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Thanks...

A note of thanks and congratulations is due all Guardsmen. Your performance since the last issue of The Buckeye Guard in recruiting, preparation for annual General Inspections and the snow emergency has been outstanding and once again has brought favorable comments throughout the state.

For the first time in the history of the Ohio National Guard, operating in a non-draft environment, our strength exceeds 14,000 in the Army Guard and 4,800 in the Air Guard. Net gains in January and February exceeded 700. You proved it can be done. Now it's time to work in the high schools for recruits and to provide more interesting training during drills to improve retention.

Except for strength in some units, annual General Inspection comments have been generally good. Make sure you go to work now to correct the areas which drew unfavorable comments. Assign responsibilities for correction of errors in each area to a specific officer or NCO. This goes double for battalion staffs whom I expect to go back and see that items are corrected.

A special word for all those people who worked in sub-zero weather to open armories, rescue stranded motorists, clear the roads, run the helicopter relief and medical evacuation missions, thaw or lay temporary water lines, drill wells (200th Civil Engineering Squadron of Camp Perry at Washingtonville) and all the other things that needed to be done to help our citizens. It was cold out there, you were great and our civic leaders expressed their appreciation in many ways. Don't let them forget you. Work constantly to improve the favorable public image Guardsmen presently enjoy.

... and a request for help ...

One other thing—we now need your help with your local state representative and state senator to prevent cuts in the department's budget submitted last month. House Finance Committee's proposals would remove about \$2,000,000 for the biennium and return funding to 1975 levels despite directed state employee pay raises and increased utility and maintenance costs since that year. As submitted, the net state expense for operation of the Ohio National Guard will cost each citizen of Ohio less than 60 cents per year. This compares to a cost to each citizen of \$165 per year for education, \$97 per year for welfare and \$6 each year to run the corrections program. Let your local officials know that we asked for a no frills continuation budget with only those increases dictated by rising costs or inflation. Proposed cuts in our request mean fewer employees, deferred building maintenance, colder armories and inadequate unit funds to pay telephone bills. Help prevent this from happening.

Reorganization plans ...

You are undoubtedly hearing rumors about reorganizations. We have submitted a plan which must be approved by the Secretary of the Army prior to implementation. At this time I can only say that our plan still provides units in all locations we presently occupy, retraining will be minimal, technicians are authorized to be retained and placed in jobs if willing to relocate and units retained will be on the approved five-year troop list of the Department of the Army. Stop rumors and work. You will know what actually is to happen just as soon as our plan is approved or changed in writing by the new Secretary of the Army.

Remember—treat your members well—use them well. Find out what is wrong and take positive action to improve the situation.



Editor's Note:

Had trouble trying to get that VA-FHA home loan? So did we. So we did some research.

Guard personnel who have had over 90 days continuous active duty may qualify for low down-payment loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

Those wishing to apply for the VA-FHA home loan can call their local Veterans Administration office (or call toll-free 1-800-362-9024) and request FHA Form 2950. Or go to your nearest FHA office and get the form.

After completing the form, mail it to the Veterans Administration. Processing normally takes 14 days. You will then receive a VA Form 26-8261, which is the Certificate of Veteran Status.

Take that form to your realtor or broker and he can process the loan. To the average Guard member this means no down payment on a \$25,000 loan, \$1,000 down on a \$35,000 loan and \$2,500 down on a \$45,000 home loan. Be prepared to have several hundred dollars on hand to cover closing costs.

Local real estate personnel are aware and eager to help process your loan. If you run into problems getting the FHA Form 2950, call the Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office at (614) 466-8195.

To BG Abraham,

The letter I received from you was somewhat of a surprise, but at the same time, it was encouraging to know that a high-ranking officer such as yourself would even know that I would be in the hospital, let alone take the time to write me a letter. I have been in the Ohio National Guard for nine years, and it was very encouraging to know that someone up at state would even show any interest in an enlisted man recovering in the hospital from an accident.

I hope you don't take that the wrong way, but being an NCO, I have always felt that the welfare of my men was of great concern to me, and any NCO or officer.

As for the treatment I received from my stay in Wright Patterson AFB Hospital sir, it seems I cannot say enough for the personnel there, especially in Ward 2-South, where I spent my time recovering from the accident. I was impressed by the way they treat every patient equally, regardless of branch of service and rank.

My family was able to contact me almost at will. I might add they were also impressed by the treatment I received while I was at Wright Pat.

The Orthopedic surgeon who operated on me was Major David Davis. The nurse in charge of Ward 2-South is Captain De Paola.

Sir, I would appreciate it if you could find time to write a letter to Dr. Davis for me, expressing the gratitude for his service and the entire staff on Ward 2-South for their treatment. What I'm trying to say is it would mean a lot if they would receive some recognition from someone such as yourself for the job they do.

I wasn't the only Ohio National Guardsman that was given the treatment that made you feel you were as important as everyone else. I can't remember their names or units, but they were equally impressed by the entire staff of Ward 2-South, and the care that the staff of Orthopedic Surgeons expressed.

Dr. Po is the Orthopedic surgeon in charge and the staff consultant for the nursing unit.

Also, I was in contact with my unit at least twice a week while I was at WPAFB.

I am now on convalescent leave and staying at home. I go to WPAFB once a week for Dr. Davis to consult with me on my recovery. As of right now, my convalescence leave will be up on Dec. 15, 1976 and hopefully I will be able to return to work on Dec. 20, 1976.

I know you are busy, but I would appreciate hearing from you if at all possible, concerning my letter.

Respectfully yours,
SFC Reynold Large

To BG Abraham,

I wish to express my gratitude to you, the Ohio National Guard Tuition Grant Board, and especially CW4 Walter G. Donaugh on my selection for the Hocking Technical College Grant.

Mr. Donaugh was extremely helpful and kind. He put me at ease and was able to help me overcome any fears I might have had.

Thanks to the Guard, I will continue my education at Hocking Technical College. My first week of school has been very enjoyable. I have also completed my first ETing at the 174th in Athens. Everyone was very helpful notably Sergeant E. Bean and SP4 Jack Taylor of the Logan unit.

Again, thank you, Mr. Donaugh, Col. Green and the faith and honor the Ohio National Guard has bestowed upon me.
Pvt. Christina L. France
Nelsonville

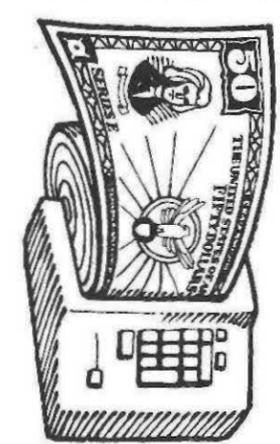
To the Editor,

I was reading the *Buckeye Guard* the other day and I got to thinking about the Guard unit my husband was in—the 612th Engineer Battalion, Walbridge. I never thanked them for their concern and kindness during a time of crisis in my family. If this is permitted, I would like to thank all of the men and women at the Wallbridge Armory 612 Engineer Battalion.

Thank you all, it's good to know that in a person's time of need you are there to help!

God bless you all.
Linda S. Martin
Findlay, Ohio

Count on it.



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To the Editor,

We would like to thank you for sending out the National Guard men and wreckers to help us get our fuel oil truck out of a ditch on Harrisburg-London Road on the weekend of Jan. 29-30.

