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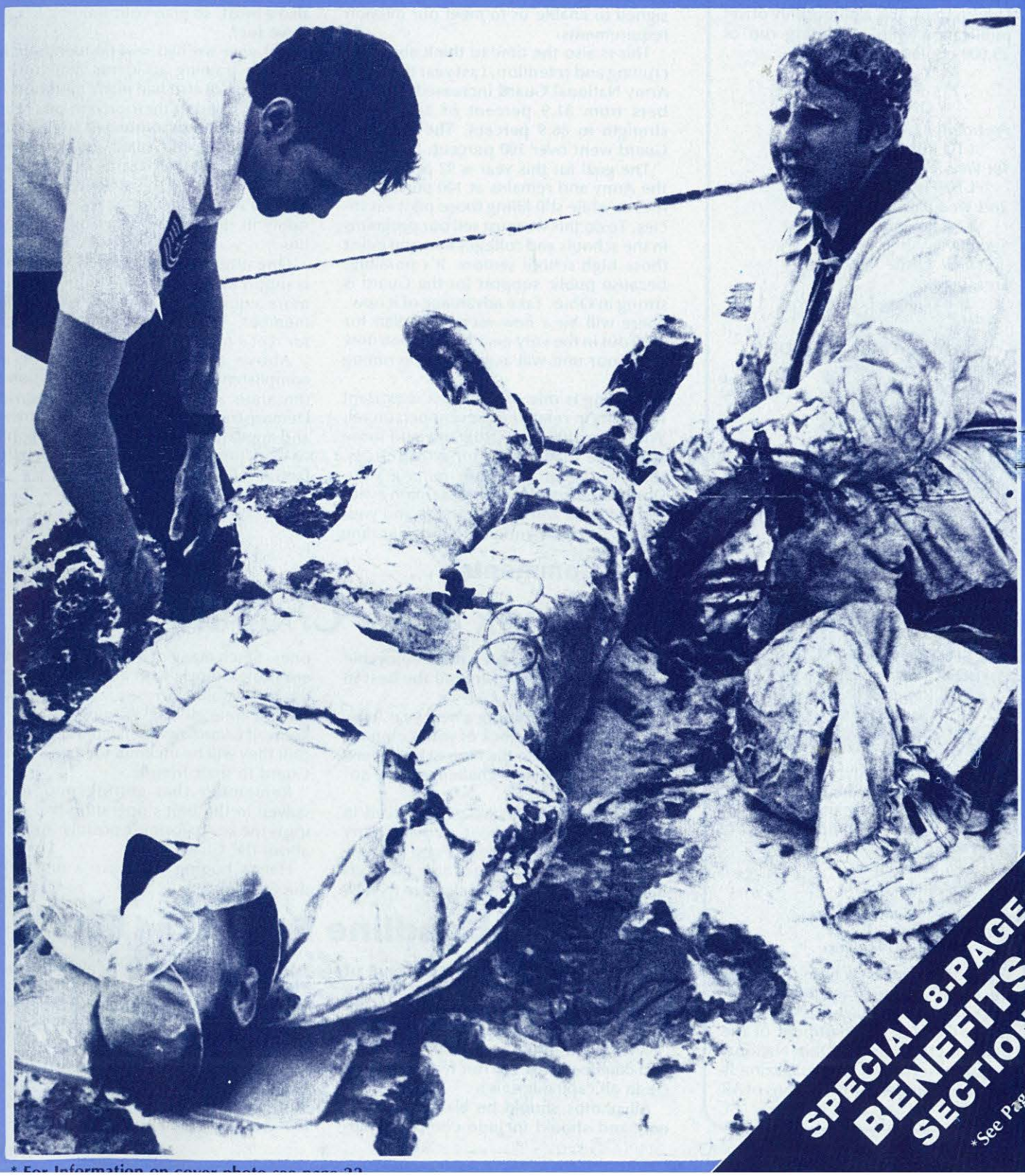

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AG Speaks . . .

It's Time to 'Excel'

A new year . . . another year in which to excel. Now is the time to establish priorities and initiate new programs designed to enable us to meet our mission requirements.

This is also the time to think about recruiting and retention. Last year the Ohio Army National Guard increased its numbers from 81.9 percent of authorized strength to 86.9 percent. The Ohio Air Guard went over 100 percent. Not bad.

The goal for this year is 92 percent for the Army and remains at 100 percent for the Air while still filling those pilot vacancies. To do this we must sell our programs in the schools and colleges **now** and enlist those high school seniors. It's possible, because public support for the Guard is strong in Ohio. Take advantage of it now. There will be a new recruiting plan for 1980 out in the very near future. Plan now how your unit will achieve its recruiting goal.

Training is one of the most important elements in retaining present personnel. With new affiliation programs and more assistance than ever from active forces, this can be an exciting training year. Don't miss out. Use new ideas, along with the old tried and true methods and your NCOs. As commanders, spend your time talking to individual troops to find out if your plans and programs are producing desired results. Energy conservation is also a must, so plan your training to conserve fuel.

Last year we had several members injured in training accidents that were avoidable. We also had many members injured or killed in their private cars. Let's take care of one another and stress safety every drill day at the first and last formation. Point out the hazards of each training exercise in the initial briefing and end the day with a precautionary word about safety in driving and working in civilian life.

One other area we need to improve in is supply economy. Some units are losing more equipment than they should. Remember, lost equipment must be paid for. Let's not waste our limited funds.

Above all, take pride in your accomplishments and your contribution to the state and service to our country. Demonstrate your pride in performance and appearance. You are special people, so work toward public recognition of that fact.

MG JAMES C. CLEM
The Adjutant General

CSM Comments . . .

Seek New Challenges

I hope everyone had a most enjoyable holiday, and I wish everyone the best in this coming year.

Since we are entering a new year, now is the time to take stock of your company or unit. Now is also the time to begin new programs, seek new challenges and solicit new ideas.

It's important that we get involved in making each hour spent at the armory more interesting, profitable and productive. If, in the past, old training methods haven't worked, don't be afraid to try new ones. Since many of our Guard members are professionals with many talents, let's use that available resource to eliminate wasted time during training. As we all know, if Guard members enjoy coming to drill they will be inclined to "talk-up" the Guard to their friends.

Remember that getting people involved in the unit's operation and training is the key to forming positive attitudes about the Guard.

Here's hoping you have a most productive year!

Next Deadline Feb. 27, 1980

Deadline for the April, 1980, issue of the Buckeye Guard Magazine is February 27, 1980. No articles or photos will be accepted after this date.

All submissions should be **typewritten** and **double-spaced** (do not type your article in all capital letters).

All photos should be **black and white only** and should include complete captions with identification of all individuals involved.

Be sure to include the Guard member's civilian occupation with all articles and photo captions.

Submissions should be sent to SFC Bob DeVoe, editor, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085.

From the Asst. AG - Army

Troop Morale Based on Leadership

With a new year as well as a new decade upon us, it seems appropriate to look at where we've been, where we are and where we're going. I'm going to restrict my comments to the attribute that results in the best retention, the best training and the best dedication. The subject which is **troop morale** is one that we all talk and do little about.

I don't think anybody will question an almost irrefutable fact that troop morale is based directly on good and effective leadership. What is not so well defined is what we mean by leadership.

In most leadership courses, we read about the necessary traits, some of which are obvious and recognizable while others are somewhat intangible.

There are certain things that good leaders do that are obvious to any observer and particularly obvious to those who follow. A certain amount of measuring can be made of these obvious traits. The consistent, long range, effective traits however are less measurable but for one who wants to look, the results are usually very obvious. All you have to do is talk to the troops and ask questions that aren't designed to produce robotic answers.

The one very obvious objective of leadership is to motivate those who are led to a point where failure is no longer a consideration but rather it becomes a matter of how successful an individual is going to be. In other words, 'how well am I going to do'. When you get your troops charged up to where this is their philosophy, then the effectiveness of leadership becomes obvious to all.

Remember that we do this in order to insure to the utmost, the positive results that we want. These are good retention, recruiting, training and dedication. This is why some people are willing to drive long distances to be with a particular unit rather than one a half mile away. These are the reasons some units have high strength and others do not.

One more point I want to mention is that there are a number of tools that can be used to help achieve this pride and motivation. First and foremost, of course, is that leadership is concerned about troops and I mean really concerned — not just lip service of believing one is doing the right thing. If you have this one trait and are dedicated to it, then the tools are being used effectively and these tools include good use of the chain-of-command, good response to troop requirements, good training, a good public affairs effort, a very obvious pride of belonging to unit and here, the history of that unit is extremely important. Leaders have to lead and manage well. We've got a lot of talent out there. That talent can help us do our job of leading and managing if we only use it.

There is nothing that compares with what I call the 'joy of leadership', the feeling of knowing you have led well. If you don't have this or you haven't experienced it, then you have succumbed to the lure of the advantages of rank. You are using your authority in a self-serving fashion rather than accepting increased responsibility for the troops you lead. I'm not talking about just high-ranking officers. I'm talking about everyone in the chain-of-command who has any rank starting with the assistant squad leader and right on up the ladder. Let's dedicate ourselves, for this year and the decade ahead, to producing an Ohio National Guard that is proud of its heritage and what it is doing as well as the dual mission for which we are responsible. We can then look every member of the Guard in the eye and immediately realize that 'here is a soldier who wants everybody to know that he or she is doggone proud to be a member of the Ohio National Guard'.

A word about this issue — it has been prepared to give you a handy reference on benefits available to members of the Ohio National Guard. Use it, as it will answer a lot of questions. Commanders at all levels should make an extra effort to bring this to the attention of our troops and answer questions.

From the State Chaplain

Freedom, Equality Important to Nation

January and February are months with many historic memories and holidays. Two special days reveal the value we place on freedom and equality. In February, we celebrate "President's Day" when we remember the lives and work of some of our forefathers. We rejoice for their dedication to the proposition that all human beings are equal in the sight of God, their creator, and that this equality leads to certain obligations for each person in relationship to others.

On a day in January, we celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. King lived his life as a Christian man struggling for equality and justice. He died as a Christian martyr for these values. All of these people have lived their lives in response to these values which they believe God has established.

As a nation, we remember these men. As a nation we struggle to witness to these values. We must realize that we alone do not have a corner on the truth, but we are called to be faithful to what we clearly claim to be true: "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

We are called, not only as a nation, but as individuals to make these values important. Our call is NOT to: "ego, indulgence, and the pursuit of pleasure." Remember the important contributions of special men and women in your history. Recognize that we are still in the struggle for equality and justice, but continue to cling to these as witnesses of ultimate truth. Peace be with you.

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

Pathfinder Error

To the Editor:

Your attention is directed toward an error in fact on page 17 of the December, 1979, BUCKEYE GUARD in the article "77th Pathfinders Enjoy Jumping From Airplanes". Paragraph four states, "I had been with the ranger brigade in Savannah, Georgia . . . "

The Ranger unit in Savannah (actually it's headquartered at Hunter Army Airfield, located in Savannah) is a battalion, not a brigade. The unit's precise designation is: 1st Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry. The 2d Bn. (Ranger), 75th Inf. is located at Ft. Lewis, Wash. The only active Army brigades in Georgia's Coastal Empire are the 1st and 2d Brigades of the 'First to Fight' 24th Infantry 'Victory' Division (Mechanized) headquartered at Ft. Stewart (oversees Hunter AAF) 43 miles southwest of Savannah in nearby Hinesville. The Ranger Bn. at Hunter is a non-divisional unit and not a part of the 24th.

Here in the Golden State, the California Army National Guard also has a pathfinder unit, the 76th Infantry Detachment (Pathfinder, Airborne) headquartered in Stockton.

Kudos to Chuck Tritt for an otherwise informative story and to you and your staff for producing an outstanding publication!

1LT STEPHEN J. JANOSCO
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Marksman's Memories

To the Editor:

That article on the retirement of LTC Frank Ladd as marksmanship coordinator of the ONG covered the ground nicely.

I fired four years with the State Rifle Team back in the 50's when directing the marksmanship program was a secondary job for an officer who already had enough on his plate to keep him busy.

Our practice sessions were frequently in the form of matches, and our big yearly effort was at the Nationals, in effect firing the individual stages for practice, and putting our effort into the Team Matches, in which we did our best.

