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*The AG Speaks*

**This and That**



Autumn—a nice time of year in Ohio; cool, crisp nights and warm, sunny days. The ideal time to get out to the local training area and improve those areas in which we did not excel during annual training. Also, time to come up with new ideas to reduce the winter armory training doldrums. Maybe you can't stay overnight in the field, but you can get outside for a day in November and December.

Contemplating changes and promotions. Now's the time to make them. Give that new sergeant, staff officer or commander time to get acquainted with his personnel and duties prior to next year's annual training. Things go better when we plan ahead, even though they don't always go according to plan. Also, let your men help you plan. They have lots of good ideas and are just as interested in having the best unit in the Ohio National Guard as you are.

How's your public information program? The Ohio Air Guard's is outstanding. A little tougher on the Army side since most units and organizations don't have PIO slots in their TOE's. Assign individuals interested in doing the job and let them use their heads. It's our life blood. Our community leaders, school officials and every citizen have to believe in us and what we are doing in order to encourage young people to join the Ohio National Guard. Where units have effective public information programs, we have great strength. You don't think so? Take a look at the Air Guard—100%; 112th TC Bn—100%; Public Affairs Det—146%; 186th Engineer Det—125%; 437th MP Bn—95%; 210th Arty Det, HHB and Btry B, 2/174 Arty—over 100%; Det 1, HHT 107th, Co H, 2/107th—over 100%; HHC, 371st Spt Gp, HHC 137th S&S Bn—over 100%; Trp A, 237th Cav—over 100%; 77th Pathfinder Det—at 216%; HHC elements of Co B and Co C, 1/166

Inf; HHC elements of Co A and Co B 1/147th Inf; and Btry A & C, 1/136th Arty—are all over 100%; 112th Med Bde units—are at 95% with the HHC, 385th Med Co and 200th Med Co at 100% or higher. The 612th Engr Bn; HHD 512th Engr Bn; HHC 134th Engr Gp; HHC and Co C of the 216th Engr Bn—over 100%.

Public information programs, enthusiasm and interest of officers and NCO's, community and family involvement, plus good training, make for successful recruiting programs and effective units. With the Ohio NG incentive programs, active public information programs and enthusiastic unit recruiters, we can achieve that 100 percent strength goal.

A recent survey of OCS candidates and NCO school applicants indicate that less than 25 percent are attending as a result of encouragement from commanders, officers and NCO's. Something is wrong here. With a shortage of 200 lieutenants and over 1,000 enlisted personnel in our scholarship program as potential candidates, we should have a class of at least 200 in OCS and more in the NCO school. Pick out the outstanding young people and encourage them to take advantage of this opportunity. Minorities should be a special target area. We need more minority NCO's and officers.

I still find commanders and NCO's who are reluctant to require their men to maintain military standards of dress, grooming and conduct. Remember you represent the military, both Army and Air, to our citizens. We must pride ourselves on every phase of our performance, in both civilian and military life, in order that all Ohioans can be proud of the Ohio National Guard and support both the Guard and the regular military establishment. Their support is vital to our success and to the defense of our country.

**'Insure Effective Training'**

BY CSM CARL ARN

With a very successful AT completed, we must think of the coming training year. The biggest challenge I see is the organization and management of the armory drills to maintain interest and reduce wasted time for Guardmembers.

It takes imagination, hard work and more involvement of junior officers and enlisted members to make sure that our limited training time is used in the most effective manner possible. I urge each of

you to continue toward new challenges with a team effort. Try a new approach, seek new ideas and methods in accomplishing the tasks at hand—most important is getting the troops involved. No matter how small the task, it is important. You may feel it is unimportant or unnecessary, but to the troops it could mean a lot.

Being involved is caring for the troops, for the tasks ahead, for the unit and the National Guard.

From Asst AG-Army

## Leadership Gets 'Lip Service'

One of the most widely discussed subjects is leadership. Notice that I did not restrict it to the military because leadership is not something that is required in that field only. It is a quality that is needed in everything we do and everywhere we go.

In spite of it being the most discussed, taught and supposedly practiced trait of our NCO's, warrant officers and officers, it probably too often gets more lip service than real application.

The problem with leadership is that it is not like programming a computer. It can't be practiced by using management techniques; rather it is something that comes from the heart, mind and guts. Ultimately, our most successful leaders are those who are willing to take on the awesome responsibility that goes with effective leadership. Therein lies the key—the word **RESPONSIBILITY**.

It means responsibility to provide inspiration and motivation to others. It means that we respond to the tremendous responsibility of insuring that our troops are trained as well as possible so that they have the best chance of surviving the first twenty-four hours of combat. It means urging them to do things that they ordinarily might not want to do but through the motivation of leadership, the job is done with relish and enthusiasm.

The question 'how do you measure leadership?' is asked many times. I am really not sure that the inherent quality of leadership in the individual can be effectively measured; rather an evaluation is more effectively accomplished by looking at the results. For example, if good responsible leadership exists, you will notice very quickly that the chain of

command really works. Also, morale is good in the unit, training is going on in an atmosphere of enthusiasm, and tremendous pride exists for both the unit and its leadership.

Many effective programs are being carried out such as outstanding recruiting and retention, cross training, good public relations and public information programs, enthusiasm on the part of the spouses, etc. Just as troops are proud of their leadership, so are those who are in leadership positions proud of their troops. It's a very inspiring and exhilarating marriage.

That's what leadership is all about. Its effects are visible but those who aspire to and become successful leaders have to accept the awesome responsibility that goes with it. It is a responsibility that is greater to others than to yourself.

### It's Your View

## Meeting the Challenge

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was written by Ohio Air National Guard Deputy Chief of Staff Col. Donald T. McGinley. Any Guardmember, Army or Air, regardless of rank, is invited to express his or her opinion on any topic concerning the Guard in this column. Send your typewritten double-spaced article to: "It's Your View" in care of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085. We reserve the right to edit articles for clarity. We invite input from everyone—recruit to general.*

### COL. DONALD T. MCGINLEY

One has only to look and listen to the news media to be exposed to some rather depressing news. Inflation, the energy problem, Middle East, Central and South America, the threats to our shipping routes in the Persian Gulf and around South Africa, and of course the concern recently generated over the SALT II agreement. From the military point of view we certainly face an enormous challenge to maintain an adequate defense.

In light of the SALT II agreement a

greater responsibility falls to the implementation of the use of conventional forces to maintain an adequate defense and to insure the peace. The Total Force doctrine will then require that our Guard and Reserve Forces meet this challenge with improved readiness and most importantly, fully-manned.

Last year, the DOD held a nationwide mobilization exercise which required the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) to replace active forces transferred to Europe. The results of the exercise indicated we could not, in the event of a major emergency, meet our goals. Shortages in strategic supplies in storage in Europe, deficiency of airlift capabilities and most revealing was the lack of adequate reserve manpower available in the IRR manpower pool.

The active portion of our Armed Forces are not adequate in their existing size and configuration to defend the nation without augmentation from the organized, trained, equipped, and ready National Guard and Reserve Forces. This is a recognized reality as proved by the DOD exercise, and there is growing recognition

of the importance of an effective Reserve Force. Personnel shortages severely limit the ability of the Guard and Reserve to meet mobilization and deployment requirements.

If a major emergency were suddenly thrust upon us, we would be pressed to overcome the unreadiness to fight a major war due to manpower shortages. Past history teaches that the best way to prevent a war is to be prepared for one.

It has been reported that Marshall of the Soviet Union, N. V. Ogarkov, boasted, "The Soviet Union has military superiority over the United States and henceforth the U.S. will be threatened. You had better get used to it."

Well, Marshall Ogarkov does not understand Americans very well for if true, we certainly are not going to accept that kind of situation for very long, under any circumstances.

The need for re-enactment of the Selective Service System is, therefore, essential to meet our prime concern for manpower. Selective Service is not the answer in those earliest weeks of war, but it becomes critically im-

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## Governor Praises Unit

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was received by CPT Dale Liebenthal, Commander of Company C, 612th Engineer Battalion, Norwalk. He would like to share this letter with all members of the Ohio National Guard.*

Dear Captain Liebenthal:

Congratulations on having won the Itschner Award, making Company C of the 612th Engineer Battalion in Norwalk, Ohio, the best in the Army.

Please extend my congratulations and appreciation to your fine officers and enlisted persons who have set the example for the rest of the nation.

You can be very proud, and I am sure you all are, of the great honor you have brought upon the State of Ohio and the City of Norwalk, as well as the Ohio National Guard.

Keep up the good work and the fine example you are setting for everyone else.

**JAMES A. RHODES**  
Governor

## Grateful Troop

*EDITOR'S NOTE: MG James C. Clem, The Adjutant General, recently received this letter from one of the individuals selected to attend the Outstanding Guardmember Program at Camp Perry recently. He'd like to share this letter with all Ohio Guardmembers.*

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express not only my thanks, but the thanks of every fellow Guardmember

with whom I spoke that participated in the Outstanding Guardmember Program for fiscal year '79.

Not only did I receive great benefit from the training program presented during the morning hours, I met and became friends with each fellow Guardmember in the program, and I concur in their unit's decision that they are definitely outstanding men and women. I would be ecstatic to have these people in my unit.

The recreation provided was great. I enjoyed most the swimming and the volleyball which we played on the sandy beach. Each night we got together for a cookout and enjoyed each other's company.

There was a great rapport between the Army and Air Guard personnel which surprised even me, and yet, you could see the pride in each of us for our particular units.

Your support, and the support of your fine people in making this program available to us is greatly appreciated. I hope the Outstanding Guardmember Program continues each year, and I am proud to have been a part of it.

**TSGT JOSEPH E. PIERCE**  
178th TAC Fighter Gp.  
Springfield, O.

## Wrong Headline

To the Editor:

"French to Honor 112th Combat Engineers for WWII" isn't quite accurate, I'm sorry to say.

I wrote the article but *you wrote the headline.*

The French Government, if you've read the article carefully, is *considering* the *possibility* of a unit citation for the 112th.

Admiral Rochambeau and General LaFayette helped us out in our Revolution against England. The USA paid its debt to France, with interest to boot: we bailed them out of the frying pan in World War I, World War II, and assisted with the Marshall Plan and other rehabilitative post-WWII measures.

But, something is amiss, especially if one studies the exemplary record of the 112th. H minus 20 on D-Day at Omaha Beach must not have been very pleasant for the Guardsmen and inductees of Cleveland's 112th. I only hope the French government realizes this.

**SSG ROY WORTMAN**  
196th P.A.D.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Sorry for the misleading headline. Thanks for setting the record straight. You obviously have strong feelings about the French "debt" to the men of the 112th. We concur.*

## Our Cover . . .

The cover photograph for this issue of BUCKEYE GUARD was taken by SP5 Ken White, of the Ohio Army National Guard's 196th Public Affairs Detachment, Worthington.

Shown are men and machines of the 107th Armored Cav., from Stow. They were part of the nearly 3,200 Guardmembers participating in Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Michigan in August.

## 107th Open House Features Displays

An open house was hosted recently by the 107th Armored Cavalry highlighting the unit's history and its modern day role. The movie "Voices of Freedom" was offered to participants, along with static displays of vehicles and equipment.

Participating in the event were the 155th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, the 200th Medical Company, Company B of the 11th Special Forces, Troop G, 2/107th ARC, HHT (-) 107th ARC and Air Troop 107th ARC.

