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Ohio Reaches 100%

The Ohio National Guard is over 100% strength. The Ohio Air National Guard has been at 100% for over a year. The Army Guard reached the 100% mark in April 1982. Congratulations to all who have worked hard to achieve this goal. Achieving 100% is a clear sign that all of us are proud to be Guardmembers, are proud to ask friends to join and proud to tell our neighbors we are Ohio National Guardmembers.

Although we have reached 100% state wide, we still have units below 90%. The best advice that can be offered to the commanders still having strength problems is: Look around you, look at what has been successful, and emulate it.

The big challenge now is to achieve 100% readiness. The Guard is more important than ever before. New requirements and situa-

tions will constantly test your abilities. The challenge of readiness is no different than recruiting. Hard work, total involvement of everyone and continuous effort will make the 100% readiness goal possible.

With annual training under way, I want NCO's and officers alike to be concerned for their people:

- Make sure they are being trained to the best of their ability.
- Make sure their work environment is safe.
- Make sure they are recognized if they are doing a good job, and corrected if they are not.
- Make sure their talents are being used wisely.
- Make sure their appearance is up to or above par.

From the Asst. AG-Army

The Future of Our Country

The Ohio Army National Guard is over 100% strength for the first time since 1970. This represents a great deal of effort on the part of many people.

We have fine, young, enthusiastic human beings who represent a cross section of America and Ohio. They are, in most cases, pre-trained for basic and from my observations, are looking forward to becoming sol-

diers. These patriotic men and women represent the future of our country and the National Guard. The leadership of tomorrow, both NCO and officer, is putting on a uniform today. How well they do depends to a great extent on the leadership of today.

If we use these people well, they won't let us down, the job of staying at 100% will be much easier.

Army Guard Visits Deer Run

A few months ago, the Deer Run Elementary School was visited by an Army National Guard helicopter and crew. Capt. Roger West, 73rd Infantry Brigade HHC, Warrant Officer Paul Holbrook, Attack Helicopter Troop 107th AC, SVC Doug Weakley, 122nd Army Band, and SSgt. Les Gates, HHD showed kindergarten through fourth graders the inside of the helicopter and explained its use.

The Guardmembers each received notes of thanks, some of which are reprinted.

Dear Mr. West,

Thank you for visiting our school. We enjoyed learning about the helicopter and getting to see it. Now our class understands a little bit about how to operate it and what it is used for.

Sincerely,
Jill Schukert and class.

Dear Paul Holbrook,

Thank you very much for bringing the helicopter. It was really neat. I really liked the cockpit. Someday I would like to learn how to pilot one sometime. Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,
Andrew Shaffer and class.

Dear Mr. Gates,

Thank you for coming to Deer Run and showing us your helicopter. It was very neat. I liked how you showed us how it is operated and how it is used.

I hope we do it again next year. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Kristin Hooper and class.

Belonging and Patriotism

To The Editor:

What type of person joins the Guard? What kind of person will my son be associating with?

I am frequently asked these questions by the parents of young men and women who are contemplating joining the Ohio National Guard. I would like to answer them now.

The type of person you will find in the Guard is the same type of person whom you invite into your home to fix the furnace, repair the television set, install a telephone, or remodel a room. He is the type of person who waits on you at the local grocery store, cashes your check at the bank, cruises the streets in a patrol car, or answers your fire call as a volunteer fireman. He may even be your neighbor across the street.

Approximately 70 percent of the men in the Guard have served their country before in either Vietnam, Korea or World War II. They have served in all branches of the military: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

Although Guardmembers have diverse careers and backgrounds, they nearly all have one thing in common — patriotism.

They are the type of people who stand up straighter when the National Anthem is playing. They are the type who, when passing the American flag, have a tingling in their right arms and a desire to salute. They love their homes, their families and their communities. They embrace peace with their hearts yet, when called upon to sacrifice all for the security of their country will say loud and clearly, "I am ready!" I for one am proud to serve with them.

SSgt. Harry C. Graves
Company C 216th Engr CBT Bn

OMA Anniversary

To The Editor:

I was very much interested in your announcement of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Ohio Military Academy.

I had the honor of being it's first Commandant when it was started as The Ohio OCS. We had a fine group of students, as I am sure you do now, and an able and dedicated faculty.

I think particularly of Col. Ollie Gibson and the small group who met at my home on the Scioto River to lay the ground work, and of Col. Chad Wilson' years of participation and leadership.

But you've forgotten something. This is really our fortieth anniversary.

The original Academy was started on General Bightler's order as Commanding General 37th Division and Fiji Islands Command, and again I had the honor of being named Commandant.

We were officially the USA Forces in Fiji Officers' Candidate School (USAFIF-OCS)

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on the Island of Viti Levu in her Britanic Majesty's Crown Colony of Fiji. Actually it was an Ohio OCS as all the faculty and staff, and nearly all the students were from the 37th.

We took over a former Hindu Boys school, later a New Zealand Army School; collected a staff and a fine group of instructors, including Maj. Dick Crooks (killed in action in the Phillipines) Captains "Bud" Nellis and Carl Bethers.

We built a curriculum from the Infantry School at Benning, and the Artillery School at Fort Sill and commissioned two classes of top NCOs as both platoon commanders and Artillery forward observers.

Many did both shortly after in New Georgia and Bougainville and from the glowing reports of their commanders did them very well.

So, congratulations and best wishes to OMA from your first two classes USIFIF-OCS.

HOWARD F. HAINES
Brig. Gen. (Ret.)

Help for Problems

Ohio Guard members are advised that if they have a personnel, pay or administrative problem and have been unable to solve it with their first sergeant, unit commander or at the battalion level, to contact the following appropriate individual at the Adjutant General's Department in Worthington:

MILITARY PAY —
LTC Mutchler, (614) 889-7221.

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(614) 889-7104

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SGM Morton, (614) 889-7024

CLOTHING —
SGM Hagerman, (614) 889-6234

The general information number for the AG Dept. is (614) 889-7000.

Battalion of Fat Lost

To The Editor:

Based on reviews of hundreds of weight records and requests for waivers from AR 600-9 Weight Standards, it can be accurately estimated that enough fat (blubber) has been shed by Ohio Army Guardmembers to equal nearly 600 bodies at 170 lbs. each.

We have lost a battalion but are stronger and better off without this baggage. I want all members of the Ohio National Guard to keep on **winning** this **losing** game!!!

Brig. Gen. James G. Good

Three A's

To The Editor:

I have been an auto accident investigator and paralegal/investigator for over 25 years. Therefore I feel I have some expertise in the subject which I wish to talk about.

When the Air Florida flight went down, every Newspaper filled their front page, television and radio news coverage was on every channel and every citizen in the USA (and many in the world) probably discussed it. Hundreds of Federal, State and Local officials began intensive investigations, some of which are still ongoing.

There were 78 human lives lost in this tragedy.

Now, suppose you hear of **50,000 DEAD & 3,500 INJURED?**

That really "blows your mind", doesn't it? Well Mr. Citizen, this carnage happens every year in the good ol' USA on and to either side of those yellow & white lines on our ribbons of transportation.

Unfortunately, your and my incredulous feeling toward this statistic will end after reading this. There is a solution however, if our feelings could be combined and pressure brought to those in authority who can do something.

The solution is to take the three main factors, Alcohol, Attitude and Architecture and create **STIFF PUNISHMENT** and **ENFORCEMENT** in our laws for Driving While Intoxicated, Speeding and Vehicular Design. If our authorities do *not* do this, then in 1990 the newspaper, TV and radio will report: **70,000 DEAD & 6,000 INJURED! THINK ABOUT IT!**

TSGT RONALD J. POWELL
121st CCS, RANGB

Kudos To Clark

To The Editor:

The article on the May pistol tryouts and the National Guard Marksmanship program on page 9 of the April "**Buckeye Guard**" is outstanding. It is one of the most comprehensive explanations of the program to appear in any of the state military publications this year.

As information officer for the marksmanship program nationwide, I'd like to thank you for writing the article and getting it printed in your state publication. If all State Marksmanship Coordinators maintained such good communication with the troops, via command information channels like the state military publications, the National Guard Marksmanship Program would continue to grow in size and strength.

Good luck with your state program this year. With such good support, I'm sure all your teams will do well, as usual.

CPT. JAN OTTESON
Marksmanship Information Officer
Tennessee ARNG

Planning For Mobilization Saves Heartaches

BY Sp4 DOUG DANKWORTH
196th P.A.D.

Because it's nearly impossible to predict when the National Guard will be called into active duty, it is essential for soldiers to have personal items in order long before a mobilization occurs.

A soldier needs to take care of legal matters now because the mobilization happens too quickly to leave time to take care of those things.

But, perhaps more important, soldiers need to prepare themselves and their families for the emotional impact of a mobilization.

"Every Guardmember has to realize this (mobilization) is a distinct possibility," Lt. Col. Samuel Durbin, state chaplain for the Ohio Guard, said.

Durbin believes the majority of citizen-soldiers hide the possibility of getting called to active duty in the backs of their minds and, emotionally, "They're really not ready to go."

Being uprooted from family members due to mobilization can cause severe emotional problems for a soldier.

Durbin said soldiers should discuss with their families the possibility of being mobilized. Where is the family going to stay? What is it going to live on?

These are questions that should be discussed in detail now, Durbin said.

"Mobilization is being planned all the time, and on every level," Durbin added. And the chaplain corps is trained to help with the emotional problems of mobilization.

That training includes testing chaplains to see that they know how to handle the problems a soldier will face when called to leave his family.

Besides making sure they are emotionally prepared for mobilization, Guardmembers need to prepare themselves and their families financially for the chance of a call-up.

Major Joseph R. Cook, assistant judge advocate from the office of the state judge advocate, said his office presents classes periodically to every unit in the state concerning legal matters a soldier should take care of before there is even a hint of a mobilization.



"This is what we consider pre-mobilization counseling," he said. Cook added that if a call-up occurs, members "would have available the services of a legal assistance office at a military post to assist them in their personal legal problems."

But an immediate call-up could greatly reduce or eliminate the time available for getting legal questions answered.

"We suggest they prepare an inventory of their property, and keep it updated," Cook said.

And, the soldiers' close relatives should know where the list is kept. Cook says an annual legal checklist, DD Form 1543, is available from unit administrators. The form can be used for listing the property. The form can also be stored in a soldier's 201 file.

"They ought to have a will," Cook said. If the soldier dies without a will, his or her property will be distributed according to state law. The property could go to someone other than whom the soldier wanted it left to.

Because activation can happen at any time, a soldier can be in the process of selling real estate or personal property when he is mobilized. "What happens if they are not around to sign the papers?" Cook added.

He explained that a "power of attorney" can be given to anyone to make the transfer in the soldier's absence, but a soldier should be careful who he gives the power to. There are two kinds of powers of attorney, general and special. A general power should be used with caution because the holder of the power has the freedom to do whatever he pleases with the property.

Cook said that some older life insurance policies may have "war clauses" in which the policy will not be paid if the holder dies in combat.

He said all soldiers should review their life insurance policies, and if the clause is included, they should think about buying new coverage.

Health insurance coverage should also be reviewed. Members activated might want to drop their personal health coverage because

the military would be providing medical care during active duty.

"They should have some cash reserve for the family," he said. Of course, a soldier can send pay home from an active duty station, but that could take a few weeks before the money gets home.

If a soldier has a business he ought to consider who is going to take care of it while he is gone.

Cook says these factors should be considered now, so when the soldier comes home from active duty he has everything he had when he left.

Upon mobilization, the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act can come into effect. This law allows, in certain cases, service members the opportunity to have debt payments reduced while on active duty.

The law covers soldiers who take a reduction in pay when they pick up rifles and leave civilian jobs behind.

"The act is triggered upon the ability to pay," Cook said. He added that a person "may have a greater income being on active duty and then may not be able to use this law to reduce payments."

The act can also allow a service member to be released from a housing lease. That does not apply, however, to leases signed after the soldier is mobilized.

Sergeant First Class Douglas Green, unit administrator for the 196th Public Affairs Detachment, said that when soldiers are notified they are going active they must give copies of their orders to their employers.

But, it's also important for the soldier to make sure his employer knows now that he is a Guardmember. That way the employer can make arrangements to hire temporary help to fill the soldiers job while the Guardmember is on active duty. Also, federal law requires the employer to give the soldier his job back when he gets home.

Enemy Tank Column Advancing Below

BY MAJ STEPHEN M. KOPER
121st Tac Ftr Wing

On a warm Friday afternoon in March, the skies over the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake, Calif., were filled with the whine of heavy Jet engines. Military Airlift Command C-141 Starlifters were arriving with elements of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force from the Ohio and New Mexico Air National Guard.

The 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio, and its 150th Tactical Fighter Group, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, were deployed to participate in exercise Gallant Eagle 82.

The U.S. Readiness Command planned and evaluated the exercise. Their purpose was to permit the Headquarters, Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, to command and control forces composed of selected elements of the RDJTF in a desert terrain and a sophisticated air environment.

That environment included surface-to-air threat simulators and Air Force F-15, F-16, A-10, F-4, F-111, C-130, C-141 and E-3A aircraft. Marine air elements provided A-4 and additional F-4 sorties. All ground maneuver areas had heavy concentrations of Army helicopters.

Flying the A-7D Corsair II, the Guardsmen from New Mexico and Ohio were assigned to the Rapid Deployment Air Force Forces (RDAFFOR), the friendlies, under the exercise command of Lt. Gen. Larry D. Welch. General Welch is commander, 9th Air Force.



