receive instruction in mathematics, science, language arts and social studies. Students also receive individual and group counseling daily, which is conducted at the I-PASS center, located in Columbus.

A student can participate in the program when an expulsion hearing is held and their parents or guardians are offered assignment to the I-PASS center in lieu of expulsion. The assignments may last from three to nine weeks.

The Ohio National Guard formally adopted the program in Oct. 1992. Through this adoption, the Adjutant General's Department matches its employees to I-PASS students, and they meet for a minimum of two hours, twice a week, for as long as the student is involved in the program.

At the adoption ceremony, students were asked to sign a "Drug Free and Proud" pledge and were then pinned with the symbolic red ribbon by Alexander.



Photo by CPT Stephen Tompos, 196th PAD.

MAJ Deborah Ashenhurst accepts command of the new 237th Personnel Service Command from COL Edward Ferguson, commander, 73rd Troop Command, during the activation ceremony.

'Readiness' at core of new command

The end of the year is traditionally a time for reflection, but for members of the Ohio Army National Guard's newest command, it was a time for focusing on the future.

Following another year of transition and reorganization, the Guard welcomed the 237th Personnel Service Command (PSC) to its ranks in an activation ceremony at General Beightler Army in December. The new command's mission is to support the personnel services branch of MILPO (Military Personnel Office) in bringing the records of the state up to an appropriate level of readiness, said Maj. Deborah A. Ashenhurst, the new commander of the 237th PSC. "We are the only unit in the state dedicated solely to personnel actions," Ashenhurst said.

Three units form the new 237th PSC: the 237th Personnel Service Command Headquarters, the 337th Personnel Service Detachment and the 437th Personnel Service Detachment.

Addressing the PSC and guests during the activation ceremony, Col. Edward Ferguson, 73rd Troop Command commander, remarked how the Army restructure is impacting guardmembers. "With the changing times ... more is expected of us to perform at the national, state, and community level as well being prepared to perform our MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) and our duties," Ferguson said.

Ferguson also emphasized how the PSC will play a key role in supporting the state's readiness mission. "You'll see throughout the com-

mand a team called 'Readiness for Life,'" Ferguson said. This team is looking at units being pro-active and supporting soldiers through quality recruiting, training and taking care of the soldier from a medical, spiritual and a physical fitness standpoint. "You play a role in terms of the maintenance of all of those records."

"This is an exciting opportunity," said Sgt. Maj. William Hall, the PSC Personnel Sergeant. "We'll be doing what we are trained to do on a real mission basis." As separate companies, we had different missions. Coming together under the personnel service command, we'll be able to better utilize our assets to help the soldiers in the state of Ohio," Hall said. "That's our number one job, taking care of soldiers in the state."

With its new state mission, the PSC will also provide opportunities for soldier professional development and recruitment, according to Ashenhurst. There is also the potential for the PSC to pick up other units in the future. "We're looking at this with a positive attitude," Ashenhurst said. "We are restructuring with an emphasis on training ... soldiers may have the opportunity to get qualified in two MOS's." As for recruitment, Ashenhurst said, "We care for these soldiers and we want them to bring their friends in the Guard also. Hall agrees, and added, "A new troop is going to have a real good opportunity for career progression in the PSC, right up through sergeant major." *Submitted by Capt. Stephen Tompos, 196th Public Affairs Detachment.*

Springfield's safety program honored

The Springfield Air National Guard Base, home of the Air Guard's 178th Fighter Group, was named to the "National Safety Belt Honor Roll" last November.

Bob Pollack, of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Christy Covert, representing the Governor's office of Highway Safety, presented the award.

The award was given in recognition of the base achieving and maintaining 90 percent or better safety belt usage. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration makes these awards at three different levels of safety belt usage. The

level Springfield received is at the highest level which exceeds 90 percent usage. The NHTSA also issues awards to organizations who exceed 70 and 80 percent usage.

"We prefer to come out and make these award presentations," said Pollack, "instead of going to the accident scene and seeing the results of someone who didn't use their safety belt."