From the State Chaplain

## Celebration of Love!

Being in the Guard offers each of us a variety of challenges. There are the constant challenges to improve ourselves and to work to improve our units. There are rewards for hard work—pride in a job well done, satisfaction at having done our best, and hope that we can always do better.

In our relationship with God, things are different. God has all the cards. Certainly we have the opportunity and responsibility to improve ourselves, but our relationship with God is made complete and right only by Him. Our challenge is to accept His love and then share it.

At Camp Perry this year I had a chance to share in the special cele-

bration of God's love—welcoming one person into God's gracious family. Chaplain Charles Miller and I joined in baptizing Tina Marie Childress, the daughter of Rick and Norma Childress. SP4 Childress is a member of Headquarters Company, 112th Engineer Battalion. God Bless them, and you!

Incidentally, I want to mention that Chaplain Miller, while doing a fine job as chaplain for the 112th Engineers, also was recently appointed to an additional post as the unit Public Information Officer. Congratulations and best wishes, Chaplain Miller.

**FREDERICK M. KETNER**  
Chaplain (COL), OHARNG  
State Chaplain

**Deadline for Next Issue is Oct. 29! Don't Forget!**

# RECRUITING ROUND-UP



The latest news on recruiting and retention including kudos for our go-getters!

BY MAJ EDWIN HALL  
State R/R Manager

AGOR 601-2 is now published and announces the current incentive awards program which is designed to recognize those individuals and units which are actively involved in the recruiting and retention efforts of the Buckeye Guard. This regulation offers recognition for everyone involved in recruiting. Officers, warrant officers and technicians are not excluded. Awards are even offered to non-guard members who make referrals which result in enlistments.

Members of the Ohio Army National Guard may receive the Recruiter Achievement Ribbon for enlisting five persons into the Guard. Several letters and certificates are available to unit recruiters (these can help when promotion time comes around.) Plaques are available to individuals who continue their recruiting efforts. Outstanding recruiters from each battalion may be eligible for a vacation at Camp Perry.

Units which reach 100 per cent strength are authorized to display a special streamer from their unit guide-on. Additional awards are now available for units with exceptional recruiting and retention efforts.

If you haven't already seen a copy of AGOR-601-2, ask your AST to let you see the copy in your orderly room. You may already be eligible for awards that you haven't received.

## FTRF VACANCIES

Vacancies currently exist on the Full-Time Recruiter Force (FTRF). Applications are encouraged from unit recruiters who have proven themselves to be effective and successful recruiters. Members of the FTRF are placed on active duty under Title 10, USC. Persons up to the grade of E-7 are eligible for consideration. If you would like additional information on the FTRF contact CW4 Donough at 1-800-282-7310. This number is toll-free, so it doesn't even cost you for the call.

## STRENGTH ENHANCEMENT SEMINARS

The Recruiting and Retention Section of the Adjutant General's Department will be conducting a series of "Strength Enhancement Seminars" around the state starting the last weekend in September. Each unit will have three representatives at one of the seminars. The unit commander, the first AST and one other individual selected by the commander will attend. The purpose of the seminars will be to assist units in establishing a unit recruiting program, a unit retention program and discuss how to manage the programs once they are in effect.

## RETENTION STUDY

The Mershon Center at Ohio State University recently completed a two-year study on retention in the Ohio Army National Guard. Their final findings were no surprise to anyone:

a. Better leadership training is needed in order to make today's officers and NCO's more effective.

b. In most units, career counseling is not effective. Retention is not even discussed with most members leaving the Guard.

c. The family should be kept informed of Guard activities, and involved wherever possible. An annual family day is not enough.

d. NCO's have more impact on retention than do officers—primarily squad leaders and platoon sergeants.

e. Training must be interesting. The individual must feel that they are doing something worthwhile.

f. Retention must happen at unit level, not at brigade TAG or NGB. Retention is caring for people.

## SIMULTANEOUS MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

It is now possible for an individual to attend Advanced ROTC, continue to train with the National Guard and receive both drill pay and ROTC subsistence allowance of \$100 per month. For more information on this program, inquiries should be directed to LT George Kinney at (614) 889-7032.

## CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

The Recruiter Round-Up article in the August issue of the BUCKEYE GUARD was adapted from an article previously written by MAJ William C. Bilo, RRM for Maryland.

## Top Guardmembers Sought

The Ohio National Guard's sharpest troops are being sought for special honors according to Adjutant General James C. Clem.

It's all part of the Outstanding Guardmember Program. Under this unique program, the top enlisted members of both the Ohio Army and Air Guard receive a vacation package worth at least \$300 and some very special treatment at Camp Perry.

Each Outstanding Guardmember is selected by his or her unit and receives five days of state active duty

pay; free use of a family housing unit at Camp Perry; and some planned activities for the Guardmember and family including free tickets for the family to Cedar Point, fishing, water skiing, swimming, golf and a buffet dinner for the entire family.

Those selected also attend 12 hours of situational rehearsal and leadership training during the week.

For additional information on the Outstanding Guardmember Program see your unit AST or first sergeant.

## Wives Receive Recognition

Certificates of Meritorious Service were presented to 40 wives of Det. 1, Co. A, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry recently during a ceremony at the Xenia armory.

Detachment commander, 1LT Steven LaFlame emphasized, "This is our way of recognizing the wives for their support." He added, "The wives have to run the entire household alone while their husbands are on Annual Training exercises and this is an increased burden on them that can become staggering in proportions at times."



**CLOWNING AROUND**—An Ohio State Fair clown greets three participants in the “Oldest Vet Yet” contest at the Ohio State Fair in August. Shown are Richard B. Morgan, (left), 81; Homer Purdum, 91; and E. P. Ritsman, 86. The contest was part of Ohio National Guard Day at the fair. Jet and helicopter flyovers, and music by the 555th Air Force Band were also included in the ceremony. (PHOTO BY MSGT BOB BARKER).

## Ohio State Fair Buckeye Guard Honors 108-Year-Old Veteran

BY SFC JERRY CONDO  
Staff Writer

He chews some tobacco, eats just about anything, but leaves booze and smoking alone.

Maybe that's why Glen D. Post is 108 years old.

The witty, bearded man who lives in Columbus was honored in August by the Ohio National Guard in the Guard's Third Annual Oldest Veteran Program at the Ohio State Fair.

Post beat out 16 other candidates for the honor of being named the oldest veteran. Next closest was a 100-year-old veteran.

Post, who attended the outdoor ceremonies with his 30-year-old wife, Velma, served in the Spanish-American War and World War I.

Beryl Ward, Ohio Adjutant for Disabled American Veterans (DAV), said

Post is believed to be the oldest DAV member in the nation and is one of only four Ohioans alive who served in the Spanish-American War.

Post said he was proud of having served in the military, but made it clear he doesn't like some of the new trends in the armed services.

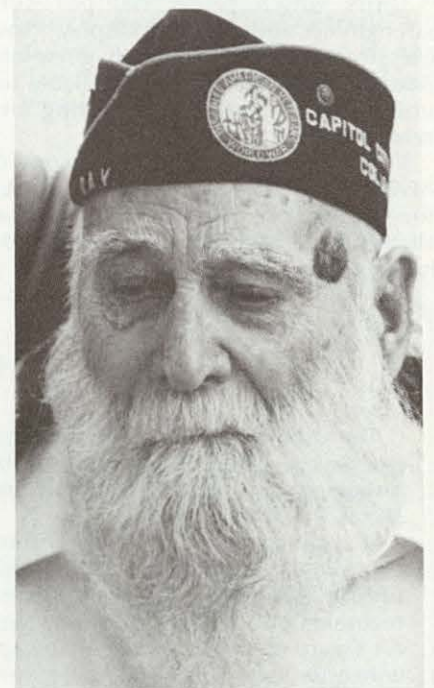
“I don't think the military is a fit place for women. Women are fine in their right place, but the right place is not the military,” said Post.

Post sat proudly as he was presented his award by COL. Edward J. Power, Assistant Adjutant General for Air.

A crowd of about 300 persons watched the hour-long ceremony, which featured a helicopter and jet fly over by Ohio National Guard aircraft, and music by the Air Guard's 555th Air Force Band.

Major General James C. Clem, the

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**108-YEAR-OLD** Glen Post was the oldest veteran at the 1979 Ohio State Fair. He received special honors from the Ohio National Guard during a colorful ceremony. (PHOTO BY SSGT JIM KNAPP)

# 12,000 Ohio Guardmembers Attend Training, Conserve Fuel

BY SFC JERRY CONDO  
Staff Writer

More than 12,000 Ohio Army National Guardmembers attended 15-days annual training this year as the Guard ended another training year.

For some, the Annual Training was served closer to home as a result of the fuel crunch, according to COL. Oliver C. Seffens, planning, training and operations officer for the Ohio Adjutant General's Department.

Seffens said that some Guard units were diverted from training sites out of state to Camp Perry, O., in an effort to save fuel.

"We estimated the savings at about 52,000 gallons of petroleum products by diverting the training to Perry," said Col. Seffens.

The 15 days of training, which came at the end of the year-long training cycle, found troops working their military jobs on a full-time basis. Normally, the training the rest of the year is done on a one-weekend-a-month routine.

Tank traps were built, bridges were erected, land mines (simulated) were planted, and war games were played. The Guard job depended on the type of unit and the mission to be accomplished.

The annual training was done at various training sites.

Most Guardmembers have completed training. Selected troops of the headquarters of the Columbus-based 16th Engineer Brigade spent their training time with NATO units in West Germany last March.

Other units trained at Corpus Christi, Texas in May.

Several units perform their 15 days Annual Training in increments on a year round basis with no specific training site.

## THREE MAJOR SITES

The bulk of the Army Guardmembers spent their summer camp at three sites: Camp Perry, Camp Grayling, Mich., and Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Some units trained at Camp Atterbury, Ind., Ft. Bliss, Texas, Ft. Hood, Texas, and Ft. McCoy, Wis.

The fuel savings cited by COL. Seffens were gained because Savannah Army Depot, Ill. was eliminated as a training site and fewer units attended summer camp at McCoy and Atterbury.

Camp Perry, the state of Ohio's military installation on Lake Erie shores, hosted a sizable contingent of Ohio citizen soldiers from around the state.

Troops of the 186th Engineer Detach-



**WELL CAMOUFLAGED** and alert described this Ohio National Guard member who guarded the access road to her unit the 512th Engr. Battalion. PFC Gale F. Pflum, Cincinnati, had to leave the foxhole to challenge all visitors with a password. Gale performs clerical duties in both her military and civilian job. The engineering outfit from Cincinnati recently underwent two weeks Annual Training. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).

ment, from Walbridge, completed their two weeks of training in June at Perry, as did the 2/174th Air Defense Artillery (ADA) units from southeastern Ohio, and the 210th Artillery Detachment from Kettering.

The 372nd Engineer Battalion, headquartered at Kettering with subordinate units at Middletown, Greenville, Lebanon, also completed their training in June, as did the 134th Engineer Group,

located in Cincinnati.

The 112th Engineer Battalion, headquartered at Cleveland with units in Wooster, Akron, Youngstown, and Lorain completed training in July. The Ohio Military Academy and the Ohio Guard's Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) School trained at Camp Perry in July as well.

The 1485th Transportation Co.,  
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## Closer to Home

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Covington, recently trained at Perry. The 1487th Transportation Co., Mansfield, trained there from July 14-28, as did the 323rd MP Co. from Toledo, some elements of the 5694th Firefighter Detachment from Shreve, and the 112th TC Battalion, headquartered at Middletown. Other elements of the 5694th and 112th trained at Perry on other dates.

