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From the AG

Talk Up the Guard to Friends



Another year in which to excel . . . Now that we are one month into the new year, a great many New Year's Resolutions have already been broken.

One that I hope each of you made and has not been broken is to seek and find one good new member for the Ohio National Guard. This means that each of us must talk Guard to at least ten prospects to find that person we want in our squad, platoon or unit. We are now approaching the prime recruiting season for the high school senior. To help you talk Guard, this issue of the BUCKEYE GUARD is devoted to benefits that ac-

crue to Guardmembers and the opportunities that exist for them. Read it carefully, talk it up and you will find the people your unit needs.

It seems to me that there is a great deal of emphasis on dollars, recruiting bonuses, college tuition, stripes and extra pay for buddies recruited as well as drill pay and retirement. Don't forget there are other factors that appeal to young people. You will find many that are very patriotic and want to do something for their state and nation. Don't underestimate these factors or the desire of young people to belong to a

proud and enthusiastic group that is making a contribution to their country.

Show your pride in appearance, dress, enthusiasm and performance particularly when assigned as an instructor. You will be pleased with the reaction of your students, subordinates and the public.

Onward and Upward! Mount up and Forward Ho! (That's a horse soldier's expression). I want to use my "Done Good" column again.

MG JAMES C. CLEM
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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Military Retirees to Lose Rights To Buy Credit in PERS

A change in the Ohio public pension laws affects all career military personnel, currently employed in public service in Ohio, if they are also receiving or are eligible to receive military pensions, except for retired pay for non-regular service under Chapter 67 of Title 10, United States Code.

Under Amended House Bill 754, effective March 15, 1979, they will no longer be eligible to purchase military service credit toward retirement in the Public Employees Retirement System, according to a PERS spokesman. Until that deadline they are eligible to purchase up to a maximum of five years of their active duty service.

PERS is unable to estimate how many military retirees are now employed in public service jobs in Ohio under the Public Employees Retirement System, the spokesman said. A number of such members have already purchased credit toward their retirement, he said. Effective March 15, 1979, such purchases will no longer be permitted. The new law does not cancel military service credit already acquired.

Our Cover . . .

Our cover design for this issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine was created by PV2 Kevin McLinn, Staff Illustrator, and a member of the Ohio Army National Guard's 196th Public Affairs Detachment in Worthington.

He is currently enrolled at Ohio State University.

From the Asst. AG-Army

Intangible Benefits Are Important

A large part of this issue is being devoted to the benefits of being a member of the Ohio National Guard. You should save this issue as it will be a handy reference of what material incentives are available as a member of the National Guard.

Visible benefits are no doubt incentives and will cause some to serve, however, I would like to briefly address intangible benefits. Perhaps some of you will think this is kind of corny, but they are basically the reasons why I have stayed in the National Guard and served our country for so many years. There are many others like me.

We have inherited from our forefathers a proud heritage of freedom which many take for granted. Some do not think about what so many have given

in order that we remain a free people for over two hundred years. Our freedom is not a God-given or God-guaranteed right but one which results from the will of the American people to remain free and enjoy a democratic form of government. This along with our free enterprise system has produced for this country the highest standard of living the world has ever known.

Unfortunately, we often accept this way of life as the norm rather than the exception. Too many of us enjoy our living environment to include all the material things that go with it and never give a thought to those former soldiers, some of whom are unknown who gave their lives so we can enjoy the very things that we take so lightly.

The point that I'm getting to is think

occasionally about why we have been able to remain a free people. The only guarantee that we can remain this way is our will to keep this country strong in a world too often full of strife. Along with this, we also set the example for the rest of the world in showing them that we are a proud, free people and are determined to keep it that way. While we can serve in many ways, nothing more visibly exemplifies this attitude, desire and will than to wear the uniform of this country. This is to me perhaps the greatest benefit of being a member of the Ohio National Guard.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM
Asst Adj Gen —Army

CSM Comments

Why Are You An Ohio Guardmember?

BY CSM CARL ARN
STATE SERGEANT MAJOR

Why are you a member of the Ohio National Guard?

Do you enjoy the extra pay every month? How about the benefits? Or do you simply enjoy meeting with your friends at the local armory one weekend per month? Perhaps patriotism is the reason you're a member of the Ohio Guard?

Whatever the reason, this special issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine has been dedicated to informing you and your dependents of the many benefits you are entitled to as a member of the Ohio National Guard.

You'll find information on educational

benefits such as the Ohio Guard's unique College Scholarship Program; the new Federal Tuition Assistance Program; and the Urbana College Program at Beightler Armory in Worthington.

You'll also find updates on a broad range of topics to include: increased State Active Duty Pay for emergency call-ups; the Pre-BCT Training Program; the new options under the Survivor Benefit Plan; the Blue Streak Referral Program; and a host of other topics too numerous to mention here.

Interested in an income tax break this year? Discover if you qualify for special tax deductions through your membership in the Guard by reading the article in this issue.

How about recreational oppor-

tunities? You bet! Look for the article on Camp Perry. It's a resort spot we all have in our own back yard and the facilities are both outstanding and very low in cost. As a Guardmember, you're also entitled to discounts at Sea World, Disney World, and several lodging facilities in the Washington, D.C. area. You're also eligible for car rental savings of up to 40 percent. Info on all of these topics and much, much more can be found in this issue.

Keep this copy! This is probably the single most important issue of BUCKEYE GUARD ever produced. Take the time to read it from cover to cover! I'm certain you'll be pleasantly surprised with the bennies you are entitled to as a member of the Ohio National Guard!

Next Deadline is Feb. 28

Copy and photo deadline for the April, 1979, issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is February 28. No articles or photos can be accepted after this date.

All submissions for BUCKEYE GUARD should 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 submissions to BUCKEYE GUARD should be mailed to: SFC Bob DeVoe, editor, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085.



EASY DOES IT—A patient is being loaded into an Army National Guard Ambulance by a team composed of members from the 385th Ambulance Co., 200th Medical Co., and 256th General Hospital, U.S. Army Reserve. Nearly 140 patients were moved 12 miles to a new wing at Cleveland Metropolitan Hospital. (PHOTO BY SSG NANCY CLEVINGER)

ONG Med Units Move 104 Patients 12 Miles

BY SSG NANCY CLEVINGER
STAFF WRITER

Members of the 385th Ambulance Company, 200th Medical Company and the 256th General Hospital, an Army Reserve unit, along with the 316th Helicopter Ambulance Detachment worked together recently to transport patients from Highland View Hospital to their new wing at Cleveland Metro Hospital some 12 miles away.

The patients being transported were paraplegics, quadraplegics, stroke victims and others who are being hospitalized on a rehabilitation program. The new wing, being called Highland View, has been designed specifically for them.

Maj. John Desmone, of the 200th Medical Company emphasized, "It is a real privilege every man and woman here is able to utilize the medical skills they have received and learned in the Ohio Guard and help these patients at the same time." He added, "This type of training not only builds retention but it promotes meaningful training for our troops and it is very rewarding."

SMOOTH LOADING

The loading of the patients was done smoothly and efficiently. There were special canopies built at each hospital to enable the speedy loading and unloading of the patients with the least amount of exposure to the weather (which was rainy and very cold).

After loading the patients, the ambulances were placed in convoy formation.

The Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department led the convoy to the new hospital. A Cleveland Medicare ambulance followed in the event there was an emergency in transit. In addition, all eight hospitals enroute to Cleveland Metro were on alert.

The local police departments directed traffic at all intersections for the convoys and the 316th Ambulance Helicopter Detachment hovered above in the event their services were needed.

Many people were involved in this tedious though rewarding mission. An entire contingent of 104 patients was safely transported 12 miles, to their new ward, in a single day.

To complete this unique mission there were 10 ambulances each from the Ohio Guard's 200th Medical Company, 385th Ambulance Company, Tiffin, and approximately seven ambulances from the Army Reserve's 256th General Hospital, Cleveland.

Mr. William Andrews, Senior Vice President of the Cuyahoga County Hospital System was responsible for contacting the groups involved.

The ladies' Auxiliary at Cleveland Metropolitan Hospital provided hot coffee and donuts to all the helpers and volunteers throughout the day.

The patients were settled in their new rooms by that same evening and were served an evening meal.

The members of the units involved went home tired, cold and hungry, and filled with pride and self-satisfaction for a job more than well done.

Guardsmen Top Trooper

Technical Sergeant Douglas B. Turpening of the Ohio Air Guard's 180th Tactical Fighter Group in Swanton is a good example of how military and civilian occupations can compliment each other, according to MSgt. Bob Barker.

In civilian life, TSgt Turpening is a member of the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Swanton Post. Turpening was recently recognized as the 1978 Trooper of the Year at his post.

Col. John Simmons Retires from ONG

Colonel John J. Simmons, long-time Chief of Staff for the Ohio Army National Guard, is retiring this month after almost 38 years of military service.

He began his service when he enlisted in the Marine Corps in May, 1941. After serving in the Corps and participating in many South Pacific Island campaigns, including Iwo Jima, he joined the National Guard in March, 1949.

He has had many staff and command assignments and was called up for the Korean Conflict with the 37th "Buckeye" Division.

His last few years have been spent as Chief of Staff for the Ohio Army National Guard.

Simmons was recently honored for this service by being awarded the Army Legion of Merit.

He is a graduate of Columbus West High School and Ohio University. Simmons participated in football and wrestling at both schools.



COL JOHN SIMMONS

The Buckeye Guard

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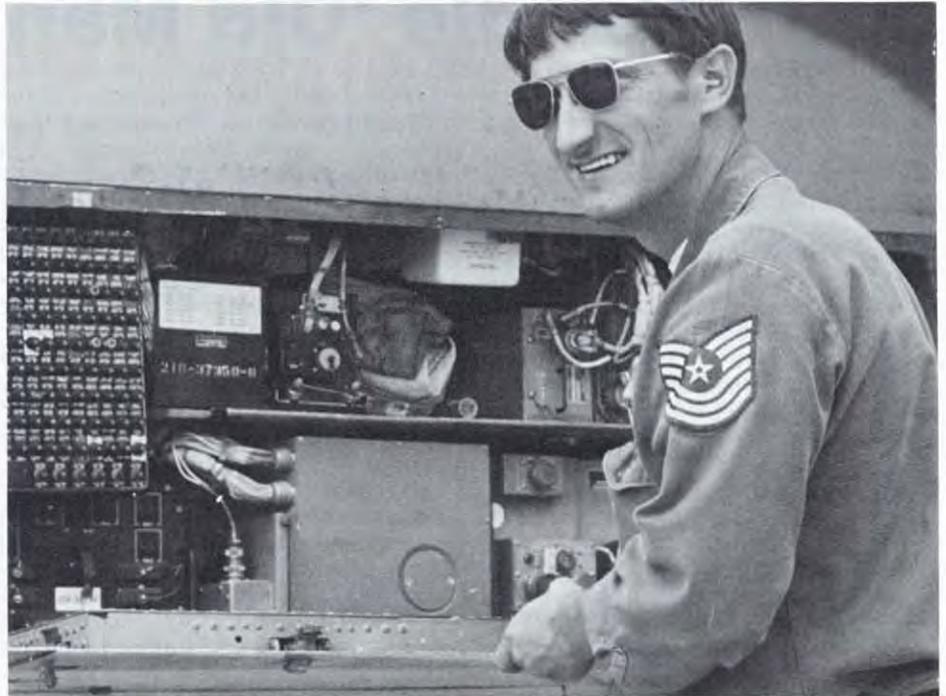
SPECIAL FROM 121ST TFW

The people in the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing's Weapons Load knew what they were doing! They took a guy like Staff Sergeant Don Rushing — four years in the Guard, six years as a weapons loader (two on active duty) — and made him the number one man on a loading crew with three "jeeps". The "jeeps" — Airman Basics Michael Sanders, Robert Johnson and Douglas Welsh, although only in the 121st since last Spring, added the energy and enthusiasm needed for great team efforts.

In late October, this team went to Toledo and competed against the best weapons loaders from the host unit, the 180th Tactical Fighter Group (TFG), the 178th TFG from Springfield and the 112th TFG from Pittsburgh. By late that afternoon, the 121st blend of youth and experience had been declared the winners of the Ohio Air National Guard's loaddeo, sponsored by Headquarters, Ohio Air National Guard. 121st had previously won loaddeos in 1973, 1974 and 1976.

According to Master Sergeant Mike Jones, 121st load supervisor, the competition was keener this year than in the past due to a change in the testing procedures. He also noted that local practice sessions were conducted by instructors and evaluators, Staff Sergeant John Long and Technical Sergeant Phil Landes.

The competition involved the intricate arming and mounting of munitions on a A-7D Corsair II and F-100 Super Sabre aircraft. This year's exercise called for the loading of three Mark-82 slick bombs on one wing and a Mark-82 with high



AVIONICS ACE—Master Sergeant Ron Dillon, 121st mission systems supervisor, makes some last minute adjustments to the avionics system of an A-7D Corsair II. The fine tuning that Sergeant Dillon and his men made on the aircraft allowed pilots of the 121st TFW to deliver all ordnance on target and win the annual OANG Turkey Shoot. (USAF PHOTO BY STAFF SERGEANT JERRY FETHEROLF)

drag device on the other. All crews were judged by experts from the 23rd TFW's load standardization crew from England AFB, La., using standard Air Force criteria. A comprehensive, written test covering loading procedures was also given to each team member.

