

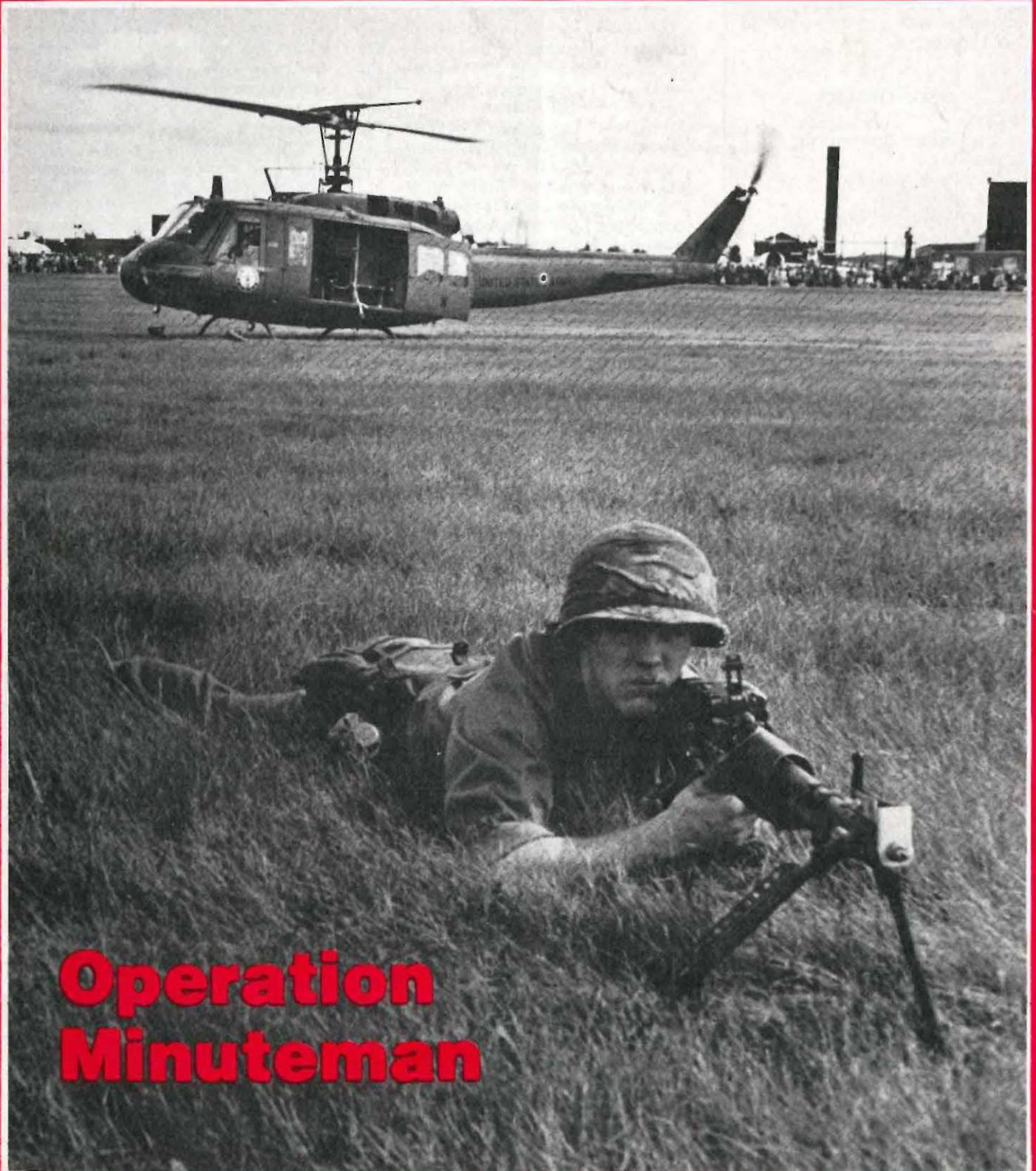


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Commentary

The AG Speaks

Know Thyself . . .



The end of another year is almost here. Time to make a personal evaluation of our accomplishments, contributions, failures and mistakes.

In today's society, we are often reluctant to sit down and counsel someone or be counseled on our strong points and weak points. Efficiency reports seldom reflect true performance and we all know that. Therefore, it becomes important for personal counseling to take place in order that we can correct our errors and strive for improvement.

In many cases, because of geography, conflicting work schedules or for other reasons, counseling by your superior is not possible on a regular basis. However, most of us have the ability, if we are honest with ourselves, to recognize our mistakes as well as our strengths and our weaknesses. I would urge each of you, regardless of grade or rank, to do this and then resolve to retain your strengths and improve in areas where your performance may be below par.

Strong points of Guardmembers, I have noticed to be almost universal, are loyalty, honesty, dedication, industriousness, willingness, and a positive or "can-do" attitude. Weaknesses I have noticed, in more than a few, are lack of pride in unit, uniform and personal ap-

pearance, failure to attain and maintain technical competence in assigned duties, failure to accept responsibility for his or her individual actions or errors and those made by personnel under them, and finally and most importantly a failure to show a personal interest in the success of the individual Guardsman or woman assigned to his or her squad, platoon, detachment or company.

I ask that each of you take a few minutes and analyze your performance of the past year. You may find that you will benefit from using the same process in regard to your civilian employment or even your private life. There is always room for self improvement — another area in which to excel. We need your best possible performance if the Ohio National Guard is to continue to improve.

So much for the heavy stuff.

I do want to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. You have done many good things and made many improvements during the past year. I hope you and your family and friends are as proud of you and the Ohio National Guard as I am.

JAMES C. CLEM
Major General
The Adjutant General

From the State Chaplain

The Nature of Change

Every time you set foot in a unit orderly room, you quickly realize one thing. If there is anything in the military that never changes, it is that there will always be change. New people come and go. Young people enter while old soldiers retire. Uniforms change, regulations change, and policies change. Change is part of the nature of the beast!

Change is also part of our daily lives. We see our families change. Parents grow old, brothers and sisters change, children grow up to move away. Friends change. Even nature changes. Look at the leaves, think about the seasons, about the shape of the sand on the beach.

Maybe it is the case that change is part of the design in nature. The creation is moving in time from its past toward the future. We can see this change as a sign of utility and random confusion or as purposeful, change in which we have a

role to play in shaping the future. Very few people believe that they do not have any role in shaping the future, and those that do are necessarily without hope. We do shape the future, in the here and now, by the way we behave at work, at play, and in our interpersonal relationships. What can you do to shape your own future, the future of the Guard, and the future of humanity?

In a personal word, I want to thank and recognize the impact of change in our chaplain ranks. Chaplain (LTC) Dean Montgomery recently retired as the Group Chaplain for the 371st Support Group. My deepest thanks to Chaplain Montgomery for his dedication of over twenty years as pastor to the men and women he has lovingly served.

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

Commentary

From the Asst. AG-Air

Concern Needed for Future

During the 1978 Ohio National Guard Conference at Salt Fork, the Association was fortunate to be addressed by LTC Richard Lawson, Commander of 8th Air Force, Strategic Air Command. LTC Lawson's original military roots began with the Iowa National Guard, and those of us privileged to hear his comments felt the same tinge of pride that Guard members feel when we consider our great heritage.

Notwithstanding, one main theme of his talk was what the balance might be between the two great powers, the United States and the Soviets, in the 1980's. He gave the United States the edge in the early 80's because of our young folks and their capability, but after that his concern was how much could this "can-do" attitude overcome in the face of superior, sequence of world events since May, 1978, and subsequently the provisions of SALT II, all Guard members should share LTC Lawson's concerns over the future of this great nation.