A host of Ohio Army Guard units attended training at the sprawling Camp Grayling site during the same two week period — July 28 to Aug. 11.

The units included: The 371st Support Group at Kettering, the 324th MP Co. from Warren, the 37th Signal Co., at Lakewood, the 1483rd Transportation Co. from Eaton, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of the 737th Maintenance Battalion at Newark, the 214th Maintenance Co. at Coshocton, the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment headquartered in Cleveland with units across northeastern Ohio.

Also attending Grayling from July 28 to Aug. 11 were:

Guardmembers of Headquarters and Headquarters Co. of the Walbridge-based 416th Engineers Group; Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment of Cincinnati-based 512th Engineers Battalion; the 1193rd Engineer Co. at Cincinnati, the 26th Engineer Co. at Cleveland and Berea; the 612th Engineer Battalion at Walbridge with other units at Fremont, Norwalk, and Sandusky; the 122nd Army Guard Band from Worthington, the 200th Medical Co. from Cleveland and the 383rd Medical Co. from Cincinnati.

### 73d AT CAMPBELL

Ft. Campbell, Ky. was the training site for the big 73rd Infantry Brigade based at Columbus with units at several locations across Ohio. The 73rd trained from June 16 to 30 there, as did the 1484th Transportation Co. from New Philadelphia.

Guardmembers of Battery B of the 2/174th ADA at New Lexington and Zanesville performed annual training from June 2-16 at Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Camp Atterbury, Indiana was the temporary home of the 216th Engineer Battalion. The battalion, headquartered at Portsmouth with units scattered across southern and southeastern Ohio, trained there from June 16-30.

Ft. Hood, Texas was the training site of Troop A of the 237th Cavalry, Cincinnati.

The 54th Support Center of Worthington trained from June 16-30 at Ft. McCoy, Wis. Troops of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment 137th Service and Support Battalion, Toledo, also recently completed training at McCoy.



**REPORTING THE ACTION**—SP4 Scot Long (left) Unit PIO for the 512th Engineer Battalion, conducts an interview with a member of the 26th Engineer Company while on Annual Training at Camp Grayling in August. Long was one of several dozen unit public information specialists charged with getting the word back home. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).

## 55 New ONG Officers Receive Commissions

Graduation ceremonies for the Ohio Army National Officer Candidate School were conducted in July at Camp Perry.

Fifty-five men and women received their diplomas from Adjutant General James C. Clem. Since 1957 a total of 1,391 Guardmembers have been commissioned through the Ohio Guard OCS Program.

Following an Invocation from Chaplain Fredrick Ketner, the graduation address was delivered by Gertrude W. Donahey, Treasurer, State of Ohio.

Col. James J. Hughes, Commandant of the Ohio Military Academy, issued the oath of office.

The graduates of OCS Class XXVI included: Ollie C. Alexander Jr., Columbus; Edward L. Alexsonshk, North

Canton; Robert J. Allen, Medina; Jack E. Arrant Jr., Canton; Lester C. Batchelder, Conneaut; Dean W. Brown, New Philadelphia; Richard L. Browning Jr., Akron; Jacquelyn A. Collins, Columbus; Gregory E. Curry, Jewett; Richard E. Decker, Piqua; Marion A. DeWitt, North Philadelphia; Gene A. Dougherty Jr., Plain City; Donnie W. Dunavant, Toledo; Michael L. Ernst, Georgetown; Lenard W. Foltz, Wooster; Ronald L. Goff, Akron; William J. Harrison, Ashtabula; Valarie Hildebrand, Pittsburgh; William C. Jeffries, Erlanger, Ky.; John J. Kayor Jr., Galloway; Donald M. Kennett, Brook Park; Letitia A. Knox, Dayton; Byron J. Kohrs, Maple Heights; Susan H. Kraus, Dayton; Richard A. Keumin, Piqua.

## The Ohio National Guard Salutes N.G.A.U.S. and the Cleveland 101st Conference!





**READY, AIM, FIRE**—A tank crew from the Ohio Army National Guard's 107th Armored Cavalry prepared for action in the field at Grayling during two weeks Annual Training. Seen below the turret is PVT Tom Hill, 20, Geneva, a tank loader. Hill is with the Ashtabula unit of the 107th. (PHOTO BY PFC BOB SCHUSTER).

## Recon Platoon 107th's Eyes, Ears

BY CPT. MICHAEL LAFFERTY  
Staff Writer

It's hard to think of a clanking, 50-ton metal monster as part of the eyes and ears of an Army, but that's what a group of northeast Ohioans use to keep tabs for the Ohio National Guard's 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The monster is the M-48A tank, what 2LT William Robinson of Ashtabula calls

the muscle of his 42-man reconnaissance platoon.

The platoon underwent two weeks of intensive field training at Camp Grayling, Michigan in August.

Ohio National Guardmembers from Ashtabula and surrounding communities man two M-48's in the platoon as well as four scout cars and two armored personnel carriers.

"Our job is to scout ahead of the regiment to locate road junctions and find

where the enemy is hiding," Robinson said. A quick look is all the platoon is designed to accomplish. In war, the platoon would disengage and retreat from the enemy to bring its spy information back to the regiment.

Robinson said the only time the platoon would remain and slug it out with say Soviet or Warsaw Pact forces, would be when it's trying to defend a position until the platoon's parent squadron, K Troop, arrives.

## How Howitzer Battery Chalks Up Three Awards

BY SSG AL GRAHAM  
How. Btry. 3/107 ACR

Howitzer Btry., 3/107th Armored Cavalry, Lakewood, under the command of CPT Melvin O. Romans, has completed one of its most successful Annual Training periods in recent memory, according to a unit spokesman. In addition to firing over 300 rounds from the unit's recent battery of three 155mm self-propelled howitzers during the two weeks at Camp Grayling, Michigan, the **The Buckeye Guard**

unit received three awards from the Commander of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The Annual Training started with the Squadron's yearly four-mile run which all members of the unit completed in less than the allowed hour.

The last day of AT, LTC John E. Martin presented two unit and one individual award to 3/107th Howitzer Battery. Unit awards were for maintaining the best unit area during AT 79 and for having the

highest (over 80 percent) retention percentage in the Third Squadron during 1978. LTC Martin said the high retention rate was "indicative of the outstanding esprit-de-corps and high quality of the men of the 3/107th Howitzer Battery." The individual award was presented to SSG William G. Hudson for being selected as the outstanding member of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment during 1978.



**MOBILE DENTIST**—Dr. Michael Fair, Dental Surgeon for the Ohio Army National Guard, was on hand at Camp Perry to serve the needs of the troops attending summer camp with the Ohio Military Academy. Junior OCS Candidate Donna J. Dye, a member of the 112th Med. Bde., helped Dr. Fair demonstrate the equipment. She is a civilian dental hygienist. The dental equipment shown folds up into a box that is completely mobile and can be air dropped, if necessary. (PHOTO BY SSG SCOTT BRUCE).

## Strutting Their Stuff . . .

### 122nd Army Band Makes Troops Smile

It's bright and early at Camp Grayling, Michigan. The troops of the 107th Armored Cavalry are leaving the mess halls located along Kitchen Road.

What's this coming down Kitchen Road?

A band?

Kicking up a little dust, the men and women of the "new" 122nd Army Band of the Ohio National Guard strut down the road, playing a march for the assembling Armored Cavalry.

Reaction of the troops is immediate.

All smiles. A few tap with their boots to the music. Some cheers go up.

The band was very visible this annual training. It played nearly everywhere on the post.

The 122nd even performed in downtown Grayling for the local citizenry.

At band rehearsals, the band plays with an intensity seldom seen in recent years.

The transformation of the band in the last two years is largely credited to the warrant officer who marched in to take over the job of being band master.

"She's picky. She wants us to sound good," says Specialist Fifth Class Joan Erwin, 24, of 2637 Adams Ave., Columbus.

And, by the comments of the troops here, the band does sound good.

WO1 Gaskalla inherited "a very small disgruntled and disillusioned" band when she took over.

Since then, the band has pulled together, morale has heightened, and enlistments are booming.

There had been 18 members in the fall of 1977. Now, there are 36—and still climbing.

WO1 Gaskalla, a state examiner-in-charge, and an individual with 18 years experience in the music field, is the first one to say that the 122nd has come a long way.

How would she compare the 122nd with the average high school band?

"We are inferior in the fullness of our sound, but superior in adaptability" she says.

She's not only a band master, but a task master in the hours of rehearsal sessions at camp.

WO1 Gaskalla urges excellence to the band members.

SGT. Kimberly Clark, 23, of 94 Oreel Ave., Columbus, who plays the clarinet and is a six-year band veteran, says that the bandmaster "expects a lot from

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## Medics Provide Support for Military Academy

BY SFC BOB DEVOE  
Staff Writer

During each annual training increment a number of support people are required to provide vital services to the troops.

The cooks provide the food, the military police provide security, public affairs people provide publicity and photo support and the "medics" provide medical support.

During AT for the Ohio National Guard Officer Candidate and Non-commissioned Officer Schools at Camp Perry in July, medical support was provided by the men and women of the Ohio Guard's 685th Med. Co., Westerville; 200th Med. Co., Cleveland; 385th Med. Co., Tiffin; and the 5010th U.S. Army Reserve Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

Approximately 31 officer and enlisted personnel provided medical services at Perry. Included in this contingent were two doctors—LTC Gasto DeCarlo and LTC Frank R. Mohs and CPT. Michael Fair, a dentist. COL. Robert Green served as the liaison officer for the Ohio Guard's 112th Med. Bde.

This medical team operated sick call each morning, with an average of 20-25 Guardmembers utilizing their expert services.

LTC DeCarlo emphasized the majority of the medical problems confronted at

AT involve training-related injuries to include knee problems, foot disorders (blisters, callouses), swelled joints and other "stress-related" injuries. "In addition, there are the usual numbers of colds and respiratory infections," he added.

CPT. Fair performed emergency dental work for those attending AT at Camp Perry. While at camp, he utilized mobile field dental equipment. "This same equipment can be packed in several small boxes and airlifted into combat areas," he explained.

The majority of the Camp Perry Dispensary operation was conducted by the 684th Medical Company.

First Sergeant Rodney Newell explained the 684th is also undergoing medical training and attending classes on general military subjects. In addition, many unit members are learning medical equipment maintenance.

Sergeant Newell was filled with pride when he talked about his unit. "We take care of our people, motivate them, and make them feel at home." As a result of this "people policy" the 684th has enjoyed increased strength and super morale, he added. He was also quick to give credit to Maj. Dick Bell, unit commander. "He's the best," commented Newell.

## 26th Engineers Tackle Obstacles at Grayling

BY SP4 SCOTT LONG  
512th Engr. Bn.

Although the task of building a "high-line" was a first time experience for most soldiers involved from the 26th Engineer Co. its completion was rapid and successful, according to unit members.

What ingredients are necessary for such team work in a military unit? According to SFC Joseph Tucholski, who was in charge of assembling the obstacle crossing apparatus, it's the quality of each soldier's effort that matters. Tucholski says that many former enlistees joined to avoid regular Army duty during the Vietnam era, but now feels soldiers join the Guard because of desire to excel.

The strategic purpose of the highline is to acquire a means of transferring soldiers and materials across a ravine or a small river when time is a key factor. PVT Curtis Lee Jones was one of 15 soldiers working on the three hour task. Jones, normally a wheel vehicle mechanic, says he likes the engineering part of his military duties.

