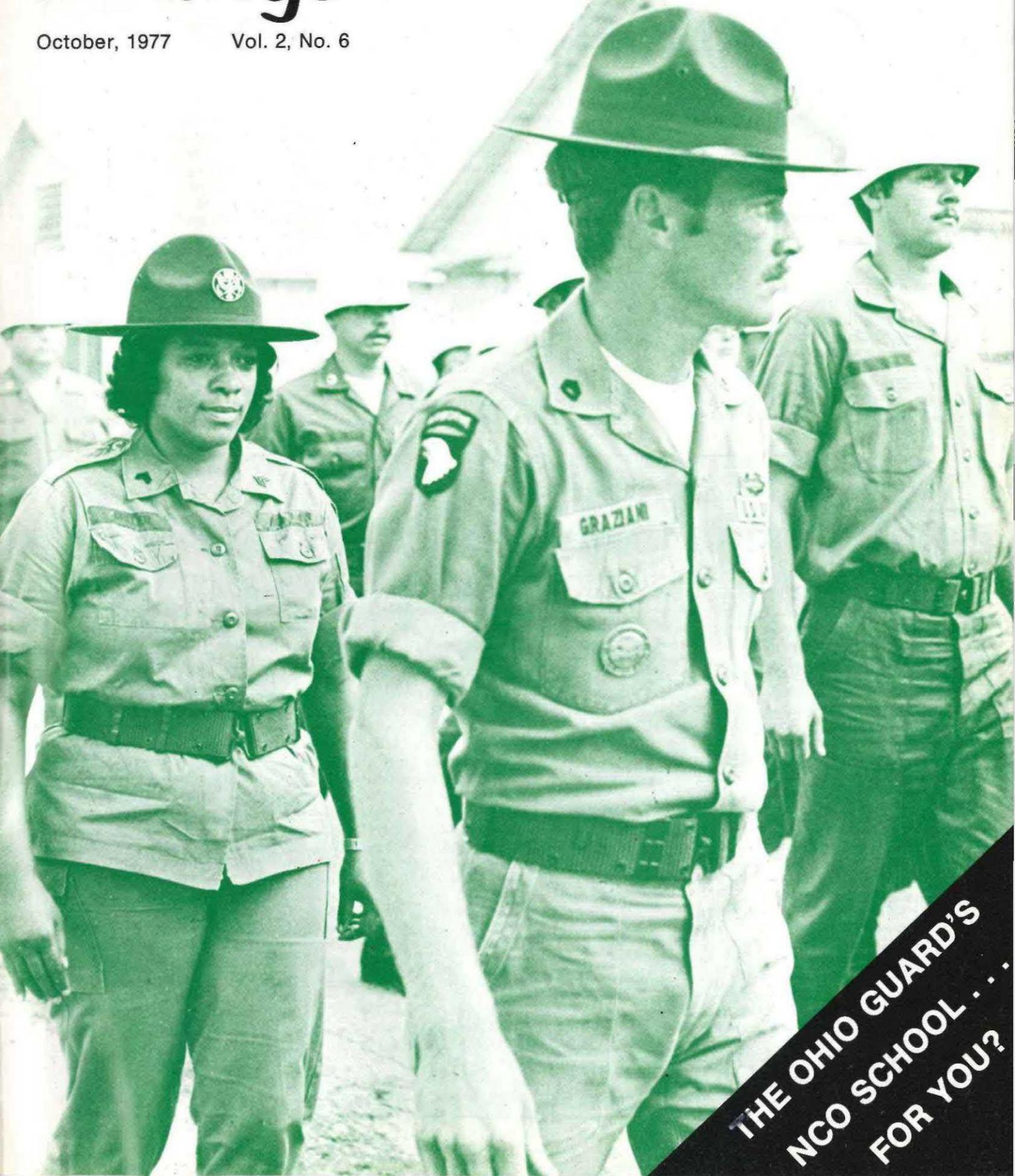


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NCO SCHOOL . . .  
FOR YOU?

AG Speaks

# TALK FROM THE TOP



Just completed attending the Outstanding Soldier of the Year Seminar at Camp Perry. Unfortunately, some of the people selected by their units could not arrange vacation schedules in time to attend. I asked that commanders make their selection in May to permit selectees more time to make arrangements. Let's get with it now for next year with suitable publicity for Soldiers of the Month in every unit and Soldiers of the Year in every battalion selected by May 31, 1978. With free cottages (at Perry), state active duty pay, free tickets for families to Cedar Point, and parties, the value of the award is about \$300. More interest on the part of the commanders and more publicity in units will help to spur competition. Special praise to COL Siemer (Ret.), CPT Reffett of the 216th

Eng. Bn. and CPT Stokes of the Ohio Military Academy for coming up with new and exciting methods of instruction that had everyone participating and some staying around 30 to 40 minutes after classes ended.

Speaking of special efforts and people we owe a note of thanks to—here are a few: CPT Jankowski and the State Outdoor Advertising Association, so far 63 free billboards around the state; all the people in recruiting who made it possible to show a net gain the third week in August for the first time in several months; to Gen. Abraham for his work with schools and colleges in the scholastic credit for military service area; to unit-level public information personnel for an outstanding PR job during this year's AT; to our officer and

enlisted associations' members working on the state scholarship bill—they still need your support and help in the state senate; all the engineer units and detachments working to improve Camp Perry; and of course to each and every Guardsman giving his time and efforts to make his unit an effective part of our total force.

This is Clem? Saying nice things rather than chewing everyone out? O.K. for all you people who have not gotten in gear since returning from Camp, it's time to mount up, as we old pony soldiers like to say, Forward ho-o-o-o.

Charge and Go Guard.

MG JAMES C. CLEM  
The Adjutant General

## Rap With the Asst. AG—Army

### 'Retention is not a once-a-year effort'

During annual training this summer at Camp Grayling our Recruiting and Retention Office established a Benefits Center. As most of you know by now, many Ohio National Guardsmen went through this center and were exposed to a number of benefits that are available to Guard members, as well as reasons why people should belong to the Guard.

Many comments have come to my attention, both pro and con, as to the merits of doing this. Some have been critical, indicating the center was not handled properly and that the format that was followed could have been better. Others were lavish with their praise for the center.

Regardless of your feelings or impressions of the Benefits Center, it's important that we all understand that this effort during Annual Training is primarily one for informational services to all members of the Ohio Guard.

The point I'm coming to is this. Retention is not a once-a-year effort; it's an everyday thing and must enjoy the participation of everyone, particularly the chain of command. It doesn't matter at what level you are in that chain, you're important. If

you represent the missing link, the chain doesn't work. You've heard me talk about this many times before. But more importantly, it causes us to lose contact with people and it's this lack of contact or lack of ability to converse and understand each other that causes problems. The NCO's are perhaps even more important than the upper levels in the chain of command in retention because the people in that individual's squad or section are looking directly to that person for leadership, for guidance, and for the other things that make a good commander. As you go higher up the chain of command the people at those levels tend to become more remote from troops. However, the lack of ability to get directly to all troops doesn't alter my position that we must constantly focus on troops and their needs. Nor does it dilute my concern about the need for a very effective and operating chain of command.