Sadly, our best then was none too good, and a couple years we depended on our last two champion shooters from the 1930's, CWO Fred Schffner, and SFC Hershel Stemen as anchormen. (Anyone visiting Perry during the Matches should inspect the Leech Trophy carefully. ("Hersh's" name is on it.)

The team sort of became airborne in 1955 as a result of two engines dying on a C-47, and that did our ability little good. The only medal we got that year was a third place I won the last time the National Guard Carbine Match was fired.

Introducing Gallery matches did a little good, and a few unit teams even got into .30 caliber. The 737th Maintenance Battalion Team came in second to the 83rd USAR Division team the one year we were able to fire big bore. After that, we got some results in Gallery shooting.

I noticed in the last 10 years as my physique wore down and my sight got worse, that the competition got hotter. Not imagination, either. All I had to do was check scores. Scores which could have won first places in 1962 would be good for sympathy 10 years later. The last few years I found myself firing against Terry Martino and Ernest Tracy in the rifle matches and Joe Pascarella, Jim Lenardson, and Larry Meads in the pistol side. Anything I got I worked like hell for.

Old ONG photos show a number of members with Distinguished Marksman badges. For some years no one had any, but they are beginning to show up once more. ONG shooters had a rep all over the USA back in the 1905-1914 period. It looks as if this may be happening again.

On the training side, a unit which has some skilled marksmen can cut its rate of failure to qualify, and save ammo on familiarization instead. If each member makes Marksman or better first time, the familiarization firing in following years takes less ammo and saves money to a measurable degree. It happened in the 737th for sure. Try it in your outfit and see how it goes.

The first factory-made target rifle, the Winchester Winder Musket, was made up on the plans of LTC Charles B. Winder, Musketry Director in the early part of the century. LTC Ladd didn't get this lucky, but he has done a few good things along this line.

JOHN B. CONLON
CW3 (RET.)
Newark, O.

Editor's Note: *CW3 Conlon was the Ohio National Guard's first Gallery Rifle Champion in 1959; first Gallery Pistol Champion in 1961; and frequent "also ran" from 1962-1978.*

Know Your IG

Lockhart Serves OHARNG

LTC Richard M. Lockhart is the Assistant Inspector General for the Ohio Army National Guard.

He first entered military service in the spring of 1943 as a Navy seaman, and was commissioned Ensign in May, 1945. When World War II ended, he was serving as gunnery officer in a destroyer escort in the Far East.

In 1946, then Ensign Lockhart was selected to accompany Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd on his last expedition to Antarctica, spending eight months in the South Polar region as a marine engineer.

The polar expedition was followed by duty in the Far East, primarily in the area of Shanghai and Tsingtao, China. Lockhart was one of the last Americans to leave China at the time of the Communist takeover.

LTC Lockhart left the U.S. Navy in 1955, after almost eight years of sea and foreign service. The same year he entered the Ohio National Guard. Almost all of his service with the Guard has been on troop duty, from company to battalion commander, having commanded three engineer battalions. He first became an Inspector General in 1975.

LTC Lockhart plans to retire late in 1980 after more than 37 years of military service, and from his full time position as Examiner for the United States Property and Fiscal Officer of Ohio.

Bowling Tourney Planned by ONGEA

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association has announced it is sponsoring its Second Annual Bowling Tournament in April, 1980, according to President Wes Stenger.

The tournament will be held on two separate weekends — April 19-20 and April 26-27 — to circumvent scheduled unit training assemblies and allow more individuals to participate.

Tourney competition is open to members of the Ohio Guard (Army and Air, officer and enlisted), retired NG members, civilian employees of the ONG, advisors, members of the ONGEA Auxiliary, and members of the Officers Wives Club.

The Enlisted Association members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing and the 160th Air Refueling Group will be the hosts of this tournament, with Mr. Robert Bachmann, a retired member of the 121st, serving as chairman.

RECRUITING ROUND-UP

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

BY MAJ. EDWIN HALL

1979 WAS A GOOD YEAR

Gains in strength were recognized during 10 of 12 months during 1979. On January 1, 1979, the assigned strength of the Ohio Army National Guard was 11,775 or 81.9 percent of the authorized strength. On December 31, 1979, the assigned strength of the Ohio Army National Guard was 12,520 or 86.6 percent of the authorized strength. This was a gain of 745 personnel or 4.7 percent of the authorized strength.

1980 GOALS

There is every reason to believe that 1980 will see even greater gains. Our goal is to gain a minimum of 5 percent, for a year end strength of 91.6 percent. Every battalion or squadron should reach at least 95 percent of their authorized strength and every unit (company, battery, troop, or detachment) should reach at least 85 percent authorized strength.

CONGRATULATIONS

During the last quarter of 1979 the following units reached 100 percent strength: 135 MP Co; HHC, 371 Spt Gp; Btry B, 1/136 FA Bn; Det 1, Co A, 1/166 Inf Bn; 684 Med Co; HHD, 512 Engr Bn; Co B, 612 Engr Bn; and Co D, 612 Engr Bn. A special congratulations for a job well done to the 612th Engr Bn, every unit of the battalion is now over 100 percent strength.

UNITS ON THE MOVE

The following units have realized a gain in strength of at least 20 percent during 1979: Det 1, Btry C, 2/174 ADA (68.1% to 89.3%); HHC, 54 Spt Ctr (58.0% to 79.0%); Det 1, Co B, 237 Spt Bn (56.5% to 95.6%); HHB, 1/136 FA Bn (39.9% to 70.6%); Det 1, Co A, 1/166 Inf Bn (75% to 104.7%); Co B (-), 1/148 Inf Bn (56.3% to 77.4%); 684 Med Co (72.5% to 102.2%); 385 Med Co (79.5% to 111.8%); and Co D, 612 Engr Bn (79.1% to 102.9%). These units are setting the example for the rest of the state. Congratulations on an outstanding job.

FTRF VACANCIES

Vacancies currently exist in 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 in pay grade E-5 to E-7 are eligible for consideration. For more information, talk to your area NCOIC or call toll-free CW4 Donaugh at 1-800-282-7310.

Beightler Party Hosts 158 Children

It was a day to remember for the 158 children of the Northeast Training Center in Columbus, recent guests at the Annual Robert S. Beightler Retarded Children's Christmas Party.

Thrilled by the antics of clowns, Big Bird and the Cookie Monster, the children were also entertained by the Olivedale Clowns from Lancaster.

Santa Claus arrived on a dog sled, pulled by huskies from the Central Ohio Husky Club.

Hamburgers for lunch were provided by Mr. R. David Thomas, chairman of Wendy's International.

David L. Fischer, of AASF #2, won the $200 prize at the raffle held immediately after the party. The second place $100 prize went to Larry Rhoads of the 383rd Med Co. The two $50 prizes went to Charles Straub of the 385th Med Co and to Jerry Wilson of the Quartermaster General's Office. The four $25 prizes went to Harry Hartsook, of OMS 12; Ronda Uhlenhake, an instructor at the Northwest Training Center; Dennis Coy, of the 323rd MP Co; and Harry Ashton of the Disaster Services Agency in Beightler Armory. Proceeds from the raffle went to sponsor the party.

The Robert S. Beightler Retarded Children's Christmas Party is an annual event hosted by the employees of Beightler Armory.

Last F-100 Departs Toledo

BY MAJ. DWIGHT McENTIRE
180th Tac. Ftr. Gp.

With afterburner glowing, F-100 tail #754 became the last 180th Tactical Fighter Group F-100 to depart the Toledo Express Airport.

After takeoff, #754 joined in formation with six other 180th F-100's to salute the 180th with a flyover, before departing the Toledo area forever. All seven were bound for retirement at the Military Aircraft Storage and Disposal Center at Davis-Montham AFB near Tucson, Arizona.

The departure of the F-100 from the Toledo unit also marked the departure of the F-100 from the Ohio Air National Guard's inventory. The F-100 has been the workhorse for Air Guard units for the past decade.

The F-100 departure was one more step towards the completion of the 180th's conversion to the newer A-7D.

'Star' Performance by 178th TFG

'Chap 02 . . . I Have A Target'

By TSGT ERNIE C. HUSTED, JR.
178th Tac Ftr Gp.

The Huey transport helicopter made its way toward the Rocky Fork restricted air space in southern Ohio. On board was our Special Tactics and Response (STAR) team from the 178th Tactical Fighter Group. The team was broken down into three groups using the call signs Bushmaster, Black Horse and Weed Wacker.

This was the third and final day of Operation Buckeye Flag—a composite force training exercise modeled after Tactical Air Command's Red Flag combat readiness training exercise. The mission of the STAR team had been one of support and we had been operating throughout the area.

By flashing our signal mirrors at incoming fixed-wing aircraft, we gave a very realistic simulation of what ground fire would look like to the pilots. When our team popped smoke, we were simulating target markings for use by air or ground identification. We stayed in radio contact with the FAC (Forward Air Controller) overhead and found targets for strikes while also serving as safety observers.

On board the Huey, a lot of last minute activity was going on. SSgt Dennis Caldwell and I checked landmarks below against our maps. Amn Kathy Downing adjusted the strap on her M-16 automatic rifle. She was taking the place of A1C Vicki Turner, who had participated the first two days but couldn't make the final day. Weed Wacker actual, TSgt Joe Pierce, explained to our observer, Maj Harold Oda, why we were two people short.

Our two orphans were SSgt Gene Shaw, one of the team's two certified medics, and A1C Cindy Geiger. They had been flown to the area earlier by 0-2 observation planes to do advanced recon. They were to link up with us when we landed. Black Horse actual, TSgt Jim Phillips, held up his hand to signify five minutes to touchdown.

Our landing zone was a small private air strip. We knew a communication group was set up to the north. They were to be our target, but they were unaware of this. To avoid being observed, our pilot dropped the chopper down low for the approach. He turned and twisted through the valleys just above the tree tops and fields. It turned out to be quite a ride. With a surge of power, the chopper climbed up and popped over the landing zone and touched down.

The team quickly deployed out both sides, forming a perimeter. With a thumbs up signal from the team, the chopper dipped down into the valley and was gone. It had been on the ground less than 15 seconds. Our team formed into a combat file and started north.

Our camouflage clothing and multicolor (black, brown and green) grease paint helped us blend into the foliage as if we were invisible.

Then, our radio came to life.

"Bushmaster, Bushmaster. This is Chap 02. Over."

"Chap 02. This is Bushmaster. Go."

"Roger, Bushmaster. We'll have a fixed wing in 25 minutes. Do you have a target? Over."

"Roger, Chap 02. We'll be in position for a strike. Over."

"Roger, Bushmaster. Chap 02, out."

There was some very nasty, thick terrain between us and our target. The sun was hot and the briars and thorns were tearing at us. After a hard 15 minutes, we met up with our two orphans. They gave us a good description of our target and we pushed on. At the end of the next ten minutes, our tired and sweaty team got into position.

"Bushmaster, Bushmaster. This is Chap 02."

"Chap 02, this is Bushmaster. We are in position."

"Bushmaster, what is the nature of your target?"

"Roger, Chap 02. We have a como ground set up 100 yards north of the red smoke we'll throw. There are four anti-aircraft positions protecting the site. You have friendlies to the west. Over."

Our team then divided into two groups. One would throw smoke, flash mirror and direct by radio. The other would prepare to sweep through the area after the strike.

"Bushmaster. Throw smoke."

With a pop, followed by a hiss, the red smoke billowed along the ground. We could see members of the communications group look at the smoke and try to figure out what was going on. They didn't have to wait long.

Far in the distance, we saw a black dot growing larger. Then the A-7D Corsair II attack aircraft streaked toward the ground. With the roar of its jet engine, the A-7 pulled up over the target and finished its bomb run. Seconds later, another A-7 started in. With the same shaking roar, it finished its run over the target. Two more bombing runs were accomplished when Chap 02 informed us to stand by for a strafing run.

"Roger, Chap 02. We'll pop a smoke closer to target."

Hearing this, our first group lobbed a white smoke right into the como area. As the white smoke covered the area, each A-7 made a low-level, precise mock gun run to finish up the strike.

"Chap 02. This is Bushmaster."

