

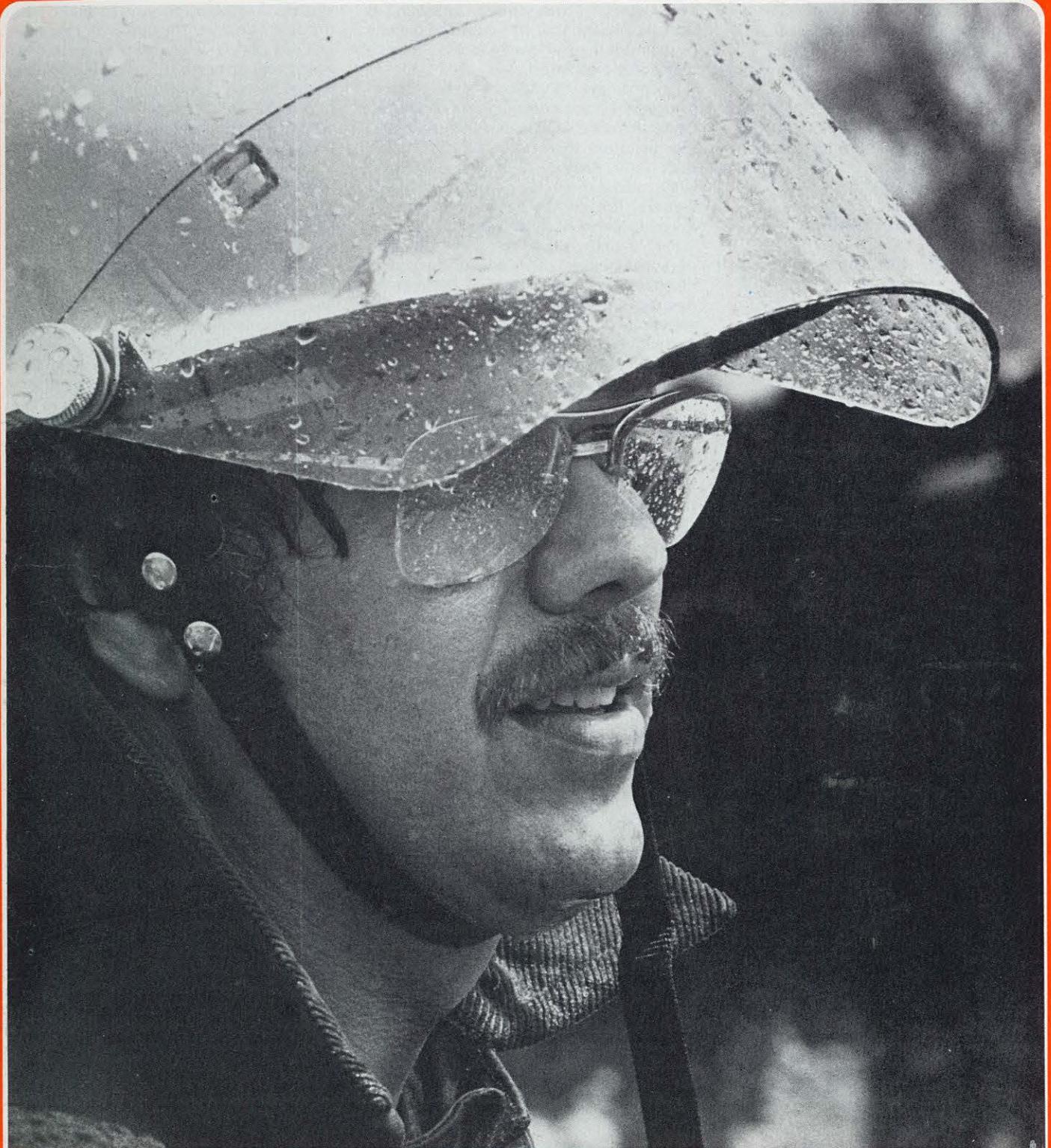


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*The AG Speaks*

**New Viewpoints In Future**



In preparing to write this column I reviewed some of my past articles. I found I operate in cycles and each year for certain issues I stress similar subjects. It occurred to me that this could become a bore and it might be wise to have a fresh viewpoint expressed.

Accordingly, this space will be used in future by senior commanders. Brigadier General Andrew G. Skalkos has accepted the invitation to write a column for the next issue. Brigadier Generals David W. Wayt and James C. Good and Major General Robert W. Teater will also be asked to contribute in future issues.

Each is being asked to express his own personal beliefs and philosophy and to discuss any special area of interest he desires without regard to my particular viewpoint. Open discussion of our aims and objectives is healthy even though it may reveal differences of opinion which must be resolved.

It is in the same vein that I encourage each of you, regardless of rank, to seek

resolution of unit and organizational problems. I also note we are not receiving as many letters to the editor as previously. I encourage you to make your thoughts known. Naturally all decisions will not please everyone and we are not going to operate the Ohio National Guard on the committee system, but we may make better decisions at all levels if we have a free and open discussion to consider all factors prior to making our decisions.

Back to one of my areas of emphasis at this time of the year—it's annual training time again which provides each of you another opportunity in which to excel.

It is also a time when accidents happen and injuries occur. Don't forget those safety briefings and look for the safety hazards prevalent in field training exercises. Don't let accidents happen in your unit. Take care of one another, look sharp and be sharp. You can then be as proud of the Ohio National Guard as I am of each of you.

**From the State Chaplain**

**'Just the Way You Are'**

One of the hardest things to do is accept ourselves as we are. We all have our "warts", regrets, mistakes, guilt, things we try to hide with fig leaves or denial. Our "acceptedness" was the word and deed of God in Jesus Christ, but coming to terms with ourselves as accepted is a very difficult, continuing process.

In the transactional analysis language popular a few years ago, it is as if God says, "You are OK." To make the statement complete, however, it should read, "You are OK because I created and redeemed you."

That kind of "theology" or idea about the way we can describe God blossoms out in many different ways. First, it makes

us free to care about others without being completely preoccupied with how others might see us.

It is a freedom that makes forgiveness possible. Also, it encourages us to do our best, not in an attempt to prove to ourselves or to others or to God how great we are, but as an effort to live our lives in a fully responsible and responsive way. But despite our best efforts and our worst failures, we must recognize that the God revealed in Jesus Christ is for us, and with us, and He loves us.

Have an exciting, safe, and meaningful summer camp!

**FREDERICK M. KETNER**  
Chaplain (COL), OHARNG  
State Chaplain

**Golf Discount Rates**

Enjoy a good game of golf?

All members of the Ohio National Guard and ONG retirees are invited to play golf at the Pickaway County Golf Course (formerly the Rickenbacker Air Force Base Golf Course).

Manager Larry Kraus said all ONG members will receive reduced rates at the course. The daily rate will be \$4.50 and weekend rate is \$5.50.

Come enjoy a good game of golf soon.

**From the Asst. AG-Army**

# Employer Support Committee Active

It is not yet known to many but about 1½ years ago, the Adjutant General of Ohio was asked to support an active Employer Support Committee to resolve the problems with employers. This Committee has been most active and has representation from all the services.

This Committee, representing the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Air Force (both Reserve and National Guard), has been meeting faithfully once a month and has been extremely dedicated to resolving any problems that arise with employers.

The purpose of this article is to make you aware that the Committee does exist and to give you an idea of what the Committee can do. A number of problem cases have already come to us; some of which were resolved by the Committee itself, others being resolved with the help

of the National Guard Committee and/or the Department of Labor.

There are some rules we'd like to pass on to you at this time that we feel, if followed, will give everyone the maximum chance to come to amiable solutions.

1. It is mandatory that you maintain a good relationship with local businesses and employers.

2. Provide employers with a drill schedule at least three months, and preferably a full year ahead, so they can plan their schedules properly.

3. Don't pass the buck. If a problem exists, it has to be resolved.

4. If the problem can't be resolved at the unit level, use the State Committee and this office so that we can attempt to resolve the issue at our level. In practically every case, the State Committee has

experienced 100 percent success.

5. Don't bypass your State Employer Support Committee and go directly to the Department of Labor or suggest that your service member go to them. Let us try to resolve it first.

6. Keep in mind that Employer Support is a two-way proposition. If we want their support, we're going to have to support them. It's not a one-way street and it takes total cooperation.

Any questions you might have, or problems that need resolved should be addressed to the Ohio Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, % The Adjutant General's Department, 2825 West Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

**JAMES M. ABRAHAM**  
**Brigadier General**  
**Asst Adj Gen for Army**

## Taking Exception

### For Anyone Willing to Listen

**BY CAPT. JOSEPH F. CAMPBELL**

*737th Maint. Bn.*

**Editor's Note:** *This letter was written by Capt Campbell in response to an article published in the Newark Advocate.*

I must take exception with your recent editorial concerning draft registration and the condition of U.S. defenses. You referred to the Pentagon as 'war mongers' whose word cannot be trusted. You fail to acknowledge the fact that the Pentagon is best equipped to evaluate the state of our military preparedness. You can't make a bad situation go away by ignoring it. The sad shape of the Armed Forces has been pointed out time and again by both the Pentagon and independent sources such as Christopher Foss, the British editor of *Jane's Armour and Artillery 1979-1980*. While the U.S. is debating whether or not to send our sprinters to the Olympics the Soviets are turning out tanks and guns by the thousands.

For anyone willing to listen during the last five or six years the message has been loud and clear . . . America's military manpower situation is grim. The Army is short of combat troops in Europe, and is experiencing serious recruiting shortfalls this year. For the first time ever the Air Force is having trouble reaching its manpower goals. The Individual Ready Reserve (the pool for trained manpower in case of mobilization) is a complete sham-

bles. Both the Army Guard and the Army Reserve remain understrength. The Air National Guard has critical shortages of certain specialty occupations.

This shortage of pre-trained manpower makes mobilization for any sustained combat nearly impossible. This country has painted itself into a dangerous corner. The U.S. has enough nuclear warheads to kill the population of earth several times over, however our ability to provide and to deploy manpower to fight a conventional non-nuclear war is very doubtful at this time. It appears that our current military options are: A. All out nuclear war and B. Do nothing (except perhaps write a letter to the U.N.). The options that fall between the two extremes are only available if we have adequate manpower and hardware. Today we have neither.

The liberals have touted the All Volunteer Force as the answer to our military woes. A close examination of the current makeup of the All Volunteer Force will reveal racial imbalance, large numbers of recruits in very low mental categories, low education levels, and the inability to maintain even peacetime manpower needs. Don't believe it? Call any training center and try to carry on an intelligent conversation with the voice on the other end of the phone. I have and it is quite an exercise.

The question currently being argued by the Press and the Pentagon is "Can the

Army be maintained by the use of volunteers?" I would argue that a more proper question would be "Can the United States mobilize enough men in time to fight a short notice war?" Based on the information that I have access to, the answer to that question is NO!!! When you consider that it only took the Soviets six days to overrun Afghanistan and it would take ten days to fully deploy the U.S. 82nd Airborne Division the reason for a renewed interest in registration becomes apparent.

An examination of the U.S. military's hardware shortcomings makes the situation even more serious. The Soviets deployed a massive arsenal of armored vehicles in Afghanistan which demonstrates the wide armor gap between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. The Soviet BMD is armed with a 73 mm gun, three machine guns, an antitank missile launcher and a crew of five. It is also airtight so it can drive through clouds of nerve gas (strange since they have a treaty with us outlawing nerve gas). In addition to the BMD the Soviets unloaded plane after plane of BMP's (larger version of BMD's) and their main battle tank the T/72. All of these tanks are as good as, if not better than any tank the U.S. currently has at its disposal. The Army is currently trying to catch up in the tank business with the Chrysler built XM1 tank. This tank has had so many design problems that only

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## Thanks To Beckwith

### To the Editor:

A friend of mine, here in Portsmouth, lets me read her husband's copy of the BUCKEYE GUARD. I feel you should know what a wonderful job our representative here in Portsmouth is doing in letting the public know that we have so many men who care enough to serve our community as well as our country.