Other combat engineering feats performed by the 26th while attending two weeks Annual Training at Camp Grayling, were the construction of various types of tank obstacles. The first, known as "log post obstacles", is a maze of vertical posts strung by barbwire across the projected path of enemy tanks. Another, called a "tank crib", is a large hole approximately seven feet deep that has a triangular earth mound in its center which can teeter an unsuspecting tank. These are designed to slow enemy lines although they weren't tried out by the unit's tracks this time around.

SFC Arley Garner was one of the NCO's who helped plan these projects. Garner sees the value in cross-training soldiers to give the whole unit depth so that any given soldier can perform different duties in any situation. Also, the sergeant claims that men who work together and see the results are the most successful soldiers.

## Correction!

A photo appearing in the August, 1979, issue of this magazine was improperly captioned.

The photograph, which appeared on page 23 in the "Other Half" column pictured both Margaret Wilson and Susan Button not Susan Brown.

Our apologies for listing the wrong Susan.



**COMMUNICATIONS**—PFC Harold Batdorff, from Akron, O., listens to movement commands through the headphones of his M48A5 tank during AT at Grayling. He is a member of Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Stow. (PHOTO BY SP5 KEN WHITE).

## Gas Crunch Affects Training

BY SFC DON LUNDY  
Staff Writer

The family station wagon is not the only vehicle being affected by the gasoline crunch these days. The military also is becoming more fuel conscious as the price of gasoline and diesel fuel rises.

Voluntary conservation was the order of the day for some 3,500 Ohio National Guard troops conducting annual training at Camp Grayling, Michigan in August.

Training activities were not being curtailed because that is the purpose of the two-week encampment each year—to stay ready in case of a call-up.

But the Guard's 107th Armored Cav, a tracked vehicle attack force, voluntarily cut its fuel consumption 10 percent, reducing its usage of gasoline, diesel and aircraft fuel from 82,000 gallons to about

72,000 gallons.

Major General Robert W. Teater, commander of the Ohio Guard troops at Grayling, said training didn't suffer, but people walked more and vehicles were being used less than ever before.

Units were instructed that no gasoline-powered vehicles idle longer than one minute and that no diesel-powered vehicle idle longer than five minutes.

Where once individuals took a jeep or truck from one headquarters to another or places like the maintenance shop, post exchange or clothing sales store, they walked.

"It's just a matter of scheduling what we do," said MAJ Joseph C. Barnette, a staff officer with the 107th. Trips were being combined or eliminated where possible, with more use of the telephone encouraged.

Lose 6 Lbs. in 15 Minutes!

# Disaster Training Tough for 178 TFG

BY MAJ. 'TEB' BAINES  
179th TFG, Springfield

Losing six pounds in 15 minutes isn't something you'd want to do everyday. But it beats the alternative . . . losing your life.

For more than a year now, Air Force and Air National Guard Units have been increasing their training for detection and decontamination of chemical, biological and radiological agents. Typical of the base disaster response forces are two teams formed by Springfield's 178th Tactical Fighter Group.

"Team members have a difficult and uncomfortable job," says Captain James C. McGuire, base disaster preparedness officer. "The five members of the mobility team take 40 hours of initial training in wearing protective equipment and using detection instruments. Most members of this team get this special training at a one-week school at Lowry AFB near Denver, Colorado. The five members of the support team take 20 hours of similar training here at home station."

SRA Dennis L. Currier, a material control supply technician, volunteered for the mobility team in March because "I had a friend on the team who told me there would be an opening. It seemed interesting and I like learning about radiation and chemicals. It's good information to know, if anything ever does happen."

TSgt David M. Flook, a career advisory technician in personnel, is chief of the support team. "I joined the team about a year and a half ago," he says, "because I thought it would be challenging. I really enjoy the simulated exercises we conduct here at Springfield. They are real-life, hands-on situations with lots of action. It's exciting to work with other functions like the command post and fire-crash-rescue."

SSgt Dianne Funk, administration specialist, also volunteered for the support team about a year and a half ago. "Getting suited up is the most interesting for me. It was also an unusual experience to go through the gas chamber at Rickenbacker AFB," she said.

"Disaster preparedness takes at least an hour a day for me," according to TSgt. John T. Harman, a crew chief for the group's advanced A-7D Corsair II attack aircraft who is also chief of the mobility team. "I've been to Rickenbacker three times, took the one-week disaster course at Lowry in July, 1978, and went back to Lowry for a three-day refresher on chemical warfare in November, 1978."

"I've served as an 'additional duty' disaster team member for six years," continues TSgt. Harman. "It's better now



**RAPID LOSS**—SSgt Allan R. Otis, left, lost six pounds in 15 minutes after wearing the protective rubber suit. Here he's being inspected with a PAC-IS which detects alpha particles (PHOTOS BY MSGT JOHN ZELNICK).

than it has ever been. We're getting good command support. We're getting more recognition because people realize we have an important job that must be done, and done right. That's the satisfying part for me . . . knowing we can get the job done."

Members of Springfield's mobility team include TSgt Brian L. White, TSgt Scott H. Younce and SSG Allan R. Otis as well as TSgt Harman and SRA Currier. In addition to TSgt Flook, SSG Funk and SRA Edwards, the support team includes SSG Mark R. Daulton and SSG Pamela K. Hansford.

"It takes two members to hold and operate the detection instruments," explains Cpt. McGuire. "A third goes into the area as a combination radio relay and safety observer. The other two team members are suited up as 'reserves'."

Team members wear rubber suits for chemical and biological situations. It can take up to an hour to conduct nine different test steps because of the difficulties in handling the little glass tubes with the bulky rubber gloves. When temperatures are high, team members sometimes lose six pounds in 15 minutes due to the heat that builds up in the suits. To keep cool team members cover the rubber suits with terry cloth suits which can be hosed down periodically by a fire truck.

Yellow cloth suits are adequate for keeping alpha particle contaminants off the skin when team members test for radiation. They use high-range and low-range radiac meters to detect beta and gamma radiation. Another instrument detects alpha particles.

This year, everyone in the 178th who is on mobility status will be required to take four hours of chemical warfare defense training. The training will include a trip through a gas chamber to convince everyone the gas mask really does work. Pilots will get an additional three hours of training because of chemical warfare equipment they are required to wear in flight.

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## 121st Technician Appears on QUBE

SPECIAL FROM 121st TFW

One of the featured panelists on a recent QUBE Forum presentation, "Women in Combat", was Sergeant Deborah Ferguson. SGT Ferguson is a full-time technician in the Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) section of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, Rickenbacker AFB.

As an AGE technician, SGT Ferguson works with some 60 different pieces of equipment used to maintain the A-7D Corsair II fighter aircraft used by the 121st TFW at Rickenbacker AFB. She is the only female working full-time in a stereotyped "man's job" in her unit.

The QUBE panelists dealt with the question of whether women can or cannot be deployed effectively in a combat situation.

In a telephone response to a civilian panelist's statement concerning a woman's physical ability, a six-year active duty Navy woman cited that during simulated combat drills the women didn't think about how heavy an object was, they just got the job done.

Asked whether she would go to a combat zone, SGT Ferguson said that if her unit was ordered into one, she would feel obligated to go.

QUBE Forum is Warner Cable's two-way audience response program. The audience response was 45 percent opposed to women in combat, 35 percent in favor, 9 percent undecided and 11 percent no response.

## 160th Wins Nat'l Softball Crown

BY CPT HERSCHEL J. KNAPP  
160th ARFG

Dramatic come-from-behind softball, coupled with solid defensive play and timely hitting gave the 160th Air Refueling Group its fifth National ANG Slowpitch Softball Championship. The tourney was hosted by the 139th TAG located in St. Joseph, Missouri August 16-19.

The 160th, located at Rickenbacker AFB, won six and lost one enroute to their fifth crown in nine years of competing. Twenty-seven ANG teams entered the tournament representing units in fifteen states.

The 160th started their winning streak by outscoring the 178th TFG from Springfield 13-8. Pitcher MSgt. Dick Butcher from Wilmington won the first of his six games with some heavy hitting support from CMS John Flor of Grove City, SSG Bobbie Pierson from Wilmington, TSgt. Johnnie Pierson also from Wilmington and MSgt. Melvin Fridley from Columbus.



SGT DEBORAH FERGUSON

## Weapons Security Flight Practices Ground Defense

BY A1C GARY COLEMAN  
121st TFW

It was a rainy day when the 121st Weapons System Security Flight began its annual training. Though the skies were dark and cloudy, the spirits of the Flight members were high. They were here to learn, and at the same time, enjoy themselves.

The 24-man flight, commanded by First Lieutenant Allen L. Zecickey, is a component of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) stationed at Rickenbacker Air Force Base. They are responsible for safeguarding the resources of the 121st TFW.

Eight members of the flight are full-time civilian policemen, one is a police auxiliary, one a law enforcement student, and one is an Air Guard technician.

The first few days were spent preparing sandbag bunkers and setting up controlled areas around the aircraft parking ramps for later security exercises.

The soldiers then spent time working on its flight line security procedures with topics ranging from handling of unauthorized entries to a Broken Arrow (nuclear incident) exercise. Two inspectors from the 1st Air Force headquarters from Langley AFB, Vir-

ginia, were present to critique the procedures and preparation for an upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI).

There was plenty of classroom instruction to go along with the field training. Instruction was given in the use of force act, weapons familiarization, operations, communications, physical security, and chemical warfare.

The next day was spent going over chemical warfare procedures. That afternoon, everyone got to try out what they had learned. The class was taken to the old Airman's swimming pool that had been converted into a gas chamber. There wasn't a dry eye in the house as everyone practiced the proper use of the gas mask.

The next big event was an air base ground defense exercise. The flight deployed to a remote part of Rickenbacker where they set up a perimeter around the remains of a KC-135 Stratotanker. When a five-man aggressor team attempted to destroy the aircraft, the night sky was lit up by the flash of surface grenades (used as practice mortars), and the countryside resounded with the reports of M-16s and an M-60 machine gun.

# Governor Rhodes Names New Air Guard Asst. AG

BY 1LT VICTOR DUBINA  
Staff Writer

Governor James A. Rhodes recently appointed COL Edward J. Power as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio Air National Guard.

COL Power was previously the commander of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker AFB.

Power enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1942 and received his commission as a second lieutenant in 1944.

The new assistant AG served a combat tour in B-17 aircraft with the 8th Air Force in England. COL Power also served during the Korean Conflict.

Power joined the Ohio Air National

Guard in 1949. In 1953 he was assigned as the wing staff maintenance officer in the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing Headquarters. In 1956 he was assigned as the Director of Logistics of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield. The 178th TFG was recalled in support of the Berlin Crisis in 1961.

In 1976, Power became the Air Commander of the 178th TFG.

COL Power is a graduate of both the Air Command and Staff and the Air War Colleges (in residence).

COL Power is married to the former Ruth Krainer and has seven children. He is an active church member and has served with numerous community services and social organizations. He



COL. EDWARD POWER

is also a past president of the Ohio National Guard Association.