"Roger, Bushmaster. This is Chap 02. Over."

"Chap 02, runs right on target. Thanks much. Out."

We repeated this scene throughout the day.

180th Firemen Help Snuff Toledo Blaze

BY TSGT. LONDON MITCHELL
180th Tac. Ftr. Gp.

The fire department of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo, was recently asked to help fight a blaze that erupted in a giant gasoline storage tank on the east side of Toledo. The fire caused over a million dollars in damage and was started by lightning.

When the Guard members arrived, flames were already over 100 feet in the air and smoke could be seen from 40 miles away.

Mechanical foam was used to smother the blaze, according to Staff Sergeant Walter C. Brown, chief fire fighter of the 180th. He said the foam is what firefighters use on aircraft fires and is the best substance to use in extinguishing gasoline fires.

The fire lasted three days and two nights. SSG Brown said the reason the fire could not be put out immediately was because the wind was coming from the wrong direction and they could not get on the upwind side of the fire.

During the fire, water was kept flowing on adjacent storage tanks filled with unleaded gasoline.

There was some damage to the 180th fire trucks caused mainly from heat. Technical Sergeant Gary Studer and Sergeant Joe Snyder were treated for heat exhaustion and Airman George Michaels was treated on the scene when diesel fuel was splahsed in his eyes.

251st CCG Deploys to Eglin AFB

The 251st Combat Commications Group headquartered at Springfield, was recently deployed to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida to participate in U.S. Readiness Command Exercise Gallant Eagle '79 by providing voice and teletype communications and Air Traffic Control services in a simulated combat situation.

C-5A Gallaxy aircraft and C-141 Starlifter aircraft of the Military Airlift Command moved five hundred 251st personnel and their equipment into the Eglin Reservation to support the Joint Forces in a two-week period of mock warfare.

Located throughout a combat area of more than 20,000 acres, 251st Communicators and controllers lived and worked under field conditions at 7 operational sites. At these sites, 251st resources were integrated into the total force, which includes Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine, Reserve and other National Guard components.

Communications and Flight Facilities equipment was installed and operational prior to the beginning of the exercise.

150 Lima Guard Members Attend Weekend College

FROM THE 837TH ENGINEER COMPANY

'Readiness,' a key word in the Ohio National Guard vocabulary, doesn't only involve machines. Readiness also involves the maintenance of leadership and the presence of mind which comes with the knowledge that leadership skills are stressed on all levels of National Guard structure.

In keeping with this principle, about 150 members of the 837th Engineer Company, with detachments in Lima, Ada, and Spencerville, and the 148th Infantry Battalion, headquartered in Lima, went to college during a recent drill.

Squad leaders, platoon sergeants and platoon leaders from both units attended Battalion Training Management System (BTMS) workshops at Ohio State University, Lima Campus, both Saturday and Sunday.

The training periods included a number of course topics with typical military names, but the purpose of the instruction was clear. Building confidence, developing leadership skills and training for the first line supervisors — all designed for self-improvement of the Guard members in both their military and civilian occupations.

178th TFG Passes Inspection

Members of the Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group achieved an overall "solid satisfactory" rating for their annual operational readiness inspection, said Major General Billy J. Ellis, vice commander of the Ninth Air Force.

The General, from Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., briefed 178th members at the Springfield Municipal Airport after his 10-member inspection team completed the final phase of the combat readiness evaluation.

The final phase tested the group's ability to survive several kinds of simulated hostile actions, including an air raid. Earlier phases involved aircraft generation, deployment, regeneration and employment.

"We're pleased we passed the inspection, especially with it's expanded criteria," commented Colonel Robert E. Preston, commander of the 178th. "It took a lot of work by all our people."

Ohio U. ROTC Cadets Fly to Briefing

BY CADET DENNIS DEVOE
Ohio University ROTC

All eyes turned skyward as five Army National Guard helicopters buzzed over the Ohio University Campus in Athens recently.

Was it an air-mobile insertion exercise? No, 20 ROTC cadets were being flown to Columbus for an orientation to aviation in the Ohio Army National Guard. All but two of the cadets were freshmen and sophomore students at Ohio University who have no military commitment. For them, this orientation served a multiple purpose, as they were introduced to the Ohio National Guard's unique College Scholarship Program and the new Simultaneous Membership Program.

The cadets were flown from Athens to the Army Aviation Support Facility #2, located at the Ohio State University Airport in Columbus. At the facility, the Guard had provided ham sandwiches, chips and soda for the cadets. There was also a birthday cake for Major Robert Adams, a Military Science Instructor at Ohio University and an Army Aviator.

The aviation presentation was given by Major Coriell, the facility Commander, and Captain Paul Holbrook, the aviator recruitment officer. They explained that there is a shortage of junior commissioned officers in the Ohio Guard, especially in aviation.

To help fill this shortage, the Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course (ORWAC) has recently been opened to members of the Army National Guard. The ORWAC curriculum is 36 weeks of flight and academic instruction at the Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Alabama. (Only officers with 12 months service who have successfully completed a Basic Branch Qualification in a branch authorized aviation may apply for ORWAC. They must also pass a flight physical and a flight aptitude test.)

Following this introduction, Second Lieutenant George Kinney talked about something near and dear to all college students' hearts . . . tuition! 2LT Kinney raised a lot of questions and interest when he discussed the possibility of going to college tuition free. A qualified enlisted member of the Ohio Guard is eligible for eight semesters or 12 quarters of undergraduate study at any state-funded university in Ohio.

When a National Guard student is accepted into the Advanced ROTC program, he or she is eligible to continue drilling with the Guard. This is due to the Ohio Guard's new Simultaneous Membership Program. While participating in the SMP, students may receive pay from both ROTC and the Guard.

When these presentations were completed, the students were given a tour of the aviation facility. They were introduced to the various types of helicopters and their capabilities. The tour also took in the maintainence and repair shops, and a technical resources room, which has books and tapes on all aspects of aviation.

EQUIPMENT CHECK – *Ohio Army National Guard aviator Major Mark Ryan answers questions for an Ohio University ROTC cadet during a recent briefing at the Guard's Worthington Aviation Facility.* **(PHOTO BY SP5 KEN WHITE).**

This was the first time the Guard presented an aviation oreintation to ROTC cadets. MAJ Coriell said that he hopes to bring ROTC cadets from several other universities in Ohio to the facility.

Academy Graduates Donate Blood

The 179th Tactical Airlift Group's Graduate Association of the Air National Guard Non-Commissioned Officers Academy recently gave a helping hand, or was that arm, to little Donald V. Hoffman.

Donald, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hoffman, of Lexington, has a congenital heart ailment which required open heart surgery. Eighteen members of the Association donated blood in anticipation of Donald's operation, when the need was brought to their attention by Mrs. Barb Titus, a friend of the family, according to SSGT Marty Metzger, unit public affairs specialist.

The operation has been done and now Donald is back home. When asked if he was doing better both parents nodded affirmatively. They told how Donald, a first grader, no longer moves around in a wheelchair as he did before the operation.

Recovery for Donald is not well defined as yet, but the fact that he is walking under his own power is encouraging, according to his doctors.

The best thanks of all for the Guard members came when Donald and his family visited them during a recent training weekend.

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Deadline is Feb. 27

QUICK!

Name 61 Reasons to Stay Guard

While most members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard know they have a benefit package most would be hard pressed to name even a fraction of the benefits available to them.

BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine firmly believes all members of the Ohio Guard should know about the benefits available and take full advantage of each and every benefit applying to both them and their dependents.

As a member of the Ohio National Guard mountains of state and Federal benefits are yours for the asking. This issue will examine many of these benefits and provide guidance on how to qualify for most.

In addition to the obvious financial rewards of being a Guardmember, there are a thousand intangible reasons for staying Guard. We'll explore some of these reasons in this issue too.

Quick! Think of 61 reasons to Stay Guard!

1. Business Contacts.
2. Free innoculations.
3. Space Available flights on military aircraft.
4. PX benefits (day to day).
5. Promotions/personal and professional recognition.
6. Stay at Visiting Enlisted Quarters (VEQ/VOQ's) at some military posts while traveling.
7. Monthly pay checks.
8. Work clothes provided for Guard duties.
9. Community contacts.
10. Craft shop use at some military installations.

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SPECIAL BENEFITS SECTION

QUICK! Name 61 Reasons to Stay Guard

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11. Free aptitude testing.
12. Free physical exams.
13. SGLI $20,000 full coverage for $3.40 per mo. ONGA and ONGEA insurance coverage also available.
14. Military education may enhance the Guardmember's civilian position through service schools and extension courses.
15. Free college tuition — up to 4 years — through the Ohio Guard's unique Scholarship Program The program also covers most two year vocational schools and extension courses.
16. On the job health benefits (emergency medical, dental and pharmaceutical).
17. Free meals at meetings.
18. On the job disability coverage (medical costs and full military pay and allowances with approved line of duty).
19. Commissary use during Annual Training and for each period of three or more consecutive days active duty training for self and dependents.
20. Source for resume' referrals may be found in association with other unit members.
21. Comradeship.
22. Skill training.
23. $50 per day for State Active Duty under emergency situations (recently boosted by passage of H.B. 1104 in Ohio Legislature).
24. $20,000 free life insurance from State of Ohio if killed while on State Active Duty status for an emergency situation. Also, Workers' Compensation is available to Guard members injured in the line of duty.
25. A break from the norm (adventure/excitement).
26. The life of a retired soldier or airman (Pay, PX, Commissary, Medical, Club Participation, etc.).
27. Patriotism.
28. Service to community, nation, fellow-man.
29. Advance in your field through on-the-job training.
30. Expand your horizons.
31. Launch a career (be a professional at something).
32. Pursue your hobbies.
33. Take a break from school.
34. Blue Streak Referral Program — earn extra money for referring prospective recruits to Ohio Army National Guard Recruiters.
35. Stripes for Buddies — earn additional rank by helping to enlist your friends in the Buckeye Guard.
36. Discipline/order.
37. Marksmanship Program — The Ohio Guard has some of the top shooters in the nation.
38. May qualify for full time employment in the National Guard Technician Program.
39. Receive free copies of BUCKEYE GUARD, our award-winning statewide magazine-mailed to your home.
40. Opportunity to join special clubs (Flying Club, Officers Club, NCO Club) at nearby military installations.
41. If a national emergency should arise, unit members will be called up with the unit they are trained and familiar with rather than as an individual draftee or control group member.
42. Promotion for non-prior service enlistees who enlist others prior to their initial active duty training.
43. Tax deductions/advantages (Federal and State).
44. Physical Training.
45. Opportunity for management background through leadership training.
46. Means to increase or participate in Social Security.
47. Legal assistance and counseling.
48. Unit family activities (parties, picnics, etc.).
49. Membership in Officers' Wives Club and Enlisted Association Auxiliary for Guardmembers' spouses and membership in Enlisted Association for all Guardmembers.
50. Opportunity to improve the system through participation in the Army Suggestion Program.
51. Rental of Camp Perry cottages at a very low cost. Use of other recreational facilities at Perry.
52. New Federal Enlistment Incentives for selected Guard Units (AGO Circular 600-3).
53. Sea World discount memberships (available to Ohio Guard personnel).
54. Car rental discounts — up to 40 per cent.
55. Ohio National Guard Association Scholarships available to all ONG members and their dependents.
56. Use of USO facilities across the nation.
57. Receive college credits for military training and experience.
58. An opportunity to attend the Ohio Military Academy's NCO and Officer programs — improve your leadership ability.
59. Disney World discounts.
60. VA-FHA Home Loan Program.
61. Increased death benefits under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

CREDIT UNION PRIVILEGES

The Ohio Military Federal Credit Union has five branch offices serving 27,000 members all over the world. All Ohio National Guardmembers (Army and Air) are eligible for membership in OMFCU, as well as members of immediate families. (Some Ohio counties do have exceptions).

Some of the services that OMFCU offers include:

Share Draft (checking) Accounts that pay a quarterly dividend rate on the low balance at the end of the quarter. The only charge is for printing of personalized checks.

Instant-Cash-At-Point-Of-Purchase Travelers Checks which are honored anywhere in the world.