Everyday I can pick up the DAILY TIMES, our leading newspaper or THE PORTSMOUTH ADVERTIZER, and can read of the many enlistments in our small community.

So many times the other Armed Forces are so greatly advertized that we forget about the ones who are here to help our town in times of need.

It is so important to us who can't defend ourselves to know that we have people in the Guard who care.

So, I would like to thank our own Sergeant Gary Beckwith, who takes the time to call those enlistments into the papers so people like myself can "sleep well at night, knowing the National Guard is awake" in our small city.

**A GREATFUL PORTSMOUTH CITIZEN**

## Military Funeral

### To the Editor:

I am a businessman in Lima, Ohio and also a Medic with HHC 1/148th Infantry at Lima. I am writing to you because I saw an article in the Lima paper recently that I felt all guard members should know about.

Recently, on your highways, a young Vietnam veteran was killed due to the neglect of another driver. This man had served his country honorably as a specialist four in Vietnam. The family had made a request for a simple military funeral. The military at Ft. Knox had said they would do the funeral but cancelled at the last minute to the disappointment of the entire family. The Lima VFW post refused to help in the time of the family's deepest need.

I want to thank the Lima National Guard post, because after all was said and done it was members of the 148th Infantry and the ADA VFW post that gave Michael Bronson a military funeral, something which the young man had deserved and earned.

The members of the 148th Infantry and 837th Engineers at Lima and all of the National Guard from the State of Ohio deserve a "job well done" for their responsibility in this matter.

**SP5 JERRY L. GOODWIN**

HHC 1/148th INF

## SQT Exam

### To the Editor:

During the March drill, E-5's of Company C, 112th Engineers were the first in the state to be administered the SQT test. The written exam was given one day and the 'hands-on' part the next.

Many soldiers who took the test spent far too much time worrying — worrying about how hard the test would be and whether they could pass it. The soldiers manual quickly settles all these disturbing questions because all one needs to do is read it.

Like any new endeavor, there were flaws. For instance, the test environment was poor. The classroom was in close proximity to the range room. And just when the test taker was gathering his thoughts on a particular problem on the written test, a burst of five 7.62 mm rounds from the M60 would alter his concentration.

Many of the participants did not receive the SQT test notice that identifies the tasks to be tested.

The task that rendered the most controversy was the mine detector. The 'hands-on' part of this yielded the most 'no gos' until Sergeant Calvin Bankhead complained about the difficulty in the detection of mines indoors due to the steel construction of the building and the reinforcement rods in the concrete floor. Afterwards, the mines were moved to the outdoors where they were readily detected.

Some of the Guard members were also candidates for promotions. The promotion board was held during the second day of testing. Because of this, one soldier was absent during the dual-firing briefing and took a 'no-go' for this task.

The Soldiers Manual should be in every soldier's possession. We were told this during the initial introduction but most did not get them until the second day.

Some of the questions pertained to skill level three and this is for E-6's; not E-5's.

My wish is that the proctors and scorers will accept this as constructive criticism to increase the validity of the SQT. We are all proud to be in The Ohio Guard.

**BY SGT. HERMAN CASEY**

Co. C 112th ENGR. BN.

**Editor's Note:** *We thank you, Sergeant Casey, for your comments and suggestions. Hopefully, we will have made the necessary adjustments before the next SQT test is given.*

## Power of Press

### To the Editor:

I, Captain Stephen R. Schaeffer, the Command Administrative Assistant for the 112th Engineer Battalion headquarters in Cleveland, have been under the gun in recent months.

It seems that all my units have been receiving complaints from disgruntled unit members each and every time the BUCKEYE GUARD magazine is issued! Not about how the magazine is put together, nor the articles in them, but about lack of articles concerning members of the 112th! The men constantly state that we are doing the same things, and better many times, than other units in the Ohio National Guard but 'we' don't read about us. They go on to say that their spouses and children also go through the magazine looking for a write up on "hubby or daddy's" unit and become very disappointed when none appear, even though they might have spent a strenuous MUTA 5 putting up a Bailey Bridge for a community in Ohio!

I am now planning a concerted effort to bring up the Battalion's PIO effort, especially with articles in the BUCKEYE GUARD. I think that the BUCKEYE GUARD magazine is a major vehicle to improve the morale and esprit de corps of any unit. The power that it carries in influencing unit members and their families is immense and carries great weight in whether or not a member reenlists or decides to leave.

I hope that each and every unit commander in the Ohio Guard identifies with the need of individual and unit recognition, not only 'in house' but throughout the community by actively pursuing a Public Affairs Program — the troops demand and expect it!

The 612th Engineers is a good example. Almost every issue of the magazine has an article about them or a unit member and look at their strength — 100 percent plus! Need I say more? The Power of the Press is awesome!

**CAPT. STEPHEN R. SCHAEFFER**

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## For Anyone Willing to Listen

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about 100 XM1's are expected to be produced this year. The XM1 has a gas turbine engine even though the Pentagon wanted a diesel engine. There probably has never been a more ridiculous application for a turbine engine than a tank, however Chrysler presses on. If the Army can ever get the dirt and dust out of the turbines they expect to have 7000 XM1's by 1987. The Soviets will have 25,000 T-72's by then. The U.S.S.R. currently has 45,000 to 50,000 tanks in its arsenal. The U.S. has about 10,000. The situation in armor is so bad that the authoritative *Jane's Armour and Artillery 1979-1980* states: "The armor gap is so great that the West is falling *hopelessly* behind in getting vehicles into the field." (Emphasis added). Current production of tanks in the Soviet Union is outdistancing the U.S. production at about six to one.

For all of the 'saber-rattling' that the Carter Administration has been accused of making lately, the actions of the White House have reduced any 'saber-rattling' to 'scabbard-rattling' at best. The current Administration has cancelled the B-1 bomber, delayed the production and cancelled deployment of the neutron warhead, and openly lobbied for a SALT treaty that many have said would merely codify the current Soviet military superiority.

Your editorial suggested that the way to solve current manpower shortages would be to improve enlistment incentives. I doubt it. If I were to tell you that any high school graduate could become a member of the military right here in Newark and could serve on weekends once a month, earn \$70 to \$80 for doing so and at the same time have his or her tuition paid for four full years at any State approved College or University in Ohio, plus receive a \$1500 cash bonus just for enlisting, would you believe me? Well, it's true. For over a year the Ohio National Guard has offered what many believe to be the finest enlistment incentive program in the country. Yet the Ohio National Guard remains under-strength. I don't know how you could improve on this in-

centive, yet the Guard still has a difficult time attracting quality recruits. If a program like this isn't enough to induce young men and women into the National Guard what makes you think improved incentives would work with the Active Army? Are young people less patriotic today, or have we convinced ourselves that if and when the balloon goes up we will get serious and gear up for our defense? I don't have the answers to these questions but I do know that times have changed. This is not 1941. The U.S. is not going to have time to start building ships and training an Army *after* the fact.

It seems to me that the U.S. would be in a much better position to discuss peace treaties, human rights, etc. if we were dealing from a position of strength. No one is advocating a massive sacrifice of our sons on the 'alter of oil', quite the opposite is true. The military must be capable of doing something less permanent than dropping nuclear bombs. The mere presence of a strong well-trained military may be enough to deter future Soviet aggression. If instead the U.S. opts for the status quo and urges all of us to pray for peace it would be similar to reducing Newark's Fire Department to an all volunteer force, cancelling all future fire fighting equipment and urging all of Newark's citizens to pray for no fire.

### Pride in Self

#### To the Editor:

I am a member of the 385th Medical Company in Tiffin. I joined the Ohio Guard in April of 1979 as a high school junior. I joined to take advantage of the split-option training and also the Tuition Scholarship Program. I am very proud of myself, my unit and my country.

When I first joined the Guard, I was unsure of my success. But now I am an E-2, and I am looking forward to my AIT training at Ft. Sam Houston.

I just wanted to say how I enjoy your magazine and I am proud to be in the National Guard and am looking forward to my future years. Thank you.

PVT.2 BRIAN BAUGHER

## Recruiting Round-up

### You Bet Your Sweet Strength Report

BY CAPT. ROBERT D. GABRIEL

Acting RRM

Recently I was asked if the total strength of the Ohio Army National Guard was still on the rise. My reply — "You bet your sweet strength report it is." I usually tell a little joke at this point but I'll forego that indignity just this once.

Our strength is up due primarily to a lot of hard work, not just by the Full Time Recruiter Force but some very dedicated soldiers from the top down. Ours is a two edged sword, one edge recruiting — the other retention, and it takes two hands to handle this whopper. I think we're getting the swing of it though.

Unfortunately, fiscal restrictions have forced us to cancel a very successful road show called the "Strength Enhancement Seminar", at least until the end of FY 80. Our equally successful recruiting school "Dynamics Unlimited" is continuing on. These two presentations, I feel, helped a great deal in solidifying both sides of the total strength story giving impetus to the units that were fortunate enough to attend.

Where do we go from here? At this point in time it is felt the Full Time Recruiter Force is in very good shape. Within the last year we experienced a moderate turnover in the recruiting force. These vacancies were filled with what I could best describe as sales oriented soldiers eager to assume the responsibilities of recruiters. The FTRF board which was set up to screen recruiter applicants has done a creditable job in selecting these individuals. As of this writing there remains only three FTRF positions open in the State, with board action due on these soon.

Major Edwin E. Hall, who has moved from RRM position to the 54th Support Center RAOC, was the driving force behind most of the positive changes in the last year. I wish Maj. Hall good luck and continued success. The new RRM, Lieutenant Colonel John B. McKenney, assumed the reigns of power May 1, 1980. Lt. Col. McKenney brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to recruiting from his last position as Commander, 2/107th ACR; we look forward to working with him.

I would like to thank the many units that have committed themselves to total strength maintenance and for their help and cooperation with the FTRF. It is going to take all of us to do the job.

## AVIS Offers Discounts

Have you heard the saying with Avis we try harder?

Mr. Bob Weaver, general manager of Avis has made a special discount card for all Ohio National Guard members.

The discount rates available to Guard members are: \$22 a day for a compact or \$110 for a seven day week; an intermediate car, \$23 a day or \$115 a week; a sedan, \$24 a day or \$120 a week. There is no mileage charge.

The special red and white card can be used worldwide. If you have not received one from your AST you may request one through the Public Affairs Office, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kennedy at the Post Chapel, Camp Perry, Ohio, having photo taken while rest of party waits on fork lift to get out of the mud. (PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. NANCY CLEVINGER)

## A Wedding Full of 'Goosebumps'

BY STAFF SGT. NANCY CLEVINGER

HHC, 73d Inf. Bde. (Sep)

"This was one of the most unusual weddings I have ever performed," said Charles G. Lockie, a new chaplain with the 73d Infantry Brigade (Sep).

Why did Chaplain Lockie think this wedding any different than any other? Well, it started out during a rehearsal the morning of the wedding (which in itself is unusual) in the Camp Perry Post Chapel in about 36 degree weather.

Due to the non-winterized Chapel being a temperature of approximately ten degrees everyone in the wedding rehearsal was shivering and bouncing around to keep warm instead of being serious.

Chaplain Lockie said, "I sure hope the wedding couple gets serious this afternoon."

The couple to be married at 1 p.m. was Ms. Kathryn Harbaugh and Specialist Four Bill Kennedy of the 837th Engineer Co (-), Lima.

However, due to the bride's mother arriving late and then going to change into her wedding attire, the wedding started around 1:30 p.m. By then everyone was really cold, especially the bride, since she was hiding in the 10 degree vestibule so the groom could not see her.

When the ceremony started everyone quieted down to enjoy one of the most beautiful weddings ever. The "Hawaiian Wedding Song" was played as Kathy and Bill were joined at the altar.