GALLANT EAGLE '82 — A classic case of teamwork to get those shelters up at China Lake. (MSgt. BOB GOOD)



Maneuvering live 500-pound bombs with the 'jammer' is A1C Michael A. Gingras of Ohio's 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Sq. (PHOTO BY MSgt. BOB GOOD)

That sunny California arrival day faded fast for the Air Guardsmen. The 121st TFW off-loaded on an empty ramp at China Lake some five miles from the Navy's main base. More realism and the wind had begun to blow. The two units quickly erected a small tent city to house the flight line and maintenance activities. The Ohio and New Mexico groups worked smoothly together to be ready for the A-7s on their way from their home bases.

The A-7s flew close air support, offensive counter air and interdiction missions both at Fort Irwin, Calif., and at the Nellis Air Force Base range complex in Nevada. The ten Corsairs conducted day and night operations during the eight day schedule — flying 144 sorties.

The friendly ground forces in the exercise were elements of the U.S. Army's famed 82nd Airborne Division. The 82nd inserted its force both by air drop and by air landing in the Fort Irwin areas. "Enemy" forces were elements of the California Army National Guard's 140th Infantry Division (Mech).

While the exercise was the chief topic of conversation among the participants, the weather ran a close second. Somehow, the California desert locale had everyone thinking hot and dry. Mother Nature did not cooperate. A series of spring storms brought extremely low temperatures, rain showers, heavy snow and severely gusting winds to the exercise area.

The reports of miserable conditions grew daily but always peppered with the wry GI wit that surfaces when things are at their worst.

At Fort Irwin, a young trooper from the 82nd sat in a pile of jagged rock along a ridge near the front describing how his radar equipment, tent and camouflage had all been hit the night before by the high winds and plummeting temperatures.

His description was interrupted as he sighted enemy activity some 15 miles away. His radio crackled as he reported coordinates of a large enemy tank column advancing in the valley below.

Shortly, as he continued his commentary on the previous night's weather, the familiar silhouettes of the A-7s swept in over the ridge line to simulate ordinance deliveries on the enemy armor. The trooper and his buddy cheered them on as the Corsairs re-attacked time after time. No sooner had the A-7s rolled out of sight when a flight of A-10 Thunderbolt IIs renewed the attack with blazing Gatling guns.

Throughout the raging armor battle, our friendly trooper went about his duties like a New York cabbie, alternately chattering away condemning the weather and praising the "blanking Air Force."

The young trooper could be excused for including the Guardsmen into the Air Force — that's the way it's supposed to be! The two Air Guard units were working together for the first time since their assignments as the only A-7D units in the RDJTF. They formed an efficient, cohesive team.

Asked by observers to point out the differences between their units, Col. Bob Preston of the 121st and Col. Bob Quinlan of the 150th assessed the situation similarly. "The only difference between these two units," they said, "are the names of the people."

B.G.S.U. Cadet "1st" in Ohio

BY CPT JAMES COOMLER

Asst. Prof. Military Science

James "Jim" Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ramsey, Kenton, Ohio, recently became the first ROTC cadet in the history of the Ohio Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) to receive the Expert Infantry Badge.

The six month testing process for the E.I.B. began for Jim at Annual Training '81. It was there that Cadet Ramsey achieved expert scores in the Hands-On Component, Land Navigation, and the 12-mile-march. Later at Camp Perry, perfect scores in the live fire and hands-on component of the S.Q.T. were obtained by Cadet Ramsey.

The following month at drill, Jim perfected the Night Land Navigation course and Call for Fire. Finally, November drill brought with it the last component of the E.I.B., the Physical Training (P.T.) Test (which was administered at Brigade). By successfully achieving a score of 260, Cadet Ramsey became a historical part of the successful SMP.

Jim credits the outstanding training and instruction he has received at Bowling Green State University and the traditional Infantry skills he has learned while serving with his Guard unit.

Jim Ramsey, who is in his junior year at B.G.S.U. is a member of 1/148th, Company A Detachment 1 located in Kenton. Majoring in Administration Management and Management Information Systems, Ramsey is a Cadet Captain in the detachment at Bowling Green State University.

Following high school graduation in 1979, Jim joined the Ohio Guard and attended Basic Training and A.I.T. at Fort Benning, Ga. While with the 1/148th, Ramsey has also attended the last two Annual Training periods at Camp Grayling, the latter in which he served as the only ROTC cadet in charge of an entire platoon both weeks at camp. Jim plans on staying with the Ohio National Guard following his commissioning in June and desires to obtain his Masters Degree in Systems Management.



ROTC Cadet Jim Ramsey (second from right) is a member of Detachment 1, Company A, 1 Bn, 148th Inf and BGSU ROTC and is the first SMP soldier to receive the Expert Infantry Badge. Here he is discussing with fellow senior cadets upcoming ROTC events at BGSU.

5th Annual Conference

UPARS Recognized at PA Conference

BY MSGT DONALD R. LUNDY

196th P.A.D.

Outstanding public affairs efforts by Army and Air National Guard units and individuals were recognized in Columbus at the fifth annual Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Awards Conference.

Claiming top honors in the Ohio National Guard 1981 Unit Newspaper Competition were the *Gyroscoop*, publication of the Attack Helicopter Troop, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Columbus; and *Tanker Topics*, published by the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. The *Gyroscoop* was named top Army ONG newspaper and *Tanker Topics* received the top Air award. Editor of the award-winning newspaper *Gyroscoop* is Sgt. Dale Taylor and editorial staff of *Tanker Topics* is Capt. Steve Fried, TSgt. Steve Wilson, SSgt. Nancy Free, SrA Brian Conner and AMN Tammy Wardlow.

In the Army competition, second place went to the *Sword and Shield*, 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep), Columbus; third place went to *Rotor Modulation*, 1416th Transportation Co. (AVIM), Columbus, and fourth place went to *RAOC Report*, 54th Support Center, Columbus.

Second place winner in the Air Guard competition went to *One Seven Niner*, 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield;

third place went to *Supersluf*, 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB; and fourth place went to *The News Bee*, 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo.

Honored for providing the best "All 'Round Unit Support" for the state public affairs program during 1981 were the 121st Tactical Fighter Group, Rickenbacker ANGB, for the Air Guard; and the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep), headquartered in Columbus, for the Army Guard.

Headquarters, OANG in Columbus, and the 237th Support Battalion, headquartered in Springfield, shared second place honors in the "All 'Round Unit Support" category. Third place went to Co. B, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Greenville, while fourth place was shared by the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker, and Battery B, 2/174th ADA, New Lexington.

Recognized for providing the Best Annual Training Coverage were Air Guard Maj. Steven Koper, 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, and Army SSgt. Davida Matthews, 73rd Infantry Brigade.

Award for contributing the best **Buckeye Guard** Magazine Article went to Army Guard SSgt. Dean Wehneman, Battery C, 136th Field Artillery, Piqua; and Air Guard SrA Lori Doniere, 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo.

First place in the Best All 'Round Support from a unit public affairs representative cate-

gory, Army, went to SSgt. Davida Matthews, 73rd Infantry Brigade. First place in that category for the Air Guard went to SrA James Boling, 121st Tactical Fighter Wing. For the Army Guard, second, third and fourth places went to Sp4 Jane Kagy, Company B, 237th Support Bn; Sp4 Bob Welch, Company B, 372nd Engineer Bn; and SSgt. Lawrence Wood, Company B, 2/174th ADA, respectively. Second place for the Air Guard went to Lt. Col. Jack Arlen, Headquarters OANG; third place went to Maj. Teb Baines, 178th Tactical Fighter Wing; and fourth place went to Capt. Steve Fried, 160th Air Refueling Group.

Civilian media laurels for 1981 included the following:

- Best Radio Story — WNIR FM, Akron
- Best Television Story — Brian Brocco, WTVN TV, Columbus and John Damschroder, WTVN TV, Columbus
- Best Newspaper Article — Glen Proctor, *Akron Beacon Journal*
- Best Annual Training Coverage — Kathy Janich, *Fremont News Messenger* and Jim Baron, *Ashtabula Star Beacon*
- Best All 'Round Support — WCWA Radio, Toledo

The *Defiance Crescent News* newspaper and radio station WONW, Defiance, both received Awards of Recognition at the conference.

If Mobilized STARC Takes Over

BY Sp4 D.S. DANKWORTH

196th P.A.D.

Joe wipes the sweat from his brow and punches the time clock in the building he has worked in seven years.

"Friday — no more of the stifling heat of the iron foundry until Monday," he thinks to himself.

But Joe won't be going back to work Monday because his National Guard unit is being mobilized.

Almost 20,000 Ohio Army and Air National Guardmembers drill one weekend per month, but its unique position, enables either the governor or the president to call the Guard into full-time service.

The governor could call up the Guard as immediate assistance to any crisis facing the state.

The president may call the Guard into active duty if a National crisis occurs, as an example the Soviet-backed Warsaw Pact invades West Germany.

But what happens to Joe if the president does mobilize his unit?

Major James Brown, administration and personnel officer of the State Area Command, said that when Joe is informed he is going into active duty, the only thing he really needs to do is to "ensure that his personal affairs are straightened out, and make sure he reports with all his equipment and personal items that he may desire to have."

But somebody has a lot of things to square away before Joe and his fellow soldiers are ready to fight.

That's where the State Area Command, directed by Maj. Gen. Robert W. Teater, comes in.

When a mobilization is ordered, the Ohio Command and Control Headquarters becomes the State Area Command which directs the operation.

The severity of the crisis confronting the United States dictates the condition of mobilization the State Area Command is to direct.

A mobilization can be selective, partial or total.

A selective mobilization can involve the calling into active duty of just one Guard unit the Army may have "an immediate need for," Brown said.

The unit could be a service and support battalion or a medical unit, he added.

A partial mobilization could involve several units, and, of course, a total mobilization means all units are being called into service.

After the State Area Command directs which units are to be mobilized, it then decides, again depending on the severity of the crisis confronting America, how fast the units must get to where they are going.

So, a mobilization can be deliberate, accelerated or immediate.

A deliberate mobilization takes place when a unit has enough time to be called into service in an orderly manner.

The first phase of the deliberate mobilization is the preparatory stage.

And Brown said that phase, which is going on right now, involves planning, training and rehearsing mobilization plans so if a call-up is ordered, Joe and his fellow unit members won't be caught with their fatigues around their ankles.

Part of this stage involves Mobilization Readiness Evaluation tests, which recently were initiated to test and evaluate a unit's ability to go active.

Members of the 1487th Transportation Unit in Mansfield and Eaton recently participated in one of the readiness tests.

During the test, Col. Robert L. Dilts, head of Command and Control Headquarters, said the mock mobilization would be

evaluated to see if the unit is ready for a call to active service.

Dilts said that a report would be written to the 1487th after the test saying "This is what you have to do to be 100 percent ready for mobilization."

Brown said that many readiness tests are conducted in the state throughout the year.

"One is going on with a medical brigade today," Brown noted when he was interviewed.

When it is learned that a real mobilization is about to be ordered, the alert phase begins. Joe's unit then prepares to make the transition from reserve to active duty.

During the alert phase, Joe's commander has many responsibilities. He must review health and pay records. He must obtain immunization certificates and ID tags for members of the unit, and, of course, he must inform all members in the unit that they are being mobilized.

After the commanding officer informs Joe that he has been called to duty, Joe and his unit move into the mobilization at home station phase. That's when Joe moves into his armory.

The length of Joe's stay at his home armory depends on the urgency of the mobilization.

Now the unit is ready to move to the mobilization station. If the station is within 800 miles of the home unit, it will motor march there.

Once at the station, Joe and his unit go into the operational readiness phase.

There the unit trains and is evaluated to see if it can perform its mission.

"A tank company may need six weeks to prepare itself to leave this station," Brown said.

"A transportation company may only need a week." During an immediate mobilization, Joe's unit may have to leave for its mission directly from its armory.

AG Exercise Challenges Admin Company

BY SSGT DAVIDA MATTHEWS

Co A, 237th Spt Bn

Hardship discharges . . . casualty reports — not the common fare for an administration company's weekend drill. Yet if the unit was mobilized, those are the types of functions the company would be expected to be able to perform in an active Army environment.

To assess their level of readiness, members of Co. A, 237th Support Battalion, recently participated in an Adjutant General Exercise (AGX), at the General Beightler Armory in Worthington. A six-member Fifth Army Administration Team from Fort Knox, headed up by Capt. Jerold A. Lee, served as controllers for the two-day exercise.

According to Capt. Lee, this type of train-

ing provides valuable feedback to a unit commander.

"An admin company must be prepared to handle situations that are beyond their normal Guard capacity," Lee said. This exercise is set up to identify areas where further training is necessary."

The exercise evolves around "plays" — scenarios set up for each section to act upon. For two days, the controllers, literally threw the book at the Guardmembers, creating situations and problems that only careful research through the regulations could answer. In some cases, the plays identified problems in communications between sections.

"For example," Lee explained, "a Guard unit does not handle casualty reports nor-

mally, yet that report involves action and interaction by and between several sections. The sections have to know not only their own job, but how they interact with each other. Often, communication between the sections is hampered simply because the sections may not interact with each other during their normal drill routine."

How did Co. A do in the AGX? During his critique, Lee cited the unit's integrity, willingness to learn and enthusiasm, and stated that the company was one of the better units his group had worked with during an exercise. But the real topper came during his final summation: "In my opinion," he said, "this unit can operate efficiently in an active Army environment. I would match them against any active or reserve admin unit."