Savings Plan Accounts (time deposit) that pay up to 7½% compounded daily for an effective annual yield of 7.89%. Each member account is fully insured to $40,000 by an agency of the Federal Government.

Low cost Loans. One example is their "share secured" loans at a low 9% annual percentage rate.

To establish membership, a minimum deposit of $5 is required. To maintain lifetime membership, a share balance of $50 in a Share Savings Account is required.

Additional information is available by writing to the credit union office nearest you. The addresses are: Rickenbacker AFB, P.O. Box 17060, RAFB, O., 43217; Youngstown Municipal Airport, Vienna, O., 44473; and Laurel Oaks Career Development Center Office, Wilmington, O., 45177.

New Enlisted Pay Tables

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PAY GRADES	YEARS OF SERVICE	MONTHLY PAY RATE	DAILY PAY RATE	MUTA-4 PAY RATE	15 DAYS ANNUAL TNG	BAQ RATES WD
E-1 PV1	−02	448.80	14.96	59.84	224.40	160.80 - month
E-2 PV2	−02	500.10	16.67	66.68	250.05	160.80 - month 5.36 - day 80.40 - AT
E-3 PFC	−02	519.60	17.32	69.28	259.80	160.80 - month
	+02	548.10	18.27	73.08	274.05	5.36 - day
	+03	570.30	19.01	76.04	285.15	80.40 - AT
	+04	592.80	19.76	79.04	296.40	
E-4 CPL	−02	540.30	18.01	72.04	270.15	184.50 - month
SP4	+02	570.60	19.02	76.08	285.30	6.15 - day
	+03	603.90	20.13	80.52	301.95	92.25 - AT
	+04	651.00	21.70	86.80	325.50	
	+06	676.80	22.56	90.24	338.40	
E-5 SGT	−02	562.20	18.74	74.96	281.10	209.70 - month
SP5	+02	611.70	20.39	81.56	305.85	6.99 - day
	+03	641.40	21.38	85.52	320.70	104.85 - AT
	+04	669.30	22.31	89.24	334.65	
	+06	713.10	23.77	95.08	356.55	
	+08	742.20	24.74	98.96	371.10	
	+10	771.90	25.73	102.92	385.95	
	+12	800.10	26.67	106.68	400.05	
	+14	814.80	27.16	108.64	407.40	
E-6 SSG	−02	640.20	21.34	85.36	320.10	228.30 - month
SP6	+02	698.10	23.27	93.08	349.05	7.61 - day
	+03	727.20	24.24	96.96	363.60	114.15 - AT
	+04	757.80	25.26	101.04	378.90	
	+06	786.00	26.20	104.80	393.00	
	+08	814.80	27.16	108.64	407.40	
	+10	844.80	28.16	112.64	422.40	
	+12	883.30	29.61	118.44	441.65	
	+14	916.20	30.54	122.16	458.10	
	+16	945.60	31.52	126.08	472.80	
	+18	960.00	32.00	128.00	480.00	
E-7 SFC	−02	741.30	24.71	98.84	370.65	248.10 - month
PSG	+02	800.10	26.67	106.68	400.05	8.27 - day
	+03	829.80	27.66	110.64	414.90	124.05 - AT
	+04	858.60	28.62	114.48	429.30	
	+06	888.30	29.61	118.44	444.15	
	+08	916.20	30.54	122.16	458.10	
	+10	945.60	31.52	126.08	472.80	
	+12	975.00	32.50	130.00	487.50	
	+14	1019.10	33.97	135.88	509.55	
	+16	1047.90	34.93	139.72	523.95	
	+18	1077.60	35.92	143.68	538.80	
	+20	1091.40	36.38	145.52	545.70	
	+22	1164.90	38.83	155.32	582.45	
	+26	1309.50	43.65	174.60	654.75	
E-8 MSG	+08	1061.70	35.39	141.56	530.85	266.70 - month
1SG	+10	1091.40	36.38	145.52	545.70	8.89 - day
	+12	1120.50	37.35	149.40	560.25	133.35 - AT
	+14	1149.90	38.33	153.32	574.95	
	+16	1179.90	39.33	157.32	589.95	
	+18	1207.20	40.24	160.96	603.60	
	+20	1236.90	41.23	164.92	618.45	
	+22	1309.50	43.65	174.60	645.75	
	+26	1455.60	48.52	194.08	727.80	
E-9 CSM	+10	1265.40	42.18	168.72	632.70	288.60 - month
SGM	+12	1294.20	43.14	172.56	647.10	9.62 - day
	+14	1323.60	44.12	176.48	661.80	144.30 - AT
	+16	1354.20	45.14	180.56	677.10	
	+18	1384.20	46.14	184.56	692.10	
	+20	1411.20	47.04	188.16	705.60	
	+22	1485.60	49.52	198.08	742.80	
	+26	1629.60	54.32	217.28	8.4.80	

More S.A.D. Dollars for ONG

Ohio National Guardmembers will enjoy an increase of $25 in pay the next time they are called to emergency state active duty by the Governor.

Under House Bill 1104, Guardmembers will receive a minimum of $50 per day while serving in a state of emergency declared by Governor James A. Rhodes.

In addition, Ohio Guardmembers working on emergency duties, who are injured, are eligible for Ohio Worker's Compensation. Guardmembers killed in the line of duty receive $20,000 in death benefits from the State of Ohio (this is the same amount as SGLI). This coverage is above and beyond your regular SGLI policy.

PAY

Let's Talk Money

Some Ohio Guardmembers use their drill pay to balance the family budget. It can mean a new set of skis, a car payment, a savings bond or a vacation.

But no matter how it's used, a Guardmember's paycheck is one of the biggest reasons cited for staying in. And while pay for a weekend's work can run from about 50 dollars for a buck private to over $200 for a major, most Guardmembers will earn close to a hundred dollars for each four-drill weekend at the end of their six-year hitch.

Of course, there are other benefits that aren't added in that figure. With meals and uniforms, medical and dental health care, the benefits of this part-time job add up quickly.

Guardmembers are paid well for their skills, but they earn every penny in jobs that are far more demanding than most others.

HOW IS A GUARD MEMBER PAID?

Ohio Air and Army Guardmembers receive one day's pay for each four-hour drill period, based on their grade and years of service.

HOW IT ADDS UP

For men and women who take up a part-time job for the money or the challenge, or both, working in the Ohio Guard adds up to a good deal. Compare the Guard to other part-time jobs with this check list:

Does the job guarantee at least 50 dollars or more per weekend to start?

Do you only work one weekend per month, and two weeks in the summer, with the employer buying all the meals during work periods?

Are you told months in advance of the work dates?

Will you receive regular promotions and pay increases for your length of employment?

Will any other part-time job interfere with another full-time job or civilian education?

Will you receive free college tuition at the expense of your part-time employer?

Will you be given $300 worth of clothing for wear during your work period, clothing that is replaced as it's worn out?

Will you be covered by $20,000 worth of life insurance full-time at a cost of only $3.40 per month?

It's tough for most employers to meet those exacting standards. But that's the way the Ohio Guard keeps good people. It all adds up to a good deal.

EDUCATION

Scholarship Applications Skyrocket

After just two years, the Ohio National Guard's Scholarship Program is alive and well. Computer statistics indicate that over 2,000 Army and Air Guard members are now benefitting by receiving some sort of post secondary education and that the Ohio Guard Scholarship Program is the largest of its kind in the country!

For those not familiar with the ONG Scholarship Program, it had its beginning on Nov. 2, 1977, when Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes signed Educational House Bill 228. The bill had earlier passed the Ohio House and Senate by nearly unanimous votes.

The bill now enables all enlisted members of the Ohio National Guard who have enlisted, extended their current enlistment or reenlisted for a period of six months after Sept. 1, 1977, to receive up to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of tuition assistance.

If the Guard member chooses a state-assisted school, the scholarship program provides funds for the cost of tuition and general fees. If a private school is selected, the program provides the equivalent of the average state university tuition, $316 per quarter, $474 per semester. In both cases, the school must be recognized by the Ohio Board of Regents!

Recipients must be Ohio residents and full time (12 hours) undergraduate students.

The reference for the ONG Scholarship Program is AGOR 621-1 (Army) and 351-1 (Air).

Program Deadlines Announced

The Adjutant General has announced deadline dates for Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program applications.

Application documents should be submitted to the Adjutant General Dept., Attn: AGOH-PA for Army personnel; and Attn: AHOH-Air for Air Personnel, not later than Aug. 15, 1980, for the Fall Term; November 15, 1980, for the Winter Term; February 15, 1981, for the Summer Term.

According to MG James C. Clem, the Adjutant General, "These suspense dates must be honored to insure the applicant will receive the grant for the term of enrollment.

Grant Responsibilities Listed

Individuals participating in the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Grant Program have certain responsibilities to fulfill if aid is to continue.

Foremost of these responsibilities is to satisfactorily participate in Guard training. This means attending regularly scheduled weekend drills and annual training. Drills and AT must be attended with the unit the individual belongs to, unless the individual's commander authorizes otherwise.

Satisfactory participation also means conforming to appearance standards and other standards that are established by regulations.

If an individual's academic status changes, he must notify his unit commander. At all times, enlistment obligations are of primary importance.

If there are any questions, or further information is required, contact: 2LT George Kinney at (614) 889-7032.

New Grant Application Forms

Guard members interested in taking advantage of the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program should note that there is a new application form that must be used when applying for the program for the first time. The form doesn't affect anyone already receiving tuition assistance.

The new form is clearly marked, "For 1979-1980 Academic Year", and replaces AGOH Form FL 621-1 dated Dec. 1, 1977. Be sure to fill out the correct form to insure payment of your tuition before the first quarter starts.

There is also a new statement of understanding from AGOH Form 621-12, dated May 1, 1978, that must be signed by the applicant.

For more information about the new forms, or about the scholarship program in general, call the Educational Grants Officer at (614) 889-7032.

ONGA Scholarships

The Ohio National Guard Association has created a scholarship award program for active and retired members of the Guard and their dependents.

According to LTC Bill LaPrise, Scholarship Chairman, those eligible to apply for the scholarship include any person who is an active member of the Ohio National Guard (ONG); or any person who is the son, daughter, spouse, or legal dependent of an active or retired member of the ONG.

The number and amounts of the scholarship awards vary with the association budget. A number of recipients are honored each year with the funds available. Last year's awards amounted to $1000.

Applications for this award are available from LTC Bill LaPrise, 3165 Swigert Rd., Kettering, Ohio 45440. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 1980.

Selection of scholarship recipients shall be based upon the merits of the applicant for the award and the decisions of the Scholarship Committee will be final.

The Scholarship Committee will notify all individuals selected for the award and will attempt to secure their presence at the Business Meeting of the Ohio National Guard Association Convention for personal presentation.

Military Schools

While attendance at qualifying Active Army service schools has been mandatory for officers over a number of years, the Ohio Army National Guard is now placing great emphasis on enlisted service schools.

These schools are available at no cost and while attending these schools Guard members receive regular active duty pay and benefits.

Information on these service schools, along with the proper application forms, is available from any local Guard unit.

"Ohio Guard members are urged to take a few moments to look at what is available and to avail themselves of this opportunity for education and self improvement," according to BG James M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio Army National Guard.

If you're unable to obtain help at the local level, additional information is available from Col. Leslie Pletcher, phone (614) 889-7104.

VA/FHA HOME LOANS

Has the high cost of a down payment kept you from buying a home?

It shouldn't.

A new minimum down payment schedule recently initiated by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) makes buying a home much more affordable for eligible Guardspersons and Reservists.

Guardmembers with 90 days continuous active duty are eligible for this program known as the "FHA-VA Home Loan Insurance Program."

Presently, a new lower down payment program is in effect that simply requires Guardsmen to provide a downpayment of $200 on the first $25,000 of a mortgage.

According to Steve Stoecklin, Loan Officer for Citizens Mortgage in Columbus, "closing costs will be almost standard from lender to lender."

Stoecklin mentioned such items as loan origination fee, credit check, title insurance, recording and closing fees which must be paid when closing on a home.

"These items can be paid by either the buyer or the seller," said Stoecklin.

A $45,000 home with a $1000 down payment would require about $900 in closing costs and prepaid items.

