



**AUGUST 8-14, 2022**



**THROUGH THE LENS**

**AUGUST 8, 1974:** Ohio Gov. John J. Gilligan awards 2d Lt. Carmine J. Forzono the Ohio Cross during ceremonies in Xenia, Ohio. Forzono, a member of the 178th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was the first member of the Ohio National Guard to be awarded the Ohio Cross for his actions in saving fellow airmen from a burning building in downtown Xenia during the Guard's response to the April 3, 1974 tornado that hit the city.



**WEEK IN REVIEW**

**M** **AUGUST 8, 1868:** Battery A, 1st Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment is organized in Cincinnati as the Cincinnati Zouaves.

**Su** **AUGUST 14, 1950:** The 987th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, with units in Canton and Alliance, is ordered into active federal service for the Korean War. The 987th would be the only Ohio Army National Guard unit to deploy to Korea in its entirety, where it earned the Meritorious Unit Commendation for its support of U.S. and Republic of Korea units.



**CONNECTING TO THE COLLECTIONS**

**M14 105 MM SHELL**

This M14 105 mm shell casing was fired by the 987th Armored Field Artillery Battalion from a Howitzer Motor Carriage M7 during combat operations in Korea. The self-propelled gun was nicknamed "Priest" by the British Army, due to the pulpit-like machine gun ring on the armored vehicle.

The battalion deployed to Korea with M7s in February 1951 and fired a total of 228,699 105 mm rounds with them. In October 1952, the battalion was fielded with the M43 8-inch self-propelled howitzer and fired from this platform for the remainder of the war.