The first wrecker and men came out of the Guard station on Sullivant Ave. They worked with the truck for three to four hours but were unable to raise it up because their winch was broken. They were carrying fuel oil in five gallon cans on the wrecker and they gave enough to our customers to get through the weekend until we would be able to come back. Then on Saturday a larger wrecker was sent out from the Dublin-Granville Road Armory to help us. They were able to get the truck out safely.

We wanted you to know how much we appreciated the help we received from the National Guard. In the bad weather that we had in January it was almost impossible to get a wrecker, especially a heavy duty one large enough to handle our truck. Also, the men that were on the wreckers were very cooperative. Despite the wind and bitter cold, these men worked outside for long periods of time without a single complaint. Because of this help, we were able to keep our customers from going without oil for heating their homes.

Thank you again to everyone that made this possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pontious
Distributors for Gulf Oil
Columbus, Ohio

To the Editor,

I found your interesting article about "Credit Unions Makes Checking Accounts Pay." I am a member of the United Services Federal Credit Union in Toledo, Ohio. This is the credit union which serves guardsmen in Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties. For the information and guidance of Army and Air Guard members in the above mentioned areas the following information is submitted.

United Services Federal Credit Union also offers SHARE DRAFTS. They recognize that bank checking accounts have always been important to credit union members. The share draft account earns the same high dividend as the regular credit union share account. There is no charge for the share draft service, except for the share draft books. The books are personalized and imprinted with a duplicate copy of carbonless paper. There is no minimum balance to maintain (other than the usual credit union requirements that you maintain \$5 in your regular account.)

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Letters (cont.)

Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties in addition to most other United States government employees, both civilian and military. They have been paying dividends of 5½% per annum compounded quarterly plus frequent bonuses (we have received 6% for the last six quarters). The administrator of the National Credit Union Administration insures each member account to \$40,000.

Loans are another benefit for Guard members through United Services Federal Credit Union. They can loan up to a maximum of \$2,500 on signature. Additional loans can be obtained by using other collateral, such as cars, boats or travel trailers. Most loans are made at the rate of 12% annual percentage rate, but if a loan of \$500 or more has shares as security, the rate is reduced to 9% A.P.R. They also have a unique advance in rapidloan service called USFCURC. You make application for a line of credit. If approved, your agreement (note) is good indefinitely.

In addition, there is life insurance on savings and loans at no extra cost to members. The savings insurance matches the amount in your share account to a maximum of \$2,000, (subject to age and health), plus additional benefits in case of accidental death. The loan protection insurance provides for the liquidation of any unpaid loan of a deceased member or one who has become totally and permanently disabled. Again, this is subject to age, health and dollar limitations up to a maximum \$10,000.

So for those of you Guardsmen who are stationed in Lucas, Wood, or Ottawa counties, take advantage of membership at United Services Federal Credit Union. They are conveniently located at the Federal Building in downtown Toledo, 234 Summit St., Toledo, Ohio 43604 or phone 241-2163.

SFC Richard W. Sowle
Toledo, Ohio

A member of Battery C, 2/174th ADA was recently credited with saving the life of a Cambridge woman.

Specialist 4 James Upton, a mechanic with Battery C, had just completed his noon meal at the armory when he saw a car swerve into a pond.

Upton and four of his fellow Guardsmen raced down to the pond. Upton reached the car first, and waded into the water to try and pry open the door. But the door wouldn't budge.

As a police frantically tried to rescue the woman inside the car, a police cruiser pulled up.

Using a crow-bar, the police officer and Upton pried open the door and pulled the injured woman from the car.

Minutes later, an ambulance arrived and transported the accident victim to a local hospital, where she was reported in satisfactory condition.

To the Editor,

My First Sergeant came to me with the December issue of The Buckeye Guard and asked me to write a letter of complaint.

For the past two years my unit has failed it's IG inspection for military grooming standards. We are now in the middle of a crackdown on grooming standards, involving fines for all transgressors. Your December issue, which contains photographs of three guardsmen who are grossly out of limits in terms of grooming standards, has not helped us a bit. One of your woolly heroes is even a commissioned officer. How can we enforce discipline when our troops throw your photographs back in our faces as the standards that the state endorses?

Surely the photograph on page six is not the image of the Ohio National Guardsman that your magazine wants to project. All I ask is that you use a little stronger editorial discretion in your photographs of the troops. Photograph Guardsmen who conform to standards.

Robert L. Litchfield
Cincinnati

To the Editor,

I was stranded in a snow storm Jan. 28 on Route 75 near Bowling Green, Ohio, and I have got to let you know what a wonderful military police company you have in Bowling Green.

They were a wonderful group of people.

I never needed help so much in my life. I say the good people out-weigh the bad.

I will never forget the people of Bowling Green. Thanks to you for your good work.

Wilford Ing
Milan, Michigan

To the Editor,

If the shotgun in the picture was loaded and pointed at that man, it had to be the worst picture I've ever seen.

In this liberal world of pro-crook and anti-gun nuts, I think the Guard could come up with a better use of words and pictures. I hope what I read and saw was not true as printed in the Guard. I'm a hunter and like many others we do not appreciate the gross misuse of a shotgun as a training aid.

PSG Ronald R. Reber
Co C, 372nd Engr.

To the Editor,

State active duty! The Guard takes another beating.

A blizzard hit throughout Ohio in January and Guardsmen were activated to fight the cold winds and blowing snow.

C Company, 612th engineers of Norwalk ran bull dozers twenty-four hours a day for four and a half days throughout Huron County, delivered fuel oil and food to stranded people, and with the help of the Air Guard transported sick and troubled people.

Two days after returning home, nine men of Charlie Company were called on once again to fight the elements, this time in Ashland County.

I was with 60 of these groups and spent 11 days on state active duty. Cold! Very cold days and even colder nights.

Everyone complimented the Guard on a fine job and the news media was very good to us. "We did a job." Great! When all else fails, call the National Guard. Good "Cheap" labor. Very cheap at \$25 a day. How many people would be nuts enough to work for that kind of money? (Approximately \$1.04 an hour)

The state and federal government officials all live pretty high off the taxpayers money and get more and more every year. Isn't it about time someone up there thought about the little guys out here for once? When's the state going to start paying us for doing its dirty work that no one will do?

Now we all must go back to our civilian jobs and work another two weeks before receiving any money.

How long must we wait for our state active pay? A month? Longer!

Yes, we took another beating as in the past years. Do something for us!

Lawrence E. Wetzel
Norwalk, Ohio

To the Editor,

SFC Richard L. Newman, 612th Engineering Battalion Recruiter, is 187½% Guard. This is evidenced by his having an unusual talent of having the most positive attitude even while he is recovering from a broken leg. He has a cast up to his thigh and he continues his recruiting efforts with great success. As fellow Guardsmen, we appreciate you Dick Newman.

The men of the 612th Eng Bn.

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Winter of '77—The Guard is there

by Bob DeVoe

Over 500 Ohio Army National Guardsmen and hundreds of pieces of equipment, including armored personnel carriers, bulldozers, ambulances, dump trucks, jeeps, trucks and helicopters—and even an M-60 provided emergency services to 42 Ohio counties during this winter's crisis.

In Alliance the National Guard used a mammoth 60 ton tank to free stranded motorists and snowbound cars.

Guard pilots flew over 200 missions of mercy to rescue stranded motorists and homeowners; medevaced the elderly and the sick; and delivered emergency supplies throughout the state.

On the ground, Guardsmen cleared snow-clogged roads, provided food and fuel to remote and rural areas, and evacuated those without heat or water.

Several armories across the state, including one in Bowling Green, were used as havens for the homeless and stranded.