The increased Soviet build-up of arms and the subsequent decrease in American capabilities, in our efforts to show

the world our desire for peace, should create apprehension on the part of all Americans. Certainly the need for a strong citizen militia has never been more evident than today. Our citizen soldiers not only provide the backbone of military strength, but an informed group that can come to grips with "Grass Root" support and hopefully, make their desires known to the National Leadership.

I firmly believe that through combined efforts of the Ohio National Guard Association and the Ohio Enlisted Association of the National Guard, our Congressional and Senate leaders can be made to listen and review our present policies of deferring development and production of new weaponry. Many people think and feel that by our reduction of force we increase the possibility of peace. We might well increase that probability, but we should ask the question, peace on whose terms?

If we consider the years the United States held a vastly superior nuclear capability to that of the Soviets, not one

single instance of aggression towards America occurred. In view of our shrinking operational ability and resolve, can we be assured of the same consideration by the Soviets as they approach or surpass our capability? That has not been their past history.

In athletics and most business endeavors, the drive is towards the number one position. Our national character on the international scene, appears to blush or be embarrassed by the so-called specter of being "Numero Uno." Had our forefathers felt this way in 1776, the bridge at Concord, and "the shot heard around the world", would never have occurred.

If that spirit is to be regenerated in the United States, the citizen soldier, you and I, must assume that responsibility. This is the time of year that all Christianity looks and yearns for peace on earth. It remains our job to keep America strong and by so doing afford one and all the graciousness of a Merry Christmas and a hopeful New Year.

BG EDWARD POWER
Asst Adj Gen for Air

From the Asst. AG-Army

Peace on Earth Felt Throughout World

It is time to reflect upon the coming holiday season. The spirit of Peace on Earth is felt throughout the world more during the Christmas season than any other time of the year. We can enjoy a sense of satisfaction that we are at peace along with many other countries throughout the world. At the same time we cannot ignore that the Four Horsemen of Apocalypse are spreading the terror of their dreaded fruits in some areas and the threat of their intrusion exists in others. It seems that mankind throughout history has not learned to settle human problems other than through the utter stupidity of war.

Of all the exercises in futility in which we engage, war is perhaps the most stupid. In spite of our advances in technology, our sophistication and the tremendous progress we have made in many fields of business, medicine, science, etc., human nature basically has

not changed. Envy and greed continue to be part of our emotions. There are many ideologies that would take away our heritage of freedom and do away with government of the people, by the people and for the people.

The aggressor throughout history has taken advantage of weakness. Indeed, weakness on the part of others has often prompted the aggressor to take excursions in adventurism. This is the reason why we find ourselves in the strange dilemma of promoting and wanting to enjoy peace but at the same time, having to maintain strong Armed Forces. In order to insure the best possibility of maintaining the peace, we have to be ready for war. That is a strange paradox in which we find ourselves and it seems so inconsistent with the spirit of Christmas. This too is why the National Guard, as an important part of our total forces, is more important today than ever before

and why many of us who are citizen-soldiers spend much time away from our homes and families. It is our love of peace and our desire to keep our country and families safe and free that motivates most of us to wear the uniform while others enjoy the fruits of our freedom.

As we enjoy the holiday season, it is well to thank God for the blessings of freedom and peace. To paraphrase a statement I heard recently, "I hate the thought of the brutality of war, but I thank the Lord for those who allow me to pray to my God in whatever way I please."

To my fellow Guardsmen and women, be proud of the Guard, our country and of your contribution. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

JAMES M. ABRAHAM
Brigadier General
Asst Adj Gen for Army

Kudos From Tansey

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was sent to SSG Don Nardecchia, Public Information NCO for Norwalk's Co. C., 612th Engr Bn., from State Representative Marie Tansey.

Dear Don and Fellow Guardsmen:

I am rested this morning from my visit with all of you at Camp Grayling, Michigan.

It would be hard for me to describe my emotions for the opportunity to visit with all of you and witness your tactics first hand. I was impressed with the performance of each Guardsman in fulfilling his duties and obligations. It's no wonder your group won the highest award in the nation. I'm really proud of all of you and so happy that you are based in my district. What an honor for me!

It was revealing to watch the bridge building, the water purification system, the enemy trap in the valley, roadblocks and overall direction from your officers and leaders. It is obvious that you belong to the Guard for a purpose. A purpose of service and of satisfaction knowing that you are contributing to the welfare and safety of our citizens. And we thank you.

The food was delicious and abundant and very professionally prepared and served. To say I enjoyed the day with you would be an understatement and I will do my best to be available to you whenever possible.

I wish each and everyone of you continual achievement in your profession and thank you again for the outstanding job you are doing. I won't hesitate to praise you and offer my support of all your endeavors.

MARIE TANSEY
State Representative

MSG Shepherd Saluted

To The Editor:

In May 1978, MSG Van H. Shepherd, while performing his civilian duties as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, was involved in a serious traffic accident. MSG Shepherd suffered a broken neck which has left him partially paralyzed. MSG Shepherd, of the 122nd Army Band, is presently undergoing extensive treatment and therapy at the Veterans Administration Hospital complex in Cleveland, Ohio.

MSG Shepherd has had a long history

of honorable service to his country and the State of Ohio. His service to his country began as a tuba player with the 9th Cavalry Regiment Band in 1943, and saw action in Algeria, France and central Europe during World War II. For his dedication to duty, then T-5 Shepherd was awarded four Bronze Stars.

On January 23, 1957, MSG Shepherd, a nationally known jazz string bass and tuba player, enlisted in the 122d Army Band in Cleveland, Ohio and for the next 21 years, gained a reputation for musical and leadership excellence. He constantly strived for unit proficiency, harmony and esprit de corps.

Everyone in the Guard who had the opportunity to meet and know MSG Van "Shep" Shepherd, misses his booming bass voice echoing around the armory and across the parade field. We all extend our fondest wishes and deepest prayers to MSG Van Shepherd for a complete recovery.

SFC GLENN BERNASEK
122nd Army Band
Ohio Army National Guard

EDITOR'S NOTE: Best wishes for a complete recovery are also extended to MSG Shepherd on behalf of all members of the Ohio National Guard.

Vet Sends Thanks

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was received from Columbus resident Richard B. Morgan, a participant in the 1979 Oldest Vet ceremony at this year's Ohio State Fair.

To The Editor:

Thank-you very much for the pictures that you sent me taken at the fair. It was an experience that will always be remembered and I appreciate very much to be included by the Ohio National Guard for the past three years during Ohio National Guard Day at the Ohio State Fair.

Thank-you for sending the nice letters that you have. The 92 year-old niece has written twice to my cousin Helen since they met at the Fair.

RICHARD B. MORGAN
Columbus, Ohio

Wanted!

High School or College students who would like part time recruiting duty. FTTD pay and recruiting training offered. For more information call 1-800-282-7310.

Sharp Soldiers Solicited

The Ohio National Guard's sharpest troops are being sought for special honors according to Adjutant General James C. Clem.

It's all part of the Outstanding Guardmember Program. Under this unique program, the top enlisted members of both the Ohio Army and Air Guard receive a vacation package worth at least \$300 and some very special treatment at Camp Perry.

Each Outstanding Guardmember is selected by his or her unit and receives five days of state active duty pay; free use of a family housing unit at Camp Perry; and some planned activities for the Guardmember and family including free tickets for the family to Cedar Point,

fishing, water skiing, swimming, golf and a buffet dinner for the entire family.