"To the victors go the laurels . . ." To celebrate their win, Loaders Rushing,

Sanders, Johnson and Welsh boarded a C-130 Hercules training flight headed for sunny Southern Nevada to spend two days in Las Vegas.

This was a bang-up, young crew — one with a future in the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing and the Ohio Air National Guard.

121st Scores Big in Turkey Shoot

SPECIAL FROM 121ST TFW

Teamwork always turns the trick!

A team of 16 pilots from the 166th Tactical Fighter Wing, with help from the Avionics and Weapons Load branches, captured six out of the first eight places to outdistance their closest competitor by over 12,000 points in the annual Turkey Shoot competition held in October at Atterbury Gunnery Range in Indiana.

The competition was sponsored by the Ohio Adjutant General's Office and scored by Atterbury Range officials. Pilots from the 180th Tactical Fighter Group (TFG) in Toledo, the 178th TFG in Springfield and the 112th TFG in Pittsburgh also participated.

Preparation for the shoot began over a month ago. Master Sergeant Ron Dillon, mission systems supervisor in the Avionics Section, debriefed pilots after flights to check on electronic systems malfunctions. He coordinated aircraft monitoring and avionics testing to see that each A-7D Corsair II in the competition was finely tuned.

Once avionics decided the planes were in tip-top shape and the weapons team (a first-place team in its own right, finishing on top in the recent ANG Loaddeo) had loaded each aircraft, it was up to the pilots to deliver the goods to the targets.

Each pilot completed four weapons delivery events — high angle dive

bomb; low angle, low drag dive bomb; low angle, high drag dive bomb; and, strafing. Each pilot dropped two Mark-82 bombs on each run and delivered 100 rounds of 20mm ammunition in the strafing.

After the smoke had cleared over the targets, Captain Tom Pape of the 166th had captured first place individual honors and was named "Top Gun" for the event. Teammates Captain Pete Collins and Major Lance Meyer finished second and third.

By virtue of their impressive win, the team, with the addition of First Lieutenant Dave Miller, will represent the Ohio Air National Guard at the 9th Air Force competition to be held at Homestead AFB, Fla.

Ohio Guard Better Equipped to Handle 'Old Man Blizzard'

BY PV1 FRANK DOUGLAS

STAFF WRITER

The Ohio National Guard is better prepared this year to handle any surprises similar to last year's blizzard. Mother Nature might decide to hurl in Ohio's direction.

The Guard has purchased \$770,000 worth of snow-removal equipment and will have received and installed most of it by February. Included in the equipment are 20 snowplows, 20 spreaders, and eight four-wheel drive vehicles.

Lt. Col. Robert Pettit commented, "This equipment, the \$770,000 for it, is not federally funded. It's state funded."

However, the Guard has been able to acquire through supply channels federal generators and communications apparatus.

Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, the Adjutant General for the state of Ohio said, "The equipment is necessary to provide greater and more rapid assistance during weather emergencies."

Most of the machines are being placed in armories close to interstate highways in the state's snowbelt areas. Over a foot of new snow and 50 to 70 mph winds stranded thousands of motorists on these roads last January during a snowstorm now called the "Blizzard of '78".

The Adjutant General's After Action

Report stated, "The overall effect of the 'Blizzard of '78' on Ohioans and their property could be compared to a statewide nuclear attack from a mobilization standpoint."

According to Brig. Gen. James M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General, Army for Ohio, this year there is "in all armories a certain amount of arctic equipment."

He added, "Before, our people were out there in that cold weather, and they were really ill equipped to be out there."

"We've got in the state over 1,000 packets of winter gear," Pettit stated.

Last year, because of the high winds, snow, and minus 70 degree chill factor, guardmembers had difficulty reaching their armories. In fact, many of the buildings remained empty for hours.

This year, Pettit said, "If a weather alert is pending, we'll authorize key individuals in each armory to take a four-wheel drive vehicle home and be prepared to pick up other people on the way into the armory."

"There's another factor that not too many people recognize," Abraham pointed out. "There have literally been thousands and thousands of four-wheel drive vehicles and snowplows sold to individuals across the state. When you put that kind of equipment into the hands of private individuals who, incidentally, did a magnificent job last year, it's going to

have a significant impact on any blizzard-type thing that might occur this year."

Hundreds of civilian volunteers helped the guard effort last year. Many assisted the Red Cross in caring for stranded persons housed in the armories. Others helped provide food and emergency medical care to persons who were stranded in their homes by using their own four-wheel drive vehicles.

Abraham also stated that the present raise in minimum state active duty pay from \$25 to \$50 a day would be added incentive, but added that many guardmembers leave jobs that pay much more to help Ohio's citizens.

Last year an estimated 10,000 rescues were made by National Guardmembers during the statewide activation caused by the January snowstorm. The storm caused 36 deaths and approximately \$210 million in damage.

To add to the problem of the sub-zero temperatures, 175,000 users were without electricity for as long as four days during and following the storm.

"Between the experience and more detailed planning and the weather equipment we have," stated Brig. Gen. Abraham, "we have to be better prepared; mentally, psychologically, and physically. But each time you go through one of these things, you ought to be better prepared for the next one."

Teater Named STARC Director

Brigadier General Robert W. Teater has been appointed Director, State Area Command (STARC), Ohio Army National Guard. He is the former Commander of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep), the "Buckeye Brigade," which traces its ancestry to the 37th Division, the "Buckeye Division" of World War I and II fame.

As STARC director, he commands the Ohio Guard's largest Army organization, and also serves as the Adjutant General's principal advisor for mobilization in time of national emergency.

Teater, in civilian life, is the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He was appointed to that position by Governor James A. Rhodes in 1975.

In 1977 Brig. Gen. Teater was appointed a principal member at large of the Army Reserve Policy Committee. The committee is the statutory advisory body to the Secretary of the Army and to the Army Chief of Staff on major policy matters affecting the Reserve Components of the Army.

Arctic Gear Arrives

BY CPT. DON VAQUERA
STAFF WRITER

Toledo and northwestern Ohio Army National Guard engineer units recently received additional communications equipment and new arctic cold weather gear in preparation for another possible blizzard in 1979.

The 1200-man Walbridge-based 416th Engineer Group recently completed installation of 19 mobile FM radios for five northwestern Ohio units located in Toledo, Clyde, Fremont, Norwalk and Sandusky. This radio network will also allow for communications between units in order to pool resources during an emergency.

"We learned that without good communications," said Major Vivan Duffy, Command Administrative Assistant for the 416th, "It's extremely difficult, if not almost impossible to

assist stranded motorists and make helicopter rescue runs."

According to Duffy, Toledo area Guardmembers are now equipped with 130 special arctic winter outfits similar to winter clothing worn by Fort Bragg active Army personnel during last year's blizzard.

"This Alaskan style parka, wool lined pants, face mask, and oversized boots will allow our endloader and bulldozer operators to operate without fear of frostbite or injury from severe cold," Duffy explained.

"That's important when these Guardsmen work 18-20 hours a day on emergency duty."

During the January 26—February 5 Blizzard of '78 over 2000 Ohio National Guard members and 500 pieces of equipment were ordered to state active duty by Governor James A. Rhodes in order to assist fellow Ohioans.

QUICK... Name 64 Reasons to Stay Guard

While most members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard know they have a benefit package most would be hard pressed to name even a fraction of the benefits available to them.

BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine firmly believes all members of the Ohio Guard should know about the benefits available and take full advantage of each and every benefit applying to both them and their dependents.

As a member of the Ohio National Guard mountains of state and Federal benefits are yours for the asking. This issue will examine many of these benefits and provide guidance on how to qualify for most.

In addition to the obvious financial rewards of being a Guardmember, there are a thousand intangible reasons for staying Guard. We'll explore some of these reasons in this issue too.

Quick! Think of 64 reasons to Stay Guard!

1. Business Contacts
2. Free inoculations.
3. Space Available flights on military aircraft.
4. PX benefits (day to day)
5. Promotions/personal and professional recognition.
6. Stay at Visiting Enlisted Quarters (VEQ/VOQ's) at some military posts while traveling.
7. Monthly pay checks.
8. Work clothes provided for Guard duties.
9. Community contacts.
10. Craft shop use at some military installations.
11. Free aptitude testing.
12. Free physical exams.
13. SGLI \$20,000 full coverage for \$3.40 per mo. ONGA and ONGEA insurance coverage also available.
14. Military education may enhance the Guardmember's civilian position through service schools and extension courses.
15. Free college tuition—up to 4 years—through the Ohio Guard's unique Scholarship Program. The program also covers most two year vocational schools and extension courses.
16. Two weeks (15 days) double pay for civil service employees, Federal, State, County and City.
17. On the job health benefits (emergency medical, dental and pharmaceutical).
18. Free meals at meetings.
19. On the job disability coverage

(medical costs and full military pay and allowances with approved line of duty).

20. Commissary use during Annual Training and for each period of three or more consecutive days active duty training for self and dependents.

21. Source for resume' referrals may be found in association with other unit members.

22. Comradeship.

23. Skill training.

24. \$50 per day for State Active Duty under emergency situations (recently boosted by passage of H.B. 1104 in Ohio Legislature).

25. \$20,000 free life insurance from State of Ohio if killed while on State Active Duty status for an emergency situation. Also, Worker's Compensation is available to Guardmembers injured in the line of duty.

26. A break from the norm (adventure/excitement).



27. The life of a retired soldier or airman (Pay, PX, Commissary, Medical, Club Participation, etc.).

28. Patriotism.

29. Service to community, nation, fellow-man.

30. Advance in your field through on-the-job training.

31. Expand your horizons.

32. Launch a career (be a professional at something).

33. Pursue your hobbies.

34. Take a break from school.

35. Blue Streak Referral Program—earn extra money for referring prospective recruits to Ohio Army National Guard Recruiters.

36. Stripes for Buddies—earn additional rank by helping to enlist your friends in the Buckeye Guard.

37. Discipline/order.

38. Marksmanship Program—The Ohio Guard has some of the top shooters in the nation.

39. May qualify for full time employment in the National Guard Technician Program.

40. Receive free copies of BUCKEYE GUARD, our award-winning statewide magazine-mailed to your home.

41. Opportunity to join special clubs (Flying Club, Officers Club, NCO Club) at nearby military installations.

42. If a national emergency should arise, unit members will be called up with the unit they are trained and familiar with rather than as an individual draftee or control group member.

43. Promotion for non-prior service enlistees who enlist others prior to their initial active duty training.

44. Tax deductions/advantages (Federal and State).

45. Physical Training.

46. Opportunity for management background through leadership training.

47. Means to increase or participate in Social Security.

48. Legal assistance and counseling.

49. Unit family activities (parties, picnics, etc.).

50. Membership in Officers' Wives Club and Enlisted Association Auxiliary for Guardmembers' spouses and membership in Enlisted Association for all Guardmembers.

51. Opportunity to improve the system through participation in the Army Suggestion Program.

52. Rental of Camp Perry cottages at a very low cost. Use of other recreational facilities at Perry.

53. New Federal Enlistment Incentives for selected Guard Units (AGO Circular 600-3).

54. Sea World discount memberships (available to Ohio Guard personnel).

55. Car rental discounts—up to 40 per cent.

56. Eligibility for Army Emergency Relief (AER) services.

57. Ohio National Guard Association Scholarships available to all ONG members and their dependents.

58. Use of USO facilities across the nation.

59. Receive college credits for military training and experience.

60. An opportunity to attend the Ohio Military Academy's NCO and Officer programs—improve your leadership ability.

61. Disney World discounts.

62. VA-FHA Home Loan Program.

63. Urbana College program.

64. Increased death benefits under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

EDUCATION

Scholarship Applications Skyrocket

After just one year, the Ohio National Guard's Scholarship program is alive and well. Computer statistics indicate that 958 Army and Air Guardmembers are now benefiting by receiving some sort of post secondary education—to the best of our knowledge, that makes Ohio as having the largest tuition assistance program of its kind in the country!

For those readers not familiar with the scholarship program, it had its beginning on Nov. 2, 1977 when Governor Rhodes signed Educational House Bill 228. It had earlier passed the Ohio House 84-6 and the Ohio Senate 31-1. The bill became law 90 days later and now enables all enlisted members of the Ohio National Guard who have enlisted, extended their current enlistment or reenlisted for a period of six years after September 1, 1977, to receive up to 8 semesters or 12 quarters of tuition assistance.

If the Guardmember chooses a state assisted school, the scholarship program provides funds for the cost of tuition and general fees. If a private school is selected, the scholarship program provides the equivalent of the average state university tuition. In both cases, the school must be recognized by the Ohio Board of Regents.

Recipients must be Ohio residents and full time (12 hours) undergraduate students.

We all need to continue to spread the word about this outstanding program. The reference for the scholarship program is AGOR 621-1 (ARMY) and 351-1 (AIR).

Program Deadlines Announced

The Adjutant General has announced deadlines for Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program applications.