Interested Guard members should submit a copy of their DD214 along with VA form 26-8261a to: Veteran's Administration, Veteran's Service Division, 1240 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Oh., 44199. A letter must accompany this request stating that you are applying for the "FHA-VA Home Insurance Program."

The Ohio National Guard State Public Affairs Office has produced a booklet titled "VA-FHA Home Loan Information Packet".

Booklets can be obtained from any one of the Ohio Army Guard's five regional recruiting offices or by writing to: State Public Affairs Office, 2825 W. Granville Road, Worthington, 43085.

INCOME TAX BREAKS

INFORMATION COLLECTED BY PFC CHARLES TRITT

Staff Writer

It's tax time again, time to start assembling papers and preparing income tax returns. Being in the Guard provides some special tax benefits that Guard members should know about.

First, GI Bill or VA benefits are not taxable.

Members of the Guard are permitted to deduct from their gross income, the amount they pay taxes on, the expenses incurred during the year as a result of participation in Guard drills and other required Guard activities.

Deductible expenses include:

(A) Travel expenses if your armory is more than 50 miles from your home, that is, if you must drive more than 100 miles round trip. You may figure your actual automobile expenses such as gas, oil, repairs, licenses, insurance and depreciation and deduct these costs; or you may take a fixed mileage rate of 18.5 cents per mile for the first 15,000 miles, and 10 cents per mile for the excess over 15,000 miles. If the government paid you a mileage allowance, and it costs you more than the amount paid, you may deduct the difference between what it costs you to drive and what the government paid. However you may not exceed the standard 18.5 cents per mile rate.

(B) You may deduct uniform expenses, including laundry, cleaning and replacement expenses for which you were not reimbursed.

(C) The cost of meals paid by officers for which they do not receive subsistence allowances may be deducted.

(D) Meals and lodging if you were temporarily away from home overnight while performing Guard duties, are deductible expenses.

(E) Other deductible expenses include any dues paid to National Guard and other military associations such as NGAUS and ONGEA.

(F) The costs of long distance telephone calls, postage, stationery, etc., used for Guard-related purposes may be deducted if you did not use government telephones or office supplies.

Here are some additional tax tips from the Office of the State Judge Advocate, the IRS, and U.S. Army Forces Command.

If your earnings were in excess of $22,900 from your primary employer and you had the maximum amount of Social Security Taxes deducted, $1,403.77, you may take a direct credit from your income tax for the amount of Social Taxes withheld from your Guard pay. This is a direct dollar-for-dollar credit as opposed to a deduction.

If you are not covered by a retirement plan where you work, you may be eligible to participate in an individual retirement account or annuity plan. Contributions to these plans are deductible.

If you are married, you can file jointly or separately. Usually the joint return offers more advantages.

You may file head of household (and get a better tax rate) if you are either unmarried, or separated and have a dependent child who lived with you.

You may file a joint return if your spouse died in the past two years and you have a dependent child. You must use the long form (1040) to file in this case. You cannot claim exemption for your spouse, but you can use the joint return tax table.

Any child born alive, though deceased during the tax year may be claimed as a dependent.

You can claim a dependent child who was a fulltime student for at least five months of the tax year, regardless of the child's age or income.

If you are married to a non-resident alien and live in the U.S., you may file a joint return, but you must report all income regardless of where it was earned, or who earned it.

If you made less than $10,000 (jointly if married) and have a dependent child who lived with you for the year, you may be eligible for the earned income credit. This can reduce your tax or add to your refund even if you paid no tax.

A decision that must be made is whether to file the long or short form. People with sources of income other than their employers (rent receipts, dividends, interest, etc.) or tax credits should consider the long form (1040). In most other cases, the short form (1040A) is better.

If you decide to do your own income tax return the IRS can help you. You can call the Internal Revenue Services' Toll Free Information Service. The number depends on where you live, and can be found in your telephone directory listed under U.S. Government, Internal Revenue Service or on page 36 of this year's tax form package.

RECRUITING/REENLISTMENT INCENTIVES

Blue Streak Referrals = $$$

The Ohio National Guard proudly announces the hottest recruiting program in the country!

That's quite a boast; but have you heard about the Buckeye Guard's new Blue Streak Program? It's an excellent way to put money in your pocket.

The bonus dollar program enables National Guard members to receive one day's State Active Duty pay, or a minimum of $25, if he or she can cause a high school senior, a non-prior service high school graduate, or a veteran to enlist for six years.

The procedure for the Blue Streak Program is simple. If you know a prospective Guard member, just complete and mail a Blue Streak Referral Card. These cards are available from the nearest Ohio Guard recruiter.

Simply drop the card in the mail. When the local ONG recruiter receives the card he will contact this person and, if enlistment occurs, your check should arrive by mail, usually within 15 working days.

The only Guard members not authorized to participate in this bonus program are officers, warrant officers, full-time recruiters, and technicians whose job descriptions include recruiting duties.

References for the Blue Streak Referral Program are AGOH Circular 601-201 (Army) and 33-4 (Air). Additional information on this exciting program is available by calling your nearest Ohio Army or Air recruiter.

Re-Up Bonuses Now Available

Selected units of the Ohio Army National Guard can now offer a retention bonus as part of a new Federal Enlistment, Education Assistance and Retention Bonus Program.

Eligible individuals can receive $1800 for a six year extension/reenlistment of $900 for a three-year extension/reenlistment. If an individual has less than six years of service, he or she can reenlist for six years and receive the full-bonus of $1800.

If an individual has between six and eight years of service, they can reenlist for either three or six years and receive a bonus of $900 for the three years or $1800 for the six years. If an individual has more than 8 years of service and less than 9 years, then they can extend/reenlist for three years or more and receive a bonus of $900 regardless of the term of extension/reenlistment.

Fifty percent of the bonus becomes effective the first day of the new term of service. The rest of the bonus is then paid in increments of $150 upon the satisfactory completion of each year of service until the total amount is paid.

To participate in the Retention Bonus Program an individual must extend or reenlist in a unit authorized to pay the bonus. The individual also must not have received an extension/reenlistment bonus for service in the Selected Reserve. The individual also cannot be extending or reenlisting for a technician position where National Guard membership is a condition of employment.

The individual must also hold a grade commensurate with the position vacancy and cannot extend for full-time active duty in excess of 90 days.

Also, the individual has to have been a satisfactory participant in the Selected Reserve for one full year before the date of extension/reenlistment.

Ohio Army Guard units eligible for the Retention Bonus are:
HHD, 54th Rear Area Operations; HHC, 16th Engr Bde; 135th MP Co; HHC, 137th S & S Bn; 77th Inf Det (Pathfinder Abn); 200th Med Co; 214th Maint Co (-); Det 1, 214th Maint Co; 155th Maint Co(-); Det 1, 155th Maint Co; 684th Med Co; 385th Med Co; 1193rd Engr Co; 385th Med Co; 324th MP Co; and HHD, 737th Maint Bn.

High School Juniors Can Join

Seventeen-year-old high school juniors who are mentally, physically and morally qualified are now eligible for enlistment in the Ohio Army National Guard. It is now possible to enlist up to 90 days prior to completion of your junior year in high school.

Under the unique high school junior program the individual is guaranteed two summer jobs, additional income during the senior year in high school, and all of the other benefits of Ohio National Guard membership.

For details, see your nearest Ohio National Guard recruiter or call toll-free 1-800-282-7310.

Stripes Available for Buddies

Under a special federal program, the Ohio Army National Guard can offer you a promotion even before attending basic training!

If you encourage two of your friends to join the Ohio Army National Guard you'll be promoted to E-2. This can mean an additional $130 during your initial active duty training.

If you persuade four of your friends to join the Buckeye Guard, you'll be promoted to private first class and you'll get an additional $200 for your initial training.

Previously this program was available only until an individual departed for basic training. Current regulations now permit an individual to be promoted through this program until completion of advanced individual training. For members taking advantage of the Split Training Option this can allow up to 18 months to meet the requirements.

College Spells Extra Rank

Everyone knows education is an investment in the future. Education can also mean extra pay for those enlisting in the Ohio Army National Guard, according to Major Edwin E. Hall, state recruiting manager.

Potential enlistees with two years of college can now join in pay grade E-3. Proof must be presented of successful completion of 90 quarter hours or 60 semester hours of college work.

An applicant with three or more years of a four-year college program (135 quarter hours or 90 semester hours) can be enlisted as an E-3 with accelerated promotion to E-4 upon completion of six months service.

College graduates can join as an E-3 and will be promoted to E-4 upon return from basic training or in four months.

Participation for two or more years in the Junior ROTC Program, or completion of one or more years in the Senior ROTC Program can also mean extra stripes for those joining the Ohio Guard.

Wanted!

High School or College students who would like part time recruiting duty. FTTD pay and recruiting training offered. For more information call 1-800-282-7310.

BENEFIT BITS

Veterans' Opportunities

Veterans with existing military skills are needed by the Ohio Army National Guard. You can retain rank last held while on active duty and therefore qualify for a higher rate of pay on your monthly drill and annual training checks.

Qualified veterans have the opportunity to receive college tuition assistance *plus* any federal GI bill benefits to which they're entitled.

Split Training Option

Students who are interested in college, whether they're taking advantage of the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program or not, can take basic combat training (BCT) for eight weeks during one summer and take their advanced individual training (AIT) the following summer **with no interruption** of the normal academic year.

The Split Training Option is available not only for students but is also available to anyone involved in seasonal employment (construction workers, farmers, etc.). However, this option is not available for MOS's offered through One Station Unit Training.

OCS Slots Available

Enlisted Guard members are being asked to "accept the challenge" of leadership by enrolling in the next officer candidate school (OCS).

The course, which lasts one year, begins in April and will include topics of study designed to improve leadership, physical conditioning and readiness.

Some of the qualifications for OCS include a high school diploma or equivalent degree, a GT score of 110 or higher and a score of 115 or better on the officer candidate test. Applicants must also meet all physical requirements and be between ages 18 and 30 at the time of commissioning.

The deadline for OCS applications is March 1. Soldiers interested in more information should contact their company commander or call the Military Academy at (614) 889-7106.

Leadership Course

The Ohio Military Academy (OMA) will conduct a Basic Leadership Course at Camp Perry this summer between June 28 and July 12. Guard members attend the course in lieu of Annual Training with their parent unit.

This course is open to grades E-2 thru E-7 and in the foreseeable future graduation from a leadership course may be a prerequisite for promotion.

Applications for the course must be completed and returned to the OMA before April 1, 1980. The application is AGO Form 351-3 and should be available from the unit AST.

Flight School

Guard men and women are currently being invited to apply for flight school, according to COL Robert P. Orr, state aviation officer.

According to the colonel, the field is wide open to those who meet the physical and mental criteria.

Guard applicants who are eligible will attend a 10 month school at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. The school, which is considered "very tough", includes officer training as well as flight training. But successful students graduate as warrant officers with flight wings.

Soldiers interested in the program should contact their unit AST for information on initial qualification criteria.

Medical Training

Enlisted medical personnel can now take advantage of a program which would provide them with licensed practical nurse's training at civilian schools.

Under this program, soldiers would receive full pay and allowances for the duration of the course, along with full tuition. Books for the course are paid for by the Army National Guard.

According to COL Robert Green, commander of the 112th Medical Brigade, a similar course for medical laboratory technicians is expected to be announced soon.

Green added that many medical positions in the Guard provide for military training which can also be used in the civilian health care industry.

Draw Two Paychecks

QUESTION: When is an officer not really an officer?

ANSWER: When the soldier is part of the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP).

This relatively new program provides a type of on-the-job training for soldiers planning to receive a commission after college graduation. The SMP allows soldiers to continue to train with their unit while members of Advanced ROTC. Participants are assigned duties a second lieutenant would normally perform, and work under the supervision of a commissioned officer.

Along with the benefits of the advanced training are certain financial rewards. SMP participants are paid at the grade of E-5 or their current grade, whichever is higher. In addition, they receive an ROTC allowance of $100 per month.

Interested soldiers must be enlisted and between the ages of 17 and 25. They must also be enrolled in Advanced ROTC and have a minimum of four years enlistment time left at the time of enrollment. The program also requires recommendations from the unit commander and professor of military science.

