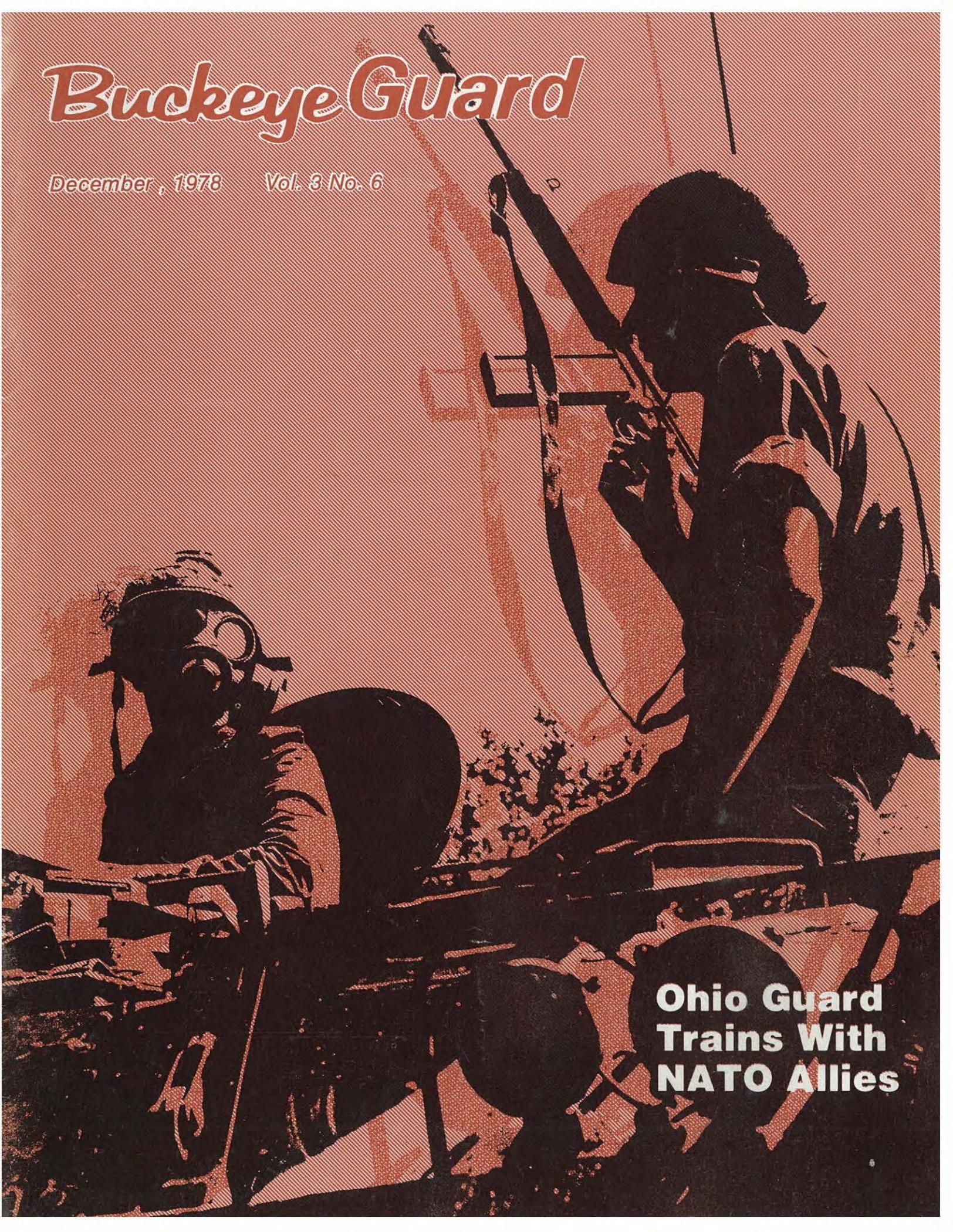


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**Ohio Guard
Trains With
NATO Allies**

From the AG

Be Prepared For This Winter



Winter is about to come again. Hopefully it will not be as severe as past winters, but if we prepare for the worst situation, we should be able to cope.

This year when weather advisories indicate, key personnel will be authorized state active duty to remain in the armories or authorized to take four-wheel drive vehicles home in order to insure their return to the armory if needed. These actions will be authorized on an individual basis by the AGOH-OT Section in order to control state costs.

Part of any good emergency plan is the continuing relationship each unit maintains with local authorities. If you are a commander or liaison officer, make sure you are personally acquainted with the people you will support in the event of an emergency. It will make the job easier when and if the need for such liaison

arises. Know your sheriff, mayor, police chief and local disaster services personnel.

Another item I believe we all need to think about—In the winter, training is usually restricted to the armory and 16 hours training indoors with limited space can be pretty dull. Now is the time to try out some new and innovative training procedures to make your unit's winter training productive and interesting. Use all the talent available. Delegate, supervise, check and correct. Find the members with civilian talent available and use those NCO's and privates as instructors once in awhile. You will probably uncover your replacement.

Finally one little fact to ponder. Almost 11,000 officers, men and women (60%) of the Ohio National Guard, Army and Air, have no remaining military obligation.

When you can belong to a group like this, the members of which give up their time, part of their family life and are always ready to answer the call of both state and nation, you have to be proud. There are some things wrong with the National Guard which we must try to correct, but where would the state and nation be without those 11,000 dedicated Ohio National Guardsmen and women.

Look sharp, be sharp and be proud. Let your community know you are part of a select group—THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD. You'll be surprised how many people in your community will want to join once they get acquainted with you and your unit.

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CSM Comments

From
CSM CARL ARN
State Sergeant Major

It was most gratifying to see the large number of noncommissioned officers conducting and supervising training during annual training this year. However, there are still many who are content to let the other guy do it; who lack confidence; and who are not taking advantage of the opportunity to lead.

For those of you in this category — beware — there are many young soldiers looking for the opportunity to become leaders.

RETENTION BOARD — For those of you who have twenty or more years service the twenty year retention board is just around the corner. Since the determining factor for retention is based on a review of individual records, it is your responsibility to insure your records are in order.

Our Cover . . .

This issue's cover photo was shot by SP5 SCOTT BRUCE, a super photographer with the Ohio Army National Guard's 37th Signal Company, Lakewood.

The photo was taken in Ravenna during a joint training exercise between M Company, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment and Canada's 48th Highlander Primary Reserve Unit.

An article and additional photos on the joint exercise appear in this issue.

From the Asst. AG-Army

We're All Part of A Better Guard

As we reach the end of 1978, I want to review briefly some of the important programs that have developed over the past four years that affect every member of the Ohio National Guard.

STATEWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM—From a seedling, this effort has grown into the finest public affairs program in the entire National Guard, if not the entire defense family. The success program is mostly due to those of you in the field who have shown such enthusiastic support for the concept and have contributed in a highly professional manner. With the expert guidance of our State Public Affairs staff, progress has been tremendous; but we have just scratched the surface. Our ultimate goal is a highly aware public and a well-informed Ohio National Guard.

RECRUITING AND RETENTION—The most significant accomplishment has been an apparent stabilization of our strength. If you like the Guard, tell your friends why you like it and why they should consider joining. At the same time, and as your retention percentage becomes higher, it's an indication that we're doing things better. If there are things you don't like, let us know. Such information is of great help in correcting problems.

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM—Our most significant gain and incentive was the passage of House Bill 228 providing scholarships for members of the Ohio National Guard. We've gotten off to a slow start for many reasons but I see a great deal of improvement occurring. Don't wait for somebody else to tell the story. Each of us should tell everyone we know and every organization we can get to. Let them know what a great program we have and how every member of the Guard can qualify for a four year schol-

arship just by being a member of the Ohio National Guard. I want to recognize also the Ohio National Guard Enlisted and Officer Associations who made such a tremendous effort with members of the legislature to get the bill passed.

OFFICER CANDIDATE PROGRAMS—There are three methods by which a member of the Ohio National Guard can obtain a commission. Our State OCS is an excellent way this can be done. If you want to do it on a full-time basis, The Active Army OCS at Fort Benning will do it. Finally, for those enrolled in colleges where ROTC is offered, this approach is an excellent way to learn how to be a soldier as a member of the Ohio National Guard, get a college education, and qualify for a commission by taking ROTC. Think seriously about these opportunities that are available to you. You represent tomorrow's leadership and the future of the Ohio National Guard. Sure, it takes some effort, but believe me, the rewards are well worth the sacrifices. It enhances your ability to contribute to the defense of your country and also provides excellent training for leadership in civilian life.

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER TRAINING—Their schools have been improved tremendously in recent months. Attendance at one of these academies is well worth everyone's time. This too produces better non-commissioned officers and provides excellent leadership and management training for civilian endeavors. We in the National Guard are fortunate to have this available to us at no personal cost, other than time. Think carefully before you pass up such opportunities.

SERVICE SCHOOLS—While attendance at qualifying service schools has been mandatory for officers over a number of

years, we are now placing great emphasis on enlisted service schools. These schools are available at no cost to you and you are paid your regular active duty pay. Information on these schools is available in your units along with proper application forms. Take a few moments and look at what is available and avail yourself of the opportunity for not only self improvement but providing yourself with the education and training that will make you a much better product for both the Ohio Army National Guard and society.

CURRENT STUDIES—For a number of months now, we have been conducting studies in order to determine the schooling and best methods to improve our leadership training. Along with teaching methods, we are also looking at the makeup of our troop strength and what is needed for good leadership. These studies are being conducted with the cooperation of the Mershon Center at Ohio State University. We are anticipating that results and conclusions will be available in the near future so that we can determine what we should do.

While I mentioned a number of areas in which we have made significant progress over the past few years, there are many others too numerous to mention at this time. However, as we finalize our investigations and look at the results, it all comes down to one thing—that is a better Ohio National Guard contributing to people and communities with an end result of a better state and nation. You're part of all this. Personally, I'm extremely proud to be part of it and to be able to serve with you.

JAMES M. ABRAHAM
Brigadier General
Asst Adj Gen for Army

Penny-wise Cuts Would Hurt

BY CPT MICHAEL B. LAFFERTY

The U.S. House of Representatives' desire to shave a few pennies from the national defense budget by eliminating drill pay for chaplains, public affairs, civil affairs and judge advocates officers would cause more problems than the effort is worth.

According to senior defense department officials, the move would seriously undermine the personnel counselling,

public relations and disciplinary efforts of the National Guard, and drive many junior officers from the service.

The House approved, but, after strong lobbying, the Senate defeated, the proposal in 1977. The House is now considering the proposal again. Under the plan, officers affected would drill for retirement points, not pay. They would be paid only for two weeks annual training.

Depending on the branch, most Ohio Guard officers contacted thought the

plan either unconstitutional, damaging to the good public relations effort mounted by the Guard over the last few years, or bad personnel management. Every officer contacted thought it "dumb."

"The theory is that we're perfectly trained clergymen (lawyers, public relations experts, etc.) and that we don't need any additional training," said MAJ James Vincent.

MAJ Vincent, one of five chaplains in
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"I Have To Go . . . Why?"

EDITOR'S NOTE: This month's "It's Your View" column was written by SGT Mike Gilbert, a member of the Ohio Army National Guard's Company C, 612th Engineer Bn., Norwalk. Any Ohio Guardmember, Army or Air, is invited to express his or her opinion on any topic concerning the Guard in this column. Send your typewritten double-spaced article (in 250 words or less) to "It's Your View", care of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085. We reserve the right to edit all articles for clarity.

BY SGT MIKE GILBERT

You're laying on the couch watching the eleven o'clock news. You listen as newsmen tell you about a nearby city that was hit by a tornado or a county that had tons of snow dumped on it. You think, "I hope it never happens here."

It's three o'clock in the morning. Your family is safe and sound asleep.

The phone rings. At first you think your dreaming, but after the sixth ring, you know it's real. You answer the phone. Sleepily you say hello. The voice on the phone says "Mike, this is Sgt. Shappard". You say "Who?" "Sgt Sheppard" the voice replies. "Ya, what can I do for you?" you reply thinking to yourself what the hell does he want? By now all the kids are up crying and asking questions. Your wife stumbles

out of the bedroom asking questions and tries to quiet the kids down. You remember the eleven o'clock news earlier that night. Your wife and kids' voices fall deaf on your ears, as the voice on the phone says "Our unit has been activated".

