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### The birth of American independence

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in Thomas Paine's bestselling pamphlet "Common Sense," published in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for

independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively).

On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival" and that the celebration should include "pomp and parade...games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other."

On July 4th, the Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson.

Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

The Birth of American Independence. In <http://www.history.com/>. Retrieved June 20, 2011, from <http://www.history.com/topics/july-4th>.



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Editor's Note

The newsletter you are reading is read in Ohio and around the world.

If you would like to submit an article, let other alumni know about an upcoming event or provide a helpful suggestion; please email james.m.moore2@us.army.mil.

No submissions will be accepted after the 10th of the month unless the article is for later issues.

**myPay easier to use**

**myPay**, the online pay account management system for military members and retirees, is now easier and more convenient. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) reports that they recently made enhancements based on customer suggestions.

The new upgrade makes the virtual keyboard optional and allows you to enter your login ID and password right on the homepage, much like most banks and other financial services do. Though it is easier, the new login procedure still meets security requirements in private industry worldwide. Security features include encryption to protect sensitive information, firewalls, and intrusion detection software to block outsiders from accessing accounts. For enhanced security, DFAS recommends continuing to use the virtual keyboard when logging into **myPay** from public or shared computers.

**myPay** is the most convenient way to view your Retiree Account Statement (RAS) and manage your account. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and it allows you to make routine changes to your account without waiting.

**With myPay you can**

- View, print or save your RAS
- View, print or save your Combat-Related Special Compensation Statement
- Start, stop or change electronic allotments to financial institutions
- Change your mailing address
- Change your email address
- Make changes to your direct deposit information
- View, print or save your IRS Form

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- Subscribe to the DFAS Retiree Newsletter

If you've never used **myPay** or you're returning after more than a year, click "Create an Account" on the **myPay** home page or call 877-363-3677 to get started. You must have an existing or temporary Password to get started.

Remember to write down your login ID and password and keep it somewhere safe once you have created your **myPay** account. Keeping records of your **myPay** login ID and password is the key to keeping your retired pay account current.



## Deployment activity

Current deployed Army units are:

The Operational Mentoring & Liaison Team 1.6.

The 112th Engineer Battalion

The 1-174th ADA Regiment (C-RAM)

The 1-174th ADA Regiment (RADAR)

The 292nd Engineer Detachment (ASPHALT)

The 295th Engineer Detachment (Firefighters)

The 1937th Support Detachment

The 1484th Transportation Company

There are 711 Ohio Army National Guard Soldiers deployed. The above information comes from the Chief of Staff Briefing.

Current deployed Air units, per Wing, are:

The 121st Air Refueling Wing has 67 Airmen deployed.

The 179th Fighter Wing has 24 Airmen deployed.

The 180th Fighter Wing has 29 Airmen deployed.

The 178th Fighter Wing has 176 Airmen deployed.

This information was gathered from the monthly Wing Status Reports.

## Not updating retired pay records can cost benefits

Too often, we hear about survivors who were denied benefits because the Retired Soldier did not update retired pay records after getting married, divorced, remarried, being widowed or gaining a child.

We hear from surviving spouses who did not receive the retired pay for the days of the last month the Retired Soldier was alive because this money went to the person the Soldier had chosen at retirement.

We hear from former spouses who lost Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) benefits because neither the former spouse nor the Retired Soldier notified DFAS within a year of the court order that awarded former spouse SBP.

We also hear from spouses of retirees, married after retirement, who assumed they had SBP coverage. However, if the retiree did not take the required action within one year of marriage, the spouse may have no SBP coverage.

To make sure your spouse (or former spouse) is prepared, keep a file with information that will be

needed when you die. Make sure your spouse (or former spouse) knows what benefits to expect or not to expect.

Keep this article as a reminder to update your retired pay records if your status changes.



## One of the ten major battles that shaped America

### New Orleans

In early December 1814 a huge British fleet carrying 10,000 victorious veterans of the war with Napoléon Bonaparte's France anchored off the Louisiana coast. In command of the troops was Maj. Gen. Edward Pakenham, brother-in-law of Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington. The British expected to enjoy Christmas dinner in the strategic port city of New Orleans. Earlier in the year they had brushed aside American forces and torched government buildings in Washington, D.C. The War of 1812 had been militarily disastrous for the Americans, and disgusted New England politicians were even then meeting in Hartford, Conn., to discuss seceding from the young nation. Defeatism was rampant in New Orleans. The American commander, Maj. Gen. Andrew Jackson, had barely 700 men. Civilians implored him to surrender and spare the city fiery destruction.