We always focus upstairs because that is where we believe the trouble is. Quite often it is true, but what we forget is we're usually all part of the problem. We individually can do a great deal to solve them.

For example, the squad leader and assistant squad leader who can take good care of that squad and who show concern for the people in that squad and make sure that their uniforms fit, that they're trained well, that they lead well, that they are a functional team, will lead to good esprit and morale.

If a platoon is composed of good squads, then we have a good platoon. And if a company is composed of platoons that are effective and enjoy a good chain of command, then there is no question that the company is going to be good. One thing I have learned over the years is that if we have good squads and good platoons we don't have to worry about companies, battalions and higher level units. They are bound to be good because the leadership at the lower echelons and the chain of command are effective and the troops are well led. This support and this effort is necessary because most new platoon leaders have never led a platoon before and most company commanders have never commanded a company before. So it is the first time for them, but many of

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#### Reply to "Soldier Snubbed"

To The Editor:

It was the intention of the Enlisted Association from the very beginning to pay all expenses for our guest, SP5 John Morrow and his wife, as Soldier of the Year. The Hotel and Reservation Committee were advised of the situation; however, apparently everyone on the staff was not advised accordingly. As a result, he picked up his own tab and we were not advised of this matter until too late. A check has been forwarded to SP5 Morrow with our apologies for his inconveniences.

In reply to the editor's note, we did not receive knowledge of the letter from SFC Bean until the day of the deadline for the last BUCKEYE GUARD; therefore, we could not reply in time.

This matter was simply a communication problem and we sincerely regret that it ever happened.

FRANK H. CARTWRIGHT  
President, EANGO

#### Setting the Record Straight

To The Editor:

Your article on Page 8 of the August issue of Buckeye Guard Magazine titled "Guardsmen Soothe Damage in Fremont" doesn't mention Co. A, 612th Eng. Bn., being in Fremont; but I would have sworn we were activated July 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and also aided in tree and debris removal.

Alas, since the temperature was 90 degrees plus these days, I might have been suffering from heat prostration or perhaps it was a figment of my imagination.

SSG JOHN E. THORPE  
Co. A, 612th Eng Bn  
Walbridge, Oh.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks for socking it to us, SSG Thorpe, we stand corrected. Your unit did, indeed, participate in cleanup operations in Fremont and they're to be commended for a job well done!

### Our Cover . . .

This issue's cover photo was taken by ace photographer SP5 Scott Bruce from Lakewood's 37th Signal Company. Scott provided excellent photo support this year for both the Ohio Military Academy and NCO School at Camp Perry. More of his photos appear with this month's feature story on the NCO School. (See Page 8)

#### 107th AC Lauded

EDITOR'S NOTE: CW3 John T. Majoros received this letter recently praising the 107th Armored Cavalry in Cleveland for a super job. We'd like to share this letter with other members of the 107th.

Dear Sir:

It was a great honor and privilege once again to have had the 107th Armored Cavalry participate in our Memorial Day Parade this year.

All the members of the Maple Heights Memorial Day Association wish to send our thanks and appreciation to all the men and women who took the time out and joined in the parade and made it a success.

We hope that we will again be able to rely on the 107th next year and have them show the community the devotion that the men and women of the 107th put into the parade.

To all of you at the 107th—our thanks.

JOE JASANY JR.  
Chairman

#### Not Just a Warm Body . . .

EDITOR'S NOTE: General Clem received this letter recently from a trooper in Cleveland. He'd like to share it with us all.

Dear General Clem,

I've been with the Guard about two and a half years; but I plan to stay around for as long as you need me. Please note, I said need, not just want.

I always hoped good 'ole Uncle Sam saw me for what I was worth, and not just as a warm body. I hope you look upon your troops as human beings and not just numbers to fill a fiscal quota.

I've never really met you, but I kind of think if you ever met me, the best compliment you could pay me would be, "Looking good troop, looking real good".

I think you've done some good things for our way of life in the Guard. I think that last statement is important . . . the Guard, in some ways even more so than active duty, is not the best part time job in America, or Ohio, or wherever. It simply is not a job, it's one heck of an experience. An experience with a capital "E". It's people, emergencies, frustration, good times, bad. But perhaps most of all, it's what we choose to make it. No, more important than that, it's what we hope to make it.

Camp Perry's renovation is a good idea, likewise with the tuition bill—they're obviously your hopes for us. Now I see where we have a new recruit-

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### Magical Moment

(ABOVE) 90 YEAR OLD HOMER PURDUM, from Cincinnati, was winner of this year's Oldest Vet Yet Award. (LEFT) Pat Patterson, Station Manager of WCVO Radio, was the guest speaker for the affair held at the Ohio State Fair.

Photos By Bob Vincent

### Day of 'Cinderellas'

# Buckeye Guard Honors 'Oldest Vets Yet' at Ohio State Fair

BY STEVE STONE

It was a day of Cinderellas. That magical old fairy tale, that teaches the ideal that people who have been relegated to life's dust heaps can rise above it all in a moment of magic, was given a new sparkle. That ugly step-sister, forgotten loneliness, would not have her way.

The Cinderellas were a group of venerable old men; veterans of World War I. It was August 20, Veterans' Day at the Ohio State Fair. Eleven men were there to claim the title of oldest veteran to at-

tend the fair in the Ohio National Guard's first annual "Oldest Vet Yet" contest.

The search for these veterans began weeks earlier. A visit to the local Veterans Administration office confirmed this author's sneaking suspicion that the heavy foot of time has been relentlessly marching forward. According to the officer-in-charge there are no longer any Spanish-American War Veterans still able to travel or cope with much walk-

ing or excitement.

"Try the 'Veterans of World War I' or the 'Disabled American Veterans' over at the state office building," he said.

The secretary-treasurer of the 'Veterans of World War I' leaned-back in his chair and closed his eyes in deep thought. "Ya know, young fellow, there aren't many of us that can still get around."

The conversation was repeated at the DAV and the VFW. Each organization

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THREE OF THE "OLDEST VETS YET" attending ceremonies at the Ohio State Fair included (left) Navy veteran Richard Morgan, 79; and Army veterans Edwin Young, 84; and E. P. Ritsman, 84. Mr. Young is sitting in a World War II jeep, driven to the ceremony by guest speaker Pat Patterson.

could come up with only a few names of those still active.

With a few names, the phone calls began. "Hello, Mr. Hilpert, were you planning to attend the fair?"

"Gosh, I'd sure like to, but I can't drive that far. I sure would like to come, though."

The old fairy god-mother called the "Spirit of Caring" would work her magic. It came in the form of two National Guard women and the wife of a National Guardsman.

