

THROUGH THE LENS

APRIL 1993

LUCASVILLE, OHIO

Lt. Col. John Brant, foreground, and Maj. B. Kevin Bennett, both members of the judge advocate general's section of the 16th Engineer Brigade, pull phone duty on the National Guard-run hotline for concerned inmate families during the state active duty mission in response to the Lucasville Prison standoff.



WEEK IN REVIEW

APRIL 15, 1861: President Lincoln calls for 75,000 troops to serve for three months following the Confederate bombardment of Fort Sumter, S.C. 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.

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

APRIL 19, 1854: The 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment is organized in Cincinnati as the Guthrie Greys.

APRIL 19, 1900: Battery C, 2d Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery Regiment is organized in Marietta as Company B, 7th Separate Infantry Battalion.

APRIL 20, 1929: The coat of arms for the 237th Support Battalion is approved for the 2d Battalion, 372d Infantry.



HALL OF VALOR

CAPTAIN EUGENE M. SOCHA
3D BATTALION, 145TH INFANTRY,
37TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APRIL 20, 1945
MOUNT PACAWAGAN, LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Captain Eugene M. Socha, United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the 3d Battalion, 145th Infantry, 37th Infantry Division, in action against an armed enemy at Mount Pacawagan, Luzon, Philippine Islands on 20 April 1945. Capt. Socha, while leading a reconnaissance patrol, moved forward from the main body with another officer in order to observe a critical area. Both officers were wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Capt. Socha at once gave first aid to his wounded fellow officer and removed him to safety. Then, instead of leaving for medical aid for himself, he remained on duty to insure the prompt delivery of vital information which he had obtained. Later, as he proceeded to an aid station, he encountered two enemy soldiers whom he killed by firing from the hip.



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