Application documents should be submitted to the Adjutant General Dept., ATTN: AGOH-PA for Army personnel and ATTN: AGOH-AIR for Air personnel, not later than August 15, 1979, for the Fall Quarter; November 15, 1979, for the Winter Quarter; February 15, 1979, for the Spring Quarter; and May 15, 1979, for the Summer Quarter; or 40 days prior to the starting date of the term for which the applicant is enrolled.

Semester deadlines are the same as above, with the exception of the Spring Quarter. No semester deadline exists for a Spring Quarter.

According to Major General James C. Clem, the Adjutant General, "These suspense dates must be adhered to, to insure the applicant will receive the grant for the term of enrollment."

Grant Responsibilities Listed

Individuals participating in the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Grant Program have certain responsibilities to fulfill if aid is to continue.

Foremost of these responsibilities is to satisfactorily participate in Guard training. This means attending regularly scheduled weekend drills and annual training. Drills and AT must be attended with the unit the individual belongs to, unless the individual's commander authorizes otherwise.

Satisfactory participation also means conforming to appearance standards and other standards that are established by regulations.

If an individual's academic status changes, he must notify his unit commander. At all times, enlistment obligations are of primary importance.

Grant participants also must re-apply for the Guard scholarship grant once a year by August 1. This reapplication maintains eligibility for another academic year.

If there are any questions, or further information is required, contact: 2LT George Kinney at (614) 889-7032.

Urbana College Program Available at Beightler

BY CW4 KENTON MATTISON

Urbana College operates a continuing education program at Beightler Armory in Worthington, Ohio.

Urbana, a liberal arts school whose main campus is located just north of Springfield, Ohio, conducts off-campus programs in several major Ohio communities to attract private and public sector employees who want to pursue a college education while working a full-time job.

Initial operation of their program at Beightler began last September when four evening courses were offered. There were 39 enrollments for this pilot project. Although primary emphasis centers around Guardmembers and technicians who began but never completed a college education, classes are open to the public as well. Course schedules provide the opportunity for fulltime students (12 or more hours each quarter) to complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree, however, students who only want to take one or two courses are also welcome.

Urbana College is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities and is one of 15 member institutions of the Dayton-Miami Valley Consortium.

Off-campus tuition is \$39 per credit hour and may be paid in three installments. Many students currently enrolled at Beightler are recipients of the Ohio National Guard Tuition Grant Program and Veterans Administration educational benefits.

In addition to Worthington, Urbana operates off-campus programs in Bellefontaine, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Lima, and Marysville. Interested persons should contact the Continuing Education Office on the Urbana campus to obtain the name of a particular site coordinator. The toll-free number is (800) 762-2173.

The site coordinator for the Beightler Armory Continuing Education Center in Worthington is CW4 Kenton Mattison.

Additional information concerning the Beightler program can be obtained by calling (614) 889-7122 or 346-7122 Auto-von.

Registration for the Spring Quarter begins April 2, 1979.

'I Consider It a Vacation'



SP5 DEBBIE LATHAM

BY PV2 JULIE HUGHES
STAFF WRITER

Many individuals join the Ohio National Guard for tangible reasons, such as the Scholarship Program; insurance benefits; and that extra cash at the beginning of each month.

Others cite intangible reasons for their Guard membership, including personal satisfaction and pride.

To find out some of the reasons individuals choose to stay Guard BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine interviewed a cross-section of the Ohio Guard during a recent drill weekend at Beightler Armory. Here are the results:

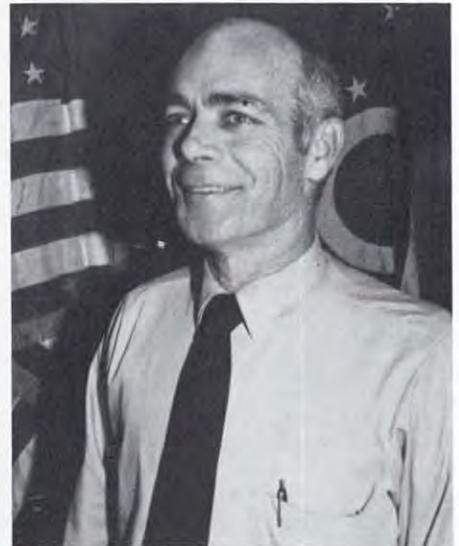
SP5 CAROL REES, a member of Head-

quarters Detachment, Worthington, says the Guard has given her a "great deal of incentive and experience. The Guard has also helped my son Allen, who recently enlisted and is taking advantage of the Scholarship Program," she added.

MSG FAY MORTON, also a member of Headquarters Detachment, feels his Guard membership is a way of repaying his country for all it has done for him. After 24 years of military service Morton still maintains "a patriotic feeling".

"If it wasn't for the Guard I'd probably be in the Red Cross or something," emphasized SP4 DEBBIE LATHAM. Specialist Latham is also happy to help her fellow Ohioans during state emergencies such as last year's blizzard. She also feels the Guard has "helped my civilian life be more efficient and organized."

At 17, CW2 CARL WILLIAMS wanted to



CW2 CARL WILLIAMS

OCS Candidate MARY ALICE LESICA is a dental hygienist who sees the Guard "as a means for keeping up with all the new techniques in dental hygiene. The Guard gets all of this information first, and we all ought to have a first hand in everything," she added.

PFC DEBBIE GREEN, a member of the 122nd Army Band, Ohio Army National Guard, commented, "I like the people. This band is a great bunch and they're crazy. I like that". She became a Guardmember when funds for college "ran out".

"I joined in 1964 just like a lot of guys—to avoid the draft," emphasized SFC LLOYD DAVIDSON, a maintenance

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SFC WILMER SORRELL

belong to a military organization and enlisted in the Ohio Guard. Just doing his job gives him a great deal of personal satisfaction. Now, after 26 years in the Guard, he plans to continue his military education.

"It takes special dedication to work in food service, we're a dying breed," says SFC WILMER SORRELL, who prepares the menu and orders food for both Headquarters Detachment and the Ohio Military Academy in Worthington. SFC Sorrell had been in food service for six years when his enlistment was up and he left. Even so, he was called upon to perform his old duties. After six months, he decided to reenlist in the Guard. He likes the break from the every day routine of his civilian job as a salesman for B & A Paints, and the Guard needs him.



MSG FAY MORTON



SP5 CAROL REES

New Enlisted Pay Tables

EFFECTIVE OCT. 1978

PAY GRADES	YEARS OF SERVICE	MONTHLY PAY RATE	DAILY PAY RATE	MUTA-4 PAY RATE	15 DAYS ANNUAL TNG	BAQ RATES WD
E-1 PV1	-02	419.40	13.98	55.92	209.70	150.30 - month
E-2 PV2	-02	467.40	15.58	62.32	233.70	150.30 - month 5.01 - day 75.15 - AT
E-3 PFC	-02	485.40	16.18	64.72	242.70	150.30 - month 5.01 - day 75.15 - AT
	+02	512.10	17.07	68.28	256.05	
	+03	532.80	17.76	71.04	266.40	
	+04	553.80	18.46	73.84	276.90	
E-4 CPL SP4	-02	504.90	16.83	67.32	252.45	172.50 - month 5.75 - day 86.25 - AT
	+02	533.10	17.77	71.08	266.55	
	+03	564.30	18.81	75.24	282.15	
	+04	608.40	20.28	81.12	304.20	
	+06	632.40	21.08	84.32	316.20	
E-5 SGT SP5	-02	525.30	17.51	70.04	262.65	195.90 - month 6.53 - day 97.95 - AT
	+02	571.50	19.05	76.20	285.75	
	+03	599.40	19.98	79.92	299.70	
	+04	625.50	20.65	83.40	312.75	
	+06	666.30	22.21	88.84	333.15	
	+08	693.60	23.12	92.48	346.80	
	+10	721.20	24.04	96.16	360.60	
	+12	747.60	24.92	99.68	373.80	
	+14	761.40	25.38	101.52	380.70	
E-6 SSG SP6	-02	598.20	19.94	74.76	299.10	213.30 - month 7.11 - day 106.65 - AT
	+02	652.20	21.74	86.96	326.10	
	+03	679.50	22.65	90.60	339.75	
	+04	708.00	23.60	94.40	354.00	
	+06	734.40	24.48	97.92	367.20	
	+08	761.40	25.38	101.52	380.70	
	+10	789.30	26.31	105.24	394.65	
	+12	830.10	27.67	110.66	415.05	
	+14	856.20	28.54	114.16	428.10	
	+16	883.50	29.45	117.80	448.50	
	+18	897.00	29.90	119.60	448.50	
E-7 SFC PSG	-02	692.70	23.09	92.36	346.35	231.90 - month 7.73 - day 115.95 - AT
	+02	747.60	24.92	99.68	373.80	
	+03	775.50	25.85	103.40	387.75	
	+04	802.20	26.74	106.96	401.10	
	+06	830.10	27.67	110.68	415.05	
	+08	856.20	28.54	114.16	428.10	
	+10	883.50	29.45	117.80	441.75	
	+12	911.10	30.37	121.48	455.55	
	+14	952.20	31.74	126.96	476.10	
	+16	979.20	32.64	130.56	489.60	
	+18	1006.80	33.56	134.24	503.40	
	+20	1019.70	33.99	135.96	509.85	
	+22	1088.40	36.28	145.12	544.20	
+26	1223.70	40.79	163.16	611.85		
E-8 MSG 1SG	+08	992.10	33.07	132.28	496.05	249.30 - month 8.31 - day 124.65 - AT
	+10	1019.70	33.99	135.96	509.85	
	+12	1047.00	34.90	139.60	523.50	
	+14	1074.60	35.82	143.28	537.30	
	+16	1102.50	36.75	147.00	551.25	
	+18	1128.00	37.60	150.40	564.00	
	+20	1155.90	38.53	154.12	577.95	
	+22	1223.70	40.79	163.16	611.85	
+26	1360.20	45.34	181.36	680.10		
E-9 CSM SGM	+10	1182.30	39.41	157.64	591.15	269.70 - month 8.99 - day 134.85 - AT
	+12	1209.38	40.31	161.24	604.65	
	+14	1236.90	41.23	164.92	618.45	
	+16	1265.40	42.18	168.72	632.70	
	+18	1293.30	43.11	172.44	646.65	
	+20	1318.50	43.95	175.80	659.25	
	+22	1388.10	46.27	185.08	694.05	
+26	1522.80	50.76	203.04	761.40		

Enlisted BAS (Rn/a) \$3.38

More S.A.D. Dollars for ONG

Ohio National Guardmembers will enjoy an increase of \$25 in pay the next time they are called to emergency state active duty by the Governor.

Under House Bill 1104, Guardmembers will receive a minimum of \$50 per day while serving in a state of emergency declared by Governor James A. Rhodes.

In addition, Ohio Guardmembers

working on emergency duties, who are injured, are eligible for Ohio Worker's Compensation. Guardmembers killed in the line of duty receive \$20,000 in death benefits from the State of Ohio (this is the same amount as SGLI). This coverage is above and beyond your regular SGLI policy.



Let's Talk Money

Some Ohio Guardmembers use their drill pay to balance the family budget. It can mean a new set of skis, a car payment, a savings bond or a vacation.

But no matter how it's used, a Guardmember's paycheck is one of the biggest reasons cited for staying in. And while pay for a weekend's work can run from about 50 dollars for a buck private to over \$200 for a major, most Guardmembers will earn close to a hundred dollars for each four-drill weekend at the end of their six-year hitch.

Of course, there are other benefits that aren't added in that figure. With meals and uniforms, medical and dental health care, the benefits of this part-time job add up quickly.

Guardmembers are paid well for their skills, but they earn every penny in jobs that are far more demanding than most others.

HOW IS A GUARD MEMBER PAID?

Ohio Air and Army Guardmembers receive one day's pay for each four-hour drill period, based on their grade and years of service.

HOW IT ADDS UP

For men and women who take up a part-time job for the money or the challenge, or both, working in the Ohio Guard adds up to a good deal. Compare the Guard to other part-time jobs with this check list:

Does the job guarantee at least 50 dollars or more per weekend to start?

Do you only work one weekend per month, and two weeks in the summer, with the employer buying all the meals during work periods?

Are you told months in advance of the work dates?

Will you receive regular promotions and pay increases for your length of employment?

Will any other part-time job interfere with another full-time job or civilian education?

Will you receive free college tuition at the expense of your part-time employer?

Will you be given \$300 worth of clothing for wear during your work period, clothing that is replaced as it's worn out?

Will you be covered by \$20,000 worth of life insurance full-time at a cost of only \$3.40 per month?

It's tough for most employers to meet those exacting standards. But that's the way the Ohio Guard keeps good people. It all adds up to a good deal.

VA/FHA HOME LOANS

BY CPT. DON VAQUERA
STAFF WRITER

Has the high cost of a down payment kept you from buying a home? It shouldn't.

A new minimum down payment schedule recently initiated by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) makes buying a home much more affordable for eligible Guardspersons and Reservists.

Guardmembers with 90 days continuous active duty are eligible for this program known as the "FHA-VA Home Loan Insurance Program."