You hang up the phone and ten thousand thoughts race through your mind. Your wife and kids start in with the questions. "Who was it?" "What's he want?" "Daddy are you going away?" "How long are you going to be gone?"

As you start to get dressed and get your gear together, the family's voices go faint as your mind races. What will you do if you find a dead body? Is my steel pot in the basement or in the kids toy box? What if you catch a looter? Where the hell is my mess kit? If you find a looter what will you do? Should you take your tent? If you accidentally do the wrong thing will you be legally responsible? Where's that damn mess kit? Can you handle it if you shine a flashlight into a car you found buried in the deep snow or under a fallen tree and its full of hurt or dead people? What if? What if? What if?

You finally get all your gear together. As you walk to the door you stop and kiss your wife and kids. They are asking you not to go. Then your mind races again. Who is going to take care of your family if something hap-

pens at home while you're gone?

As you get into your car and start for the armory the thoughts are still racing in your mind. Why should I go? Why should I leave my warm home and loving family? Why don't I call the armory and tell them the kids are sick or my wife's 59th cousin just passed away.

A voice in the back of your mind that started talking the minute your phone rang and has been getting louder and louder is saying, "You have to go." "You have to go."

But why? why? WHY.

It's not the pay or the food. It's not the fear of getting in trouble if you don't report. It's not the working conditions or the hours you have to work. What is it?

Is it because you're in on the action? Maybe its because some of your friends will be there too. Or is it the thanks you get from the people you help? Could be because you may need the help yourself someday. What would happen if there was a disaster and no one came to help? Is it the look on a little boy's face when you cut away a fallen tree and he sees that it missed his bicycle. Or the look on a family's face as you bring them fuel oil that they have been without for 48 sub-zero hours. Maybe its a combination of these things.

"I must report."

"I must go." "Why is it?"

Why Serve in the Guard?

BY SFC STAN FLAUGHER

Because I am an American, and love my country.

Because I am an Ohioan, and I'm proud to be a "Buckeye".

Because many times the citizens of Ohio need the Guard, I want to help.

Because I want to be part of the action, the Guard is exciting.

Because as a Guardsmember, I am part of the reserve force of the Army, I help to keep Armerica strong.

Because I am fortunate to share in the traditions and pride of the Guard, I feel humble.

Because I benefit my family financially and in other ways by being a member, I am a family man.

Because when I put on the uniform, I can hold my head erect, and look anyone in the eye.

Because the colors of Red, White and

Blue never run or fade. I do my best to uphold our flag.

Because democracy is the best form of government I have seen. I have seen several forms of rule.

The Guard is racially color blind. The color of my skin makes no difference to anyone.

Because as a Guardsmember I may follow any civilian occupation, and yet remain a part of the military.

Because if I do my job well, I will receive recognition for my achievements, in the form of promotions, or other awards.

Because in belonging, I meet many new people, and most become my friends. Friends are priceless.

Because above all, I have seen the ugly face of war. I don't want my family or yours to suffer such a disaster. Our best defense against this is a strong military to make potential enemies think twice before acting against us.

Rep. Wylie Honored By DSA

United States Congressman Chalmers P. Wylie recently received special recognition from the National Association of State Directors for Disaster Preparedness.

According to Major General James C. Clem, Adjutant General for Ohio and Director of the State Disaster Services Agency, "Congressman Wylie was presented this special award from the national association because of his consistent support of a strong national defense and his efforts to strengthen our nation's civil defense and overall disaster preparedness. He was one of the originators of the idea to consolidate all the federal disaster agencies to improve their effectiveness. Following last year's blizzard, he brought a congressional committee to Columbus to pursue the problems we had getting disaster assistance for our citizens."

Top Unit PAO's, Civilian Media Recognized by Ohio National Guard

BY SFC BOB DEVOE

Over 200 civilian and military public affairs personnel were honored in November at the Ohio National Guard's Second Annual Public Affairs Awards Conference in Worthington.

Guest of Honor for the affair was Major General Robert B. Solomon, Chief of Public Affairs for Department of the Army.

General Solomon emphasized, "The Ohio National Guard has the most outstanding Public Affairs program in the entire United States Army (including the National Guard, Reserves, and Active Army)".

He presented Thomas Jefferson Awards, from the Department of Defense, to CPT. Don Vaquera, State Information Officer; CPT. David Crosson, Information Officer for the Ohio Guard's State Area Command (STARC); and SFC Bob DeVoe, Assistant State Information Officer.

The Jefferson Award is DOD's top Public Affairs Award. The Ohio Guard captured two of these awards during 1978: One for BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine; and the other for a video documentary titled "Ground Poundin' '77".

"Ground Poundin' '77" was produced by CPT. Vaquera, CPT. Crosson and SFC DeVoe, who is also the editor of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine.

Earlier this year both "Ground Poundin' '77" and BUCKEYE GUARD placed first in Department of the Army's Keith L. Ware Awards for excellence in journalism.

Other Guests of Honor at the Awards Conference included MG James C. Clem, the Adjutant General for Ohio; BG James M. Abraham and BG Paul E. Hoover, Assistant Adjutant Generals for Army and Air, respectively.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Special awards were presented to COL. Carl A. Barklow, Director of Administrative Services; COL. Robert Orr, Army Aviation Officer; and LTC Joseph Vogel, Executive Officer, Ohio Air National Guard, for their outstanding support of the Ohio Guard Public Affairs effort.

LTC Jack Arlen, Information Officer for the Ohio Air Guard's 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, was named 1978's Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Officer of the year. His internal and external information programs were

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CAPTAIN DAVID CROSSON, Information officer for the Ohio National Guard's STARC, received a Thomas Jefferson award from MG Robert Solomon, Chief of Public Affairs, Department of the Army, for a video documentary titled "Ground Poundin' '77".

(Photo BY SSGT JIM KNAPP)

termed both "comprehensive and aggressive".

CIVILIAN HONORS

Twelve members of Ohio's civilian news media were also honored at the affair. They included:

MS. MARY ARTHUR, ECHO Publications, Cincinnati, Best Annual Training Feature Article for 1978.

MR. LEON BIBB, WCMH-TV, Columbus, Best Television Documentary — "Blizzard of '78".

MR. DAVE ESTEPP, WNCI Radio, Columbus, Outstanding Radio Public Service Award for 1978.

MS. MARY ANNE FACKELMAN, THE TOLEDO BLADE, Toledo, Best Newspaper Feature Article for 1978.

MS. MARCEY GOULDER, WBNS-TV, Columbus, Best Television Story for 1978, "Improved Image of the ONG".

MR. ED HUNTER, WSPD Radio, Toledo, Best Radio News Feature for 1978, "Get Your Guard Up".

MR. DAVE LAYMAN, WBNS-TV, Columbus Best Television Story During a Disaster—"ONG Medicopter Rescue".

MS. DEBBIE PACYNA, WTVN Radio, Columbus, Best Radio News Coverage for 1978—"Blizzard '78".

MR. ARLEN PENNELL, Columbus CITIZEN-JOURNAL, Best Civilian Photographer for 1978.

MS. SANDY STEIN and **MR. CHUCK WHITE**, WBNS-TV, Columbus, Outstanding Television Public Service Awards for 1978.

MR. RICK WILLIAMS, WMNI Radio, Columbus, Best Radio Mini-Documentary for 1978—"166th Infantry and British at Ft. Knox".

MR. CURT LUCKETT, WBNS-TV, Columbus, received the Buckeye Colonel Award for his consistently outstanding support of the Ohio National Guard.

MILITARY AWARDS

Other military awards included those
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1LT Ann Sabock Leads the Way

BY AB BRIAN CONNER

First Lieutenant Ann Sabock will be telling the members of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker AFB, where to go.

She will become not only the first woman navigator in the 160th but also in the Air National Guard.

Lt. Sabock received training in her field at Mather AFB, California. She returned in late May to undergo home station training at Rickenbacker.

Formerly a weapons controller, she spent two years in the Air Force before joining the Ohio Air National Guard. She worked in the Social Actions Office of the 160th while working for her master's degree in student personnel at Ohio State University.

"I wanted to fly, so when the slot became available, I applied," said Lt. Sabock. Asked how she felt about the job, she commented, "I foresee no difficulties with the crewmembers or the job. Everyone has been very helpful," she added.

Future plans for Lt. Sabock include working for a nearby university as a counselor when not flying with the Guard. She also plans to work toward her doctorate in student personnel.

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Sabock of State College, Pa., she has one brother who is a teacher and football coach in Alliance.



Photo By SSGT Tom Foley

1LT Ann Sabock

He's An Honorary 'First Shirt'

BY SSG ROBERT V. ANDERSON

At the age of 17, Michael F. Varwig and his twin brother, Mitchell, enlisted in the Marine Corps. While out for a drive with their father, Paul Varwig, and a cousin, Tom Prebe, the weekend before their physical, their car was sideswiped by another car forcing them off the road.

Mike threw himself over his cousin, to protect him, and because of this act he was thrown against the inside of the car and received a severe injury to his back. As a result he lost the use of both his legs.

This happened about ten years ago to a young man who refused to give up. He started working out in physical fitness so that he could participate in sports that he liked. His courage and determination paid off.

In New York, 1972, he won a bronze medal in the Wheelchair Olympics. In the

Olympics in 1973 he won one gold medal and one silver.

At the National Wheelchair Games in Columbus, Ohio in 1974 he received four third place medals. He has also won first place in pool playing, swimming, javelin throwing and weight lifting.

Mike is now 26 years old and has won the respect of many people. Among those many are the men and women of the 612th Engr Bn, A Co. To show this respect they have voted that Mike be an honorary First Sergeant of A Co.

Wherever A Co. goes arrangements are made so that Mike can be with them. He was with the Company the last two years during summer training. His uniform was bought by the men and women of A Co.

Mike is the stepson of SSG Donald Mominee, Platoon Sgt. of the Third Platoon. He was married on the 26th of August of this year to Denise Przybylski.



MIKE VARWIG

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RECRUITING ROUND-UP



The latest news on recruiting and retention including kudos for our go-getters!

BY CPT DENNIS M. JANKOWSKI

At present, our recruiting figures show we had a net gain in recruiting for the month of October and November looks quite promising.

While the tuition assistance program continues to be our number one benefit, only 20 Army units were able to succeed in the Chief's Challenge, March-Sept. 78.

Hat's off to these successful units.:

Co.A, (-) 166 Inf.	+22
HHD, OHARNG	19
Det. 1, 1416 TC Co.	17
437th Avn Co	15
AAir Troop 107 AC	15
Btry C 1/136 FA	12
Btry B (-) 2/174 ADA	11
Co A 372 Engr Bn	11
HHC 134 Engr Gp	10
383 Med Co.	9
Co C 216 Engr Bn.	9
Co B (-) 1/166 Inf	9
1485 TC Co.	7
1484 TC Co	7
200 Med Co	7
HHC 1/147 Inf	7
Det I Co. A 1/147 Inf	7
HHC 137 S&S Bn.	6
385 Med Co.	6
Det 1 Co A 166th Inf	6

A SPECIAL MENTION TO CW2 LANDES and SSG SHIRLEY SHAMBAUGH over in Ashland, the 1486th Transportation Company combined their full page sponsored display ad in the **ASHLAND TIMES-GAZETTE** with a successful Open House. Over 250 members of the community attended resulting in six bona fide enlistments!

Also, kudos to the **837TH ENGINEER CO.** and **1/148TH INFANTRY** for staging an exceptional "Engineer Demonstration Day" in Lima. Eight enlistments have materialized thus far, with hopes for more to come.

Congratulations to our **SPRINGFIELD** and **CINNCINNATI** units and recruiters responsible for hosting our new shooting/recruiting display at the Upper Valley and Tri County Malls, respectively.