For complete details concerning the SMP, check AGOR 600-6 or contact the Enlisted Personnel Office at (614) 889-7032.

Top Soldiers Saluted

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 or see AGO Cir 672-3 (ARMY) or 900-4 (AIR).

Army Guard unit commanders should submit their nominees to battalion or squadron level by April 30, 1980. Battalion and squadron commanders must submit their nominees to their command headquarters by May 16, 1980. Air Guard nominees must be at state headquarters by May 16, 1980.

RETIREMENT

Whoever Heard of a Pension From a Part-Time Job?

Chances are retirement is about the last thing on your mind right now.

But one of these days, it'll probably be the foremost thing on your mind.

So now's the time to realize that you will be entitled to a government pension and retirement plan if you've completed 20 years of creditable service in the Ohio National Guard.

Moreoever, your retirement benefits are completely "portable." Regardless of how often you move or switch units, you can still earn retirement credits . . . Just try switching jobs and see if your new employer allows you retirement credits earned with your last employer!

It's hard enough to believe that a retirement program for a part-time job even exists. One so flexible that offers so much security — as much as $30,000 in cash value alone. And our premiums are the lowest you can pay.

None.

But that's only the beginning. Here's a brief summary of all your retirement benefits:

Before age 60 you will receive:

Officer and NCO Club Membership eligibility.

Space available travel (in uniform) within the U.S. including Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Indefinite retention of Commissions.

Wearing of uniform on appropriate occasions.

Post and Base Exchange Privileges (while on Drill or Other Official Training Duty Status).

After age 60 you will receive:

Retirement Pay.

Medical treatment and hospitalization for yourself and dependents (space available basis).

Dental treatment. Dependents are authorized routine dental care outside the U.S. and at installations within the U.S. where adequate civilian facilities are not available. Emergency dental care and treatment are authorized for dependents worldwide.

Care at VA Facilities (retiree only).

Post and Base Exchange and Commissary privileges.

Officer and NCO Club membership.

Space available travel, including overseas.

Use of Military Clothing Sales facilities.

Legal and veterinary services.

Use of Post, Camp, Station, and Base facilities.

If you're thinking about giving up the Guard, think about all you're giving up.

Keep the most important part-time job in America!

New Law Affects Retirees

Under a new benefit option for Reserve Component personnel — to include members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard — retirees may now provide death benefits to their survivors, payable even if they die before age 60.

This change in the Military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) was recently signed into law by President Carter and provides three options, two of them brand new.

Retirement-eligible Guard members may elect:

(A) No change from the old plan. The Guard member may decline to make a selection for or against SBP coverage until he or she reaches age 60. If this option is chosen, no survivor coverage will be available during the years between attaining retirement eligibility and reaching age 60.

(B) Under the first new option, the Guard member may elect to provide a survivor benefit annuity, payable on the date he or she would have reached age 60, if death comes before that time.

(C) Under the second new option, the Guard member may choose to have the survivor annuity made payable on the date of death, regardless of whether death occurs before or after age 60.

What is Your Guard Retirement Worth?

What are your Ohio National Guard retirement benefits worth?

Do you know how to compute your retirement pay?

As an example, BUCKEYE GUARD will use the retirement benefits available to an E-8, with over 22 years of service, at age 60:

His retirement points total 4734 for both active duty and National Guard service. That number, divided by 360, equals 13.150, or 13.15, which represents the total years service for retirement purposes. Retired pay is computed at 2.5 per cent of base pay for each year of service. The monthly base pay rate for an E-8 over 22 is $1223.70. That sum, multiplied by .3288 gives the monthly retirement pay this individual will receive at age 60—$402.35.

You would have to invest $1344 annually for 20 years to have a paid up life insurance policy that would pay you a monthly income of $150 at age 60. This figure is based on a policy on which payments would be made for 20 years and which would pay $150 for life at age 60.

By joining or remaining in the Ohio National Guard you protect yourself and your family's future by working toward your 20 year retirement; plus your Guard drill pay could be used to start an additional retirement program with either a savings account or income insurance policy.

To be eligible for National Guard retirement, your last eight years must have been spent as a member of the Reserve Components.

New Burial Sites

The planned opening of five new national cemeteries was recently announced by the Veterans Administration.

According to a VA spokesman, the definite need for the expansion exists in the national cemetery system because of the large veteran population and the limited space available in the 55 cemeteries currently open for interments.

Burial in one of these cemeteries is available to reservists and Guard members who die while performing active duty for training and veterans who have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

Because of the dual role most of us play as citizens and soldiers, much confusion has arisen concerning rights and responsibilities of civilian employment.

To help clarify the situation, the U.S. Department of Labor has produced a series of questions and answers covering common problems faced by Guard members.

Q. Is an employer required to excuse a worker for military training duty?

A. Yes.

Q. May an employer discharge an employee because of his or her military membership?

A. No.

Q. How about an employee's pay for time lost from work because of military training?

A. Employers are not required to pay for lost time because of training. Some do as a matter of policy or contract; others do not.

Q. Are any other employment rights or benefits protected by law?

A. Yes. The employee cannot be denied promotion or any other benefits or advantages of employment because of his or her reserve obligations.

Q. Are all employees in all kinds of employment covered by this Federal law?

A. Yes, except those in temporary positions.

Q. What is the employee's responsibility?

A. To report back to the employer as soon as the training has ended.

Q. Is the employee required to inform the employer about his or her military duty?

A. Yes. The employee must request leave for the training period.

Q. May the employer deny the request for leave?

A. No.

Q. How about vacation time? Can the military leave be charged against it?

A. No. Whatever vacation rights an employee has are not diminished because of training time.

Q. When an employee who has accrued paid vacation time of so many days when he or she begins training has that same amount still to his or her credit upon returning?

A. Yes, at least that many days.

Q. Is it possible that accrual of vacation time may continue even during an employee's absence on leave?

A. Yes. The employee is entitled to such vacation as he or she would have had if the employment continued without interruption by military training. However, the military training does not necessarily count as essential work on the job if actual work is clearly a factor in accruing additional vacation time.

Q. Suppose there is no regular shift or schedule of work, as in the case of a sales worker?

A. Since reporting for work is the normal way of ending leave of all kinds, it is enough that the employee notify the employer and begin work on the day that would be his or her normal workday.

Q. Does the trainee lose the right to return to work if he or she delays reporting beyond the time prescribed under the law?

A. No, but the trainee will be subject to the conduct rules of the employer pertaining to explanations and discipline with respect to absence from scheduled work.

If Guard members feel their rights have been violated, or they have further questions, they should contact the State Race Relations/Equal Opportunity office at (614) 889-7121, or The Ohio Committee on Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve at (614) 889-7072.

THE PROBLEM SOLVERS

Ohio Guard members are advised that if they have a personnel, pay or administrative problem and have been unable to solve it with their first sergeant, unit commander or at the battalion level, to contact the following appropriate individual at the Adjutant General's Department in Worthington:

MILITARY PAY — CW3 Williams, (614) 889-7221.

SCHOOL ORDERS — COL Pletcher (Ret.), (614) 889-7104.

PERSONNEL PROBLEMS — COL Bebout, (614) 889-7041.

MEDICAL & INCAPACITATION PAY — SGM Morton, (614) 889-7024.

The general information number for the AG Dept. is (614) 889-7000.

TECHNICIAN EMPLOYMENT

BY SFC JERRY CONDO
Staff Writer

Looking for a full-time job?

The Ohio Army and Air National Guard may have one for you.

The Technician Personnel Office (TPO) at Beightler Armory in Worthington, lists an estimated 15 full-time technician job openings which are available around the state at any given time.

The Guard's TPO employs about 2,000 technicians.

The technicians are federal Civil Service employees, most of whom are required to be members of the Guard, according to Lieutenant Colonel Paul Koreckis, personnel management specialist.

TPO makes a practice of announcing vacancies by publishing "merit promotion and placement opportunities" announcements which are distributed to all units and bases.

These announcements should be posted on the unit bulletin boards.

As an example of the number of vacancies in the technician ranks, Koreckis pointed out that as of Dec. 15 there were about 25 job openings.

The following are examples of the types of jobs that normally become available. **They are not actual vacancies.**

ARMY ENLISTED ENTRY LEVEL

— Administrative supply technician. Openings at various locations in the state. GS-5 or $11,243 per year.

— General mechanic. For the operational maintenance support (OMS) shops. WG-8. The pay varies depending on the location of the shops and ranges from a low of $7.29 per hour to a high of $8.63 per hour.

— Operations and training specialist. One in each battalion headquarters. GS-9, $17,033 a year.

— Flight instructor (helicopter). At Army Aviation Support Facility, Worthington, GS-12, $24,703 per year.

Disney Discounts

According to Colonel Charles Conner, Commander of the Ohio Army Guard's 371st Support Group, Kettering, Guardmembers who wish to visit Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., in October, will receive substantial discounts upon presentation of their identification card.

Those interested in receiving advance tickets for this special military package should write to Walt Disney World, Admissions Office, P.O. Box 40, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. 32830.

Tickets are $7.50 per person with unlimited access to all rides and performances.

UPDATE: A Report From the Ohio National Guard Officers' Association

BY LTC ROBERT ZIMMERMAN

For those of you who didn't make it to the winter dinner dance, I can report that it was quite successful. The weather man was with us this year, the location (Riveria Country Club) was superb, the food and band were great. I realize that the Saturday after Thanksgiving was not the best for everyone. However, this was the only available date that didn't conflict with other National Guard activities. If you can suggest some other dates that would be more convenient please let us hear from you. I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the special activities chairman and his committee for a job well done.

Your constitution and bylaws committee has been working extremely hard these past few months. Your president received the first draft of proposed changes that are being recommended by the committee. I have reveiwed the changes and made my recommendations back to the committee. You will be receiving the proposed changes in the conference official call some time in the March/April, 1980 time frame.

SALT FORK CONFERENCE

Plans are now underway to insure a successful conference at Salt Fork State Park, Cambridge, Ohio, on May 16-17, 1980. We want to fill all of the rooms and cabins at the park, so plan to attend. I urge all commanders to support junior officer participation. Information on reservations will be mailed to the membership during January 1980.

Speaking of the state conference, Colonel Bob Green, resolutions chairman, would like to have input from everyone on proposed resolutions to be presented at the conference. This area has been very poor the past few years. We need some good resolutions, so that if adopted, we can send them to NGAUS. Ohio has not submitted any resolutions to the national conference for the past two years. In fact, I received a letter from Major General McCaddin this year asking for our input. Unfortunately, I could not respond. Let's do something about changing our record this year. Your support is needed. Mail your resolutions to COL Robert Green, HQ 112th Med Bde., 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O., 43085.

NGAUS CONFERENCES

Here are the dates and locations for the future NGAUS Conferences for your information and planning purposes:

1980 Las Vegas, Nv. Sep 22-23-24
1981 Biloxi, Ms. Oct 5-6-7
1982 San Juan, PR Oct 20-21-22
1983 Indianapolis Oct 3-4-5
1984 New York City Undecided
1985 Louisville, Ky. Sep 23-24-25

Your association 1st VP (Colonel Phil Williams) is working on a plan where we can offer to our membership an economical means where you and your spouse can travel together to attend the 1980 Las Vegas Conference. More on this as we receive the information. I am sure we will have folks interested in going to Vegas!

Several individuals have asked why they are not receiving ONGA correspondence. I have found, in about every case, the secretary does not have a current mailing address. If you move and do not let the association secretary know of your new address, then you will not receive ONGA correspondence. Just drop a note with your new address to ONGA Secretary, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh., 43085. Don't rely on your unit technician to give us that information, you must do it yourself!

One final comment about insurance. During our last board of trustees meeting we had representatives from the Enlisted Association present to discuss an insurance program whereby both associations could support a full-time individual. Lloyd Hill, of the Vulcan Life Insurance Company, presented a plan which we felt fills the needs of both associations. It was agreed by both association officers to go with the plan. More on this as we finalize the actual program. I have never been one to support any type of an insurance program, but I am impressed with this one and feel that it will give our members (Officers and Enlisted) what we have needed for a long time. More on this very soon.