Presently, a new lower down payment program is in effect that simply requires

Guardsmen to provide a downpayment of \$200 on the first \$25,000 of a mortgage.

According to Steve Stoecklin, Loan Officer for Citizens Mortgage in Columbus, "closing costs will be almost standard from lender to lender."

Stoecklin mentioned such items as loan origination fee, credit check, title insurance, recording and closing fees which must be paid when closing on a home.

"These items can be paid by either the buyer or the seller," said Stoecklin.

A \$45,000 home with a \$1000 down payment would require about \$900 in closing costs and prepaid items.

Interested Guardmembers should

submit a copy of their DD214 along with VA form 26-8261a to: Veteran's Administration, Veteran's Service Division, 1240 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Oh., 44199. A letter must accompany this request stating that you are applying for the "FHA-VA Home Insurance Program."

The Ohio National Guard State Public Affairs Office has produced a booklet titled "VA-FHA Home Loan Information Packet".

Booklets can be obtained from any one of the Ohio Army Guard's five regional recruiting offices or by writing to: State Public Affairs Office, 2825 W. Granville Road, Worthington, 43085.

Income Tax Breaks

BY LTC WILLIAM B. SHIMP
STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

As a member of the Ohio National Guard, you are permitted to deduct from your gross income, for income tax purposes, the expenses you incurred during 1978 as a result of your participation in Guard drills and other required Guard activities.

Deductible expenses include:

(A) Travel expenses if your armory is located outside of your hometown or metropolitan area (for IRS purposes this defined as being more than 50 miles from your home—that is, you must travel at least 100 miles). You may figure your actual automobile expense such as gas, oil, repairs, licenses, insurance and depreciation and deduct these costs; or alternately. You may take a fixed mileage rate of 17 cents per mile for the first

15,000 miles and 10 cents per mile for the excess over 15,000 miles. If the government paid you a mileage allowance, and it costs you more than the amount given, you may deduct the difference between what it costs you and what the government paid you. However, you may not exceed the standard mileage rate above.

(B) Uniform expenses, including laundry, cleaning and replacement expenses, if you were not reimbursed for these expenses.

(C) The cost of meals paid by officers for which they did not receive a subsistence allowance.

(D) Meals and lodging if you were temporarily away from home overnight while performing Guard duties.

(E) Dues for National Guard and other military associations such as NGAUS and ONGEA.

(F) Long distance telephone calls, postage, stationery, etc., if you do not use government telephones and office supplies.

If you earned in excess of \$16,500 in wages from your primary employer and \$907.50 was deducted for FICA taxes, you may take a direct credit from your income tax for the amount of social security (FICA) taxes withheld from your Guard pay by the government. This is a dollar for dollar credit as opposed to a deduction.

You may itemize the above items on Schedule A and B (Form 1040) under the category of miscellaneous deductions, or you may use Form 2106 and attach it to Form 1040. There is an advantage in using Form 2106 since it will reduce your adjusted gross income.

Safety Act Applies to Guard

BY LTC WILLIAM SHIMP
STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

In September of 1976, Congress passed the Public Safety Officer's Benefit Act of 1976 (P.L. 94-430), which provides a death benefit of \$50,000 to dependents of Public Safety Officers who die as a result of personal injury sustained in the line of duty while acting as firemen, involved in crime or juvenile delinquency control or reduction, or enforcement of the criminal laws.

When Guard members are called to duty to participate in these capacities,

they qualify as public safety officers, and their dependents are eligible for this benefit in the event of death resulting from personal injury while in the line of duty. Claims for benefits are administered by the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and processed through the Adjutant General's Department.

This program is another in the continuing line of programs which recognize the vital role played by Guardmembers and other law enforcement officers in public service to their local, state and national governments.

Disney Discounts Available to ONG

According to Colonel Charles Conner, Commander of the Ohio Army Guard's 371st Support Group, Kettering, Guardmembers who wish to visit Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., in October, will receive substantial discounts upon presentation of their identification card.

Those interested in receiving advance tickets for this special military package should write to Walt Disney World, Admissions Office, P.O. Box 40, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. 32830.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person with unlimited access to all rides and performances.

LEADERS WANTED

Improve Yourself, Guard by Attending Ohio Military Academy

BY CPT. DENNIS JANKOWSKI
OHIO MILITARY ACADEMY

One of the most talked-about benefits today is what each of us can gain by striving for self improvement. Terms like transactional analysis, TM, and Zen are quite common. Well, be it for personal, civilian or military reasons, the Ohio Military Academy has several unique courses designed to enhance the lives of our Guardmembers.

For those members who have experienced the military for a while, one of the truly rewarding areas that can distinctly benefit a guardmember's career, is the Officer Candidate School. OCS, designed in three phases, offers each candidate an exciting challenge to develop both leadership and management skills. In a vigorously designed 15 month curriculum, candidates receive intense instruction in a wide variety of subjects: weapons training, map reading, civil disturbances, branch training, infantry tactics, and much more.

Don't think the rigors of the program exclude women either! OCS readily accepts female candidates and, in fact, can now accept female cadets who are high school graduates or possess a GED rather than the previously required two years of college.

Minimum age for OCS is 20 years while the maximum is 30, waivable by the Adjutant General up to 32 years and 6 months at time of commissioning. If you're interested, deadline for application to OCS Class XXVII is March 31, 1979. Reference for the OCS program is AGOR 351-3 (ARMY) or call (614) 889-7107 for further information.

Guardmembers who are participating in the Ohio National Guard Scholarship program are reminded that they are able to continue receiving their tuition assistance even after receiving their commissions. Candidates maintain a minimum rank of E-6 while they are attached to OCS.

One phrase which probably every guardmember has muttered to himself or herself during drill or annual training has been something to the effect of, "Boy, this is really dumb. What a waste of my time. If I were in charge, things would be different. I've got to talk to the First Sergeant".

Did you ever think you could be your unit's First Sergeant, a top drawer NCO? The Ohio Military Academy also conducts a Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, consisting of six IDT weekends in Worthington and a two week AT phase at Camp Perry.

The instruction of NCO School emphasizes the development of NCO leadership and instructor skills to include: senior and subordinate relationships, professional ethics and self-discipline, needs of the soldier, chain of command with emphasis on role of the squad leader, counseling and techniques of soldier motivation.

In addition to self-improvement and making yourself a better person, successful completion will entitle the NCO graduate to thirty promotion points.

Interested members should contact their units to apply for NCO School in accordance with the letter, "Applications for Ohio ARNG Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School". Applications should arrive at the Ohio Military Academy no later than February 15th.

Think positive, if you want to be the First Sergeant, a hard charging NCO who can make changes for the better, remember the phrase, "If it is to be, it is up to me". Think NCO School!

Just recently, the Ohio Military Academy concluded its first Senior NCO course designed to assist senior NCOs in further developing leadership and management skills acquired through years of experience and the basic NCO school.

Taught in a seminar type teaching method, students and instructors interacted with numerous advanced military subjects which included: troop information, recruiting and retention, unit readiness management, world strategies, military and state law, and much more. Interested members should be on the lookout for the next four month course which is conducted in four weekend assemblies.

Students must be in grades E-7 through E-9 and are attached to the Ohio Military Academy for the duration of their class.

SAVE MONEY!!

Vacation at Perry for Small Change

BY SFC BOB DEVOE
STAFF WRITER

Looking for a vacation close to home that won't wind up costing you an arm and a leg?

Few Guardmembers and their families know about the great accommodations awaiting them at historic Camp Perry, located along Lake Erie five miles west of Port Clinton, Ohio.

Camp Perry is Ohio's only state-owned military reservation.

The camp has some of the finest rifle ranges in the world, including a 1,000 yard range. Many national-level matches have been held at Perry since 1907.

Camp Perry is used throughout the year by units of the Ohio National Guard for storage, maintenance, range firing and annual training.

During the warmer months of June through September, the camp becomes a beehive of military and civilian activities.

The Clubhouse at Camp Perry is a year-round operation. Accommodations in the Clubhouse area range from single motel rooms to cottages and recreational vehicle parking.

The Clubhouse area features 27 newly remodeled cottages. Each cottage has room for up to four and is fully equipped with bedding, pots, pans, dishes and towels. No pets are allowed.

The newly remodeled cottages aren't the only attraction at Camp Perry either—the nearly 300 foot beach frontage facing the Clubhouse complex is one of the cleanest in the entire west end of Lake Erie.

Twenty-eight recreational vehicle parking spaces are available complete with hook-ups for water, sewer and electric.

RECREATION GALORE

In addition to safe swimming and great perch fishing, recreational opportunities abound in the Clubhouse area. Tennis courts, shuffleboard, basketball, volleyball and horseshoe equipment are available and baseball enthusiasts can check out balls, bats and gloves.

In the winter months areas are available for both ice fishing and snowmobiling.

The Camp Perry accommodations are even more inviting to Guardmembers and their families because of the close proximity to the giant Cedar Point Amusement Park. Perry is just 18 miles from this midwestern fun spot.

RESERVATIONS A MUST

Advance reservations are a must for those desiring to use the facilities at Perry. Reservation forms are available through your AST. Additional information can be obtained by calling (419) 635-2519.

The Buckeye Guard

Outstanding Guardmembers Sought

Earn 5 - Day Vacation for Being the Best

BY SFC BOB DEVOE
STAFF WRITER

How would you like a five-day vacation in one of Ohio's nicest resort areas, free passes to Cedar Point, plus five days state active duty pay?

It's all possible if you're selected your unit's outstanding Guardmember.

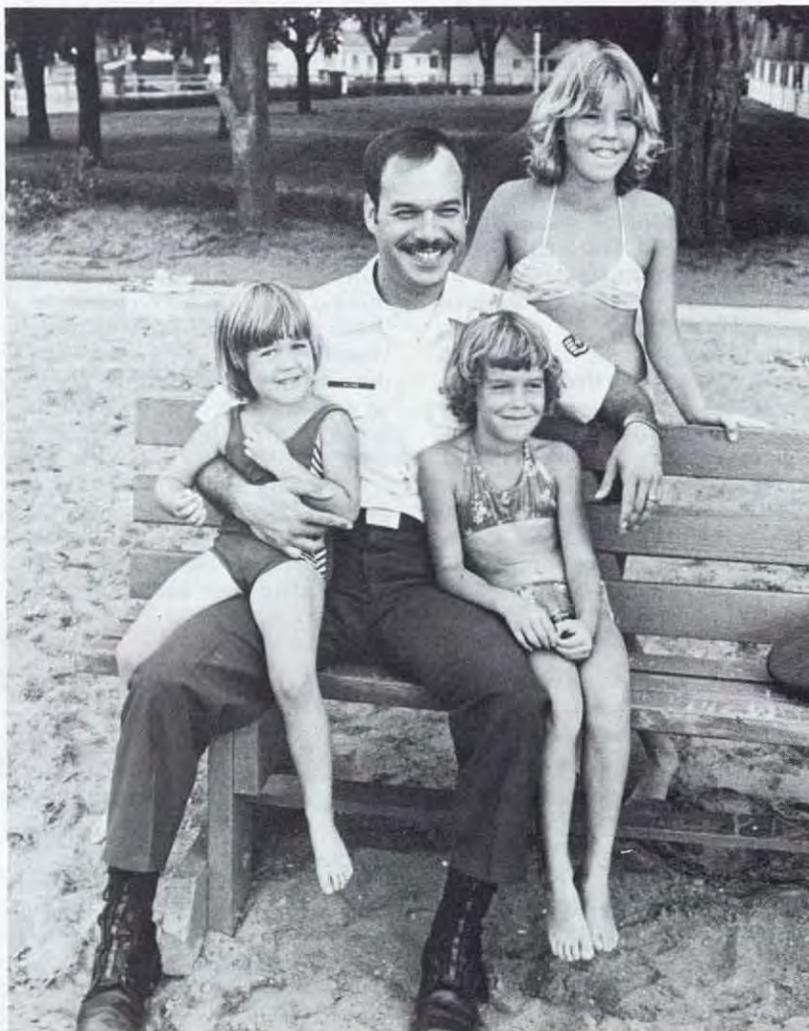
Sixteen Guardmembers and their families recently enjoyed these privileges—and more—as part of the Ohio National Guard's unique Outstanding Guardmember Program.

Under the program outstanding enlisted members in pay grades E-3 through E-6 are given some very special treatment.

Those selected by their units receive five days state active duty pay; free use of a family housing unit at Camp Perry for five days; and some planned activities and functions involving free tickets for the family to Cedar Point, fishing, water skiing, swimming, golf and a family steak fry. It all amounts to approximately \$300 for each Guardmember.

Twelve hours of "situational rehearsal training" are also provided for all Guardmembers involved in the program. Many consider these morning classes to be the highlight of the affair.

For additional information on this program contact CW4 Gordon J. Kinney, Outstanding Guardmember Project Officer, AGOH-PA, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, OH. 43085 or phone (614) 889-7031.



Flight School Now Available for Enlisted

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 additional information.

The Buckeye Guard

Credit Union Privileges

The Ohio Military Federal Credit Union has five branch offices serving 27,000 members all over the world. All Ohio National Guardmembers (Army and Air) are eligible for membership in OMFCU, as well as members of immediate families. (Some Ohio counties do have exceptions).