'We've Been Hit by a Tornado'

BY SSgt. **KEN WHITE** and
Sp5 **DENNIS GOEDDE**

196th P.A.D.

Cathy Doup was in a state of shock. She knew she had to get in touch with her husband as quickly as possible but she could not remember the phone number.

After several frantic moments of searching under the letter "A" (for armory) she sat back, regained her composure, and found and dialed the number for the Ohio Army National Guard. The message to her husband, Sgt. Charles R. Doup, assistant unit administrator and supply clerk for Company D 237th Support Battalion, was short but gripping. "Chuck . . . you've got to come home. We've been hit by a tornado!"

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With those words, Mrs. Doup helped set into motion a Guard reaction to the March 31 touchdown of a tornado in the small town of Mount Vernon.

While SSgt. Doup was on his way home, members of his unit were already preparing for the inevitable.

First came the coordination efforts with the mayor's office to effect the activation. At the same time, phone calls were being made to selected unit members in order to compile a roster of available Guardsmen who could report immediately. Others were setting up patrol strategy in conjunction with the local police.

The Guard was ready.

The twister had hit at 12:40 p.m. and by 3:15 that same afternoon 15 Guardsmen from Company D had been activated to State Active Duty for two days. Working with the

local police they would seal off the afflicted area, patrol for looting and help protect the property of the four homeless families whose belongings had been scattered over the neighborhood. Preliminary damages would be set at \$300,000.

As call-ups go, this one was small . . . but vitally important to the residents of this Central Ohio community and to the Doup family. Immediately after the tornado hit there were only a few confused and frightened neighbors to be seen wandering around outside their houses.

But within minutes, at least 10 cars carrying curiosity seekers had happened onto the scene. The police had not yet even been able to arrive. That was a forewarning of what was to come.

According to SSgt. Doup, who became one of the 15 Guardsmen activated, "The biggest problem was the sightseers. By the next day it was even worse. There must have been 300 cars lined up on the road coming in with people wanting to see what had happened."

Luckily the Doup residence sustained only minor damage, but they did lose several large trees. SSgt. Doup said that the very next morning, "Cathy and I had no less than nine visitors to our door wanting to know if they could have the firewood. One guy even wanted to give us a quote for hauling it away. I was so mad I couldn't stand it."

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But today, the excitement is over for the people of Mount Vernon and what remains for those who had losses is the task of cleaning up and putting their lives back in order.

The Unsuspecting Expectant

BY Sp4 **DOUG DANKWORTH**

196th P.A.D.

Sometimes a married couple "expecting" a situation can find their plans fouled up by the unexpected.

Part of the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron of the Ohio Air National Guard at Camp Perry was called to state active duty to clear snow in Williams County Feb. 4 and 5, TSgt. Wilson "Willie" Clabaugh didn't have to worry about the duty interfering with his job because he was laid off.

His wife's pregnancy, however, was a big concern.

"She was due the fifth of February," the 31-year-old Fremont man said about his wife, Marcy.

About 30 members of the "Red Horse" unit were called up to help workers in Williams County when the area was buried under snow.

"I wasn't sure I should go, but she said it would be all right," Clabaugh, who is a plumbing supervisor in the squadron said.

"She gave me full support on it," he added.

His wife wasn't the only one who cooperated in the situation.

Brandy, the couple's new daughter, was born Feb. 6 — a day after Clabaugh returned home from the snow duty.

Other than worrying about his wife, Clabaugh said he thought the short call-up went smoothly.

Clabaugh, who was driving heavy equipment during the duty in Williams County, said that besides some "wet feet, it was real decent this time. The blizzard was nasty."

Although the unit has people who are assigned as heavy equipment operators, members in other lines of duty need to sometimes run the big graders, front-end loaders and semi-trailer tractors, he said.

"You're pretty much a jack of all trades around here," he said.

Cover Photo

TSgt. Wilson "Willie" Clabaugh
checks equipment prior to
clearing snow in Williams County.

(Photo by SSgt. **KEN WHITE**)



CLASS OF '82 — Students enrolled in Phase 1 of the Basic Medical Specialist Course at Beightler Armory take notes during a lecture on "First Aide for Chemical Casualties."

School for Medics in Progress

BY Sp4 JOHN FLESHMAN
196th P.A.D.

Since April 1975, the 112th Medical Brigade at Beightler Armory has been conducting phase one of the Army Medical School that qualifies its graduates as medics.

The school is custom-made for prior-service personnel whose military occupational specialty (MOS) has been anything other than 91B.

Capt. Christine Wynd, Chief Nurse, said that medics must obtain their qualifications by attending schools, and not by on-the-job training or through proficiency exams. This requirement is not a problem for Guard members on initial active duty training. The difficulty comes when new prior-service members wish to change their MOS. As part-time soldiers with civilian full-time jobs getting away for extended periods is not easy.

In phase one the student attends classes only on weekends on a monthly basis and in lieu of his or her regularly scheduled training meetings. This part of the program consists of 100 hours of instruction completed over a period of about seven months.

At present the second phase runs for two weeks at the Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This period of active duty training is in lieu of the members annual training. No additional active duty or absence from civilian employment is needed to complete the basic MOS requirements.

In October, a new two-part course will be available. Both phases, totaling 324 hours of instruction, will be conducted at the Beightler Armory. This consolidation will eliminate the price of annual trips to and from Fort Sam Houston.

The 25 students enrolled at Beightler Armory are taught a wide scope of fundamental medical subjects including anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, medical records, and bandaging and splinting.

"You start right from the basics. You can be absolutely unfamiliar with medical practices (and complete the course) if you apply yourself," Wynd said.

During a break from a class on "First Aid for Chemical Casualties," students offered some comments on why they were in the school.

Sp5 Arthur Taylor was an 81mm mortarmen for seven years in the Marine Corps. "I worked a lot with Navy Hospital Corpsmen and got interested in what they did. I took the opportunity offered by the Ohio National Guard," Taylor said. His fellow student and work associate, Sp5 Oscar McGraw, took the same opportunity. McGraw was a security policeman in the Air Force.

For Sp5 Mike Linn of Newark, the training directly helps him in his college work.

Linn is a freshman at Ohio State University planning to major in physical therapy. He participates in the Guard Tuition Assistance program.

Lucas Firefighter of Year

The title of "Lima Firefighter of the Year" was bestowed on SSgt. Kenneth Charles Lucas, 837th Engineering Co., OARNG, at a Lima Sertoma Club luncheon.

Lucas has been with the Guard since 1973. He lives in Lima with his wife, Cheryl, and their two daughters.

Ohio Guard's Bengé Outshoots Many

BY SFC NANCY CLEVINGER



The FORSCOM (Forces Command) Central Region Rifle, Pistol, and Machinegun Championship Matches, held in April at Fort Riley, Kansas came to a close with the Ohio National Guard taking many of the honors.

The Ohio Guard's own top shooter, SSgt. Ronald Bengé took his share of the awards and honors at the Annual Matches. He won the .22 Caliber Pistol Slow Fire Match with a score of 196-8X (X represents the number of center hits), the .22 Caliber Pistol Aggregate with a score of 887-38X, the Center Fire Slow Fire Match with a 197-7X, the Center Fire Aggregate with 877-35X, the Service Pistol National Match Course with 288-7X and the Individual Pistol Grand Aggregate with 3464-133X.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence Titus won the Service Pistol Timed Fire Match with a 198-6X.

Ohio was also among the top finalists in team events as follows: Second place in the .22 Caliber Team Match with a score of 1150-30X (Indiana beat Ohio out by a score of 1154-38X). Second place in the Center Fire Team Match with 1124-28X (Kansas scored 1136-40X). Third Place in the Service Pistol Team Match, scoring 1059-19X (Kansas and Arkansas won this match), and second place in the Pistol Team Aggregate Championship with 4440-108X (Kansas won with 4444-120X).

TOP SHOOTER — SSgt. Ronald E. Bengé is shown receiving the .22 Aggregate trophy during the FORSCOM Matches from Maj. Gen. Edward A. Partain. (U.S. ARMY PHOTOGRAPH)

Symposium Held for Health Officials

BY Sp4 CHUCK TRITT
196th P.A.D.

When about 60 Ohio National Guard members met in Columbus in March with more than 220 Army reserve component health officials to discuss nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) medical operations, they heard presentations from some nationally known experts.

The two-day symposium at the Columbus Hilton Inn was sponsored by the Ohio Guard's 112th Medical Brigade, the Army Reserve's 307th Medical Group, and the 2291st Army Hospital.

Maj. Andrew D. Beckey, a chemical biological warfare defense staff officer in the office of the surgeon general, discussed the reality of the NBC threat and the Defense Department's response to it.

Col. Dennis R. Swanson, chief of the research division of the Army's medical research institute of chemical defense, discussed treatment of chemical casualties.

Lt. Cmdr. Joseph E. Freschi, chief of the division of neurophysiology of the department of physiology at the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, discussed treatment of nuclear casualties.

The entire range of nursing responsibilities was discussed by Capt. Rodney L. Smith II, and Maj. Jean P. Truscott.

Smith is an instructor in the aerospace nursing branch of the Air Force school of aerospace medicine. Truscott is a nurse administrator at the combat development section of the health services command.

Practical aspects for nurses functioning in the NBC environment were discussed by 1st Lt. Michael J. Johnson and CWO 2 Norton Shectman.

Johnson is an instructor at the NBC branch of the preventive medicine division at the Academy of Health Sciences.

Shectman is an Army reservist serving a six-month active-duty tour as a medical advisor in NBC to the Simulations/Training De-

vices and New Equipment Training Section at the Academy.

Col. James W. Stokes, an instructor in psychiatry at the Academy, discussed the psychological implications on NBC operations.

Maj. Bethany A. Dusenberry, AMEDD Recruiting Officer, was one of the planners of the symposium that was sponsored by the 112th, along with the 307th Army Reserve medical group and the 2291st Army Reserve hospital.

The symposium was unique in three ways, Dusenberry said.

First, it was a joint effort of the National Guard and Army Reserve. Second, the sessions were attended by people from all over Ohio and adjoining states. Third, the symposium was approved for continuing education credit by the Center for Continuing Medical Education.

The symposium was the second one planned by the 112th and other units.

Birdwatchers Take Note . . . And Take Six!

BY MAJ. STEPHEN M. KOPER
121st Tac Ftr Wing

A pair of eagles were spotted one weekend recently in the vicinity of Rocky Fork State Park, Ohio. Impossible, you say! there are no eagles in central Ohio. They appeared to observers to be the all-American variety and definitely birds of prey.

These "eagles" were F-15 Eagles of the 59th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla., and their prey was the A-7D Corsair IIs of the 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard at Rickenbacker ANG Base, Ohio. The two units were conducting dissimilar air combat tactics (DACT) in a training airspace in south central Ohio.

In a realistic scenario, the A-7s of the 166th flew bombing missions to the range at Jefferson Proving Grounds in southern Indiana. The F-15s acted as aggressor aircraft waiting to intercept and destroy the bomb

haulers. These are exactly the roles each unit can expect to assume in combat.

The aircrews were advised to expect every possible combat condition, including a high threat environment in the target area, an absence of forward air control, combat communication procedures and the ever-present threat of aggressor air.

In actual combat, elements of the Tactical Air Control System (TACS) would be deployed in support of tactical air operations. The 124th Tactical Control Flight (FACP) from Blue Ash ANG Station, Ohio provided the ground control intercept (GCI) for both the friendlies and aggressor air.

Interestingly, these same three units trained together at Alpena, Mich., last summer. It was there that the groundwork was laid for future joint training. First Lieutenant Brad "Sky" King, Captain John "Jet" Jackson and SrA Kirk "Madman" Pixler comprised the ag-

gressor force from the 59th TFS.

"We wanted to train with these Guard guys again," Capt. Jackson commented. "They are real professionals and working jointly with the ground controllers we can put it all together."

He went on to say, "It takes time to work out the details of this kind of training and to get to know each others capabilities. We were fortunate to fly with them (the 166th) at Alpena. We have an excellent training opportunity here and we hope to use it often."

The F-15 has been described as the aircraft that can out-perform and outfight any current or projected enemy aircraft. The A-7 briefing room fairly crackled with excitement and enthusiasm as the pilots anticipated going against the very best in the sky. Professionals, Capt. Jackson had said, and indeed they are.

371st Merges Successfully With Active Army

BY MAJ DWIGHT L. JOHNSON
HHC, 371st Spt. Grp.

What looks like becoming an annual event, the HHC, 371st Support Group traveled again to Fort Bragg, N.C., for their 1982 Annual Training.

A big difference this year, however, was the taking and passing of the Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP). Prior to moving to the field, the group spent the first week in a one-on-one situation with the 46th Support Group, 1st COSCOM, 18th Airborne Corp. This working relationship once again proved invaluable to both the

Ohio Army National Guard and the regular Army forces.

Joining the HHC, 371st Support Group was the HHC, 137th Supply & Service Battalion, 371st Support Group, Toledo, Ohio.

A highlight of this year's AT was the selection of Maj. Glen Steffee, assistant logistics operations officer, 371st Support Group, to leave Fort Bragg and participate in exercise "Gallant Eagle" which was being held at Fort Irwin, Calif. This exercise was a test of the ability of the Rapid Deployment Forces to sustain combat operations. While at Fort

Irwin, Steffee worked in the logistics section of the 164th Support Group, U.S. Army Reserve, Phoenix, Ariz.