## Ten Steps to Success With the IG

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The following article, first published in Commanders' Call, January, 1978, is applicable to Ohio Guardmembers. Ohio's Inspector General wants to be your problem solver. Each of the four officers detailed as Ohio's IG's have had command experience at platoon, company and battalion levels, as well as a number of staff positions. They want to assist you. Those desiring to contact the IG should call (614) 889-7215 during normal working hours, Monday thru Friday. The Ohio Army Guard's IG's are: Col. Robert Walker (State IG and principal advisor to the Adjutant General on all IG matters. He is also an attorney and judge in civilian life) HHD, OHARNG, 112th Med. Bde., and 16th Engr. Bde.; CPT. Robert Labadie, OAC, 107th ACR, and 54th Support; and Maj. Daniel Snyder, 73d Inf. Bde. (Sep).*

No doubt you have had soldiers in your command go to the Inspector General with their problems. Some received fast and fair solutions.

Too often, though, the result has been perceived as wasted time, disappointment, and a conviction that the IG system does not work.

The trouble lies not with the system but with a failure to understand it and use it properly.

What can the commander do to clear the air? He or she can bring these ten pointers to the attention of soldiers:

### (1) BE SURE THERE IS A PROBLEM

Personal peevess loom large in the minds of some soldiers. But there is little the IG can do about a peeve. If the cooks consistently turn out lousy chow, that's a problem. If someone doesn't like the menu for one particular meal, that's a peeve.

### (2) GIVE THE CHAIN OF COMMAND A

### CHANCE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM

The chain of command consists of the people who can solve problems. A soldier's chaplain. Congress representative or local IG can help on occasion, but they must ultimately work with the chain of command.

### (3) TRY ALL OTHER APPROPRIATE REMEDIES

The IG is a sort of "court of last resort." If other remedies are available, they should be used first.

### (4) DEAL WITH THE CLOSEST IG: IT WILL SPEED UP THE PROCESS AND GET AN ANSWER SOONER

The IG at the Adjutant General of Army level cannot personally investigate each complaint. Most of the time, the IG at a higher level will refer complaints and requests to the IG at the level nearest that of the complainant. That IG will then inquire into all aspects of the case and provide all the information to the IG at the higher level.

This is not intended to imply that a soldier cannot deal with an IG at any level he or she wishes. The problem may be so sensitive that the soldier is reluctant to discuss it with anyone in his or her own unit.

### (5) LEVEL WITH THE IG: ONCE HE STARTS INVESTIGATING, HE'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH IF THE TRUTH IS BEING TWISTED

If a soldier has not been completely honest in a complaint, a lot of time and effort go to waste.

### (6) KEEP IN MIND THE IG'S REGULATORY AND STATUTORY LIMITS

The IG cannot change a regulation just because it does not suit an individual. He can, however, *recommend* changes to regulations determined to be inappropriate or unfair.

### (7) AN IG IS NOT A COMMANDER: HE

### CAN ONLY RECOMMEND, NOT ORDER.

Some soldiers get upset because nothing seems to happen as a result of their complaint. Keep in mind that the IG can advise a commander but cannot order him or her. There may be good reasons why the recommendation was not acted upon.

### (8) AN IG CAN ONLY RESOLVE A CASE ON THE BASIS OF PROVABLE FACT

If the IG cannot find concrete proof, he cannot resolve the case in favor of the complainant. Just because a person says a supervisor has violated the rules does not make it a proven fact.

### (9) DO NOT READ EVIL THOUGHTS INTO AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION OR EVEN A COMPLETED ONE

It is human nature to tend to look at things from a very personal point of view. Some people assume that the commander has intervened and muzzled the IG if they do not hear the results of the investigation immediately. Heavy workloads require time.

### (10) BE PREPARED TO TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER

Do not assume that a negative answer from the IG is wrong just because it is unpalatable. If the soldier is absolutely certain the answer is wrong, and if he or she has some additional evidence to support that certainty, the case may be reconsidered.

If, on the other hand, the individual is merely unhappy because the report does not go in his or her favor, it is pointless to continue bugging the IG with the same complaint and the same evidence.

After careful consideration of these 10 steps, soldiers will be able to determine whether they have a problem appropriate for the IG. They will also save themselves and others a lot of time and avoid unnecessary frustration.

## 'Welcome to Ivan's Alley' . . .

# DeCarolis Device Innovative Tool

BY SFC BOB DEVOE  
Staff Writer

"Welcome to Ivan's Alley," the announcer begins, "In the next 20 minutes you will be confronted by Soviet, Allied and U.S. armored vehicles . . ."

This announcement begins a unique tank training program utilized by the members of the Ohio Army National Guard's Company M, 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Ravenna, while on their two weeks annual training at Camp Grayling, Michigan.

The training program, dubbed the "DeCarolis Device" was conceived and constructed by 2LT John DeCarolis, a platoon leader with Co M, who resides in Youngstown.

Utilizing three slide projectors, three screens, a slide pulsing recorder and nearly \$300 to prepare slides obtained from a variety of sources, DeCarolis constructed a portable training system that can be used for both weekend drills and during Annual Training.

DeCarolis, who works as a full time conductor with Conrail, spent a year to prepare slides and perfect the system which is used in conjunction with real tanks in the field. He emphasized, "Most units have the equipment they need to devise a similar device in their squadron."

With a tank down range, gunners hear narration through their helmet speakers. Slides are projected on the three screens, and there are a total of 10 engagements, some single, other multiple, during which the tankers are asked to identify Soviet, Allied, and U.S. armored vehicles.

During multiple engagements, gunners are asked to pick the Soviet vehicle most potentially dangerous to them," stated Lt. DeCarolis.

DeCarolis added realism to the "device" by using sound track music from the movies "Patton" and "Ike".

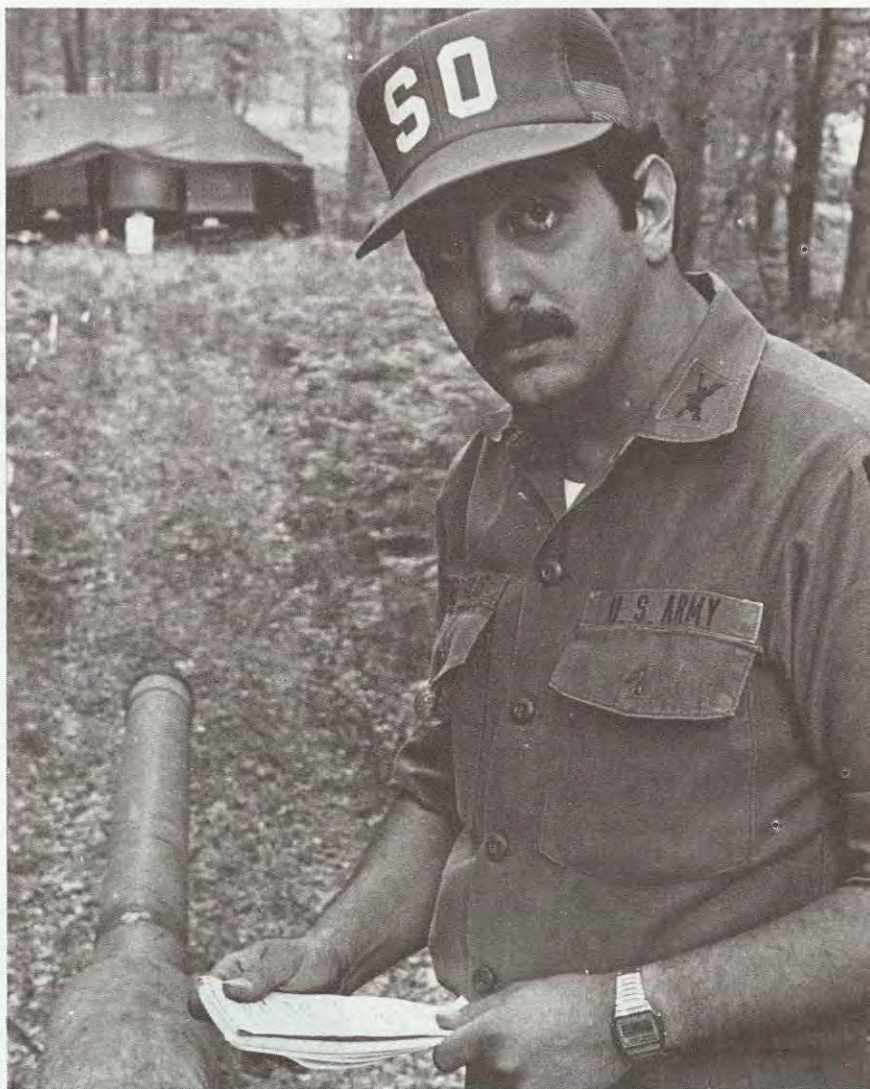
As a reminder of the humbling experience this training method can have on a tanker, this message is the last one heard over the headset at the completion of the exercise . . . "You have now completed Ivan's Alley. Please remove your dead and wounded before leaving your tank."

### Deadline Oct. 29

Copy and photo deadline for the December, 1979, issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is October 29, 1979.

All submissions must be typewritten and double-spaced and photos should include complete captions, including identification of all individuals involved.

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**INNOVATIVE TANKER**—2LT John DeCarolis, a platoon leader with Co. M, 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, has designed a unique tank training program for just \$300. The program uses slide projectors to create simulated encounters with enemy tanks. (PHOTO BY SP5 KEN WHITE).

## 437th Military Police Support Matches

SPECIAL FROM 367th PA DET.

Forty Youngstown National Guard members recently served as the military police (MP) support for the National Rifle Association National Championships at Camp Perry this summer. The MP's were assigned to the Ohio Guard's 437th MP battalion and the 838th Military Police Company located at the Victoria Road Armory in Austintown.

The men and women staffed the post's military police station and provided the normal police functions of

traffic control, vehicle registration, crime detection and prevention, security and escort duty. The National Rifle Association leases the Camp Perry facilities for its national championships annually.

These matches are known as the "World Series of Shooting," and feature top civilian and military marksmen from all 50 states. This is the 55th year that the national matches have been held at Camp Perry.

Cpt Clair M. Carlin, served as provost marshal, assisted by Msgt. Richard Wehling.

## Murals Adorn 180th Ops Bldg.

BY AMN LORI DONIERE  
180th Tac Ftr Gp.

One lone pilot slowly parachutes downward, while above him the blue-gray skies are alive with the roar of cannonfire. Fighters dive and bank to avoid the enemy. One aircraft explodes in flame.

Have the skies come alive with dog-fights again?

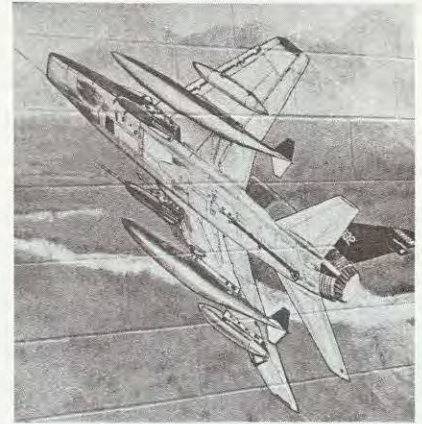
No, it's not a return to war time. These are giant latex and oil murals, in full color, that stretch across the interior walls of the new Operations Building of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, Toledo Express Airport.

The murals depict scenes of jet fighters in airborne combat, of a pilot parachuting to safety while his plane

crashes in the distance, and of the emblems worn by the pilots of the 180th.

The giant murals were painted by Air Force illustrator 2LT Dennis Linn, former member of the 180th. Linn is now a full time artist with the Recruiting Command at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

The idea of decorating the inside walls of the Operations Building was conceived by members of the 180th Life Support Section, SSgt Lance Warner and TSgts. Joe Minaron and Joe Doran. They collected donations from the personnel of the 180th to cover the cost of the paintings. All felt the Operations Building needed "something" to boost morale and be a visitor attraction.



