



WEEK IN REVIEW

APRIL 11, 1970: Apollo 13 launches from Kennedy Space Center with Capt. Fred W. Haise Jr. serving as lunar module pilot. Haise served as a fighter pilot in the 164th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 179th Tactical Fighter Wing in the early 1960s.

APRIL 12, 1862: The Great Locomotive Chase, also known as Andrews Raid, took place in northern Georgia. There were 22 volunteer Soldiers from the 2d, 21st and 33d Ohio Infantry that went into enemy lines with the intent to steal a train and damage vital rail and telegraph lines. The raiders were captured and some executed as spies. A portion of the Soldiers would become the first recipients of the Medal of Honor.

<u>APRIL 12, 1983</u>: The Aviation Branch is established as a basic branch by the Army.

APRIL 15, 1861: President Lincoln calls for 75,000 troops to serve for three months following the Confederate bombardment of Fort Sumter, SC. By April 18, 20 independent militia companies organized into the 1st and 2d Infantry, Ohio Volunteer Militia and departed for Washington D.C. the following day.

<u>APRIL 16, 2006</u>: Company C, 237th Support Battalion is constituted in Akron.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Although unsuccessful in reaching their objective, William Pittenger, who was one of the volunteers for Andrews Raid, wrote about the value of the raid in his 1887 book about the event."

"It was especially necessary that in this conflict there should be some unmistakable illustrations of Northern daring; for it had been an accepted tradition, to some extent in the North as well as at the South, that in personal bravery, in dash and enthusiasm, the Southern soldier far excelled the Northern; and up to this time nearly all the daring movements and dashing raids had been displayed on behalf of the South. The idle boast that one Southern soldier was worth five "Yankees" was probably never sincerely made in that extreme form; but there was a firm belief that, man for man, the advantage was on the side of the rebels.

Nothing during the whole war did so much to shake this feeling as our raid. It was beating the enemy at his own game."