

 **THROUGH THE LENS**

 JANUARY 23, 1959

 COLUMBUS, OH

Soldiers from the 166th Infantry Regiment rescue a stranded citizen from their home in Columbus after flooding impacted the city. Soldiers were mobilized for state active duty across Ohio after heavy rain caused many rivers and streams to spill over their banks.



WEEK IN REVIEW

JANUARY 20, 1899: After returning from Puerto Rico, the 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry is mustered out of federal service.

JANUARY 21, 1903: The Militia Act, sponsored by Ohio congressman and Ohio National Guard Maj. Gen. Charles Dick, is enacted. It was benchmark legislation that repealed the outdated Militia Act of 1792. With its passage, the modern National Guard, as part of the federal reserve, was born.

JANUARY 26, 1968: The 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron is ordered into federal service in response to the seizure of the USS Pueblo by North Korea in the Sea of Japan.



HALL OF VALOR

CAPTAIN ROMAN S. PAWLAK
COMPANY F, 145TH INFANTRY, 37TH INFANTRY DIVISION

JANUARY 26, 1945
LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Captain (then First Lieutenant) Roman S. Pawlak, United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Company F, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, in action against the enemy at Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 26 January 1945. When the company which he commanded met intense enemy fire near Dau on 26 January 1945, Lt. Pawlak moved forward aggressively over flat open terrain to direct the advance of his company. Suddenly the Japanese opened fire on the right flank. Lt. Pawlak again moved courageously straight into the face of this new intense fire to contact a seriously wounded platoon leader and secure more information regarding the situation. After accomplishing this, he again stood upright and raced through the continual Japanese fire toward the platoon sergeant. He had almost reached his objective when he was hit in the leg by an enemy bullet and knocked to the ground. Although painfully wounded, he lay on the ground and gave instructions regarding the continuation of the attack. Lt. Pawlak's cool and aggressive action while under intense enemy fire inspired the men of his company with added confidence, and contributed materially to the subsequent victory over the enemy.



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