

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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### Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2013 include two former National Guard members

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via Ohio Department of Veteran Affairs

(Columbus, Ohio) – On Nov. 7, 2013, at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial in Columbus, Ohio, 15 Ohio Veterans will be inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2013. The bronze plaques representing each of the classes inducted are permanently on display at the Vern Riffe Building, second Floor, located at 77 South High Street in Columbus. Two of this year's inductees are former members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard.

The Veterans Hall of Fame honors Ohio Veterans who made a positive impact in their community after serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.



Steve Butcher (Gulf War Era), retired from the Ohio Air National Guard as a senior master sergeant. Upon his retirement, he and his wife opened a small candy store in Pataskala that is now a thriving full-service restaurant. Twice each year, on dates close to Memorial Day and Veterans Day, Butcher's Restaurant serves free meals to Veterans all day as a "thank you" to those who have served. Steve also served on various city boards and committees. He was elected mayor of Pataskala in 2005 and was re-elected to a second term in 2009. As mayor, he has been involved in the creation of "Veterans Green," a public green space adjacent to the city's Veterans Memorial. "The Green" is also now the permanent home of the local Chamber of Commerce's farmers market. Steve was also instrumental in raising funds for the renovation of the city's old theater, the establishment of a local museum, and the reopening of a mothballed swimming pool for area children. Steve Butcher's civic leadership and contributions to Veteran advocacy have impacted the Pataskala community in a large and significant way.

Roger Gardner (Korean War Era and Vietnam War Era) is a Veteran of service both in the active Army and the Ohio Army National Guard. Since 1957, he has been a member the American Legion Post 540 Honor Guard in Cortland, and served as commander and captain since 2000. Under his leadership, the honor guard has participated in 2,281 funerals. Roger is an active participant in Memorial Day and Veterans Day activities each year, to include placing flags on the graves of Veterans in six cemeteries throughout Trumbull County. As commander of American Legion Post 540, Roger was instrumental in the construction of several Veterans' memorials in the area, most notably the Korean War Monument in Trumbull County Veterans Park. He is also a member of the VA's Volunteer Service and volunteers for the Warren Community Based Outpatient Clinic, where he has logged over 2,300 volunteer hours, in addition to nearly 6,000 volunteer hours at the Youngstown VA clinic. Roger is a frequent speaker in the "Tell America" program in six local school districts, sharing his military experiences and encouraging patriotism among young people. Roger was recently named Mahoning County United Veterans Council Veteran of the Year, and has been honored with the Tri-County Funeral Directors Association Award for Community Service for his work as captain of Post 540's honor guard. He has also received the Warren Tribune-Chronicle Community Star Award for his many contributions to the Warren area. Roger Gardner exemplifies caring and commitment to continue serving the Veterans of Trumbull County.



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## Ohio National Guard units currently deployed

### Air units:

JFHQ  
 121st Air Refueling Wing  
 178th Fighter Wing  
 179th Airlift Wing  
 180th Fighter Wing  
 220th Engineering Installation Squadron  
 269th Combat Communications Squadron

### Army units:

Military Advisor Team - 2  
 837th Engineer Company  
 838th Military Police Company  
 437th Military Police Battalion  
 371st Sustainment Brigade

As of Oct. 22, 2013, about 800 Ohio National Guard Airmen and Soldiers were deployed

## TRICARE Pharmacy

TRICARE prescription drug coverage is available to all TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries who are enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

- Active duty service members and their Families
- Activated National Guard and Reserve members and their Families
- Retired service members and their Families
- Retired National Guard and Reserve Members (age 60 and above and receiving retired pay) and their Families
- Survivors, widows/widowers and certain former spouses
- Medal of Honor recipients and their Families
- Beneficiaries who have purchased care under one of the following programs:
  - ◆ TRICARE Reserve Select
  - ◆ TRICARE Retired Reserve
  - ◆ TRICARE Young Adult
  - ◆ Continued Health Care Benefit Program
- Other beneficiaries listed in DEERS as eligible for TRICARE, including foreign force members and their Families.

When updating DEERS with your personal information, be sure and list a physical address. If living outside of the United States, list your APO/FPO address, if you have one, as your mailing address.

Source: <http://www.tricare.mil/Pharmacy/Eligibility.aspx>



## Military Family Appreciation Month History

Each year the president signs a proclamation declaring November as Military Family Appreciation Month. Last year President Obama said that our nation owes "each day of security and freedom that we enjoy to the members of our Armed Forces and their Families. Behind our brave service men and women, there are Family members and loved ones who share in their sacrifice and provide unending support."

This annual proclamation marks the beginning of a month long celebration of the Military Family in which the Department of Defense and the nation will honor the commitment and sacrifices made by the Families of the nation's service members. Throughout the month of November, Military Families serving around the world are honored through a variety of observances and recognized for their commitment and the many contributions they make every day in support of the military and our nation.

