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The Ohio National Guard webpage is: <http://www.ong.ohio.gov/>. Click on Community Outreach and then Alumni Relations to register for the data base and direct receipt of the newsletter. Please take a few minutes and explore the entire website, particularly the many recent news releases about your Guard.

By now, everyone should have received the registration packet for the Ohio National Guard Alumni Reunion to be held at DSCC in Columbus on September 19th. If you have not received it and desire to attend, please contact COL (ret) Jim Chisman, or go to the website listed above. The deadline for registration is September 8.

RODEO 2009. The 121st Air Refueling Wing competed in RODEO 2009 at McChord Air Force Base, Washington, July 18 to 25, and finished less than a point from first place, competing against 11 other tanker teams. RODEO is the Air Force's premier competition for Air Mobility Command organizations and their Airmen. More than 100 teams and 2,500 people competed from the Air Force, Air Force Guard and Reserve, as well as seven international teams. Fourteen allied nations observed the competition. "We did better than anyone else in our primary mission of getting the gas to the right place on time," said Maj. Lance Kollstedt, RODEO team commander. The 121st, led by Capt. Nick Hupp, 1st Lt. Jason Morgan and Tech. Sgt. William Gilbert, won best air refueling and placed second overall as a tanker aircrew team.

The four-member security forces team led by Tech. Sgt. Troy Taylor competed in three events showcasing combat weapons, combat tactics and a combat endurance course. Taylor has competed in two previous RODEO competitions and said this year's team was unique because his team was comprised of himself and three young Airmen. In years past it was mainly noncommissioned officers. They trained 50 hours a week for a month and had a motto of continue doing what others won't. Their motto paid off for the team with a second place finish amongst all tanker teams and fifth overall against 28 other security forces teams.

Ohio National Guard Engineers Refurbish School Buildings Throughout Serbia. By Sgt. Sean Mathis, Joint Force Headquarters-Ohio Public Affairs. Ohio National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, along with members of the Serbian Armed Forces, are remodeling schools throughout Serbia from Aug. 15 until school starts on Sept. 1, 2009.

The Ohio Army National Guard's 1194th Engineer Company and the Ohio Air National Guard's 200th RED HORSE (Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers) are currently helping to refurbish schools in Sokobanja, Lapovo, and Prokuplje as part of the National Guard Bureau State Partnership Program. The program supports the U.S. European Command's military-to-military exchange program designed to facilitate familiarization with the operations of the U.S. Armed Forces. Ohio's partnership with Serbia began in September 2006.

The Serbian Armed Forces welcomed the U.S. military members as well, trading patches and introducing them to key phrases of the Serbian language. Both the U.S. military members and the Serbian Armed Forces (SAF) interacted with the community as well, playing basketball on local courts and visiting local attractions at the invitation of the city mayor.

Free Health Care Services in Preble County for Ohio Residents. The Ohio National Guard, together with the Ohio Department of Health, the Preble County Health Department, and Eaton Community Schools provided free health services to Ohio residents in Preble County during two weekends in August through a cooperative program called Guard Care. This year, Guard Care, an Ohio National Guard program that provides free health services while contributing to the Ohio National Guard's medical training readiness, was offered the weekends of Aug. 8-9 and Aug. 15-16 at Eaton High School, 600 Hillcrest Drive, Eaton, Ohio. Guard Care is hosted each year in a different medically underserved Ohio community. Services are free to all Ohio residents who attend, regardless of income. "We are pleased to be able to bring medical services to the residents of Preble County and Ohio," said Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio adjutant general. "It is another opportunity to serve the citizens of Ohio."

Free services included: Child and adult physicals with BMI (vitals, urinalysis), sports physicals, childhood and adult immunizations (bring shot records), adult hearing and vision testing, dental screenings, lab work (CBC/DIFF, lipid profile, TSH, glucose, CMP), PAP testing, lead testing for children and HIV testing. 1st.Sgt. Robert Cahill, of the Ohio National Guard's medical command, said attendees would be able to pick and choose from the health care services available. "If someone wants just an immunization, they can get just that," Cahill said. "If someone wants to visit all the medical stations, they can do that, too." Over the two weekends, 440 civilians were seen by the medical teams.

Through Guard Care, Ohio National Guard medical personnel support and assist local health care providers; they do not replace them. The support meets an existing need and provides National Guard medical personnel with valuable and realistic training. The Ohio National Guard initiated the Guard Care program in 1995 after Congress authorized the use of military personnel in medically underserved communities as part of the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program.

This Week in Guard History: Aug. 23, 1973: Washington, D.C. Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird announces the adoption of the Total Force Policy as the new doctrine of American military preparedness. One conclusion from the war in Vietnam, which has just ended, is that the American people had not supported the war because it had no stated declaration and the Johnson Administration had failed to mobilize large numbers of reserve component forces, including the National Guard. By drafting individual men for service, there is little notice by the larger community,

goes the thinking. However, when a reserve component unit is mobilized, often taking dozens to hundreds of personnel at one time, it attracts big local headlines and impacts whole communities in numerous ways. Only by having a supportive populous can the American military objectives be met.