Conference Resolutions

Proposed resolutions for consideration at the May 17 business meeting must be submitted to the resolutions committee not later than April 1. Mail to: COL Robert D. Green, 2815 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Oh., 43085.

Lt. Col. Floyd Nelson . . .

A Living Legend

BY AIC BRIAN CONNER
AND AMN NANCY FREE

Some say he's spent more time flying traffic patterns than most pilots have air time.

He's considered an excellent flight instructor, but retains enough of a sense of humor to hijack an aircraft simulator with a water pistol.

His crewmembers say he is a tough boss, and let him know how they felt by awarding him the slightly coveted Golden Duck Award for being a "pain in the tail".

The man is Lieutenant Colonel Floyd A. Nelson, senior ranking lieutenant colonel in Ohio, and a retiring member of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Air National Guard.

LTC Nelson has compiled nearly 14,000 hours of air time in his 29 years of flying. During his 23 years of military flying he has flown 13 different aircraft and has flown over four continents.

Lieutenant Colonel William J. Ingler, Jr., commander of the 160th, spent some of those years with Nelson.

"I remember when we were training to fly the KC-135 Air refueling aircraft," LTC Ingler said. "It was one of the last days in the flight simulator. LTC Nelson had borrowed a water pistol from one of the crewmembers' children. He brought it into the simulator, and confronted the instructor, stating he was hijacking the plane." Ingler added, "Colonel Nelson is an excellent instructor. I learned more about flying from him than any other instructor during my 18 years of flying."

Nelson first joined the Ohio Air National Guard in 1956 after spending six years in the Army Air Corps. The colonel joined what was then the 145th Air Transportation Squadron, which evolved into the first air refueling unit to be assigned to Strategic Air Command (SAC) and was later placed on SAC's alert roster.

During his 23 years of service, LTC Nelson has received many awards, but one of the most memorable was the Golden Duck Award.

The colonel doesn't intend to let retirement put him on the inactive list.

"I plan to do some freelance flying, maybe for a corporation," he said. "I also plan to spend some more time with my wife Janette."

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION RAP

BY SSG CRISS CLARK and SP4 SHEILA SANDERS

Like all other associations, we, the members of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association have an organizational structure, or chain-of-command, that must be observed. Each individual in this chain has his own task that must be maintained.

The officers, elected and appointed, are as follows: Chairman of Board — Jame H. Sebetto; V. President (Air) — Tom Foster; V. President (Army) — Carl Bicanovsky; Treasurer — Gary Brown; Secretary — Criss Clark; Chaplain — Joe Haines.

One of the most vital positions in the chain-of-command is the Unit Rep-representative. This individual must be abreast of the activities of the Association and must be the first line of information to new and present members. We ask all members to contact their unit representative first if they have any questions or problems.

During the new year, many changes will take place in our Association. The dates of the next meetings are as follows: January 16 — Executive Board Meeting, Beightler Armory, DSA Conference Room; February 16-17 — All-State's Conference, Cincinnati; March 19 — Executive Board Meeting, Beightler Armory, DSA Conference Room; April 23 — Executive Board Meeting, Mansfield; May 23- 24 and 25 — State Conference, Mohican State Park. All members are encouraged to attend. If you feel you have something that needs attention, this is an opportune time. The All-State's and State Conferences are open to all members.

A monthly letter called "News Flash" is now being sent to all units in Ohio. This is a report of all current events. It should be posted on all bulletin boards. If you have not seen a copy in your area, please contact your unit rep.

A membership drive is now taking place. Membership Chairman, Jerry Locke, has asked all unit reps to place their names in the lower right hand corner of the application before sending it to ONGEA P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio. Prizes will be given to the unit reps with the biggest gains in membership. They will be awarded at the State Conference.

BOWLING TOURNEY

We are proud to announce the Second Annual Ohio National Guard Bowling Tournament, to be held April 19-20 and April 26-27. The host units will be the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing and the 160th Air Refueling Group. The tournament is open to members of ONGEA, retired members, civilian employees of the Ohio National Guard, members of the Officers Wives Club and the Enlisted Association Auxiliary. The event will be held at Amos Bowling Lanes. Entry forms are being accepted and will be sent to ABC/WIBC for approval. If you would like to participate, see your unit representative for an application.

The drawing for the ONGEA Raffle was held November 25 at the Winter All-State, Rickenbacker AFB. The following individuals were winners: $10 — T. Staugh, Glade Hunt, D.M. Hutchinson and L. Hunt; $25 — Joe Haines, William Russell, Jim Cody and C. E. Green; $50 — M. Hartman and David Santuomo; and $100 — J. D. Reynolds.

The State Conference, being held at Mohican State Park will be an exciting event. This is the time when you can be reunited with all Ohio members. The election of officers will also take place. Committee Chairman, Russ Leadbetter, has worked hard to make the event as enjoyable as possible. Recreation programs have been planned for the children. This is a family event and there are limited rooms in the lodge. Please submit your application as soon as you receive it. There will also be space available for self-contained campers, cabins and campsites. Leadbetter has asked that you **do not** call the lodge for a reservation. All scheduling will go through him and his committee. Remember the dates are May 23-25.

If you have an article or note of interest that you would like to see in either the Voice or Enlisted Rap, or if you are experiencing any problems, please jot them down and submit to: ONGEA, P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

Auxiliary Notes

Numerous Activities Planned in 1980

As we are getting along into this new year, I sincerely hope that each of you are working hard on the membership drive. We have so many things of interest to share with others. The next All State's meeting is Feb. 23-24.

The Second Annual Bowling Tournament slated April 19-20 and April 26-27 is open to Auxiliary members and members of the Officers Wives Club. Let's have a good response for the tournament. I know we have some outstanding bowlers in the Auxiliary.

The 1980 ONGEA Conference will be held May 23-25 at Mohican State Park. These are just some of the events that are planned. Be sure to tell the prospective new members about the support that we give Legislative bills and the support that we give to the National Guard as a whole. Tell the prospective members that we are really "One Big Guard Family". If you need information or help on starting a local Auxiliary group, please let me know. If you are not a member of the ONGEA Auxiliary and your spouse belongs to ONGEA, let me know and we can get membership applications to you. All the officers and area directors are ready to help at any time.

We had such a good time at the November All State meeting. There was a champagne brunch at Rickenbacker AFB, followed by an interesting film presentation on tanker refueling. Thanks go to Tom and Joanie Foster for planning the meeting.

Tickets will be available from Auxiliary members for a drawing to be held by the EANGUS Auxiliary for a beautiful grandmother clock made by Amana Colonies in Iowa. The clock will be handcrafted by one man, and made of walnut. All the clock parts will come from the Black Forest in Germany. The clock is valued at $1100. Make certain you get your tickets early as the drawing will be held at the '80 Conference.

A beautiful poem entitled "Who Needs the Guard" written by Donna Jondle of Iowa is still available. The poem is printed on parchment and sells for $1. It is a very impressive poem. If you would like a copy, please write to me.

LOIS GOODSON, President
ONGEA Auxiliary
581 Mt. Olive Rd. N.W.
Washington C.H., Oh. 43160

Correction!

An article titled "Food Survey Reveals Chow Preferences" appearing in the Dec., 1979, issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine listed MSG George Hensley as the Food Service Sergeant for the State Headquarters. This is not Sergeant Hensley's proper title. He is the Senior Food Service Sergeant for the Ohio Army Guard. We apologize for the error.

Buckeye Bits

Best Field Kitchen

Members of Company C, 1/148th Infantry Battalion, can usually be seen rushing for their dining facility because of the quality of food served there. The chow is so good, in fact, that the unit recently received the Best Field Kitchen Award from Brigadier General James A. Abraham.

The evaluation was based on every aspect of operating a field kitchen, from site selection to individual knowledge, according to Major Douglas Wilson, State Food Service Advisor.

This is the second year the Ohio Guard has presented the award, and the second year Company C has won.

Top Team Chief

"Getting the job is important, but doing it successfully and safely is my job." Sounds contrived doesn't it? But, to TSgt John T. Johnson of the 220th Electronic Installation Squadron, Zanesville, it has been a matter of fact. So much so, that he recently received the AFCS Outstanding ANG Electronic Installation Team Chief of the Year Award because of that very attitude.

Johnson received this honor at the recent Workload Conference at NCA Headquarters. "It was a real honor, something I never really expected. I guess I've always tried to do the best I know how, that's all."

Johnson, a determined NCO, brings diligence, determination and good sense to every job he and his team are assigned. He has been with the 220th EIS for eight years. His unit commander LTC Jon M. McMahon, says of Johnson, "What can I say, we're proud of John and his work . . . and darned fortunate to have him in our unit."

New Windbreaker

This spring, men and women will be able to buy the new black Army windbreaker for 'optional wear'.

The windbreaker may be purchased at the PX at an expected cost of $20 to $25. It will eventually replace the men's green windbreaker now being worn. An optional item is not issued or sold in clothing sales stores.

The new garment may be worn the same way the green windbreaker is now worn. It may also be worn with the new gray-green service shirt when the shirt is worn as an outer garment.

The windbreaker is authorized for wear once it becomes available at the PX. Soldiers are cautioned, however, not to buy the Navy's windbreaker. According to DA officials, this garment differs in material, shade and length from the Army windbreaker and is not authorized for wear with the Army uniform. (DA Scene)

VIP TREATMENT – *Lieutenant Colonel Casto DeCarlo (left) and Lieutenant Colonel Frank Mohs, both doctors with the Ohio Army Guard's 112th Medical Brigade, provided treatment for members of the Ohio Military Academy, and other ONG troops during their two week summer encampment at Camp Perry.* **(PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).**

Southern Support

The Columbus based 121st Tactical Fighter Wing from Rickenbacker AFB departed the tropical skies of Panama recently after serving a four-week rotational support mission to the 24th Composite Wing.

While there, the Air National Guard members flew four highly accurate close air support and interdiction A-7D Corsair II aircraft. They also provided their own pilots and maintenance people. There were approximately 18 officers and 70 enlisted people there from 121st TFW during their stay.

New Service Medal

Over 5,000 Ohio National Guard members can expect to be sporting a new medal on their uniform soon due to a decision made recently by National Guard Bureau (NGB).

While most of us are trying to forget the blizzard of '78, NGB has decided to reward soldiers who participated in the safety/rescue operations by authorizing the Humanitarian Service Medal (HMS).

The medal, which is awarded to soldiers who gave humanitarian service to those in need, is relatively new, dating back to 1975.

Ohio soldiers eligible for the award are those who participated in Operation Snow Blow/Snow Blow II, during the period of January 26 to February 12. To verify participation, soldiers must provide substantiating documents to their local commander. This proof can take many forms, including certificates of appreciation, orders, after-action reports or rosters.

Senior Yule Party

Members of the Ohio Army National

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All About People-

COMPILED BY SFC BOB DEVOE

1LT GREGORY WAYT, son of **COL. DAVID W. WAYT,** Commander of the Ohio Army Guard's 16th Engineer Bde., recently took the National Guard oath and became the Supply and Service officer for HQ, 371st Spt. Gp., Dayton.

Ohio Army Guardsman **TED M. STULTS II** has been elected to the Central Trust Company's Regional Board in Massillon. **STULTS** is vice-president and director of Buckeye Feed Mills Inc. of Dalton. He is also a member of the Akron-Canton Medevac Helicopter Team.

SGM GARY L. PERNELL has been named Command Sergeant Major for the Portsmouth-based 216th Engineer Battalion.

MSGT BERNARD A. DOWNS recently received the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service and the Ohio Faithful Service Medal, with bronze carnation device, for 30 years service to the State of Ohio. **DOWNS** is a member of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker AFB.

Ohio Army Guard Warrant Officers **JOHN E. BAYLIN JR., BRIAN D. RILEY,** and **MICHAEL P. CHASE** have received the Fifth U.S. Army Certificate of Merit for Safety. All are ONG helicopter pilots assigned to Worthington and Blue Ash units.

TSGT DOUG TURPENING, a member of the Ohio Air Guard's 180th Tactical Fighter Gp., Toledo, has been awarded the Valley Forge Cross. The award is presented to National Guard members who have distinguished themselves in acts of personal heroism. He was commended for his efforts in the rescue of several people from a burning apartment building. **TURPENING** is an Ohio Highway Patrol trooper.