BLUE STREAK REFERRALS

Our new Blue Streak Referral Program continues to roll along, stimulating new leads and recruits. In case you haven't heard, over 150,000 Blue Streak Referral

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THE ONCE OVER—Bob Wessel, of Mainville, O., paused at Cincinnati's Tri-County Mall recently to give Ohio National Guard recruiting literature the "once-over". Two Playboy Club bunnies, Kim Donaldson (left) and Ginger Turley volunteered their time to pass out Ohio Guard materials during Armed Forces Week at the mall. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE)

Cards are now in the field. They're an easy way for every Guardmember to bring their friends into local units and earn quite a few extra dollars part time,

over and above drill pay. Sound interesting? Just call your closest Regional Recruiting Center or toll-free 1-800-282-7310 for further details.

'It's A Real Outlet to be A Barbarian'

BY CPT STEVE STONE

A muffled moan gurgled forth from inside a medieval helmet as an imposing Attila the Hun delivered a skull crushing blow to the head of his opponent.

While the location was the front steps of the Camp Grayling chapel, the scene was something straight out of Ivanhoe.

Clad in leather and steel body armor, a shield on one arm and wielding a heavy wooden broadsword, Captain Paul E. Webster, 16th Engineer Brigade, Staff Judge Advocate Officer, Ohio Army National Guard, seemed strangely out of place among his 20th century contemporaries.

Webster is a member of the Society for Creative Anachronisms Inc., a California based organization dedicated to reliving the Middle Ages. The Guardsman is one of an estimated 12,000 in the United States who participate.

Jousting is just one way Society members harken back to the Middle Ages—but it's the favorite of Captain Webster.

BARBARIC OUTLET

"It's a real outlet for me to be a barbarian," says the citizen-soldier who is an attorney in Columbus.

"Call it elegant violence," adds Webster, who goes by the name of Grimdore Hawksbane in jousting circles.

Grimdore was a Norse barbarian, a creature of Webster's imagination, but clothed in painstaking research.

Webster can tell you a lot—and more—about Grimdore.

The 33-year-old Guard officer became heavily involved with the days of King Arthur after attending a Renaissance Fair in San Diego.

Inspired, Webster went home and started making his jousting weapons and body armor. Eventually, he turned out some 100 pounds of equipment—leather protective gear, heavy metal helmets, swords, shields, mace, etc.

JOUSTING PRACTICE

"It took several months to a year to learn how to use the equipment effectively," explained the captain, who now practices two or three times a month for jousting tournaments.

As a matter of fact, Webster brought along his medieval gear to annual training this year and informally jousted with some fellow troopers behind the mess hall.

Gridmore Hawksbane takes the jousting seriously.

Recently, he got to the semi-finals of the winners bracket in the Crown tournament at St. Louis.

"I've been involved with violence all my life—I fenced in college, boxed in the Navy," said Webster, who found that



jousting was an excellent vehicle for further such activity.

"I'm sure that there are people who think I'm crazy as hell," he admits.

Not so, his family.

"My wife, she has a ball about it all. She's a lady of the middle ages," says Webster.

OLD RULES

Jousting tournaments are fought by the age old rules of chivalry . . . you don't hit a man when he's down . . . accept and admit defeat honorably.

The home-made weapons are put together exactly as they were made in the Middle Ages—but they are not as potent.

As an example—the "great sword"—a fighting instrument five feet long was built with wood, duct tape, with a metal handle.

Wood and duct tape? Child's play?

Not so.

When you're whacked on a leg with

Webster's version of the great sword—it hurts.

Specialist Fifth Class Dan Mergy, a Guardsman from the 134th Engineer Group at Blue Ash, put on some of Grimdore's gear for some jousting in front of the camp chapel.

Grimdore quickly moved in for the kill.

Mergy "lost" his left leg and sustained some head "injuries" in the 15-minute battle.

No, Mergy didn't really lose that leg—but next day he sported a big welt.

Watching Grimdore in action at Grayling was First Lieutenant Bernard Bonnot, chaplain for the 437th Military Police Battalion.

Would the chaplain care to take on the heathen?

"I'd be helpless before this barbaric brute," cracked Chaplain Bonnot.

Words to the liking of Grimdore who uttered a gruff note of accord.

M Company Trains With Canadians

By CPT DENNIS HITCH

Officers of an Ohio National Guard and a Canadian Forces reserve unit solved the training "blahs" this fall by scheduling a weekend joint field exercise in Northeast Ohio.

Soldiers from M. Co., 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry and Canada's 48th Highlanders, participated in a tank-infantry exercise on the yellowing brush and scrub-covered fields of the Ravenna Arsenal near Akron.

Tanks, armored personnel carriers, helicopters and jeeps were navigated across terrain that, in some locations, was bone dry and in others was infested with mud holes and mosquitoes. The piercing cracks from blank rifle ammunition, and the thunder of artillery simulators, the beating thump, thump of the helicopters and the roar of the tank engines added to the realism of the exercise.

The men from the two NATO reserve units were integrated into two tank-infantry teams. Each team spent half the day on offense and the other half on defense. Team Alpha led by LT. John DeCarlos of Company M started the exercise simulating the offensive tactics of the communist Warsaw Pact nations while Team Bravo guided by LT Keith Wright of the 48th Highlanders utilized the defensive tactics practiced by the NATO allies.

GOOD CHOW

There was a break for some good "chow" prepared by the M. Company mess section. The word about the good food must have leaked early because arriving to observe the activities were J. R. "Johe" Brewer, vice-commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Col. John Siemer, head of Veterans Affairs for the State of Ohio; William McGovern, Commander of Disabled American Veterans, Paul Welsh, Adjutant AMVETS; Beryl Ward, Adjutant DAV; and other dignitaries and news media people.

"This is probably the highpoint of many of these young men's military careers," said Canadian MAJ William Jen-



A MEMBER of the Canadian 48th Highlanders prepares his anti-tank weapon for a confrontation with an "enemy" tank. (PHOTO BY SP5 SCOTT BRUCE)

sen. LTC John Simmons, commander of the 48th Highlanders pointed out the similarity in equipment between the NATO allies in communications and armament, although he did say the U.S. M16 rifle is slightly lighter than the Canadian rifle.

The only apprehension on the part of the soldiers was that tear gas might be used. It seems that even with protective masks available, the Canadian soldier is just as cautious with the use of gas as

his American counterpart.

BAGPIPE BAND

The Canadians arrived Friday night and there was a colorful review of "parade", as the Canadians say, in the Ravenna Armory. Music was provided by the talented McCullum Highlanders bagpipe band from Stow, Ohio. The pipers greeted the neighbors from the north with their regimental song, "Highland Laddie."

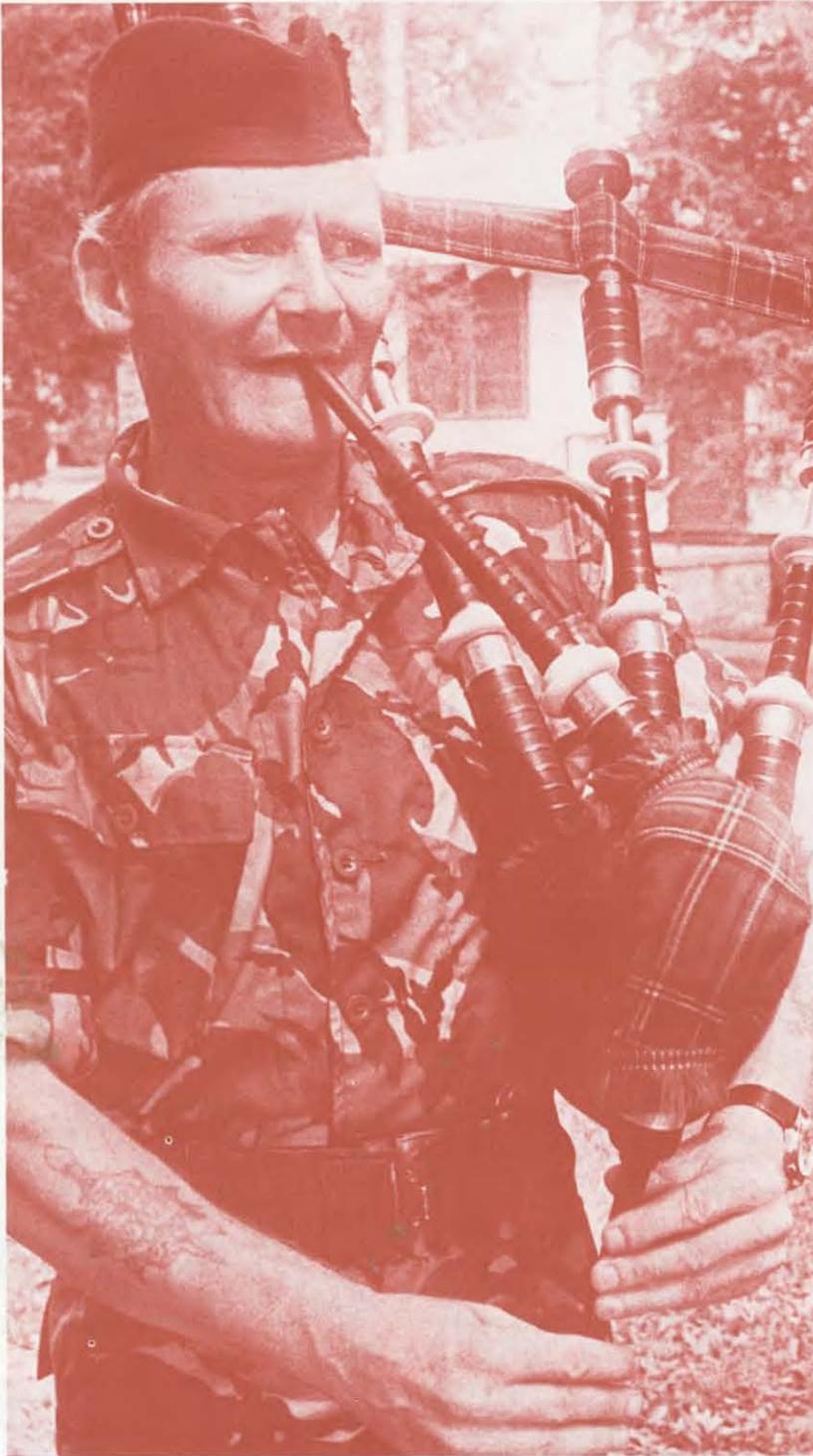
Benefits Booklet Now Available From TROA

A new Reserve Retirement Benefits booklet has been prepared by the Retired Officers Association for the convenience of National Guardsmen, ready reservists and those retired reservists under age 60—officers and enlisted—to explain the entitlements and benefits they can expect to receive upon qualifying for retired pay at age 60.

The booklet is also well-suited for the reservist already receiving retired pay, but who may not know about other benefits earned through reserve service.

To request this informative booklet write to: The Retired Officers Association, 1625 Eye St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20006.

UK Reservists Train With Guard



Scottish Piper

TRUE TO THE SCOTTISH TRADITION, a crew of bagpipers was on hand at Fort Knox, Ky., in September when Scottish reserve troops trained with members of the Ohio National Guard's 1166th Infantry. Here, CPL John Luke tunes his bagpipe during a mid-day practice session. (PHOTO BY PFC RICK LEWIS)

BY SFC DONALD R. LUNDY

Up in the boardrooms at NATO, the Chief Executive Officers (CEO's) are discussing in proud terms America's new commitment to perhaps the best known multi-national defense organization of modern times. The Chief Executive Officers like what they see of NATO's new Long Term Defense Program.

Thanks to the efforts of men such as Supreme Allied Commander General Alexander M. Haig, and Ambassador Robert W. Komer, Defense Secretary Harold Brown's Special Advisor for NATO Affairs, those CEO's at NATO are witnessing a rebirth in the U.S. commitment to its European allies. After what has been referred to as a "decade of neglect," the U.S. interest and leadership in NATO is being re-emphasized in several ways.