Specialist 5 Pam Recroft, First Lieutenant Marjorie Dearth and Mrs. Jan Stone decided that they could easily pick up some of the veterans and even show them around the fair after the

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ceremony. Each of them later expressed how happy the veterans had been and that they felt unusually happy themselves at having brightened up someone else's life. A little more magic, perhaps.

One Veteran, E. P. Ritsman, 84, from the Masonic Home, Springfield, came by bus and taxi in his complete cavalry uniform. Others had their relatives bring them.

Homer Purdum, 90, Cincinnati, winner of the "Oldest Vet" award, told his daughter to go out to the Army surplus store and get him a campaign hat.

As he received his award from Brigadier General James M. Abraham he told the audience, "The one good thing about being old is that you don't have

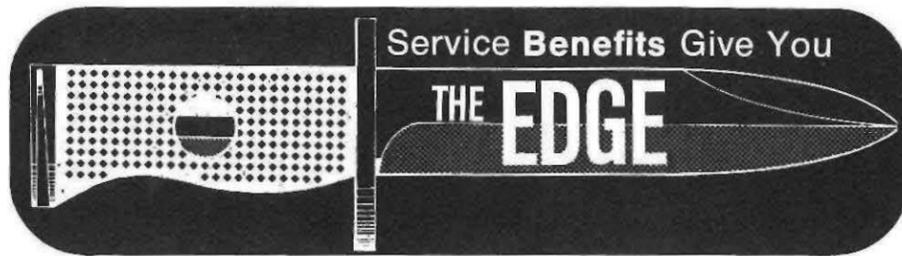
any enemies. They're all dead!"

After the awards were given, Pat Patterson, manager of radio station WCVO spoke briefly about patriotism, sacrifice, duty and honor. He spoke of pausing to remember events, of stopping to pay tribute.

A young man, perhaps in his late 30's, stopped briefly with his family at the edge of the ceremony tent. "Oh, World War I," he said impatiently, "let's go, there's nothing here."

He would never carry the memory of an old man in an old uniform with new tears of pride slipping down an aging cheek.

But then, this was a magical moment. And magic is not for everyone.



What are your benefits as a member of the Ohio National Guard. Do you know *all* of them. This new column is designed to keep Ohio Guard members abreast of the latest developments on the benefit scene. Service benefits *do* give you the *edge*.

## Crime Control Act May Include Certain Guardsmen

The Public Safety Officer's Benefit Act of 1976, which is an amendment to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, provides certain benefits to public safety officers, and Guardsmen, who die in the performance of their duty.

According to an opinion by LTC William Shimp, the State Judge Advocate, "this act would be applicable to members of the militia, no matter what their specific status, so long as they are properly called to duty, who are involved in crime or juvenile delinquency control, or enforcement of criminal laws, or who are just acting as firemen and who die as a direct result of personal injury sustained in the line of duty".

He added, "When the militia is called to state active duty to aid civil authorities or execute laws it may not be to effect crime control or enforcement of criminal laws. Hence, a cook who dies as a result of a hot grease fire in the mess facility supporting a flood evacuation mission would not be covered; but a trooper on an anti-looting security patrol who dies as a result of a sniper wound would".

The act therefore has some limited applications to militia operations but it is far from uniform in coverage.

The \$50,000 death benefit is payable to dependents as they are defined by the Act.

## Increases in Coverage Announced by USBA

Increases in coverages at no increase in premium have been announced for the Ohio National Guard's new Group Term Life Insurance by Uniformed Services Benefit Association, the administrator of the plan. The increases, effective Sept. 1, 1977, were automatic for those already insured and are included for those who will be insured in the future.

All insureds under age 66 receive an increase of \$2000 in the Automatic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage, bringing the total to \$12,000.

Guardsmen not on flying status under age 31 receive an increase of 12 and one-half per cent in the basic term life insurance. For those 31-35 the increase is 7 and one-half per cent.

Another improvement provides that if an insured with Family Coverage dies, the spouse and children insured under the Plan may continue the coverage at the same rates and benefits, if desired.

It was also announced that USBA members who were insured during the fiscal year ending May 31, 1977, would receive a 25 per cent dividend based on the term premium paid. The Ohio National Guard insurance plan is combined with the USBA plan for dividend purposes, and insured Ohio Guardsmen automatically become members of USBA and will be eligible for future dividends, when declared. Dividends, although not guaranteed, have been paid for the past 15 years.

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



## James C. Good Gets First Star

James C. Good, commander of the 112th Medical Brigade, Ohio National Guard was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in ceremonies held recently at the Beightler Armory.

General Good received his general officer star from Brigadier General James M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, Ohio National Guard.

Combining thirty years of active, reserve, and National Guard service, General Good will continue as commander of the 500 man medical brigade headquartered in Worthington.

General Good is a medical doctor in civilian life, with his practice located in Clintonville. Dr. Good resides at 8 Chatham Road, Columbus, with his wife Julia, and their four children John, 20; Mary, 16; Anne, 14; and David 10. The Good's have four other grown children who are married.

## Patchen New CG of 16th Brigade

The 3,500 member 16th Engineer Brigade of the Ohio Army National Guard has a new commander.

Brigadier General Kermit A. Patchen, 58, of 1910 Knoll Ridge Ct., assumed command of the Columbus-based brigade.

He succeeded retiring Brigadier General Jean G. Peltier.

A change of command ceremony was held at the brigade's Howey Rd. Armory.

BG Patchen, a World War Two veteran, previously was deputy commander of the Guard's Ohio Area Command.

## A Proud Tradition

# 1st Bn., 166th Inf. Has Served Our Country Since 1846

BY DON LUNDY

*"I love the infantry because they are the underdogs. They are the mud-rain-frost-and-wind boys. They have no comforts and they even learn to live without the necessities. And in the end they are the guys that wars can't be won without."*

War Correspondent Ernie Pyle  
North Africa — 1943

In April, 1846, American soldiers were taken prisoner by the Mexican Army in disputed Texas territory. Texas had become the 28th state of the union on December 29, 1845, and had been assured U.S. protection if she agreed to annexation.

To most Ohioans, the dispute in Texas was a world away. They had other things to tend to. They were farmers, trappers, lumbermen and railroaders.

To some, however, the War with Mexico was to become very real. These were the men who were to be part of what is now the First Battalion, 166th Infantry, Ohio Army National Guard. Today, the 166th is part of the 73rd Infantry Brigade, headquartered in Columbus.

The lengthy history of the 166th, originally organized as the 2nd Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry in 1846, has remained pretty much intact despite numerous reorganizations through the years.

### BUENA VISTA CAMPAIGN

The forerunner of today's unit was mustered into federal service in June, 1846, at Camp Washington in Cincinnati. The regiment saw action in the Buena Vista campaign of the Mexican War before being mustered out of federal service in June, 1847. After being placed back on federal service in Sept., 1847, the regiment was again mustered out of federal service on July 26, 1848, at Cincinnati.

During the period 1855-1861, the Regiment was reorganized as separate

companies, among them being the Columbus Videttes. These independent companies were consolidated to form the 3rd and 4th Regiments, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and were mustered into federal service at Camp Jackson, Columbus, on April 27 and May 3, 1861, respectively, each for three months service.