By restructuring missions, training and equipment to more fully integrate reserve units with their active duty counterparts, it is hoped that the U.S. will never commit itself to another war without the debate prompted by mobilizing the Guard and Reserves. This proves true first in Operations Desert Shield/Storm in 1990-1991 and again in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom starting in 2001. So many necessary elements of the American military now belong to the reserve component that active duty forces cannot fight a major conflict without mobilization of reserve forces. This is just what the planners of Total Force envisioned.

Upcoming Events.

Northwest Ohio Air Show, Sat/Sun August 29-30, 2009, Toledo Express Airport. General Admission Tickets: www.northwestohioairshow.com Military and retirees receive free admission with valid ID. For additional information and tickets, call 419-699-3439.

TAG Rifle Matches, Camp Perry Joint Training Center, 29-30 August, 2009. Awards ceremony is 1400, 30 August.

178th FW Hometown Hero Salute. September 13, Springfield.

Military Appreciation Day at the Akron Zoo, Sunday, September 13, 2009, 11AM-2 PM. Cost: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child, Children 2 and under are free, Parking \$2. Free refreshments and food will be provided by The USO and Operation: Military Kids. Hot Dogs, Popcorn & Drinks will be available at the "Garden Canopy". You must bring your Military ID and advise that you are with Operation: Military Kids to receive the discount. For more information contact: Erin Berry, Youth Program Specialist, 877-460-2177 or Jermaine Kennedy, Operation: Military Kids Program Coordinator, 614-292-3758.

SFC Daniel Crabtree Second Annual Memorial 5K Run/Walk. September 19, 0900, Blacklick Woods Metro Park, 6975 East Livingston Ave. Reynoldsburg, OH. Go to www.active.com to register. Type in "Crabtree" in the search box. For more information regarding registration, please contact Crabtreememorialrun@hotmail.com. All proceeds go directly to the Special Operations Warrior Fund and to the Beneficiaries Fund for his daughter. SFC Crabtree was killed in action June 8th, 2006, while deployed. He was a member of Co. B, 2nd Bn, 19th Special Forces Group, Ohio Army National Guard.

121st ARW Hometown Hero Salute. September 27th, Rickenbacker ANGB.

179th AW Hometown Hero Salute. October 3rd, Mansfield.

Free Military Family Fest, October 24, 2009, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Zanesville Municipal Airport Hanger 7. All military past, present and future and their families are invited. There will also be a

military veterans' car and bike cruise in. Lots of exhibits, prizes and information will be available. For more information call 740-452-2731.

Mobile Commissary Schedule

Woods King Armory, 4303 Green Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44128, 14 and 15 November.
For additional information: www.commissaries.com

Upcoming ONG Retiree/Alumni Events

148th Infantry Reunion (27th) – Camp Perry – August 28-29.

37th Division Reunion – Camp Perry – August 28-29. Associated with the Camp Perry events, there will be a golf outing on August 28. For more information, contact CW4 (ret) Jerry Wilson at 614-486-4186.

The first meeting of the 73d SIB Association will be conducted at Camp Perry on the afternoon of August 28. Check in at the cottage with the 73d SIB Association sign in front, before 1400 hours for the exact time and location of the meeting. Questions can be directed to Len Stayton at 614-579-2519 or len2500@wideopenwest.com.

The Ohio National Guard Alumni Reunion – DSCC, Columbus – September 19.

2-174th ADA Second Reunion – McConnelsville – September 20. Time is 1PM - ? at the McConnelsville Armory, 4497 Hawk Drive, McConnelsville, Ohio 43756. All former 2-174th, 210 ARCAT and 997th Ord Co members and their families are invited to attend.

Friday, 25 September, 2009, retirement dinner in honor of Maj. Troy L. Shoffstall and Chief Master Sgt. Wesley A. Smith of the Ohio Air National Guard. Details to be published.

437th MP Bn. reunion (8th) - Sunday, Sep 27th, 2009, at the armory, 475 Victoria Road, Youngstown, Ohio. Time is 12-6 PM. All former members of the 437th MP Bn. are invited.

147th Infantry Retirees Association – Friday, Oct 2, 2009, at the Sharonville, Ohio, VFW post. More details to follow.

The First Cleveland Cavalry Steak Roast will be held Saturday, 10 October at 1700, at the Green Road Armory in Cleveland.

Call to Duty Ceremonies

HHC 16th Engineer Brigade, September 1, 2009, 1300, Vineyard Church, 6000 Cooper Road, Westerville, OH 43081.

HHB 1/174ADA Bde., September 4, 2009, 1600, Hastings Middle School, Upper Arlington

Welcome Home Ceremonies

None scheduled at this time.

Recent News Releases

September Case Lot Sale Offers Huge Savings. Fort Lee, Va. (AFRNS), Aug 18, 2009.

Commissary customers can save 30 percent or more on purchases every day, but in September they can save even more by shopping at a worldwide case lot sale in their community. As seen in the past, the Defense Commissary Agency's worldwide case lot sale offers customers a savings of 50 percent or more on bulk-sized products. These items range from canned goods, beverages, toilet paper, paper towels, produce, fresh meat, seafood, pet supplies, cleaning and laundry products, and more.