The base Safety Belt Usage Campaign is possibly the most visible element of the commander's safety program. Representatives of the base safety office can be spotted at the main gate or other locations on-base, monitoring motorists for safety belt use. When the campaign began several years ago usage was around 65 percent. Currently, on-base usage is 98-99 percent.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Ron Ray, base safety NCOIC, "We are happy to be recognized for our achievements, but are even happier for those twelve individuals from this base that are with us today because they were wearing their safety belts when they were involved in serious accidents. This award is for all the members who buckle-up," he said, "not just this office." *Submitted by Master Sgt. John Fleegeer, 178th Fighter Group.*

Retiring soon?

If you are retiring soon, and wish to continue receiving the *Buckeye Guard*, a written request must be sent to:

**State Public Affairs Office
2825 West Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235-2789
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Courtesy photo.

Safety Dog accepts the National Safety Belt Honor Roll award on behalf of the Springfield ANG Base. Presenting the award are Bob Pollack, National Highway Safety Administration, and Christy Covert, Governor's office of Highway Safety.



Courtesy photo.

Mrs. Darby, the niece of pilot, Eddie V. Rickenbacker, is saluted by Junior ROTC cadets from Westland High School during a memorial ceremony.

Rickenbacker remembered

The Eddie V. Rickenbacker memorial ceremony was held on Oct. 15, 1994, in memory of one of the Air Force's most famous pilots. As the namesake of the Air National Guard Base, Rickenbacker was remembered in a ceremony which was performed by the Westland Junior ROTC color guard. Two cadets presented a wreath to Mrs. Darby, the niece of the late Rickenbacker, to lay at the base of the memorial.

Youth camp nears

The second annual Ohio National Guard Youth Camp will be held June 18-24 1995. Children of Ohio Air and Army National Guardmembers between the ages of 8-12 years old are eligible to apply. The one-week camp costs \$35 per child.

The camp was extended in response to the many requests from last year's campers. This year will include many activities from last year including the Leadership Reaction Course and the rifle range. Many other activities are planned, so get your applications in early.

If you would like to volunteer as a counselor or have a budding camper, contact your family support group representative.

186th relocates

The 186th Engineer Detachment (Utilities) currently located in Walbridge, will soon relocate to its new home at Rickenbacker Airport (formerly ANGB) in Columbus.

The 186th has a long history of support for Camp Perry Training Site, and will carry on this tradition by supporting Rickenbacker.

The unit offers skills in masonry, plumbing, carpentry, electrical, pipefitting, construction

equipment operations and various maintenance positions. All MOSs are open to females and are marketable civilian skills.

If you are interested in joining, or would like more information, contact Staff Sgt. Mitchell at (614) 969-2221.

Schutt lands top spot

Flying a helicopter requires both courage and coordination. Capt. Geraldine E. Schutt is going to need both as the first female commander of Headquarters Co., 2-137th Aviation Battalion.

A 12-year veteran of the Guard, Schutt is both a helicopter pilot and the first woman to hold this important leadership position with the 2-137th. As the support unit for Co. B, Co. C and the battalion itself, a large responsibility is placed on the shoulders of Headquarters Co. 2-137th, and the unit commander in particular. "I'll really have to prove myself, trying to manage it all," Schutt said.

Beginning her career as an enlisted MP in the Pennsylvania National Guard, Schutt had her first exposure to Army aviation at the Eastern Aviation Training Site (EATS), at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. "The first flight I ever took was in an OH-58 at EATS. I always wanted to fly," she said.

Although she worked her way through the ranks to become flight operations chief, Schutt was not satisfied unless she was flying. She resigned from the Active Guard and Reserve program in 1988 and enrolled in flight school at Fort Rucker. In 1989, she became a pilot and continued her ascent through Co. B, 2-137th, prior to her recent promotion.

While excited about her new job, Schutt said she will miss the opportunity to fly every drill weekend. "I used to need 96 hours of flight time a year to stay current. Now, it's only 60."

Schutt has specific priorities in her new leadership position. "Training, retention and keeping people excited about the Guard. And that takes good management," explained Schutt. "Training has to be planned. We have to keep the personnel busy doing MOS training and not getting buried in paperwork."

In order to make training flow smoothly during drill weekends, Schutt spends a considerable amount of personal time handling administrative tasks. During the weeks prior to drill weekend, she is in frequent contact with the readiness NCO. "Keeping training up-to-

date, and attending battalion meetings keeps me busy," Schutt said. "But I believe everything should be laid out for the weekend. The fax machine really helps."