Later, both units were again reorganized at Camp Dennison, Cincinnati, and mustered in for three years, the 4th Regiment on June 5, 1861, and the 3rd Regiment on June 12, 1861.

### CIVIL WAR SERVICE

During the course of the Civil War, the Regiments served in numerous campaigns, including Antietam, Fredericksburg, Murfreesboro, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg.

The 3rd Regiment was mustered out on June 23, 1864, at Camp Dennison and the 4th at Jeffersonville, Ind., on July 12, 1865.

The units were reorganized during the period 1870-1877 as independent companies in Southern and South-Central Ohio. In late 1877 the companies were formed into the 5th, 6th and 14th Regiments, Ohio National Guard.

On August 13, 1878, the 5th and 6th Regiments were consolidated and redesignated the 6th Infantry Regiment. The 6th and 4th Regiments eventually evolved into the 4th Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered into federal service on May 9, 1898. After duty in the Spanish-American War, the Regiment was mustered out at Columbus on Jan. 29, 1899.

### MEXICAN BORDER SERVICE

After being disbanded in April, 1899, and reorganized in July of that year, the Regiment went back on federal duty in July, 1916, for service on the Mexican



border. Following that, the unit was mustered out at Fort Wayne, Michigan, on March 3, 1917, only to be recalled for service in World War I on July 15, 1917.

On Aug. 20, 1917, the Regiment was redesignated as the 166th Infantry Regiment and was assigned to the 42nd (Rainbow) Division commanded by General Douglas MacArthur. During WWI, the Regiment saw action in the following campaigns: Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Lorraine, and Champagne.

In May, 1920, the 166th was reorganized as the 4th Infantry Regiment by consolidation of the former 4th and 7th Regiments; but was later redesignated as the 166th Infantry Regiment with assignment to the 37th Division on July 1, 1921.

The Regiment was again activated for federal service on Oct. 15, 1940, and was relieved from assignment to the 37th Division on Jan. 16, 1942.

The Regiment was deactivated from World War II service in 1944 and then was reorganized on Nov. 11, 1946, with headquarters in Columbus. Since 1946 the Regiment had a series of reorganizations and consolidations until being formed into its present configuration on Feb. 16, 1968.

Current commander of the 166th is Major Herbert B. Eagon Jr., son of former Ohio Adjutant General, Herbert B. Eagon Sr.



## Which Way West?

THOSE ATTENDING the Ohio National Guard's NCO Academy receive instruction in a broad range of topics, including use of the compass and map reading. All students are given an opportunity to lead during the course.

**Photos By Scott Bruce**

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# NCO School . . . 'the Best Training Yet'

BY BOB DEVOE

A lot of people in the Guard gripe about the lack of NCO leadership; but there are a select few who are seriously attempting to change this situation—those who have the initiative to attend the Ohio National Guard's Non-Commissioned Officers' Academy, headquartered in Worthington.

The purpose of the academy, now in its sixth year of operation, is to teach leadership at the squad leader and platoon sergeant level.

Candidates must first apply for admission to the academy through their unit. They can attend the school on an ET (equivalent training) or FTTD (full-time training duty) status.

The six month course, which is conducted primarily at the Ohio Military Academy in Worthington, is climaxed with a two-week summer training session at Camp Perry.

### SERGEANTS ALL

Everyone attending school is referred to as "sergeant", regardless of rank. All of the academy's students are in pay grades E-3 through E-6.

Probably the most surprising moment for a new NCO candidate is the day he runs into his *drill sergeant*. Yes, I did say "drill" sergeant.

The drill sergeants, all volunteers from other Ohio Guard units, provide much of the instruction and discipline at the summer encampment. They're on hand to provide continuous constructive and corrective advice to the candidates.

MSGT Sherman E. Hagerman is the school sergeant major. He's been a member of the Ohio Guard since 1947 and he's in charge of the academy's drill sergeants. Like them, he wears the distinctive "DI" campaign hat.

### FAIR, FIRM AND RIGHT

Sergeant Hagerman emphasized, "Our drill sergeants must be fair, firm and right". He personally interviews each drill sergeant before he is accepted for duty at the academy.

The NCO Academy teaches discipline, combined with good judgement.

"The course is not easy," he stated. "There's a lot of pressure. We have to find out if an NCO can hold up in any situation—especially combat".

Some of the topics stressed at the school include leadership principals; ethics and discipline; unit effectiveness; weapons training; drill and cere-

mony; map reading and race relations.

The courses are conducted in an informal, relaxed atmosphere where student participation and comments play a key role.

Each NCO is given an opportunity to be a leader.

### COURSES ARE NECESSARY

Sergeant Hagerman feels the courses are necessary. "Drill and ceremony, for instance, is a good means of instilling discipline. Of course, the primary purpose of the NCO course is leadership development."

He displays a sincere concern for the progress of each and every student at the academy and he often conducts rap sessions both with, and without, the drill sergeants present.

He's rightfully proud of the school and its staff. "Our drill sergeants are

motivated by a feeling of accomplishment," he says.

Drill instructors for the school are selected on the basis of good physical appearance; military bearing; personality; reliability and knowledge of subject matter. Each drill instructor must also possess a thorough knowledge of drill and ceremony procedures.

### HIGH STANDARDS

All students are expected to maintain at least a 70 point average (out of a possible 100) in both leadership and academics to graduate.

Eight women were enrolled in the recent class. The first female candidates graduated last year. For the first time there's even a female drill sergeant at the academy. She's SGT Shirley Miller, a former active Army drill sergeant at Ft. McClellan.

### 30 BIG PROMOTION POINTS

Those completing the school receive 30 points toward promotion and the right to wear the distinctive NCO Academy badge.

The results of a recent survey, taken from among those attending the school, indicated that most thought the course was demanding; and only one candidate felt the course was too hard.

Most comments about the school were very positive and most students indicated they were glad they attended.

"The NCO Academy was outstanding".

"Enjoyed the school and learned a good bit".

"Very fine school. Would recommend anyone in my home unit to attend".

"The school should be mandatory for NCO's".

"Proud I went through".

"It was the best training yet".

*STUDENT PRESENTATIONS play a key role in both instruction and practical application at the school. Here a candidate conducts a physical fitness demonstration.*



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# Buckeye Bits

## Help for Plymouth

Governor James A. Rhodes ordered Ohio National Guard water tankers into the Village of Plymouth, Ohio, recently because of a temporary water shortage created by repairs on the city's main water valves. Both the Ohio Air and Army Guard coordinated this project.