Efforts to recognize the sacrifices of the Military Family by Active, Guard and Reserve leaders are being joined and supported by the Department of Defense organizations to include the Army Air Force Exchange Service and Defense Commissary Agency.

Source: <http://www.military.com/military-family-appreciation-month>

## 1487th Transportation Company returns from Afghanistan

**DID YOU KNOW?**

November is Military Family Appreciation Month. It was established in 1993 by the Armed Services YMCA, with the U.S. Government recognizing the occasion every year since.

The University of Toledo Medical Center is proud to announce that it is now an in-network TRICARE provider for eligible military Service Members, Veterans and Families.

**NOV**

**November 2**

Change of Responsibility  
811th EN CO (Sapper), 11495 Chillicothe-Lancaster Road, Amanda, 1200 hrs.  
Outgoing First Sgt.:  
ISG John Botts  
Incoming First Sgt.:  
ISG David Egbert

**November 3**

Change of Command  
211th Support Maintenance Company,  
1257 Hollar Lane, Newark, 1530 hrs.  
Outgoing Commander:  
Capt. Aaron Willis  
Incoming Commander:  
Capt. Steven Vicario

**November 4**

Change of Responsibility  
Company B, 2nd Battalion, 19th Special forces Group (Airborne), Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus, 0900 hrs.  
Outgoing Sgt. Maj.:  
Sgt. Maj. Randy Martyn  
Incoming Sgt. Maj.:  
Sgt. Maj. Martin Graff

**November 12**

Vantiv will be hosting a Resume Workshop/ Career Fair for Veterans in the tri-state area at its corporate office at 8500 Governors Hill Drive, Symmes Township 45249, 1200 - 1500 hrs.  
This event will include personal resume assistance for Veterans and will be attended by companies seeking talent in the Cincinnati area.  
POC: Laura Meder at 513-900-5452 or [lauren.meder@vantiv.com](mailto:lauren.meder@vantiv.com)

**DEC**

**December 7**

Change of Command  
SPT Co, 216th Engineer Battalion, Woodlawn Armory, Cincinnati, 0800 hrs.  
Outgoing Commander:  
Capt. Sephan Frazier  
Incoming Commander:  
1Lt Philip Oprean

**December 7**

1st Battalion, 148th Infantry Viale Memorial Mess, Seagate Convention Center, Toledo, 1800 hrs. Contact Sgt. 1st Class Wesley Martz at 614-336-6671 or email him at [wesley.l.martz@mail.mil](mailto:wesley.l.martz@mail.mil) for more information.

**December 15**

Change of Responsibility  
684th Medical Co, 3990 E. Broad St., Bldg 24, Columbus, 1300 hrs  
Outgoing First Sgt.:  
SFC David Lewis  
Incoming First Sgt.:  
ISG Andrew Brace

**2014**

**April 24-27**

ONGA/ONGEA Spring Events Weekend, Hyatt Regency, 350 North High St., Downtown Columbus



The Ohio National Guard welcomed home about 160 Soldiers from the 1487th Transportation Company during an Oct. 4, 2013, ceremony at Piqua High School in Piqua, Ohio. The unit was responsible for planning, synchronizing and executing tactical supply, sustainment and transportation operations throughout Regional Command South in Afghanistan. The 1487th replaced the 1486th Transportation Company out of Mansfield, Ohio, which performed the same mission the previous year during that unit's deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pavlik, ONG)

### **2013 Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee Meetings:**

*Region 1 - 23 Jan*

*Region 2 - 15 Jan*

*Region 3 - 28 Jan*

*Region 4 - 28 Jan*

*Region 5 - 14 Jan*

*Region 6 - 8 Jan*

For questions regarding the time or place of RISFAC meetings, contact Staff Sgt. Ikia Perry at (614) 336-4135

### **Retirement Packets**

Retirement packets are mailed to your last known mailing address. If you change addresses before your 59th birthday, make sure you contact the office below so they will know where to send your packet.

You will need to send the packet back to receive your retirement pay. Make sure to include the following: NGB Form 22, DD Form 214(s), NGB Form 23, 20-year letter and SBP election. If you are missing any documents, contact Ms. Jeanette Coughenour at 614-336-7038 (ONG HQs).

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## ***Ohio National Guard represents in a time-honored tradition***



Gen. Frank J. Grass (in yellow shirt), chief, National Guard Bureau, stands beside Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenhurst (to the right of Grass), Ohio adjutant general, and the Ohio National Guard contingent of runners who participated in the Army Ten-Miler on Oct. 20, 2013, in Washington, D.C. Now in its 29th year, the Army Ten-Miler is the second largest 10-mile race in the United States, with 35,000 registrants. (Ohio National Guard photo)