When the ceremony was over and the procession went out of the chapel, under an archway of swords and men, the couple was told to stand facing the Chapel to have their pictures taken. This was done while the 837th Engineers were to sneak in a fork lift and dump truck to haul them around the base.

The photographer was running out of film and the fork lift still did not arrive. Finally some men went to find it and the driver, and they found both of them stuck in the mud.

The fork lift, decorated with crepe paper, and operated by Master Sgt. Dwight Bonniel, finally arrived. The couple was lifted up into the dump truck. The truck then took off around the base with horn blaring, Spec. 6 Dennis Spallinger driving and the happy couple huddled together shivering. By the time they arrived back at the Chapel the newly married couple was blue and covered with goosebumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were then taken to the Base Club House for a reception where they cut their four-tiered wedding

cake with the traditional sword.

Members of the wedding party were: Chief Warrant Officer Frank Cartwright, best man; Spec. 6 Dennis Spallinger, groomsman; 1st Sgt. Leonard Pyles, Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Pancake and Staff Sgt. Ken Lucas, Lt. Col. Richard M. Lockhart, Staff Sgts. Ken Lucas, Tony Wentz, Byron Tippie, Carl Nichols and Sgt. James Spencer, swordsmen, along with several men who also served as ushers.

Isabelle Trapasso, a full time employee in the Personnel Data Section of the Adjutant General's Department assisted with the wedding preparations.

Chaplain Lockie, sighing with relief said, "The way this day began I was afraid it was going to end up wrong, but it sure turned out all right."

### OUR COVER . . .

Our cover photo was taken by Spec. 5 Ken White, 196th Public Affairs Detachment, during a recent firefighting exercise performed by the 5694th Engineer Company.

Fireman Sgt. Terry Martin 'enjoys' getting wet.

*'We Like Getting Wet'*

## Former Medics Enjoy Firefighting

BY PFC FRANK DOUGLAS

196th PAD

When the commander of the 5694th Engineer Company of the Ohio National Guard yells "FIRE!", don't look for ricocheting bullets.

Expect to get wet instead.

The 5694th is one of only five Army National Guard firefighting units in the nation and is the only one in the Fifth Army area.

"We have only the broad mission of providing firefighting service to the Theatre Army as required," said First Sergeant John Peebles, who's the only full-timer for the 42 man company.

Because of this, the guardsmen have to be ready for just about any type of fire.

During their weekend drills, the men pile hoses into six fire engines, fill the trucks with water from a nearby creek and practice pumping the water through their different types of equipment.

Four of the unit's trucks are kept packed with all the gear necessary to battle a structural fire. The other two are ready for field and brush blazes. And all the trucks have four-wheel drive in case the flames aren't nice enough to ignite near a road.

"Our equipment is a little different from that of other fire stations," Peebles said. "Our pumping trucks hold 400 gallons of water and 40 gallons of foam where other stations have trucks that can hold as much as 1,000 gallons of water.

"But we also have three trucks that aren't pumpers but hold 1,000 gallons of water to be used by the other six trucks."

He added the unit is equipped with saws, bolt cutters and an assortment of forced entry equipment that many fire stations don't have.

The 5694th though can do more than just fight fires. The unit is hoping to take part in training other companies on what equipment will need to be protected if fire hoses are used during a civil disturbance.

"And we're trying to do some public information things at county fairs and places like that," said Capt. Michael Keller, commander of that unit. "How many people have ever seen an Army fire truck? How many people even know the Army has fire trucks?"

"Not many," he adds. In fact his troops were even a little surprised themselves when they first heard they would be trained to battle blazes.

"Most of the men in the unit were trained as medics back before 1974," Peebles explained. "We were an ambulance company back then.

"When we got back from our summer training at Fort Sam Houston, they told us



**FIREFIGHTERS** from 5694th Engineer Company pile hoses into six fire engines and fill the trucks with water from a nearby creek to practice pumping water. (PHOTO BY SP5 KEN WHITE)

we were reorganized as firefighters."

The next summer the troops spent their annual training qualifying in their new military specialty at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois. In 14 days they had all passed the normally six-week course.

Today even the cooks are qualified firefighters.

Many of the guardsmen pass up armories closer to their homes in order to remain firemen.

In fact, only two of the unit's members actually live in Shreve, Ohio, the small rural community of 1,600 where the armory is located.

Sgt. Terry Martin claims the reason they travel from as far away as Akron to go to drills is because they really like the unit.

"If it wasn't such a good unit, why would we come?" he asked. "Besides what we do here is sort of unique.

"With ground pounders you do a lot of walking," he added. "I'd rather get wet."

Keller said most of his troops feel the same way.

"The esprit is just great here," he said. "I guess for some of the men it's like living a boyhood dream — for one weekend a month, they're firemen."



**STATE PISTOL CHAMPIONS** from Co B, 612th Engineer Bn. are, from left, kneeling: SSG George Withrow team captain, SGT Robert Rakes, SSG Dennis Pasch and SSG Douglas Cheek. Standing from left are: SP4 Mickey Bowen, SP4 Donald Leeper, Coach Larry Evans and SGT Walter Wilfong. (PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. DON SHELL)

## Spring Pistol Matches Bring Home Winners

### NATIONAL MATCHES

The National Mid-Winter Championship matches were held in Tampa, Fla. during the month of March.

SSG Stephen Paver, HHC 73d Infantry Brigade, SFC Charles E. Kwiatkowski, 137th S & S Battalion, SFC Robert Graham and SGT William Graham of Co B, 1/166 Infantry Battalion made up the winning team. They won the *High National Guard and Reserve 22 Caliber Team Match*, for the Guard and the State of Ohio.

### STATE PISTOL MATCHES

The state pistol matches held in Columbus, O. were won by members of Co B, 612th Engineer Battalion. They also won the District 3-B matches in Toledo

for the fourth year in a row.

The team members are: Staff Sergeants George Withrow (captain), Dennis Pasch and Douglas Cheek; Sergeants Robert Rakes and Walter Wilfong; Coach Larry Evans and Specialists Four Mickey Bowen and Donald Leeper.

### NATIONAL GUARD RIFLE TEAM

The Marysville Rifle Team, Det 1, Co B, 1st Bn 166th Infantry, remain undefeated this year. The latest victory was a forfeit by Support Company, London. Members of the winning rifle team are: Staff Sergeants John E. Holloway, Clarence E. Salyers; Sergeant Ray A. Angle, Specialist Jeff L. Heath, Private Benny J. Hughes and Sergeant First Class Jerry L. Shirk.

## Base Tours Available at RAFB

The 160th Air Refueling Group, Ohio Air National Guard, has implemented a Base Tour Program. Youth, civic and educational groups, by making prior arrangements, can now tour Rickenbacker Air Force Base, Columbus, during the unit's weekend training drill.

The tour includes visits to the fire/crash station, control tower and a KC-135 "Strato-Tanker," the plane used by the 160th to refuel other aircraft in mid-air. Transportation and tour guides while on the base, will be provided to the group by the Ohio Air Guardsmen.

The 160th Air Refueling Group was the

first Air Guard unit in the country to be assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC). It's primary purpose is maintaining mission readiness for the protection and security of the United States.

To make arrangements for your group's tour, write to: 160th AREFG, Ohio Air National Guard, Group Tour/PAO, Rickenbacker AFB, O. 43217.

When writing, give your group's name, the person to contact and phone number. If you prefer, you may call Captain Knapp, Administrative Officer, at (614) 492-4373 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## Caught on the Wrong Side of The Wall

BY TSGT STEVEN A. WILSON  
160th Air Refueling Grp. (SAC)

Staff Sergeant Ernest Syperko, 160th Civil Engineering Flight, carries with him the memories of his own "great escape" from behind the Iron Curtain. Since his father was born in Milwaukee, Syperko sought to obtain American citizenship through the U.S. Embassy in West Berlin in November 1955.

Syperko's family migrated from Lithuania just ahead of the Russian advancement in 1944 but they were caught on the wrong side of the wall when Germany was divided.

Syperko's inquiry at the U.S. Embassy resulted in his arrest and detention by East Germany authorities. He was threatened with a 10 year banishment to Siberia if he tried to leave. The threat didn't stop him. The knowledge that freedom was rightfully his and that relatives in America could send food and clothing (which were unobtainable in East Germany), were instrumental in his determination to escape.

Syperko was scheduled to begin service in glider aircraft in preparation for East Germany military service. He took a train to East Berlin and became "one of the crowd" and the border guards overlooked him. He jumped the border at 8:51 a.m. on Jan. 22, 1956.

Six weeks later, his family was able to leave East Germany. It took almost a year for the immigration process to be completed, but the family finally settled in Cleveland.

Syperko joined the Army Guard in 1956 and was discharged in 1962. He became a member of the 160th Air Refueling Group in 1976. Speaking of the Guard he said he rejoined "with the feeling of obligation for the freedom that I enjoy in this country."

He and his family reside at Chesterland, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. He and his wife, Melitta, have two children, Ricky 8, and Michael, 4.

*The Ohio National Guard will sponsor a Salute to Veteran's Day Aug. 17, 1980, at the Ohio State Fair.*

# Generation Gap Seems Resolved

BY 2LT JOHN R. KACHENMEISTER  
323rd MP Co.

The "Generation Gap" of the 60's appears to have been resolved for at least one Toledo family, when on April 15, 1980 Lewis Walterschied, and his son Eric took the oath of enlistment into the Army National Guard together.

The enlistment of the elder represents a homecoming, since he joined the Ohio Guard at age 17, in the 3640th Ordnance Company, at the Secor Armory, but now is a member of the 323d Military Police Company. Lewis is a former sergeant with the Lucas County Sheriff's Department, who now plans to train for a second career in electrical engineering at the University of Toledo under the Guard's Tuition Scholarship Program. Lewis left the National Guard for active Army in 1953, and saw service in Germany and elsewhere.

Eric is a junior at Bowsher High School in Toledo, and is enlisting under the Split Training Option. After high school graduation Eric plans to attend the University of Toledo to study chemical engineering.

The dual enlistment is unique in another way, since it represents three generations of the Walterschied family to drill as Guard members at the same armory. Frank Walterschied, Lewis' father, was also a member of the 3640th Ordnance Company, and of the Tank Co., 148th Infantry. A veteran of World War II, Frank was mobilized with the 37th Division for the Korean conflict, serving at Camp Polk, LA. Frank Walterschied is now deceased.

The Walterschieds became interested in joining the National Guard when they attended an open house sponsored by the 323rd MP Company.

## MPs Join in Search for Girl

The 323rd Military Police Company assisted the Genoa Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the search for clues to the whereabouts of Debra Sue Vine, missing from Genoa for several weeks.

A detachment of 34 military policemen combed wooded areas, culverts and ditches in a 14 square mile area east of Genoa between the Ohio Turnpike and State Route 579. The MP's were utilized because of their available manpower, tactical four-wheel drive vehicles, and their training and experience in protecting evidence that might be discovered.

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**BEST MESS** — BG James M. Abraham is shown presenting the Award for the Best Mess Section in the State of Ohio to SFC Michael C. Stanley, Co. C, 1/148th Inf Dining Facility Manager. (PHOTO BY DAN EDWARDS — VAN WERT TIMES BULLETIN)

# Van Wert Unit has Best Mess Section in Ohio

BY RICKY SPRINGER  
Co. C 1/148th Inf.

It is a real honor to win an award for the Best Field Kitchen for the state of Ohio. It is even more of an accomplishment to win this honor two consecutive years.

Members of Co. C, 1/148th Infantry have succeeded in doing just that.

For the second year in a row their mess section has received the Philip A. Connolly award for providing not only the tasty meals they prepare for the troops, but also for their management and operation of the section.