Those selected also attend 12 hours of situational rehearsal and leadership training during the week.

For additional information on the Outstanding Guardmember Program see your unit AST or First Sergeant or see AGO Cir 672-3 (ARMY) or 900-4 (AIR).

Army Guard unit commanders should submit their nominees to battalion or squadron level by April 30, 1980. Battalion and squadron commanders must submit their nominees to their command headquarters by May 16, 1980. Air Guard nominees must be at state headquarters by May 16, 1980.

Next Deadline is Dec. 27

Deadline for the February 1980, issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is December 27, 1979. No articles or photos will be accepted after this date.

All submissions should be typewritten and double-spaced (do not type your release in all capital letters).

All photos should be black and white only and should include complete captions with identification of all individuals involved.

Be sure to include the Guardmember's civilian occupation with all articles and photo captions.

Submissions should be sent to SFC Bob DeVoe, editor, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085.

The following deadlines are provided for your information: April, 1980 issue — February 27, 1980; June, 1980 issue — April 28, 1980.

RECRUITING ROUND-UP



BY MAJ. EDWIN HALL

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

RE-EVALUATE YOUR PLANS

Good management requires that we constantly know where we are in relation to where we want to go. A unit must frequently check to see if things are on schedule.

An example of the type of monitoring a National Guard unit needs is the operation of the self guided torpedo, or the interceptor missile. The target or goal is known; an enemy ship or plane. The objective is to reach it. Such machines must "know" the target they are shooting for. They must have some sort of propulsion system which propels them forward in the general direction of the target. They must be equipped with "sense organs" (radar, sonar, heat perceptrons, etc.) which bring information about the target. These "sense organs" keep the machine informed when it is on the correct course. The machine does not respond to positive feedback. It is doing the correct thing and "just keeps on doing what it is doing."

There must be a corrective device, however, which will respond to negative feedback. When negative feedback informs the mechanism that it is "off the beam" too far to the right, then it will steer the machine back to the left. If it overcorrects and heads too far left, this mistake is made known through negative feedback, and the corrective device moves the rudder so it will steer the machine making errors, and continually

correcting them. By a series of zig-zags it literally gropes its way to the target. Your unit must get feedback and correct its course by monitoring its activities constantly.

Your unit should re-evaluate its priorities and how they relate to overall unit goals, at least quarterly. Are they still relevant? Are they needed? This re-evaluation should review unit readiness goals, unit training programs, unit recruiting programs, unit retention programs, and unit Public Affairs programs. Never hesitate to adjust priorities and drop a project and replace it with another one that will better meet your unit goals. It is not poor planning to reset goals as progress is checked. Goals may be modified, raised, or lowered to properly reflect progress to date.

Caution: Don't use the re-evaluation as a "cop-out." Take a realistic look at the readiness objectives to see if changes are necessary. Don't change just for the sake of change. At the same time, don't ignore a change desired by unit personnel.

"A sensible person watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simpleton never looks, and suffers the consequences." Proverbs 27-12.

Be sure your unit is operating like the sensible person by constantly monitoring and re-evaluating goals, priorities, and methods. The beginning of the new year is an excellent time to establish your

goals and objectives for the next year.

CONGRATULATIONS

As of the first day of October, the following units were at or over 100 percent authorized strength: 77th Pathfinder Det, 216.6; 196 Public Affairs Det, 146.1; HHD, Ohio ARNG, 140.1; Co C, 612 Engineer Bn, 132.0; HHC 137 S&S Battalion, 130.0; 1485 Transportation Co, 124.1; HHD 437 Military Police Bn, 124.1; Btry A, 1/136 FA Bn, 124.0; HHC (—), 2/174 ADA Bn, 120.7; Btry C, 1/136 FA Bn, 116.4; Co H, 2/107 AC, 114.1; Trp A, 237 Cav, 110.8; HHC, 134 Engr Gp, 110.7; Btry B (—), 2/174 ADA Bn, 109.7; HHC (—), 216 Engr Bn, 109.7; 200 Med Co, 108.1; 385 Med Co, 107.5; Co A, 612 Engr Bn, 106.7; 1486 Trans Co, 106.6; HHD, 112 Trans Bn, 106.3; Det 1, Btry B, 2/174 ADA Bn, 106.0; 210 Arty Det, 105.2; 186 Engr Det, 105.1; Co C (—), 1/166 Inf Bn, 104.2; HHC, 612 Engr Bn, 103.9; Det 1, Co D, 237 Spt Bn, 103.5; HHD, 512 Engr Bn, 102.9; Det 1, Co A 1/166 Inf Bn, 102.3; Co C (—), 1/147 Inf Bn, 101.4; HHD, 112 Med Bde, 100.0.

UNIT RECRUITING EFFORTS

Det. 1, Co A, 1/166 Inf Bn in Xenia, hit 101 percent strength on the first of September. With the aid of the five new unit recruiters who attended the recent recruiting school in Dayton, their goal is to reach 125 percent strength by the end of the calendar year. Good luck, your positive attitude will enable you to reach your goal.

Covington's 1485th TC Keeps on Trucking

Annual training wasn't the old "ash and trash" runs that seem to be common to transportation companies, according to 1LT Steve Lieurance, Public Affairs officer for the 1485th Transportation Company headquartered in Covington.

According to the lieutenant, the company ran a total of 14 missions that covered over 19,000 accident-free miles during its summer camp.

"This year the runs were over-the-road line hauling missions," 1LT Lieurance said. "This is the type of

mission we would have if we were called into an active situation." The missions were run to parts of Ohio, along with points in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Kentucky.

The trips may have been accident free, but they weren't uneventful, according to Lieurance.

"One light point of the first week was a mission commanded by SFC George Long," he explained. The run was to Boston Mills, Ohio. The mission was a routine one, hauling engineer equipment. It was routine,"

the lieutenant added, "until Long saw the detour sign." The detour took the convoy almost 25 miles through the hills of southeastern Ohio.

The second week of training took the cooperation of the entire unit, according to Lieurance, with some of the drivers seated behind the wheel of a Bailey Bridge truck, which was a new experience for the entire company. This made up the largest convoy, numbering 19 trucks.

BAGGAGE TAG — Phone

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I FLEW BUFFOON

179th Tactical Aft. Group (MAC) - Mansfield Lahm Airport, Ohio

There's A Serious Side to 179th's 'Buffoon Airlines'

BY MSGT RUSSELL LEADBETTER
179th Tac Airlift Group

"The Airline with an exciting future and a non-existent past."

What is it? Who is It? How do I get a ticket? Just a few of the questions that we get asked wherever we go.

I guess this should start with: "How did it all begin?"

Take a crew, assign them to the Virgin Islands, add multiple full loads of Virgin Islands Guardsmen and their equipment (which included pallets of diapers, etc.) and you have the beginning of Buffoon Airlines.

"What are the ingredients?" First, an airplane — The Lockheed C-130B, Able to do darn near anything that could conceivably be asked of it (except run quiet and go fast). Now, to the airplane we add a mission that changes from minute to minute — it is called MAC Airlift. As a final touch, put a crew together that comes from every conceivable background and travels as far as 2,500 miles just to make a flight.

"Buffoon Airlines" — Yeah, we sure are, with the diverse mission we have. No airline in the world could do it and not consider itself a sister outfit.

What are the people like? What is it like to be in the 179th Group?

ORI — Outstanding, ASET — Satisfactory. "Professionalism" — call it a byline of Buffoon Airlines.