Some of the services that OMFCU offers include:

Share Draft (checking) Accounts that pay a quarterly dividend rate on the low balance at the end of the quarter. The only charge is for printing of personalized checks.

Instant-Cash-At-Point-Of-Purchase Travelers Checks which are honored anywhere in the world.

Savings Plan Accounts (time deposit) that pay up to 7½% compounded daily

for an effective annual yield of 7.89%. Each member account is fully insured to \$40,000 by an agency of the Federal Government.

Low cost Loans. One example is their "share secured" loans at a low 9% annual percentage rate.

To establish membership, a minimum deposit of \$5 is required. To maintain lifetime membership, a share balance of \$50 in a Share Savings Account is required.

Additional information is available by writing to the credit union office nearest you. The addresses are: Rickenbacker AFB, P.O. Box 17060, RAFB, O., 43217; Youngstown Municipal Airport, Vienna, O., 44473; and Laurel Oaks Career Development Center Office, Wilmington, O., 45177.

Blue Streaks= \$\$\$

BY PVT KEVIN McLINN
STAFF WRITER

The Ohio Army National Guard proudly announces the hottest recruiting program in the country!

That's quite a boast; but have you heard about the Buckeye Guard's new Blue Streak Program? It's an excellent way to put money in your pocket.

This new bonus dollar program enables National Guardmembers to receive one day's State Active Duty, or a minimum of \$25, if he or she can cause a high school senior, a non-prior service high school graduate, or a veteran to enlist for six years.

CPT Dennis M. Jankowski, former Public Affairs Officer for the Adjutant General for Ohio, says the basic Guardmember is the best advertisement and the best spokesman for the Guard.

"Because civilians tend to listen to enlisted members about the military, we decided to utilize their credibility and dedication through this unique program," he added.

"The procedure for the Blue Streak Bonus is simple," he explained, "if you know a prospective Guardmember, just complete and mail a Blue Streak Referral Card. These cards are available from the nearest Ohio Guard recruiter."

Simply drop the card in the mail. When the local ONG recruiter receives the card he will contact the person and if an enlistment occurs, your check should arrive by mail, usually within 15 working days.

According to CPT Jankowski, the program has been working very well. About 85 Guardmembers have already been enlisted through this plan and bonus dollars totaling over \$3000 have been paid

out during the month of November alone.

Several Guardmembers are enthusiastically taking advantage of the program. SP4 Robert W. Stanley, Co. C, 372nd Engineer Bn.; PFC Mark S. Hicks, Co. B, 612th Engineer Bn., and SSG Russell P. Elder, 383rd Med. Co., were able to interest 14 new recruits in the Guard during October and November.

CPT Jankowski emphasized, "The only Guardmembers not authorized to participate in this bonus program are officers, warrant officers, full-time recruiters, and technicians whose job descriptions include recruiting duties.

References for the Blue Streak Referral Program are AGOH Circular 601-201 (Army) and 33-4 (Air). Additional information on this exciting program is available by calling toll-free 1-800-282-7310.

Do You Qualify For A Re-Up Bonus?

BY 1LT VICTOR DUBINA
STAFF WRITER

Selected units of the Ohio Army National Guard can now offer a retention bonus as part of a new Federal Enlistment, Education Assistance and Retention Bonus Program.

Eligible individuals can receive \$1800 for a six year extension/reenlistment or \$900 for a three-year extension/reenlistment. If an individual has less

than six years of service, he or she can reenlist for six years and receive the full-bonus of \$1800.

If an individual has between six and eight years of service, they can reenlist for either three or six years and receive a bonus of \$900 for the three years or \$1800 for the six years. If an individual has more than 8 years of service and less than 9 years, then they can extend/reenlist for three years or more and re-

ceive a bonus of \$900 regardless of the term of extension/reenlistment.

Fifty-per cent of the bonus becomes effective the first day of the new term of service. The rest of the bonus is then paid in increments of \$150 upon the satisfactory completion of each year of service until the total amount is paid.

To participate in the Retention Bonus Program an individual must extend or reenlist in a unit authorized to pay the bonus. The individual also must not have received an extension/reenlistment bonus for service in the Selected Reserve. The individual also cannot be extending or reenlisting for a technician position where National Guard membership is a condition of employment.

The individual must also hold a grade commensurate with the position vacancy and cannot extend for full-time active duty in excess of 90 days.

Also, the individual has to have been a satisfactory participant in the Selected Reserve for one full year before the date of extension/reenlistment.

Ohio Army Guard units eligible for the Retention Bonus are:

HHD, 54th Rear Area Operations; HHC, 16th Engr Bde; 135th MP Co; HHC, 137th S & S Bn; 77th Inf Det (Pathfinder Abn); 200th Med Co; 214th Maint Co (-); Det 1, 214th Maint Co; 155th Maint Co (-); Det 1, 155th Maint Co; 684th Med Co; 385th Med Co; and the 1193rd Engr Co.

ONGA Scholarships Available

The Ohio National Guard Association has created a scholarship award program for active and retired members of the Guard and their dependents.

According to Major Bill LaPrise, Scholarship Chairman, those eligible to apply for the scholarship include any person who is an active member of the Ohio National Guard (OBNG); or any person who is the son, daughter, spouse, or legal dependent of an active or retired member of the Ohio National Guard.

The number and amounts of the scholarship awards vary with the association budget. A number of recipients are honored each year with the

funds available. Last year's awards amounted to \$1000.

Applications for this award are available from Maj. Bill LaPrise, 3165 Swigert Rd., Kettering, Oh 45440. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 1979.

Selection of scholarship recipients shall be based upon the merits of the application for the awards and the decision of the Scholarship Committee will be final.

The Scholarship Committee will notify all individuals selected for the award and will attempt to secure their presence at the Business Meeting of the Ohio National Guard Association Convention for personal presentation.

BENEFITS UPDATE

College=Stripes

Everyone knows education is an investment in the future. Education can also mean extra pay for those enlisting in the Ohio Army National Guard, according to Maj. Edwin Hall, State Recruiting Manager.

Potential enlistees with two years of college can now join in pay grade E-3. Proof must be presented of successful completion of 90 quarter hours or 60 semester hours of college work.

An applicant with three or more years of a four-year college program (135 quarter hours or 90 semester hours) can be enlisted as an E-3 with accelerated promotion to E-4 upon completion of six months service.

College graduates can join as an E-3 and will be promoted to E-4 upon return from basic training or in four months.

Participation for two or more years in the Junior ROTC Program; or completion of one or more years in the Senior ROTC Program can also mean extra stripes for those joining the Ohio Guard.

For more details check out NGR 600-200. It is in your orderly room.

Law Protects

National Guardspersons soon will approach employers with requests for leaves of absence to participate in annual training.

Under the law, the Guardsperson may return to work following summer camp with the same status, pay scale, seniority and accrued vacation as would be expected had the person not been absent.

Also, an employer may not discharge an employee because of Guard membership and activity.

The statutes covering the employer/Guardsperson relationship were expanded in Chapter 43, Part III, Title 38, United States Code of Public Law 93-508.

Persons experiencing problems claiming their rights may contact the Office of Veterans Reemployment Rights, U.S. Dept. of Labor.

Federal employees experiencing problems can appeal to the Civil Service Commission.

Dolphin Club

Good news for Ohio Guardmembers and their families this summer!

The Ohio National Guard is a corporate member of Sea World's Dolphin Club.

This club entitles all ONG members and their families to a 15 per cent discount to Sea World of Ohio; as well as Sea World Parks in Orlando, Florida, and San Diego, Calif.

If you are heading south or west this winter, be sure to take your Dolphin card along. There are many other benefits available for discount at hotels, etc. in Florida and California. For a list of these you may write to: SSG Nancy Clevenger, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O., 43085. Include your name, rank, unit, and home address.

Some of the discounts available in Ohio include a 20 per cent discount at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton; 10 per cent savings on various hotels and motels; and 10 per cent savings on campsite fees at six Ohio Parks.

Club cards will be available later this spring and we will notify you in a future issue of BUCKEYE GUARD when they do become available.

Car Rentals

Military and Department of Defense civilian personnel can now take advantage of discounts offered by six car rental companies.

The discounts, which were negotiated by the Military Traffic Management Command, vary from 10 to 40 per cent. All but one company offers this discount for both personal and official travel. In addition, five of the six companies offer this discount to retirees.

Participating in the program are Avis, Hertz, National Car Rental Systems, Econo-Car International, Dollar and Thrifty. (Thrifty does not permit the discount to be used in conjunction with personal travel, does not accept credit cards and does not offer the service to retired personnel.)

For additional information concerning these agreements, contact HQ MTMC, ATTN: PTS, Washington, D.C., 20315 or phone (Autovon) 289-1590 or 202-756-1590. (FORSCOM)

USO Events in D.C.

Summer is a wonderful time to visit the nation's capital, Washington, D.C. Free outdoor events are numerous and major sights have extended evening hours. To make your visit extra special and hassle-free, contact the Washington U.S.O. before you go. They will send you prompt information on military discount hotels and motels; how to get around the city; and schedules of special daily attractions. They can also suggest good restaurants to suit your tastes and budget. Also, be sure to ask about the V.I.P. tour of the White House. Simply write: National Capital U.S.O., 451 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001.

Insurance Available

All members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard are eligible for Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI), special term life insurance plans and accident benefit plans, as well as hospitalization benefits.

Under SGLI, a Guardmember may purchase any amount of insurance up to \$20,000, for only \$3.40 per month.

The benefit, though the policy is purchased through the Guard, is fulltime coverage, giving your family protection while you're on your civilian job, during leisure hours and during military training as well.

For Guardmembers who retire with 20 years, the coverage may be extended until the first retirement check is received. During the period from retirement to age 60, the coverage costs \$10 each month and the individual must pay premiums by monthly check.

The Uniformed Benefits Services Insurance is now at a lower rate for term insurance for non-flyers. Those 26 and under receive \$112,000 in insurance for only \$8.90 per month. There will also be hospitalization insurance available to all holders of term or life policies. These will be paid in either \$25 or \$50 per day sick leave, depending on which policy you decide on.

There is also a Group Annuity Plan made available to members and Associate Members and Federal Employees are now included in eligibility for USBA.

We also have the option or privilege to retain Dependents' Coverage at death of a member. This coverage is extended to a surviving spouse.

For additional information on any of these programs write to: Uniformed Benefits Services, Southwest Trafficway at 39th Street, P.O. Box 258, Kansas City, MO. 64141 or call (816) 561-2134.

Tech Employment

BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is sorry to report that because of some "yet to be resolved" changes which are to be issued by the National Guard Bureau, we are unable to present an accurate article on technician employment opportunities at this time. When these changes are finalized, we will publish a comprehensive article concerning technician employment benefits.

Watch future issues
of BUCKEYE GUARD for
other benefit updates

RETIREMENT

Whoever Heard of a Pension From a Part-Time Job?

Chances are retirement is about the last thing on your mind right now.

But one of these days, it'll probably be the foremost thing on your mind.

So now's the time to realize that you will be entitled to a government pension and retirement plan if you've completed 20 years of creditable service in the Ohio National Guard.

Moreover, your retirement benefits are completely "portable." Regardless of how often you move or switch units, you can still earn retirement credits. . . Just try switching jobs and see if your new employer allows you retirement credits earned with your last employer!

It's hard enough to believe that a retirement program for a part-time job even exists. One so flexible that offers so much security—as much as \$30,000 in cash value alone. And our premiums are the lowest you can pay.

None.

But that's only the beginning. Here's a brief summary of all your retirement benefits:

Before age 60 you will receive:

Officer and NCO Club Membership eligibility.

Space available travel (in uniform) within the U.S. including Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Indefinite retention of Commissions.

Wearing of uniform on appropriate occasions.

Post and Base Exchange Privileges (while on Drill or Other Official Training Duty Status).

After age 60 you will receive:

Retirement Pay.

Medical treatment and hospitalization for yourself and dependents (space available basis).

Dental treatment. Dependents are authorized routine dental care outside the U.S. and at installations within the U.S. where adequate civilian facilities are not available. Emergency dental care and treatment are authorized for dependents worldwide.

Care at VA Facilities (retiree only).

Post and Base Exchange and Commissary privileges.

Officer and NCO Club membership.

Space available travel, including overseas.

Use of Military Clothing Sales facilities.

Legal and veterinary services.

Use of Post, Camp, Station, and Base facilities.

If you're thinking about giving up the Guard, think about all you're giving up.

Keep the most important part-time job in America!

New Law Affects Retirees

Under a new benefit option for Reserve Component personnel—to include members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard—retirees may now provide death benefits to their survivors, payable even if they die before age 60.

This change in the Military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) was recently signed into law by President Carter and provides three options, two of them brand new.

Retirement-eligible Guardmembers may elect:

(A) No change from the old plan. The Guardmember may decline to make a selection for or against SBP coverage until he or she reaches age 60. If this option is chosen, no survivor coverage will be available during the years between attaining retirement eligibility and reaching age 60.

(B) Under the first new option, the Guardmember may elect to provide a survivor benefit annuity, payable on the date he or she would have reached age 60, if death comes before that time.