A silver cup was presented by Brigadier General James M. Abraham to SFC Michael C. Stanley, the dining facility manager, after Rediness Region Six judged the Van Wert unit the Best in the

State of Ohio during field training.

According to Sergeant First Class Michael Stanley, food service sergeant, the great success of his field kitchen is due to the great cooks who take a lot of pride in making sure the troops are getting the best food possible from their mess section.

Stanley says, "I am proud of the cooks working under me, for they do a great job."

"Operating a mess section is not an easy task," says Stanley. "It involves a lot of hard work and sometimes extra long hours in order to provide our soldiers with a good meal. Especially in the field when we must perform the job in all types of weather and conditions."

The Van Wert unit is looking forward to this year's judging, hoping to win for the third year in a row.



**BRIGADIER GENERAL ANDREW G. SKALKOS** looks on as members of the 73d Inf. Brigade learn how to set up a TOW Missile. (PHOTO BY SGT DAVID TINKHAM)

### Tow Missiles

## Ohio Guard Receives Addition to Anti-Armor Arsenal

BY SGT MARK S. BRACKNEY

Co. A. 237th (Admin)

The 73d Infantry Brigade (Sep) recently received 54 heavy anti-armor weapons as part of an effort towards total modernization capabilities of the Guard.

The TOW (tube-launched optically-tracked wire-command link-guided missile) has the ability to destroy any presently known armor, according to Sergeant Major Leon J. Roy IV, Chief Enlisted Advisor for the 73d Inf. Bde.

### INFRARED SIGNAL

The TOW sends an infrared signal to the target. The signal bounces off the electrical currents which are transferred to the missile by wires.

Using a 13X power scope as a sight, the gunner keeps the infrared signal on the target. As long as he is able to do this, the missile, when fired, will follow along this infrared path.

When the missile hits the target, the force of the explosion goes inward, causing secondary explosions and the flaking of shrapnel inside the armored vehicles. This inflicts casualties on the unprotected crew members.

The missile can also be used on bunkers and other strongholds.

Eighteen TOWs were distributed to

each of the three infantry battalions in the brigade. Twelve TOWs went to the combat support companies of each battalion and each infantry company received two.

Roy said, "A TOW crew will be able to fire only one or two shots at a time from the same position. The backblast of the weapon would give its position away and make it vulnerable to enemy fire."

The TOW can be mounted in specially made jeeps which make the weapon more mobile. It can also be mounted on a tripod.

### TOW TRAINING

Units receiving the TOWs will receive their training in its operation during their annual training to be held at Camp Grayling, MI. "The nine day program will make all the trainees proficient in its use," said Roy.

The TOW system which has been used by the regular Army for about ten years, will replace the Guard's 106 recoilless rifle.

A heavy anti-tank weapon, the TOW is the first part of a three part anti-tank defense weapons system. If tanks were to move within a thousand meter range, a medium anti-tank weapon (Dragon missile) would be used.

Within a 250 meter range, combat units would use the light anti-tank weapon.

## Job Fair Career Day '80 is a Success

BY SSG DAVIDA MATTHEWS

Over 325 students from 25 area high schools attended "Job Fair/Career Day '80," an event sponsored by the 73d Infantry Brigade (Sep).

The job fair brought together area students and representatives from 24 businesses, government agencies, colleges, universities and vocational schools.

In a carnival-type atmosphere accentuated by the smell of hot dogs and loud speaker announcements of departing busses and winners of hourly raffles for door prizes, young high school students gathered in clusters around the people who represented their career interests.

One of the more popular areas for young ladies was set up by a local cosmetology school, featuring free hair-styling and make-up counseling by cosmetology students.

Bill McCarthy, a representative from Franklin University and a veteran of three National Guard sponsored job fairs, said, "If we tried to contact each of the schools here today, we still wouldn't receive the same response, nor would we have the assurance that we had reached every student interested in Franklin. At these job fairs, we average as many as 70 contacts — students who want more information — a day."

With the help of the National Guard, Miriam Whitman and her Career Education class from the Ohio State School for the Blind were able to take advantage of those opportunities.

The Army National Guard, which provided food and transportation to and from area schools and armory, was also represented at the job fair. An exhibit of the Guard's new Anti-Armor Weapons Systems, based in the Mt. Vernon area, attracted the attention of many students, particularly when they were informed of the electronics training involved with the system; training that would be available to them if they joined the Guard.

Recruiting aspects were very low-keyed. According to Captain Roy Miller, one of the project officers for the job fair, "We are always concerned with recruiting but that isn't the primary function of the fair. We feel job fairs are just another way we can serve our communities. As long as they are successful, we will continue to sponsor them."

## 251st Conducting Flying Activities at Volk Field, WI.

Air traffic controllers of the Air National Guard will again provide their services at Volk Field, WI., through September.

### APPROACH CONTROL

Both control tower and approach control services will be provided to support Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve flying units scheduled to conduct flying activities in an annual training environment.

### PROFICIENCY TRAINING

At the same time, the project will provide proficiency training to controller and maintenance personnel and familiarization of radar approach control to pilots.

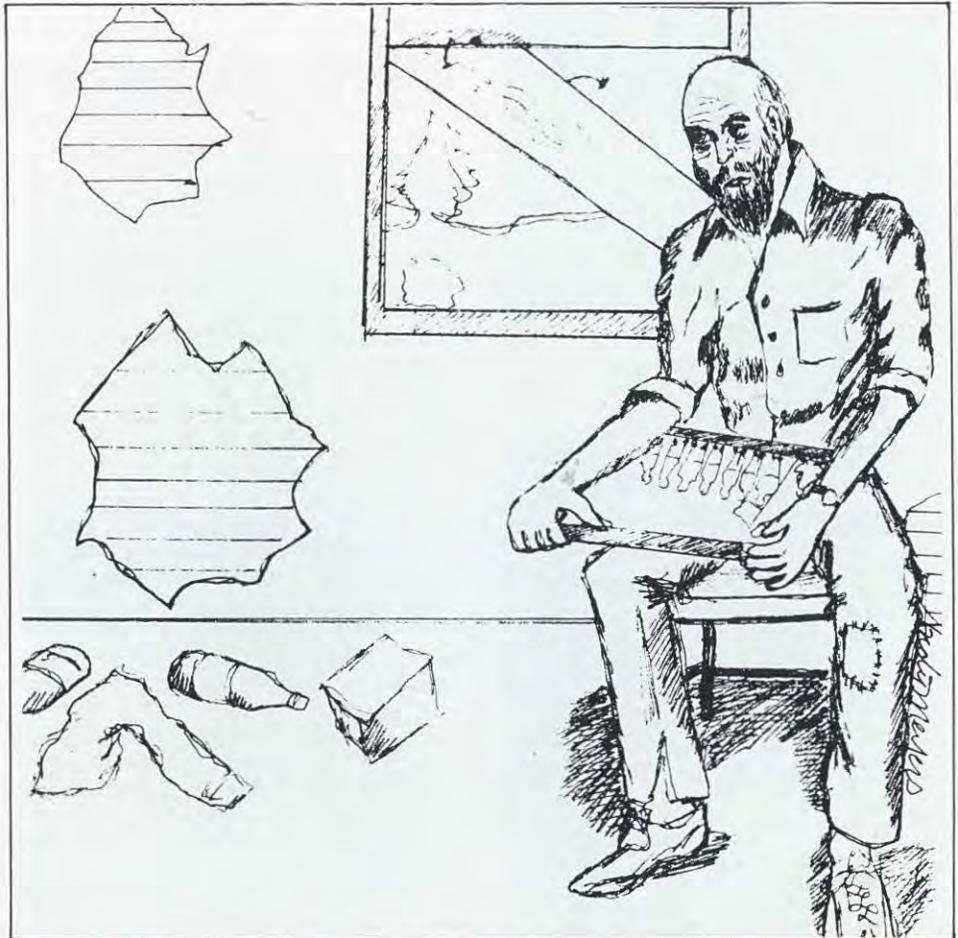
The 251st Combat Communications Group headquartered at Springfield is for the sixth consecutive year responsible for the projects overall planning.

### DETAILED PLANNING

The 237th Air Traffic Control Flight, St. Paul, Minn., is tasked to provide detailed planning, installation and operational checking of control tower and approach control radars.

### CADRE INSTRUCTORS

Cadre operational and maintenance personnel from active and Air National Guard Combat Groups will provide continuity of operation and act as instructors and maintainers.



# Where Are You Anyway?

BY CAPT. MICHAEL B. LAFFERTY

## Be A Voter

Elections are not decided by the silent majority but by those who take an active part in the voting process.

America's more than 200 years of democracy testifies to the basic soundness of our system.

Too often, we forget the system depends on people at every level of government. Since only a limited number can serve in public office at any given moment, that means other ways must be used for the rest of us to make our voices heard.

Time and again, elections have been won and legislation has been passed by only a few votes.

Get the facts today. Make your vote count. (AIR FORCE NEWS SERVICE)

Strouth, Donald E.

The Army knows who you are; that you were born in Lebanon on October 6, 1941; that you're doubtless a girl's dream at 5-feet, 10 inches with brown hair and brown eyes; that you graduated from Wayne High School in a class of 18 back in 1959. That means you're pretty smart and everybody knows the Guard doesn't take dummies. It also knows you worked for Frigidaire and you were an expert with the M-14 rifle, whatever that is.

But Don, what Staff Sergeant Terry Barlow, the AST for Det 1 of Company A of the 166th Infantry would like to know is, where the hell are you?

The U.S. Government, in the guise of the postal service returned an envelope containing your DD Form 214 (two copies), your high school diploma, a very nice metal wallet card embossed with waving American flags, your name and your social security number on it. But most importantly, that envelope contained your Honorable DISCHARGE from

the Armed Forces of the United States.

The envelope is very clearly addressed and post marked May 5, 1966. I guess after 13 years they just couldn't find you.

Everybody here wants you to know that you're not in the Ohio National Guard any more. Just because you haven't received it, doesn't mean you're still in. So, if you're hiding out in some dingy apartment at the top of some endless flight of stairs, and haven't seen the light of day since 1966 and you're afraid someone will recognize you, please come down.

Actually, you may want to come back to the old armory for a visit. The Guard has changed a lot since you joined. We got rid of those old 3/4 ton trucks, and there's a lot more women than there used to be. Some of them are even officers.

And, you used to be in the 3854th Transportation Company. It's hard to find anyone who even remembers those days.

We walk a lot now. We're in the Infantry. We just love it.

Hmm. . . Where are you anyway? ♦



**TELLING IT LIKE IT IS** — SFC Hart, 3rd Ranger Co., Ft. Benning, instructs the Cadets during their OCS training at Ft. Benning, Ga. (PHOTO BY SP5 KEN WHITE)

# ONG Future Officers Train at

**BY PFC FRANK DOUGLAS**  
196th P.A.D.

Troops got lost, equipment fell off, weapons loaded with blanks were aimed in the wrong direction.

Sound like a fiasco? It wasn't. It was some of the best officer training possible, and all a part of a recent trip by the Ohio Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School (OCS) to Fort Benning, Ga.

The future officers joined the Kentucky Guard OCS there for tactical training in patrolling techniques taught by the active Army's Third Ranger Company.

After nearly a month's worth of training crammed into almost ten hours of classes, the Ohioans led each other on a mission to destroy a mock missile base, ambush troops and return behind friendly lines.

They trudged through the forest in full field gear — which for some included M-60 machine guns — existed on C-Rations, and did their best to hurry across roads and other danger areas where they might be seen by the "aggressors".

The equipment got heavy. The sun made them sweaty and tired.

Along the way, they learned the importance of having the proper equipment. It was no fun when, because of a

lack of H-harnesses, their equipment fell off their backs. It's not easy to be ready for action with a sleeping bag tucked under one arm.

This wasn't the only lesson they learned the hard way.

Candidate Steven Lee found following orders can sometimes "bug" a person.