Yes, we have fun and enjoy the job we do, but the 179th does not hedge on the professionalism required of its people.

SERIOUS SIDE

There is a serious side — it is in our opinion the most important side by far.

A call in the night to scramble a plane, a little girl who is fighting for her life with a serious heart problem. What does it take to make this story end happily? A pilot who can make the roughest approach and landing as smooth as glass, because he has to; a flight engineer who

holds cabin altitude so close that no one can even detect descent, because he has to; a navigator who plots a course as straight as an arrow, because a delay could cost a life; a loadmaster who tells us what is needed, who is our eyes and ears in the back; ALL professionals, because they have to be.

A month later, a card from the same little girl, saying, "Thank you. Could you please send a Buffoon Airlines Poster?" By return mail a Buffoon Airlines poster and baggage tags go to another person who has flown Buffoon.

Add a couple of earthquakes, a dam breaking, and movement of troops and material throughout the world and you have an idea of the type of missions and relief missions the 179th is supporting on a regular basis.

It takes another ingredient to make the team jell. Our support personnel — maintenance, communications, administration, supply, medics, etc. — you name it. They make up the team that makes or breaks a flying outfit. The reason those on-time takeoffs occur and the reason a plane is always available for the unexpected emergency can be directly attributed to our support personnel.

UNSEEN HANDS

When the plane lifts off, it's the crew's job to get the mission accomplished. What is often forgotten is that there are 700 sets of unseen hands in the 179th Group which help our planes lift and accomplish the mission. They are our team and their importance cannot be overstated.

Now you know a little more about Buffoon from the serious side. Let's take a look at the humor that makes up the other side of Buffoon.

Like the mission when we flew a German ME109 Fighter in the 130 to Robins

AFB. One of our men tried to climb in the cockpit of the ME109 so he could say he was the only man to fly a German Fighter backwards across the United States at 25,000 feet. The man couldn't figure how to get in the cockpit.

Or the plane load of Army troops whose Commander asked to be flown to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Always willing to please, that is where we dropped them, only to discover on return to home station that 40 combat troops and their commander were dropped at the wrong airport. The Army commander's liaison officer gave our crew the name of the airport and his face was a little red when the error was discovered.

And then there was the time that Captain Howard . . . , but enough of that.

ENGLISH JOIN BUFFOON

How far has Buffoon gone? Well, the English R.A.F. just sent cash for 10 Buffoon Airlines Baggage tags and Jackets. I, as one of our flight engineers, made a sly trade of a Buffoon Airlines Jacket for an English flying sweater during the "Best Focus" operation in Norway. We have received requests from all over the United States and it appears that the posters and jackets have turned into collectors items. The 179th is careful to point out that all of the printing, art work, jackets, etc. have been paid for by the men in the group. Not one penny of the cost has been paid for by the ANG.

If you are in the Guard, we will answer the last question, "How do I get a ticket?" If we have a seat open and it is an approved mission, you too can experience the ultimate joy and "Fly Buffoon". This entitles you to a "I Flew Buffoon" baggage tag and we hope a pleasant memory of an outfit that is professional but still knows how to have fun.

179th TAG, Alias
Buffoon Airlines

Mountainous Job . . . Blue Ash Units Dig In

BY CPT. J. A. CONING
123rd Tac. Con. Flt.

The members of the Ohio Air Guard's 123rd Tac Con Flt. and 124th Tac Con Flt. at Blue Ash in Cincinnati recently did a mountain of a job.

The basic operation at Blue Ash is control of aircraft by use of radar. Unfortunately, the radar coverage is difficult to provide unless the radar antenna is on a tower. Since the outfits have to provide radar control anywhere they are sent, the mounting and dismounting of the antenna was time consuming and difficult.

The mountain of dirt was built to allow the radar antenna to be driven to the top and provide maximum radar coverage and the quickest means of mobility.

The resources for building the mountain were almost all voluntary. The dirt was provided by several civilian contractors in the area who were building an office complex or homes.

The Army units of HHC, 134th Engr. Gp.; 1193d Engr. Co.; and Co. C, 372d Engr. Bn., allowed the Air Guard to use their dump trucks and bulldozers to haul in the dirt and level it out.

Personnel of both the 123d and 124th spent many hours driving dump trucks and the bulldozer; but Msgt. Giar should be singled out for spending the most time on the dozer. Since his civilian job requires him to be a heavy equipment operator, he was the most proficient.

179th TAG Trains in Michigan

Nearly 150 members of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, recently returned from a deployment to Alpena, Michigan. While there, the unit's personnel completed one week of annual field training at the ANG field training site.

Making the trip were aircrews, ground support personnel, maintenance, aerial port specialists and food service personnel. All were undergoing realistic training in their specialty.

As a tactical airlift unit, the 179th must be ready to airdrop paratroopers and equipment. The unit must also be ready to land and take-off on short runways in support of ground troops.

The Michigan training site was ideal for the C-130 training mission of the Mansfield unit. A drop zone is located on the base and the area is less densely populated than the Mansfield area, enabling the aircraft to be flown on realistic low level training flights.

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BUILDING A MOUNTAIN — Members of the Ohio Air Guard's 123rd TCF and 124th TCF spent many hours driving Army engineer equipment to build a mountain for their radar antenna at Blue Ash. (123RD TCF PHOTO).

A 'Super Trooper'

Pvt Prephan Strives for Excellence

BY SP4 NOEL TAMMARINE
HQ Co., 612th Engr. Bn.

Every National Guard unit in the state of Ohio has at least one individual who is an outstanding soldier. This soldier usually sets good examples by being on time to drills with hair always neat, boots shined and uniform cleaned. But primarily the outstanding soldier is a good worker.

Pvt. Joseph R. Prephan is Headquarters Co., 612th Engineer Battalion's soldier. He is the son of Attorney Michael Prephan Sr., Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio, and is a 1977 graduate of Bowsher High School, Toledo.

Pvt. Prephan is an ambitious young man who sought the means to satisfy his drive for excellence. The Ohio National Guard provided him with such an opportunity through its College Scholarship Program, and at the same time enhanced his skills as a well-rounded Guardsman.

Pvt. Prephan was on active duty for five months, and during this time accomplished some things that most trainees' just dream of.

Pvt. Prephan missed winning trainee of the cycle by just one-half a point on the final general knowledge test given by the drill instructors at Fort Leonard

Wood, Mo.

During Advanced Individual Training (AIT) for the Carpenters Course, Pvt. Prephan did not let that honor elude him again. Upon graduation from AIT, Prephan had won every type of honor that could have been bestowed upon a trainee.

While in AIT, Pvt. Prephan was named the Distinguished Brigade Graduate by the Society for American Military Engineers. He also received a Letter of Commendation from the brigade commander of the 4th AIT Brigade, a Certificate of Training for the completion of the carpenters course, a commander's certificate for being honor graduate of the carpenters course, a commander's level 12 Baseline Fitness Certificate from the battalion commander of the 3rd Bn 4th AIT Bde, and a Certificate of Achievement for the highest Baseline Physical Fitness test.

Pvt. Prephan accomplished all of this within a two month time frame.

When the private returned to his Guard unit, he had to decide if he would stay in the Guard or go on active duty.

"I'm home now," he said, "and I want to stay here and better my education, my unit, and the National Guard of Ohio by working hard and making the Guard a better place for everyone else."