(PHOTO BY SGT KIM ULRICH)

Also, on display in the Operations Building is a portrait by Linn of a past commander of the 180th, the late Col. Charles H. Bell Jr., Col. Bell was killed when his jet crash landed at Toledo in 1975.

## 213th H.E.M. Has 'Can Do' Attitude

BY SFC BOB DEVOE  
Staff Writer

Port Clinton's 213th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company (H.E.M.) is justifiably proud of both its track record and "can-do" attitude.

The unit, commanded by CPT James Rooker, has its headquarters in Port Clinton, and a detachment in Clyde, commanded by 1LT Phillip Perry.

Both the Port Clinton and Clyde units conduct drill at Camp Perry in the Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS #2). The company clerk, administrative and supply technician (AST), supply section and armorers all drill at the Port Clinton armory.

The 213th has a unique organization, to say the least. A number of highly skilled platoons stand ready to provide a broad range of repair and maintenance services to the Ohio Guard.

In addition to an automotive platoon, the 213th boasts armament, supply, service and recovery, mechanical maintenance and headquarters platoons.

Approximately 30 members of the 213th are full time technicians at CSMS #2, according to CW4 Richard Walker, unit AST.

Fields available to those enlisting in the unit include: automotive repair and rebuild; small arms and artillery repair; instrument repair; supply and material handling; machinist; metal work; welding; recovery vehicles; construction equipment repair; and fabric work, to name a few.

The unit is on a year-round annual training schedule. This permits individual unit members to receive on the job training in the well-equipped Camp Perry maintenance shops. The part-timers train right alongside the more experienced technicians, emphasized CPT Rooker.



**ADMINISTRATIVE DETAIL**—CPT. James Rooker, commander of Port Clinton's 213th H.E.M., discusses unit administrative details with company AST, CW4 Richard Walker. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).

Military occupational specialty training for 213th personnel is usually held at either Aberdeen, Md., or Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. The courses are self-paced and the length of each course depends on the individual.

Many of the military occupational specialties found in the Port Clinton unit would positively enhance an individual's opportunities to gain civilian employment in a similar field.

Some of the drill-related projects this unit is currently involved in include the refurbishing of landing craft for possible flood duty, and other uses around the state; and rebuilding a 40-ton crane acquired from the active Army excess equipment list.

The 213th is also rebuilding the engine

on the Port Clinton FIRE Department's LARC (Land-Sea Vehicle).

One of the community project members of the unit participate in each year is the demolition derby at the Ottawa County Fair. The company provides wreckers and fork lifts for removal of wrecked vehicles.

CPT Rooker pointed out that any of the jobs available in the 213th are open to women. Second Lieutenant Alicia Goodman, for example, is the service, supply and recovery platoon leader, and there are 10 other women serving in various capacities with the 213th.

The 213th also assists other units across the state by training their people in proper maintenance procedures at the Camp Perry CSMS #2.



# 60 NCO Candidates Train at Camp Perry

BY PFC ROBERT MCNEIL  
Staff Writer

"The Non-Commissioned Officer is the backbone of the Army," says SP4 Sandra Wilson, a student who attended NCO Leadership School at Camp Perry, O.

Wilson will return to her unit, Command and Control Headquarters at Beightler Armory, Worthington, after she completes her drill weekends and two weeks Annual Training with the school. She is one of over 60 students and one of seven women attending the NCO course.

What is the NCO Leadership School all about? The school is to teach Ohio Guardmembers to work, to take control, and to assume responsibility under stress situations.

Does the idea of a drill sergeant turn

you off? Well don't let it. Drill Sergeants are utilized to train NCO Students how to perform as superior NCO's.

The students learn how to perform and control well in drill and ceremony, personnel management, weapons, first aid, map reading, supply, and leadership. The students first receive classroom training, then apply what they have learned in the field with practical experience.

PFC Timothy Altomare of Company C., 612th Engineers, Norwalk, says after graduating from the NCO Leadership School, all graduates can teach others how to become better soldiers. Other comments about the school included: "not easy," "great school," "should be mandatory for all NCO's," and "it's something to be proud of."

Upon graduation from the Leadership

School, the graduate receives a certificate and 30 promotion points. A distinctive badge will also be awarded to each graduate to wear on his or her uniform.

The basic NCO Leadership class runs five drill weekends and includes two weeks of Annual Training. NCO's with the rank of E-4 through E-6 may attend the school. E-3's can take part in the basic course, but enrollment is limited.

There's also an Advanced NCO School for E-5 through E-6 and a Senior Course for E-7's through E-9's.

Promotion points will be given for all classes.

The next Basic class starts in March 1980. For information on any NCO School contact SGM Hagerman at (614) 889-7107 or 7234.

## Construction Section Performs Engineer Work

BY SFC BOB DEVOE  
Staff Writer

Eleven members of the Construction Section, Headquarters, 112th Engr. Bn., Brook Park, pulled their Annual Training at Camp Perry in July performing post engineer work.

The work included replacement of doors, plumbing, electrical wiring, carpentry, masonry, concrete work, win-

dows and painting.

A number of the assignments were carried out in the Clubhouse area, according to SSG Ted Szalay, section chief.

All of the men volunteered to have their AT at Camp Perry and perform this type of work. "We all work together and enjoy what we do," according to SFC James Malone, a section leader.

"The troops are satisfied too. They feel they're receiving great on the job training," said Malone. He added, "Some of

them never saw a hammer before they came here".

Most of the members of this special 112th contingent have similar occupations in civilian life.

In addition to Szalay and Malone, other members of the 112th training at Perry included: SSG Don Jankowski, SGT Robert Hill, SGT James Hurley, PFC Duane Welch, PFC Ernest Jones, PFC Alex Santiago, SP4 Brian Dretrich, SP4 Curtis Kolarik, PV1 Theodore Dukles.

## Asi Receives AP Internship

SSgt. Morad O. Asi, an intelligence operations specialist with the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, was recently awarded an Associated Press (AP) Overseas Internship covering the Middle East.

SSG Asi, who has been with the 121st since August 1977, was one of four students at the Ohio University School of Journalism who were awarded the AP internships. He will be stationed at AP headquarters in Cyprus where he will cover the Middle East news scene for ten weeks.

The internship is something like a trip home to the sergeant who was born and raised in the Middle East.

Asi received his bachelor's degree at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C., and his master's at Murray State University in KY. Currently he is a full-time student at Ohio University, working on his doctorate in mass communications. He is also an associate professor in the School of Journalism.

The internships are offered yearly by Ohio University and AP.



STAFF SERGEANT MORAD O. ASI checks map coordinates during recent training exercise. (PHOTO BY SSGT JERRY FETHEROLF).

# UPDATE:

## A Report From the Ohio National Guard Officers' Association

BY LTC ROBERT ZIMMERMAN

This letter is an update as to what your association president has been doing since he took office on July 1, 1979. All of your Committee Chairmen have reported to me the make up of each committee. Each Committee has at least one retired, one junior and an Army and Air Officer.

A meeting was held with General Windom, Constitution and Bylaws Chairperson, and we have reviewed the Association Constitution and Bylaws. You will be in for a surprise when you see the proposed changes and hope this will stimulate some good discussion during our conference next year at Salt Fork.

### WINTER DANCE PLANNED NOV. 24

My Special Activity Chairperson (LTC Feisley) has reported to me that final plans are being made for the Winter Dinner-Dance. The date is November 24 and it will be held at the Riverview Country Club on Avery Road in Dublin, O. Cost and time will be published and mailed to each member during October. I would like to see the place packed and lots of

junior Officers there. Again we are attempting to hold the cost to the bare minimum.

I ask each Battalion and high Command (Army and Air) to support all functions of the Association. Please encourage Junior Officer participation.

### SALT FORK CONFERENCE SLATED IN MAY, 1980

As you know, our next conference will be at Salt Fork State Park in Cambridge, O., May 16, 17, and 18, 1980. I am making arrangements to have the senior class of the Ohio Military Academy attend our business session of the Conference. After the business session the Ohio Military Academy Alumni Association will host a cocktail hour for the class and all graduates. I hope to see many in attendance. The main speaker for the conference has been selected and has graciously accepted my invitation—that being Mr. Robert L. Nelson, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. He has assured me that

his message will be brief and informative. We also hope to have the Governor of the Great State of Ohio there for a few short comments.

For you ladies who plan to attend Salt Fork, I have set up a committee chaired by Fran Trickler (LTC Ray Trickler's wife) (2nd Vice President) who has already had her first meeting to lay the ground work for a fine ladies program.

My insurance committee is working on an insurance program that will hopefully support a full-time Executive Secretary. (More on this as I receive it from the Committee Chairperson).

I will attempt to keep the membership informed of what your association is doing through this column. In my first article I asked that you send me your recommendations and/or criticisms. To date, I have received none. This must mean that all of you are satisfied with what is going on or maybe you just don't care. How about some correspondence before the next issue of the BUCKEYE GUARD?

## National Security Management Course Provides Elements of Army War College

BY COL. WILLIAM A. SWANK  
U.S. Army Reserve

The National Security Management Program offers, in abbreviated form, the principal elements of the Resident School curriculum of The National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

The objective is to promote an understanding of the strategic, economic, and industrial aspects of national security and the management of the Nation's resources under varying conditions and circumstances.

The program can be completed through individual home study by par-

ticipation in organized seminar groups. The program is especially helpful to those officers who have completed the Command and General Staff College program and who want to continue to study both to further their military education and to earn retirement points.

Individuals eligible for the program include: officers in the grade of lieutenant colonel; officers in the grade of major who have a baccalaureate degree and who have completed an intermediate level command and staff course or its equivalent; federal, state and local government employees rated GS-13 and above, who have baccalaureate degrees and whose duties relate to the education

provided; all members of the National Defense Executive Reserve; and key civilian executives engaged in defense section of the economy, and members of the professions whose duties relate to national security.

For ONG personnel who are interested in the Central Ohio area, an organized seminar group meets at 7 p.m. on Monday nights in Room 207 at the Fort Hayes Reserve Center, located at 530 Buckingham Street in Columbus. Although meetings began September 10, late enrollment can be made.

Contact the Course Director, Colonel William A. Swank, at 614-885-4051 for additional information.

## Company C Color Guard Cops Honors

Company C of the 612th Eng. Bn. hosts a color guard that is bringing home the hardware. They were named the top color guard in the recent Vermillion Festival of the Fish Parade. Members of the team are SGT. Jay Perry, SP4 Audie Meade, PFC Tim Altomare and PFC Tim Webb.

SSG Jim Costello, unit recruiter, was in Bowling Green recently to assist in this

year's Buckeye Boys State activities. He represented the Adjutant General's Department advising this fall's high school seniors on Ohio National Guard's College Scholarship Program.

Company's public information section recently hosted a VIP day for local politicians. Attending a field training exercise at the NASA Plum Brook station, near Sandusky, were state representa-

tives Marie Tansey and Fred Deering, Norwalk Mayor Wayne Goodsite, and Huron County Commissioner Tom Carabin.

Mrs. Tansey presented CPT. Dale Liebenthal with a citation from the State House of Representatives commending Company C on their outstanding accomplishments in 1978, highlighted by winning the coveted Ischner Award.



## Enlisted Association Rap

A column designed to keep members of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association informed of the latest developments

BY MSG WARREN MYERS AND SSG NANCY CLEVENGER

The Second Annual Family Picnic was held the middle of August at Camp Perry, and everyone had a great time. The picnic was hosted by the 200th CES, Ohio Air National Guard for our Enlisted Association.