Commissaries offer retirees and their families great ways to extend their purchasing power through the case lot sales in May and September, said Philip E. Sakowitz Jr., DeCA director and CEO. "It helps them take advantage of their commissary benefit even more," he said.

The products at these events are normally seen stretched out in a section of a commissary parking lot or inside a store warehouse. Some 50 to 60 percent of the items are sold in "club pack" product assortments similar to the oversized or multiple products sold at commercial warehouse club outlets. "Case lot sales give our patrons even more savings beyond our normal great prices," said Charlie Dowlen, DeCA promotions manager.

There are 404 items available for this sale, and Mr. Dowlen expects the larger commissaries stateside will offer an additional 100 or more items. Although smaller commissaries in the United States and those on installations overseas will carry a more limited selection, all stores will offer customers the massive savings associated with these events, he added. Most commissaries hold case lot sales but schedule them on different weekends throughout September. To find out when a commissary is hosting a sale, go to the special case lot sale Web page.

<http://www.commissaries.com/>.

Pentagon's Urgent Bid To Counter Afghan Roadside Bombs. Christian Science Monitor, August 26, 2009 [csmonitor.com](http://www.csmonitor.com). The US military is responding to the dramatic rise of roadside

bomb attacks in Afghanistan by significantly stepping up its efforts to combat the No. 1 killer of American troops in the war. It is sending thousands of new bomb-resistant trucks there, increasing by 50 percent the number of explosive ordnance disposal experts, and importing "lessons learned" from the war in Iraq to counter improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Afghanistan.

The effort is not expected to weaken "counter-IED" capability in Iraq. That will stay put for now, with the military increasing its efforts in Afghanistan. The size of this increase will likely be tied to the recommendations that Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the new commander of US forces in Afghanistan, is expected to make next week, says a senior officer in Kabul who is familiar with the assessment. McChrystal will want counter-IED resources to match any increase in troops that he might receive, says the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the review has not yet been finalized.

The cold metrics of troop deaths show the need is dire. In July 2007, there were 230 IED "incidents" in Afghanistan – the Pentagon's terminology for roadside bombs that were detonated or detected. These killed 12 members of coalition forces. Last month, there were 828 incidents that killed 49 members of coalition forces, according to the Joint IED Defeat Organization, an arm of the Pentagon. In Iraq, by contrast, there were 170 incidents last month, down from the 2,137 reported in July 2007, according to the organization.

As a result of the shift in violence, the military is beefing up a counter-IED unit known as Joint Task Force Paladin at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. The number of explosive ordnance disposal teams at its disposal will increase by half, says Rear Adm. Michael Tillotson, deputy director of operations at US Central Command in Tampa, Fla. The roadside bombs the military is seeing in Afghanistan are generally cruder than the ones in Iraq, often using plywood and basic wire. Yet US forces are keeping a watchful eye for the sorts of IEDs seen in Iraq, assuming that these more sophisticated techniques will come to Afghanistan sooner or later. "We know there is an enemy network using 'lessons learned,' " says Tillotson.

The military is also sending thousands of new bomb-resistant trucks, known as Mine Resistant, Ambush Protected trucks (MRAPs), which are similar to the ones used in Iraq. There are about 3,500 MRAPs on the ground in Afghanistan now, a small portion of which were actually shipped from Iraq. But Afghanistan's poor roads and mountainous terrain demand a new kind of bomb-resistant truck. This month, the first 47 of the trucks rolled off the US-based assembly line. They should be on their way to Afghanistan after getting tested and fitted with special gear – a process that should take about a month.

The Pentagon had initially planned to buy about 2,000 of the Afghanistan MRAPs, known as Mine Resistant, Ambush Protected, All-Terrain Vehicles, or M-ATVs. But it has recently upped the buy. By December, military officials expect to begin shipping 500 of the new vehicles to Afghanistan each month. By spring, they will have sent all 5,000 of the vehicles, in time for the heavier fighting season there.

It is with deep regret and sorrow that we announce the following deaths:

Lt. Col. Edward Gustav Rosenberg, 84, of Wilmington, Aug.14, 2009, at Cape May Retirement Community, Wilmington, Ohio. He was a former commander of the 160 Resource Management Squadron, 160th Air Refueling Group.

Joshua Smith, infant son of Jennifer Moore, Family Assistance Coordinator for Southeast Ohio, August 21, Lucasville, Ohio.

Websites of Interest:

<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc> Ohio Veterans Law

http://dvs.ohio.gov/home/veterans_organizations.aspx Ohio Veteran Organizations

http://dvs.ohio.gov/home/county_veterans_service_officers.aspx County Veteran's Services Officers. Every retiree who feels that he or she may have some disability due to military service should contact their county VSO and make application to the VA for disability compensation.

If you have ideas for future newsletter content or other alumni programs and would like to communicate with me directly, please feel free to call me at 614-336-7336, or by email at james.chisman@us.army.mil. The Ohio National Guard that proudly serves around the world today is a direct reflection of your service.

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