Combat-effective readiness of the U.S. Military in Europe as well as the active and reserve forces in CONUS is being closely examined. More and more attention is being paid to restructuring U.S. reinforcement capabilities. In the event of a confrontation between NATO and Warsaw Pact countries, the Russians and their allies previously have had a decided advantage. This was due to their strength in Eastern Europe and the ability of the Russians to throw massive numbers of troops into the fray very quickly. It is a military fact of life that the U.S. must be able to counter with reinforcements very quickly. Some of those reinforcements must be already in Europe, some must come from CONUS.

TEST BEDS

Joint military exercises such as the massive "Reforger" exercises held in Europe the past two years are billed as "test beds" for U.S. reinforcement and build-up capabilities.

Fort Knox, Kentucky, is a long way from the "Boardrooms" of NATO. However, an "exchange program" that took place at Fort Knox in August, 1978, involving infantry soldiers from the Ohio National Guard and reserves from the United Kingdom is part of the military "big picture." This picture is not about war, but about preparation for a war that hopefully won't ever occur.

In the event a major confrontation ever does take place in Europe, it is important that allied forces be able to integrate and fight well together.

Fortunately, some of the people up in the boardrooms feel that a good way to accomplish this is through joint training. This involves getting "down in the pits" together, finding out how a comparable



DAY IS DONE—Scottish soldiers unload after a day of field training at Fort Knox. The Scottish troops spent two weeks in this country training with members of the 166th Infantry, Ohio Army National Guard. The training was part of a NATO program designed to give allied troops a better look at how their counterparts train. (PHOTO BY DON LUNDY)

allied unit operates—and this is what happened at Fort Knox.

Involved in the training at the U.S. Army Armor Center were members of the 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry, Ohio National Guard, and members of the 2d Battalion, 42d Lowland Volunteers, from Edinburgh, Scotland.

BEST DEAL

For the 130 Scots, it was an opportunity to train on foreign soil, and they liked it. "We got the best of the deal, I'd say," noted Corporal Alfred Dornan, a veteran of several years in the regular British Army.

"We often wonder how American troops train," Dornan said. "We see some stuff on TV, but it's not like being here."

Dornan, an expert rifleman, praised the M16 rifle, standard weapon of the U.S. foot-soldier. The Scots fired the M16 at Fort Knox, giving them a change from their regular weapon, a 7.62 caliber Self Loading Rifle (SLR). "The M16 is light and it doesn't have much of a kick," said Dornan, who placed numerous shots within a

2-inch shot pattern from a distance of 50 meters.

Other training included vital infantry fare such as squad and platoon defensive maneuvers, grenade assault exercises, anti-tank training and land navigation movements.

LTC Herbert B. Eagon, Commander of the 166th Infantry, ONG, is delighted his battalion was selected to participate in the NATO exchange program. At the same time the training was taking place at Fort Knox, a company-sized contingent from the 1/166th Infantry, OARNG, was training with British reserves at Sennybridge in South Wales.

"I think we developed a mutual appreciation of each other's capabilities and limitations," said LTC Eagon. "Were we ever to serve with British troops, we'd have a much better idea of how they operate."

Eagon's assessment of the Scottish troops: "They are eager, well-disciplined soldiers. They have a 'can-do' attitude."

MORE EXPERIENCE

The attitude of Ohio's National Guard

troops about their Scottish counterparts can be summed up from this comment by SFC John Hampertz, of the 1/166th. Hampertz, an ex-marine, said: "These guys know what they're doing. They train hard, but they have a good time at it." After all, noted Hampertz, "These people have more experience than us. They have been fighting for 1,000 years. We in the U.S. have only 200 years' experience."

Some may question the necessity of conducting joint training exercises between reserve forces of NATO allies, but the overall conclusion is that they are time and money well spent. They are valuable not only from the standpoint of being a goodwill gesture between two allied countries, but in the interest of knowing how the other country's military apparatus works.

The one-on-one interplay between individuals from the two countries has a massive ripple effect. Who knows the value gained from knowledge taken back to the respective home areas and shared with military compatriots, families, friends and co-workers.

Alpha Company Has AT in England



Grenade Practice

A SCOTTISH instructor demonstrates the proper way to throw a grenade to an Ohio Guardsman during Annual Training in Sennybridge, Wales. (PHOTO BY SP5 BOB VINCENT)

BY SFC JERRY CONDO

Stewed tomatoes for breakfast in a chow line amid the rolling hills of South Wales.

Strange breakfast food in a strange environment.

But, it became old hat for men of Company A of the Ohio Army National Guard's 166th Infantry.

The Guardsmen from Washington Court House based Company A pulled annual training overseas, and they returned to home station in early October full of stories and short of calories. They also learned quite a bit about some fellow troops from the United Kingdom.

All in all, company commander CPT. Larry Hott, 32, of Washington C.H., thought the 16-day annual training overseas was a big plus for his unit. "It was a great opportunity. We trained with a NATO ally and it was different training," said Hott.

Hott and the 140 men of Alpha Company returned to the U.S. and Rickenbacker Air Force Base Oct. 1.

VIVID MEMORIES

They brought back vivid memories of an annual training which included war games, night fire and other field training activity.

Training was carried out at Sennybridge, South Wales where the United Kingdom has a large military training base. Alpha Company trained with Scottish reservists—elements of the Second Battalion, 52nd Lowland Volunteers, Edinburg Scotland.

"Their troops were very young, some 16 and 17," said SSG Michael McCormick, 29, of Washington C.H., the unit AST.

"They depended a lot on good leadership," added McCormick, who quickly added that the Scots had such leadership in the non-commissioned officers.

The soldiers from Ohio and Scotland learned they had things in common. "We griped about the same things, food and work," said McCormick.

The food.

Well, Company A is back home and still talking about it. One morning the Ohioans dined on stewed tomatoes, eggs, pork and beans and "half cooked bacon," said one member of Company A.

McCormick claimed he lost 15 pounds overseas.

SSG Ronnie Penrod, 31, Washington C.H., communications chief for the unit, said everything seemed "greasy."

The Guardsmen used the Scots' weapons, not their own, in the field. According to CPT. Hott, his men familiarized and then qualified with the

weapons, which included a 7.62 mm rifle that was similar to the M-14.

The Ohioans thought the 7.62 was "decent enough", but apparently felt more at ease with the M-16.

DRONE TARGETS

One unusual feature of the across-the-ocean training was weapons firing at drones, something like model air planes which had a six-foot wing span.

"We had never done anything like that before," said CPT. Hott, who said his men "dropped" four of the drones with machine guns.

The highlight of the AT was the middle weekend visit to London where the men of Co. A. billeted at the Union Jack Club, a military facility, and took in all the sights.

Weather was no problem. Temperatures were slightly chilly, but rain stayed away for the most part.

Purpose for the overseas training was to give the Guardsmen training with a NATO ally.

"I think this (overseas training) is the greatest thing going for the Guard," CPT. Hott said.

\$4 Cover

English Food Loses to McDonald's

BY SFC JERRY CONDO

London took some getting used to for at least one of the soldiers of Company A, 166th Infantry.

SP4 Mitchell Vincent, a 24-year-old gunner, was one of about 80 troops from the company who chose to spend the middle weekend of their 16-day AT in England at London.

Vincent said he spent a good part of that weekend cruising pubs, and doing some sightseeing.

"A lot of those bars charged you as much as \$4 to get in and then they wanted \$2 or so for a drink. They got us everywhere we went," Vincent lamented.

The beer?

"It was a little bit stronger and they served it warm. But, you didn't notice it that much after you had a few," said Vincent.

The Ohioans were bused to London from South Wales training sites and arrived there late Friday night. They left London about 2 p.m. Sunday for resumption of training.

They stayed at a military hotel that was nice, "but wasn't as nice as a Holiday Inn," Vincent observed.

Vincent hit a few strip joints.

"They weren't quite as wild as some of them back home," said the young trooper.

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MORTAR BUSINESS—An Ohio Guardsman from Co. A, 166th Infantry, received instruction on the use of a mortar from his Scottish counterpart. Members of the 166th received familiarization with British weapons during their two week training session in England. (PHOTO BY SP5 BOB VINCENT)

Resident Flight School Open to ONG Personnel

Resident Flight School, conducted at Fort Rucker, Alabama, is now available to all qualified officers and enlisted personnel of the Ohio Army National Guard.

According to COL. Robert Orr, duration of the flight school is ten and one-half months. Orr is the State Aviation Officer.

For selection criteria, see AR 611-85 for enlisted Guardmembers, and AR 611-110 for officers.

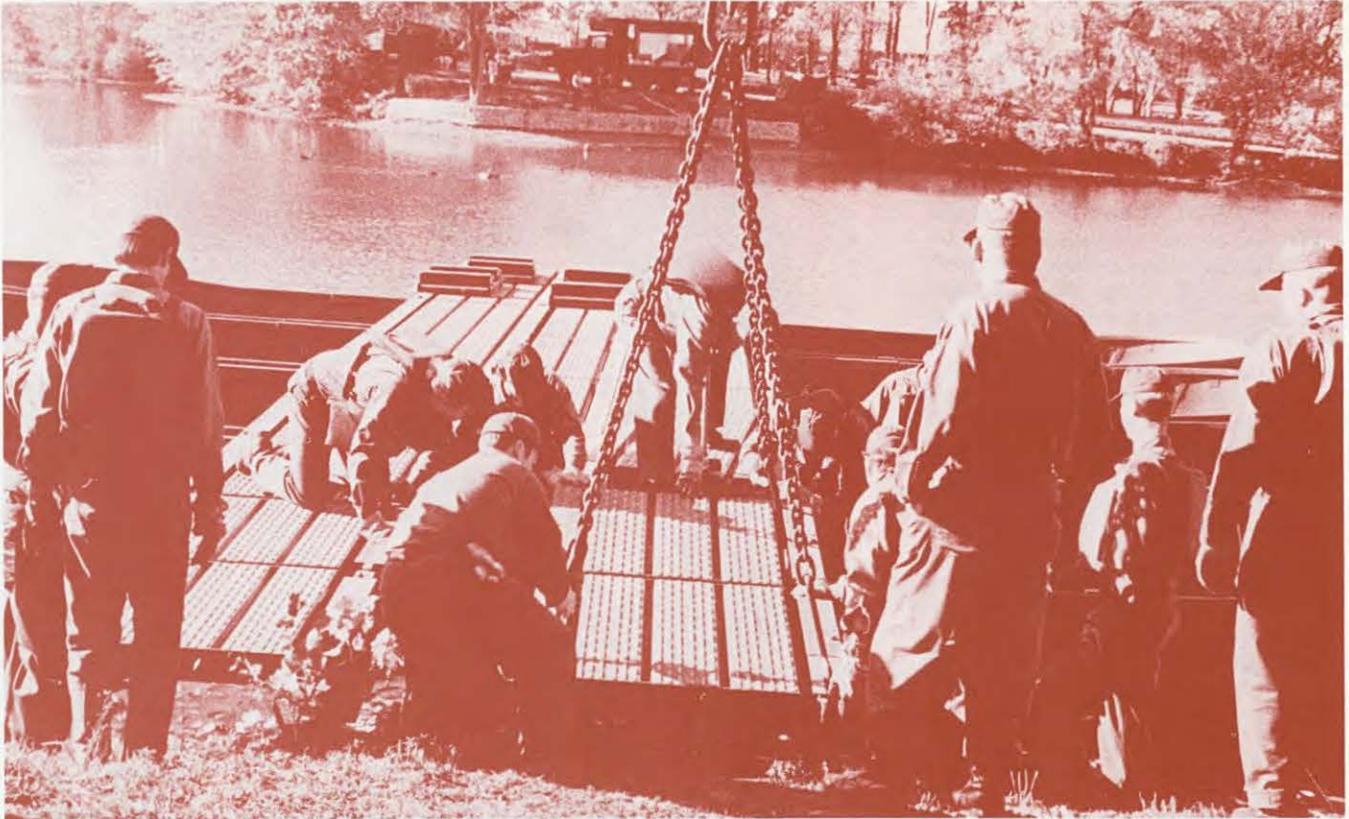
Those interested in flight school should contact either of the Ohio Army National Guard's Aviation Support Facilities for addition informa-

tion; or to schedule the required physical examination and Flight Aptitude Selection Test.