"They told me to get down, and I jumped down and was right on top of an anthill," he said. "There must have been 50 of them climbing on me."

A nearby friend added with a laugh that his screams gave away the patrol's position.

Others also gave away positions. One troop fired a single shot at a passing "aggressor tank," because he thought he was being watched. A nearby Ranger ran to correct him.

Simply leading the patrols through the forest was a chore found more difficult than most had thought. Troops got lost. Others misunderstood orders.

All of the mistakes, though, led to learning.

"We can teach things in the classroom, but sometimes they don't realize the importance of what we say," said Lt. Col. G. Courtney Chapman, Assistant Commandant of the Ohio Military Academy. "The real test on whether people learn what you tell them is to have them do it."

## A Tribute to Private Bowser

### We're Proud of You!

Private Lynn Bowser, a senior at Miamisburg High, has recently received the Youth Service Award, sponsored by the Dayton LaSertoma Club. Lynn was among 28 outstanding seniors in the Dayton area who received this high honor.

Along with the Youth Service Award, Lynn received a citation from Dayton LaSertoma, a letter of congratulations from Congressman Tony S. Hall and a letter of recognition from Ohio State Senator Neal Zimmer, Jr.

Lynn is a member of Headquarters, 371st Support Group in Kettering and will be leaving for basic training when she graduates from Miamisburg High. Upon completion of basic training, Lynn will go to Motor Transport Operator School to learn to be a truck driver.

She is also planning to attend the

University of Cincinnati, under the Ohio National Guard Tuition Scholarship Program, where she will study Chemical Engineering.

Lynn is a high achiever in many areas including Girl Scouts, playing violin for the Wright State Orchestra, Dayton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, South West Regional Orchestra, and others.

She was a delegate to Buckeye Girls State last year and has been involved in many community activities.

Lynn also enjoys a good game of tennis and was ranked Most Valuable Player by her teammates and coaches with an 11-4 record.

With a track record like that of Lynn Bowser, she may turn out to be one of the best truck drivers in the 371st Support Group.



**KEEP DOWN** — Cadet Dave Bowser dodges aggressors. (PHOTO BY SP5 KEN WHITE)

# Fort Benning

First Lieutenant Lon Cross, one of the Ranger instructors, added he felt patrolling made great leadership training.

"This is because you can switch leaders," he said. "You also have to make decisions in the field. You don't just coordinate things and follow orders."

"This training is more than just tactics," Cross said. "We know most of them will never be grunts. We just hope they take the leadership they learn here back and apply it to their own jobs."

The troops said they had a good time. The hot day and the cold night, added to the need for fast moving and quick thinking, made the mission a real challenge.

"It's one of those motivational-type things the Guard works hard to provide," Chapman said. "Just the sound of tactical training is exciting."

Even Rangers noticed the Ohio candidates esprit.

"They were unusually cooperative and got along really well," Long said. "They followed orders well, no matter who was in charge at the time."

One order seemed to fall on deaf ears.

After a long, hot afternoon of marching through the woods, Candidate Tony Christian sat down and ordered "his way" saying, "I'd like to have two whoppers with cheese, two large fries, and a quart of root beer — ice cold."



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**IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN BABY!** — Cadet Emily Burns takes a last look down before leaving the tower. (PHOTO BY SP5 KEN WHITE)

# Thirty Years of Love for 360 Kids

*A wife and her Guardsman didn't live in a shoe; they had 360 children but they knew what to do . . . they loved them.*

Master Sergeant Harold Brown and wife, Charlene, have had 360 foster children since 1947. As a member of the Foster Parents Advisor Board of Shaun Acres, Sergeant and Mrs. Brown have had all kinds of kids.

"Sometimes we'd have five or six at one time," said Mrs. Brown.

"Some were hurt or beat up. Some, their mothers just couldn't take care of for a while," she said.

Her husband, who recently retired from the 371st Support Group in Kettering, said the children didn't all stay a long time. Maybe they'd stay a month and then be adopted or sent back to their parents," he said.

He added that the shortest amount of time any of the children stayed was three weeks. The longest stay was by a girl who joined the Browns when she was 31 days old and stayed until she was 21.

"That girl is living in Chicago now and comes to visit us," said Mrs. Brown.

One of the reasons the Browns, who

live in a five-bedroom home near Dayton, welcome the children is that Sergeant Brown knows what they are going through.

"When I was 10 my parents died," he explained. "I lived with an aunt and grandfather for awhile."

"I worked while I was in grammar school to put my three brothers and sisters through school. I guess I didn't think I got the love and care a child should get. I want other children to get their share."

The Browns feel that although the children may have had troubled lives, they were no trouble. Sergeant Brown still works at the armory as a custodian to keep that important tie to the Guard. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal recently for meritorious service.

Says Sergeant Brown, "If you love children, you can adjust to anything."

"And I love children," said his wife. Even their own four children adjusted to the extra faces around the house. "Since the kids were young, they just took the foster children as brothers and sisters," said Harold. They enjoyed it. "We were like one big, happy family."

All of the children were enrolled in an

area school and all of them attended the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Even the pets were supplied by the Browns. The retired Guardsman keeps a kennel in the back yard where he raises and trains dogs.

"The kids have always loved them," he said.

And as for buying food for 360 extra empty stomachs, the Browns never considered it a problem. "We've always believed you could feed three children as easily as one," Brown said.

"It's not a money matter," his wife added. "It's a matter for your heart. It's what we want to do." Harold said, "We've been able to make out."

Even today when the Browns only have one child, a seven-year-old boy named Eric, Mrs. Brown finds herself cooking extra food, "Food for every other child on the picnic or whatever, who might not have any."

When the time comes for any of the foster children to leave, the Browns hate to see them go.

"It's hard," said Brown. "We get attached to them, but they have to leave. Sometimes it's better for them to go to homes or back to their parents." Charlene added, "In instances when it's not better, that's when it really hurts. You see some of them go back home and end up on the street looking raggedy and you feel bad."

Many of the foster children try to keep in touch and the Browns are not forgotten at holidays.

"Last year we had 65 presents around the tree," said Mrs. Brown. "We have to start at the beginning of the year for the next Christmas."

There are plenty of kids around to enjoy the presents. Between their own children and their foster children, the Browns claim 22 grandchildren. Charlene said, "I don't treat the foster grandkids any different from my real grandkids. I just love them all."

And just like all parents, the Browns love to see their children follow in their footsteps. Though many have excelled in careers, two even becoming doctors, Mrs. Brown is especially proud of three who became foster parents. "They take any kid that needs help," she said. "Just like us."

"The foster parents program is important," said the foster mother of 32 years. "When you show the kids someone cares it helps them a lot. It'll stop a lot of this dope and stuff on the street."

"Besides it's nice," she said. "If you put every bit of love you have into a child, that child never forgets."



**MSGT HAROLD BROWN** and wife, Charlene, relax at home, while telling their story of their 360 foster children. (PHOTO BY PFC FRANK DOUGLAS)

*By PFC Frank Douglas*

## Physical Fitness Leads to Readiness

BY SSG TOM GLOVER

Cleve. Recruiting Command

Physical readiness plays a very important part in our mission of the Army and the Ohio National Guard. There are many reasons for physical training. We must attain and maintain operational readiness and technical mental fitness, towards our duty and ourselves. Emotional fitness and stability, therefore, must be our ultimate goal.

Signals that indicate you might not be up to par physically or mentally are the lack of strength in your limbs or back, along with a lack of endurance or wind. Other indications are a lack of coordination and agility, over or under weight or a lack of motivation.

If you want to begin a program to improve your physical readiness, remember you should first consult a doctor. You should also become familiar with the concepts of physical readiness training and be able to identify the necessity for an appropriate program suited just for you.

Your program should also include the proper physical routine, such as sit ups, push ups, double time and jogging. Remember not to overdo any one exercise at any one time. You should work up to each exercise slowly and do them daily. You should include a diet that is best suited for you.

In no time at all, the goals that you are searching for will become very evident.

## Saturday Morning Fever Builds Pride

BY SPEC. 5 ROBERT J. MOODY

HHD 737th Maint. Bn

Saturday morning fever spreads over the Buckeye state once a month for a special group of men and women. These men and women are members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard.

Guard members have Saturday morning fever because they know they are going to spend a part of the next forty-eight hours in the company of others like themselves who believe in the Guards' mission — to be prepared to respond to the needs of the community, the State or the country when called upon.

Saturday morning fever is a feeling that makes the Guard member proud. The

The Buckeye Guard

## MARS Operator

### Grubs Honorary Member

James C. Grubs of Sylvania, Ohio was made an honorary member of the 180th Communications flight by Colonel Keith Kramer, 180th Tactical Fighter Group Commander. Grubs devoted much time and effort into helping the 180th establish and maintain one of the few Air Guard auxiliary Military Affiliate Radio Systems (MARS) stations in the country.

Grubs is the primary operator of the Toledo based unit's MARS station. He has been affiliated with MARS since 1971 and the primary operator for the 180th MARS since early 1978.

Probably the most unique aspect of Grubs is the fact that he has accomplished his radio training, graduated with a degree in mathematics from college and been very active in MARS training while confined to a wheelchair since age 18.

Grubs is afflicted with a progressive degenerative disease of the anterior horn cells of the spinal cord. In essence, the nerves stop sending impulses to the muscles.

According to Grubs, "One of the most important things to do is to monitor the 'One Siera One Net', which serves as a go-between for military authorities and the Guard base. The net would be used, for instance, if something went wrong with normal lines of communication and an emergency message needed to get through."



A MARS station's primary mission is to provide Department of Defense sponsored emergency communications on an international, national and local basis as an adjunct to normal military communications.

In response to a question about his work with MARS and the 180th Tactical Fighter Group Grubs explained "People in my position don't get a great many opportunities to help people, and I'm glad I have this opportunity. It's a great way to be useful."

## Air Guard To Support Army Guard

The 164th Weather Flight, Ohio Air National Guard unit at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, has had its mission realigned to provide primary weather support to the 73d Infantry Brigade of the Ohio Army National Guard. Still an Air National Guard unit, the Mansfield personnel will probably be transferred within a year to an Army Guard location in the Columbus area.

The mission realignment will affect all Air National Guard weather units across the country. Eight such units have previously been reassigned to support Army Guard Divisions. The remaining 31 ANG Weather Flights have now been reassigned to support units under the division level.

The Air Force has regular weather units assigned at each Air Force base.

# ONGEA

## THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio 43017

### BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Over 285 bowlers participated in the second annual Ohio National Guard Invitational Bowling Tournament. The tournament was held April 19-20 and April 26-27 at Amos Lanes in Columbus.

Brigadier General James M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, rolled the first ball to open the tournament.

A sad note during the tournament was the passing of Robert (Motor) Bachmann, the first tournament director, for whom the first-place trophy is named.

The unofficial winners of the team event with 3146 pins were Donna L. Baker, Daniel J. Mullikin, Larry W. Cornett, Thomas Abeyta and Charles Ames from the 123 TAC Comm Flt, Blue Ash, Ohio. Doubles winners with 1332 pins were Michael Snow, 186th Engr Det (Util), and Paul Ward, HHD Worthington. Singles winner with 750 pins was David E. Turner, 121 CAM Sq., Rickenbacker ANGB. Scratch high team with 2848 pins was the 121 CAM Sq, Rickenbacker. Team members were Richard P. Featherston, Ronald E. Dillon, Linval Adkins, William A. Groves and Richard McQuiston.

All winners must have their handicaps verified with ABC/WIBC before the official results are posted.

### ONGEA CONFERENCE

The ONGEA State Conference is now passed. The newly elected officers are working to make this another productive

year for the Association. Organization is the key word this year. Promote events within the Ohio National Guard to produce enthusiasm. Retention in the Guard is the key to success. The ONG can offer free college tuition for six years of service to young recruits, but what keeps that individual in? Sporting events, social activities, benefits, money or just plain patriotism? Whatever the key is, your Enlisted Association is doing its best to promote it.

