



JANUARY 17-23, 2022



THROUGH THE LENS

JANUARY 21, 1945: Lt. Col. Richard McNelly (left), commanding officer of the 637th Tank Destroyer Battalion, is shown with a crew of a M20 Armored Utility Car during the 37th Infantry Division's drive to Manila.



WEEK IN REVIEW

M **JANUARY 17, 1991:** Operation Desert Storm, the combat phase of the Gulf War, begins with five weeks of aerial and naval bombardment on Iraqi forces and infrastructure. More than 1,600 Ohio Soldiers and Airmen deployed in support of these operations.

W **JANUARY 20, 1899:** After returning from Puerto Rico, the 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry is mustered out of federal service.

Th **JANUARY 21, 1903:** The Militia Act, sponsored by Ohio congressman and Ohio National Guard Maj. Gen. Charles Dick, is enacted. It was benchmark legislation that repealed the outdated Militia Act of 1792. With its passage, the modern National Guard, as part of the federal reserve, was born.



CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS



NATIONAL FLAG, 4TH OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY

Forty-five star national flag carried by the 4th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment during the War with Spain. The flag was presented to the regiment when it was mustered into federal service at Camp Bushnell, Ohio by the Columbus Board of Trade on May 14, 1898.

The 4th Ohio was commanded by Col. Alonzo B. Coit and its companies were stationed in Columbus, Marysville, Washington Court House, Marion, Portsmouth, Lancaster, Delaware, Circleville and Mount Vernon.

The flag is part of the Ohio Battle Flag Collection, that is cared for by the Ohio History Connection.