Assistance provided by the Ohio National Guard, its equipment and men during the storm could fill a book. Some of the more unique situations included:

—A generator to power an iron lung

was transported aboard an Ohio Guard ambulance to a patient living in a remote area near Plain City. The mission was coordinated with the Plain City Fire Department.

—Guard pilots in Akron logged over 40 missions ranging from rescuing snow-bound people without heat to delivering kidney patients to hospitals in Sandusky, Clyde, Fremont and Fostoria.

—Nearly 100 elderly people were evacuated from a Columbus hotel during a furnace outage. The Guard transported the residents in a bus to a local recreation facility for lodging.

Probably the most heart-warming response of all came from the Ohio National Guard members throughout the state who, although not on call, reported to their respective armories day and night to volunteer their services to fellow Ohioans.

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This past winter saw unbearably cold weather and snow, more snow than many of us care to remember. And the weather watchers—they say that this winter may have been the harshest in American History, harsher maybe than the one the

Pilgrims faced over 300 years ago.

Adverse conditions unite people. They provide a challenge—to survive. The Ohio National Guard once again set the example in meeting that challenge. The Guard was unique not in the way its ranks solidified, but in the way the Guard stepped out as a whole to help people in need. Countless people sacrificed their comforts, or the opportunity to stay home with loved ones, to help those less fortunate. In some cases the difference between those helping and those in need was only the green or blue uniform.

Working around the clock on shifts lasting as long as 18 hours, the Guard was there. The freezing hands, the windblown faces, the lungs burned by the Arctic air made many of us want to quit. But the relief in a farmer's eyes when the chopper arrived with fuel, the tears of relief streaming down a mother's face as her child was medevaced out, knowing his life was saved, and the gratitude of the family pulled out of a fuelless home sunk in treacherous drifts made our suffering shrink in comparison.

We came to help, to save lives, to do our job. We are the Guard.—Ed.

Notes from the Assistant AG

Once again the Ohio National Guard has responded to the need of the State in a time of crisis. This was evidenced by the very competent manner in which the many requirements levied on Guard units throughout the state were handled.

Time after time we hear comments that question the usefulness of the Guard and we even find those who question whether or not its existence can be justified. This is always the case when everything is going fine and there seems to be no obvious need for our services. I recall that the need for our Armed Forces was questioned many times in the months before Pearl Harbor and Congress elected to continue the draft by one vote in September 1941.

It is also ironic that those who question the need for preparedness are also the first to criticize when emergencies occur and the help isn't available.

The Guard, in this case, performed in its normal professional style and is a credit to the State of Ohio and the nation. We are proud of you and want to congratulate and thank each of you for your outstanding performance. Thanks for a job well done.

BG James M. Abraham
Assistant Adjutant General-Army

Lifeline... The Guard



Story by Teb Baines, photos by Steven Stone

Cold homes. Hungry babies. Isolated elderly people. Dying livestock. These were the conditions in Clark county and across Ohio when record breaking low temperatures and an acute shortage of energy climaxed during the last weekend in January.

Friday started as just another miserably cold day in Ohio's "Winter of '77." But a blizzard soon made matters even more

miserable. By 10 that morning, Air National Guard members at Springfield Municipal Airport were receiving requests for emergency assistance from the State Highway Patrol and the Clark County Highway Department.

The Air Guard's rollover snowplow was used to breakup ice and snow on Ohio 72 and US 68. A diesel powered dump truck mounted with a snow plow followed.

On some of the low traffic county roads they pushed snow up to eight feet high along the sides. By 4 that afternoon the dump truck has been forced out of service. Severe cold had frozen the diesel fuel. Cleaning roads and helping stranded motorists continued until dark.

AIRPORT MOTEL

That night many ANG members slept in sleeping bags at the airport. Those who tried to go home but couldn't returned to the base. Others just stayed to be available if needed. Many slept on couches or the floor of the firehouse.

Saturday, Clark County Commissioner Roger Tackett requested aid in getting food, fuel oil and water to many families who were known to be stranded in the rural parts of the county. The Military Support Center in Worthington dispatched a helicopter to the Springfield airport early Sunday morning.

And then the logistics of the relief effort became important. A local oil company arranged to have fuel oil at the base for the helicopters to ferry. The Red Cross promised to have canned goods, bread, eggs, baby food and milk at the base the following morning.

Transporting water was a problem solved by experience. In 1974, after the Xenia tornado, a Springfield dairy put water into unlabeled milk cartons. They did the same thing again in 1977.

JERRY CANS USED

Delivering the fuel oil could have been a problem. "Jerry" cans were scrounged

from all area Army and Air Guard vehicles. The cans were filled from the tank truck and 15 at a time were loaded on the chopper. This cut turn around time for each mission.

The food was packaged for easier handling. A typical Red Cross package consisted of canned goods, two loaves of bread, two dozen eggs and two half gallon containers of milk. Extra milk was provided for families with several children.

Directions for the choppers (eventually five were employed in the Clark County area) were often inadequate. UHF radio communications between the helicopters and the ANG's command post and simultaneous phone conversations between homes of needy and the airport were used. Over the phone, the people would say, "Yes, I heard the helicopter, but it went past us. Yes, I can hear it coming back. Now it's over us." These phone conversations would be radioed to the choppers.

FLARES MARK THE SPOT

Helicopters were used to evacuate some people to hospitals, too. One man with a previous heart condition was out of heart medicine. He was admitted to a hospital. A woman with a head injury had too high blood pressure for her to be moved by snowmobile and no doctor could get to her. Red flares in a square pattern marked the place for the helicopter to pick her up. This was shortly before midnight Monday night.

Monday saw one of the more unusual missions. A hog farmer near Jamestown was in danger of losing almost 100 pigs who were freezing to death from lack of straw. A crew helped the farmer's son load 12 bales of straw on board the

helicopter from another farmer's barn. It took four flights to get enough straw for the pigs.

From Saturday night through Wednesday evening, Springfield ANG members responded to Red Cross requests. And wives helped, too—from being out in the cold helping to deliver supplies to being

in the kitchen cooking and feeding the hungry Guard volunteers.

There were many Air Guard members in the relief missions. But, as is often the case, the names are too numerous to mention.

After all, Springfield ANG units have more than 1000 members.



TSgt Harry Ogle, TSgt Phil Childs and Sgt Richard Johnson (left to right), unload food to be stored in a hangar of the 178th TFG.



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Battleline... the Snow

Frank Cartwright, CSM and AST (Administrative Supply Technician) of Co B of the 113th Engineering Battalion, of Lima, and Steve Stechsulte, Putnam County deputy sheriff coordinated snow clearing operations from the fire department headquarters in Columbus Grove.

The problem confronting these men and their squad of 16 Ohio Army National Guardsmen and assorted civilian volunteers was maintaining 432 miles of snow plugged county and state highways.

"We had this thing licked," said Cartwright, "but the wind tore the whole thing up for us right away, and we were back where we started."

The severe cold caused other problems for the mixed team.

Equipment designed to withstand more moderate temperatures broke down, and maintenance had to be performed in open areas along the main

street of this northwestern Ohio Village.

Additionally, men worked shifts from 8:00 a.m. till nearly 2:00 a.m. every day without a break.

"We had problems with the diesel fuel, too," noted Stechsulte.

The extreme cold and the wind caused the paraffin in the fuel to solidify during the operation and special efforts were required to refuel vehicles and keep them running.