Marksmanship Chief Retires

LTC Ladd's Leadership Produced Top National Guard Shooting Program

BY SGT. MARK BRACKNEY
Co. A, 237th Spt. Bn

For twenty-eight years the Ohio National Guard marksmanship teams did not rank nationally, but all that changed when the reigns of the marksmanship program were given to LTC Frank Ladd (Ret.), State Marksmanship Coordinator.

In 1968 Ladd, then a staff training assistant, was assigned the additional task of marksmanship coordinator. By 1974, when he retired, the marksmanship program was so strong that a state-paid job was created which Ladd has held since.

Ladd's leadership has produced one of the most outstanding marksmanship programs in the nation. Under his guidance, individual shooters and teams are ranked with the best in the nation and the trophy case at the Beightler Armory in Columbus can hold only part of the many trophies his teams have won.

Ladd, who retired Oct. 5 from his present job, said that up until 1968 the marksmanship program in Ohio had little monetary as well as moral support at the state level.

"When I took over, I was able to get additional funding to support the shooter and also the assignment of a fulltime gunsmith," he said.

He added that support consists of paying for the shooters' individual travel expenses, match entry fees, equipment and all ammunition. He said shooters used to pay for most of these expenses out of their personal funds.

"Ohio's program is more successful than most because of the emphasis placed on it by the State Adjutant General," he noted.

Ladd said one of the most unique parts of his job is the requirement to be present at group practices and at the competitions, which indicates his interest and provides necessary support for the shooters.

"You have to be there," he continued. "The shooter will get discouraged if he is ready to fire and there is no ammo to shoot. It's part of my job to see that it is there."

"Whoever my replacement is when I leave, I hope they realize that they will have to be there for this program to continue successfully," he said.

Another major factor in the success of Ladd's marksmanship program is the selection and training of good coaches as well as the recruiting of good shooters.

Over the years Ladd has chosen his



FRANK LADD holds two first place championship trophies his teams won in 1977 and 1978 (PHOTO BY SGT MARK BRACKNEY).

coaches from among the top line shooters and developed them into instructors. At present, the experience of the three marksmanship coaches for the Ohio National Guard's team totals over 55 years.

Shooters are acquired for the marksmanship program either through recruiting efforts or from the state's annual tryouts which will be held this year September 29 and 30 at Camp Perry, O.

Ladd said a marksmanship program is an excellent recruiting device and that he has been able to enlist about five members per year through it.

SSG Joseph Pascarella, formerly of HHD, Worthington, was recruited from civilian life and SSG James Lenardson, HHD, 137th Supply and Service Bn., Toledo, was formerly in the Navy. Both were two of Ohio's top shooters and were enlisted by Ladd.

There are additional requirements a shooter must have besides their keen eye, said the state coordinator.

He said that he interviews all shooters who are recruited or selected from annual tryouts to determine if they have the time, interest and personality to be a valuable asset to the team.

In addition, the interested shooter must have enough time left in the National Guard to make it worth the funds that it will cost to develop their potential.

Ladd said that it takes an average of three years to train a new member to where they have the competitive abilities needed in our class of competition.

Ladd said that he demands that his shooters show improvement in their proficiency.

Competitive shooting is no different than bowling or golf — it requires the maximum effort in practice, he said.

Ladd said that a shooter must practice as often as his time permits, and added that often shooting must come first and personal pleasures second.

Physical conditioning is another aspect that is emphasized by Ladd. He expects team members to stay in good shape because marksmanship takes its toll in both physical and mental energy.

As an incentive for the shooters, Ladd has in the past few years bought with his own money a match rifle or pistol for any team member that won a major match. Pascarella, who broke the old record and

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The Buckeye Guard

Cincy Guard Units Clear Chopper Crash Wreckage

An Army National Guard helicopter out of Birmingham, Alabama, crashed near Cincinnati in September killing all four crewmen aboard.

The helicopter, a huge Sikorsky Sky-crane, apparently lost a rotor blade, rolled over, burst into flame and crashed into a \$300,000 home in Indian Oaks subdivision. No one was hurt on the ground.

Members of Ohio National Guard units in that area were placed on federal active duty to assist in clean-up efforts following the crash, according to MAJ James Caldwell, command administrative assistant for the 134th Engineer Group, Cincinnati.

The Ohio Guard members also provided administrative support to two separate investigations teams.

It took the units approximately one week to clean up the wreckage at the site.

The 512th Engineer Battalion provided a draftsman who constructed a site layout to show the location of the wreckage.

Both the 216th and 372d Engineer Battalions provided combat engineers and dump trucks to clean up the wreckage.

Headquarters Company, 134th Engineer Group, provided supervision, admin support and office space at Blue Ash for the investigation team.

Final results of the investigation will not be available for three to six months.



CRASH CLEAN-UP — Cincinnati-area Guard members were placed on federal active duty to assist in cleaning up wreckage from the crash of an Alabama Guard helicopter near the Indian Oaks subdivision. Four crew members perished in the crash.

Company Clerk Receives Presidential Recognition

BY SSG M. G. ZICKAFOOSE
HHC 1/148 Infantry

PFC Charles D. Dyar, Company Clerk of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry, Lima, recently was awarded a Presidential Certificate for Outstanding Community Achievement by Mr. Ralph Smith, Director of the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Cleveland. PFC Dyar was one of 25 recipients selected from across the state.

Recipients of the award for Vietnam veterans, were screened and selected by the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration according to civic involvement in community, state and nation; overcoming obstacles, whether physical, social or economical to attain positions they now have; volunteer service and demonstrating outstanding character.

PFC Dyar served in the U.S. Navy from 1964 until 1970. In 1965, he suffered an advanced case of tuberculosis. After recovery, he attended the University of

Toledo receiving a degree in Public Service Technology. He has been employed as an investigator for the Lucas County Soldiers Relief Commission and Lucas County Welfare Department, where he was Director of Employment Service, Training and Rehabilitation.

While in Toledo he co-chaired the Toledo Area Manpower Consortium for Development of Unified Services, helped establish the pre-lease program and Halfway House for ex-offenders.

In 1973, he transferred to the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, where he was promoted in 1978 to his current position as Manager of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services in Ottawa, Ohio.

He is also president of the United Conservation and Outdoor Association of Hancock County.

PFC Dyar is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Dyar, Waterville, O. He and his wife, Pamela and two children, Patrick and Tamala reside in Findlay.

Deadline For Next

Issue is Dec. 27

Realistic Training Conducted by 180th Security Flight

BY TSGT. LONDON MITCHELL
180th Tac. Ftr. Gr.

The more realistic the training, the better the training, and the Weapons Systems Security Flight of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo, has developed some very realistic training designed to improve the Flight's capability to defend the base.

During drill assemblies, the Toledo Air National Guard Base reverberates with the echo of ground-blast grenades. Guerilla garbed "aggressors" are seen lurking between buildings and sneaking down hallways. It's all part of the new real-to-life training developed by the 180th.

MSgt. Robert Drake, NCOIC of the flight, says simulated training wasn't doing the job, so Guard members were outfitted in aggressor-like clothing and sent into the woods and marsh surrounding the air base. The "aggressors" are instructed to attack the base. There is no particular scenario for the aggressive actions . . . just try and disable one to the vital resources of the base, such as the water tower, electricity, missile storage, hangers, etc.

It is important to understand that this is not training on how to be an aggressor, but training on how to defend the air base. While some of the Flight act as aggressors, the remainder carry on with their normal duty functions, until the "aggressors" attack.

Then we see how well we can defend. "Because the Flight is the combat troop of the Air Force, it is important to train in preventing invasion," says MSgt. Drake.