According to Col. Charles Conner, commander of the 371st Support Group, the experience of working with the 46th Support Group and the selection of an Ohio Guardmember to participate in a Rapid Deployment Force exercise again demonstrates the ease of merging reserve forces with the active Army.

The HHC, 371st Support Group is located in Kettering, a suburb of Dayton.

Lorain Unit Trains By Helping Community

BY SGT. RAYMOND BROZ
112th Engr Bn (CBT) (CORPS)

The Lorain based National Guard unit, D Company, 112th Engineer Battalion, performed several community action projects as part of their April drill. The Guardsmen combined their training mission with their engineering abilities at three job sites; Lorain, Vermilion and Wakeman.

At Camp Firelands boy scout reservation in Wakeman, the unit improved their skills in expedient road construction and bridge

repair. While the men were getting hands-on training in areas that they might use in the event of combat mobilization, the camp was getting a facelift. Additionally, while at the camp, the unit conducted training in engineering reconnaissance missions and held a night tactical convoy under total black-out conditions.

A detachment from the unit spent much of Saturday giving a hand to the Lorain Head Start program. Using their heavy equipment the soldiers moved bulky playground equipment from the Head Start office to another

playground on Seventh Street, in Lorain.

Several unit members spent their drill weekend renovating a Vermilion baseball diamond and parking lot and constructing another diamond in the same park.

The nature of the Combat Engineer's job requires a variety of skills in construction and repair. Being members of the community as well as part-time soldiers, the members of Lorain's unit welcome the opportunity to combine their training mission with community improvement projects.

New CSM for 147th

BY CPT. MIKE COOK
HHC 1/147th Inf Bn

MSgt. John F. Wagner has been named command sergeant major of the 1st Battalion, 147th Infantry, Cincinnati, where he took over the duties of retired CSM Robert W. Brown.

Assuming his new position with 25 years of military experience, Wagner has served in various Guard units. In 1980, Wagner transferred to the 147th as operations sergeant and subsequently was laterally appointed master sergeant.

"Becoming the command sergeant major of the 147th is the greatest privilege of my military career to date, but what makes it even more of a privilege is having the opportunity to work and serve with the professionals here at the 147th," said Wagner.

SQT and Training the Soldier

BY 1LT VICTOR DUBINA
HHD, Worthington

Training. It seems everywhere you turn, someone's asking you, "How's your training?"

Since the earliest known chronicles of warfare, one rule has emerged, those forces that have trained have a better chance of winning. Those that have not trained, lose.

"Go, train," has always been the dictum. But how and what, and why are always nagging questions for trainers. With the advent of the ARTEP, BTMS and SQT, training has become a definable, and manageable objective.

SQT, the Skill Qualification Test program, is a foundation of the Army's training program. No unit is better than its soldiers; the individual soldier is the basic building block of training. The SQT assists training the individual soldier.

In the last 12 months the Ohio Army National Guard has been achieving stunning success in the SQT Program.

A year ago, the Pass rate was 26%. Today, with over 40 MOS's tested, the pass rate is over 60 percent. The 73rd Infantry Brigade, in their 4th year of the SQT program, has a 95 percent pass rate in the 11B series, the Infantryman.

With a high pass rate currently and disastrous results over a year ago, one has to ask, why the change?

But first, what is the SQT?

"For the Reserve Components, the SQT should be thought of as a method of individual training with an inbred evaluation system that allows planning future training," stated SFC Clyde Bowman, the State SQT Manager.

The SQT is given in three parts, the Written or Skill Component, the Hands-On Component (HOC) and the Job Site Component. The Hands-On and the Job Site Components make up the biggest part of the test and are performance oriented.

Personnel taking the SQT must be E-4 to E-7, must be in the MOS for at least 6 months, be in grade for at least 6 months and have at least 6 months remaining.

About three months before the test window opens, the soldier receives the SQT Notice and Job Site Component. The Soldier knows the tasks and standards in advance.

The Job Site Component is the responsibility of the first line supervisor. The supervisor trains and tests the individual in his duties, e.g., observing a medic draw blood.

The Skill Component is the written portion and just tests the soldiers academic knowledge. It is the least weighed of the three components.

The Hands-On Component is a formal part of the test. The soldier has tasks to perform and has to meet certain standards to



Sgt. Michael Puckett C Company, 216th Engr., Felicity, setting up a Claymore Mine.
(PHOTO BY 1LT VICTOR DUBINA)

pass that task.

"You can not test everything," Bowman admitted. The tasks to be tested are selected by DA. But consideration is given to the most important skills that the soldier needs, Bowman added.

After the test, an Individual Soldiers Report (ISR) is issued. This gives the written score and the Soldiers Manual tasks the individual did poorly on.

The summary report; which is a compilation of the units ISRs, gives commanders a good picture of the training needed in their units. "The SQT helps establish a training management program for the next year," Bowman emphasized.

Why Ohio's recent success?

"There are three basic reasons for our success: Command emphasis, information flow and performance orientation," Bowman said. "With the emphasis of the AG, everyone else finally considered SQT important," Col. Robert Pettit, the State Plans, Operations & Training Officer stated. "Here, in the Plans, Operations and Training Office, we wanted to make sure that the field knew as much about SQT as the State Headquarters did. Initially, the written portion was weigh-

ed heavily; then a change put less weight on the written test and more on performance."

"The SQT helps establish a training management program . . ."

Another area that helped insure SQT success was the Ohio, statewide, combined Hands-On testing program. "The purpose of this was putting the people who know the skills into positions of testers. A Test Site Manager runs the testing. The units certify the testers. They must be of a higher rank than those being tested," Bowman explained. "Testors from various units testing personnel from several units helps provide integrity and standardized testing," he continued.

To Bowman the SQT is a building block. "Individual skills complement unit skills. Without training the individual, without the number one building block, you can't really have unit skills," said Bowman.

SQT: An Ohio Success

Trainers Making it Work

The SQT program has been receiving a close scrutiny at the National level recently. Horror stories of soldiers not passing the SQT have led to fears of an Army that is not ready.

In the face of reported results and criticism, the Ohio Army National Guard is having success. Success that finds Career Management Field II in the 73rd Infantry Brigade having a 95 percent pass rate.

SFC Clyde Bowman, the State SQT Manager, pins Ohio's success on command emphasis, information flow and performance orientation.

Maj. Neil Moore, the Executive Officer of the 216th Engineer Battalion, agrees with the command emphasis assessment, "General Wayt (16th Engineer Brigade commander) said the Brigade was going to do it."

The 216th Engineer Battalion, according to Moore, has been in the program two years, the first year being optional. What Moore likes about the SQT is its standardization.

"No matter how far A Company is from B Company, you know that the training and testing is standard," Moore emphasized. "It is a structured program; you can plan ahead," he added.

"... you can plan ahead."

CWO 3 John Phillips, the Production Control Officer and the SQT Manager for the 1416th Transportation Company, likes its hands-on aspect and the "... direction for training..." it has given.

"We put emphasis toward SQT training," Phillips said. "The SQT is great," he confirmed. "The majority of my time is devoted to SQT up here. It has done exactly what it was supposed to do. Section Sergeants, platoon sergeants, etc., have a responsibility to train their people. They are now doing what they are supposed to do."

The SQT, Phillips added, "... tells us where our weaknesses are, so that we can correct them."

Maj. James Hamm, the Administrative Officer for the 737th Maintenance Battalion, feels the SQT is "... a good management tool." He added, "With BTMS and SQT, there is a dove-tailing; there is a direction."

According to Command Sergeant Major Robert Goodson of the 73rd Infantry Brigade, the Brigade got into the SQT because they saw it as a training vehicle. According to Goodson, most people were af-

raid of it, saw it being time consuming and didn't want to bite the bullet. "The SQT does help manage the individual training program," according to Goodson. He added, "Individual training is more professional now."

Jumping on the SQT bandwagon is not easy. The 216th selected a Battalion Testing Team, established a test site (Tarlton, home of Company D), selected a Test Site Manager and trained the testers.

"We ran a testers school for the designated testers. The SQT workshop laid out everyone's responsibilities. Then we ran the testers through four or five tasks in the SQT," Moore explained.

"Since the first year, we did it by the book," Cpt. Dave Boyer, training officer for the 112th Engineer Battalion, said. "We did it in an IDT status on two weekends," he added. "This year we broke it up. The Hands-On Component was done over two weekends at Battalion Headquarters. The written component was done at unit armories. We had Test Site Managers at the Unit."

Hamm also said that the 737th Maintenance Battalion tests at one site. "In the future we would like to test at more than one site. But we will have one test team, plus alternates, who will go out and test," he said.

"... The SQT has done miracles..."

"The SQT is a great management tool," Phillips explained. "A year ago I wouldn't have said that."

"It is a good management tool," Hamm indicated. "I was negative when it first came out, but now I am positive."

"Overall the SQT has done miracles for individual training and will affect readiness," Boyer insisted. "Yes, we are definitely sold on it and we are using it."

"Overall it helps," Goodson stated. "It does take time away from collective training, but you have to train the individual."

"The SQT is a good way to manage individual training," Moore explained. "There is an enthusiastic feeling overall among the soldiers for it," Moore continued. He added, "Individual soldier skills are subtasks of the mission tasks. Annual Training is combining individual tests. The real test will come when we conduct ARTEPs at Camp Grayling this summer."

A subtle attitude change has occurred. The SQT has become accepted. Boyer capitalized the transition. "At first they threw gobs and gobs of books at us. There was an unfamiliarity; everyone was overwhelmed. The responsibility was being put on the sergeants and it was totally new to them."

Boyer continued, "The test was originally too hard, and it has been revised. The written part was too hard and too long. We were expecting them (our soldiers) to do it on paper. The written part has been de-emphasized. Hands-On is more important, and that's how the SQT is weighed now."

Indirectly, a competition has popped up that probably shows better the SQT acceptance than anything else.

"We were the first to do it," Boyer stated. "We were the first," Hamm explained. "We were a pilot battalion." "We were the first to have Central Site Testing for large density MOS's," Moore emphasized. "Central Site Testing may be the key to having density testing." And of course, ask anyone in the 73rd Infantry Brigade. They've been at it over four years.

"The real success of the SQT," stated Maj. Denny Tomcik, Training Officer of the 73rd Brigade, "comes when there is a thorough understanding of the program at the squad and sergeant level. Making them understand is the key. The people who have made it go are the squad leaders and the NCOs. They have made it a success."

"We are trying to judge what is the most cost effective way to teach each MOS, on a test-by-test basis."

What kind of results are everyone getting this year?

For the 1416th the results weren't in yet. "I honestly feel we will fare well," Phillips said optimistically.

"We feel it gives as fair an evaluation as possible..."

"We are having an 80% pass rate," Hamm bragged.

The 73rd has a pass rate of 95 percent in CMF11. "Perhaps we are doing more," Goodson responds.

Good pass rates are something that those who have them brag about. But does the SQT give an evaluation of the Soldiers capabilities?

"We feel that it gives as fair an evaluation as possible of an individual soldier," Moore explained. "His Soldier's Manual may list 85 tasks he has to be proficient in, for studying, but maybe only 30 tasks will be tested."

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"The SQT," according to Boyer, "is not the overall answer to readiness of troops. But the commander now knows, or has an idea, that everyone is training in the same area," Boyer explained. He went on, "We know where we stand and what we have accomplished."

The 737th Maintenance Battalion has 95 MOSs that have to be tested. "On the common soldier skills, yes, it (the SQT) is the greatest thing since sliced bread. For the technical side, no. You can't really test the manual. There are tests designed for equipment we don't have," Hamm emphasized. He also added that "... mechanics, by nature, don't like paperwork. Don't misunderstand me, there are more benefits than negative aspects," he concluded.

Has the SQT been worth it and has it been accepted?

SQT is a tool, a building block, that is only a part of the overall training program. Its acceptance in the Ohio Army National Guard seems assured. With that acceptance, has come the success.

Run For Your Life

The participants in the "Run For Your Life" program continue to chalk up the miles as they build endurance and speed in preparation for mobilization readiness and/or personal achievement. Anyone who would like to have additional information on the program may contact Maj. Sands at (614) 889-7100.

The following soldiers or family members have received letters of commendation from Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, the adjutant general, for their participation: Col. Robert D. Green, Sp4 James G. Finan, Jr., and Col. Robert L. Lawson in the 1,000 mile club; SFC James M. Neal for the 100 mile club; and A. Scott Watson and TSgt. Anita S. Bare for the 50 mile club.



A soldier putting his gas mask on as he qualifies in the 9 seconds or less during his SQT. (PHOTO BY 1LT VICTOR DUBINA)

One of Our Most Important Tools

By Pvt. 2 TERRY R. GRACE
HQ, 1st Bn, 147th Inf

The troops from the 147th Infantry Battalion and Troop A 237th Cavalry performed well as they tried their skills during the SQT (Skill Qualification Test) which was held in February.

After test results were tabulated they came out with a pass rate of 96.49 percent.

The soldiers were required to cover from 14 to 30 different test stations depending on their specific MOS (Military Occupation Skill). Out of the 114 tested, eight scored 100 and 62 percent received an 80 or better:

"SQT is one of the most important evaluation tools available to today's leaders," stated 1Sgt. Frank Cappel, SQT test site manager. "When used properly, SQT identifies, to the leader, his soldier's strong and weak points. It lets the commander know how effective his cadre were at accomplishing their training mission," said Cappel.