1LT STEVE LA FLAME has assumed command of Det. 1, Co. A, 166th Infantry, Xenia. He is an employee of Delco Products, a division of General Motors Corp., Dayton, O. The outgoing commander, **1LT JOHN R. CARRUTHERS,** assumed a position at the battalion level. He is a member of the Columbus Police Dept.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM, Assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio Army Guard, was a special guest at the Annual Ohio Professors of Military Science Conference at Youngstown University in December.

Ohio Army Guard **PV1 ERNEST D. WINCHESTER** was recently selected Society of Military Engineers Distinguished Graduate at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., following completion of Advanced Individual Training. He is assigned to Co. C, 612th Engr. Bn., Norwalk.

TSGT RANDY VAUGHN, *a recruiter for the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, has been selected as the Air National Guard's top non-prior service recruiter, and top overall recruiter in Ohio, for the second straight year. Vaughn is a recruiter in the Wilmington-Hillsboro-Washington C.H. areas.* **(USAF PHOTO).**

SSG PAUL S. PRATER of Co. D., 372d Engr. Bn., Middletown, has received a letter of appreciation from 134th for supervising and assisting in the clean-up of helicopter wreckage near Cincinnati in October. **PRATER** is employed by **ARMCO** Steel in Middletown.

LT. COL. MARVIN SHERIFF, Commander of the 179th Civil Engineering Flight, Mansfield, was recently presented the Meritorious Service Medal at ceremonies honoring his retirement from the Ohio Air National Guard. **SHERIFF** has over 36 years of military service.

SRA ERIC J. GROLEMUND, of the 121st Communications Flight recently received the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service while on active duty at the Alert Facility, Rickenbacker AFB, as the Alert Facility Monitor.

Three Ohio Army Guard helicopter pilots recently received Certificates of Recognition for Safety from the Fifth U.S. Army. The recipients were: **WO DALE F. TAYLOR, CPT ROBERT GABRIEL** and **MAJ LYNN CORIELL.**

SGT BUTCH HALL, of Co. A, 612th Engr. Bn., Walbridge, has been named the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce Soldier of the Year and received official honors at a C of C dinner in January.

Three Ohio Guard members recently received high military awards for outstanding service to the Guard from **BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM,** Asst. AG-Army. The recipients were: **WO MARY J. GASKALA,** Army Commendation Medal; **MSGT JOHN R. KIRKPATRICK,** Ohio Air Guard, The Ohio Commendation Medal; and **LTC JAMES L. FEISLEY,** Ohio Commendation Medal.

Brothers Four

Private David Dodson, following in the footsteps of his three older brothers, has joined Co. B of the 612th Engineer Battalion of Fremont. The four Dodson brothers, Specialists Fourth Class Dennis and Daniel, Private First Class Dwayne, and newcomer David said they joined the Guard because of the benefits. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dodson of Green Springs, Ohio, said they are very proud of their sons.

Predmore Commands 148th Infantry

Major Leland C. Predmore recently took command of the 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry. Brigadier General Andrew G. Skalkos, presented MAJ Predmore with the Battalion Colors in a ceremony held at the Lima Armory.

MAJ Predmore is a sergeant in the State Highway Patrol and is stationed at the Defiance Patrol Post.

He replaces former Battalion Commander Major William W. Giffin, who is retiring from the guard after 22 years of service to devote more time to his business.

Ingler Leads 160th at RAFB

Lieutenant Colonol William J. Ingler, of Upper Arlington, recently assumed command of the 160th Air Refueling Group from Colonel Edward J. Power during ceremonies at Rickenbacker Air Force Base.

LTC Ingler is the former commander of the 145th Air Refueling Squadron. He is a command pilot with over 7,000 flying hours; 6,200 of which are in air refueling missions.

COL Power leaves the 160th after being appointed Assistant Adjutant General for Air for the State of Ohio.

Our Cover . . .

Our Cover photo was taken by Ohio Air National Guard Staff Sergeant Jim Knapp, a member of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo Express Airport.

The photo was taken during Annual Training for combat support elements from the 180th at Gulfport, Miss.

Although the photo looks like the real thing, it's actually a simulation of emergency treatment being given to a fireman for heat exhaustion.

Buckeye Bits

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Guard's Akron-Canton Flight Facility joined members of AMVET Post 3623 and American Legion Post 777, both based in Greensburg to co-sponsor a Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at the Greensburg United Methodist Church in December.

Nearly 90 senior citizens were treated to ham and turkey dinners with all the trimmings.

Santa Claus (SGT James Parris) provided each individual with a personal gift.

All individuals involved have indicated they would like to make the senior citizen party an annual event.

213th Germany Bound

Members of Port Clinton's 213th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Co. were recently informed that this spring they will be going to Germany for their annual training.

According to CPT. James Rooker, unit commander, the unit has been selected to train with the 51st Maintenance Battalion near Frankfurt.

The unit plans to leave in early April. According to Rooker, the unit was selected because of their capability, the types of units needed in Germany, and their overall readiness to perform the mission.

216th Treats Children

Brook Park's 216th Engineer Company conducted a dinner for underprivileged children in November at the Engle Rd. armory.

Thirty children from the United Methodist Childrens' Home in Berea were treated to a Thanksgiving Dinner; a karate demonstration; a show of 20 different animals from the Cleveland Zoo; and even had their pictures taken with local celebrities.

The Rose Castle Ladies' Guide also assisted in arrangements for the affair.

CONCEALED WEAPON – *SGT Bob Scarlett, of the 148th Highlanders, Canada, shows how to wrap, camouflage and conceal a rifle's dark silhouette during winter warfare training with the Ohio Guard's 107th ACR in Canada.* **(107TH ACR PHOTO).**

107th ACR Trains During Frigid Canadian Weekend

BY SFC RON REGAN
2ND SGT ROBERT MANI
107th ACR

Some 32 members of the 107th Armored Cavalry recently shared their combat training and experience with a few Canadian neighbors. The Canadian Reserves 48th Highlanders unit at Camp Borden, 70 miles north of Toronto, were the host for the "frigid weekend".

This combined winter warfare exercise was conceived by both nations and titled "Near Arctic Onslaught I". Specifically, it was to be an exchange of ideas. (See December '78 issue).

The members of the 107th Armored Cavalry squeezed Australian butter from a tube, stomped their feet in a traditional British military drum-and-bagpipe parade, and learned about Canadian winter camping . . . military style!

Helpful Canadians told 107th members to use an air mattress as an insulator under the sleeping bag, but never inflate it with lung power. That will cause the air to condense, they explained, thus freezing and destroying the insulating value of the mattress. Always use a foot pump or similar device, CAV members were told. Visiting soldiers were also told to sleep with as little on as possible, since the more clothing worn, the more a person will sweat. Light-layered clothing rather than bulky undergarments, they learned, allow the body to ventilate.

During the exercise the food was prepared by one man in each 10-person tent. The cooks were Canadian officer candidates. No soldier was permitted to enter the tent until the meal was fully prepared, but in 20 minutes everyone was eating as though they had never seen food before.

The weather during the weekend was mostly cloudy, with the temperature hovering from 0 to -10 degrees fahrenheit.

The Canadian soldiers are a young group and most have had little, if any, real combat experience. Their basic mission is one of national defense, while the American national guard combine national defense and community assistance.

Next Deadline is Feb. 27!

Wives Club News

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

With the holidays behind us, and the new year off to a running start, the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club is gearing up for a big spring season! Lots of activities are planned and it is hoped that attendance will be large.

January's meeting, at the DCSC centered on the theme of "Getting To Know You". It proved to be a pleasant, social afternoon with a good turnout, for a winter month.

There is no February meeting planned, due to past poor attendance in this month of uncertain weather, and in the interest of fuel economy.

SPRING CALENDAR

On March 25, the popular Salad Smorgasbord luncheon at the Beightler Amory will be repeated. Each lady is asked to bring her favorite salad or hot bread. Last year the assortment was seemingly endless, and each one delicious!

Do you ever wonder about the purposes of the Guard units, other than your husband's? Do you Army Guard wives have any idea of the missions performed by the Air Guard units? And you Air Guard wives — do you picture the Army as just marching in formation once a month? Well, let's learn something about this Ohio Guard! Let's have some answers ready when people ask, "But, what do they do the REST of the time?" Make plans to attend the luncheon on April 22, at the DCSC Officers' Club. The topic of the day will be "Know Your Units — Guard in Review". You will enjoy the program and leave with a greater understanding of our ONG!

The special event for May will be the luncheon on the 27th, in German Village. There will be installation of officers at this meeting, and plenty of time left to browse and explore the fascinating German Village shops.

DECADE IN REVIEW

While packing away the holiday decorations and reflecting on the fact that the 1970's are now history — and that doesn't seem possible — the thought occurred that the OWC has had a very eventful decade. The club has seen many changes, lost some valued members, and gained lots of new, young Guard wives. It has had a variety of capable leaders, each with her own ideas and vision of what OWC should be. It has held meetings at many different places, had theme luncheons, craft demonstrations, fashion shows, speakers, and auctions. But, always, it draws its members together in fellowship.

Take a moment to recall these highlights of the Seventies in the Guard Wives. In October, 1970, the program was given by Columbus Arts and Crafts, and featured beautiful Christmas decorations. May of 1971 found the OWC ladies journeying to the Golden Lamb Inn, in Lebanon, for luncheon and installation of officers. In 1972 the group went to the popular Granville Inn, in Granville, for a festive May lunch. The 1973 Friendship Tea was held, in September, at Ilonka's Provincial house, in Columbus. The 1974-75 season was an adventure as the OWC met at a different restaurant each month! One of those meetings was in March of 1975, at Captain Sam's, in Columbus. The program featured a most moving presentation on POW-MIA's, by Mr. and Mrs. Paul, whose son was among the missing. In May of 1976 an exciting, "flag-waving", lump-in-the-throat, Bi-Centennial musicale was given at the DCSC by talented Air Force personnel from Rickenbacker.

October of 1977 brought us this year's President, Mary Anne Doane, sharing her talent with crafts, and getting us started on some really smashing Christmas decorations. General Clem was with us at this meeting, also. In the Spring of 1978, March to be exact, we had lunch at Rickenbacker and enjoyed a lovely style show from the House of Fashion, in Columbus. Our own members modeled the fashions with lots of flair! The 1979 season started with the Friendship Tea, in September, at the Governor's Mansion. Beautiful fall weather and a gracious setting combined to make it a great party. Other very outstanding events of 1979 were the hosting of the annual NGAUS Conference in Cleveland, and the formation of two brand new Guard Wives groups in the state!

Remember the good times past and plan to activate your membership in Guard Wives in the 1980's. If the ONG is important to our husbands and therefore a part of our families' lives, then active membership in Wives Club is a vital adjunct to our husbands' participation.

Guard Persons Wanted for Winter Olympics

Ohio National Guard members with athletic and military skills are encouraged to apply for the 1980 Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR) and the International Military Sports Council (CISM) competitions.

Both events test performance of military personnel in a realistic physical and emotional environment. Enlisted and officer members are encouraged to try out for either event. The CIOR competition will be held in Montreal, August 4-9, while the CISM world championships will be held in Munich, Germany, August 17-26.

The CIOR, designed for NATO allies, stresses running and swimming obstacle courses, marksmanship with pistol, submachinegun and rifle, orienteering, and cross-country running.

Approximately 75 nations compete in the CISM, which includes grenade throws for accuracy and distance, big-bore standard rifle, cross-country running and obstacle course swimming and running.

Tryouts at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, begin June 12 for the CIOR and May 29 for the CISM.

To qualify for either or both teams Guard persons must submit an application and meet minimum standards. For the CIOR they include the five-mile run in 32 minutes and 30 seconds or less, and a 50 meter swim in at least 36 seconds. CISM standards are a five-mile run in 30 minutes and 30 seconds or less and a 50 meter swim in 30 seconds or less.

Information and applications may be obtained from Captain Roger Harvey, US Modern Pentathalon Training Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, 78234; Autovon 471-5359 or commercial phone (512) 221-5359.

Applications should be sent to Colonel Tom Gore, National Guard Bureau - ARS, Washington, DC 20310.

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