As part of the focus on MOS training, the new commander believes in pushing authority down to the lower ranks. "I think participative management is key in trying to breed teamwork. I want to get the junior NCO's more involved in decision-making and make them accountable." *Submitted by Pfc. Rick McGivern, 196th Public Affairs Detachment.*

121st walks for UNCF

On Sept. 10, the 1994 United Negro College Fund (UNCF) walk-a-thon was held in Columbus. The 10-kilometer walk raised funds to assist member schools in maintaining high academic standards.

Thirty-six members of the 121st Air Refueling Wing participated and contributed to the success of the event, raising more than \$1000. Tech. Sgts. Laura Young and Ricardo Merritt coordinated the efforts of the 121st. *Submitted by Tech Sgt. Laura Young, 121st ARW.*

Together we'll make beautiful music

The 122nd Ohio Army National Guard Band has vacancies in the following positions:

- Trumpet players (6)
- Oboe player
- Bassoon player
- Baritone player
- Saxophone player
- Piano player

The unit is the official musical organization of the Ohio Army National Guard and is located at Rickenbacker Airport (formerly ANGB). The band has performed for President George Bush, at major league baseball games, Kings Island and many more high profile performances. If you are interested in joining or transferring to the band, please contact Staff Sgt. Lonny Kirby at (614) 492-3103 or 1st Sgt. Ron Edwards at (614) 774-4206.





Photo by Cameron Williams, TAG Photo Lab.

SSG Lori King, print journalist supervisor of the 196th Public Affairs Detachment, was recently named Journalist of the Year by the National Guard Bureau.

King named NGB 'Journalist of the Year'

An Ohio National Guard soldier has been chosen as the 1994 Journalist of the Year by the National Guard Bureau.

Staff Sgt. Lori King, a photojournalist with the 196th Public Affairs Detachment, Columbus, and a free-lance reporter with the Associated Press, Toledo, won the overall Journalist of the Year award, for six articles she submitted to the National Guard media contest in January. The articles entered in the contest included news, sports, commentary and feature stories.

This is King's third JOY award, winning her first in 1985 and her second in 1986 while on active duty. In 1993, she won first place in the "Photo in Support of a Story" category for the Guard media contest. Her most recent entries will be forwarded to the Keith L. Ware all-Army contest.

King, a Toledo resident, served eight years of honorable service on active duty, and has continued her military service in the National Guard as a photojournalist and chief instructor of the annual two-week reserve component photojournalism short course at the Defense Information School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

When King is not taking pictures for the Guard or the Associated Press, the 1991

Kent State graduate operates her own free-lance photojournalism business.

Bowling them over

Friends and family of Sgt. 1st Class Russell Korn were certainly impressed by the guardsman's recent display of bowling skills. Korn, the readiness NCO for Co. N, 4-107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, North Canton, threw a perfect 300 game one evening last December. Requiring 12 consecutive strikes, a 300 score is very rare, and a task most bowlers will never achieve.

Averaging a score of 206, the Dover resident had only been bowling sporadically in the months preceding his amazing feat. "It was only the fourth time I've bowled this year and the first time I've bowled in a month," said Korn, who is a substitute in a local bowling league.

As Korn approached the final frame of his perfect game, he said the pressure was on. "It was hard in the 10th frame because everybody was stopping to watch. The third ball in the 10th frame was my best. It just walked right into the pocket," he recalled.

The 32-year-old amateur bowler should feel confident that his perfect game was not a fluke; last year he bowled a 299.

Guardsman joins military judges

A policy change has allowed an Ohio Army Guard officer to become the first member of the National Guard to achieve certification as a military judge.

Lt. Col. Christopher Cline, a Dublin resident and a lawyer in private practice, successfully completed the Army's military judges course.

On Oct. 21, 1994, he received certification as a special courts judge from Maj. Gen. Michael Nardotti, Jr., the judge advocate general of the U.S. Army. Prior to Cline's certification, only active and reserve officers of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps received appointments as military judges.

The change in policy reflects the growing role of the National Guard in the Total Army, and the emphasis on training reserve components to the same standards as their active duty counterparts. The change

also reflects the diminishing differences between active and reserve components. Military judges adjudicate proceedings involving the Uniform Code of Military Justice—the penal code which applies to all soldiers in a federal duty status.