(C) Under the second new option, the Guardmember may choose to have the survivor annuity made payable on the date of death, regardless of whether death occurs before or after age 60.

What is Your Guard Retirement Worth?

What are your Ohio National Guard retirement benefits worth?

Do you know how to compute your retirement pay?

As an example, BUCKEYE GUARD will use the retirement benefits available to an E-8, with over 22 years of service, at age 60:

His retirement points total 4734 for both active duty and National Guard service. That number, divided by 360, equals 13.150, or 13.15, which represents the total years service for retirement purposes. Retired pay is computed at 2.5 per cent of base pay for each year of service. The monthly base pay rate for an E-8 over 22 is \$1223.70. That sum, multiplied by .3288 gives the monthly retirement pay this individual will receive at age 60—\$402.35.

You would have to invest \$1344 annually for 20 years to have a paid up life insurance policy that would pay you a monthly income of \$150 at age 60. This figure is based on a policy on which payments would be made for 20 years and which would pay \$150 for life at age 60.

By joining or remaining in the Ohio National Guard you protect yourself and your family's future by working toward your 20 year retirement; plus your Guard drill pay could be used to start an additional retirement program with either a savings account or income insurance policy.

To be eligible for National Guard retirement, your last eight years must have been spent as a member of the Reserve Components.

No ID at PX

Good news for Guardmembers!

Now you can take your dependent children into exchange facilities with you. Children of Guardmembers do not need identification cards to be admitted to these facilities. However, your spouse must still present appropriate identification such as a motor vehicle license or social security cards, etc., to gain admission.

Only you, the Guard member, can make the purchases. To make a purchase you are still required to have a valid ID card and a valid Leave Earning Statement (LES). (FORSCOM)



AT '79

Units Destined for Germany, Texas, 7 Other Locations

1979 Annual Training dates and sites for the Ohio Army National Guard have been announced:

YEAR AROUND AT WITH NO SPECIFIC TRAINING SITE: HHD, OHARNG; CAC OHARNG; 196th PA Det; HHC, 112th Med Bde.; 838th MP Co.; 1486th Trans Co.; 155th Maint Co.; 213th Maint Co.; HHD, 437th MP Bn.; HHC (-) 16th Engr Bde; 385th Med Co; 684th Med Co.

OCONUS—GERMANY (1-30 Mar.) HHC (-) 16th Engr. Bde (3 Incr.)

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX. (5-19 May) Det. 1, 1416th Trans Co.; (21 Apr-5 May) 1416th Trans Co (-).

CAMP PERRY, OH. (2-16 Jun) 210th Arty Det.; (9-16 Jun) 2-174th ADA Bn.; (16-30 Jun) HHC 134th Engr Gp.; (7-21 Jul) 112th Engr Bn.; 186th Engr. Det.; (14-18 Jul) 323rd MP Co; (14-28 Jul) 1487th Trans Co.; HHD 112th Trans Bn.—1st Incr.; (28 Jul-11 Aug) 112th Trans Bn—3rd Incr; (14-28 Jul) 5694th Engr. Det.—1st Incr.; (28 Jul-11 Aug) 5694th Engr. Det—2nd Incr.; (11-25 Aug) 5694th Engr. Det—3rd Incr; (21 Jul-4 Aug) 1485th Trans Co.; (7-21 Jul) OCS/NCO School.

FT. McCOY, WI (16-30 Jun) 54th Spt. Ctr; 211th Maint Co; (28 Jul—11 Aug) HHD 137th S and S Bn.

FT. HOOD, TX. (21 Jul-4 Aug) Trp A, 237th Cav.

CAMP ATTERBURY, IN. (2-9 Jun) 2-174 ADA Bn; (16-30 Jun) 216th Engr. Bn.

SAVANNA ARMY DEPOT, ILL. (9-23 Jun) 135th MP Co.

FT. CAMPBELL, KY. (16-30 Jun) HHC, 73d Inf. Bde. (Sep); 437th Avn Co; 837th Engr. Co.; 299th Sig Plt; 77th PF Det; 237th Spt Bn; 1/136th FA Bn; 1/147th Inf Bn; 1/148th Inf. Bn; 1/166th Inf Bn; 1484th Trans Co; (5-19 May) Air Trp. 107th ACR.

CAMP GRAYLING, MI. (28 Jul-11 Aug) HHC 371st Spt Gp.; 37th Signal Co.; 324th MP Co; 1483d Trans Co; HHD 737th Maint Bn; 214th Maint Co.; 200th Med Co; 383d Med Co; HHT 107th ACR; 2-107th AC; 3-107th AC; HHD 512th Engr Bn; 1193d Engr Co; 26th Engr. Co; HHC 416th Engr. Gp; 612th Engr. Bn; 122nd Army Band.

EM Service Schools Available

While attendance at qualifying Active Army service schools has been mandatory for officers over a number of years, the Ohio Army National Guard is now placing great emphasis on enlisted service schools.

These schools are available at no cost and while attending these schools Guardmembers receive regular active duty pay and benefits.

Information on these service schools, along with the proper application forms,

is available from any local Guard unit.

"Ohio Guardmembers are urged to take a few moments to look at what is available and to avail themselves of this opportunity for education and self improvement," according to BG James M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio Army National Guard.

If you're unable to obtain help at the local level, additional information is available from CW4 Ray Swerlein, phone (614) 889-7104.

Ohio Guard Called for Flood Duty by Gov. Rhodes

BY SFC DON LUNDY
STAFF WRITER

It was a routine mission, almost matter of fact for the Ohio National Guard helicopter crew. But to the people in the outlying areas of Gallia County the presence of the Medevac helicopter was reassuring.

It brought to mind an old motto—"Sleep Well Tonight, Your National Guard's Awake."

Flooding, that old nemesis of a lot of folks along the Ohio River reared its ugly head for the umpteenth time in recent years, the weekend of December 9-10, 1978.

Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes authorized use of Guard personnel to help out in several areas, primarily in Gallia and Clermont counties.

Because of numerous outlying roads being made impassable by the high water, the help in Gallia County consisted mainly of assistance to the southeastern Ohio Emergency Medical Service. The medical service personnel handled all emergency calls from areas that could be reached by ground vehicles. The Guard helicopter handled emergency calls from areas isolated by high water. A UH-1 with crew was on duty at Gallipolis December 10, 11 and 12.

In addition to the Medevac helicopter which supported local authorities with emergency evacuations in the Gallia, Meigs and Lawrence County areas, 4 officers and 50 enlisted men from Detachment 1, Company A, 1/147th Infantry Battalion in Batavia were called to duty in Clermont County December 10, 11, 12 and 13 to evacuate people threatened by flooding and to perform traffic control and security missions.

The Guard personnel helped evacuate 80 people in the New Richmond area to the New Richmond Elementary School.

In addition to the activity in Gallia and Clermont counties, Guard personnel from HHC of the 216th Engineer Bn. at Portsmouth helped city workers erect flood gates December 9 and 10, and in Manchester (Adams County) ten Guard personnel from Co. B, 216th Engineer Bn. were placed on standby duty Dec. 11-12 for possible evacuation of civilians.

Fortunately for Ohio, the flooding crisis subsided in short order. While there was considerable property damage and cleanup work involved, no lives were lost.

Brief encounter though it was, the National Guard again was on hand to support local Ohio communities in their time of need.

New Legislative Listing

In January, new sessions of the Congress of the United States and the Ohio General Assembly convened. For your information, below are the persons who will make up the new legislatures, listed by district number:

UNITED STATES SENATE

John Glenn (D)
Howard Metzenbaum (D)

UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 1—Willis D. Gradison, Jr., (R-Cincinnati)
- 2—Thomas A. Luken, (D-Cincinnati)
- 3—Tony Hall, (D-Dayton)
- 4—Tennyson Guyer, (R-Findlay)
- 5—Delbert Latta, (R-Bowling Green)
- 6—William Harsha, (R-Portsmouth)
- 7—Clarence Brown, (R-Urbana)
- 8—Thomas Kindness, (R-Hamilton)
- 9—Thomas Ludlow Ashley, (D-Toledo)
- 10—Clarence Miller, (R-Lancaster)
- 11—William Stanton, (R-Painesville)
- 12—Samuel Devine, (R-Columbus)
- 13—Donald Pease, (D-Oberlin)
- 14—John Seiberling, (D-Akron)
- 15—Chalmers Wylie, (R-Columbus)
- 16—Ralph Regula, (R-Navarre)
- 17—John Ashbrook, (R-Johnstown)
- 18—Douglas Applegate, (D-St. Clairsville)
- 19—Lyle Williams, (R-North Bloomfield)
- 20—Mary Rose Oaker, (D-Cleveland)
- 21—Louis Stokes, (D-Warrensville Hgts)
- 22—Charles Vanik, (D-Euclid)
- 23—Ronald Mottl, (D-Parma)

OHIO SENATE

- 1—M. Ben Gaeth, (R-Defiance)
- 2—Paul E. Gillmor, (R-Port Clinton)
- 3—Theodore M. Gray, (R-Columbus)
- 4—Donald E. Lukens, (R-Middletown)
- 5—Neal F. Zimmers, Jr., (D-Dayton)
- 6—Richard H. Finan, (R-Cincinnati)
- 7—Stanley J. Aronoff, (R-Cincinnati)
- 8—William F. Bowen, (D-Cincinnati)
- 9—John K. Mahoney, (D-Springfield)
- 10—Marigene Valiquette, (D-Toledo)
- 11—Walter L. White, (R-Lima)
- 12—Ronald L. Nabakowski, (D-Lorain)
- 13—William H. Mussey, (R-Batavia)
- 14—John R. Kasich, (R-Columbus)
- 15—Michael Schwarzwaldner, (D-Columbus)
- 16—Marcus A. Roberto, (D-Ravenna)
- 17—Oakley C. Collins, (R-Ironton)
- 19—Thomas A. Van Meter, (R-Ashland)
- 20—Sam Speck, (R-New Concord)
- 21—M. Morris Jackson, (D-Cleveland)
- 22—Anthony O. Calabrese, (D-Cleveland)
- 23—Charles L. Butts, (D-Cleveland)
- 24—Jerome Stano, (D-Parma)
- 25—Paul R. Matia, (R-Cleveland)
- 26—Paul Pfeifer, (R-Bucyrus)
- 27—Oliver Ocasek, (D-Northfield)
- 28—Kenneth R. Cox, (D-Barberton)
- 29—Thomas F. Walsh, (R-Canton)
- 30—Kinsey Milleson, (D-Freeport)
- 31—J. Timothy McCormack, (D-Euclid)
- 32—Thomas E. Carney, (D-Girard)
- 33—Harry Meshel, (D-Youngstown)

OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- 1—Eugene Branstool, (D-Utica)
- 2—John P. Wargo, (D-Lisbon)
- 3—James E. Betts, (R-Rocky River)
- 4—Rocco J. Colonna, (D-Brookpark)
- 5—Francine M. Panehal, (D-Cleveland)
- 6—Patrick A. Sweeney, (D-Cleveland)
- 7—Kenneth A. Rocco, (D-Parma)
- 8—Benny Bonanno, (D-Cleveland)
- 9—Troy Lee James, (D-Cleveland)
- 10—Thomas M. Bell, (D-Cleveland)
- 11—Frank Mahnic, Jr. (D-Garfield Heights)
- 12—Donna Pope, (R-Parma)
- 13—Ike Thompson, (D-Cleveland)
- 14—Mary O. Boyle, (D-Cleveland Hgts)
- 15—John D. Thompson, Jr., (D-Cleveland)
- 16—Harry J. Lehman, (D-Beechwood)