## Membership Expired?

Have you checked your Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association membership card lately? Chances are it has expired without your knowing it. Or perhaps you'd like to join this worthwhile organization. For additional information write to: The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Assoc., 2555 County Line Rd., Kettering, Oh. 45430

## Need a Blanket or Two?

The American Woolen Company, 220-71st St., P.O. Box 403007, Miami

Beach, Fla. 33140, has 10,000 hospital blankets available in gold, blue, or green, that can be purchased in multiples of 12 for \$4.00 each. The blankets are 72" by 90", and are 100 per cent polyester, machine washable, and meet all flammable requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

## Tops in the Nation!

The Ohio National Guard was recently presented with two first place honors in the 1976 Adjutants General Association Awards contest. A letter from MG Richard A. Miller, Chairman of the Awards Program, emphasized, "The contributions of the Ohio National Guard in the fields of education and command information are truly outstanding and your public information entry missed first place honors by only the narrowest of margins." He added, "You have every reason to be proud of your National Guard units and of their service to your state and the nation".

## Super Sale at Perry

The world's largest garage sale is now being conducted at Camp Perry, Ohio, and will continue through Saturday, Oct. 29. Some of the items featured include: medical equipment; hospital items; scissors; forceps; sheets; towels; pillowcases; tires; desks; carpenter tools; refrigerators; lamps; aluminum windows; and thousands of new items. Merchandise is located in building 3816. For additional information contact LTC Doile Lama at (614) 889-7202.

## Vet Employer of the Year

AMVETS Department of Ohio recently announced the winners of their Veteran Employer of the Year Award. The governmental agency named was the Ohio National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility #1, Greensburg. COL Ray Galloway, Facility Commander, accepted the award during a formal dinner at the Imperial House Hotel in North Canton.

## ODC Goes to Camp

The Ohio Defense Corps held their annual summer camp Sept. 10-11 at Camp Perry. Weapons demonstrations and instruction in basic military subjects were featured. The ODC replaces the Ohio Guard as the state militia if the Guard is federalized.

## Minuteman Jackets Available

Lined, lightweight jackets featuring the Minuteman emblem are currently being sold by the Ohio Guard Enlisted Association Ladies' Auxiliary. The jackets must be ordered through a unit representative in orders of 10 or more. They are available in both red and black for \$15. All jackets are personalized with your name on the pocket. For additional information contact Mrs. Sandra Monastra, 2941 Chaucer Dr. NE, North Canton, Oh. 44721.

## Return from Nevada

One hundred twenty five members of the Ohio Air Guard's 178th Tac. Ftr. Gp. recently returned from Nellis AFB, near Las Vegas, Nevada, where they participated in phase one of the Tactical Airlift Command's "Red Flag 77-9" combat training exercise.

# All About People-

SFC DON HERBST, 1485th Transportation Co., Covington, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal during recent training at Camp Grayling. SFC Herbst retired on Aug. 21. His military career spanned 41 years. SFC Herbst is better known as LTC "Pappy" Herbst, the rank he obtained while working as a field examiner for the U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer for Ohio. He served in that capacity for 27 years.

Thirty-six years of military service, including 31 years with the Ohio National Guard, ended for SFC EMMETT CLASING on Sept. 30. Clasing has been "first shirt" for the 216th Eng. Bn., Portsmouth, since 1968.

SP4 SHARON L. SPADE, Toledo, recently received the ARCOM from LTC RICHARD LANDER. Specialist Spade is the first woman to receive the award in the Northwest Ohio area. She works as a secretary at an East Toledo Junior High School.

SSG JAMES LENARDSON fired the best individual pistol score for the National Guard at the Interservice Pistol Matches recently and captured second place in the grand aggregate with a score of 3513-149, just two points behind the match winner.

SFC KENNETH HOFMANN, 838th MP Co., Youngstown, has been named the Honor Graduate of the Administrative Supply Technician Course at the National Guard Professional Education Center, North Little Rock, Ark.

SSG SCOTT O. HARKINS, Springfield, was recently honored as "Member of the Year" by the Ohio Air Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group. LTC ROBERT E. PRESTON, Group Commander, presented the award.

LTC GARY A. BRANDT of Youngstown was elected 28th president of the Ohio Defense Corps Officers' Association at the 1977 Annual Conference in Columbus.

1LT JERRY STERNER recently took command of Battery B, 2/174th ADA, New Lexington and Zanesville, during change of command ceremonies. The battery consists of approximately 130 men.

AIRMAN DAN CAMPBELL and AIRMAN GEORGE MICHAEL, with the 180th Tac Ftr Gp., Toledo, were recent recipients of tuition grants to Hocking Technical College.

CPT WILLIAM CROSSON received the ARCOM medal recently for his performance of duty while serving as the commander of the 196th Public Information Detachment in Worthington. As de-



## A Plug for the Guard!

2LT ROGER D. MONROE of Lima, Ohio, has a second lieutenant guarding his property. Well, not a real, live officer; but a fire hydrant made to look like a lieutenant. Monroe blames the idea on his wife. He says the headgear was the hardest to reproduce so he made a "tac officer" helmet do the trick. He is attached to the 837th Engineer Company in Lima.

achment commander Crosson was largely responsible for the upgrading of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine. He is Public Information Officer for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Awards were presented recently to seven Ohio Army National Guard offic-

ers by MG JAMES C. CLEM. Those receiving the awards included: COL JOHN J. SIMMONS, Army Commendation Medal; COL RONALD BEBOUT, Meritorious Service Medal; LTC ROBERT LAWSON, first oak leaf cluster to ARCOM; LTC HUFFMAN B. KING, ARCOM; LTC ROBERT BOWMAN, MSM; LTC ROBERT L. DILTS, ARCOM; and CW4 GEORGE CLINE, ARCOM.

Four Ohio Army National Guardsmen recently completed Army schooling with high honors: SP5 FRANK DYER, 211th Maint. Co., Newark, was the honor grad from an automotive repair class; SP4 JOHN NAGY, I Troop, 107th AC, was top man in his track vehicle mechanic course at Ft. Knox; SGT JOHN NEWMAN, Btry A, 2/174th ADA, Logan, was also a Distinguished Honor Grad from the track vehicle mechanic course at Knox; and SP6 BARRY FOUSS, Det. 1, HHB, 2/174 ADA, McConnelsville, topped others in his tracked vehicle mechanic course at Knox.

Another honor grad was SP4 JOHN SAFFELL, 1416th Trans Co., Worthington. John finished tops in his course in avionics communications equipment repair.

MAJ WILLARD E. TAYLOR, Centerville, has been appointed commander of the Ohio Air Guard's 178th Consolidated Maint. Squadron in Springfield.

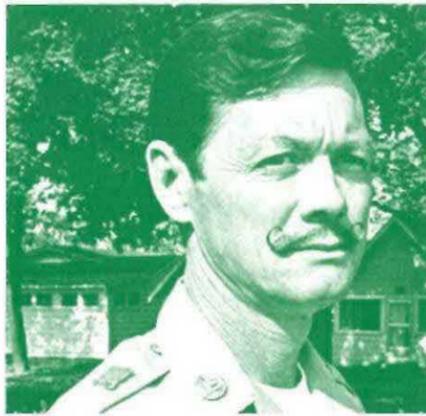
SFC JON WILSON, Personnel Sergeant with the 612th Eng. Bn. in Walbridge, was recently credited with saving the life of a man whose car went over a 30-foot embankment, turned over and caught fire. SFC Wilson stopped his car, climbed down the embankment, and pulled the driver out through the windshield of the burning, over-turned auto. As Wilson was carrying the man to safety the disabled car exploded.

