



WEEK IN REVIEW



APRIL 9, 1884: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 134th Field Artillery Regiment is organized in Columbus as the 8th Battery, Light Artillery.

APRIL 9, 1942: U.S. Forces in the Philippines, which included Company C, 192d Tank Battalion, surrender to the Japanese after four months of fighting on the Bataan Peninsula. The men would then suffer through the Bataan Death March before being held as prisoners until 1945.

- APRIL 10, 2008: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade is organized in Columbus.
- APRIL 11, 1970: Apollo 13 launches from Kennedy Space Center with Capt. Fred W. Haise Jr. serving as lunar module pilot. Haise served as a fighter pilot in the 164th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 179th Tactical Fighter Wing in the early 1960s.
- APRIL 12, 1862: The Great Locomotive Chase, also known as Andrews' Raid, takes place in northern Georgia. There were 22 volunteer Soldiers from the 2d, 21st and 33d Ohio Infantry that went into enemy lines with the intent to steal a train and damage vital rail and telegraph lines. The raiders were captured and some executed as spies. A portion of the Soldiers would become the first recipients of the Medal of Honor.



HALL OF VALOR



SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES L. MCCORMICK II

1487TH TRANSPORTATION **COMPANY**

> **APRIL 11, 2004 BAGHDAD, IRAQ**

The President of the United State of America, authorized by Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (amended by act of 25 July 1963), has awarded the Silver Star to Second Lieutenant James L. McCormick II, 1487th Transportation Company, for gallantry on 11 April 2004 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Second Lieutenant McCormick, without regard for his life and while exposed to continuous enemy fire, suffering two separate gun shot wounds to the hand and leg in previous engagements and a third gun shot absorbed by his SAPI-Chest plate, led the defense of a logistical staging area in Baghdad under intense enemy direct and indirect fire. Seeing a section of the perimeter exposed and under attack, Second Lieutenant McCormick led Soldiers to a position to prevent enemy penetration of the compound. Posting himself in the gunner's hatch of his M998 HMMWV for command and control, he led Soldiers from various units within the compound into defensive positions. Second Lieutenant McCormick's exceptional gallantry, courage and leadership saved hundred of lives, protected critical military assets and inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy.