We support the enlisted personnel 100 percent.

### FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

Want a mini vacation for your family this year? The Enlisted Association is promoting the 4th of July weekend at Sea World and Geauga Lake. Discount tickets will be distributed to all unit representatives for July 5 at Sea World and July 6 for Geauga Lake. A picnic pavilion will be set up at Geauga Lake for all enlisted members attending. Bring your picnic basket and enjoy a day of fun and relaxation with your Association members.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Ohio National Guard Baseball Day will be Sunday evening, August 31 at Franklin County stadium, the home of the Columbus Clippers.

There will be a flag ceremony, displays of equipment and a recruiting booth, and a good ol' fashion baseball game between the Columbus Clippers and the Charles-

ton Charlies. Tickets will be available through your unit reps.

### UNIT REPRESENTATIVES

Does your unit have a unit representative in the Enlisted Association? During drill weekend ask your AST who the unit rep is. Read the "News Flash" on the bulletin board and ask to see your unit rep if you have any questions.

### ONGEA MEMBERSHIP

Check to make sure your membership card is current. If not, obtain an application from your unit representative to complete and send into our P.O. Box listed above. We need your support to be able to get Bills passed that will benefit us all.

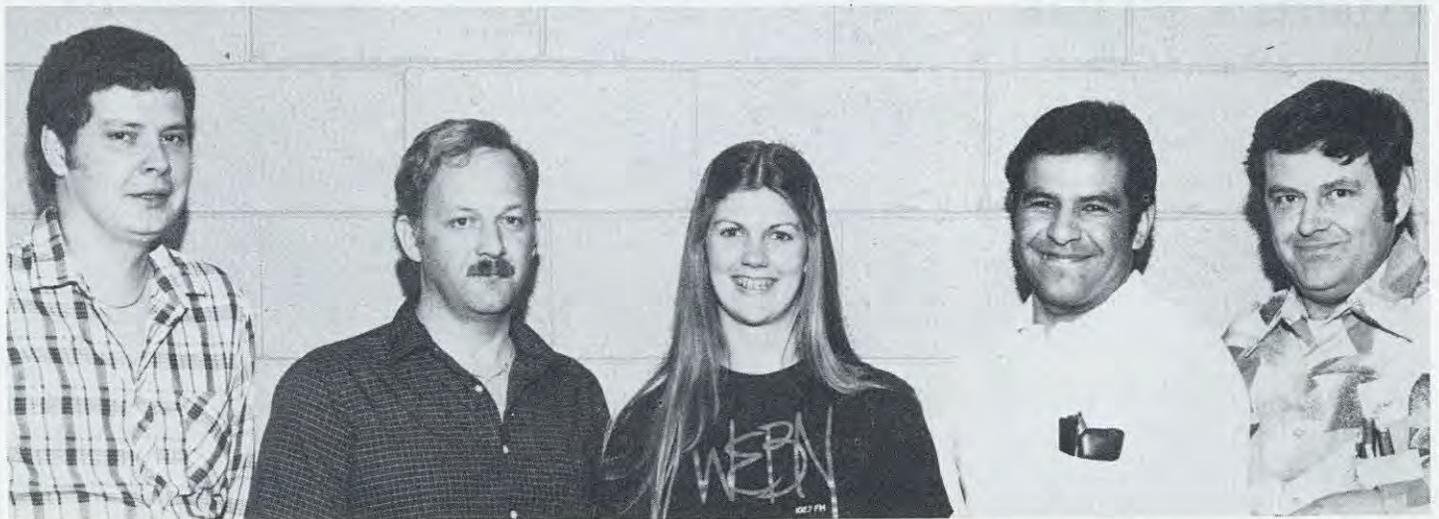
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### 36th Division

The Texas 36th Infantry Division is having their 55th Annual Reunion on August 28-31, 1980, at the Marina Airport Inn in Dallas, Texas.

This year the 36th Division is having the 442d Regimental Combat Team and is having a joint meeting. This team is the famous group that so gallantly rescued the battalion of the 36th that was cut off in World War II.

Those interested in attending the reunion may contact Jack L. Scott, 36th Division Association president, 1821½ Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK. 73106



**WINNERS of TEAM HANDICAP** — from l. to r. Dan Mullikin, Larry Cornett, Donna Baker, Thomas Abeyta and Charles Ames of the 123d TAC CON Flt, Cincinnati.

# ONGEA Auxiliary is Number One

BY LOIS GOODSON  
President of Auxiliary

What an exciting and rewarding year it has been for the ONGEA Auxiliary. As we reflect back on the many things that have been accomplished during the past year, the first thing that comes to mind is that the ONGEA Auxiliary was the Number ONE Auxiliary in the nation.

This was accomplished by a large increase in membership, being top in the raffle sales, sending letters concerning legislation, and numerous other things. The increase in membership is continuing and the "enthusiasm" of the members has been most outstanding. Sharing the purpose and goals of the ONGEA Auxiliary has given many a new insight into the many advantages of belonging both to the State and National Auxiliary.

"Enthusiasm" was the theme I had chosen for the year. My sincere thanks to all who have made this theme a reality. The Ohio Auxiliary has, indeed, gone forward this past year. We have supported the Enlisted Association in all their projects, have kept the membership informed by monthly newsletters, and the get-togethers over the state have increased this past year. Many new friends have been made and many more people have been made aware of the work that the Auxiliary is involved in.

Ohio is working very hard toward the many awards that will be given at the National Conference in Milwaukee, September 14-18th. Make your plans to attend now. A very special time is being planned for everyone.

On behalf of the ONGEA Auxiliary membership I would like to congratulate the former editor of the BUCKEYE

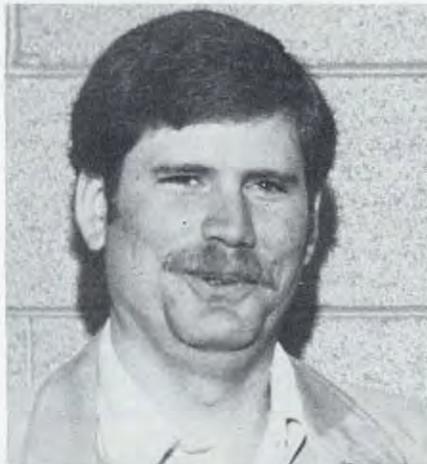
GUARD and the 196th Public Affairs Detachment in making the BUCKEYE GUARD the winner of the Department of the Army's Keith L. Ware Award for excellence in journalism.

To the entire ONGEA Auxiliary membership, my most sincere thanks for making this past year one that I shall always remember. I truly appreciate all the hard work and effort that each of you have put forth to make this year one of "Enthusiasm."

It was an honor and a privilege to serve as President with such outstanding officers and members. A big thanks goes to the ONGEA for all their support and guidance. We are very proud to be part of your organization and to help further your purposes and goals. Best wishes to the new officers. May the coming year be one of continued growth in membership and further advancement of the purposes of the ONGEA Auxiliary.



**SINGLES WINNER** — David E. Turner, 750 Pins



**DOUBLES WINNER** — Mike Snow, 186th Engr Det (Util)



**DOUBLES WINNER** — Paul Ward, HHD, Worthington

## 121st TFW Wins Top Performance Award

The Alan P. Tappan Trophy for the outstanding ARG unit in Ohio was awarded to the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing Elements at Rickenbacker Air Force Base during ceremonies at Westbrook Country Club in Mansfield.

This annual award is presented to the Air Guard unit which excels in minority participation, unit manning, inspections, readiness, safety, professional military education and all other areas that an Air National Guard Unit must excel in to receive the highest award given to an Air Guard unit.

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Picnic  
Geauga Lake  
July 4

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Baseball Day  
Franklin County  
Stadium  
Aug. 31

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# UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio  
National Guard Officers'  
Association

BY LTC ROBERT ZIMMERMAN

By the time you read this article the 1980 Annual NGA Conference will be history and I am sure it will have been a successful one. I congratulate the newly elected officers and wish them well in their endeavors in the forthcoming year. As this is my last article for the **BUCKEYE GUARD** I must confess that serving this association, in a position of leadership, has been a rewarding one.

I will continue to stress, to the newly elected president, that we need junior officer participation in our association. I believe we have stimulated the company grade officer by placing them on committees, making them Sergeant-at-Arms at the Conference, inviting the candidates and their guests to be with us during our business meeting, and making sure they are informed on what the association is doing. You, as commanders, must also support our endeavors by taking the time when a new officer is assigned to make him or her aware of the association. Don't just collect the dues and think your job is completed!

## NGAUS CONFERENCE

Let's not forget the NGAUS Conference, September 22-24, 1980, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The commercial flight package that Colonel Williams prepared is an extremely good package. Let's take advantage of it.

## CURRENT ADDRESS

I have been receiving a number of telephone calls and visits from our members asking why they haven't been receiving anything from the Association. My response is that we probably do not have a current address. You, as members, must keep the secretary informed of your current address. If you know of someone that is not, and should be, receiving Association material please have them furnish the secretary necessary information, active and/or retired officers alike.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

If you have retired and haven't received a life membership, let the secretary know. It is most difficult to keep track of all those Army and Air officers who are retiring. We definitely want you on our mailing list and you can help by letting us know.

One final comment about retired officers. Lt. Col. Ray Wharton (Ret), 4728 Robinhood Park, Columbus, OH 43227 has volunteered to collect information from you so that we can have a retired officers article in this magazine. I would appreciate it if and when you have any information that would be of interest, please forward your comments to Ray at the above address. Let's get this article off to a good start. Any news is good news. We want to keep the retired officers informed and active in our Association.

## Veterans Benefits

Veteran's Administration Pamphlet 2067-1, "Once a Veteran," has all the latest Federal benefits. Prior service members and prospects are entitled to a one-source document. You may request the pamphlet from:

Commanding Officer  
U.S. Army Publication Center  
2800 Eastern Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21220

## Wear a Belt!

Female soldiers, if you're wearing men's fatigues, tuck in your shirt and wear a belt.

The question of whether or not women wearing men's fatigues must tuck in their shirts has been settled by a change to AR 670-1. Men's fatigues must now be worn the same way by both men and women. (DA Scene)

## Army Black Windbreakers

New Army black windbreakers are now arriving in post exchange outlets.

The male black windbreaker will replace the green windbreaker. However, the green windbreaker is authorized for wear until a wear out date is established.

The new policies concerning the HQDA wear policy for the new male and female Army black windbreaker is being published and will be available shortly.

## He Has Them All

BY SFC WILLIAM L. SIMMONS

1484th Trans. Co.

Specialist Five Philip Lundenberger, a member of the 1484th Transportation Company, New Philadelphia, has spent almost two years collecting Army National Guard State Headquarters Shoulder Patches. He now has all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Spec. 5 Lundenberger and his wife Jude, mailed letters to all the Adjutant Generals requesting their respective state patches. Lundenberger said the hardest job was painting the mounting board. His wife also helped with this project.

Lundenberger spent two years in the U.S. Navy aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Harlan R. Dickson and has been a member of the 1484th for the past four years. Lundenberger, his wife and two children live in Dover where he is employed by Klines Potato Chip Co., in the maintenance department.



**SPEC. 5 PHILIP LUNDENBERGER** looks over the map he has spent almost two years completing. The map contains Army National Guard Shoulder Patches from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. (PHOTO BY PFC FRANK DOUGLAS)

# THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

Summer is with us and welcome! The season means different things to each of us, it seems. For some it is a house bursting with the activity of children freed from desks and books. Others look forward to long, lazy, unstructured days, just right for enjoying the sun and the outdoors. Then there are the avid travelers, who use the warm months to scout about the country.