The 147th Headquarters, 1st Battalion members scoring 100 were: PFC Wayne Coulter, Company A (-); Sp4 Michael House and SSgt. Michael Menrath, Co B; Sp4s Darrell Nolley, David Penwell and Douglas Srofe, Det 1, Company C; and Sp4s Richard

Burns and Ronald McLaughlin, Company C (-). All are 11Bs.

There were several other 100 percent SQT scores that have been turned in to date: Pvt. 2 Robert Harrison, 54th Support Center, Worthington MOS 11B10; Sp4 Leonard D. Minix, Det 1 Company C 1/166th Infantry Bn, Urbana, MOS 11B10; Sp4 Mark T. Clifton, Company C (-) 1/166th Infantry Bn, Bellefontaine, MOS 11B10; Sp4 John F. Titcombe, Headquarters, 371st Support Group, Kettering, MOS 94B10 and Sp5 Charles R. Wathen, Det 1, 1487th Transportation Company (Mdm Trk), Eaton, MOS 94B20 also received 100.

Justice in the Guard Prevails

BY Sp4 D.S. DANKWORTH
196th P.A.D.

In civilian life, there are courts where individuals or the state can take complaints against citizens when a law is broken.

And the Ohio National Guard has its own laws in which soldiers can be tried in military courts. But Ohio's military judge says the Guard's legal proceedings are even more fair than those of the civilian courts.

Maj. Orville J. Miller, military judge for the state of Ohio, said the military courts do not have "the great volumes" of cases to look at during a year like their civilian counterparts. That gives the courts more time to investigate the cases, he said.

"We try to put our senior people as the defense men who handle the case for the accused soldier," added Miller, who has practiced law in civilian life for about 12 years.

That way the soldier gets the most experienced legal counsel available.

The Ohio Code of Military Justice is part of Ohio law, and, depending on the severity of a violation there are several military courts that can be convened. The courts are similar to civilian courts in jurisdiction, except that most of the time only misdemeanors are tried, Miller said.

If a soldier would be involved in something like an aggravated burglary, "We would let the civilians process that," he added.

And there are situations where offenses may be committed that are not serious enough to go to a military court.

"You usually want to handle matters at the lowest level . . . commensurate with the offense," Miller said.

Therefore there are certain non-judicial actions that can be used for discipline.

These include administrative procedures and Article 15s. Administrative procedures can involve a reduction of rank or a unit reassignment.

An Article 15, which is usually conducted by a company or field grade officer, can

mean a reduction in rank or a fine, but it is not a court-martial.

Ohio Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps statistics show that 305 Article 15s were processed in fiscal year 1981, and \$5,955 in fines were collected from those violations.

The State JAG is commanded by Col. William B. Shimp.

Of those 305 Article 15s, 273 were imposed on soldiers who were absent with unauthorized leaves (AWOL).

Ten were imposed for insubordination, eight were given for failure to obey orders, five were imposed to Guardmembers who were drunk on duty and three were given for military property losses. Also, one was given for assault, one for assaulting or disobeying a superior commissioned officer, one was given for an issuance of a false official statement, and three were classified as general.

Miller added that an individual does not have to consent to an Article 15, but if the consent is given the soldier must accept a penalty that is imposed. Also he said an individual cannot be put in jail for an Article 15.

If an offense is more serious or the soldier does not consent to an Article 15, a judicial proceeding can be started.

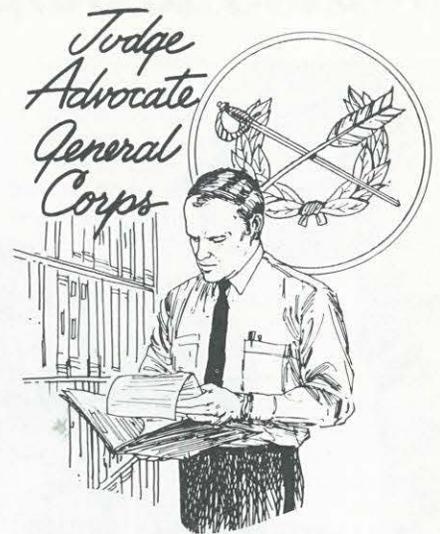
The lowest form of judicial punishment is the summary court-martial, Miller said. That is usually heard by a major or higher ranking officer, and the accused soldier can have military counsel or he can hire a civilian lawyer.

"This is very similar to a mayor's court," in civilian life, Miller said.

A soldier can be fined a maximum of \$25 or be jailed for 25 days in a summary conviction. Also, a combination of the two can be imposed, but the combination cannot exceed 25 units.

Anytime a soldier is sentenced to spend time in jail he will be sent to the county jail where the soldier's armory is located.

In 1981, 12 summary courts-martial took place, and 11 of those were also for AWOL violations.



Special courts-martial are the next step in the legal ladder. The case can be heard by a jury of three officers or a military judge. Maximum penalty is a combination of fine and jail sentence not to exceed 100 units. A \$100 fine or 100 days in jail could also be imposed.

The special court-martial is usually held by Miller, and the case will have both a Judge Advocate General officer as an attorney for the accused and an officer acting as a prosecutor.

When a Guardmember commits an offense that could warrant his dismissal from the Guard, a bad conduct special court-martial can be held.

"It's not good for your record," Miller said about such a court-martial, and, "it's detrimental to your civilian employment endeavors."

The accused can be dismissed from the Guard, plus also pay a \$100 fine or spend 100 days in jail, Miller said.

The next step, a general court-martial, "can only be convened by the governor of the state." And it is the only court-martial that can try an officer, he added.

The maximum penalty is a dishonorable discharge and either a \$200 fine or 200 days in jail.

Miller said that 23 members form the Judge Advocate General Corps' staff in Ohio. The group is headquartered at Beightler Armory in Worthington.

Air National Guard Held VIP Tour

BY TSGT JON F. STIERS
220th EI Squadron

In April, the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, of Zanesville, conducted a four-day tour of Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for 27 civic leaders from southeastern Ohio.

During the trip, the guests were taken to the Basic Military Training Center (BMT) where they observed recruit processing.

They also toured the confidence course, were guests at a parade and had lunch with the trainees. Visits were also made to the Security Police Museum, Officer Training School, and a briefing was provided on technical training.

The tour, organized by 220th personnel, was led by Lt. Col. Jon M. McMahon, 220th Commander; SMSgt. Bernard O. Budde, 220th first sergeant; MSgt. Stephen J.

Butcher, 220th ANG Recruiter; and MSgt. Robert J. Mercer, 160th ANG Recruiter.

After returning from the tour several of the guests sent letters to the squadron. Mayor George Cranston wrote, "it was a very informative trip and I felt privileged to attend. I hated to leave the city for the time involved, but when you're involved in government like this, I think it's important that you participate in these things."

385th Participates in Emergency Drill



Ohio National Guard medical corpsmen and civilian emergency technicians tag 'victims' of the Seneca East High School 'explosion' prior to evacuation from Attica to neighboring hospitals. (PHOTO BY SSgt. KEN WHITE)

BY Sp4 SCOTT SHERRY
196th P.A.D.

The residents of northwestern Ohio live in relative isolation. Farmhouses are scattered, sometimes as much as three-quarters of a mile apart.

When spring arrives, there is a natural tendency for people to get together. So, for the second year in a row, 50 emergency medical technicians, 15 firemen, 15 Red Cross personnel, 6 amateur radio operators and '95 Boy Scouts all got together on Saturday in Attica, Ohio.

It wasn't a typical spring, get rid of the "cabin fever" event, though. All these people and Tiffin's 385th Medical Company were practicing for the unthinkable — an explosion inside Seneca East High School.

"I don't want this to seem peculiar," 1st Lt. Richard Keyser, the 385th's commanding officer, said as he analyzed the planning behind this year's emergency exercise, "but we read the newspapers, and these things do happen."

The impetus behind the exercise, according to P1t. Sgt. Milton Link, resulted from an

earlier experience members of the unit had had. Nearly three years ago, they were involved in an emergency exercise near Columbus. Everyone thought the practice was a good idea, but driving nearly two hours to the operations site didn't appeal to the Guardman's practical instincts.

So, the initiative was born to make an emergency exercise local, and more practical.

Link, with his strong ties to the village of Attica helped get the serious thinking and planning started. When Keyser arrived at the 385th in August of 1981 the initial groundwork had been laid.

With Seneca East's principal, Terry Clark, also doubling as Attica's emergency squad captain, and Link's parents, Fredrick and Fay, involvement with the community, an emergency site was available.

Thus, the groundwork was completed. Now only the event had to happen, and happen it did. Hospitals in Tiffin, Willard and Bellevue put their emergency procedures into effect to treat the Boy Scout casualties.

There was even a wild card thrown in — a loaded school bus collided with a

truckload of ammonia. Naturally enough, there was a leak and even more casualties.

Loaded National Guard ambulances were dispatched to the accident scene, and low priority casualties from the school explosion were unloaded. More seriously injured crash victims were sent on to the hospitals.

And every aspect of the exercise was graded. The hospitals had to meet OSHA standards for an emergency situation, the Ohio EPA checked up on the chemical spill and the Boy Scouts earned points toward a merit badge.

Over a quick lunch in the Seneca East High school cafeteria Keyser conceded the exercise didn't score a 10.

"There were a lot of little things that went wrong," Keyser said, "some stretchers came down the stairs head first, just little things."

And Keyser knows it is the small details that matter. So, between now and next spring, it's a sure thing the 385th is going to be working on the details. Practicing and refining what they would have to do if the unthinkable were ever to occur.

OMA Graduates Over 80 Students

The Ohio Military Academy has once again graduated some of Ohio's finest enlisted members of the Ohio National Guard from the Basic NCO Course, Class XVI.

Command Sergeant Major William Knight, from Command and Control Headquarters, was guest speaker for the graduation ceremonies. He stressed to the graduates the importance of their continued professionalism in leadership and the effect they would have on the future.

The Outstanding Honor Graduate was Corporal Richard E. Niehe, a member of the full time recruiting force, HHD, Worthington. Niehe was also selected as this year's Chief 50 winner of the recruiting force by National Guard Bureau.

SP4 Jackie Compton led the opening invocation and closing benediction.

The remaining student graduates were: SP4 Gregory M. Abbott, SP5 Adrian B. Adams, SP4 Brenda K. Allinder, SP4 Randy J. Aversch, SP4 Perry K. Beard, SP4 Howard E. Bentley, SP4 David L. Bently, SP5 Robert J. Bernat, SP4 Cheryl A. Bimler, SP5 Forrest L. Bingham, SP4 Richard J. Boorn, SP5 Douglas F. Boynton, SP4 Dean A. Bradock, SP5 Dane M. Brierly, SGT Richard D. Briggs, SGT Marsha Y. Bryant, SP4 Jessie A. Buller, SGT Donald Burns, SP5 David C. Burris, SP4 Ronald Capaniro, SP5 Larry W. Caudill, SP4 Michelle A. Chapin, SP5 Dale E. Chapman, SP4 Steven L. Clabaugh, SGT James A. Clark, SP4 Jackie A. Compton, SP4 Cecil C. Crabtree, SP4 Bruce L. D'Amico,



Richard E. Niehe

SP4 Jeffrey S. Davis, SGT James K. Delotell, SP4 Joyce L. Dann, SGT Joseph W. Diebold, SP4 Herman R. Dixon, SP5 Philip W. Elliott,

SP4 Todd P. Emmer, SGT Harold W. Factor, SP4 Catherine E. Fassler, CPL Jay V. Frazer, SP5 Charles A. Gerhart, SP4 Holly M. Good, SP4 Patricia R. Harmon, SP5 Jack A. Hart, SGT Fred J. Hensley, SP4 John Hensley, SP4 Barbara J. Holmes, SP5 Daniel A. Hughes Sr., SP4 Kimberly M. Jaafari, SP4 James G. Jackson, SP5 Wendell T. Jefferson, SP4 Ernest Johnson Jr., SP4 Mark E. Kamer, SP4 Glenn A. Kelley, SP4 Kyong S. Kim, SP4 Holly C. Kilmer, SP4 J. Clay King, SGT Andrea K. Kool, SP4 Michael D. Langwasser, SP4 Michael A. Leslie, SP4 Raymond E. Linear, SP4 Loyd R. McCoy, SP5 Michael P. McCoy, CPL Dennis E. McDaniel, SGT Julius McIntyre, SP4 Samuel V. Martin, SP5 David E. Merrin, SP5 Gary D. Mildenstein, SP4 Lewis H. Moser Sr., SP4 Jean C. Moss, SGT Benjamin K. Myers, CPL Richard E. Niehe, SP4 Frank A. Oley, SP4 Barbara J. Olson, SP4 Roman L. Pernel, SP4 Robert L. Pheil, SP4 Martin G. Rauckis, SP4 Raymond E. Royse, SP5 Diane Shoemaker, SP4 Bill M. Snell, SP5 E. Stanberry Sr., SGT James E. Stevens, SGT Stephen E. Swihart, SP5 Deborah M. Thompson, SGT Richard T. Tucker, SGT John P. Vonville, SP4 Lawrence E. Walker, SP4 Ray B. Wallace, SP4 Teresa C. Walters, SGT Travis W. Watson, SP5 Cheryl L. Weakland, SP5 Robert L. Westerfield, SP4 Ricky E. Whitmire Jr., SP4 Charles E. Wilcox, SP5 Debra M. Williams, SGT John M. Wills, SGT Barry S. Wilson, SGT Gailen L. Wilson, SP4 Corrick D. Wong, SGT Michael P. Woyansky, SP5 Donald E. Wysong, SP4 Michael J. Zink.