Briel, Stefan Place in Wilson Matches

Sergeants Robert Breil and Franz Stefan, both members of Howitzer Battery, 3/107th Armored Cavalry, recently placed 11th over all at the annual Winston P. Wilson Championship Matches held at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

The men were selected to represent Ohio after compiling the highest score at the Camp Perry qualifying matches held earlier this summer.

The event, which was open to National Guard members across the country, found Breil and Stefan in the M-60 machine gun event.

According to SSG S.A. Graham, public affairs specialist for the unit, the competition attracted teams from 26 states.

The teams consist of a gunner, an assistant gunner and a coach. The three team members participated in individual fire and a two-mile run. During the team phase of the event, only the gunner and his assistant fire.



AIRMAN KARL EARHARDT participated as an aggressor in some realistic security training conducted by the 180th Tac Fighter Group's Weapons Systems Security Flight at Toledo Express Airport. (PHOTO BY SSGT JIM KNAPP).

Wayt Named 16th Engineer Brigade Commander

Ohio Army National Guard Colonel David W. Wayt of Columbus, has assumed command of the Columbus-based 16th Engineer Brigade, with headquarters on Howey Rd.

Before his appointment to his current position Colonel Wayt served as Deputy Commander of the Guard's Ohio Area Command in Worthington.

As brigade commander Wayt will be responsible for the operations of Ohio National Guard Engineer units throughout the state. Nearly 3,500 Guardmembers belong to the 16th Engineer Brigade.

Blue Ash Units Donate Blood

"Everything we do is not in vain", was not the saying at Blue Ash A.N.G. Station in September. The nurses of the Paul I. Hoxworth Blood Center say "Everything we do is in vein". SSG Mary Kay Tanfani of the Medical Section for the 123rd FACP and 124th FACP heard about a child who needed blood because he had Reyes Syndrome. The disease requires hundreds of pints of blood.

The units couldn't give blood for that particular person but signed enough personnel that the Blood Center of the

University of Cincinnati sent a Mobile Unit to the station for a day.

The blood given will be used to support K.I.D.S. (Kindness Is Donor Support) program for children who have catastrophic blood diseases (Leukemia, Sickle Cell Anemia, Hemophilia, Reyes Syndrome and others). Last year children in the Greater Cincinnati area used over 74,000 pints of blood.

Colonel Wayt has a variety of civic affiliations including membership in the Columbus Manufacturers' Association, Maple Grove Methodist Church, Civitan International and the Ohio National Guard Association.

University of Cincinnati sent a Mobile Unit to the station for a day.

The Guard's personnel who gave showed the volunteer spirit of the National Guard is alive for military situations and for humane situations.

The Buckeye Guard

Groundbreaking Held For Hamilton Armory

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new million dollar Ohio National Guard Armory in Hamilton were held on October 16.

The new 300-person multi-unit armory will be built just south of Hamilton on the corner of Symmes and Gilmore Roads in Fairfield Township according to Colonel Robert Copeland, Assistant Quartermaster General for the Adjutant General for Ohio.

The facility is being constructed to replace two outdated armories in Blue Ash

and Hamilton. Both Headquarters, 134th Engineer Group; and B Company, 1st Battalion, 147th Infantry, will share the new building.

According to Adjutant General James C. Clem, construction of this new armory will help alleviate crowded and outmoded conditions both at the Hamilton Armory and at Blue Ash.

Total cost of both land and building is over \$1 million with the cost financed through 30 percent state funds and 70 percent federal dollars.

"The old Hamilton armory will be vacated, and eventually sold, when the new armory is ready for occupation," emphasized Colonel Copeland.

Construction is slated for completion in approximately eight months.

General Contractor for the project is Stephen Gross and Sons, of Hamilton. Other contractors include: Plumbing — Progressive Plumbing, Hamilton; Electrical — Campbell Electric, Hamilton; Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning — Climate Control and Service Inc., Hamilton; and Architecture — Steed, Hammond and Paul of Hamilton.

A number of business, military, government and community leaders attended the dedication.

ONGA College Scholarships Now Available

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

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

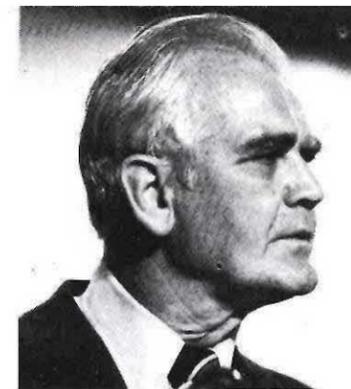
active or retired member of the ONG.

The number and amounts of the scholarship awards vary with the association budget. A number of recipients are honored each year with the funds available. Last year's awards amounted to \$1000.

Applications for this award are available from LTC Bill LaPrise, 3165 Swigert Rd., Kettering, Ohio 45440. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 15, 1980.

Selection of scholarship recipients shall be based upon the merits of the applicant for the award and the decisions of the Scholarship Committee will be final.

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



Gen. Westmoreland

General Westmoreland Keynote Speaker at OMA Graduation

Former Army Chief of Staff General William C. Westmoreland was the keynote speaker at the Ohio Military Academy's NCO School graduation ceremonies Sept. 21.

Westmoreland stated that the United States "needs conventional general purpose forces who must be prepared to deal with global threat. The non-commissioned officer is an important part of that conventional force. A show of force is a sound military tactic. The challenge facing you is to be ready."

Acknowledging that the Armed Services are having manpower problems, he stated that resuming the draft might help

solve that problem. Westmoreland also said that he felt this nation needs a "renaissance, a revival of patriotism". He encouraged Americans to perform their duty of citizenship "by following the example of those in the Ohio National Guard".

"Your citizen-soldiers are serving your country in its highest tradition. Our nation was founded on such performance."

Westmoreland retired from the Army in 1972 after 36 years of military service. Before being the Army Chief of Staff, he was commander of troops in Vietnam.

Raffle Tickets

There is still time to buy raffle tickets to help support the Annual Robert S. Beightler Armory Retarded Children's Christmas Party.

The raffle, to be held immediately after the party on Dec. 21, will have eight winners. There will be one \$200 winner, one \$100 winner, two \$50 winners and four \$25 winners.

Contact your AST or call Isabelle Trapasso at (614) 889-7036 for additional information.

The Buckeye Guard

Cpt. Bob James Elected NGAUS National Committee Chairman

CPT Bob James, commander of the 1487th Transportation Company located in Mansfield, was recently elected chairman of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) company grade officers committee. The appointment was made during the 101st

NGAUS Conference held in Cleveland.

James was appointed by NGAUS President MG William McCaddin as the company grade representative to the executive council, and will serve as a non-voting member.

Joint Ohio Army/Air Exercise at Mansfield

"Two days ago, aggressor forces crossed the geopolitical border separating Ohioana and Kentuckiana. The mission of Task Force 79-2 is to secure a forward airfield in support of future operations against the aggressor forces. Ground forces participating will include elements of the 73d Infantry Brigade (Seperate), 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery. These forces will be supported by elements of the 179th Tactical Airlift, and the 180th Tactical Fighter Group. This operation will commence at 1000 hours."

No, this is not a scenario out of some service school Command Post Exercise. It is the beginning of a joint tactical operation between the Ohio Army and Air National Guard. The goal of such joint operations is to increase the cooperative spirit between these two service arms and to refine those combat skills necessary to win on the modern battlefield. This exercise, called "Operation Minuteman", was conducted at the Mansfield-Lahm Airport in Mansfield.