SSGT JOHN H. HIGGINS has been named the outstanding Airman for Mansfield's 179th Tactical Airlift Group. He is a Command and Control Specialist with the Mansfield unit.

"Where can I get a sign made?" That was the question asked by LTC CHARLES CONNER, Battalion Commander for the 137th S & S Bn., Toledo. While at Grayling the unit discovered it had no organizational sign due to its recent reorganization from an MP unit. SSG PAUL MAXWELL, Commo Sergeant, helped the effort by obtaining most of the materials for the sign. After 12 hours of steady work by 1LT JOAN S. WILLIAMS the battalion had its first sign. 1LT Williams, of Fremont, was a general illustrator with the Army at Ft. Eustis.



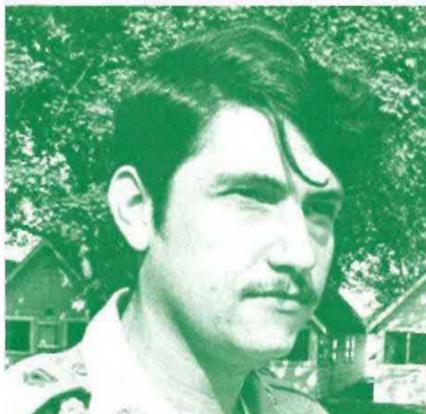
MEDICAL PERSONNEL from the Ohio Air National Guard played an active and busy role recently in the 9th Annual Special Olympic State Meet held at Ohio State University in Columbus in July. Over 3,000 participants, plus coaches and chaperones, made this the largest event of its kind in the country. The olympics featured a three-day field and track meet for mentally retarded and handicapped children and is a preliminary to the National Special Olympics. (ABOVE) An Ohio Air Guard medic helps a boy with a minor cut.



SGT. ROY



SSG ZIMMERMAN



SP4 HACKNEY

Story and  
Photos By  
Bob DeVoe

## Top Guardmembers Saluted

# Unique, New Program Honors Our Best

*"What I have liked most about this week is the knowledge that I have gained; the knowledge that tells me I am a component of worth and promise in the Ohio National Guard. How have I gained this knowledge? I know because a lot of people in a lot of high places put together a program costing a lot of money and requiring a lot of thought, coordination and effort."*

*"You've shown me and my family a good time, you've taught me and my counter-parts some useful information, and you've implicitly tasked us with an obligation to disseminate the word—the AG cares about the individual Guardsmen in Ohio; he wants to know his/her problems, to correct them if he can, and reward those who are outstanding in a significant manner"*

These are the words of Ohio Air Guard SSgt Daniel J. Cabeen, 220th Electronic Installation Squadron, following his attendance at the Outstanding Guardmembers Program held at Camp Perry recently.

His letter typifies how the Buckeye Guard's top men and women feel about this new program.

Under the Outstanding Guardsmember Program 25 of the most outstanding enlisted members of the Ohio Guard in pay grades E-3 through E-6 are given some very special treatment, according to LTC Robert Pettit, Project Officer.

### A \$300 PACKAGE

Those selected by their units receive five days State Active Duty pay; free use of a family housing unit at Camp Perry for five days; and some planned activities and functions involving the Guard member and his family including free tickets for the family to Cedar Point, fishing, water skiing, swimming, golf and a family steak fry. It all amounts to approximately \$300 for each Guardsman.

Those selected also attended 12 hours of "situational rehearsal training" during the week.

The vacation was great; but many of these top Guardsmen considered the classes the morning highlight of the affair.

The training was the brainchild of COL John Seimer (Ret.); CPT William

Reffett, the Commander of Company D, 216th Engr. Bn., Tarlton; and CPT Brad Stokes, an Ohio Military Academy instructor and full-time professor in the Physiology Dept. of the Ohio State University College of Medicine.

### A SUPER PROGRAM

CPT. Reffett personally feels the Outstanding Guardsmember Program is "super". As a company commander he has vowed to get more people in his unit involved.

He explained, "under the instructional program I've coordinated with CPT. Stokes we conduct practical exercises on situations an NCO is most likely to encounter at the unit level".

"The program is a direct function of the participants. They show us what area needs to be emphasized," he added.

SSG Betty Zimmerman, HHD, Worthington, the only woman selected to participate in the program this year, emphasized she would like to see more women in the program. The housewife and her six daughters "enjoyed the week at Perry very much."

Air Guard TSgt Richard Hoeffel, 42, an administrative supervisor with the Toledo-based 180th Tactical Fighter Group, required two cottages and a trailer to house his "Army-size" family (9 children, plus wife) at Camp Perry.

Sergeant Hoeffel was selected as his unit's top Guardsmen out of nearly 1000 members.

SGT J. Delmas Roy, 43, HHT, 3/107th Armored Cav., Barberton, feels the program should have been better publicized. He admits he was "surprised" when he was selected; but he's glad he was able to attend.

He feels the morning instructional periods were very important. Matter of fact, he wished they had been longer and emphasized, "I could have taken this kind of training all day long".

### LONG OVERDUE

SP4 Peter D. Hackney, HHC, 1/166th Infantry, Columbus, added "It's a nice program; but it should have happened a long time ago".

Hackney, a produce manager at Kroger, especially liked the rap sessions. He, too, admitted that his selec-

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OHIO AIR GUARD TSgt RICHARD HOFFEL, his wife, and nine children enjoyed their time at Camp Perry. The children especially liked the beach and the free admission to Cedar Point Amusement Park. Sergeant Hoeffel is a quality control engineer with Chrysler Corporation and he's attached to the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo.

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## Top Guardsmen . . .

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tion as his unit's outstanding Guardmember was a "surprise".

Others selected as Outstanding Guardmembers who attended the program included: SGT. Bruce A. Reed, 200th CES; SGT. Jerry V. Gardner, Troop G, 2/107th ACR; SGT. Larry A. Dusz, 324th MP Co.; SGT. Larry R. Straight, HHC, 371st Spt. Gp.; SGT. Gordon R. Lahmon, Co. D., 237 Spt. Bn.; SGT. Gregory K. Shafer, 121st CAM Sqdn.; SSG John M. Kleparek, 416th Engr. Gp.; SGT. Domingo Cruz, HHC, 612th Engr. Bn.; SSG Thomas D. Wilkins, 251st Cmbt. Comm. Gp.; SSG Daniel J. Cabeen, 220th Elec. Mstl. Sqdn.; SGT. Michael A. Massu, Co. A, 1/166 Inf; SSG Michael J. Stichler, 179th Tac AM Gp.; SSG Donald D. Ludolph, Btry D., 2/174th ADA Bn.; and SP5 Don E. Randall, Co. B., 372nd Engr. Bn.