Air Guard to Test Air Force

BY 1LT MARK L. STOUT
251st Combat Comm Grp

The 251st Combat Communications Group (ANG) with units located in Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mo., Minn., and N.C. were selected to test the Air Force Communications Command Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) criteria as a realistic method to evaluate a unit's capability during a weekend. In order to prepare for the test 251st units attended a group conference, and participated in an ORI CPX and FTX during two weekend assemblies.

An ORI can be scheduled during a Joint Chiefs of Staff Exercise (approval by Joint Exercise Commander is necessary) or a group training exercise (not probable during the next few years because of heavy Air National Guard Exercise participation) or during a scheduled weekend. There are advantages and disadvantages in either method.

For an Air National Guard unit, an ORI scheduled during a weekend must be compressed into the time limitations imposed by law on reserve forces and other unusual working conditions. Therefore, running an

Operational Readiness Inspection during a weekend (2 days) is challenging. It is a time consuming task requiring the most efficient use of unit air technician and non air technician personnel.

For example, with a limited air technician force (10 percent or less of authorized UDL strength) the burden of planning is borne by these individuals. In order to provide planning experiences to non air technician's, these individuals are encouraged to assist in the ORI planning. Amazingly a significant number of these individuals do volunteer and provide a creditable service, however the number is limited.

An equal challenge exists in use of unit financial resources because of limited training mandays, limited meals, etc. Air National Guard units are provided funds and manday authorizations for routine training, with exercise or contingency support provided by the gaining command or the National Guard Bureau. Added expenses or use of paid workdays for requirements such as the scheduled ORI must be carefully planned so as to not

eliminate either mandatory training or essential Guard participation in Joint Chief of Staff or Major Command exercises.

The 251st CmbtCG has six units co-located with ANG flying groups and one geographically separated unit. These ANG flying groups are gained by either TAC, SAC, or MAC and are responsible to provide base support to 251st units and consequently have a significant influence on the unit's day-to-day operation. Based on this, a solid working relationship between the group commander, his staff and the Adjutant's General and Base Commanders must prevail so as to insure Air Force, National Guard Bureau, and group programs are realistically formulated and implemented as is the case in this ORI test.

According to the 251st group commander, he would rather participate in an ORI during a unit training assembly because it is more challenging. Due to the limited time that is available it parallels with what can be expected during an emergency situation, the group commander emphasized.

ONGEA

THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

By the time you read this our State Conference will be a thing of the past.

This past year serving as President of the Auxiliary has been a very rewarding one, even though my goal of doubling the membership did not come true. This cannot be done by one individual. Each of you will have to get out and talk up the Enlisted Association and the Auxiliary so we can increase our membership.

SHARE GOALS

Sharing the purpose and goals of the ONGEA Auxiliary has given many a new insight into the advantages of belonging both to the State and National Auxiliary.

I did not have a theme this past year, but

the Ohio Auxiliary has, indeed, gone forward and has supported the Enlisted Association in their projects. We have kept the membership informed by monthly newsletters, participation throughout the state has increased and many new friends have been made.

NASHVILLE BOUND

Ohio is working on the awards that will be given at the National Conference in Nashville this September. Tennessee has a lot planned for those attending, so if you haven't made your reservations do so now. The Conference is September 4 through 10, at the Opryland Hotel. Mail your registration of \$30 per person or \$60 per couple to EANGTN,

P.O. Box 40127, Nashville, Tenn. 37204. The Grand Ole' Opry tickets are \$8 each.

THANKS TO ALL

It has been an honor to have served as President this past year, and to have such outstanding officers and members. I want to thank the ONGEA for their support and guidance. We are very proud to be a part of their organization and to help further their purposes and goals.

My best wishes to the new officers for the coming year and may this year be one of advancement and continued growth in membership.

NANCY McDOWELL

President ONGEA Auxiliary

Toledo Air Guard Wins Tappan Trophy

BY LT. COL. JACK B. ARLEN

HQ, Ohio Air Guard

The 1981 winner of the Tappan Memorial Trophy, in recognition as Ohio's outstanding Air National Guard unit for the year, is the 180th Tactical Fighter Group of Toledo, Ohio. The unit is commanded by Col. Karl Kramer.

The 180th won the award in performance competition with ten Ohio Air National Guard units. The Toledo unit also won this award in 1977, the first year that it was presented.

The trophy, created in honor of Col. Alan P. Tappan, is presented under the auspices of the Mansfield Airport and Aviation Commission and the Ohio Adjutant General's Department. The presentation was made by Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, Adjutant General for the State of Ohio, at a ceremonial dinner at the Westbrook Country Club in Mansfield, Ohio. Principal speaker for the occasion was George P. Forsteler, Air Force Deputy Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs.

The criteria and point system used in selecting the winning unit are those which have the most impact upon the unit's ability to perform its mission. Areas evaluated include manning, reenlistments, airmen skill level and training, minority participation, attendance, mission readiness, and safety and inspections. Outstanding accomplishments are also taken into account.



Col. Keith Kramer, of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group holds the Tappan Trophy his unit won in front of a portrait of Col. Alan P. Tappan after whom the trophy was named.

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

WIVES VISIT OHIO VILLAGE

The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club brought the 1981-1982 season to a close, on May 26, with a memorable meeting at the Ohio Village. It was a full afternoon, starting with a luncheon at the Colonel Crawford Inn. Installation of officers was held, followed by an Ohio Historical Society program about the Village. Lastly, there was time to tour the lovely Village. This is a unique and interesting spot in Columbus. A historically correct reproduction of an early Ohio town, it is well worth a visit. Keep it in mind if you have summer visitors and want to give them a glimpse of Ohio history.

INCOMING AND OUTGOING OFFICERS

The newly elected OWC officers, for 1982-1983, are: Rita Dura, president; Cindy Zieber, vice president; Margie Doone, secretary; and Barbara Bythewood, treasurer. This is an excellent group of gals! Look for a great season to begin in September. The new officers and board members will be meeting soon to begin planning for next year.

Immediate past president, Mokie Steiskal, sends to all OWC members, her thanks for your support and attendance this past year. Mokie would like to express her gratitude to the ladies who served as officers and committee chairpersons, making her job go as smoothly as it did. The season was full of fun, food, fashions and, most of all, fellowship. Mokie certainly deserves much credit for putting it all together so well.

NEW WIVES' GROUP IN ACTION

A very important news note is that the wives of the men in the Second 107th Armored Cavalry unit, in Alliance, Ohio, are forming a brand new Guard wives' group. It will be a consolidated group, with all wives of the unit members encouraged to participate. This is the sort of family support which Guard units around the state would surely welcome. If your unit is somewhat isolated and it is not convenient to attend a Guard Officers' Wives' Club, or the Enlisted Association Auxiliary, then the consolidated club is a great idea. Congratulations to Karen Dunn and the ladies of the 107th!

Your Ohio National Guard Wives' club wishes you a grand vacation. Watch the August issue of **The Buckeye Guard** for details of meetings which will resume in September.

Medics Now Certified as EMT-As

BY Sp4 JANE KAGY

Company B (Med) 237th Spt Bn

For the fourth consecutive year several members of the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate) have completed a course in emergency victim care resulting in thirty-one Guardmembers being certified as EMT-As (Emergency Medical Technicians - Ambulance). These soldiers have been specifically trained to provide prehospital emergency care to the sick and injured. They are qualified to work on emergency squads, private ambulances, rescue vehicles, in hospital emergency rooms, and in other related areas.

The 90-hour course consisted of 78 hours of classroom instruction and 12 hours of experience in a hospital emergency room or on an emergency vehicle. The soldiers received extensive training in many areas. Some of these included emergency equipment use, anatomy and physiology, vital signs, CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), bleeding control, shock therapy, medical emergencies, drug abuse, wounds and bandaging, fractures and dislocations, burns and environmental injuries, childbirth, pediatric emergencies, water accidents, auto extrication, electrical emergencies and radiation accidents.

Part of the EMT-A training was quite similar to the eight-week 91-B10 training conducted at Fort Sam Houston, Texas which qualifies soldiers as combat medics. Many

members of the class were previously 91-B qualified. Others had completed military training in X-ray technology, environmental health and other non health-related occupational specialties.

The training was held at Beightler Armory during drill weekends from October to March. Since many of the Guardmembers either worked or attended school full-time as civilians, conducting the classes during drill weekends was very convenient because it provided some students their only opportunity to receive EMT-A training.

The Guardmembers not only received their regular drill pay during this time, but they also paid no tuition or instructional fees.

The same course has been offered at Ohio technical colleges at a cost of over \$150 per student.

Sp4 David Harris, an X-ray technician in Co B (MED) and a full-time student at OSU, felt that the course material was very concise, easy to understand, and well presented. Another student commented that the personalized, hands-on training with emergency equipment was especially beneficial.

The course was instructed by SFC David Peters of Cincinnati and PSG William Roberts of Springfield. Both are members of Company B (MED). SFC Peters has been an EMT-A instructor for the Ohio Department of Education since 1975. A former fire chief

and senior life squad officer, he served in the Marine Corps before joining the Guard in 1970. PSG Roberts, a former Navy corpsman, is a state EMT-A instructor who works as a paramedic for the Springfield Fire Department. He is also a certified instructor in CPR and in special rescue techniques.

Since 1978 when the course was first offered by the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate), more than 90 Ohio Guardmembers have been certified.

In addition to the thirty-one soldiers who completed the 90-hour EMT-A course this year, ten other Guardmembers completed a 36-hour EMT-A refresher course. According to state law, every EMT-A must successfully complete refresher training every three years in order to maintain his certification.

The EMT-A training has not only proven very practical in the civilian community, but it has also supplemented and reinforced the medics' previous military training.

According to SFC Peters, Company B's Clearing Platoon Sergeant, the training has improved the quality of the medics' performance in the field and has also helped them develop more confidence in their ability to perform required tasks.

Due to the program's notable success over the past four years, the 73D Infantry Brigade (Sep) plans to again conduct the EMT-A training this fall.

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All About People-

March promotions received by members of 1416th Transportation Co, Worthington, were as follows: **DAVID GANGER, MATTHEW JOHNSON, TIMOTHY NEUBERGER, PERRY OBERLY, KURT SENALIK** and **BRADLEY SHUMWAY** to Sp4s and **DAVID DIXON** to PFC. Soldier of the Month for March was Sp4 **DANIEL LAVERACK** of the Avionics Platoon. **LAVERACK** is currently enrolled at OSU under the Tuition Grant Program as a sophomore.

HHC 1/148th Infantry Battalion, Lima recently promoted the following to Pvt. 2s: **JOSEPH JEFFERS** and **CURTIS TAYLOR**. Congratulations.

Several members of 178th Tactical Fighter Group promoted in March were: **ROBERT BAKER** and **DOUGLAS BORGERT** to MSgts.; **JON PATTERSON** to TSgt.; **KATHY SCHELL** and **ANTHONY SHOUP** to SSgts.; **ROBERT HIBBETT, BRIAN MACLEOD, DAVID MARTINEZ, ROB MCGILL, PATRICK MORAN, CAROL ROBINSON** and **JEFFERY WEINMAN** to SrAs; **RONALD HANSELMAN** and **VIKTOR HILL** to A1Cs. Lt. Col. (Dr.) **ELMER HORMAN**, 178th Tactical Clinic commander, received the Chief Physician's Badge.

Promotions received by members of HHC 112th Transportation Battalion, Middletown were as follows: **ROBERT KING, JR.** to SFC; **MICHAEL ROMAN** to Sp5, **BRITTON FARIES, ANDREW LEEVER, JULIE MATRE, JANET MCKALIP** and **IMON MOBLEY II** to Sp4s; **JAMES BROWNING, JR.** and **JILL LARIMORE** to Pvt. 2s. Soldier of the Month for March was Pvt. 2 **JAMES H. BROWNING, JR.** The Col. Robert P. Copeland Outstanding Soldier Award was recently presented to Sp4 **ANDREW V. LEEVER**. SFC **LARRY J. HALE** was presented the Lt. Col. Raymond E. Trickler Outstanding NCO Award.

Several members of 837th Engineer Company, Lima, have been promoted: **RUSSELL TORBET, GEORGE SCHABING, RANDY AVERESCH, RANDALL STOUGH** and **DENNIS HARTZOG** to Sgts.; **JERRY CRAMER** to SSgt. and **ROBERT TOMASI, SR.** to Sp6.

Several members of 1484th Transportation Company, Dover, recently promoted: **HAROLD HANLON** to SFC; **WILLIAM HADLEY** and **MELODY McCUE** to Sp4s; and **TERRI WELSH** to Pvt. 2. March Soldier of the Month was Sp4 **MICHAEL McMURRAY**.

Members of the 1485th Transportation Company, Piqua recently promoted: **CHRISTOPHER THUMA** to Sp4; **TIMOTHY FIELDS, TIMOTHY MAY, RICHARD SCHMIDT** and **STEVEN WESCO** to PFCs and **TONY DUNLEVY** to Pvt. 2. March Soldier of the Month was Sp5 **VICTOR HOUSTON**.

Several members of HQ 73D Infantry Brigade, Columbus, recently promoted were: **LEONARD STAYTON** to SSgt. and **MARK D.**

GREEN to Sgt.