This summer, the price of gasoline may convert a few of the last group to armchair travelers, drinking in the scenery from the porch or patio. For Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club members, summer, in addition to all of the above, is a break between the 1979-1980 season and the swing into 1981. The newly elected officers and board members will be spending part of the summer planning, hoping to make the next year the best ever!

## SEASON FINALE

The April and May OWC meetings, final ones of the past season, brought out lots of members and the spirit was great. In April, at the DCSC, election of officers was held. The meeting, chaired by vice-president, Janet Seidt, featured each member's brief description of her husband's ONG unit and its mission. It was not surprising to hear of the many jobs that the Ohio Guard performs, but was

entertaining to get the feminine point of view. We heard about tanks, field medical units, personnel officers, budget people, jet fighter aircraft and mid-air refueling. Quite a diverse and talented bunch, our fellas are! As always, there were in attendance many wives of retired ONG officers. They drive from Springfield, Cincinnati, and many other spots around the state to spend a couple of hours with old and dear friends and to enjoy the special brand of fellowship that Guard wives share. It is really quite a tribute to the group that these ladies make such an effort.

May's luncheon was special, in that it was held at the Bavaria Haus restaurant, in Columbus' German Village. The Rathskeller was turned over to the club and a lovely salad bar set up. The program was brief and the new officers were installed for next year. The slate for 80-81 consists of Janet Seidt, president; Lana Powers, vice-president; Cindy Zieber, secretary; and Margaret Steiskal, treasurer.

A gift was presented by the group to outgoing president, Mary Anne Doane, along with thanks to her and to the board members for all the work involved in making the past year such a success.

## SALT FORK COWBOYS

The other big event in the immediate past was the ONGA annual conference,

held in May at Salt Fork State Park. The conferences there are surely the most popular of all, as the atmosphere is relaxed and the dress casual. The Saturday evening festivities were in a country-western motif this year. What an assortment of cowboys and cowgirls milling around the pool! Even the children, lucky enough to be included, got into the spirit of the ranch barbeque and square dancing. One pre-teen, with whom this writer has more than a passing acquaintance, has scarcely had the cowboy hat off his head since that party! In short, a fine time was surely had by all.

## SURVEY RESPONSE

As of this writing, there has been very limited response to the OWC survey included in the April BUCKEYE GUARD. It is still not too late to clip out the coupon and mail it along with your suggestions for programs, luncheons, etc. Remember, your input is needed. It is your club. The new board will be meeting soon to firm up plans for next year. Watch for details of the schedule in the August issue.

In closing, a hearty thanks goes to immediate past president, Mary Anne Doane and best wishes are extended to Janet Seidt and the newly elected officers. Have a wonderful summer—see you in September.



Another happy face at Sea World this summer will be that of Belinda the white beluga whale who will star in an all-new show, "Belinda and Friends".

## Seaworld Offers Six New Shows

For those of you who have not visited Sea World yet, and taken advantage of your discount card, you have missed a world of fun.

Sea World is a beautifully-landscaped, 75-acre marine life park, the only one of its kind in the midwest. The park is located on Route 43 in Aurora, Ohio 20 miles southeast of Cleveland, just off Ohio turnpike exits 12 and 13, and near Interstates 271 and 480.

The 1980 season promises even more fun than in the past with its six new shows for the entire family. They are: Shamu and Tatu, starring in an all-new killer whale show; "Belinda and Friends" be-

luga white whale and dolphin show; "Wild Wings" expanded free-flying birds of prey show; "Hawaiian Holiday" musical and dance revue; Cap'n Kids Theatre magic show; and "Hatfields & McCoys" water ski and boat show. They also feature "Flipped Fairy Tail" seal and walrus show and Pearl diving exhibitions.

Sea World also has 20 exciting exhibits including fresh and saltwater aquariums.

Make it a Seaworld summer by sending your requests for discount tickets to: SP4 Debbie Thompson, AGOH-IO, State Adjutant General's Dept., Worthington, Ohio 43085.

## Nondiscrimination Notice

The National Guard operates on a nondiscriminatory basis in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Any person may file a written complaint with the appropriate National Guard official or the Chief, National Guard Bureau, or both, if it is believed that discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin is being practiced with any National Guard Program that is subject to Title VI. For additional information contact LTC Sanford (614) 889-7120.

# Buckeye Bits



MSgt. Klaus Siebert

## Top Recruiter

Master Sergeant Klaus Siebert, recruiter for the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, has been selected the country's "Top Air National Guard Recruiter" by the Air Force and Air Force Association. Klaus has also been named to the Air Force Recruiting Team of the Year.

Air Force Chief of Staff General Lew Allen writes to Klaus, "Your well deserved selection was based on outstanding professionalism, perseverance, and integrity. It is because of recruiters like you that we continue to be the best Air Force in the world."

The Recruiting Team of the year represents the five best recruiters from the regular Air Force, the top Air Force Reserve recruiter, and the top Air Guard recruiter.

## Four Men Cited

Lieutenant Colonel William B. Fuller, Chief Master Sgt. Lloyd Averill, Senior Master Sgt. Larry Patton, and Senior Master Sgt. Thomas M. Guard of the 160th Air Refueling Group, received a Presidential and a Gubernatorial Letter of Commendation for their efforts to save fuel and increase the efficiency of governmental operations during ceremonies held recently at Rickenbacker Air Force Base, Ohio.

Their suggestion, which involves an easily accomplished modification to the KC-135 Auxiliary Power Unit (APU), has saved fuel, batteries, many man hours formerly required for servicing and overhauling Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE), and most of all, \$210,000 the first year. After all Air Guard KC-135's are modified, the savings will amount to about \$410,000 per year.

## 237th Sponsors Blood Drive

Members of Company B (Med), 237th Support Bn., sponsored a blood drive in support of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross, with the aid of medics from Co. B, received 40 pints of blood from donors at the Beightler Armory in Worthington.

Participants included members of Companies A and B of the 237th. According to the Red Cross consultant Joe Greentree, the blood will be distributed to Columbus area hospitals.

## National Guard Supports BSA

During the month of February Mr. J.L. Larr, the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America and Lieutenant General La Vern E. Weber, Chief, National Guard Bureau, signed a Resolution of Cooperation between the two organizations.

The resolution assures that the National Guard will continue to give the scouts support in their endeavors, and to make or renew acquaintances and to develop programs of benefit to the National Guard and the Boy Scouts of America.

## New Training Device

Second Lieutenant JOHN R. DeCAROLIS, HHT, 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry was recently placed on six months active duty as a result of his development of his "Ivan's Alley" training device. The Training Aid Center at Ft. Knox asked Lt. DeCarolus to help them develop the training aid for adoption Army wide.

The graphic training aid has the potential to enhance threat vehicle identification, tank commander/gunner interaction, fire commands and target engagement times.

## Open House

The 323rd Military Police Company, Toledo, held an open house recently which featured a tactical MP Command Post complete with communications equipment in operation, and a security dismount point. Over 150 citizens attended the affair.

## Outstanding Unit

The Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield Municipal Airport, has received the United States Air Force "Outstanding Unit" award.

From March 1978 through February 1979, the 178th demonstrated superior performance by converting from F-100 Super Sabre aircraft to more modern A-7D Corsair II attack aircraft in less than half the time allowed for the conversion.

## Knapp Best in Color

Staff Sergeant JAMES L. KNAPP, 180th Tactical Fighter Group, received top honors and \$500 for his entry in a photo contest sponsored jointly by the National Guard Bureau and NGAUS. KNAPP's entry was judged best in color competition.

## Koett Makes 65th Jump

Colonel KARL E. KOETT, Commander of the 134th Engineer Group in Blue Ash, recently made his 65th parachute jump qualifying him for the Master Parachutists Badge. The 50-year-old colonel was attending annual training at Fort Bragg, during March, with the 16th Engineer Brigade Headquarters when he made his jumps. Koett, already a Master Aviator, had gone 25 years (March 17, 1955) since he had made his last parachute jump.

## Basic Aid Instructors

Staff Sergeant TOM GLOVER and Sergeant First Class CHUCK DADE of the Cleveland Recruiting Region recently qualified as basic aid training instructors for the American Red Cross, Cleveland Region.

The Basic Aid Training (B.A.T.) course is a pilot program sponsored by the American Red Cross to instruct primary level school students in the basic procedures necessary to assist others during emergencies.

*Remember . . .*

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# All About People-

Members of the 251st Combat Communications Group, Springfield, were presented with awards at recent ceremonies. **SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT DAVID A. HAYES** received the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service as Education Training Superintendent for the unit from Jan. 1975 to July 1979. **TECHNICAL SERGEANT STEPHEN E. WOLBERT** received the Ohio Commendation Medal for his outstanding efforts and devotion to duty during Joint Chiefs of Staff exercises and inspections.

**SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT ROBERT E. FRENCH, SR.**, was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service as telephone maintenance superintendent of the 251st Combat Communications Group from July 1976 to Aug. 1979. **FRENCH** was also the Ohio Air Guard's Airman of the Year in 1977.

**FATHER EARL JENSEN** and **SECOND LIEUTENANT MARK STOUT** were also presented with Air Force Commendation Medals for their outstanding achievements as members of the 251st. **FATHER JENSEN**, Chaplain of the 251st, an Air Force first lieutenant, was lauded for his extraordinary leadership and devotion to duty. **STOUT** was awarded the medal for superb dedication to duty and his mission of success via the use of news media.

Recent promotions to members of HHC (-Det 1), 216th Engineer Combat

Battalion are: Privates **SHAWN B. GEE**, **EUGENE K. McCOY** and **EDWARD A. ROBERTS** to privates first class. **JEFFREY L. REED** and **GLENN R. ESKRIDGE** to specialists four.

The **1485th TRANSPORTATION COMPANY** was selected as the Outstanding Unit in the 112th TRANSPORTATION BATTALION for 1979, due to their overall performance during the year.

The **COLONEL ROBERT P. COPELAND AWARD** was presented to **SPECIALIST FOUR DEBORAH COTTON, HHD**, 112th Trans. Bn. by **COL. COPELAND**. This award is presented for personal leadership, military appearance and expertise in a military occupational skill.

**SERGEANT FIRST CLASS IVAN VAUGHN, HHD**, 112th Trans. Bn., was presented the **LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAYMOND E. TRICKLER AWARD** by **LT. COL. TRICKLER**. This award recognizes the outstanding battalion NCO and emphasizes leadership capabilities.

**SERGEANT JAMES K. DELOTELL** has been named Soldier of the Year as an outstanding member of HHC, 216th Engineer Battalion. **DELOTELL** is a senior engineer equipment mechanic and works full time for the National Guard. He is also a coach in Pee Wee basketball and Little League baseball, and a committee member of Pack 37, Boy Scouts of America.

A welcome to **TECHNICAL SERGEANT JUDY BAGAN** who has joined the 179th Communications Flight, Mansfield Lahm Airport as an Administrative Specialist. **TECHNICAL SERGEANT BAGAN** transferred from the Minnesota Air National Guard in Duluth.

**MAJOR ORVILLE J. MILLER**, Staff Judge Advocate, will be reassigned from HQ 134th Engineer Group to Military Judge, HHD, Worthington.

**WARRANT OFFICER MICHAEL YERARDI**, a physicians assistant with Co. B, 237th Support Bn., administered the oath of enlistment to his brother **FRANKLIN YERARDI**, a Viet Nam veteran and a sergeant into Co. B, 216th Engineer Bn., Manchester.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT MICHAEL R. SNOW** Administrative Services Division, recently graduated from the Ohio Public Executives Programs' Management Advancement Program at the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow.

**MAJOR EDWARD C. MORLEY**, 251st Combat Communications Group, has been awarded his second Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service as Communications group director from June 1, 1975 to July 31, 1979. **COLONEL RICHARD E. BENNETT**, Deputy Commander of Headquarters, 251st Combat Communications Group, also received the Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service from January 1, 1974 to July 31, 1979.