Highlight of the five-day program was a rap session with MG James C. Clem, the Adjutant General. Following the informal session Certificates of Appreciation were presented to each Guardmember by General Clem.

## 'Tom Sawyers' Rescue Youths

BY DALE SCHERFLING

Three Ohio National Guardsmen gave a Tom Sawyer story a modern—and happy—ending in Alpina, Michigan, last month.

CW2 Don Baker, of youngstown, 1LT Chris Cadmus, Wooster, and SGT Kim Stangelo, Massillon, plucked a trio of adventurous youngsters off an island in Lake Huron where they had spent the night, stranded a mile off shore by rough waters.

Flying helicopter support for the 180th Tac Fighter Group, Toledo, on a one day assignment at the Alpina base, the Ohio trio became involved in the youngsters' plight at the request of local authorities.

"The nearest Coast Guard boat was on patrol a day away and the Air Force copter was down with maintenance problems," Lt. Cadmus explained. "The boys had taken a boat to the island, which was about a mile offshore, and because of the heavy seas, couldn't get back. The waters were also too high to launch a boat from the mainland. We were asked to pick them up."

"At first, we didn't even know if there was a place to set the copter down — the island was only about a quarter of a mile around — but they had a fire going and they waved us in".

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# LETTERS . . .

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ing drive. Fine, so we'll recruit hundreds, maybe a thousand troops. But will they be joining because they're needed or just desperately wanted? Will they be given the chance to make the Guard a useful experience to remember. Will they be willing to give the time, energy and gut feelings to make that experience worthwhile? Will they ever even know our problems well enough to even hope to make our outfit better?

I believe I have part of the answer to my own questions. Maybe it's more than a part too, maybe it's the essential framework to the solution.

I suggest that what is most needed is an honest, personal approach to getting new members . . . and that same approach will also keep a lot of people from leaving.

Just suppose every Guard member woke up in the morning for a week or just a day, with one thought—today I am *positive*. *POSITIVE!* Today is the day that I would positively like to look at myself and my relationship with the Guard. Sure, I tell myself there are problems, but nothing, absolutely NOTHING which can't be conquered.

Now, thinking positive, who among my friends, or even just the folks I may meet today, could actually benefit from joining my unit? Or that other unit in the armory?

What about the secretary at the office who constantly moans about always typing and filing and filing and typing? The kid pumping gas who

dreams of being a disc jockey? The guy in the lunch room who *no one* ever talks to? And on and on and on.

I am positive. I know what the Guard's hang-ups are, but by talking honestly and personally, I know that there is someone who could today benefit from the Guard. Maybe it would be the money, maybe training, maybe just the chance to do something different.

But I won't deceive that person . . . it may be frustrating in the Guard; but there's also many ways to *gain* something.

"What's that you say. What do I want in return?"

What do I really want?

I don't want their bodies, not just a number, not a commitment of six years. I DON'T WANT THEM AT ALL!

But boy, I sure as hell *NEED* them—their hopes and dreams and all the sweat they can muster to make our organization worthwhile for themselves and for *me* too.

We in the Guard do not need to recruit just to be self perpetuating. Not if just for one day everyone, and I mean from the AG, through all the technicians, through the officers and NCO's, and even the newest 'cruit, not if everyone thinks *POSITIVE*.

We can, and I know in my heart and guts, that we *will* make the Ohio Guard the best damn outfit you ever saw.

**A TROOPER UP IN CLEVELAND**

## Asst. AG Raps

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the members of the squads, platoons, and companies have been there for some time. They know the ropes, they know the requirements and it is up to them to help bring along the new young officers and the new NCO's who are brought in and who need not only the training, but also and perhaps more importantly, the experience.

You might say, well you've bypassed all the hierarchy in the chain of command and you've gone directly to the recruit, assistant squad leader and squad leader. I don't like to look at it as the bottom; but rather a horizontal line which represents a line of achievement. We've all got to be good and we've all got to come up to that line if we're going to be able to have the chain of command, the trained people, the retention environment, and all the other things that are needed to produce a good unit with good morale.

Another way of looking at it is like a house or structure. Without the footer or foundation the house can't stand; and without the good squads and good platoons, no military structure is going to survive.

Sure there are always those in responsible command positions who abuse the privilege and forget the responsibilities that go with it; or who never get into the business of leading as a good commander should. I hope this is the exception rather than the rule. One thing I know for sure—we've got to have a positive attitude and an understanding that we'll all be part of the problem and that we have to contribute if the problem is to be solved.

The Adjutant General has provided guidance and prescribed policies which should be clear to everyone. They have been repeated often enough that there should be no question about them. If these policies are followed we will have the organization we want, we will have the caliber of training that we need, and the Ohio National Guard will become second to none. So if there are problems in the chain of command, make the suggestions that will bring about improvement. If you find yourself frustrated because nobody listens, use this magazine as a forum to express your thoughts. We'll use the suggestions, even if you are reluctant to sign whatever you send in.

We have one goal—that is to make the Ohio National Guard combat ready so that whether it's needed for a national emergency or to help alleviate local disasters, we will be able to perform in the proud tradition of our forefathers for all the years ahead of us.

**BG JAMES ABRAHAM**  
Asst Adj Gen—Army

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## Cincinnati Wives Raising Funds for 'Teen Challenge

BY JOANN TAYLOR

In an effort to contribute to their community, the Cincinnati Chapter of the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club is working this year to raise money to support "Teen Challenge".

'Teen Challenge is a non-denominational, non-profit, Christian rehabilitation group for young men 17 years and older with drug, alcohol, or criminal offenses. It is a one-year residential program with a cure rate of 70 per cent.

The program is headed by Rev. James Gray. The reverend has indicated that funds are urgently needed to increase their programs and housing facilities.

All funds for the program come from donations from private citizens, churches, civic organizations and a few grants. The program receives no federal funds.

The Cincinnati wives have conducted two successful garage sales and assembled a cookbook titled "Garden Cookery" to raise money for this worthwhile project. (The cookbooks sell for \$3.00, plus 50 cents for postage). Cookbooks are available by writing to: Mrs. Joann Taylor, 6173 Guinea Pk., Milford, Oh. 45150.

### AN INVITE FOR YOU

The Cincinnati Wives would like to extend an invitation for all Officers' Wives to join them at their meetings the second Tuesday of each month.

Their schedule for the rest of the year is: Oct. 11—Stretch and Sew Demonstration; Oct. 29 — Champagne Ball at Wright Patterson AFB; Dec. 13—Holiday Buffet.

For information on joining the club write to Mrs. Paul E. Taylor, 6173 Guinea Pk., Milford, Oh. 45150.