HHC, 1/147th Infantry Battalion, Cincinnati, has recently promoted **JOHN F. WAGNER** to SGM and **GARY L. SMALTZ** to SFC.

Co A, 237th Support Battalion, Worthington, promoted the following: **CLARE RUBADUE** to 1Sgt.; **BOYD SANFORD** to SGM and **ROBERT WEYRICK** to SFC.

Promotions received by members of 1486th Transportation, Ashland were as follows: **WILLIAM SHEPPARD** and **DENNIS SMITH, SR.** to Sp4s; **JAMES FREELON, JR.** and **RICHARD LONG** to PFCs; **ANTHONY FEAGIN, WILLIAM HUDSON, JEFFREY JORDAN** and **GREGORY SHAFFER** to Pvt. 2s. March Soldier of the Month was Sgt. **MILES HOEHN**.

Det 1, 1486th Transportation Company, Eaton recently promoted the following: **WILLIAM MULLINS** and **DWIGHT SHAW** to Pvt. 2s. March Soldier of the Month was Sp4 **RAYMOND TOMPKINS**.

Several members of 1487th Transportation Company, Mansfield recently promoted were: **DANIEL CARROLL, JOHN COLEMAN, CLARENCE SANDERFER** and **RAYMOND SHOAF** to Pvt. 2s. March Soldier of the Month was PFC **CHRISTOPHER BRINLEY**.

Members of HQ 137th Supply and Service Battalion, Toledo receiving promotions: **JOSEPH MONAGHAN** to WO1; **JOHN GRIFFIN** to Sp5; **KATHLEEN KERR** to Sp4, **JODY-KAY WILKERSON, BRIAN ROBINSON** and **DONALD PHILLIPS** to PFCs.

The 155th Maintenance Company, Willoughby recently promoted to Pvt. 2: **ROBIN JONES, RICHARD CATTELL, JOSEPH CHAYKOWSKY, KENNETH MESSNER, LAWRENCE MILLER, ROBERT PAWSCH** and **DENNIS SHREWSBURY**.

Sp5 **JAMES F. CARLSON** of 371st Support Group, Kettering, was recently selected as Soldier of the Year for 1982.

Co D 216th Engineer Battalion, Tarlton has recently promoted **LESLIE C. CHANCEY** and **HIRAM W. THOMPSON** to PFCs.

Capt. **DONALD C. COFFIN**, AMEDD recruiting and retention officer for HHD, OHARNG in Worthington, recently was presented the Ohio Commendation Medal for his outstanding performance as executive officer of Co B (MED) 237th Spt Bn., from Sept. 7, 1980 to Feb. 1, 1982.

Senior Army Advisors converting from Reserve Officer status to Regular Army status recently were: Lt. Col. **JOHN RACHFAL**, Lt. Col. **WESLEY LINDER** and Lt. Col. **JOSEPH FEAST**.

Pvt. 2 **DAWN C. MERRITT**, a member of the 416th Engineering Group Headquarters Company, located in Walbridge, has recently received the 1981 Outstanding Guardsman/Reservist award from the Mili-

tary Affairs Committee of the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce. **Dawn** is a student at the Ohio State University's College of Agriculture where she is majoring in food service research under the Ohio Army National Guard Scholarship Program.

Capt. **DOUGLAS F. SCHARP**, also from the 416th Engr. Grp. received the Army Achievement Medal for excellent meritorious service as a civil engineer, during the period Sept 1, 1979 through Dec. 31, 1981.

Promotions were received by 416th Engr. Grp. members **ARTHUR G. BALDERAS** and **FRANK W. WHITE, JR.** to PFCs.

Pvt. 2 **JOHN P. DERNBERGER**, and Pvt. 1 **MATTHEW Q. DAWSON** have been selected as the 211th Maintenance Company, Newark, Soldiers of the Month for Jan. & Feb. respectively.

Several members of HHC 372nd Engineer Battalion, Kettering, were promoted: **LARRY TRACY** to SFC; **GENE BALDWIL** and **JEFF STIDHAM** to Pvt. 2s; and **TOM WILLIAMSON** to Sgt. Soldier of the Month for March was Sp4 **JAMES LEFELD**.

Members of HQ 1/136th Field Artillery, Columbus, recently promoted: **BRYON BURK** to Pvt. 2; **HUGH WILLIAMS** and **CLINTON REED** to PFCs. Army Commendation Medals were awarded to the following: Maj. **JOHN HIGGINS**, Maj. **BRIAN WINTER**, Cpt. **SCOTT BROWN**, CWO 2 **VIKI MURRAY** and CSM **RICHARD BAKER**. The Army Achievement Medal was presented to Cpt. **ELDEN VILLERS**. PFC **THOMAS R. LAHUT**, A Btry 1st Bn 136th FA, Marion, has been selected as the unit's Soldier of the Month for April.



The 220th Electronic Installation Squadron is the winner of the Ohio Air National Guard Outstanding Unit Recruiting and Retention Award of 1981.

People-

HQ 1/136th FA, Columbus, promotions in March were: **RON GRANTHAM, GEORGE HARRIS, WADE BOYKIN** and **PATRICK BARBER** to PFCs; **DAVE JARMAN** and **ELMER SWANK, JR.** to SFCs; **ISAAC MORRE** to Sp4 and **TIM POINDEXTER** to Pvt. 2.

Master Sergeant **KENNETH KIPP** of 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo was selected as Guardsman of the Year. The award is presented by the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee. SSgt. **CATHERINE KUNSTMAN** has been named the 1981 180th Supply Airman of the Year. She is assigned to the Supply Systems Branch as a keypunch and remote operator in the Automatic Data Processing Section. SSgt. **PATRICK DONOVAN** of the Fuels Management Branch was runner-up.

Several members of 54th Support Center, Worthington recently promoted were: **LEE HEINEMAN** to Sp4; **DARRELL BATTLE** to Cp1.; and **STEVE SCOTT** to PFC. NCO for the Month of February was SSgt. **RAY DALRYMPLE**. Soldier of the Month for February was PFC **JAMES SARGENT**. Maj. **ANTHONY COOKRO** was presented the Army Commendation Medal by LTC **ROWE**. Also during the same ceremony, SSgt. **GARY SMITH** was presented the Ohio Commendation Medal and Cpt. **TIMOTHY SCHULTS** was presented the Ohio Commendation Medal. SFC **HARVEY JONES**, SSgt. **RAY DALRYMPLE**, SSgt. **JIM STRICKLAND** and Sp4 **JIM LOVE** received the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal for four years of continuous service with a reserve component. Pvt. 2 **GREGORY HAEUPTLE** and PFC **HARVEY BURNS** received the Ohio National Guard Basic Trainee Ribbon. Congratulations to these soldiers for the faithful service they have shown for the Ohio Army National Guard and the United States Army.

Several members of 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville were recently promoted: **DON ROBINETTE** to MSgt.; **DEAN ODLIVAK** to TSgt.; and **SCOTT CORE** to SrA.

Co B 372nd Engineer Battalion, Greenville promoted the following individuals: **MICHAEL BAKER, JOHN BRUGGEMAN, GREGORY FULLERTON, SHELBY THOMAS, WILLIAM WORDEN** and **DAVID ELSON** to PFCs; **WILLIAM HEATON, JOHN SIMONS, ROBERT SCANTLAND, BRIAN HALL, SCOTT CAMPBELL** and **DARREL BAILEY** to Sp4s; **STEVE BRUNER, SCOTT DUNN, JEFF CROMWELL** and **ROBERT ASHWORTH** to Pvt. 2s; and **DEAN EBY** to 1SG.

For the quarter ending March 1982, Attack Helicopter Troop 107th AC, selected SFC **WILLIAM ARNOLD, JR.** as the recipient of the Commanders Award. The award is presented each quarter to a Senior NCO (E-6 and above) in recognition of professionalism, service, dedication, and significant contributions to the Attack Troop.

Congratulations to Pvt. **GREGORY W. KIGHT** of Co A 216th Engineer Battalion, Chillicothe for his recent promotion. Sp4 **CHARLES VITTOE** was selected as Soldier of the Month of March.

KEN DESELMS, MIKE MOHLER, JAMES SPOLARICK, JIM THOMPSON and **DANIEL WOOD** of HHC 612th Engineer Battalion, Walbridge, were recently promoted to Pvts.

Members of Co C 372nd Engineer Battalion, Lebanon, recently promoted were: **ROBERT CROSS, BARTON FEE, MICHAEL HEDGE, JOHN POLLOCK**, and **DONALD YANKEE** to PFCs; **MICHAEL** and **RICHARD GAFFNEY** to Sp4s.

Det 1, 1487th Transportation Company, Eaton recently promoted the following: **BOBBY ATWELL, JR., JAMES REMAKLUS** and **RICHARD TRISSEL** to PFCs and **TRENT FARR** to Pvt. 2. March Soldier of the Month was PFC **RICHARD TRISSEL**.

Promotions received by members of 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker were as follows: **ELLA SULLIVAN, PORTER ROBINSON, JAMES LAMP, CRAIG CAIRO, PATRICIA STEINMETZ, PAUL SCHULZE, MELISSA ROBERTS, SCOTT PATTON, JAMIE KENNEDY, TERESA FLEWELLEN, CAROLYN BLACK** and **CHRISTIAN ANDERSON** to Amns.; **MARVIN RANNELLS, WILLIAM KILLILEA, JACK HESS, JAMES HAVENS** and **DANNIE GLAZE** to A1Cs.

JOANNA MEEHAN, JOHN GIBSON, DANIEL FIELDS, WILLIAM CHAFFIN, ANNETTE BOND, KIM SYDENSTRICKER, GREGORY SPENCE, DUSENA SPENCE, KEVIN SAUNDERS, ALEXANDER RAMEY, SHERRY GAREN, GREGG CERVI, LAURA BRADY, KEVIN BECK and **DAVID ARRIAGA** to SrAs; **GREGG WILLS, KENNETH KERN, VICKI HOUSEHOLDER, STEVEN FRY, MICHAEL CROWN, TERRY BROYLES, MICHAEL STAFFORD, ROBERT PRITCHETT, ROBERT NEWBOLD, JR., LIBERACE MALBON, GREGORY CLARK** and **HAROLD BRADLEY** to SSgts.; **ROBERT SMITH, JOANETTE SMITH** and **DANIEL EVANS** to TSgts.; and **GREGORY JOHN** to MSgt.

160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker, recently promoted: **WILLIE HINTE** and **THOMAS MAYES** to MSgts.; **RUDY DALTON, RICHARD HEDERSTROM, GREGORY ROBINSON, KYLE WEIGEL, RONALD SMITH** and **RONALD WALLS** to TSgts.; **SUZANNE BAHR, NANCY FREE, WILLIAM HINKLE, CECIL SEAMAN, DANIEL WOODRUFF, NANCY DUNN** and **RODNEY HOUGHTON** to SSgts.; **BRIAN CONNER, SANDRA TAYLOR, MICHAEL COVEY, DEANNE GOUGH, DARRELL HARDING, JAMES PENN, CHARLES SAFFLE, DAREN SANFREY** and **GARRY SELFINGER** to SrAs; **DAVID GREER** to A1C and **WILLIAM LAWRENCE** to Amn.

MSgt. **HERMAN C. CHANNEL**, First Sergeant for the Medical Section of the 160th, retired in February after 45 years service to the Air Force, 14 of which were with the Air National Guard. Channel remarked, "It's been a real pleasure working with such a top unit, and I'm really going to miss my fellow Guardmembers and their comradeship."

The Ohio Commendation Medal was recently presented to MSgt. **O.Z. FULLER**, MSgt. **HERMAN CHANNEL** and TSgt. **JOSEPH SPRENZ**. Air Force Commendation Medals were presented to: MSgts. **ROBERT BARGER, VICTOR DUBOIS** and **PAUL MEALEY**; TSgt. **WILLIAM CARPENTER**; Sgt. **JOHN NEASE** and SrA **SHEREE GILMORE**.

Co C (S&T) 237th Support Battalion, Oxford, recently promoted **STEPHEN GABFORD** to Sp5, **DAVID S. PONDER** to Sp4 and **JACK COUCH** to PSG.

Several members of Co A 1/147th Infantry Battalion, Cincinnati, were recently promoted: **TIM BEHNE** and **RONALD MARTIN** to SSgts. and **WAYNE COULTER** to Sp4. Sgt. **KEN HAYES** was selected as Outstanding Guardmember of 1982.

Det 1 Co A 1/147th Infantry Battalion, Batavia recently promoted: **DAVID ASH, LORENZO GEORGE, DAVE HATFIELD, JOHN PETERS** and **DALE SUTHERLAND** to Sgts.; **MICHAEL HARDING** and **JONATHAN HAYES** to Sp4s; **JOHN COURTER** to PFC, **DILLARD JACOBS** and **KENNETH MEECE** to Pvts.

Members of 186th Engineer Detachment, Walbridge recently promoted: **KIM BOYD** to Sp4; **WILLARD BROWN** to Sp6 and **MICHAEL MANZER** to Sgt.

HHC 1/166th Infantry Battalion, Columbus, recently promoted: **HARRY ELLIOTT, JAMES GOGGLE, DAVE HAMMOND, MATHEW SIERS, ROY JACKSON** and **MARK MARBERY** to PFCs; **RALPH WHEELER, TIM CASTLE, HAROLD BOYSAW** and **MATHEW REED** to Pvt. 2s and **JOSEPH LYONS** to Sp4. Battalion Soldier of the Year was PFC **PATRICK GRANT** of CSC 1/166th Infantry, London.