"That was not the worst of it," said Cartwright. "We used an M-60 tank (Combat Engineering Vehicle) during this operation, and that thing weighs 60 tons," Cartwright continued.

"In this weather and with these temperatures we had to check and make sure every bridge it crossed is structurally sound. The cold seems to make the metal bridges crystallize, and we could have had a really bad accident."

North to Alaska:

Photos and story
by Steven Stone



Alaska had the men of the 124th for only a few weeks, but the white silence of that Alaskan mountain would be theirs forever.

Names of places tell a great deal about the character and mood of the land and its people. Names like Purgatory, Burnt Paw, Mary's Igloo, Whiskey Creek, Cold Foot and Fink Creek tell a tale of suffering and frustration. They tell a tale of people punished by the land.

That land is Alaska. Alaska is a durable land that has held up well under the excesses and callousness of civilization. Each new generation, from early gold seekers to those who pump the black gold, have had to learn the lessons Alaska forces on any who would violate its wilderness.

In January, 57 men from Ohio's Air National Guard came north to learn for themselves the lessons of Alaska. They were part of a massive 20-thousand man military maneuver named "Operation

124th TCF Assaults America's Last Frontier

complex assignment ever attempted by the 124th. It involved air transport of all the unit's equipment, including several large vans and a radar screen. These had to be moved by air more than 3,000 miles, transported high into the mountains over icy roads and set up in just three days. Arctic winds clawed at the tents and antennae as the Guardsmen struggled in -30 degree temperatures to set up their operation base.

"Most units had two weeks to set up. We did it in three days," said MAJ Eling. "The hardest part was getting it all up the hill. I'm proud of these men".

Operation Jack Frost is a yearly training exercise run by the United States Readiness Command. It involves elements of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Reserve and National Guard Forces. Its goal is to prepare the Continental United States Forces to work together in the event they are called to repel an invasion or support overseas operations. Troops were divided into two task forces; one representing the U.S. and the other an invading enemy from a mythical country named Mira.

Balmy Breeze

Another objective was the testing of various equipment under the extreme cold that would certainly accompany any war in the Arctic. Even a person of limited military knowledge could easily conclude that the best place for such an operation would be Alaska, 130 miles from the Arctic Circle in the middle of January.

Once again, however, Alaska taught her lessons to the men who prepared to assault her with tons of Arctic gear. The lesson was one of unpredictableness.

Jack Frost". The purpose of this exercise was to give American forces an opportunity to operate in a cold climate.

By Air, By Land

The 124th Tactical Control Flight from Blue Ash near Cincinnati, was called on to assist the active Air Force in providing air control and radar support for "Jack Frost". Controllers in the 124th directed nearly all of the tactical aircraft activity for the operation. Each day, scores of sorties (missions involving aircraft) were directed by the 124th. The exercise director, Lieutenant General W. W. Marshall along with other Air Force personnel had much praise for the manner in which the 124th performed its mission.

According to unit commander Major Paul Eling, this was the largest and most

One expected to endure the harsh, cruel cold so vividly described in many Jack London stories. A cold that would freeze your lungs and burn your skin within minutes; where the simple task of removing a glove to strike a match becomes a matter of life or death and leaves you with frozen fingers. Alaska, the land of winter darkness and cold; cold that is feared by even the toughest frost-bearded mountain people.

But it was not to be. After some initial cold weather, the days began to warm and the breeze became what could easily be described as balmy by Alaskan or even mid-western standards. A record high temperature of 43 degrees in Fairbanks led the local population, in shirt-sleeves, to give light to expressions of disbelief at what was to them an odd disruption of their normal winter life. Some new military equipment had been brought north specifically for arctic testing. Most military men were eager to see how their gear and people would hold up in the Alaskan deep freeze.

Arctic in Ohio

One Guardsman from Cincinnati jokingly said the name of the operation had been changed from "Jack Frost" to "Operation Melted Snowman".

Master Sergeant Jim Jones and Sergeant Ted Poe, both Guardsmen in the ground power section of the 124th said they endured more arctic conditions in Ohio while loading than they had in Alaska.

"This has been a good mobility exercise," stated SGT Jones. "Aircraft couldn't land at Springfield and had to be diverted to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. All the equipment was snow-covered and it was snowing so hard we couldn't get it cleaned off. Once it was airborne, every time the plane turned, water would run off the top of the vans and give the men riding with it a shower."

Even though no one suffered the fate of



... Fine-tuning everything so that it hummed like a Swiss watch.

frozen fingers, it was evident by visiting the 124th's mountain-top operation that valuable training was accomplished in the performance of its mission. The hour drive up the mountain over ice-covered roads taxed even the steadiest nerves and required all the four-wheel drive power of a deuce-and-a-half truck. After being bounced about in the back of the truck, the first question most visitors had upon arriving at the site was, "How did you manage to get all this stuff up here?"

And "stuff" there was! Huge generators roared incessantly as they provided the power to operate a complete microwave communications

system, several large vans packed full of electronic gear and a big revolving radar screen topped with a blinking red light. At first glance, it seemed as if one had stumbled onto an alien community of machines quite capable of taking care of themselves and bent on accomplishing some task known only to them.

Enjoyed Realism

Though unseen, one could sense a human element here; a sense of purpose, a pulse. It wasn't long before men appeared about the site, adjusting this or that machine, fine-tuning everything so that it hummed along like a Swiss watch.

Inside the vans, men sat hunched over banks of blinking red lights watching spots appear and disappear on round green screens. The static hiss of radio transmissions sliced the darkened interior. It was easy to feel that you were deep inside the brain of a great mechanical monster.

After talking with the men running this operation, one could see that they were enjoying the realism of their mission with "Operation Jack Frost." For without the 124th Tactical Control Flight, the entire air portion of the maneuver would not have been possible. It was amazing to see men who were in civilian life chemists, salesmen, teachers and printers operating such technical equipment so well. One went away from that mountain top with a strangely secure and satisfied feeling, knowing that men and machines such as these were serving the nation.



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Goodbye C/Y, Hello 'hio

The Department of the Army authorized the 73rd Infantry Brigade, headquartered in Columbus, to become a separate infantry brigade, with all its elements in Ohio.

Historically, the 73rd Brigade is a successor of the 37th Division, the "Buckeye" Division, which distinguished itself in the Pacific theatre during World War II.

In February, 1968, in accordance with Department of the Army policy of changing single state divisions to multi-state divisions, the 37th Division was reduced to a brigade status, identified as the 73rd Infantry Brigade.

At that time the 73rd Brigade became part of the 38th "Cyclone" Division, headquartered in Indiana, with elements in three states—Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

The 73rd Brigade will remain in Ohio and will be commanded by a brigadier general.



by Scott Sherry

"It's probably the most nebulous thing right now," said Lieutenant Colonel Clyde Gutzwiller, executive officer for Ohio's 73rd Infantry Brigade.

"Now that we're separate that means it is going to be a brigade for Ohio," he continued. "I don't know how that's going to do anything other than good for the morale of our men."

According to the executive officer the changeover is going to mean much more than this.

In the simplest terms, Ohio will have a completely self-sufficient combat brigade at almost instant disposal for either Federalization or state use in any type of emergency.

"We're much more streamlined now; and the Brigade is the obvious military unit for rapid embarkation and deployment overseas," Gutzwiller said.

This change to the separate brigade

structure is a complete modification of the old divisional structure. During the McNamara era it was decided that divisions covering three states would be the proper distribution of military strength in the National Guard.

"Under the reorganization, we're to go from a strength of 3600 to 4300 people."