The Eighth Annual National Conference was held in Phoenix, Arizona September 9-13. Details of the Conference will be in the next issue under this column.

We invite every member of our Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association (and friends) to come to our next All-States Meeting. We just had one September 29 and 30. Because we do not have a large percentage of persons participating in our dinner and dance the evening before our meetings of an All-State, I feel that maybe our members do not know what

an All-State is. It is a meeting held for all Officers, Directors, Unit Representatives (and visitors) to update them on what is going on in the Association. During our meeting the spouses get together and have a meeting of their own for the Auxiliary. The evening before an All-State we have a very nice dinner with a dance to follow. Look for the date in the VOICE.

We do wish more members of our Association will participate in future All-States, now that you know what they are. These will be held four times a year.

Remember to set aside your vacation weekend for our next State Conference to be held at Mohican State Park at Loudenville, O., May 23-25, 1980. There will be campsites available for trailer hook-ups. Contact your unit representative for more details of this fun time for all

members. We will also have information in your next copy of VOICE.

Everyone who participated, either as a spectator or who assisted in the ONGEA Baseball Day at Franklin Stadium, had a real good time and enjoyed MG James C. Clem throwing out the first ball of the game.

See your AST or Unit Representative to join your Enlisted Association if you have not done so. We need your support. Our membership is now at 2,386. Our goal is 5,000 and we are going to have to work together and talk it up to reach our goal.

I would also like to thank SSG Criss Clark for filling in for me at our National Convention. She did a fantastic job as you will see in your next issue of the VOICE.

### Auxiliary Report

## National Guard Day 'Successful'

Lots of exciting and interesting events have taken place since my last article. August 19th, Ohio National Guard Day, was a very special time at the Franklin County Stadium. The day got off to an inspiring start with a beautiful flag presentation and the music of the National Guard 122nd Army Band. MG James C. Clem threw the first ball of the game. The Clippers just had to win with all the support they had that day.

The Second Annual Ohio National Guard Family picnic was held at Camp Perry. Everyone had a really great time.

Besides the two events mentioned, Ohio was well represented at the National EANGUS Conference in Phoenix on Sept. 9-13th. I wish everyone could have been present to enjoy the outstanding beauty of the Southwest and the very friendly hospitality of the Arizona Enlisted Association and Auxiliary.

Ohio hosted the Hospitality Room for Area II and promoted the many businesses and activities that are well-known in our state. Ohio Auxiliary members serving on the EANGUS Auxiliary Board are Mrs. Vi Stenger, Chaplain; Mrs. Sondra Monastra, Historian; Mrs. Joanie Foster, Area II Director for Air; and Mrs. Lois Goodson, President.

Talking about conferences, start making plans for next year's Ohio Conference May 23, 24, 25 at Mohican State Park. Our hosts are busy working to give us a very special conference. I know you won't want to miss a good time and the fellowship of all your Ohio friends.

I am often asked how and why the ONGEA Auxiliary came to be. In 1974, Nate Monastra, President of the Ohio Enlisted Association, asked that the spouses of Association members consider forming an auxiliary. A discussion meeting was held at the '74 conference and the auxiliary was formed and officers elected for the first time at the '75 conference.

The ONGEA Auxiliary constitution and bylaws conform with ONGEA and the EANGUS constitution and by-laws. The EANGUS Auxiliary, composed of state auxiliaries, is only a little older than ONGEA Auxiliary, as it was officially started at the '74 National Conference in Biloxi, Ms.

The purpose of the ONGEA Auxiliary is to support ONGEA in all their endeavors, to help promote the status, welfare and professionalism of the enlisted members of the National Guard, and to expend our best efforts along with ONGEA to better serve our community and country.

Membership is open to all spouses of members of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association. Dues are \$3 per year, with \$1 sent for national membership. You can be a member by sending your name, address, zip code, and a check for \$3 to Auxiliary Treasurer Mrs. Ilo Marvin, Rt #2, Box 71, Baugh Rd., Delphos, O. 45833. Join and help promote the National Guard within our state and country.

The friendship and fellowship you will enjoy with others is a most rewarding experience. To keep everyone informed of all activities and events, a message is put in each BUCKEYE GUARD issue, the Voice, and a monthly news letter is sent to all members. If you have any questions, please write to me at 581 Mt. Olive Rd. N.W., Washington C.H., OH 43160.

LOIS GOODSON  
President ONGEA Auxiliary

**Join Your  
Enlisted  
Association**

\* See Your Unit AST

# Buckeye Bits

## Mansfield Super Walk

It was a sunny and cool Saturday in May when several hundred participants of the Annual Superwalk for the March of Dimes got under way in Mansfield. They walked, jogged, or rode in wheel chairs for 20 miles to the tune of \$15,000 collected in pledges for this worthwhile endeavor, according to MSgt. Zane Zimmerman.

Once again the Air National Guard's 179th Tactical Airlift Group NCO Graduate Association and their wives assisted in the program with parking direction, registration, Color Guard, and a bus to pick up those individuals whose good intentions gave way to their sore feet.

The effort expended and time donated by these dedicated Guardspeople is still another link in the close ties that connect the 179th with its hometown.

## 112th at Ft. Knox

As a part of their annual crew-served weapons training, members of the 112th Engineer Battalion (Combat) traveled to Ft. Knox, Kentucky recently.

Sixty-nine members of the Brook Park-based unit were airlifted in a C-130 provided by the Texas Air National Guard. The next day was spent firing .50 caliber and M-60 machine guns until both crew and ammunition were exhausted.

The return flight was provided courtesy of the Delaware Air National Guard.

## 121st Hospital Cited

The 121st Tactical Hospital was cited by the North Central Community Health Center of Columbus for medical services they provided for the Center's Fun and Health Fair '79 and their Community Fun Fair '79.

Col. Wilbur Blount, hospital commander, and medical technicians TSgt. Thomas Wood, SSgt. Frank Murphy and Sergeant Gray Whitestock were recognized by the center for providing these services.

The letter of appreciation that accompanied the certificate stated, "... your presence ... helped make the members of our community realize that the Air National Guard is not only involved in national affairs, but cares about the individuals and their communities as well."

## Merit Promotions

In the past, a soldier fully qualified for promotion sometimes had to suffer because of a lack of a unit vacancy.

To ensure hardworking Guardmembers receive deserved promotions, the National Guard Bureau has approved an enlisted promotion policy.

The program, which became effective August 1, will affect the promotion possibilities of soldiers in grades E-1 through E-5.

Promotion to the grades E-3 and E-4 can be granted regardless of unit vacancy. Promotion to E-5 can be granted by commanders if the soldier has completed five years of service, and the E-6 grade can be attained after 12 years of service. Both of these promotions can be made without regard to unit vacancies.

Commanders are being told that soldiers promoted under this policy should be moved into a slot as soon as the vacancy exists. (AGOH-PA-MP-E).

## Economical Travel

Ohio National Guard troops can take advantage of a new active duty service—Army travel camps.

The camps have been developed at 40 Army bases in the United States and provide military personnel with a cheap (often free) and easy way to camp. Usually the only charges are for water and electrical hookups.

They're ideal for a two-week family outing when your unit is attending summer camp at an active installation, but, you don't have to be on active duty to take advantage of the camps. Any member of the Guard or reserves is eligible.

The camps are set in scenic rural settings with plenty of fresh air, grass and trees. The fishing, hunting and sight-seeing are usually great and since it's a military reservation, state fishing and hunting requirements are usually waived.

Army bases within a one-day drive of Columbus which have Army travel camps include: Seneca Army Depot, N.Y.; Lettorkenny Army Depot, Pa; Fort Knox, Ky; Fort Campbell, Ky; Fort McPherson, Ga; and Fort McCoy, Wisc.

## River Crossing

Rifle platoons from Company B, 1st

Battalion, 148th Infantry recently conducted a river crossing exercise on the Maumee River near Toledo.

During a daylight and night attack the rifle platoons secured Girty's Island, with the support of the Weapons Platoons mortar section.

Aggressor support for this exercise was provided by the University of Toledo ROTC Ranger Club and several persons from the Napoleon Police Dept., according to Unit PIO SGT. Robert Blair.

## NRA Junior Winner

A Westerville girl was recently named the winner of the 1979 Annual National Rifle Association Indoor Rifle Tournament, Governors Trophy Match.

Dena Orth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Orth of 5252 Parkmoor Drive in Westerville, took top honors during a February state level match. The scores of all the participants from every state were forwarded to the NRA for verification, and Dena was named national champ.

Miss Orth, a junior member of HHD in Worthington, was a part of a team consisting of two National Guardmembers and two junior shooters. Overall, her team placed third in the competition. Other members on that team were junior shooter Chris McCoy of Columbus, MSGT Hubert King of Columbus and SSG Ernest Tracey of Bellefontaine.

Rick Hougan, another Columbus junior shooter, placed ninth in the nation, while 1977 US Army Rifle Champion TSGT Terry Martino, of the 121st Cam Sqdn, placed fifth in the Guardmember category.

## Chillicothe Best

This year the 216th Engineer Battalion, at Annual Training exercises at Camp Atterbury, near Columbus, Indiana, had a tie for "Best Company of the Battalion" honors.

Company A from Chillicothe, and Company C from Felicity, each finished annual training tied.

LTC Gerald Naylor, battalion commander, presented trophies to CPT. Steven Hummel, commander of Company A, and Cpt. Patrick Garner, commander of Company C.

# All About People-

**COL RONALD BOWMAN**, Commander of the 416th Engineer Group, Toledo, was recently elected president of the Toledo Bar Association at their annual meeting.

The 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMS) recently presented their "High Flyer" awards for the months of June and July. For June, the award went to **MSGT JOHN STASA** and **SGT GREGORY PINSENT**. July's winners were **TSGT JAMES GRIFFITH** and **AIRMAN CHARLES ATKINSON**.

**SGT ROBERT C. BLAIR**, a member of Det. 1, Co. B, 148th Infantry, received a letter of commendation from unit commander **MAJ. WILLIAM GIFFIN** for his coordination of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association Conference in Lima last May.

**COL CECIL G. FAIR JR.** has been named Fifth Army Public Affairs Officer. **FAIR** had previously served as Recruiting and Retention Officer for the Fifth Army.

**MSGT EARL L. HOOKER**, 121st CAMS, believes he may have set a record for longevity on one job. **HOOKER** is in charge of the Hydraulics Section, a job he took over in Feb., 1951. When he returns from the Air Technician Program in Jan., 1980, he will have been in that position for 28 years and 10 months.

After morning worship service at the Camp Perry Chapel, a baptismal was held. **SP4 RICK CHILDRESS**, a cook with Headquarters Company, 112th Engr. Bn., on Annual Training brought his wife Norma and their daughter Tina Marie from their home in Cleveland, to Camp Perry for the weekend. **CHAPLAIN FRED KETNER** and **CHAPLAIN CHARLES R. MILLER** presided over the baptismal ceremony for **TINA MARIE**.

**COL. KEITH B. CONNOLLY**, Senior Air Force Advisor to the 121st TFW, recently received the Air Force Legion of Merit from the Alaskan Air Command. The award was presented by **BG HARRY L. COCHRAN**, 121st TFW Commander.