Employer Support Committee Meets

To inform employers of the importance of Reserve Forces to our defense and learn why their support is needed, the Ohio Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves held an orientation luncheon meeting March 2nd.

The guest speaker was Dr. Edward J. Philbin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Philbin is also the highest ranking appointee in the Department of Defense with specific staff responsibility for the management of the nation's Reserve components.

At the meeting Philbin stated, "Employers are specifically asked to comply voluntarily with a law that prohibits them from penalizing people when military duties conflict with professional duties.

"With recruiting efforts going well, maybe the reserves relaying their renewed sense of patriotism to their employers is a part of this increase in enlistments. Then again, it could be the encouragement of employers that makes so many young people join. Whatever the reason, people keep telling me young people are more interested in the military," said Dr. Philbin.

Buckeye Bits

Toledo Air Guard Wins Flying Safety Trophy

The 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo Air National Guard, has been named as the winner of the Ohio Tactical Fighter Flying Safety Trophy for the second consecutive year. All Air National Guard tactical fighter units in Ohio are in competition for this award.

The criteria upon which the award is based includes the total number of accident-free flying hours during the year, operational limitations such as weather and airfield, results of safety inspections, exercises and deployments, and transition and training programs conducted during the year.

The design of the trophy, commissioned last year by the Adjutant General's Dept., is symbolic of the combination of man, machine and mission in competitive flight, bound by the parameters of technology, physical limits, knowledge, skill and the will to win.

The 180th Tactical Fighter Group is commanded by Col. Keith Kramer.

Convoy to Texas

On March 27, Annual Training began for eight members of the 1486th Transportation Company, Ashland. The Guardsmen hauled eight armored personnel carriers from Newton Falls, Ohio to Texarkana, Texas.

The 1486th Trans Company (-) along with Detachment 1, will be transporting equipment this summer for Ohio Army National Guard Engineers, Armored Cavalry, Maintenance and air defense artillery units, and also for a U.S. Army Reserve engineer battalion. All the equipment will be transported to and from Grayling, Mich.

**Sp5 Lori Burcaw and
SFC Arlen Vanasdale**

112th Med Conference

The 112th Medical Brigade held its annual medical conference on Saturday, May 1, 1982. The conference was a preliminary meeting for the brigade on what the mission is for the medical units for this year's annual training.

The conference guest speaker was Maj. Gen. James Q. Simmons, the newly appointed special assistant to the Surgeon General of the Army. He highlighted some of the problem areas the medical units have had in the past and some solutions to these areas. He also stressed the good quality work that the medical units have been doing considering the shortage of equipment.

Sp4 Ray Ebner

385th Med Company (Amb) Receives Award

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association recognized units for outstanding participation of enlisted personnel in the association. The 385th Medical Company (Amb) received the first place award. Sixty-six of the members, or 63% of the unit, are members of the association.

1Sgt. Paul Thompson

German Liaison Visits Ohio

Hauptfeldwebel (Sergeant Major) Dieter Helmig, of the West German Army, recently spoke to members of the Headquarters Company of the 134th Engineers of Hamilton, Ohio. Helmig's talk was to prepare 134th members for future training with German troops.

Helmig is currently assigned at Fort Belvoir, Va., as a liaison NCO for the German Army. He and his family plan to return to Germany sometime in 1983, when his tour here is completed.

Sp5 Lee Handley

Parks Retiring After 40

Sergeant First Class Charles S. Parks, 214th Maintenance Co., Coshocton, Ohio, is retiring in June after 40 years of service. Parks first enlisted in 1941 in the 13th U.S. Air Force. After more than three years service, and with two of those years overseas, he was discharged and joined the Ohio Army National Guard. Parks worked as a full time technician for 18 years. He has been the unit's retention and recruiting NCO for the past year, having recruited four new members and holding a 100 percent retention record. Parks says he is "looking forward to more time for traveling, fishing and just doing nothing."

2LT William E. Green

SMP Cadets Train Fellow Students

Third year members of Ohio State University's ROTC battalion recently learned the military skills they will need for their advanced summer camp. Subjects studied included the M-16, the M-60, the 81mm mortar, first aid and NBC operations.

Out of the approximately 25 senior cadets who conducted the training, 18 were members of the Ohio National Guard through the simultaneous membership program.

**Cadet Capt. Janie R. Chatham
237th Spt. Bn Co B**

Mandrell Supports Guard

On April 4, SFC Charles K. Dade, and his wife, presented a plaque to Louise Mandrell, at Alliance High School Auditorium, Alliance, Ohio, for her support of the Ohio

Army National Guard and other armed services.

At the 7 p.m. performance, Dade was surprised by Mandrell, when she stopped her show and called him to the stage and presented him with her carnation and gave him a birthday kiss.

Landis - Big Brother of Month

SSgt. Mel Landis, a member of Btry B 1/136th Field Artillery, Marion, has been selected as the Big Brother of the Month. Landis has been a "big brother" to Dwight Tilley, 13, since June 1978. Landis was praised by Helene, Dwight's mother, as she said, "Mel is always there whenever we have needed him and has helped and offered his support to the match and the family as a whole." Dwight was delighted by his "big brother's" recognition and thinks it's "just great." Landis is employed by Marion Power and Shovel Co.

CSM Richard L. Baker

73D Brigade Tops 100 Percent Strength

When the figures were tallied, the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate) recently topped the 100 percent strength marks, with over 4,000 soldiers filling its ranks. The 73D Brigade is the only "separate" unit in Ohio, and if called upon, could function "separately" or independently from any other unit. Brigade units include three infantry battalions, a field artillery battalion, a support battalion, a cavalry troop, signal platoon, pathfinder and aviation detachments.

SSgt. Davida Matthews

Ohio Guard General Gives Graduation Address

**BY Sp4 CHUCK TRITT
196th P.A.D.**

Brig. Gen. James M. Abraham, assistant adjutant general for Army for Ohio, became the first reserve component general officer to ever deliver a graduation address at the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Abraham spoke about leadership. He stressed the necessity for maintaining integrity saying, "without integrity there can be no effective leadership."

In college, Abraham studied industrial and electrical engineering and received a master's degree in production management. He is a registered Professional Engineer.

Abraham thinks the preparation for leadership for senior NCOs is as important as the preparation for leadership for senior officers.

He encourages all senior NCOs that are planning to become sergeants major to attend the academy if possible. Abraham says, "This school is on par with the Army War College for commissioned officers."

For Your Information

Social Security Offset Explained

Were you on the verge of grasping all the options and other details of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) when the "Social Security offset" set you off — muttering and tearing your hair? If so, perhaps the following explanation of the SBP's tie-in with Social Security benefits will help.

If you served on active duty after December 31, 1956, you earned Social Security wage credits (and started making contributions) by virtue of your military service. Based on those wage credits, your surviving spouse may receive a Social Security widow(er) benefit in addition to the SBP annuity you elect. Since the government contributes to both the Social Security benefit and the SBP annuity, and not wanting to pay the same benefit twice, the government enacted the Social Security offset provision.

Here's what the offset does. It reduces a surviving spouse's SBP annuity at age 62 by the dollar value of the spouse's Social Security entitlement based on the member's active duty service after December 31, 1956.

The spouse's SBP annuity cannot be reduced by more than 40 percent, however, regardless of the amount of the offset as determined by the standard formula. Thus, the total amount the survivor receives is equal to at least the full amount of the SBP annuity had there been no Social Security survivor benefit.

An important point to remember is that the SBP annuity reduction is made at age 62, even if the surviving spouse has not yet applied for Social Security benefits. The fact that the spouse is entitled to benefits based on the member's military earnings makes the reduction mandatory.

The surviving spouse applies for and receives every penny of Social Security to which he or she is entitled. The service finance center bases the Social Security offset only on that part of the spouse's Social Security benefits that result from the member's active duty service after December 31, 1956. (AFPS)

Retirement Pay

If you're retiring after January 1, 1982, take note. Rules determining retirement pay have been changed. A new method for calculating retirement pay, effective January 1, 1982, directs that service credit be computed based on the nearest month actually completed for any portion of a year in excess of six months. Any portion of a year under six months will continue to be rounded down to the last whole year of completed service. If you applied for retirement, were being processed for disability retirement, or were on the temporary disability retirement list and

were retired prior to January 1, 1982, this change does not affect you. (ON GUARD)

"Pro Patria"

If you have a boss that has demonstrated additional, voluntary measures that makes it easier for you to meet your service commitments you can nominate him/her for an award. The award is called "Pro Patria" meaning "for the nation". The award will symbolize the patriotism of the recipient in supporting a strong national defense. For more information contact SFC Judy Culbertson, EGR NCO at 1-800-282-7310.

Pam and SMC will answer your questions

There's a little brown book in your unit library that can answer a lot of your questions about unit marksmanship training and competitions.

It's called "A Guide to Unit Marksmanship Qualification, Training and Competition" or, more officially, NGB Pam 350-7/ANG Pam 50-58. Published in August 1981, every unit should have a copy. The book contains information on types of unit marksmanship programs you can start, how to recruit shooters, courses of fire for qualification and competition, ways to enhance weapons training, Air National Guard qualification and familiarization, unit marksmanship equipment charts, available marksmanship training aids, and even pictures of targets used in qualification courses.

If you can't find this book, request it through your state publications center.

Should you still have questions after reading "A Guide to Unit Marksmanship," contact your State Marksmanship Coordinator (SMC) — Lt. Col. Robert L. Clark (614) 889-7110.



Kings Island

Come join Scooby-Doo, Grape Ape, the Jetsons and others at the all-new Hanna-Barbera-Land located at Kings Island. I-71, 20 miles north of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kings Island has set aside June 5-6, July 17-18 and Aug. 24-25 as the Ohio National Guard discount days for all Guard members and their families.

There is a picnic area located inside the park that will have a section available (free) for Guardmembers. Strollers are available at the park on a first-come, first-serve basis for a fee of 75¢ and a 50¢ deposit. Deposit will be returned when stroller is returned.

Easter Telethon Supported by Guard

BY Sp4 KENNETH HALL
372nd Engr Bn

Volunteers of HHC 372nd Engineer Battalion, Kettering, participated in the local telecast of the Easter Seals Telethon, which was hosted by Pat Boone, originating from Hollywood, Calif.

Working under the supervision of Dayton police officer Richard Smith at WHIO-TV studio in Dayton, the Guardmembers handled security and escort of the celebrities who came during the 20-hour annual telethon that raises funds for various disease research and treatment programs.

"This is the second year the 372nd participated and both times they've been outstanding in performance, appearance and attitude. I hope they'll be back next year," Smith said.

SFC Larry Tracey, an HHC technician and the ranking non-commissioned officer involved with the telethon, said, "It (volunteering for the telethon) gives a good impression on the community. Many VIPs are there and they see us involved in something worthwhile. And besides, we enjoy doing it."

The other volunteers were Sp4s Jim Hayes, Jim Parker, Earl Ritchie and Phillip Textor.



I am the Guard

Civilian in Peace, soldier in War . . . of security and honor, for three centuries I have been the custodian. I am the Guard. ■

I was with Washington in the dim forests, fought the wily warrior, and watched the dark night bow to the morning. ○ At Concord's bridge, I fired the fateful shot heard 'round the world. ○ I bled on Bunker Hill. ○ My footprints marked the snow's at Valley Forge. ○ I pulled a muffled oar on the barge that bridged the icy Delaware. ○ I stood with Washington on the sun-drenched heights of Yorktown. ○ I saw the sword surrendered . . . I am the Guard. ○ I pulled the trigger that loosed the long rifle's havoc at New Orleans. ○ These things I knew — I was there! ○ I saw both sides of the War between the States — I was there! ○ The hill at San Juan felt the fury of my charge. ○ The far plains and mountains of the Philippines echoed to my shout . . . On the Mexican border I stood . . . I am the Guard. ○ The dark forest of the Argonne blazed with my barrage ○ Chateau Thierry crumbled to my cannonade. ○ Under the arches of victory I marched in legion — I was there! ○ I am the Guard. I bowed briefly on the grim Corregidor, then saw the light of liberation shine on the faces of my comrades. ○ Through the jungle and on the beaches, I fought the enemy, beat, battered and broke him. ○ I raised our banner to the serene air on Okinawa — I scrambled over Normandy's beaches — I was there! . . . I am the Guard. ○ Across the 38th Parallel I made my stand. ○ I flew MIG Alley — I was there! . . . I am the Guard. ■

Soldier in war, civilian in peace . . . I am the Guard. ■

I was at Johnstown, where the raging waters boomed down the valley. ○ I cradled the crying child in my arms and saw the terror leave her eyes. ○ I moved through smoke and flame at Texas City. ○ The stricken knew the comfort of my skill ○ I dropped the food that fed the starving beast on the frozen fields of the west and through the towering drifts I ploughed to rescue the marooned. ○ I have faced forward to the tornado, the typhoon, and the horror of the hurricane and flood — these things I know — I was there! . . . I am the Guard. ○ I have brought a more abundant, a fuller, a finer life to our youth. ○ Wherever a strong arm and valiant spirit must defend the Nation, in peace or war, wherever a child cries, or a woman weeps in time of disaster, there I stand . . . I am the Guard. ○ For three centuries a soldier in war, a civilian in peace — of security and honor, I am the custodian, now and forever . . . I am the Guard. ■

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