Ohio's two Army Aviation Support Facilities are:

Army Aviation Support Facility #1, Akron-Canton Airport, Greensburg, O. 44232, telephone commercial (216) 896-1932, or Autovon 580-5717. CPT Leistiko is the Operations Officer.

Army Aviation Support Facility #2, 2827 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085, telephone commercial (614) 889-7125, or Autovon 346-7125. Major John S. Martin is the Operations Officer.



TAKE IT EASY! Members of the Ohio Guard's 837th Engineers demonstrate how to construct a bridge during "Engineer Demonstration Day" in Lima. The raft can be completely assembled in 35 minutes with a full bridge company. (PHOTO BY SSG NANCY CLEVINGER)

Engineers, Infantry Host Ohio Guard 'Demonstration Day' in Lima

BY SSG NANCY CLEVINGER

One of the most beautiful fall days of the season, October 21st, had the 837th Engineers' beehive buzzing.

The engineers, located in Lima, Ohio (with direction from Cpt Joseph Bowsher and assistance from 1SG Frank Cartwright) conducted an "Engineer's Demonstration Day". The weather couldn't have been nicer and the steady stream of townspeople coming to Hover Park located next to the Armory, showed the real interest of the community.

Mayor Harry Moyer proclaimed October 21 National Guard Day and he was on hand to receive a Certificate of Recognition from Brigadier General Robert Teater, commanding general of the 73rd Infantry Brigade. Moyer recognized the outstanding accomplishments of the 837th Engineer Company and the 1st Battalion of the 148th Infantry, not only for their military readiness, but for the many public service projects undertaken throughout Lima and Allen County.

The townspeople are proud of their citizen-soldiers. One lady said she lived down the street and she was amazed at the equipment they have and what they can do. "All these years I had not known

what was on those 'big trucks', and now I know", she said.

Captain Joseph Bowsher, commander of the 837th Engr said, "The purpose of having the Engineer's Day is so we can show the community what we do, how we do it and what we have to offer the community."

During the day the men built a "light tactical raft" and a "floating raft". Lt. Michael Corson explained that the raft is used to cross small channels or rivers. In combat, the "light tactical raft" can be built in 35 minutes. Consisting of eight aluminum pontoons (boats) 45 feet wide, the raft easily will carry a 2-½ ton truck.

The tactical raft is powered by 25 h.p. motors attached to each pontoon. The maneuverability is important in ferrying equipment to share as quickly as possible. The "floating raft" can be built in about four hours. There are only six floating rafts in the entire Reserve Components throughout the United States.

Hundreds of people watched as the rafts were built. Then to show everything works, the Guards drove a 2½-ton truck onto a tactical raft and anchored it in the middle of the lake.

The engineers also demonstrated a water purification system. If you had seen the dirty, murky water from the lake, you would have been hesitant to taste it, but Mayor Moyer tried it and pronounced it very good. A real water expert, Lima Director of Water Purification, Galen Gault, tasted the purified water and said, "The water is very good and real clear. It's nice to know a unit like this is available in case the city needs it".

The 837th Ladies Auxiliary sold concessions from a wagon donated by the Pepsi Cola Company. They enjoyed the day and their profits, which will be used for their big Christmas party and dance.

Disc Jockey, Pete Stevens from WCIT Radio was there to give a live broadcast throughout the day. We now have a new member of the Guard because Pete is now joining the 73rd Aviation section as a helicopter pilot. Pete served as a pilot in Vietnam. We also had four more recruits that were sworn in by Brigadier General Robert Teater that same day.

While all the festivities were going on at the park, the members of the Ada, 837th Det.2 unit were very busy helping the elderly members of the community. They are building a very impressive

wheelchair ramp out at the Allen County Inn for the Aged. Prior to their deciding to build this ramp the patients could not get into the yard area unless they were ambulatory. Now, thanks to the 837th Engineers they will be able to enjoy the great outdoors also.

"We need the exposure to the public of what we can do and how well we can do it" said 1SG Frank Cartwright. "There are

too many people in the civilian world that think all we can do is control riots and shovel snow in times of emergency. We do a lot more and the citizens need to see what we do."

The day was filled with all types of people and the place was a "beehive".

As SFC Dyer of the Ada Unit said, "We are really proud of our projects. The guys put a great deal of effort into what they

are doing and it really means a lot to us to be able to do it for the people".

That's what the guard is really all about. To fulfill our mission in time of peace as well as during an emergency or war. It is great to know that you and I are a small part of the Guard and doing our part to let the communities around the state know what we are all about.

47 New Officers Commissioned by OMA

BY CPT ROBERT HARRIS

Forty-seven men and women were recently added to the officers corps of the Ohio Army National Guard by BG James M. Abraham who administered the oath of office on the parade field at Camp Perry.

The guest speaker was Mr. David Skylar, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Northern Ohio.

MG James C. Clem, the Adjutant General, presented the diplomas to the graduates.

The graduates completed a 13 month program of intense classroom and field training that has prepared them for the challenge of leadership.

"The training in the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Ranger Training in Florida, the classroom instruction and the constant availability of the cadre, staff and faculty has made the past year a very worthwhile learning experience," said 2LT Joseph J. Poptic II of Newton Falls, who was the top leadership graduate of Class 25. Poptic has been assigned to the 324th Military Police Company of Warren. He is an

ex-marine and is employed as a pipefitter at the Packard Electric Company in Warren. He is married and is the father of four children.

2LT Kenneth C. Prohn of Mantua, was the outstanding graduate and was also the recipient of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

He has been assigned to Headquarters Detachment, Third Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry, Stow; and is employed as a warehouseman for Western Electric. Prohn is married and has two children.

Others receiving commissions include: Thomas A. Baker, Dayton; Juan G. Becerra, Toledo; Terry A. Benjamin, Lima; Jerry A. Blankenship, New Richmond; George E. Brainard, Youngstown; Richard W. Brainard, Jefferson; Howard A. Bullis, Springfield; Robert M. Carlson, Toledo; Chris A. Coy, Columbus; Paula J. Crosby, Columbus; Martin C. Davis, Walbridge; Claude E. DeLoach, Cleveland; David J. Donaldson, Shaker Heights; Carolyn E. Drown, Columbus; Willie J. Early, E. Cleveland;

Stephen E. Elick, Logan; Thomas J. Egelhoff, Columbus; Alan L. Foutz, Minerva; James J. Gaudiello, Huron; Johnnie L. Hayes, Healthy; Lester E. Imboden, Jr., Columbus; Robert G. Jones, Mentor on the Lake; John R. Kachenmeister, Toledo; Richard J. Kruis, Mantua; Daniel L. Kryzanowski, Niles; James D. Lendo, Toledo; Patrick K. McVicker, Toledo; Ronald R. Mihitsch, Madison; Lawrence R. Needles, Toledo; George H. New, Cincinnati; Charles W. Poole, Sandusky; Joseph J. Poptic II, Newton Falls; Kenneth C. Prohn, Mantua; Richard P. Rafeld, Nankin; Thomas D. Reynolds, Polk; Wayne R. Rolsen, Columbus; Ronald C. Rucker, Columbus; Edgar E. Schooley, Fairfield; John J. Seman, Cleveland; James D. Shiley, Niles; Susan M. Slyh, Columbus; Darrell O. Smith, Swanton; Michael R. Snow, Columbus; Harold Summerville, Jr., Masury; William Tucker, Jr., Toledo; Joseph H. Weir II, Lima; and Walter L. Woods, N. Canton.

Guard C-130 Crew Aids in Rescue

BY LT. COL. JACK ARLEN

A C-130 crew from Mansfield, Ohio's 179th Tactical Airlift Group assisted in the rescue of an injured seaman while participating in "Exercise Best Focus 78."

The Mansfield Air National Guard crew was furnishing airlift support to the exercise which was being conducted from Rygge Air Station, Norway. Best Focus is a biennial international reconnaissance competition. Units representing Norway, Denmark, Germany, Canada, United Kingdom and the United States participated in the exercise.

The Mansfield C-130 was enroute from

England to Norway when contacted by the Royal Air Force (RAF) Rescue Service and asked to assist in the rescue of a seaman who had been injured and needed airlift to a hospital. The ship was located by radio fix by the C-130 crew and a British helicopter in the North Sea off the coast of Scarborough. Mansfield's C-130 was asked to fly "top cover" for the rescue.

In flying top cover the C-130 crew relayed radio calls between Edinborough Rescue and the helicopter. After the seaman was rescued and enroute to the hospital, the Mansfield crew further assisted by relaying medical information between Scarborough Hospital and the

helicopter.

Col. Emerson E. Lewis, aircraft commander and commander of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, received thanks for his crew's participation in the operation from the RAF Rescue Service. The helicopter was from the 202nd Squadron, Leconfield, England.

Besides Col. Lewis, crew members were Capt. Donald H. Schendel, Mansfield; Maj. James H. Smith, Mansfield; Capt Carl L. Davis, Cardington; MSGT Russell Leadbetter, Massillon; TSGT Gregory Eyster, Mansfield; MSGT Harold Hunter, Shelby; SRA Stewart Brumenshenkel, Mansfield; and SSGT Rodney F. Snyder, Butler.

179th Assists Handicapped at New Hope

BY LT. COL. JACK ARLEN

Members of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, have again donated their time and skills in helping the New Hope School for retarded and handicapped children. The men are members of the Mansfield Chapter of the Air National Guard NCO Academy Graduates Association.

The local chapter of the NCO Academy Grads Association have worked on various projects for the Richland County New Hope School. This latest project called for furnishing the manpower for assembling and installing playground equipment which the school had purchased.

In addition to many other projects, the Mansfield NCOs have adopted the New Hope School and conduct a variety of projects for the students at the county-wide school. Yearly projects for the students at New Hope include a Christmas party at the base, base tours, picnics and transportation and assistance for overnight camping trips. The NCOs have also installed playground equipment once before for the school.

The Mansfield NCOs have also been quite active in the Area 5 Special Olympics for the past three years. This past year saw over 300 students from nine county schools participate in the Special Olympics track meet. The New Hope School is included in Area 5. Mansfield Guardsmen served as judges, timers and simply as friends to the mentally retarded children during the day long event.

The Mansfield Chapter of the Air National Guard NCO Academy Graduates Association number 57 members who have graduated from this top level school.

Legal Services Now Available to Retirees

National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve retirees who are age 60 or over are eligible for legal assistance. Dependents and widows/widowers are also eligible.

Legal assistance officers are available for consultation and assistance on personal legal problems "of a civil nature". Actions routinely handled by legal assistance include home buying or renting, wills, purchase of automobiles, and powers of attorney, etc.

Legal assistance officers are not allowed to advise you on matters pertaining to business pursuits. (FORSCOM)



MEMBERS OF MANSFIELD'S 179th Tac Airlift Group are busy here assembling playground equipment for the New Hope School. MSgt Dale Echelberger and MSgt Bill Fox stake locations while MSgt Charles Matney holds the measuring tape. (PHOTO BY MSGT ZANE ZIMMERMAN)

Survivor's Benefit Plan Changed by New Law

Effective October 1, 1978 Public Law 95-397 affords Reserve Component Personnel (to include former members) the opportunity to participate in the Extended Survival Benefit Plan (SBP).

All members and former members eligible for retired pay (20 years service) who have not attained age 60 should execute a statement of intent concerning participation in SBP.

This statement must be executed not later than 90 days from date of this letter and should be signed by service member, the service member's spouse and witnessed by a third person without insurable interest.

Members should select one of the following options:

Option A: I decline to make an election at this time. I will remain elig-

ible to make an election for coverage at age 60.

Option B: I elect to provide an annuity beginning on my 60th birthday if I die before that date, or on the date of death if I die after my 60th birthday.

Option C: I elect immediate annuity starting the date of my death, whatever my age at death.

One copy of Statement of Intent should be filed with other important papers of the individual and original copy forwarded to unit of assignment for enclosure into the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF).

Should an individual die after October 1, 1978, the survivor should contact the Commander, U.S. Army Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Center (RCPACO) ATTN: AGUZ-RAD, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 6312.

Governor Orders Guard to Winona

Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes ordered National Guard assistance for the Village of Winona, in Columbiana County in northeastern Ohio on Oct. 12.