The concept was to incorporate as many facets of tactical operations from the initial preparation of the objective by tactical fighter aircraft through the completion of airport security by ground forces. This operation was conducted in September as the Northern portion of

the continuing joint mobilization train-the exercise in Ohio known as "Buckeye Flag."

Key to the sustainability of aerial operations is the KC-135 tanker aircraft. These aircraft insure that airborne tactical aircraft availability is maximized to the highest degree possible. As the initial point of the operations, a formation flight of aircraft simulating mid-air refueling was conducted. After a mid-air "drink" from the thermos, the fighters went to work.

The A-7 Corsair, an aircraft now flown by the fighter units within the Ohio Air Guard is rated as the best dive bomber in the world today. Its on-board computers make its bombing and navigational capability unsurpassed. As it streaked at low levels over the ground, the steady roar of the engines were staccato-pitched with the pulsating punch of machinegun fire as the ground rent in a cloud of dust from the aerial assault. Simulation of heavier ordinance delivery was accomplished with pinpoint accuracy.

Initial preparation complete, the C-130 with fighter escort lumbered toward the objective. Tension was rising among the members of the 77th Infantry Detachment (Pathfinder) as the order "Stand in the door" was given. Soon after, the air was filled with the majestics of the airborne. Fighter aircraft, continuing the

orbit of the objective area, insured the continual security of the airborne troops until they were able to accomplish their own security. Gunships of the 107th Attack Helicopter Troop arrived on the scene and relieved the fighter aircraft. The new arrivals continued the maintenance of aerial security as the flights of combat troops were air assaulted into the objective to join up with the paratroops and continue the operation.

Minor skirmishes broke out as the aggressors were dislodged from their hold on this terrain.

A call for additional firepower capability brought the landing of a gun section from the 1st Battalion, 136th Field Artillery, by C-130 aircraft in a short field tactical landing. As this weapon continued to insure our superiority on the airfield, additional manpower and equipment were also brought in by C-130 aircraft to complete airfield security and complete the mission. The sustainability of this forward base of operation has insured the success in the repulsing of the aggressor from Ohioana.

During the course of the few short hours that this operation was conducted, several training missions were undertaken by members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard with one objective in mind — the further enhancement of mobilization readiness.

The Guard must be prepared to answer the call of the National Command Authority to meet the emergencies that may threaten this Nation's position

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within the free world. The Guard must also be capable of not only accomplishing its own inherent tactical and administrative missions, air or ground, but, to insure total success, they must be able to totally integrate the efforts of the air forces and ground forces into a total cohesive team.

Is this type of operation unique? To the casual observer, maybe not. But, before you pass judgment, ask the opinion of the over 700 military participants. More importantly, don't pass judgment on our accomplishments until you ask the more than 25,000 civilian personnel who observed their National Guard in action and said, "We're lucky to have the National Guard."

Our Cover . . .

Our cover photograph was taken by SP5 Ken White, Photo Section Chief for the 196th Public Affairs Detachment, Worthington, during Operation Minuteman.

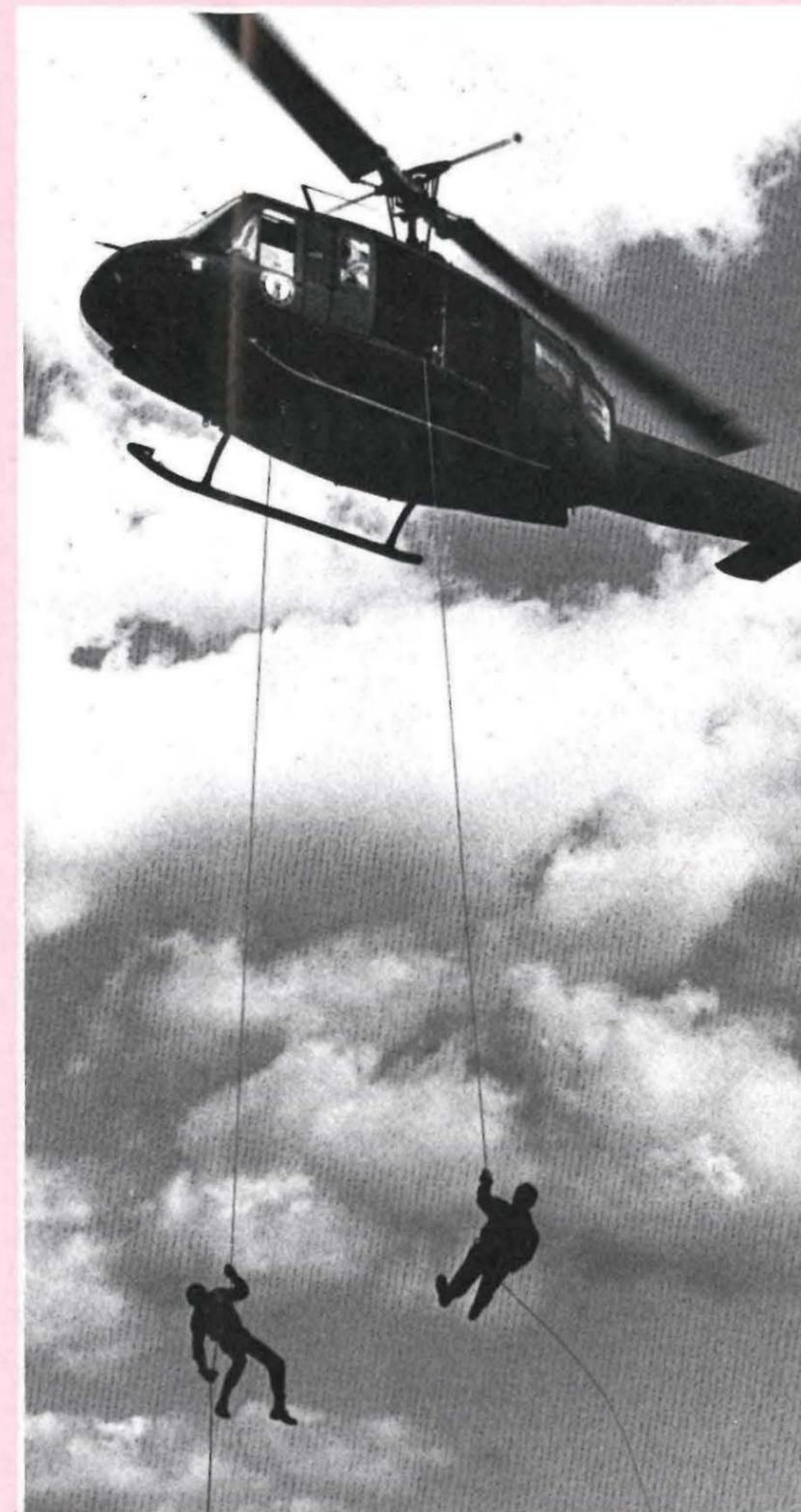
Ohio Army National Guard helicopters were utilized to unload assault troops during the joint Army/Air exercise.



THE C-130 is a highly versatile aircraft capable of moving both troops and supplies far forward and landing on unimproved airfields to insure continued support. Troops and equipment of Co. B, 1st Bn., 166th Infantry are landed in support of Operation Minuteman. (PHOTO BY MSGT ZANE ZIMMERMAN).



OHIO AIR GUARD fighter and airlift units supported ground operations during Operation Minuteman at Mansfield. (PHOTO BY MSGT ZANE ZIMMERMAN).