Cline currently serves as the Staff Judge Advocate for the 112th Medical Brigade in Columbus. He received his certification from the Advocate General's School located at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

Heroism rewarded

The Ohio Cross was presented to Sgt. Shawn Norvet during an awards ceremony at his unit in Newark, by Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander on Oct. 1, 1994. Norvet, a member of Detachment 1, 213th Maintenance Company, received Ohio's top honor for his efforts in rescuing several children trapped in an apartment complex fire. His heroic deeds were featured in the Spring '94 issue of the *Buckeye Guard*.

The Ohio Cross is only awarded for voluntary acts of courage and gallantry, that clearly demonstrate self sacrifice without regard for one's own life.

The Valley Forge Cross for Heroism was presented to Sgt. William Evans last fall, for courage shown at the scene of a fire in August 1991 (see Fall 93/94 *Buckeye Guard*). Evans, a member of Co. B, 216th Engineer Battalion, received the award at the 1994 National Guard Association's annual conference held in Boston, Mass.

The Valley Forge Cross is part of the NGAUS individual awards program. It is presented to members of the National Guard who have distinguished themselves by performing acts of heroism that otherwise might not be recognized due to the National Guard's peacetime status.

VanDeventer's Olympic dreams still alive

An Ohio National Guard woman has been named to the 1995-99 All Guard Women's Biathlon Team. Sgt. Tracy VanDeventer attained "All-Guard" status based on her performance at the annual military biathlon competition, held this year at Camp Ripley, Minn..

VanDeventer's showing in a 7.5 kilometer sprint and a 15 kilometer individual race placed her with the top finishers in the computerized standings. The biathlon program is sponsored by the National Guard Bureau and is intended to support United States Olympic prospects.



Courtesy photo.

SGT Tracy VanDeventer is all smiles after being selected to the All Guard Women's Biathlon Team.

VanDeventer is no stranger to military athletic achievement. She made the 1993 All Army Track and Field team and placed second in both the 3 kilometer and 5 kilometer races in the Armed Forces championships—a worldwide competition event. For two consecutive year (1989 and 1990), she was the 1st place female at the annual Military Triathlon held at Camp Robinson, Ark. In 1993 she was the top female finisher in the military summer biathlon and placed 7th overall in the Summer Biathlon National Championships.

Good for the Guard

Rod Good, owner and operator of Good Trucking, in Eaton, recently spent a drill weekend with members of the 1487th Transportation Company. Not touring, as part of the employer support program, but working, donating his time and equipment to help the local unit double-stack its trailers for shipping.

"The 1487th is preparing its trucks for repainting, and movement to the paint site requires the trailers be stacked," said unit member, Sgt. Scott Detling. "Good's generosity saved the Guard money, which is significant in these times of budget concerns and defense cuts" he said.

The 1487th and the Ohio National Guard would like thank this community leader for his "Good" works in helping the unit complete its mission. *Submitted by Sgt. Scott*

Detling, 1487th Transportation Company.

Farewell to Farrow

Over the past three years, the *Buckeye Guard* has been transformed from just another military magazine into an award winning publication that has gained national attention.

This transformation is clearly due to the efforts and skills of Staff Sgt. Diane Farrow, *Buckeye Guard* editor and winner of three consecutive National Guard Bureau media contest awards.

Farrow's dedication recently resulted in the *Buckeye Guard* capturing 1st place in the all-Army Keith L. Ware competition. As the best Army publication (magazine format), the *Buckeye Guard* will now be forwarded to the all DoD competition, in pursuit of the coveted Thomas Jefferson award.

In her full-time position in the State Public Affairs Office, Farrow was also credited for marketing stories of the Ohio Guard to national military publications such as *The On Guard*, *National Guard* and *Soldiers*. As for her own writing skills, Farrow's articles have appeared in all the aforementioned magazines, and she earned a respectable 3rd place for feature writing in NGB's 1994 media contest.

With the recent birth of her second child, Farrow decided to trade in her technician position for a career in motherhood. She passed the editor's torch to longtime 196th Public Affairs Detachment member, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Jennings.

Although she is no longer the editor of the *Buckeye Guard*, her talents will be retained as she remains an M-day soldier with HQ STARC (-DET 1-5).