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GABRIEL ALEXANDER**, 135th Military Police, has been selected as Soldier of the month.

Promotions received by members of 1416th Transportation Co (AVIM) are: **ROBERT E. TERRY** to Sergeant; **ANTHONY J. BADURINA**, **BORIS BOH**, **RICKY CAUDILL**, **JACKIE A. COMPTON**, **JERRY I. CORDLE** and **KENNETH W. WHITE** to specialists four; **APRIL A. ST. JOHN** to private first class; **KIRT S. ANDERSON**, **ROBERT W. CROTHERS**, **TAB B. DOLDER**, **WILLIAM H. HUTT**, **WILLIAM J. JORDAN, JR.**, **RANDY F. KRUE**, **JEFFREY A. SMITH** and **JAMES M. TAYLOR** to privates E-2.

Two members of Co. A, 216th Engineer Battalion, were recently promoted. They are: **CHARLES T. VITITOE** and **HAMIE D. WOOLUM**, both to privates first class.

The following members of the 155th Maintenance Co. (HE) (GS) (-) have been promoted: **KIRK M. DOUGLAS** to pri-

## GLENN VISITS AIR GUARD



The 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield Lahm Airport, had a surprise visit from Senator John Glenn, Jr. of Ohio. Senator Glenn took time out from other engagements in the area to visit the Air National Guard base.

According to Col. Emerson E. Lewis, Commander of the 179th, Glenn stated, "All should be proud of this unit's record." They also discussed the value of the Guard program in the defense structure.

During his tour of the facility, Senator Glenn commented on the remodeled Tappen Hall and the various displays. He especially noted the Fred Haise memorabilia and the model aircraft exhibit. Haise was a member of the unit when he was selected into the astronaut program. He later was a crew member on Apollo 13.

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# All About People

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vate, **WALTER PATTERSON JR.** and **JOHN W. MOORE SR.** to specialists four, **JOSEPH LOPARO** to staff sergeant and **TERRY R. KOBERNA** to sergeant first class.

Promotions were also received by the following members of the 160th Air Refueling Group, RAFB: **WILLIAM E. CHILDERS**, **JOE M. HEINTZ** and **WILLIE L. HINTE** to technical sergeants; **ROBERT M. HICKS**, **JESSE M. INMAN**, **TERRY L. MOORE**, **ALBERT G. ROSE**, **DOUGLAS A. RUSSELL**, **JOSEPH F. SMITH**, and **DAVID L. YOAKAM** to staff sergeants; **DAVID L. FARMER**, **DIANA L. GREENLEE**, **PAUL W. ROBERTS**, **COLIN E. STIMPET**, **MONTE E. STOCKS** and **VILIAN I. WILLIS** to senior airmen; **BRET A. BUSH**, **SUZANNE M. HARTMAN**, **WILLIAM D. HINKLE**, **ANDREW J. SHAFFER** to airman first class; **PAMELA L. BROWN**, **LAUREL E. ELMORE**, **MARK H. MIESSE** and **DERRICK E. TAYLOR** to airmen.

**MASTER SERGEANT MILTON C. SHUSTER**, 160th Air Refueling Group, has retired after 29 years of dedicated military service. Shuster is a decorated veteran of many campaigns. Some of his service ribbons include the China Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and the National Defense Medal.

Members of Company C 1/136th Field Artillery received promotions as follows: **JOSEPH S. GRACE**, **MARK L. GRACE** and **LARRY V. WALTERS** to specialists five; **DINO QUAFISI** to specialist four, and **MITCHELL A. DILBONE** to sergeant.

**FIRST SERGEANT EDWARD J. FOXX**, AST for Company A 112th Eng. Bn. Wooster was designated as the honor graduate of the AST Course 3-80 by the Commandant, National Guard Professional Education Center in Arkansas. 1st Sgt. **FOXX** competed with AST's from all over the USA for this noteworthy achievement.

**PRIVATE 1 ANTHONY G. PIZZINO**, a member of Company B 112th Engr. Bn., Akron, was selected as the Distinguished Graduate in the 2d Training Bde, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and also received a certificate from the Society of American Military Engineers for this accomplishment.

**PRIVATE 1 THOMAS M. JENKINS**, a member of HHC 112th Engr. Bn., Cleveland, was selected as the Outstanding Graduate, Machinist I Course, by the

Commandant U.S. Army Ordnance School. He also received a Certificate of Recognition from the Association of the U.S. Army for academic and Military excellence. Pvt. 1 **JENKINS** serves on the staff of HHC 16th Engr. Bde.

**SERGEANT PAUL M. STEFANICK**, a member of Co. C 112th Engr. Bn., Youngstown, has been selected as the 112th Engr. Bn.'s Outstanding Guard Member. In addition to his outstanding devotion to duty to his unit and the battalion, Sgt. **STEFANICK** is also very active in his community, serving as a Reserve County Sheriff, and as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

**SERGEANT RUSSELL (RUSTY) MEADOWS**, a member of Company D 112th Engr. Bn., Lorain, was selected as the Soldier of the Year by the Newton D. Baker Chapter, Assoc. of the U.S. Army. In addition he was honored at a luncheon held by the AUSA.

**SPECIALIST FOUR JOHN H. HARTMAN**, a member of HHC 112th Engr. Bn., Cleveland, recently completed the Advance Machinist Course at the U.S. Army Ordnance School where he was selected as the outstanding graduate.

**STAFF SERGEANT JAMES SARVEN**, formerly of Co. D 112th Engr. Bn., Lorain, and now an FTTD Recruiter for the Battalion, received a Letter of Commendation in March 1980 from the Adjutant General's Department for exceeding his quotas for a six-month period.

The following National Guard Technicians assigned to the 112th Engr. Battalion have been issued Certificates of Service, Department of the Army by Major General James C. Clem: **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER ROBERT SAID**, **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER ELMER CUMMINS**, **SERGEANT FIRST CLASS THOMAS DOWNIE**, **SERGEANT FIRST CLASS BRIAN FIELDHOUSE**, and **SERGEANT FIRST CLASS VICTOR SOKOLOWSKI**. Along with the certificates they received lapel pins for their Federal Service which totals 95 years between the five of them.

The commanding general of ARR VI, Major General James J. Lindsay recently sent a congratulatory letter to **LIEUTENANT COLONEL DALE W. CARTE**, the Bn. Cdr. 112th Engineers, his staff, and all the SQT scorers for their recent well planned and administered testing for their 12B Combat Engineers. The 112th Engineers were the first battalion to administer and complete all phases of the SQT in the 16th Engr. Bde.

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## Army's First Astronaut Looks Forward to Space Flight

BY PFC FRANK DOUGLAS

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Stewart is looking forward to the first time he flies 25,000 feet per second in a spacecraft heating to nearly 2,700 degrees.

NASA's space shuttle will do just that, and as the Army's first and only astronaut, Stewart calls such a trip "just a fact of life."

One of 65 astronauts, Stewart said he will not be one of the first to pilot the craft; still he's no newcomer to the cockpit.

"I've been galavanting around in helicopters and aircraft all my life," he said recently while attending a helicopter seminar which was partially sponsored by the Ohio Guard. "This one just flies a little higher and faster than the others."

Since he enlisted in 1964, Stewart's flown 38 different civilian and military aircraft and has logged nearly 4,200 hours flight time.

"The flight requirement for being an astronaut is 1,500 hours," Stewart said. "But they wanted it in high performance jets. That's why I was selected as a mission specialist."

"As a mission specialist I'll launch the orbital probes, run the orbital experiments, and referee arguments between scientific investigators we may be carrying."

These chores are the shuttle's purpose, the astronaut explained.

"The whole purpose of the shuttle is to save money," Stewart said. If you have a reusable spacecraft, you can take the satellites and probes into low orbit and launch them with only a small booster into the orbit you want."

An added feature is that once in space, the satellites can be activated before finally sent into space.

"If we send them up the way we are now and we throw the 'on' switch and nothing happens, all that equipment is lost," he said.

NASA officials hope this ability to test then launch once away from the Earth's gravity will cut the cost of these missions in half.

NASA officials are selecting a new batch of astronaut candidates, and he's rooting for those wearing green.

"It sure would be nice having some more Army guys around," he said. "Then I could have some support during the Army-Navy football game."

## Next Deadline is June 20

Copy and photo deadline for the August 1978, issue of **BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine** is June 20, 1980. No articles or photos can be accepted after this

date.

Submissions should be typewritten and **double-spaced** (not all capital letters please).

Prepared to Win . . .

# 107th CPX is a Success



107th — Controllers and players attempt to second guess the computer while awaiting the outcome of a conflict. (PHOTO BY 2/107th MEMBER).

BY 1LT GREG MARTIN and  
SGT ROBERT MANI

Trp E, 2/107th Armd Cav

Members of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiments, 2d and 3rd Squadron, recently participated in a Command Post Exercise at the Stow Armory. Conducted by the US Army's 75th US Maneuver Area

## Letters

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### Salute to Moneysmith

#### To the Editor:

I am a member of the Ohio National Guard, in the 26th Engineer Group in Brookpark.

I enjoyed the article on Women in the Military very much. My helmet is off to Staff Sergeant Rebecca Moneysmith.

What I am writing about is that I would like as much information on women in the military as possible. I am attending Cleveland State University under the Ohio National Guard Scholarship program.

The material would be used to complete a paper I am doing for a sociology class on women.

I would appreciate whatever material you can send me.

Thank you.

PFC JOSEPH PETRIE JR.

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Command of Houston, TX., and the 100th Division's Maneuver Training Command from Louisville, KY., the computer assisted exercise enabled the squadron and regimental staff sections to sharpen their logistical skills.

The scenario in which the 107th fought was based on an actual terrain study of West Germany made by the 75th's staff

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Ten members of the 323d Military Police Company were awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal at ceremonies held at the Secor Road Armory recently. The decoration is in recognition of their efforts and achievements during emergency active duty for the January 1978 blizzard. Receiving the awards were: **FIRST LIEUTENANT GARY WIRZYLO, SERGEANT FIRST CLASS TERRY ARMENTROUT, STAFF SERGEANT OMAR HICKLE, SERGEANT TOM ECKERT, SERGEANT GARY GABRIEL, SERGEANT JACQUELINE JOHNSON, SERGEANT TOM SMITH, SPECIALIST FOUR MELVIN STACHRA and SPECIALIST FOUR DONALD BAILY.**

**SERGEANT JAMES K. DELOTELL** has been named the unit Soldier of the Year for HHC 216th Engineer Battalion.

officers. They then wrote the exercise and tailored it to meet the training objectives of the regiment.

Engagements utilizing terrain boards depicting the Walldurn region of West Germany were initiated by troop commanders while maneuvering their elements against threat formations. Each unit CP was staffed by a logistical team in direct radio contact with the next higher headquarters.

As each conflict with the threat was resolved, a computer located in Rockwell, MD., calculated the effectiveness of both threat and friendly fires. Complete reports were issued through data terminals set up in the armory on the status of unit resources.

Supplying everything from beans to bullets had to be coordinated through the respective staff sections. Each organization gained valuable experience from the very realistic combat simulation.

As the weekend progressed it became apparent that the CPX was a success.

"The 107th has mastered the techniques of budgeting their resources while inflicting an extreme level of violence against the enemy they've been exercised against," stated Colonel Gunn, commander of the 75th. "the 107th came prepared to win and they won; that's the bottom line," he added.

## RAFB Now Air National Guard Base

Rickenbacker Air Force Base became Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base in April. Within the next six to eight months present Air Force personnel will be replaced by Air National Guard members and civilians. The change over is being accomplished in an orderly fashion according to Colonel Harold W. Wickline, the new Air National Guard Base Commander.

Rickenbacker will remain home station for the 302nd Tactical Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve, the 160th Air Refueling Group, Ohio Air National Guard, and the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard. The units flying activities are expected to remain at present levels.

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