- 17—Matthew J. Hatchadorian, (R-Mayfield)
- 18—Dennis E. Eckart, (D-Euclid)
- 19—Dale Van Vyven, (R-Cincinnati)
- 20—Thomas A. Pottenger, (R-Cincinnati)
- 21—Jerome F. Luebbers, (D-Cincinnati)
- 22—Edith P. Mayer, (R-Cincinnati)
- 23—William L. Mallory, (D-Cincinnati)
- 24—Terry M. Tranter, (D-Cincinnati)
- 25—Helen Rankin, (D-Cincinnati)
- 26—Helen H. Fix, (R-Cincinnati)
- 27—Alan E. Norris, (R-Westerville)
- 28—C. William O'Neill, (R-Columbus)
- 29—Les Brown, (D-Columbus)
- 30—Mike Stinziano, (D-Columbus)
- 31—Phale D. Hale, (D-Columbus)
- 32—Dean Conley, (D-Columbus)
- 33—Don E. Gilmore, (R-Columbus)
- 34—Edward J. Orlett, (D-Dayton)
- 35—Tom Fries, (D-Dayton)
- 36—C.J. McLin, Jr., (D-Dayton)
- 37—Paul R. Leonard, (D-Dayton)
- 38—Robert L. Corbin, (D-Dayton)
- 39—Vern F. Cook, (D-Cuyahoga Falls)
- 40—Thomas C. Sawyer, (D-Akron)
- 41—Robert D. Nettle, (D-Barberton)
- 42—Pete Crossland, (D-Akron)
- 43—Cliff Skeen, (D-Akron)
- 44—Irma L. Karmol, (R-Toledo)
- 45—Casey C. Jones, (D-Toledo)
- 46—Arthur Wilkowski, (D-Toledo)
- 47—Barney Quilter, (D-Toledo)
- 48—Richard F. Maier, (R-Massillon)
- 49—Charles Red Ash, (R-Canton)
- 50—William J. Healy, (D-Canton)
- 51—Thomas P. Gilmartin, (D-Youngstown)
- 52—Joseph J. Vukovich, III, (D-Youngstown)
- 53—I. Leonard Camera, (D-Lorain)
- 54—John V. Bara, (D-Elyria)
- 55—Robert A. Nader, (D-Warren)
- 56—Michael Del Bane, (D-Hubbard)
- 57—William Donham, (R-Middletown)
- 58—Michael A. Fox, (R-Hamilton)
- 59—Edward J. Hughes, (D-Mentor)
- 60—David Hartley, (D-Springfield)
- 61—Sherrod Brown, (D-Mansfield)
- 62—John A. Begala, (D-Kent)
- 63—James S. Zehner, (D-Yellow Springs)
- 64—Waldo Bennett Rose, (R-Lima)
- 65—Robert A. Taft II, (R-Cincinnati)
- 66—Lawrence E. Hughes, (R-Columbus)
- 67—Larry H. Christman, (D-Englewood)
- 68—John E. Johnson, (D-Orrville)
- 69—John A. Galbraith, (R-Maumee)
- 70—Dave Johnson, (R-Canton)
- 71—Thomas J. Carney, (D-Youngstown)
- 72—Marie Tansey, (R-Vermilion)
- 73—Corwin Nixon, (R-Lebanon)
- 74—Dennis L. Wojtanowski, (D-Newbury)
- 75—Charles R. Saxbe, (R-Mechanicsburg)
- 76—Harry E. Turner, (R-Mount Vernon)
- 77—Bob McEwen, (R-Hillsboro)
- 78—Rod Hughes, (R-Huntsville)
- 79—Larry W. Manahan, (R-Defiance)
- 80—Dale Locker, (D-Anna)
- 81—Robert E. Netzley, (R-Laura)
- 82—Michael G. Oxley, (R-Findlay)
- 83—Robert E. Brown, (R-Perrysburg)
- 84—Frederick H. Deering, (D-Monroeville)
- 85—Gene Damschroder, (R-Fremont)
- 86—Walter D. McClaskey, (R-Marion)
- 87—Harry C. Malott, (D-Mt. Orab)
- 88—Myrl H. Shoemaker, (D-Bourneville)
- 89—Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., (D-New Boston)
- 90—Don S. Maddux, (D-Lancaster)
- 91—Claire M. Ball, Jr., (R-Athens)
- 92—Ronald H. James, (D-Proctorville)
- 93—William G. Batchelder, (R-Medina)
- 94—James R. Ross, (R-Dresden)
- 95—Tom Johnson, (R-Cambridge)
- 96—William E. Hinig, (D-New Philadelphia)
- 97—Robert J. Boggs, (D-Jefferson)
- 98—Arthur R. Bowers, (D-Steubenville)
- 99—Wayne L. Hays, (D-Belmont)

How to Write To Your Area Legislators . . .

Surprisingly, approximately 90 per cent of all Americans never exercise their constitutional right of writing to state legislators and U.S. Congressmen.

A letter can have a great impact on a politician. After all, the constituent casts the vote and pays the legislator's salary.

Those writing to any member of the Ohio Senate should address their correspondence: Senator (member's name), Ohio Senate—State House, Columbus, O. 43216.

Correspondence to all members of the Ohio House of Representative should be sent to: Rep. (Member's name), Ohio House of Representatives, State House, Columbus, O. 43216.

Letters to U.S. Senators should be mailed to: Senator (his name), Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Those wishing to write a U.S. Representative should address their mail: Honorable (representative's name), House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

The following are suggestions that will make your letters more effective:

Identify yourself. It will increase the impact of the letter if you describe yourself as a constituent, voter, taxpayer, soldier, or active citizen.

Identify the bill or issue. Be as specific as possible. There about 20,000 bills introduced in each congress. Use the correct bill number if known or describe it by the popular title.

Write the letter while there is still time to take action.

Be concise and to the point. Even though many issues are complex, arguments stand a better chance of being read if they are brief.

A personal letter is far more convincing than a form letter or a signature on a petition.

Give reasons for your beliefs. "Vote against H.R. 100. I'm bitterly opposed," doesn't help much.

If you have expert or personal knowledge, share it.

Don't demand an early commitment. On major issues there are usually two sides. When all the facts are in, a congressman may want to change his viewpoint.

Members of congress want to hear their constituent's ideas, and they are open to suggestions. Write and let them know how you feel.



Enlisted Association Rap

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

BY SSG NANCY CLEVINGER
AND SGM WARREN MYERS

Great Events Planned in 1979

With Christmas and New Years behind us it is time for us to evaluate our goals for the coming year. The Enlisted Association is planning great events for the future. The statewide bowling tournament will be the first week-end in June, an All-States Meeting (for all members to attend) in April and the State Conference in Lima in May. Also a Columbus Clippers Baseball night in August. Check your "Voice" for details on these and many other events.

Through the hard work of the Enlisted and Officers' Associations, House Bill 1104 has been passed and signed by the Governor. This Bill increases from \$25 to \$50 the minimum daily pay for a member of the organized militia of Ohio ordered to active duty under State Authority. This

became effective in early December.

Once again this year, as last, the Enlisted Association has joined with H & R Block to provide members of the association with professional assistance in preparing their personal income tax forms at a very modest cost. Details are in the "Voice".

The Enlisted Association is presently trying to recruit all Ohio Army and Air National Guard retirees into our association. If you know any retirees please send their name and address to the secretary, P.O. Box 215, Dublin, O., 43017, or to CSM (Ret.) Wilbur Jones, 1357 East Hudson Street, Columbus, O., 43211.

Be sure to read the details on this page concerning our Bowling Tournament. Everyone is invited to participate.

Enlisted Association Plans Statewide Bowling Tourney

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association has announced it will be sponsoring its First Annual Handicap Bowling Tournament at Amos Lanes, 3444 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus on June 1-3, 1979.

Bob Bauchman, Chairman for the Tournament, stated entry forms were mailed in January to Enlisted Association unit representatives. Deadline for all entries is April 15, 1979.

The tourney is open to all members of the Ohio National Guard, active or retired, and any person associated with Guard unit, such as advisors, technicians, etc. Dependents are not eligible to enter.

The entrance fees (including bowling and tournament expenses) are: Team—\$35; Doubles—\$14; Singles—\$7; and All Events (optional)—\$1. The prize list will be posted prior to the start of bowling, and there will be one prize for about every 10 entries.

Bowlers may participate only once in each event. In doubles, only two bowlers may be entered. Both names must be registered.

The tournament will be governed by ABC/WIBC rules and all disputes will be settled by same.

The average to be used for handicap in each event is the bowler's highest ABC/WIBC Sanctioned League Average as shown in the 1977-78 Average Manual based on a minimum of 21 games. A bowler with no established average will be accepted at 200. Handicaps for bowlers with less than 140 average will be based on 140. No summer league averages will be accepted (WIBC members excluded).

Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$300 or more in any event in a tournament since May 8, 1978, must report actual score, position and amount won for possible re-rating.

Any bowler who reports a lower average than required or who fails to report a prize of \$300 or more during the previous 12 months, shall forfeit tournament entry fees and winnings.

Bowlers should also be familiar with the re-rating requirements stated by ABC Rule No. 27. All bowlers are

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Plant Man, Poolside Luncheon Planned

The holidays are past, and the time has come to gather our energies and execute plans for a successful conference in Lima.

After the long winter, April showers will make everything green and alive. Green means plants and "The Plant Man" will be our guest in Lima. Bring all your questions and enjoy the world of plants.

Another special treat will be a poolside luncheon.

Are you sponsoring a member to this year's conference? There is a prize for the one bringing the most new members into the Auxiliary. For information on membership, etc., please contact any of the following people:

Beverly Arn, 187 Cullman Rd. Columbus, O., 43207, 614-491-9268 or Joanie Foster, 5374 Edgeview Rd., Columbus, O., 614-491-5712. We are here to answer any questions or find the answers if necessary.

Off the cuff: Comments were received that the lack of interest in joining the Auxiliary was the fact that their "family came first".

I know not who made these comments, nor do I care, but I would like to say the Auxiliary makes no demands that would hinder your family. Our families come first also, and supporting our spouse in their Guard career is certainly first in our goals. We strive to promote family participation and interest in the Guard through our outings at Geauga Lake and conference locations which can accommodate children readily. None of us shirk our family responsibilities in order to become members of the Auxiliary, but rather, I'd say we enhance our family responsibility to a much greater degree. There is impact with an organized group and we can support legislation with greater clout if the Auxiliary is large. We need you **because** you put your family first.

We were instrumental in getting the Survivor Benefits Bill passed and now must support whatever our spouses' determine is needed in the future.

Please reconsider. . . we need you as members for a UNITED EFFORT!!!

BEV ARN
Auxiliary President

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737th Rated No. 1

Headquarters Detachment, 737th Maintenance Battalion, was recently awarded the Eisenhower Trophy in recognition of their outstanding rating during this past training year.

The trophy, named in honor of the late Dwight D. Eisenhower, is presented annually to the top Army National Guard unit.

The Newark unit will display the award during the next year, in addition to receiving a miniature replica for permanent possession.

Controllers Complimented

Summer Camp was a success for the controllers of the 124th Tactical Control Flight, Blue Ash, according to CPT Darl Stephenson.

The unit deployed its forward Control Post over 500 miles to Phelps Collins Air Guard Base, Michigan, to support the 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The 124th Controllers also supported Marine Corps Reserve F-4's from Andrews AFB, Maryland, and the 64th Fighter Weapons Squadron F-5E's from Nellis AFB, Nevada.

Members were cited by the 64th for "some of the best control ever received."

Mock Plane Crash

The weather was dismal over Lima, with visibility extending only a few yards.

Suddenly, at 9:30 a.m., a plane crashed with 26 victims aboard, including 21 survivors.

Ambulances from the Ohio National Guard were soon on the scene. Within a half hour, most of the victims had arrived at the hospital . . . as planned.

The plane crash was a mock-up of what could happen in the future, with National Guard personnel from Lima's 837th Engineers and civilian personnel working together. The disaster wasn't real, but the emergency medical and evacuation service was a test of how well the Guard and community could perform together.

Results of the mock-disaster indicated both passed with flying colors. The exercises are held twice a year.

**Deadline for
April Issue
is Feb. 28th**



179th TACTICAL AIRLIFT GROUP from Mansfield brightened the holiday season for themselves and others recently through donations to two local groups. The donations, which were coordinated and presented by the 179th Tac NCO Academy Graduates Association, were made to the Salvation Army and the Personal Advocacy Group, according to MSgt. Zane Zimmerman. The 179th NCO Academy Graduates Association also hosted a Christmas party for more than 100 handicapped children and their families. Highlighting the party were magic shows, gift exchanges and a visit from Santa, played by MSgt. Robert Patterson. (PHOTO BY MSGT. ZANE ZIMMERMAN).

NCO's Provide Backbone

Although it's long been said that the NCO is the backbone of the military, members of the 371st Support Group in Kettering decided to put that theory to the test. During two exercises at Ft. Chaffee and Camp Perry the NCO's ran the operations and received kudos from 5th Army evaluators.

In addition, the NCO's of the 371st were pitted against a neighboring company to determine who could be loaded and ready to leave camp the soonest.

The results of that contest came as no surprise to members of the 371st, according to CPT. David Dawson, Unit PI0.

Magley Award Presented

A new trophy is in the display case in armory of Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 174th ADA in New Lexington.

Because of the unit's outstanding level of readiness during 1978, the Colonel Richard G. Magley Artillery Readiness Trophy will remain in the 174th's possession for the next year.

Zanesville Unit Visits UK

An Electronic Installation Team from the Ohio Air National Guard's 220th Electronic Installation Squadron in Zanesville recently spent a month in the United Kingdom in support of the Air Force Scope Response Program.

Team Chief TSgt John Johnson and his men spent the month in England installing GRC-171 radios at RAF bases throughout the country.

Other members of Sergeant Johnson's team included TSgt. Donald Benjamin, SSgt. Kenneth Burghy, Sgt. Jeffrey Wilson and SRA Gary Hoffman, according to Lt. Col. Jon M. McMahon, unit commander.

251st Contributes

The 251st Air Guard Combat Communications Group was recently awarded a certificate of appreciation for its outstanding support of three Air Force agencies.

The Springfield unit was cited for its contributions to the Air Force Aid Society, Enlisted Widows Home and Air Force Village.

The 251st has also received the Air Force Communications Service Achievement Award for 1977.

Why Do They Stay?

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supervisor for CAC in Worthington. Now the Guard is his career. Sergeant Davidson added, "I consider summer camp a small vacation".

PV2 JAMES COLLINS entered the aviation field in the Ohio Army Guard because he "wants to fly". Collins says, "I would be pushing a mop someplace on the weekends to make extra money and this job is much more demanding and interesting."