"I think that we're going to be better off in the annual training situation this way. During the time that we were part of the division we only trained with the entire component structure every three years."

Now the 73rd will be attending summer camp en masse each year. There will be continuity in the training and everyone will have an opportunity to consistently learn the brigade mission.

"And this training is going to be more varied," Gutzwiller noted. "Now we have openings for automatic data processing personnel, all sorts of administrative personnel. We have expanded our ad-

ministrative forces from a unit of 40 people to an entire company of 126 people."

"With this set-up for autonomous command we are going to have our own Inspector General, which is going to require personnel with legal and paralegal training. These are valuable skills in the community, and we know there's going to be room for real enlisted advancement."

"The brigade, as it stands today, will be commanded by Brigadier General Robert W. Teater, who also serves in the state cabinet as director of the Department of Natural Resources," Gutzwiller said.

"We are going to be growing," Gutzwiller concluded.

The old C/Y shield is soon going to be retired for good in Ohio.

(Any personnel of the new 73rd Brigade who are interested should submit replacement insignia designs for consideration to Brigade Headquarters.)



Insurance Offered

A new term life insurance plan, at lower group rates, is now available to Ohio National Guard members and their families as a joint project of the Ohio Officer and Enlisted Associations.

The life insurance program for Guardsmen is described in a brochure which has been mailed to all members of the Buckeye Guard. Additional brochures are available from each unit AST.

An example of the maximum coverage available under this plan would be an Ohio Guard member under age 31 and not on flying status could choose Plan 1 for \$80,000 life insurance for a monthly premium of \$9.90. In addition, he or she could request the add-on option for an additional \$48,000 life insurance plus another \$10,000 accidental death and dismemberment coverage for \$5.90 per month. This would bring total coverage, including AD&D to \$148,000 for a monthly premium of \$15.80.

A feature of this program allows premiums to be paid through an allotment system from the Guard member's drill pay.

All correspondence should be directed to USBA, 1221 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, 64105, or call them toll-free at 1-800-821-7912.

180th is Part of Operation Snowbird

One hundred twenty members of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, returned to their base at Toledo Express Airport after two weeks of participation in "Operation Snowbird."

"Operation Snowbird," conducted at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona, and on the desert ranges at Gila Bend, Arizona, is an exercise designed to allow Air National Guard pilots to leave the normally bad flying weather of the Mid-west winters for the excellent flying weather of the southwest. It enables the pilots to remain proficient during those months when their combat oriented flights are often curtailed by bad weather.

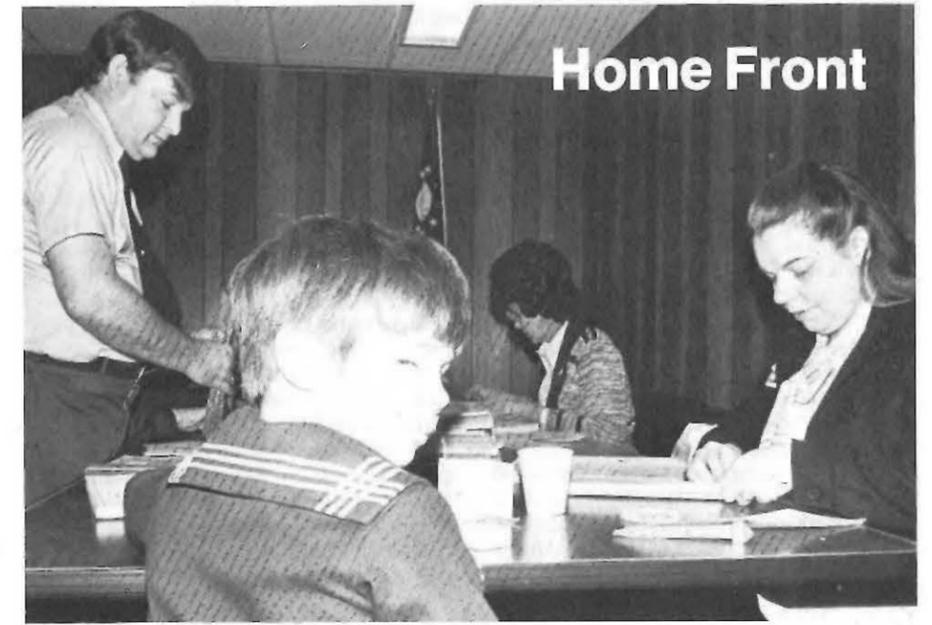
The pilots of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group flew 16 F-100's from Toledo to Tucson with a mid-air refueling on the way. When the F-100's arrived, the ground crews, who had left for Tucson earlier on a Hercules C-130 cargo aircraft, were there.

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Home Front



Cris Griffith casts a wary eye at the photographer.

by Joan McDermott

When the gas crisis forced Columbus schools to close their doors for a month, most mothers viewed the respite from studies as the beginning of doomsday.

Not so for our very dedicated members of the Officers Wives Club. They simply took their kids in tow and brought them along to the Beightler Armory where, fortified with umpteen donuts and hot chocolate, these little (and not so little) renegades from the denizens of desks proved mighty industrious ... sticking labels on the February issue of The Buckeye Guard!

Whoever it was that said grubby little fingers can only make mischief obviously didn't run into little Cris Griffith, age five, on his travels. Little Cris is something of a veteran label-sticker at this point. "This is my second time," he proudly boasted.

Jo Ellen Griffith explained that his kindergarten class had conferences the last time the magazine was being readied

for mailing and she had brought Cris along then too. But the "first-timers," such as Kevin Farrell, Robby Johnson, Jayne Johnson, Les Pletcher, and Donna and Denys McDermott, also did a super job.

"Hey, better put Junior after my name," advised Les Pletcher, 15. "Mom might think Dad was down here goofing off."

Queried after the job was completed, Jayne Johnson, 16, admitted to "enjoying the list of names I had. I got all the Big Shots." All twins Donna and Denys McDermott, 15, would volunteer was that "we lucked out and got the radio on our table!"

By the way, for you statistically-minded folks, let me add that the job of sticking labels on the 18,000 plus magazines usually runs about 5 to 6 hours. This time we were all finished and out of there before lunch. Let's hear it for "KID POWER"!!!

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It's a Family Affair

Michael T. Hoover, 17, joined his parents, Technical Sergeant Leon C. and Senior Airman Aleta R. Hoover, by becoming a member of the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron, Camp Perry, Port Clinton, Ohio. Michael enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard for six years in October, 1976.

Michael's father Leon has been a member of the Ohio Air National Guard since 1973. He is a Personnel Management Specialist and spent ten years in the United States Air Force before his enlistment in the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron. Aleta, Michael's mother, enlisted in the Air National Guard in August, 1975. She is an Administration Specialist and served 1½ years with the United States Army until 1957.



Erie Vacation Promises Fun

By Barb Clemons

From the fantasy of Cedar Point Amusement Park to the shimmering glamour of the emerald isles dotting its shoreline, Ohio's Lake Erie Vacationland promises fun to visitors of all ages.

Most noted destination, of course, are the Lake Erie Islands, specially South Bass and Kelleys, which stand mid-way between the Canadian border line in Lake Erie and the northern most shores of Ohio.

One of the most unique and memorable ways to visit the Lake Erie Islands is by way of the Island Airlines and its world famous Ford Tri-Motor airplane—the "Tin Goose." This sturdy aircraft transports travelers to and from the islands throughout the year and is the world's shortest commercial airline.

