

May 24-30, 2021



## THROUGH THE LENS

May 30, 2007

Senior Airman Shane Little, a crew chief with the 180th Fighter Wing, waits while an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft pilot performs operational checks before launching out for a combat mission from Balad Air Base, Iraq.

## WEEK IN REVIEW:

May 24, 1881: The **811th Engineer Company** is organized in Lancaster as Company E, 6th Infantry (Mt Pleasant Guards).

May 24-27, 1934: Gov. George White calls out 1,350 Ohio Guardsmen to Toledo in response to a violent strike at the Toledo Auto-Lite plant.

May 25, 1864: The Army of the Cumberland's XX Corps, under the command of Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker, attacks the Confederate left flank at the Battle of New Hope Church, Ga. Hooker's three divisions included 10 Ohio infantry regiments and a battery of light artillery.

May 25, 1900: **Company B, 837th Engineer Battalion** is organized in Spencerville as Company F, 2d Infantry Regiment.

May 26, 1942: The 37th Infantry Division sails from San Francisco for Fiji and New Zealand.

May 27, 1864: Brig. Gen. Thomas Wood's 3d Division, IV Corps conducts the main assault against the Confederate right flank at the Battle of Pickett's Mill, Ga. Ohio regiments made up 10 of the 22 regiments in Wood's three brigades.

May 27, 1908: The United States Congress passes the Second Dick Act, named for Ohio National Guard Maj. Gen. Charles Dick. The act was one in a series of laws that restructured the old militia into the modern National Guard.

May 29, 1945: The 37th Infantry Division begins the Cagayan Valley Campaign on Luzon.

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

A SOLDIER'S GRATITUDE: RECALLING THE BATTLE OF PICKETT'S MILL

The following excerpt is taken from a letter written in 1906 by Cpl. Martin Reigle (right) of the 49th Ohio Volunteer Infantry to fellow Soldier James S. Gilpin recalling the events at Pickett's Mill, Ga.

"Dear Comrade: When I think back to the 27 of May 1864, when you so kindly, and at the risk of your own life a thousand time or more as you know, the bullets, grape and canister were sweeping everything before them, yet you took me off the bloody field, while near by me lay poor Dory Jackman, whom you also so nobly helped, but alas you could not rescue both of us and he being entirely helpless he was left to fall into the hands of the enemy, and poor comrade's life went out there. This might have been my fate but for you taking me off the line which was captured just a few minutes later. Say, my dear comrade, do you ever think of that time and how your life was at stake helping us from the line, just only a few rods and some places just in guns reach of each other? I often think of that bloody day and field more than any other, men cut down and then like yourself a few others left to stand while everything else was cut away by the sweeping missiles of death.

James I won't forget you. No, not while my memory survives me right. I thank you for your kindness and hope our friendship will last us through this life and help to know each other in the great beyond, which is only just a little way before us. God bless you dear comrade and yours, write me when you can, good bye."