A four square mile area near Winona was ravaged by a tornado which caused an estimated \$400,000 in damage to nine homes, five barns, and 50 trailers. Four

individuals were hospitalized as a result of injuries from the tornado.

Ohio National Guardsmen from the 436th Military Police Battalion, headquartered in Youngstown, were ordered to duty in Winona to assist local law enforcement authorities.

John Brown Named ONM Commodore

BY SFC BOB DEVOE

John W. Brown, former Ohio Lieutenant Governor and a retired commander in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, was sworn in as the Commodore of the Ohio Naval Militia (ONM) by Governor James A. Rhodes during ceremonies in the statehouse recently.

Brown, who is assisting Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, Ohio Adjutant General, in organizing the ONM, says the ONM will provide the Ohio National Guard with a small boat operation during floods and work with the Guard in training for amphibious landings.

The ONM will be organized, governed, drilled, and instructed in accordance with U.S. Navy regulations and customs. ONM uniforms will be the same as those of the U.S. Navy, except for distinctive state insignia.

The ONM cannot be called into federal service as a unit and will not serve outside Ohio. But ONM members will not be exempt from federal service as individuals, such as in wartime draft.

Brown believes the ONM will have a strength of about 50 persons in a year, and never more than 250 as a cadre. (A cadre is a nucleus or skeleton force of trained personnel capable of assuming control and training others). The ONM could expand beyond cadre strength if part or all of the Ohio National Guard is federalized.

During its first year of operation ONM will develop a headquarters unit; accept applications for appointments or enlistments; and work on site selection for a unit on the Great Lakes and the Ohio River, according to Commodore Brown.

Anyone with prior military service, regardless of branch, is eligible to join. Brown emphasized, "those individuals with training in naval operations will be given priority in both enlistments and possible promotions".

Brown's one-star naval militia rank will be comparable to that of Brig. Gen. James O. Roberts, commander of the state Army militia, the Ohio Defense Corps.

The 515 member ODC has been in existence since 1949 and is also under the state Adjutant General's Department. The ODC would expand and replace the Army Guard if it were federalized.

According to General Clem, the State Controlling Board has allocated \$20,000 for the first year operations of the Ohio Naval Militia.

*Copy Deadline
for the next
issue is Dec. 27*



216th Aids Fire Academy

PRACTICE EVACUATION TOWER—The Ohio National Guard's Company A, 216th Engineer Battalion, Chillicothe, recently constructed a practice evacuation tower for the Ohio Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg. The Ohio Air Guard set four poles for the tower. The structure, which took 534 man hours to build over four days, will be used to train academy students in evacuating people from buildings with ropes and ladders. 2LT Donald L. Kane, Columbus, was in charge of the project. (PHOTO BY DAVID WILLS).

UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio
National Guard Officers'
Association

BY CPT. STEVE KOPER

COLONEL POWER FILLS BOARD POSITION

The Board of Trustees has named Colonel Edward J. Power to fill the vacancy on the board created by the reelection of some officers and the untimely death of Colonel Donald R. Anderson, who would be occupying that position. Colonel Power is himself a past-president of the association, having served as president in 1974-75. We are fortunate that he could serve. Many thanks, Colonel.

NATIONAL GUARD DAY CELEBRATED.

There were many celebrations held in the state on the occasion of the first National Guard Day proclaimed as October 7, 1978 by President Jimmy Carter. The prime mover in securing a joint resolution of Congress for this purpose was CLARENCE "BUD" BROWN of Urbana. Congressman Brown is a staunch supporter of the Guard and a particular friend of the Air Guard in Springfield.

The Springfield celebration featured Mr. Brown as well as Mr. Joe Power, who conceived the National Guard Day idea, and other local dignitaries. The association received a very nice letter from Mr. Power shortly after those ceremonies and it read, in part "... You put forth a lot of effort in this project, and I want to say thank you for your support and cooperation. That is what it takes to make any project successful, people working together".

NEW ONGA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Nomination, Captain Orville Miller; Time and Place, Lieutenant Colonel Arvin N. Donner Jr.; Continuity, Colonel Dennis M. Rodgers; Scholarship, Major William A. LaPrise; Legislative, Colonel PJohn P. Simemer(retired)-State and Captain Robert B. James Jr.-Federal; Awards, Major John D. Calvin; Finance, Lieutenant Colonel John C. McCoy; Resolutions, Lieutenant Colonel Al Dodson; Insurance, Lieutenant Colonel James R. Williams; and State Conference, Lieutenant Colonel Philip A. Williams.

ASSOCIATION TO STUDY PRE-PAID LEGAL PROGRAM

The Ohio National Guard Association has been contacted by Association Legal Service Consultants of Santa Barbara, California. This firm is interested in providing a group pre-paid legal program for our members. Such a pre-paid legal plan could allow members the advantage of legal help whenever they need it, without the worry of "how much will it cost".

Briefly, each member determines his own needs and whether or not to participate. Costs are figured accordingly utilizing local attorney firms to provide easily accessible legal help the minute it is needed. The trustees are obtaining further information on the program and will pass it on as it becomes available.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMS/YEARBOOKS ORDERED

A contract has been negotiated with the Heritage Publishing Company of North Little Rock, Arkansas to provide a conference program for both the enlisted and officer associations. The contract is for programs for the years 1979 and 1980. All revenues received from Heritage will be divided equally between the two associations.

This year's advertising solicitation is tentatively scheduled for the period December 4 to February 2. Each unit will receive a letter of explanation confirming these dates and outlining procedures. Project officer for both programs is Major Steve Koper while editorial duties for the enlisted version will be handled by SSG Nancy Clevenger.

The solicitors for Heritage will be furnished with a list of all ASTs and base detachment commanders as a local contact during the campaign. Heritage will attempt to make contact with each unit prior to the start of operations. Should problems arise for any reason, make sure to call the ONGA office immediately, telephone 614-889-9279, or Maj Koper, 513-931-6120.

All Guardsmen are asked to cooperate in this fund raising effort. These revenues have formed the basis for the ONGA scholarship program which last year awarded \$1,000 to qualified applicants. We would like to see that program grow.

100TH GENERAL CONFERENCE—ST LOUIS

A delegation of nearly 40 Ohio officers plus wives and guests attended the 100th General conference of the National Guard Association of the United States in St. Louis early in October. The event was marked by some excellent presentations by key members of the Department of Defense and the active services as well as the Congress. The session of Congress just adjourned will long be remembered as a banner year for the successful enactment of National Guard Legislation.

From the President's Desk . . .

With election year rhetoric at its height as this letter is written, the keynote of every candidate's program seems to eventually relate to economic considerations, i.e. rising costs and inflation. I recently received some figures which appeared in *The Bell Boy*, a publication of the Arizona Telco Federal Credit Union. They were particularly interesting to me as an Ohio Guardsman because of the opportunity afforded to our Guardsmen by our tuition assistance program.

The cost of a college education, like everything else, is steadily rising. Based on a conservative inflation rate of six per cent and including the cost of room, board, tuition and miscellaneous expenses, here are some figures that ought to give you a jolt. It will cost a child now 16, nearly \$20,000 for four years at a state university and close to \$35,000 at a private university. For a child now 10, the figures will be \$27,000 state and \$47,000 private.

My point of course is that we in the Ohio Guard have a program so valuable to our future that we cannot afford to waste even one potential applicant. As officers, we must take every opportunity to tell parents our story. In light of the figures from *The Bell Boy*, we stand a good chance of having to fight the kids off with a stick. One last point for the company grade officers with even younger children and friends, for a child now 5, costs will be \$37,000 (state) and almost \$66,000 (private). Boy, you need some kind of savings account if you plan to foot the bill alone.

Next Deadline Dec. 27

Copy and photo deadline for the February, 1979, issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is December 27, 1978. No article or photos can be accepted *after* this date for the February issue.

All submissions must be *typewritten* and *double-spaced* (do not type in all capital letters please). Photos should be accompanied by *complete* captions and identification of all individuals concerned.

All photos and articles should be mailed to: SFC Bob DeVoe, Editor, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085.



Enlisted Association Rap

A column designed to keep members of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association informed of the latest developments

BY SGM WARREN MYERS
AND SSG NANCY CLEVENGER

Christmas is almost here and we have not reached our half-way mark for new members. Any and all enlisted members of the Guard are reminded that they can become members of the Enlisted Association. We need total support to carry out the projects you need and want from the Guard.

A major Bill that finally passed and is now in effect is the Survivor's Benefit Bill. We worked long and hard to accomplish this passage along with the Officer's Association and civilian assistance. Many thanks to all who have helped to get this bill passed. Now anyone who has 20 or more years of service in the Guard may rest in peace knowing that their survivor will get 55 percent of their annuity. More information about this is found in this issue.

We feel it is important to get more employer support. The National Enlisted Association feels the same way. It is up to each one of us to make our employer aware of what we are doing and why when we need to take time off from work. Sometimes it is our own fault if an employer does not understand. There are many employers supporting the Guard in many more ways. We personally thank each and every one of them.

The Uniformed Benefits Services Insurance is now at a lower rate for term insurance for non-flyers, 26 and under—\$112,000 worth of insurance for only \$8.90 per month. There will also be hospitalization insurance available to all members of term or life policies. These will be paid in either \$25 or \$50 per day sick leave, depending on which policy you take out. For further information on any of the USBA insurance write to: Uniformed Benefits Services, Southwest Trafficway at 39th Street, P.O. Box 258, Kansas City, MO. 64141 or call (816) 561-2134. This insurance is open to all members of the Guard.

Vet Job Preference Continues

Veterans will continue to receive job preference in some fields as a result of a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court last week that upholds the veterans preference practice. The court upheld the veterans preference laws of Massachusetts,

A state-wide bowling tournament is being offered for the first time to all members of the Ohio National Guard, active or retired, and any person associated with a guard unit, such as advisors, technicians, etc. The tournament will take place at Amos Lanes in Columbus the first weekend in June. Entry forms will be mailed to all unit representatives in January. Check with your representative for further details or write to: Enlisted Association, P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio. We want a lot of competition for the matches. The last date for registration is April 30, 1979.

NEW OFFICERS

We want to congratulate the new National officers of the National Enlisted Association. They were elected at the convention held in beautiful Hawaii in September. They are: President, MSG Bryce Hendricks—Iowa, Army; Vice President, CMS James A. Knowles—Mississippi, Air; Secretary, SMS William Poulsen Jr.,—Maryland, Air; Treasurer, MSG Nate Monastra—Ohio, Army. A very special congratulations to our own MSG NATE MONASTRA. We know he will do a great job!

Some Enlisted Association members do not realize that while they are members of the Ohio Association they are also members of the National Enlisted Association. When you pay your \$5 dues you pay a dollar of it to National. This entitles you to not only electing of state officers but the national officers as well. It also entitles you to make major decisions about what resolutions to pass, what bills we should propose for legislation, etc. Become involved in your association. We need your support. You may contact your unit representative for facts and applications or write to P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio 43017 for further information.

WANTED: One lawyer to donate his time to the Enlisted Association as our legal counsel. If interested please contact President James Sebetto, (419) 332-6377.

despite their disadvantage to women and none-veterans. Forty six states, including Ohio, and the Civil Service Commission currently give similar preference to veterans. (ARNEWS)

New Auxiliary President Named

Many of you are reflecting on the beautiful sunny skies and sandy beaches of Hawaii, and digging out your winter coats, I'm sure. Ohio had a great turnout for the trip but many people saw very little of each other because they stayed in so many different hotels. All the traditional convention-goers missed the fun and fellowship of the hospitality rooms and you can be sure, next year will make up for it.

Overall, it was a great convention and everyone enjoyed themselves. I feel the auxiliary accomplished quite a bit of business in the shortest time ever. The installation of officers was very impressive and our own Lois Goodson is to be commended. The auxiliary election results were as follows:

President, Lois Goodson, Ohio; Vice President, Sara Hendricks, Iowa; Secretary, Beverly Arn, Ohio; and Treasurer, Rita Dekowski, Maryland.

Joanie Foster is still serving as an Area Director at the national level also.

