



MAY 1-7, 2023



**THROUGH THE LENS**

**MAY 1992:** Staff Sgt. Estella Hundley is the first female crew chief in the 160th Air Refueling Group to be honored with her name on one of the unit's KC-135R aircraft.



**WEEK IN REVIEW**

**M** **MAY 1-3, 1863:** Thirteen Ohio regiments take part in the Battle of Chancellorsville, Va.

**MAY 1, 1919:** ARNG Staff Element, Joint Force Headquarters Ohio is organized as the State Staff Corps and Detachment.

**MAY 1, 1921:** Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Regiment is organized in St. Marys as the Sanitary Detachment, 2d Infantry Regiment.

**F** **MAY 5-7, 1864:** The opening battle of Lt. Gen. Grant's Overland Campaign was fought in an area of dense wooded undergrowth known as the Wilderness. Ohio was represented in the campaign by six infantry regiments, two cavalry regiments and one artillery battery.

**MAY 5, 1898:** The Ohio National Guard is ordered into federal service for the War with Spain.

**Su** **MAY 7, 1884:** Battery A, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment is organized in Bucyrus as Company A, 8th Infantry Regiment (Finley Guards).

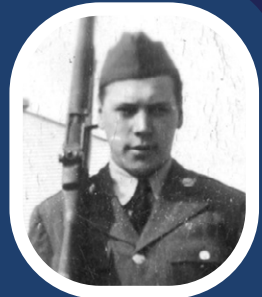


**HALL OF VALOR**

**STAFF SERGEANT THEODORE BABIASZ**

**COMPANY A, 148TH INFANTRY 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION**

**MAY 7, 1945 LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS CITATION:** For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. Company A, 148th Infantry Regiment was deployed along Myoka Ridge guarding the supply route of the 25th Infantry Division in the vicinity of Balete Pass, when a group of enemy soldiers, armed with rifles and two light machine guns, suddenly appeared after dark along the Myoka Road, above the company's perimeter. Sergeant Babiasz, a squad leader, who with his men was holding a series of positions on the company's outer defenses, immediately rallied his squad in a fire fight against the attacking force in an effort to halt its advance and to knock out a well-concealed machine gun position with which the Japanese had now succeeded in preventing our advance along the narrow confines of the mountain road. Sergeant Babiasz and two of his men were emplaced in a foxhole closest to the hostile group, about 50 yards from the enemy stronghold. During the engagement, an enemy soldier charged fanatically across the road and dropped a grenade into Sergeant Babiasz's position as he advanced down the ridge. Hearing the deadly charge land in the foxhole, Sergeant Babiasz tried desperately to find the grenade in the darkness and after a few seconds succeeded. Realizing it was too late to toss it from the hole, he placed his foot firmly over the grenade and absorbed the full force of the explosion in order to save his companions from certain injury. The blast shattered his foot but left his comrades unscathed. Despite the gravity of his wounds and the excruciating pain which resulted, Sergeant Babiasz continued to direct the defense of his sector against the determined enemy until, weakened by shock and loss of blood, he lost consciousness. Through his gallant leadership, indomitable fighting spirit, and unremitting concern for the welfare of his comrades, Sergeant Babiasz made possible his company's retention of an important tactical position and his self-sacrificing heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