Each Guardmember has a personal reason for being a member of the Ohio Guard team; but most will agree that it pays to belong.

All About People-



1LT VICTOR DUBINA has been appointed *Public Affairs Officer* for the Ohio National Guard. Prior to assuming his current position he served as *Recruiting Induction Officer* for the Ohio Army Guard. He is a graduate of Ohio State University.

Five Ohio Army National Guardsmen were recently honored during an awards ceremony held at Beightler Armory in Worthington. They were: **COL. JOHN J. SIMMONS**, Legion of Merit; **COL. HAROLD M. FINLEY**, Legion of Merit; **LTC ARVIN N. DONNER JR.**, Army Commendation Medal; **SGM SHERMAN E. HAGERMAN**, Army Commendation Medal; and **MAJ. LARRY BUTTON**, Ohio Commendation Medal. The awards were presented by **BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM**, Asst. Adj. Gen. for Army.

WO AURELIA MURRAY, Central Area Command; **SSG ALAN EDGINGTON**, 136th FA; **TSGT TERI HILL**, Ohio Air Guard; and **SSG RANDY VAUGHN**, Ohio Air Guard, served in the color guard for Ohio Governor **JAMES A. RHODES'** inauguration at the Ohio Theatre in Columbus.

MG CHARLES H. JONES, of Hamilton, ended 38 years of military service with his retirement in December. He most recently served as Director, State Area Command in Worthington. Jones is succeeded by **BG ROBERT W. TEATER**, formerly commander of the Ohio Guard's 73rd Infantry Bde. (Sep) headquartered in Columbus.

MONTE ZINN, a Springfield area auto

The Buckeye Guard

dealer, was recently awarded the 251st Combat Communications Group Meritorious Service Award. **COL. PASQUALE GICALE**, Group Commander, presented the plaque to Zinn for his support of the Air National Guard.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM recently presented high awards to four Army Guardsmen during ceremonies in Worthington. **COL. HAROLD M. FINLEY**, retiring Asst. Quartermaster General for the Ohio Army Guard, received the Meritorious Service Medal. **CW4 GORDON J. KINNEY** received the Army Commendation Medal; **SGM HAROLD J. KLEMSTINE** was presented the Meritorious Service Medal; and **SSG WILLIAM A. LEE**, a cook with Headquarters Detachment, Worthington, received the Ohio Commendation Medal.

MAJ. EDWARD C. KOPP was recently appointed Commander of the Ohio Air Guard's 180th Combat Support Squadron, based at Toledo Express Airport.

A rather spectacular jump in rank was achieved by **SGT. MIKE HERNANDEZ**, of Headquarters Detachment, 512th Engineer Bn., Cincinnati. He originally received his commission in 1967 from ROTC. He relinquished his commission to become part of the 135th M.P. Company. From that unit Hernandez was transferred to HHD, 512th Engineers, because of a transfer resulting from his civilian job. He had his commission reinstated at that time.

LTC ALAN B. DOTSON has been appointed Deputy Commander of Resources for the Springfield-based 178th Tactical Fighter Group. Also at the 178th, **LTC RAYMOND E. MOORMAN** has been named Commander of the Ohio Air Guard's 162nd Tactical Fighter Squadron based at Springfield Municipal Airport.

COL. ANDREW G. SKALKOS, of Hamilton, has been appointed Commander of the Ohio Army Guard's 73rd Infantry Bde. (Sep).

PV1 EARL B. PETERS, a member of the 2/107th Howitzer Battery, Alliance, had a perfect 500 score on his final basic training physical fitness test at Fort Sill, Okla. Two other Guardmembers, from Alabama and Wyoming, also achieved a 500 score on the PT test. Sill officials indicate this is the first time three members of the same platoon have achieved a perfect score on the test.

COL. ROBERT LAWSON, Ohio Army Guard Chief of Staff, has received the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding performance while Civilian Personnel Officer with the AG Department.

MSG KEITH A. KILDOW has received the Army Commendation Medal for his outstanding performance as a communi-

cations technician with the AG Dept.

Ohio Air Guard **CPT CHERYL M. RINI** has been selected to serve on the Air National Guard Minority Officer Recruiting Advisory Board, according to **BG JOHN B. CONAWAY**, Deputy Director of the Air National Guard.

MAJ. CURT GRIFFITH, Deputy Director of the Ohio Disaster Services Agency, and son **CRIS**, 7, recently competed in a Y.M.C.A. Indian Guide Turkey Shoot at the Columbus School for the Deaf. Both finished first among shooters from 17 other Indian "tribes" in the Columbus area to win the competition and a turkey to boot.

Ohio Air Guard **LTC DONALD T. MCKINLEY** received the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal during ceremonies at the 180th Tactical Fighter Group in Toledo. He was cited for his "outstanding skill, leadership and efforts in supporting the Air National Guard".

Ohio Army Guard **PV2 JOHN P. BONHAM** has been named The Outstanding Trainee in drill and ceremonies for his BCT unit at Ft. Leonard Wood. Another Ohio Guardmember, **PVT.**

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MAJOR EDWIN E. HALL has been named *State Recruiting and Retention Manager* for the Ohio Army National Guard. He was formerly a *Readiness Management Specialist* with the *Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Operations and Training* in Worthington. Major Hall resides in Hilliard and is a graduate of Ohio State University. (OHIO NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO).

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MICHAEL J. MONTGOMERY, received the United States Army Honor Award at the same post while undergoing basic training.

Ohio Army Guard SSG **DALE ENGLISH** provided technical assistance to the Hilliard Police Department recently when a surplus 3/4-ton military truck was purchased by the city for disaster situations. The truck's engine was rebuilt by English and city mechanic **DEWEY PERRY**.

Ohio Defense Corp's MAJ. **ERNEST C. BRADLEY** recently received the Mayor's Medal from Columbus Mayor **TOM MOODY**. He was cited for his volunteer work in the community.

CPT. DENNIS M. JANKOWSKI has been named Training Administrator for the Ohio Military Academy in Worthington. Jankowski formerly served as State Recruiting Manager and State Public Affairs Officer for the Ohio Guard.

K. Troop, 3rd Squadron, 107th ACR, Ashtabula recently honored their local media at an awards ceremony held in the local armory. **CPT. CHARLES WILLIAMSON**, Troop Commander, presented plaques to: **RUSSELL DODGE**, Jefferson Gazette; **FRANK STACY**, WFUN Radio; **BRIAN WILLIAMS**, Ashtabula Star-Beacon; and **PATRICK WILLIAMS**, Conneaut News-Herald. According to **SFC GEORGE FELCH**, Unit PIO, members of the unit also donated funds to run two full-page recruiting ads in local newspapers.

PV2 ROBERT McNEIL, a member of the Broadcast Section, 196th Public Affairs Detachment, Worthington, has been named a varsity member of the Ohio State University Soccer Team. McNeil is one of over 900 Guardmembers currently participating in the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM and **SFC BOB DEVOE**, Assistant State Information Officer, recently spoke to the Ohio University Public Relations Society of America Student Chapter in Athens regarding the Ohio National Guard's Silver Anvil Award in 1978. Area high school journalists were also invited to hear the presentation.

Ohio Army Guard **PV2 REX A. WILBURN**, a member of the Medical Section of Headquarters Company, 73rd Inf. Bde (Sep) has been named Honor Graduate from a 12-week basic operating room procedures course at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Tx. Wilburn is participating in the Ohio Guard Scholarship Program and will begin studies in the School of Allied Medicine at Ohio State University where he will major in circulation technology.



WNCI CARES—Dave Estep, Public Relations Director for WNCI Radio, Columbus, was the emcee for the Annual Retarded Childrens' Christmas Party conducted by the employees of Beightler Armory in Worthington. Mr. Estep brought free albums and tee-shirts for each child. Over 90 students from Marburn School were treated to hot dogs, hamburgers and free gifts from Santa. (Mr. Estep is the recipient of the Ohio National Guard's Radio Public Service Award for 1978.) Area merchants contributing either cash, goods or services for the Beightler Childrens' Party include: Sears Northland; Linworth Gulf; Don's Sohio-Linworth; Doran's Dairy Delight-Linworth; Clark's Service Station-Linworth; Ryan's Gateway Super Mkt.-Linworth; Warner's Farm Market-Linworth; Uptowne Flowers-Linworth; The Village Bookshop-Linworth; Teller's Farm Market-Dublin; and the Dublin Food Gallery. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).

Bowling Tourney Planned

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subject to this rule for this tournament.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to re-rate any bowler, prior to bowling.

MR. RAY SPERBER, Port Clinton **NEWS-HERALD** County Editor, has been appointed an Honorary Buckeye Colonel for his support of the Ohio National Guard. **LTC PHILIP WILLIAMS**, Commander of the 200th CES, Camp Perry, made the presentation on behalf of the Adjutant General.

Any team or individual violating any tournament rules will be denied the right to receive a prize.

Average verification card for every bowler must accompany entry forms with all information fully completed and signed by the local association secretary before submitting to the Tournament Committee. All prize money will be paid based on the card and will not be rechecked unless a challenge is made.

Additional information and application forms are available from Enlisted Association Unit Representatives, or your AST.

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

Has the middle of winter got you in a slump? As we say goodbye to the hectic holidays and usher in the new year, it is so easy to get bogged down. All the Christmas decorations are packed away, and yet, it is too soon to order from seed catalogues for spring gardens. Ohio Guard wives, your Officers' Wives Club has the answer to the mid-winter blahs! The programs planned for the next few months are designed to spark your interest in what most women love, travel, spring fashions, and innovative cooking.

Travel was the order of the day at the January luncheon, at the DCSC. **ELLEN WEILBACHER**, from American Airlines, presented a program, designed to evoke visions of far off places (preferably warm places). Ellen had so many intriguing tips on travel planning, packing, destinations, and the all-important money saving, that the ladies left the meeting bitten by the travel bug. Warm sun and sandy beaches sounded awfully good on that cold January afternoon!

Programs for the February and March meetings have been reversed due to a conflict in schedule.

WARP AND WOOF

The meeting on February 27 will be at the Rickenbacker Air Force Base Officers' Club. The program, presented by Wanda, of "WANDA'S WARP & WOOF", will feature new fabrics and sewing techniques, as well as showcasing the talents of some of the OWC members who sew. The girls will be modeling their own creations. Sewing has been simplified so much these days, with new fabrics and methods. Also, the cost of ready made clothes makes keeping up with the new styles an expensive business! So, join with other OWC members in February and get some ideas for simple, easy to make spring fashions.

'SWEET' PROGRAM

"How Sweet It Is!" the title of the March program is an enticing thought. **CONNIE CAHILL**, from Cook's Palace, in Worthington, will bring a real treat! How often do you order crepes in a restaurant and wish you could make them at home? Connie will demonstrate the ease and versatility of crepe making. The program will conclude with each lady making her own dessert. Come on to the DCSC Officers' Club on March 27, and get cooking!

The April meeting will be a salad smorgasbord at the Beightler Armory. In May we will honor 22 years of past OWC



COLONEL JOHN SIEMER handled the auctioneering duty at the Officers' Wives Club Holiday Auction. Money raised by the auction will be used throughout the year for many worthwhile projects. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE)

Presidents. More details on these meetings will be found in the April BUCKEYE GUARD.

Remember that the luncheons are alternately at Rickenbacker AFB and the DCSC. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon served at 12:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by phone, when your telephone committee member calls, or by mail to **ARLENE WAYT**, 1579 Ramblewood, Columbus, 43220. There are very nice nursery facilities at both locations for those who have pre-school children. Many Guard wives drive to Columbus, from other cities around the state, for the meetings. If you would like to attend, and to carpool with someone, the telephone gals will help put you in contact with another member in your area.

OWC is happy to welcome a new Treasurer, **NANCY VANDERMOLEN**. Nancy will replace **JOY SMITH** who, having taken a job, has had to resign. Many thanks to Joy for her time and effort this past year.

The annual OWC Holiday Auction is the fund-raising event which enables the group to contribute to various worth-

while causes. The board voted, in session in November, to contribute one hundred dollars to the Christmas party held each year, at Beightler Armory, for handicapped children. It is this sort of contribution which makes the annual auction, not only fun, but very important and meaningful. The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club, while primarily social in purpose and nature, has a history of giving help when a need is made known. This, it is felt, is a manifestation of the Guard principles to which we all adhere.

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To: National Guard Officers Across the Nation

A Personal Invitation to Join the Buckeye Guard in Cleveland

We'd like to take this opportunity to invite National Guard officers, from Ohio and across the nation, to the 1979 National Guard Association Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 7th through 10th.

The Cleveland Conference will be headquartered in the newly remodeled downtown Stouffer Inn, within walking distance of the Cleveland Convention Center and easy commuting to many other Cleveland attractions.

Cleveland boasts a large number of exciting, educational, cultural and athletic attractions that will make your stay in Cleveland that much more enjoyable.

The Ohio National Guard will be sending out more information on the Cleveland Convention on a monthly basis in a newsletter titled **THE BUCKEYE MUSTER**; but for now remember: for NGAUS it's Cleveland in '79!

For additional information contact COL. Ronald L. Bebout, (614) 889-7041 or Autovon 346-7041.



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