Have you thought about our Lima Convention? Believe me, it will be here before we know it and plans are underway for the Auxiliary members already. The Lima girls are working on it with gusto!!!

Let us know if you plan to donate a raffle gift or door prize from your area at the Convention.

Beverly S. Arn, President
Enlisted Association Auxiliary-Ohio

178th Pilots Dodge Missiles

Ohio Air National Guard pilots from Springfield learned how to dodge enemy missiles and aircraft in what Air Guardsmen are calling the most realistic training possible short of actual combat. The pilots, members of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, flew their A-7D Corsair fighter-bombers as part of the Tactical Air Command's "Red Flag" combat readiness training exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The training occurred in September and October.

Buckeye Bits

Troop K Opens Doors

The Ohio Army Guard's Troop K, 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Ashtabula, recently conducted an Open House for Guardmembers and their families.

A buffet lunch was served by the mess hall featuring both desserts and covered main dishes prepared by wives.

Children were treated to rides on armored personnel carriers—furnished by the infantry section.

Medics in Louisiana

Twenty members of the Ohio Air Guard's 178th Tactical Clinic, Springfield, recently conducted their annual training at England Air Force Base, Louisiana.

During the 15 day period Air Guard medics worked side-by-side with regular Air Force medical personnel at the U.S. Air Force Hospital.

Did You Know?

That alcohol is the most abused drug in America?

That alcoholism is a drug addiction?

That less than 5 percent of all alcoholics are on skid row?

That alcoholism is a progressive and deadly disease if not treated?

That 50 percent of alcoholics are women?

That alcohol is a depressant?

That your trouble is never going to get better as long as you drink? It will only get worse.

Technicians, do you have a personal problem that is affecting your job performance? If yes, contact your Technician Assistance Program Coordinator, MAJ Paul Koreckis, AUTOVON 346-7058 or commercial 614-889-7058.

Six Attend Workshop

Six members of Ohio's 200th Civil Engineering Squadron recently attended the Air National Guard Civil Engineering Conference in Albuquerque, N.M. Those attending were, LTC Philip A. Williams, MAJ Richard A. Calland, MAJ Philip M. Brooks, MSG John J. Carroll, III, MSG Mark W. Charlton, and MSG Robert B. Phillips.

While attending this conference/workshop, LTC Williams, commander of the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron, was elected as Deputy Chief Engineer of the ANG Civil Engineering Association. He will serve in this capacity for two years and will then become the Chief Engineer of the Association.



THE 135TH MILITARY POLICE *Physical Security Co. Fairview Park, provided 24-hour security for Cleveland National Air Show.*

The Military Police aided local police at the four-day show which is an annual Labor Day event.

Symphonic Artillery

The 1812 Overture, written by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovski, was scored to include artillery and church bells in the performance. Battery's A and B of the 1st Battalion 136th FA participated in two performances of this famous overture by Arcadia High School in Arcadia, Ohio and the combined Gahanna Lincoln and Worthington High School bands at Gahanna.

Although the initial firing of the guns startled the crowds, the overall effect was enthusiastically received.

Recon Rappels

Air Troop, 107th Armored Cavalry, Cleveland, recently conducted its Annual Open House at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Greensburg.

According to John Twohig, helicopters, tactical vehicles, armament systems and communications equipment were on display.

In addition, the Recon Platoon demonstrated rappelling from helicopters. Members of Air Troop were also on hand to demonstrate equipment used by the unit.

372nd Marches

The Headquarters Company of the 372nd Engineer Battalion marched in the parade for the Dayton Air Fair recently.

The parade commemorated the 75th anniversary of powered flight.

Dayton is the home of the Wright brothers, and for the past three summers, the community has sponsored the air fair to pay homage to their memory.

Points Available

The Survey Section of the 1st Bn 136th Field Artillery, completed a survey of a MAP reading/Compass course at the Transportation Research Center at Marysville. The course consists of 17 points (to be expanded at a later date) at distances varying from 120-1400 meters. Any unit desiring a list of points, UTM Grids and a 1: 12,500 map should contact 1LT Sinisa Lavric, (614) 294-1134.

269th Outstanding

Outstanding Units of 251st Combat Communications Group—the 269th Combat Communications Flight, Springfield MAP, Ohio and the 235th Air Traffic Control Flight, Fort Wayne MAP, Indiana, have been selected as the group's Outstanding Communications and Air Traffic Control Units.

Operational readiness and worthy accomplishments of the units throughout the year were evaluated for the award.

251st CCG Active

The 251st Combat Communications Group, headquartered at Springfield Municipal Airport, participated in "Galant Eagle 79," a large-scale joint readiness exercise, conducted by the United States Readiness Command in the southeastern United States.

The exercise was conducted at Eglin AFB, Fla. October 17 through November 16 and provided the opportunity to plan, test and evaluate Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine personnel working together in simulated combat.

The exercise involved a command post exercise to shakedown communications. During this portion, both friendly and opposing forces were tested concerning their knowledge of military skills and tactics.

In other news of the 251st, the group's headquarters unit has received the Air Force Communications Service's Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Achievement Award for 1977.

All About People-

SP4 ROBERT GOETZ, Tuition grant recipient at Ohio University was selected as one of five top spoke winners by Ohio Jaycees, August, 1978. The Spoke Award is for first year Jaycees.

SERGEANT JUAN R. RODRIGUEZ, HHC, 612th Engineer Battalion, has received a letter of appreciation from **LTC RON DAVID**, Public Affairs Officer, Dept. of Army, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The letter is commending Juan for his outstanding and untiring support of the Public Affairs team during snow removal operations in Ohio during the period January 30 to February 3, 1978. Contratulations **JUAN**.

1st Bn 136th FA, 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep) conducted a change of command ceremony Oct. 29. The outgoing commander **LTC LESTER E. CARR JR.** relinquished command to **MAJ DANIEL ARNETT**. LTC Carr, who has been with the 136th FA since 1955 expressed regret at leaving the battalion and gave his best wishes for the new commander. MAJ Arnett who has served as Battalion Executive Officer since 1976, wished LTC Carr luck in his new position in the STARC. Present at the ceremony were **LTC LEARY** and **MAJ DEVER** of Readiness Region Knox and **SGM GOODSON** from 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep).

Work by two members of the Buckeye Guard has contributed to recognition for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for excellence in public information.

SFC DON LUNDY and **CPT DAVID CROSSON** were recently notified that the East Central District of PRSA awarded first place in Public Affairs to the public participation program developed for Ohio's Coastal Zone Management Program. The program had been previously awarded a first place "Clarion Award" in public relations by the national Women In Communications, Inc. The Ohio Guard's **BG ROBERT W. TEATER** is director of ODNR. In October, the 26th Annual Columbus International Film Festival judges awarded a Chris Statuette to an Ohio Department of Natural Resources film "Special Places: Ohio's State Parks." Ohio National Guard **CPT DAVID CROSSON** received a Chris Statuette as executive producer of the film. The film can be borrowed from the ODNR Film Library for showings.

DON MERRISS of Gatsby's Restaurant in Cincinnati provided members of the 147th Infantry and their British guests with disco dance instructors and free snacks when representatives from the 52nd Lowlands Regiment, British Territorial Voluntary Army, visited the 147th recently.

PFC CHRIS AYERS, a teletype operator with the Ohio Army National Guard's 37th Signal Company in Lakewood, completed the four mile run in 20 minutes 50 seconds to log the fastest time at Annual Training this year.

MSG PHILLIP J. McCLURE, a member of the Ohio Army Guard's 437th Military Police Battalion, has retired after 36 years of military service. He is the Assistant Postmaster for Struthers, Ohio.

CPT DENNIS M. JANKOWSKI has received the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding performance of duty as the State Recruiting and Retention Officer and Public Affairs Officer for the Ohio Guard. **JANKOWSKI**, who lives in Hilliard, received the high award from **BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM**, Ohio's Assistant Adjutant General for the Army Guard.

COL ROBERT L. LAWSON, Chief of the Staff for the Adjutant General's Dept. of Ohio, recently received the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding performance of duty while serving as Civilian

Personnel Officer for the AG Dept. from Dec. 1977 to Sept. 1978. **COL LAWSON**, a veteran of the Korean War, has 27 years of military service. He lives in Columbus.

SP4 DANIEL LEE and **SP4 ROSEMARIE IGNAUT**, both of 107th ACR, Cleveland, recently attended a two-day Ohio Army Guard Recruiting School in Columbus. They were both favorably impressed with the class, taught by **SFC TOM LUTES** and **SFC PAUL WARD**. They stressed "the antics of these two men makes the class so informative and enjoyable it is a pleasure". They add, "We think if more Guardmembers took this class it would ignite the spark within." **CW4 WALT DONAUGH**, the Assistant State Recruiting Manager, also received kudos from the pair for a "job well done".

THE ASHTABULA STAR-BEACON was recently honored by Troop K, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, for its outstanding support of the Ohio National Guard. **LT RALPH MONGENEL** presented an appreciation award to City Editor **BRIAN WILLIAMS**.

Mansfield Aircraft Navigate With New System

BY **LTC JACK B. ARLEN**

How would you like to travel from coast to coast without a road map? Or better yet, set sail from California to Hawaii without a compass?

Long range navigation equipment is extremely important to the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield Lahm Airport. This Ohio Air National Guard unit is equipped with the C-130 Hercules transport and its missions take its aircraft crews to all corners of the world.

The Mansfield aircraft are currently being converted to a modern, computerized, long-range navigation system known as the Omega ARN-131. It replaces the ARN-70 which was designed in the late 1940's.

The Omega system, built by Dynell Electronics Corp., is one-third the weight, takes up less than one-half the space, and is much more accurate than the old system. The new system will also lower maintenance costs since the sets carry a five-year warranty during which time all maintenance will be performed by the company.

The new navigational system gives

out 13 instantaneous pieces of information including ground speed, track, heading, wind direction and velocity, way-point data, exact time, drift angle, estimated time enroute and the exact aircraft position (latitude and longitude to within one second of accuracy). All of this data is important for long range navigation. It also has its own test system and lets you know when something is wrong.

The Omega ARN-131 works on the principles of triangulation. Eight stations throughout the world send out signals. The aircraft needs to receive just three of these signals and the exact data can be computed by the set. The Omega system will be extremely important during long-range missions over water.

The old navigation system required an increasing number of maintenance manhours to keep it operational. The personnel of the Radar-Navigational Aids Section had to go into the set for extensive repairs. The new system is sealed in self-contained boxes. The maintenance troops only have to determine which box is bad, remove it, and send it into the factory for repair.

Penny-Wise

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the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep), predicts two-thirds of the Ohio National Guard's chaplains will resign if the proposal becomes law. In addition to chaplains, most of the other officers affected are lieutenants and captains without enough vested service to make drilling for points worthwhile.

Vincent said chaplains counsel troops year-round, not just during annual training. In addition, most Advocate General work comes after summer camp, not during, and National Guard public relations work is performed primarily away from annual training.

In a year, Vincent and the other 73rd brigade chaplains counsel as many as 500 troops for marital, spiritual and disciplinary problems.

"The key thing is the personal relationship," he said. "We know the system and we know who to refer someone to for help. A trooper may trust a chaplain and not trust anyone else, so he'll often come to a chaplain first to discuss a problem."

MAJ Vincent, a United Presbyterian minister with 14 years service in the active Army and National Guard, said mobilization of clergymen would also be a problem under the proposed plan. "As it is now, I could be ready to go in a week instead of the six months it would require if I was on inactive status".

"They want us standing by so that when an emergency comes up we'll be ready to go," he said, comparing the move to "receiving something for nothing". Then he added, "I think they're getting a lot for nothing now."

English Food Loses

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The guardsman, who is a grocery store clerk in civilian life, had never been across the ocean before.

"Great Britain was hard getting used to. The people drive on the wrong side of the road and they seem to drive as fast as they want to," said Vincent.

The citizen-soldier enjoyed English cuisine—but still managed to find a McDonald's in London. "We couldn't pass that up. The hamburgers tasted the same as in the McDonald's at home," he added.

Vincent's wife envied her husband's trip. "She wanted to go along," said the trooper.