I 'can' help, says Varney

Spc. Tom Varney of the 637th Service Company, Akron, is a "can-do"

type of soldier. Varney contributed 140 cans of food items during a recent unit food drive to benefit the Haven of Rest Ministries Homeless Shelter. Unit members transported several hundred cans, packages and boxes of food items to the shelter via military HMMWV. Reverend Ben Walker, administrator of the men's division of the Haven, expressed his gratitude in having such a hefty donation at a time when most sizable contributions have already leveled off following the holiday season.

In Memoriam

Brig. Gen. Robert E. Preston passed away Jan. 29. Preston proudly served as the assistant adjutant general for Air, Ohio Air National Guard from 1983 to 1990. He was responsible for leadership and management of the Ohio Air National Guard, including its five flying units and more than 5,900 personnel. The general is survived by his wife of 35 years, Donna L. (Roush) Preston and daughter, Dr. Julie L. Preston, Columbus. Friends may contribute to one of the his favorite charities: Secret Santa or Charity Newsies.



Photo by TAG Photo Lab.

BG Robert E. Preston, assistant adjutant general for Air, Ohio Air National Guard, 1983-1990.

Double check your SGLI deductions

Service members should check their leave and earning statements to ensure the right premium is being deducted for Servicemen's Group Life Insurance. Air Force Military Personnel Center officials say a recent audit by some military personnel flights showed too little money was being deducted from some people's pay — \$8 a month instead of \$16 for \$200,000 worth of coverage. In such cases members will have to pay back the money owed. Finance officials will deduct up to 12 months of back premiums from the first month's pay and the remainder from the following month's pay. People who face financial hardships because of the lump sum deduction will be handled individually.

On July 1, SGLI increased from 8 to 9 cents per \$1,000 worth of coverage. For more information, people can contact their local customer service section. (AFNS)

The Total Army offers '800' lodging line for billeting worldwide

Starting last spring, one call can get you Army billeting anywhere in the world. With one toll-free call, travelers can make room reservations at almost any Army installation in the world. The new 800-GO-ARMY-1 service connects callers to a central reservation center, which can book rooms and provide information to travelers.

When the call is made, travelers can book rooms in visiting officers and enlisted quarters; distinguished guest quarters; and guest houses. The central reservation center also can provide callers room rates; directions; information on other services available to guests, such as cribs, minibars, refrigerators, microwaves and room service; credit cards accepted by the lodging operation; and availability of nonsmoking rooms.

Call 800-GO-ARMY-1 before you travel. (National Guard)

National network provides helpful tips for women

Stay-at-home women trying to enter the job market can get a free packet of information on local job-readiness and training programs, support groups, financial-aid options, health insurance rights and child support agencies by

calling the helpline of *Women Work! the National Network for Women's Employment*. Call toll-free 1-800-235-2732 24-hours-a-day. (Army Families)

Clothing catalog now available

The newly revised Army and Air Force Exchange Service Military Clothing Catalogs are now available. These free, mail-order catalogs offer dress, service and battle dress uniforms, as well as boots, shoes, shirts insignia and other accessories.

The catalogs provide a service for guardmembers stationed far from an exchange.

To request a catalog, citizen-soldiers can call 1-800-522-1508, or write Fort Sam Houston MCSS Catalog Center, Bldg. 4188, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234. Citizen-airmen may call 1-800-522-6451, or write Lackland MCSS Catalog Center, 1520 Kirkland Street, Lackland AFB, Texas 78236. (On Guard)

Information program on hospice care begun for military

The Hospice Foundation of America has begun an information outreach program to military people and their families. The new program is intended to inform military personnel about hospice care for family members who are suffering from terminal illness — to provide a caring home or home-like environment to those for whom cure and recovery are no longer an option.

It seeks to enable patients to carry on their remaining days, weeks or months in an alert and pain-free manner, with symptoms under control, so that their dying days may be spent with dignity at home or in a home-like setting, surrounded by people who are sensitive to their special needs.

As part of the outreach program, the Hospice Foundation is providing information — pamphlets, video tapes and educational teleconference seminars — to military chaplains, family service centers and health care professionals at military bases in the U.S. and abroad, to assist them in helping military personnel understand and arrange hospice care when needed. Additional information on hospice care may be obtained by writing to: Hospice Foundation of America, 1334 G Street, NW, Suite 605, Washington, D.C. 20005 or by telephone at (202) 638-5419.