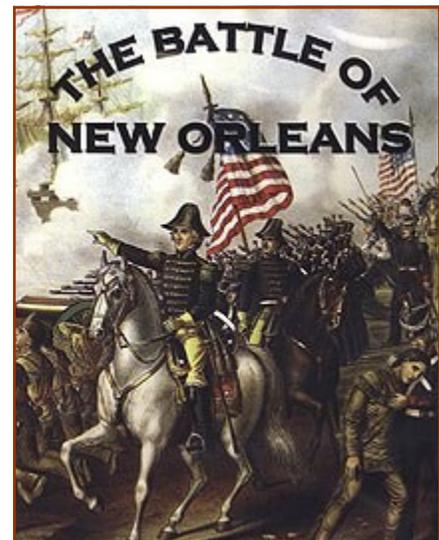
But "Old Hickory" was not the surrendering type. He summoned 2,000 mounted Tennesseans from Baton Rouge, and when the British advance guard appeared just south of New Orleans, Jackson launched a night attack that shook the Redcoats' confidence. He pulled back to a canal outside the city and began fortifying it, adding militiamen from Kentucky and Tennessee, plus a smattering of local pirates.

The British did not advance for another week, giving Jackson's 4,500-plus men time to complete their fortified line. When Pakenham did finally attack—in daylight across an open cane field—on January 8, blasts of grapeshot tore huge gaps in his tightly packed formations, while Jackson's

infantry added a storm of musket fire that shattered regiment after regiment. Pakenham was killed while trying to rally his demoralized men.

With 2,042 men dead or wounded to only 71 American casualties, the British stumbled into retreat. Days later both sides learned the London government had signed a peace treaty several weeks before the battle, ending its continental ambitions south of Canada. When the news from New Orleans reached Washington, people danced in the streets. The would-be secessionists from New England slunk out of town, and nothing more was heard from their infamous convention. Jackson was on his way to the White House, while a revived and united America—which had learned the importance of a strong government and an effective military—took a giant step toward becoming a continental nation.

Posted by David Lauterborn, Nov. 3, 2010 in *HistoryNet*,  
[www.historynet.com/10-battles-that-shaped-america.htm](http://www.historynet.com/10-battles-that-shaped-america.htm)



## Changes of command

37th Brigade Special troops Battalion

Outgoing Commander: Lt. Col. Kevin W. Lochtefeld

Incoming Commander: Lt. Col. Glenn C. Wirth

The change of command ceremony is July 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., Springfield Armory, 4440 Laybourne Road, Springfield, OH 45505

1-148th Infantry Regiment

Outgoing Commander: Lt. Col. Walter M. Duzzny

Incoming Commander: Lt. Col. Kevin W. Lochtefeld

The change of command ceremony is July 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., Tracy Road armory, 28846 Tracy Road, Walbridge, OH 43465

## ONGEA banquet celebrates enlisted excellence

Please join the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association at our annual banquet, where we will recognize the Service members of the Year for 2010, both Air and Army National Guard. ONGEA and AMVETS will make presentations to these Soldiers and Airmen who have been distinguished as “the best of the best.” Additional state-level Air National Guard award winners will be recognized, as well as Soldiers who were selected to represent their major subordinate command at state competition. Recipients of the ONGEA/ONGEA Auxiliary Scholarship will be recognized for meeting the academic and community service requisites which earned them ONGEA’s grant for furthering their education. Questions can be directed to Banquet Chair Eric Wallace at (740) 403-2537 or [ericwallace@hotmail.com](mailto:ericwallace@hotmail.com).

**Date:** July 16, 2011 – Saturday Night  
**Time:** 6:00 pm - Social / 6:30 pm -Dinner  
**Uniform:** Air Force Mess Dress or Semi-Formal Army Service Uniform or Mess Dress *(with white shirts and bow tie)*  
Semi-Formal Civilian Attire  
**Location:** Longaberger Alumni House  
2200 Olentangy River Road  
Columbus, OH 43210-1035  
**Cost:** \$35 per person (plus cash bar)  
**RSVP no later than July 6th**

**Make checks payable to:** ONGEA Banquet  
*Mail RSVP and Payment to:*  
ONGEA Awards Banquet  
1299 Virginia Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43212

### ONGEA Awards Banquet



Staff Sgt. Helderman  
NCO of the Year (Army)



SPC Hawkins  
Soldier of the Year (Army)



Staff Sgt. Holloway  
NCO of the Year (Air)



Master Sgt. Crock  
1st Sgt. of the Year (Air)



Senior Airman Dortmund  
Airman of the Year



Master Sgt. Troy Siebenaler  
Senior NCO of the Year

**Upcoming Event**

The 2-174th ADA BN  
Retired & Past  
Members Association

Fourth Annual  
Reunion

September 18, 2011

1:00 p.m.