However, he made his wife happy by bringing home some souvenirs and gifts.

ONG Fourth in Wilson Matches

Pascarella Wins National Pistol Championship

BY LTC FRANK LADD

SSG Joseph Pascarella won the National Guard Pistol Championship for the third consecutive year in leading the Ohio National Guard's rifle and pistol team to a fourth place finish at the General Winston P. Wilson Marthes at Camp Robinson, Ark.

SSG Pascarella, HHD, Worthington, surpassed his 1977 record score with 3507 points and 161 X's, while SSG James R. Lenardson, HHD, 137 Supply and Service Bn, took second place in the pistol championship with a total score of 3502 and 162 X's. Pascarella's 1977 score was 3498.

Lenardson, whose score also surpassed the 1977 record, won the Service Pistol Championship.

The Ohio National Guard Composite Pistol Team placed second in the .22 caliber pistol team and General George S. Patton, Jr., (Combat) team matches, to end up 4th place in a field of 39 state teams. The rifle team placed fourth among 37 teams.

Ohio shooters shot well even though most of the composite M-14 rifle competition was fired in the rain. TSgt Terry L. Martino, 121 Cam Sqdn, Rickenbacker AFB, placed second in the 300 yard rapid fire match with a score of 197 with 5 X's. Although the winning score was 197-5 X's, TSGGT Martino lost the "tie-breaker." The riflemen took the third place trophy in the Infantry Trophy Match and placed 4th out of 37 states.

Weather for the Battalion combat

team matches lacked the rain experiences by the composite shooters. Ohio was represented in the M-16 Rifle combat competition by the 200 CES, Ohio ANG stationed at Camp Perry. Although individual and team results were not spectacular, they placed 9th in the Precision Combat Rifle Team Match and 13th overall out of a field of 30 states participating.

The hard luck story at the matches went to the Combat Pistol Squad of the 437th Military Police Bn. The squad, which looked good in its 1977 tryouts, lost three shooters to transfer, discharge and illness.

Pistol team members include: Team Captain, SFC George L. Bergholz, 112th Engr Bn; Team Coach, SSG Stephen D. Paver, Co. B, 1/166 Inf; Firing Members, SSG James R. Lenardson, HHD, 137 S&S Bn; SSG Joseph J. Pascarella, HHD, OHARNG;

SSG Robert S. Sabo, HHC, 416 Engr Gp; and SSG William E. Graham, Co B, 1/166 Inf Bn.

Rifle team members include: Team Captain, SSG Richard M. Roberts, 211 Maint Co; Team Coach, SSG David L. Beveridge, Btry D, 2/174 ADA Bn; Firing Members, Cpt Howard B. Camp, 186 Engr Det (Util); MSG John R. Metz, HHD, OHARNG; SP4 Michael E. Canning, 186 Engr Det (Util); TSgt Terry L. Martino, 121 Cam Sq; SSG Russell G. Kotsaris, Co C, 1/166 Inf Bn; and SSG Ernest R. Tracey, HHD, OHARNG.

200 Honored by Ohio Guard

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for BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine; top unit newspapers; top photographers; top broadcasters and top Regional Public Affairs personnel.

The top unit-level Public Affairs Staffs for the year were from both the 180th Tactical Fighter Group and Co. C, 612th Engineer Battalion.

COL. Bernard Chupka, Commander of the 16th Engineer Brigade, and COL. Edward Powers, Commander of the 160th Air Refueling Group, were named outstanding Public Affairs Commanders for Army and Air, respectively.

Nineteen unit-level Public Affairs personnel received the Ohio Commendation Medal for excellence in public relations on behalf of the Guard. The reci-

ipients were: SSG Nancy Clevenger, HHD, OHARNG; SGT Steven Jablonski, Co. D, 612th Engr. Bn; SFC Ronald Regan, HHT 107th ACR; MAJ Charles Skidmore, 178th TFG; 1LT Steve Fried, 160th Air Refueling Gp.; SP5 Fred McKissack, 37th Signal Co.; SFC George Hensley, HHD, OHARNG; SSG Donald Nardecchia, Co. C., 612th Engr. Bn.; SP5 Scott Bruce, 37th Signal Co.; SFC Jerry Condo, 196th P.A.D.; CPT Chester Lewis, 372nd Engr. Bn.; SGT John L. Bayorek, 37th Signal Co.; SFC Stan Flaughner, HHC, 216th Engr. Bn.; CPT Conrad Bollo, 437th M.P. Bn.; and SSG Richard J. Conrad, Co. D., 216th Engr. Bn.

A complete list of all award recipients will be printed in the next issue of the FRONT PAGE.

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

The holiday season is with us again and the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club members are among the busiest gals around. However, many of them have found time to attend and to participate in the fall and early winter OWC activities. The reception to this year's program of meetings has been very enthusiastic. It is really heartening to those who plan programs, menus, and decorations, when their efforts are rewarded with increased attendance.

If some Ohio Guardsmen are wincing at the sudden interest their wives have taken in home redecorating, the blame can be placed on the program presented in October to the OWC. The speaker was Mrs. Jeannie Daily, a very bright and talented Interior Designer from Delaware. Jeannie gave so many innovative decorating ideas that everyone left the meeting with heads fairly buzzing with thoughts of carpet, draperies, wallpaper, new color schemes, and much more!

A NEW LOOK

Auction time had a new look and format this year. The annual Holiday Auction, primary fund-raising event of the year, was held in the evening with many of the member's husbands coming along to share the fun.

After cocktails and a delicious dinner at the Rickenbacker AFB Officers' Club, everyone got set to bid for a simply

amazing selection of handmade items. The goodies, made and donated by members, included crafts, gift items, needlework, baked goods, and even some much sought-after homemade wine! The Guard folks have all sorts of hidden talents!

Colonel John Siemer very ably handled the auctioneering duty this year. He managed to keep the bidding brisk and, once again, "Going once! Going twice! Sold!" was the theme of the evening. As always, the auction, while raising money for OWC charitable use, was also a real highlight of the pre-Christmas time. Thanks is extended to all who came and contributed to the auction. Of course a special thank you goes to Col. Siemer.

FAVORABLE REPORT

Several OWC members report very favorably on their trips to St. Louis for the 100th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States.

In addition to being invited to attend the address by General Alexander M. Haig, the wives of the delegates were offered a well-planned program of entertainment. One special treat was a tour of the lovely Shaw Gardens. Also included in the ladies program was a visit to Grant's Farm, once owned by President U.S. Grant, and now operated by Anheuser-Busch. This visit was con-

cluded with an Oktoberfest in the farm courtyard. The St. Louis conference, from the wives' view, was a big success. Let's start working, now, to make the 1979 conference, in the Buckeye state, at least as successful.

GET AWAY

The January 23 meeting of Wives Club will be held at the DCSC Officer's Club. After the holidays almost everyone is ready to get away from it all. Ellen Weibacher, from American Airlines, is the person who can tell us how to do just that! Ellen will offer a presentation entitled "California Here We Come". Could anything sound more inviting in the middle of a cold Ohio winter? So, remember to join the other OWC members January 23 for lunch and a travel program designed to help banish the winter doldrums! As usual, social hour is at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon served at 12:30 p.m.

There is no meeting in December. Therefore, the officers and boards of Wives' Club take this opportunity to wish one and all Happy Holidays. See you in January!

Bowling Tourney Announced

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association will be sponsoring its first annual handicap bowling tournament at Amos Lanes in Columbus.

The Tourney will be held the first weekend in June. Bob (Motor) Bauchman, Chairman for the project, stated entry forms will be mailed in January to unit representatives of the enlisted association. Deadline for entries will be April 30, 1979.

This tournament is open to all members of the Ohio National Guard, active or retired, and any person associated with a guard unit, such as advisors, technicians, etc.

Ohio Guard Aids Hospital

The men and women of the 200th Medical Company, Ohio Army National Guard, recently provided ambulances to assist in the transportation of approximately 150 handicapped patients for the Cuyahoga County Hospital system in Cleveland.

The move marked the closing of Highland View Hospital on Cleveland's East Side.

The patients were relocated to a new wing of the Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital on the city's West Side.

123rd TCF in Gallant Eagle

BY CPT J. A. CONING

Guardsmen of the Cincinnati based 123rd Tactical Control Flight (Ohio ANG) will long remember the fall of 1978. They have had to complete a second two weeks of annual training in less than four months.

The unique situation occurred when the outfit was asked to be involved in a Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise, Gallant Eagle '79. More than 25,000 Army, Navy, and Air Force people were scheduled to train in air, naval, mechanized and infantry assaults and tactical control of aircraft in Northwestern Florida.

Most of the people involved in the exercise were from active Air Force and Army guard, and reserve units. They were there to learn how to defend against a superior invading force, attain and maintain air superiority, conduct air assault opera-

tions, airborne raids, electronic warfare and operate against an integrated air defense system.

The simulated situation was that a democratic nation had been infiltrated by an enemy force and requested military assistance from the United States. U.S. forces were ordered into the area to protect U.S. people, expel enemy forces, conduct an air campaign and restore law and order.

The 123rd TCF established a forward air control post near Eglin AFB on the Florida Gulf Coast. As a "white" neutral unit, their mission was to control the low altitude airspace for aircraft of both sides. The 123rd was augmented with active and guard personnel from other tactical control units. These people came from as far as Bergstrom AFB, Tex., and Hancock Field, Syracuse, N.Y.

“Sooner or later, you have to stop playing games. And start thinking about what comes next.”

Bert Jones

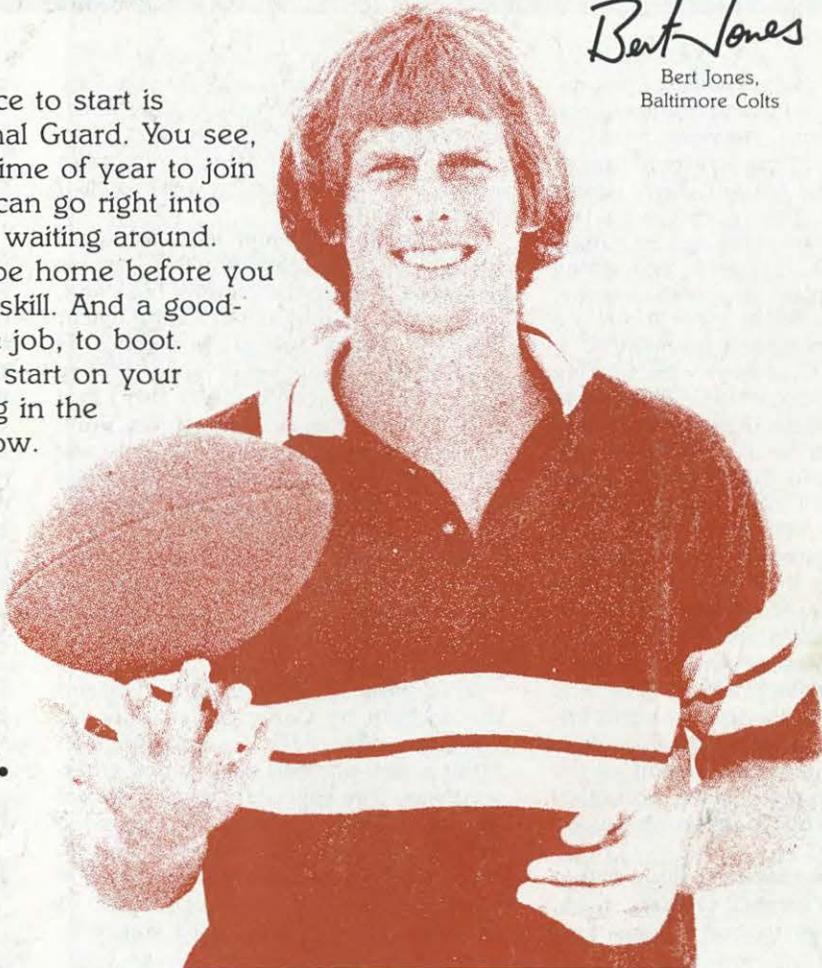
Bert Jones,
Baltimore Colts

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