The largest American island, Kelleys Island, second only in size to its Canadian neighbor Pelee, is accessible by air from either Port Clinton's Island Airlines or Sandusky's Griffing Airport or by Newman Ferry from Marblehead Peninsula. The island offers excellent fishing, boating and swimming. Cabins, motels and campgrounds are available for overnight stays.

The most popular attraction on the island is the world famous glacial grooves which were created by a sheet of ice that passed over the island 25,000 years ago. Visitors can explore the grooves, 400 feet in length, from a surrounding walkway and overhead bridge.

South Bass Island, or Put-in-Bay as the city on the island is named, may be reached via Parker Boat Lines from downtown Port Clinton or Miller Boat Lines

from the tip of Catawba Peninsula. Port Clinton's Island Airlines offers frequent air service at an economical price aboard the Ford Tri-Motor airplane and a fleet of sleek Cessna aircraft.

The center of the island grape growing industry, Put-in-Bay is also the scene of the annual Interlake Yachting Association Regatta. Most noted of Put-in-Bay's attractions is Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. The 352-foot pink granite memorial commemorates Commodore Oliver Perry's naval victory over the British in the War of 1812 and the century-old 3,000 mile unfortified boundary between the United States and Canada. The Doric column offers a breathtaking view of the nearby islands for visitors who take an elevator to the open air observation platform at the top.

After a day of activity and sight seeing, what could taste better than a refreshing glass of native Lake Erie wine processed from the same grapes which are cultivated at Put-in-Bay. The cordial taproom at Heineman Winery offers a cooling respite from the summer sun and a sampling of the winery products, both fermented for mom and dad and unfermented for the kiddies. For visitors who would like to see the workings of a winery in action, tours are provided through the wine cellars at Heineman's.

The island offers a variety of enticing shops along the 1890's era main street which borders on the sheltered boat basin. A weekly happening at Put-in-Bay is the chicken bar-b-que, offered each Sunday on the open air patio of the Park Hotel.



Commodore Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial as viewed from a Ford Tri-Motor.

Once the island adventure is over, the visitor still has the mainland to cover. This vacation area, stretching from Port Clinton on the west to Vermilion on the east, offers all types of water related sports as well as over three dozen top-notch travel attractions.

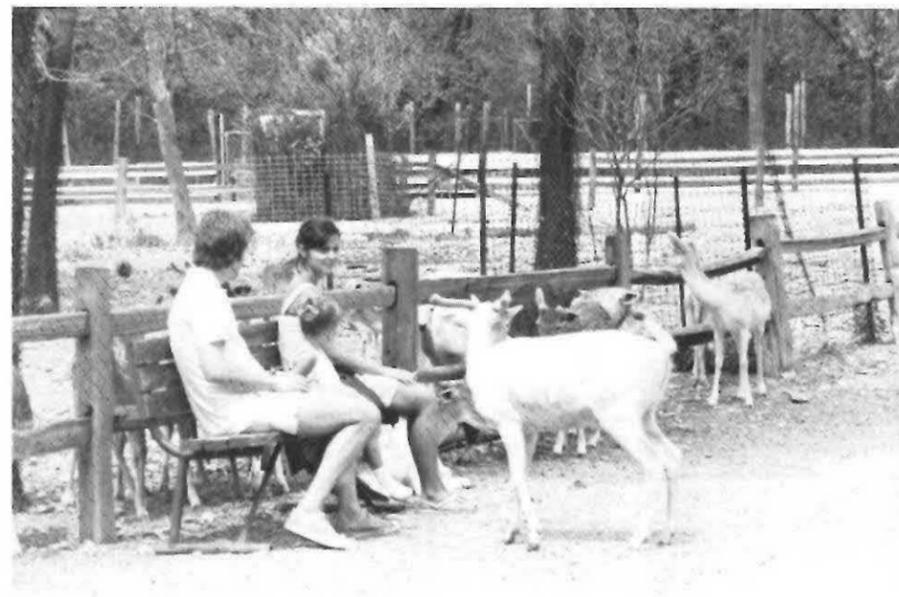
Port Clinton and the peninsula area, including Marblehead, Lakeside and Catawba Island located on its outskirts, is just seven miles by water from the Lake Erie islands and a few short miles by auto to all major attractions and historical sites. With its fine boat harbors and sparkling clean beaches, Port Clinton is also a haven for water sport enthusiasts of all kinds.

Fishing is a favorite year around activity with charter boats and lake guides available at the numerous marinas. Winter ice fishing with the protection of a heated shanty lures hearty sportsmen from throughout the state.

Located in the downtown section of Port Clinton is the 90 year old Island House Inn. The historical old building is completely modern, but maintains an old-world flavor with its fine furnishings and numerous Great Lakes memorabilia. This major landmark is a gathering place for traveling gourmets who feast on local delicacies of fresh Lake Erie perch and pickerel.

Just three miles to the west of Port Clinton is Camp Perry, home of the National Rifle Association's national

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Children love to pet and feed the animals which roam through Castalia's Deer Park.

by Dennis Rodgers

The word point can mean many things to many people. To a lecturer a point is a key word or phrase used to lend clarity to his talk; a ballplayer thinks of points in terms of the score of the game; and a lady's thoughts might turn to diamonds when she hears the word point. But to a member of the National Guard, a point is that "thing" which determines satisfactory performance of duty, whether or not a good year for retirement has been earned, and ultimately, how much retirement pay will be paid at age 60.

Maintain A Personal Military File

We frequently receive questions from members or former members who are concerned that their retirement credits are less than they should be and are wondering just what can be done to correct the records. Unfortunately, it is often too late to do anything because the member is talking about a tour of duty or period of service that took place many years before, and no records can be found to substantiate the member's claim. Unless the claim can be verified from the official records the member stands to lose money or other benefits upon retirement. In this regard it would be wise for every Guard member to retain a personal file of military documents. Especially important are such documents as DD Forms 214, active duty orders, course completion certificates, commendations, and promotion orders.

Retirement points are very important. Before attempting to place a value on them however, let's consider the major ways retirement points are earned and the limitations on crediting points for retirement purposes.

How Points Are Earned

Three types of points may be earned; active duty points; inactive duty points; and gratuitous points.

Active duty points are earned at the rate of 1 point for each day of extended active duty and each day of active duty for training performed. Not more than 365 total points (366 for leap year), including active, inactive, and gratuitous, may be credited a member for retirement purposes during any one retirement year.

Inactive duty points include those earned for performance of unit training assemblies (UTA), additional flying training periods (AFTP), periods of equivalent training (ET), correspondence courses, and certain other miscellaneous activities. One point is awarded for each UTA, AFTP, and period of ET. Thus, for full participation in a weekend training assembly a member accrues four inactive duty training points. For each three hours of a correspondence course satisfactorily completed a member is also credited with

Pointers on Points...

Towards Retirement at 60

one inactive duty retirement point. A maximum of 60 inactive duty and gratuitous points may be credited for retirement in any one retirement year. However, as mentioned the overall point total (combination of all points) may not exceed 365 or 366 for a leap year.

Gratuitous points are awarded at the rate of fifteen points per year for active status membership and are prorated at the rate of 1 1/4 points per month for partial periods of service. As indicated above, gratuitous points are only credited for retirement purposes when the ceiling for inactive duty points is not exceeded.