Presents:

Ohio National Guard Days

In conjunction with the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association, Paramount's Kings Island recognizes members and families of the Ohio National Guard with Military Appreciation Week, July 1-6. Available at your units by June, coupons will admit up to six guests at the discounted rate of \$15.50 for adult admissions, and \$12.95 for children and senior citizens.

MWR privileges extended

Soldiers leaving active duty, and Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers who transfer to the Individual Ready Reserve due to unit inactivation are eligible to keep some of their moral, welfare and recreation privileges.

"Gray area" retirees, members of the Guard and Reserve who have received their 20-year letter but have not been discharged or begun to receive retirement pay, also are eligible. For information on what privileges are extended, contact your unit's family assistance coordinator.

Montgomery GI Bill opens new options

The Department of Veterans Affairs outlined proposals to open up Montgomery GI Bill rules of usage for Guard and Reserve members.

The proposals would allow eligible Guard members to use benefits for apprenticeship and other on-the-job training programs; allow the member to qualify by attending two educational institutions concurrently rather than taking a full course load at a single college or university; and letting a member who has already earned a bachelor's degree to use the benefits for additional education.

There could even be provisions for retroactive payments to members who have attended some courses but were not eligible for benefits under past rules. The VA would require Guard members to show monthly verification that they are still enrolled in school and, ultimately, their final grades once the course or courses are completed. (NGAUS)



Chelsey Neal shows SFC Edward Roberts just how much she appreciates his efforts that gave her a second chance at life.

A real Hero

Soldier gives breath of life in near fatal accident

Story by Sgt. John M. Hannon, HHC (-), 216th Engineer Bn
Photos by Spc. Timothy R. Hardgrove, HQ STARC (-Det. 1-5)

It's every parent's worst nightmare—your child is trapped and you are powerless to help.

On the night of October 30th, that's exactly how Samantha Neal felt when her two-year-old daughter, Chelsey, was snatched from her arms while she and a friend traveled Route 348 in southern Ohio. But as fate would have it, Sgt. 1st Class Edward Roberts also chose to travel Route 348 that Sunday night on his way home to Lucasville.

Roberts, a tactical communications chief with HHC, 216th Engineers, Portsmouth, was flagged down by Marge Richey, who had just witnessed a violent two car accident.

Moments earlier, a Honda, driven by Henri Goodson, who was accompanied by his six-year-old son, William, crashed into the passenger side of a Chevette. The Chevette flipped twice and eventually landed on its top.

The smoking Honda was upright and Roberts rushed to give aid. After prying open the crushed door, Roberts pulled out Goodson's son. "It was dark and I was relieved to be able to get William out because I saw the smoke and thought it might catch fire," said Roberts as he described what he heard next.

"A woman was screaming, 'My baby, my baby!' I didn't know about the other car until I heard her screams."

Roberts ran to the overturned Chevette and looked inside. Samantha Neal and the car's driver, Buddy Martin, were trapped, hanging upside down and severely injured. Though no one else was visible, Neal continued her cries for her baby.

With his probing flashlight, Roberts finally spotted baby Chelsey pinned between the dash and hood. "Some other guys who had stopped, helped me pick the car up and I was able to pull the baby free," he said.

"I didn't have much hope for her," he continued. "She had no

pulse and wasn't breathing. I carried her about 20 feet from the car because her mother was hysterical."

Roberts began cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Chelsey, while a nearby resident called 911. "Chelsey took her first breath as the ambulance pulled up," Roberts said smiling. It took rescue workers over an hour to free Chelsey's mother and the driver.

Since the accident, Goodson, his son, William, Martin and Neal have all recovered from their various injuries. Chelsey progressed from critical to good condition at Children's Hospital in Columbus. She has since been released and is doing just fine.

Roberts reflects on his most emotional moment, "Chelsey called me at home a few days ago. It really got to me...to think, a little girl I didn't think could make it was alive and talking to me only a few days later." He continued modestly, "I thank God I was able to be in the right place at the right time. But I'm not a hero. I only did what I hope someone would do for my daughters."

Roberts may not consider himself a hero, but little Chelsey's family would quickly bestow this country's highest honor on the lifesaving soldier from Lucasville. ■



From left to right, SFC Roberts, Chelsey and Samantha Neal, just four months after the near fatal accident, enjoy the coming of spring in southern Ohio.

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