**MSG RICHARD NEWMAN**, a Toledo area recruiter for the Ohio Army Guard, recently competed in a theatrical contest in Mansfield sponsored by the Ohio Community Theater Association. **NEWMAN'S** portrayal of a Scotland Yard detective won an Excellence in Acting Award.

**SSG JAMES LENARDSON**, Ohio Army Guard, placed third in the National Rifle Association Individual Pistol Championship at Perry recently. **LENARDSON** was one of nearly 900 shooters competing for the pistol crown.

**CPT MARK GICALE**, Maintenance officer for the 179th Communications Flight, Mansfield, has been awarded the

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**MISS EAST TOLEDO**, Susan Damron, recently visited the 612th Engineer Battalion in Walbridge, O. During the Blizzard of '78 Miss Damron volunteered to work for the Walbridge Police Dept. dispatching National Guard snow removal equipment to enable emergency equipment to rescue motorists and make emergency runs to hospitals. She was presented with a certificate of appreciation signed by the Adjutant General. (PHOTO BY SPFC DAN GAST).

Air Force Commendation Medal while assigned to the 251st Combat Communications Group for outstanding leadership during exercises Bold Eagle-78 and Gallant Eagle-79.

Retired Ohio Air Guard **COL VIC TOOKER**, former commander of the 178th Communications Flight, Springfield, has been playing command performances for the President's family and White House staff on board "Steamboat One"—the Delta Queen. By **PRESIDENT CARTER'S** request, **TOOKER** and his Riverboat Ramblers entertained every evening. **TOOKER** is the band leader, calliopiist, and interlocutor for the Delta Queen Steamboat Company.

Ohio Army Guard **LTC RICHARD ALEXANDER** has been featured in a full-color

recruiting brochure produced by the National Guard Advertising and Support Center. The brochure will be distributed to National Guard recruiters across the nation. He is the Command Administrative Assistant for the Ohio Army Guard's 16th Engineer Brigade.

**LTC HUFFMAN B. KING** has received the meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding performance as Chief of Intelligence and Security, Ohio Army National Guard. He is currently the Skill Qualification Test Program Manager for the Adjutant General's Dept. in Worthington.

**MIKE GILMORE**, a recruiter for the Ohio Air Guard, was recently named one of the outstanding District Directors by the Ohio Jaycees for 1978-79. **MIKE** is a recruiter at Rickenbacker AFB.

# Guard Honors 108-Year-Old Veteran . . .

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Adjutant General, headed the list of civilian and military dignitaries who attended the function.

Both Brigadier General James M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, and featured speaker Bill Pepper of WBNS Television stressed the rich heritage of the nation's military.

Ohio State Fair General Manager John Evans and Public Relations Director Dave Finley both received special honors from

the Buckeye Guard during the ceremony for their "outstanding cooperation and support". Each received a handsome engraved plaque.

In addition, Buckeye Colonel commissions were presented on behalf of Governor Rhodes to both Bill Pepper and Mr. Ken Rinehart, Special Events Coordinator for the Ohio State Fair.

The Guard units which participated: the 555th Air Force Band; a color guard from the 612th Engineer Battalion's Co. C

at Norwalk; military police from the 73rd Infantry Brigade at Columbus; an honor guard from the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker AFB; personnel from 196th Public Affairs Detachment at Worthington; and an honor guard from Co. B of the 166th Infantry Battalion.

Immediately following the Oldest Vet Ceremony, the Ohio National Guard hosted a free one hour rock concert at the fair to benefit the ONG Scholarship Program. Columbus' White Lightning played before an estimated 2,000 people.

## Strutting Their Stuff . . .

us—but not any more than we should be able to do."

"You've reached an acceptable standard. From here on it's your pride that determines how good you get," WO1 Gaskalla admonishes her charges during one rehearsal.

She speaks with a firm voice. Nothing is missed. She picks up every sound.

"Musical detail is extremely important to me," she tells a reporter attending the rehearsal.

The warrant officer has some innovations. A six piece combo has been organized. It played at an Officers Club cocktail function during the annual training here.

She has some big ideas for the future for the band.

Next year, she would like to have the band tour various summer festivals across Ohio in a bid to gain some publicity for the Guard.

And, the beat goes on.

## Skylar Praises Buckeye Patriotism

"It's nice to be around people who believe that patriotism is not a bad word," said 54-year-old David Skylar during his recent visit with Ohio Guardmembers on Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Mich.

Skylar is a civilian aide to Army Secretary Clifford Alexander. He was at Camp Grayling to visit with Ohio Army National Guardmembers then training at the sprawling military reservation.

The Army Secretary's emissary said he was impressed with what he saw at

Grayling.

The official visited troops on maneuvers and others in the main post area.

"I am the eyes and ears of the Secretary of the Army. He can't be everywhere," explained Skylar.

Visits to training sites are nothing new to Skylar. He has been to active duty sites to watch Guardmembers in basic training and visited several other posts as well in his duties as civilian aide to Secretary Alexander.

## Retirees Eligible For Legal Help

Military legal assistance is available to National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve retirees age 60 and over with 20 or more years of service. Dependents and widows/widowers are also eligible.

Legal assistance officers are available for consultation and assistance on personal legal problems "of a civil nature."

Routine actions handled by legal assistance officers include landlord-tenant relations, wills, purchase of automobiles, powers of attorney, tax counseling, etc.

Legal assistance officers cannot advise you on matters pertaining to private business pursuits. (FORSCOM B-18)

## 112th Engineers Aid Community

The Ohio Army National Guard's 112th Engineer Battalion (Combat) recently undertook a public service project while undergoing fixed bridging training.

Following a long staff planning session, the 112th published operations order "Can Do", and with that spirit in mind the personnel of the 112th Engineers set out for Dillonville, a small mideastern Ohio

community situated south of Steubenville. There, they proceeded to disassemble an existing Bailey bridge, move it to provide an alternate bridge while the Adjacent bridge on Ohio 150 is repaired.

The project was completed on three successive weekends in June by companies C, A, and B of the 112th Engineers. Working against a deadline, the job was

finished on schedule and the bridge was opened for traffic.

Troop morale was boosted by the generosity of the Dillonville populace who helped in whatever manner they could to aid the 112th during it's three weekends in town.

## It's Your View

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portant a few months later and can be extremely important in bringing our Guard and Reserve units up to strength.

As presently administered, the All Volunteer Force (AVF) is only marginally adequate for the Active Forces and is of little or no help to the Guard Program. As a result we, in the Guard, have had to develop our own incentives to attract young people into the Ohio Guard through the college tuition assistance program.

I would like to commend the Air Guard Recruiters in Ohio, for they have done a superb job in bringing us up to 100 percent manning. The President has spoken of a "crisis of the American spirit". He recommended the best way to overcome this crisis is to begin to work together to overcome the challenges that now confront America. Let us build confidence in the Guard and its ability to respond to any emergency, large or small, local or national. The Spirit of America is one of pulling together, not pulling apart by the "me first" attitude that is becoming so prevalent in our society today.

Let us work together to build a strong Guard in Ohio for a Strong America.

Let us renew our efforts to recruit additional people, retain our experienced Guard-personnel, and work hard to get our fair share of the defense dollars to maintain and upgrade our various units to full strength with modern equipment ready to respond in good fighting shape when or where we are needed.

# THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

Cordial greetings and introductions, lively conversation, and good food were the order of the day when the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club was assembled for the first time in the 1979-1980 season.

The setting was the gracious Governor's Mansion, and the occasion was the annual Wives' Club Friendship Tea on September 26. Tea chairman, Anita Shaw, with the able assistance of President Mary Anne Doane and OWC board members, was responsible for this beautiful and successful season opener. As always, the tea was hosted by the officers and board members, whose combined efforts provided an enticing array of baked specialties.

Autumn shades, featured in the decorations and hostess corsages, harmonized with the fall plantings in the mansion gardens, creating a delightful atmosphere. "Welcome" was the message from OWC in September, and the members and guests in attendance surely got the message!

Unless otherwise announced, luncheon meetings of the OWC this year will be at the DCSC Officers' Club. The realignment process at Rickenbacker has caused the curtailment of club facilities. May's meeting is planned for the German Village.

Wives' club luncheons are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Social hour begins at eleven-thirty with lunch being served at twelve-thirty. Nursery

care is provided at the DCSC, for those girls who have preschool youngsters.

## ALL THUMBS

Do you admire those lovely silk or bur-lap flowers, but their construction boggles your mind? Would you love to add a personally handmade touch to your gifts or to your Christmas tree, but can't think of any ideas? Or do you, like so many of us, feel "out of it" when you go to arts and crafts fairs and see what other people turn out? Well, take heart! The OWC program in October will prove to you that you are *not* all thumbs! The program will feature a craft do-it-yourself project, with materials and easy to follow instructions provided. Every lady will go home with an item she learned to make in one fun session. So, plan now to attend the luncheon at the DCSC on October 23, and pick up the extra bonus of a new craft.

## GOING TWICE, SOLD!

The Holiday Auction, one of the season's highlights, will be held following the luncheon on November 27. So, MAKE, BAKE, GROW, or SEW, are the key words for November as the primary fund raising event of the year, the auction is always well attended and supported by members from all over the state. The considerable ingenuity and inventiveness of Guard wives is showcased at this function. Each year, a remarkably unusual assortment of items is sold.

It is an entertaining way to Christmas shop for one-of-a-kind gifts, or to pick up some unusual decorations. Bidding is

brisk and the OWC treasury benefits as the members and guests vie for the goodies on sale!

Mark your calendars in red for November 27. Bring your own special handiwork or baked item, maybe a guest or two, and join the OWC for the Holiday Auction.

As usual, there will be no meeting of Guard Wives in December.

## INFORMATION NEEDED

Several inquiries have been received, addressed to this column in the Buckeye Guard, regarding formation of new Guard Wives' Groups. Needless to say, the OWC wants to encourage Guard wives to come together for fellowship. There are established OWC chapters around the state, as well as a new group in Barberton, and one being formed in the Sandusky area.

The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club, in Columbus, is most interested in gathering information from other area chapters, consolidated Guard wives' groups, and from the Enlisted Association Auxiliary. This information, addresses, membership, and so forth could then be sent to those who are interested in joining an existing group or in forming a brand new chapter.

If representatives of present groups will send us their pertinent data, it will be appreciated. Please help us to guide these interested wives into the Guard family!

## The Travolta Look . . .

BY BILL LOPEZ

The John Travolta look in uniforms is gaining popularity among soldiers who travel.

The Travolta look, in case you aren't aware of latest styles, is the leisurely appearance that takes on many forms, usually something like an unbuttoned coat and a shirt collar that flares outside the coat. A hairy chest or low-cut blouse are a couple of options to this look.

And taken out of extremes, the style might include a look-a-like to the soldier who just won first place in a marathon disco contest and hasn't had time to change clothes, shave, etc.

But the style, of course, doesn't agree with regulations and standards for wearing the Army uniform.

Therein rests the age-old tradition of pride in soldiering.

It's not new when various levels of command "clamp down" on soldiers who are sloppy—especially in public. But lately the rumblings about soldier appearance in public airports and the like have grown louder and more frequent in locations throughout the world.

To the troops and commander, this doesn't mean you need to brush up on rules for wearing the uniform or what's expected of you when you're in the public eye. You already know that not following the standards will carry unwelcome consequences.

Pride in being a soldier and command responsibility to enforce standards cannot be directed in a com-



mentary.

But it can be pointed out that a war of sorts should be declared on shabby troops.

The question then isn't who will win but what side are you on? (DA SCENE)

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