Qualifying For Retirement Pay

To qualify for retirement pay beginning at age 60 a member must complete 20 years of satisfactory service. A satisfactory year is one in which a member accrued at least 50 points for retirement. Service in a regular component of the Armed Forces is creditable for reserve retired pay. However, the law requires the last eight years of qualifying service for reserve retired pay to be served in a reserve component. When a reserve unit is called to active duty in an emergency, such as during the Cuban or Pueblo crises, the members' component does not change.

Computation Of Monthly Retired Pay

The formula for computing the amount of retired pay to be received at age 60 is a simple one: Total points ÷ 360 × 2 1/2% (or .025) × monthly rate of base pay = monthly retired pay. For example, an E-7 retires with 30 good years of service. Four of those years were in the regular forces and the remaining 26 in the National Guard. The member accrued 75 points per year while in the National Guard (assuming 15 days annual training, no other active duty, and the maximum 60 inactive duty points). Total points earned then equal 3410. Compute retired pay as follows:

- (a) 3410 total points ÷ 360 = 9.472
- (b) 9.472 × 2 1/2% (.025) = .2368 or 23.68%
- (c) \$1092.00 base pay × 23.68% = 258.59 monthly retired pay

The variables forecasting one's future retirement pay are, of course, the number of points that will have been accrued at age 60 and the monthly base pay in effect at that time. But, some reasonable estimates, together with a quick bit of arithmetic, can help you to determine the

smallest amount you will receive which would be a good base for retirement planning.

Points Are Dollars

In the example above, one retirement point equates to approximately \$.08 per month after retirement. This doesn't sound like much but when you consider that the average guard member earns 75 points, or more, each year, the cumulative value, over an entire career, is substantial. Consequently, it behooves all members to ensure that all points earned are properly credited to their retirement account. Keep track of your points and compare your records with the official notice you receive each year. Any differences should be reconciled while the records are still current and easily verified. Retirement points are dollars. Manage them as you would your personal finances.

Survivor's Benefits

Another important aspect of reserve retirement that must not be overlooked is the survivor benefits plan which provides benefits for a retiree's spouse of up to 55% of the members retired pay, depending on the amount designated by the retiree. Various plans are available and eligible children may also be covered.

Other Entitlements And Benefits

Assignments to the Retired Reserve also entitles members to open mess membership, space-available passenger privilege in military aircraft within the continental United States, and retention of an Armed Forces Identification Card (red). Additionally, after reaching age 60 and qualifying for retired pay, the member will be issued a retired (gray) ID card, can obtain an ID card for eligible dependents, will be entitled to Commissary and exchange privileges, and qualifies for Uniformed Services Health Benefits for self and dependents and the civilian program of the uniformed services known as Champus.

Retirement and the associated benefits are the most lucrative and attractive features of National Guard membership. Keep a good personal file and keep track of your points on a yearly basis. It makes good sense. For reference purposes you might wish to clip this article for your military document file. If you still have questions regarding your benefits consult your personnel office.

Guard Briefs: Cattran Retires, Pascarella Outshoots Marines

Project 90 was a success for Sergeant First Class Aaron Wright. Project 90 was a program of recruitment for members of the 137th MP Bn, Ohio Army National Guard, in Toledo. The prize, for the battalion member who recruited the greatest number of people into the units of the battalion, was two weeks lodging in Florida and \$200.00 expense money. Another incentive offered in the recruitment drive was a US Savings Bond, awarded for the highest number of new recruits that were recruited each month. Sergeant Wright also received the three monthly bonds. During Project 90 Sergeant Wright was responsible for bringing in 19 new members for the 137th Military Police Battalion.

SFC Wright is employed by Champion Spark Plug as a millwright. He has eighteen years military service and is a member of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association.

In a formal change of command ceremony held January 23, Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Preston, succeeded Colonel Andrew C. Lacy, as commander of the Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group at the Springfield Municipal Airport.

Col. Lacy had been commander of Springfield ANG members since 1960. At that time, the group flew F-84F Thunderstreaks. It now flies F-100 Super Sabres.

Concurrent with his military appointment as commander of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, LTC Preston also becomes the fulltime air technician with responsibility for all Ohio ANG units in southwestern Ohio.

During the 17 years Col. Lacy commanded the 178th, the group deployed aircraft and people to such exotic places as Ramstein, Germany; Larisa, Greece; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Anchorage, Alaska; and Honolulu, Hawaii.

Partial BAQ rates are for Single Members who are not entitled to any other forms of BAQ Payment (regular without dependents or with dependent rates of BAQ) while on active duty Annual Training, FTTD or ADT) who reside in government quarters (BOQ's, BEQ's Unit Barracks, Tents, Armory, 2½ ton Trucks, Sleeping Bags, etc). A single member who would normally have accommodations in government quarters and is allowed to sleep elsewhere at personal expense will also be entitled to the partial rate of BAW. At the present time married members (husband and wife) of the Reserve Components with no dependents who perform active duty at the same time are not entitled to the partial rates of BAQ pending a decision by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The Buckeye Guard

Colonel Frank H. Cattran completed a distinguished military career in February. Col. Cattran has commanded the 160th Air Refueling Group for the past 15 years, spanning three aircraft conversions from the C-46 (a twin-engine transport) to the KC-97 tanker to the KC-135 Boeing jet strato tanker.

In September 1964, Col. Cattran was promoted to his present rank of Colonel and led his unit as one of the first of three in the nation to participate in Operation "Ready Go", the first and the largest to date of an all-Air National Guard deployment to Europe. Operating from Earnest Harmon Air Force Base, Newfoundland, under adverse weather conditions, Col. Cattran directed this key refueling operation requiring seven KC-97G aircraft to fly in formation at altitudes of 20,000 ft. This was a heretofore unheard-of high altitude refueling for the KC-97.

Col. Cattran enlisted as a private in the Ohio National Guard as an Aircraft Mechanic over forty years ago. In August 1942 he enlisted as an Aviation Cadet and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in March 1944. He served on Extended Active Duty as an instructor pilot and checkflight engineer at Advanced Flying School on B-29's.

Col. Cattran wears Command Pilot wings and has accumulated over 11,600 hours of flying time. In November 1975 Major General James C. Clem, The Adjutant General for the State of Ohio, presented the Air Force Legion of Merit citation and medal to Colonel Cattran.

Enlisted personnel on active duty within their home State are not authorized the Clothing Monetary Allowance. These personnel will receive in-kind issued in accordance with USPFO REG 710-2. Orders issued/amended will contain an appropriate statement relative to non-entitlement of uniform allowance due to assignment to a command where clothing is replaced by in-kind issue.

Enlisted personnel on active duty, to include active duty for training, will receive either the basic or standard Clothing Maintenance Allowance as stated in Table 3-5-6, DOD Military Pay and Allowance Manual. Orders issued/amended will cite Individual Clothing and Uniform Gratuities, Enlisted (P3116-12), and an appropriate statement relative to the entitlement to the basic or standard clothing maintenance allowance.

An Army National Guardsman from Newton Falls, Ohio, recently took first place in the U.S. Marine Corps pistol matches at Quantico, Virginia.

SGT Joseph J. Pascarella of the 324th Military Police Company in Warren was declared the match winner Feb. 27 after scoring 2650 out of a possible 2700 points.

After SGT Pascarella captured first place, he established a new national record in the .45 caliber pistol match course by firing 299 with 13 X's (X's indicate bullseye hits) out of a possible 300. The old national record was 295 with 13 X's.



Members of Mansfield's 179th Tactical Airlift Group performed a flag ceremony for their local YMCA membership campaign recently. Chapter 23 of the NCO Academy Graduates Association has used the ceremony, depicting the history of our flag, for several domestic action projects in the Mansfield area.