## Remember . . .

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## Wives Club News

# The Other Half

BY SUSAN BROWN

Fall is with us and the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club started off with a bang! Guard wives came from all parts of Ohio to enjoy the Sept. 26 Tea at the Rickenbacker AFB Officers' Club. Members of the board worked very hard to make the event a success, acting as hostesses and providing a simply delicious array of sweets. Also served finger sandwiches, assorted canapes and beverages. Table decorations and hostess corsages were in lovely fall hues, giving everyone a preview of the colors being enjoyed outdoors this month. The ladies had a fine time visiting with friends and meeting some new members who turned out to start the season with the club.

Two important dates to be marked on OWC members' calendars are October 25 and November 22! These will be the first two luncheon meetings at the DCSC Officers' Club. Remember, social hour begins at 11:30 and luncheon is served at 12:30.

October's program will be presented by Mary Ann Doane, an OWC member who is also a professional florist. Any gal who is interested in making professional looking holiday decorations, inexpensively and easily, yes repeat *easily*, should not miss this meeting! Mary Ann will demonstrate the construction of centerpieces, wreaths, and other decorative items, perhaps including some tree ornaments. She promises to give some professional secrets to help us give our decoration that extra flair. Best of all, the items she puts together at the meeting will be given to some lucky ladies as door prizes! All this, along with delicious lunch and a chance to visit with friends, should be quite an inducement to attend the Oct. 25 luncheon.

MAKE, BAKE, GROW or SEW, are the key words for November! The meeting on the 28th will feature the big OWC Annual Holiday Auction. This, of course, is the meeting to which members bring items which they have made. The auction held is always a lively, entertaining, and lucrative affair. Some items usually included are holiday decorations (perhaps inspired by the October program?), a variety of hand-embroidered and crocheted pieces (great for gifts), toys, plants, and some super baked goods. Many types of donations are brought and happily bought by the ladies, as this is the primary fund-raising project for the year. Members are encouraged to bring guests to any and all meetings, but the November auction is an especially enjoyable event in which to include a friend, relative, or prospective OWC member.

So join us in October to sharpen your skill at holiday decorating, and in November to do a little early Christmas shopping! As usual, there will be no meeting in December.

In closing, it must be said that the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club lost an active and enthusiastic member this summer with the passing of Jane Clem. She gave generously of her time and talent in order to help the organization grow. Jane personified the good "Guard wife" and will be missed by us all.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF THE FUN?

The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club needs you! If you'd like information on your nearest chapter, please fill in the following information and mail this coupon to: Mrs. Carol Williams, 4455 Hansen Court, Columbus, Ohio, 43220:

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## 160th Named Top Air Unit

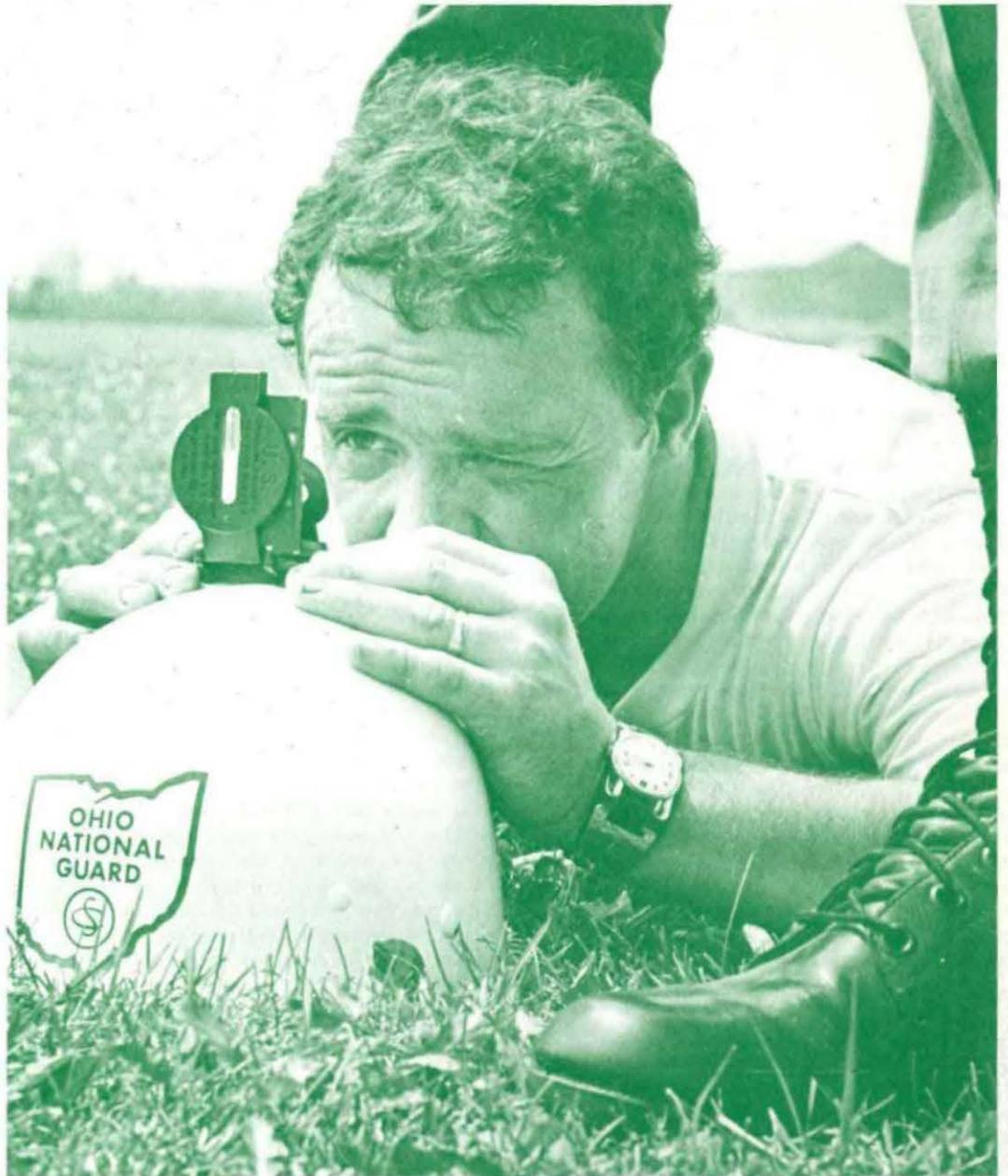
The 160th Air Refueling Group of the Ohio Air National Guard was presented both the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Air National Guard Meritorious Service Award by Major General James C. Clem during ceremonies at Rickenbacker AFB on August 14.

Both awards were in recognition of the distinguished, exceptional and meritorious service of the 160th during its participation in Operation "Creek Party", a highly successful United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE) fighter refueling operation started on May 1, 1967

and ending April 30, 1977.

Operation "Creek Party" was the first time that a reserve force, without being mobilized, had a continuing operational commitment in a foreign country. Working from Rhein-Main Air Base, Frankfurt, Germany, the 160th, together with only eight other ANG Air Refueling Units, flew a total of over 6,500 sorties, made more than 47,000 mid-air fighter hookups and offloaded more than 137 million pounds of jet fuel. These outstanding accomplishments were highlighted by ten years of accident free fighter refueling missions.

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