McConnelsville  
National Guard  
Armory

4497 Hawk Drive

McConnelsville, OH

For more information  
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**Helpful web links**

For more information about

<http://www.trdp.org/>

**Military pay** go to:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service  
<http://www.dfas.mil/>

**Military Personnel Records** go to:

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/>

**Ohio National Guard Association** go to:

<http://www.ohionga.org/>

**Retirement Services Office**

go to: <http://www.armyg1.army.mil/rso/>

**Ohio Department of Veterans**

**Services** go to: <http://dvs.ohio.gov/>

**Military Insider: Retiree Benefits &**

**resources** go to: <http://www.military.com/NewContent/1,13190,Retired,00.html>

**TRICARE Retiree Dental Program** go to:

**DoD to drop social security numbers from ID cards**

**WASHINGTON, AFPS** – Since June 1, Social Security numbers on military identification cards have started to disappear, said Air Force Maj Monica M. Matoush, a Pentagon spokeswoman.

The effort is part of a larger plan to protect service members and other DoD identification card holders from identity theft, officials said.

Criminals use Social Security numbers to steal identities, allowing them to pillage resources, establish credit or to hijack credit cards, bank accounts or debit cards.

Currently, the Social Security number is printed on the back of common access cards, and on the front of cards issued to dependents and retirees. Beginning in June, when current cards expire, they will be replaced with new cards having a DoD identification number replacing the Social Security number, officials said. The DoD identification number is a unique 10-digit number that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the department. The new number also will be the service member's Geneva Convention identification number.

An 11-digit DoD benefits number also will

appear on the cards of those people eligible for DoD benefits. The first nine digits are common to a sponsor, the official said, and the last two digits will identify a specific person within the sponsor's family.

Social Security numbers embedded in the bar codes on the back of identification cards will remain there for the time being, and will be phased out beginning in 2012.

The department will replace identification cards as they expire.

"Because cards will be replaced upon expiration, it will be approximately four years until all cards are replaced with the DoD ID number," Matoush said. "For Retiree ID cards and other populations that have an indefinite (INDEF) expiration date, cardholders can go to their nearest RAPIDS ID Card facility to obtain a new card, beginning June 1." The identity protection program began in 2008, when DOD started removing Social Security numbers from family member identification cards.

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[HTTP://ONG.OHIO.GOV](http://ONG.OHIO.GOV)

**April 2011 RISFAC Meetings:**

*Region 1 - July 21*

*Region 2 - July 20*

*Region 3 - July 26*

*Region 4 - July 26*

*Region 5 - July 26*

*Region 6 - July 20*

For questions regarding the time or place of RISFAC meetings, contact Mr. James Moore at (614)336-7336.



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“When called, we respond with ready units to execute federal, state and community missions.”

## Please join us at the alumni reunion September 10, 2011

The Ohio National Guard alumni reunion is just around the corner and we would like to see everyone there. The event takes place on September 10, 2011 at DSCC, Columbus, OH.

To give you an idea on what to expect, please review the agenda below.

- 0800 – 0900 Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 0900 – 0910 Welcome and Administrative Announcements
- 0910 – 0950 Welcome/Presentation/Remarks, The Adjutant General – Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenurst
- 0950 – 1000 Break
- 1000 – 1020 Presentation/Remarks, Asst. Adj. Gen. for Air – Brig. Gen. Mark E. Bartman
- 1020 – 1040 Presentation/Remarks, Asst. Adj. Gen. for Army – Col. John C. Harris
- 1040 – 1200 Social/vendor time, Table-top vendor Displays: Military One Source, USAA, TRICARE, VA, ONGEA, ONGA, and other
- 1200 – 1330 Lunch
- 1330 – 1350 TRICARE Update

- 1350 – 1410 VA Update
- 1410 – 1600 Facility/Equipment Tours: CSMS, Tri-Bde, and RTI.
- 1600 – 1645 Break/Surveys
- 1645 -1700 Final Comments

It is a full day of information and camaraderie. A lot more social time was built into the agenda because that is what many of you had requested.

On July 1, 2011 an email invitation letter will be sent to all alumni to let everyone know a little more about the event.

A snail mail invitation will be sent out a later date to verify names, meals, and other information.

The final R.S.V.P. for the event is August 29, 2011.