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Lake Erie Vacation Promises Fun (From Pg. 12)

marksmanship competitions held annually in August. Here the visitor can observe the real professionals, both military and civilian, compete on some of the finest ranges in the world.

The well-known Cedar Point Amusement Park is reached via causeway or ferry from Sandusky and offers rides, picnic facilities, a beach, marina and hotel on the premises.

Seneca Caverns in Bellevue is one of Ohio's largest caverns. The one hour guided tour takes visitors through seven different levels of the caverns to the underground river at its lowest depths. The river's sparkling waters are part of the underground system which possibly feeds the Blue Hole located in Castalia.

For animal lovers, there is Deer Park, also in Castalia. Purina chow is the favorite tid-bit for the dozens of deer, llamas, goats, sheep and other assorted tame animals wandering freely throughout the

grounds.

Wild animals roam freely at African Lion Safari, just east of Port Clinton. Visitors remain locked in their cars while driving through the various compounds for a close look at lions, tigers, leopards and other animals from the African continent.

A trip to the Lake Erie Vacationland would not be complete without a visit to Vermilion where one can obtain a short course on the history of the Great Lakes. Vermilion's early days as a ship building center and a residential area for lake captains, is being preserved with the restoration of an historic downtown area known as "Harbor Town." Visitors may take a self-conducted tour of the area as well as visit the Great Lakes Historical Society Museum. A fine collection of ship models, paintings, marine equipment and a complete ship's bridge overlooking the harbor tell the history of Lake Erie.

For additional information on attractions, accommodations and upcoming special events write to: Lake Erie Firelands Region, Art O'Hara, President, Lake Erie Firelands Tourist Council, c/o Great Lakes Historical Society, 480 Main Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089.

Learn to Fly

So you want to learn to fly? Then the Ohio National Guard Flying Club is looking for you. By being a member of the Guard, you can save roughly ½ of the cost of a private license.

It takes approximately 40 hours to get a private license. The Club is based at Don Scott Field/the Ohio State University Field and uses a Cessna 150 trainer.

For more information call SFC Jones (471-3532), SP6 Olson (885-8294) or SP5 Prone (878-0503).

Home Front: Cincinnati Beckons Wives

By Beverly Arn

Our schedule for the April 30th State Convention in Cincinnati is as follows:

9-10:00 a.m.	Get Acquainted Coffee
10:00	Opening with the Enlisted Association
10:30	Auxiliary Meeting
12:30 p.m.	Luncheon at the Shopping Center and Shopping
	Return to Motel
3:00	Return to Motel
4-6:00	Hospitality rooms, free time
7:00	Dinner/Dance

Also, if enough of the women are interested, there will be a tour of Meier's Winery between 1:00 and 2:30 or 3:00 p.m.

There are still quite a few members with outstanding dues. If you are in doubt, please write to our Treasurer, June Young. Our goal of 100 members by April Convention time is attainable only if we all talk up the Auxiliary at every opportunity. Membership cards will be given out at the Convention.

I would like to share with you a few of the National EANGUS Auxiliary goals:

—Increased participation in writing Congressmen to back our National Guard.

—Increase each state membership approximately 25%.

—Organize at least five more states into EANGUS Auxiliary.

The National Money-Making project is a Cook Book and I would like you to type or write up all your favorites—be sure to place your name and address on them and bring them to the convention in Cincinnati with you. They will be forwarded to the National Cook Book Committee. Thank you for your cooperation on this project.

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OHIO MINUTEMAN JACKET PROJECT

We have order blanks out to the Units (orders must be ten (10 or more) and we hope to be getting orders soon. Remember, we need 100 orders to get the project moving at the quoted price. Have your spouses contact their Unit Representatives for your Jacket orders. Available in youth and adult sizes.

And More Briefs

Are you interested in making \$9,303 to \$12,093 per year? The Technician Personnel Office has an open AST job announcement posted on all unit bulletin boards. All qualified applicants will be considered, however applicants must be active members of the Ohio National Guard (trainees may apply; trainee salary starts at \$7,408 per year). If you are interested in a full-time job with the National Guard see job announcement no. OA-1-CY 77. If you have any questions, see your local AST or contact the Technician Personnel Office (614) 466-5457.

The son of an Ohio Air Guardsman was recently selected to attend the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Donald Lee Noah, the son of Major and Mrs. Don Noah of Smithville, will begin studies at the Academy next year.

The eighteen-year old appointee was selected because of his outstanding scholastic achievements and extracurricular activities.

Noah's father, Major Don Noah, is a member of the 121st Hospital at Rickenbacker AFB.

We will need (5) Delegates to the National Convention Sept. 19-21, 1977, in Denver, Colorado. If you plan to attend this convention, let me know at our State Convention, so I can add you to the list of candidates for the National delegates. Please consider this trip—Denver is a beautiful city and they are planning some fantastic tours for us.

During the recent Ohio Army National Guard recruiting effort, the 324th MP Company of Warren pulled a recruiting coup with the enlistment of two newly married couples.

Patricia and Gary Phillips, and Brian and Sherry Putt, all non-prior service, enlisted.

Both Gary and Brian will be attending military police school, and their wives will both be clerking for the Ohio National Guard.

Both couples view the Guard as a challenge, and think it is something they could go through together.

Technical Sergeant Elizabeth Reeves of the Toledo-based 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, recently returned with honors from the Non-Commissioned Officer's Academy. Out of a class of 78 Non-Comms, Tsgt Reeves placed in the top 10. She is also the first female in the history of the 180th to attend the NCO Academy. Tsgt Reeves says that of the class, only 2 were women.

As a civilian, Miss Reeves is employed as an X-Ray Technician at the Bryan Medical Center.

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EDITH Can Save Your Life

EDITH (Exit Drill in the Home) can help you evacuate your home or apartment safely and quickly in case of an actual fire or other emergency. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) offers these basic guidelines to help you set up your plans.

- Have an approved smoke alarm/detector system. Because the most potentially dangerous home fires erupt between midnight and 6:00 a.m., a smoke alarm is especially important to awaken the family in case of a nighttime fire.
- Figure at least two routes to the outside from every room in the house. (Bedrooms are most important.) Allow for the possibility of fire and choking smoke and fumes blocking the halls and stairways.
- A window may be the only alternate escape route from an upper floor. Be sure exit windows work easily and are large and low enough to get through. Use any available porch, shed, or garage roof to reach safety. If needed, install an escape ladder.
- Include specific plans for evacuating infant, disabled, and elderly members of the household who would need special help.
- Pick an assembly point well away from the house where all members of the family will meet for "roll call." Be sure everyone understands that the house must not be reentered for any purpose.
- Plan to notify the fire department from a neighbor's phone or from a street alarm box—NOT from inside your own burning home. When reporting a fire by phone, be calm. Speak clearly and give the complete address of the fire. If you use an alarm box, remember to wait there so you can direct arriving firefighters to the fire.

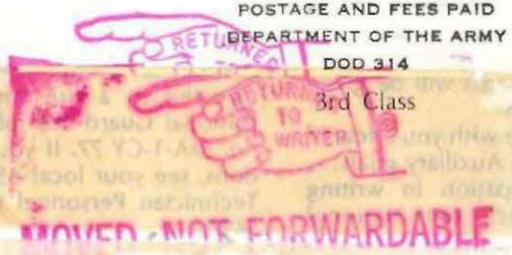


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