END OF ROPE! — This is one time you don't want to come to the end of your rope. Members of the Aerial Rifle Platoon, Air Troop, 107th ACR, demonstrate a means of entering the objective via helicopter. (PHOTO BY SP5 KEN WHITE).

Story By MAJ. James Chubb
State Training Office

Beefing It Up

Food Survey Reveals Chow Preferences

BY PV1 FRANK DOUGLAS
Staff Writer

Have a beef about the beef you find on your tray at your weekend drills? If you do, you're not alone.

A food survey and a couple of interviews done at the 73rd Brigade Headquarters Detachment show that at least some Guardmembers don't like Guard chow.

The Army's 14-day meal plan has been the target of most of the unfavorable comments and survey results. This plan, which many believe unchangeable, contains the menu and all of the recipes for the Ohio National Guard.

"The 14-day meal plan can be changed," said Maj. Douglas E. Wilson, state food advisor, and he opened the doors to those who might want to try to bring about that change.

If the modification is not too drastic, the process is rather simple. There are certain adjustments the dining facility manager can make, Wilson said.

"If it (the plan) is asking for baked chicken and his (the dining facility manager's) unit won't eat baked chicken but likes fried chicken, all he has to do is remember the next time chicken is on the menu to order a bag of flour so he can fry it," he said.

"We have ethnic groups that would like certain things and they like it prepared differently. They are allowed to do that," he said.

SPAGHETTI SELDOM

However, if you aren't happy with the selection (for example, according to the survey, the favorite of the troops of the 73rd is spaghetti which they said is seldom served) then things are a little more complicated.

"If you change an entire product,

this has to be approved by your state menu board," Wilson said.

"The big reason for that is we have to stay within what we call our Basic Daily Food Allowance," he said.

"The menu board meets twice a year, and they (anyone with a complaint) would have to go, preferably, to their brigade level food advisor," he said. "If they don't have that, they can submit a letter to the USPFO (United States Property and Fiscal Office.)

"Every recommendation is not going to be accepted on just the fact that they request it. Some will be allowed; some will not."

If the change desired is simply in the way the food looks, things can be done. "Units have paprika and other garnishes at their disposal."

ESPRIT DE CORPS

"The real difference between an average meal and a superb meal, though, is the esprit de corps of the men who prepare it," said Sergeant George Hensley, state headquarters detachment food service sergeant.

He urged the troops to express both their good, as well as their bad, thoughts about what comes out of the kitchen, and mentioned that morale is hard to build if you have to look in the garbage can to see how well the troops liked the food.

So if the vittles placed on your plate torment your tongue, there are things that can be done about it. Talk to the folks working in the kitchen, especially your dining facility manager.

If there is nothing they can do for you, get the word to the state menu board, Maj. Wilson, or Sgt. Hensley.

They can be contacted at USPFO-Logistics Dept., Beightler Armory, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

"We don't guarantee we'll change anything," Wilson said. "But we'll discuss it."



C Rations Now in Soft Packs

The next time you are lucky enough to be issued C-rations you might find a slight change in what you are given.

The Army has changed the packaging of the combat food from the well known olive-drab can to a soft pack.

The move was made to make the C-rations, officially called meal, combat individuals (MCI's), more portable. The packaging will also be burnable and no can opener will be needed.

Specialist Lori Ehrman commented that the containers resemble potato chip bags. "Don't worry, though," she said "they'll taste the same as the old C-rations."

Barberton Unit Hosts Community

Members of Company H, 2/107th Air Cav in Barberton decided town members should get a closer look at what's happening in the Ohio National Guard. The unit planned and held an open house recently. In addition, they picked up some publicity from a local newspaper article that outlined three ways to join the Guard.

Greensburg AASF Adds Special Touch

BY SSG REBECCA MONEYSMITH
Staff Writer

For a child, an emergency trip to the hospital can be a frightening experience. For a concerned parent, it can be devastating.

In some cases, Ohio National Guard members have the opportunity to make that experience less threatening. For example, members of the Army Aviation Support Facility in Greensburg often provide emergency transportation to Children's Hospital in Akron.

But, according to unit commander COL Raymond Galloway, flying the mission isn't enough. Once he has received word that the child has been discharged from the hospital he sends a personal letter to the parents expressing his pleasure at the family reunion. He adds in one letter, "Our program, as sanctioned by the Governor, enables us to utilize machines of war to positive community action that has characterized the National Guard since the time of our forefathers."

Galloway adds that the program was initiated in 1973 with over 500 successful missions flown since that time.

With his personal letter, Galloway adds a color photograph depicting a "human" helicopter carrying a child to safety.

For some people, saving a life is not enough; rejoicing for that life is the extra touch.

Nozzle Training . . .

Xenia Unit Learns To Use Fire Hoses

BY PFC CHUCK TRITT
Staff Writer

"We are required to perform 16 hours of civil disturbance training each year," explained SGT Woodward C. Gray, unit public affairs specialist for Detachment 1 Company A, 1/166 Infantry of Xenia.

This year, as part of that requirement, members of the unit spent a morning training with the Xenia Fire Department.

"This is the first time we've ever trained with the fire department, and we hope to learn what the fire department expects from us," said SGT Gray.

The answer came right away.

"Your primary mission while supporting the fire department during a civil disturbance, is to protect us and our equipment so that we can concentrate on fighting the fire," Lt. William South of the Xenia Fire Department told the Guard members.

Lt. South has been a member of the Xenia Fire Department for 24 years, and was in charge of the exercise.

During the training Guard members had the opportunity to use nearly three inch fire hoses with a variety of nozzles. Firefighters and paramedics explained the correct way to hold the hoses and the uses of the different nozzles.

"We have invited the fire department to send a representative to our next drill to teach the men CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)," said 2LT Robert Bosco, detachment commander.

While the first detachment was training in Xenia, the rest of Company A was performing similar training in Washington Court House, according to 1LT John Carruthers, the company commander.

If a fire had occurred during the training Lt. South said that he and his men would respond with the spare pumper truck they had at the training site.

The members of Company A completed the civil disturbance training with lectures and demonstrations given by Dan Aultman, Xenia police chief, and Detective Jesse Richardson a representative from the county sheriff's office, and a simulated riot with Guard members acting as demonstrators.



NOZZLE EXPERT - Lt. William South, of the Xenia Fire Department, explains the working of a standard fire hose nozzle to members of Xenia's Det. 1, Co. A, 166th Infantry. (PHOTO BY PFC CHUCK TRITT).

Meet the IG

Col. Robert D. Walker

Colonel Robert D. Walker, Ohio's Senior Inspector General says he's been trained that "digging for facts is much better than jumping to conclusions."

As the Presiding Judge of the Hancock County Common Pleas Court, Walker knows the value of listening, but notes that the IG must do more than just listen. The IG is the eyes and ears of the commander. He is required to conduct investigations and, of course, inspections. All of the IG's work must be done overtly, with nothing done undercover, says Walker.

COL Walker won his Combat Infantryman's Badge during World War II and

a star to his CIB during the Korean War. The colonel also holds Purple Hearts, and Bronze Stars, and has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

During his military career he has served as staff officer on battalion, regimental, battle group, and brigade staffs and was Assistant Chief of Staff of the 38th Infantry Division.

In addition to his extensive civilian education, Walker is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the Air War College. COL Walker is a senior colonel on the Army's list of persons eligible to be promoted to general.

Infantry Officer Course Scheduled

An Infantry Officer Candidate Course for Reserve Components has been scheduled at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., from June 19 to August 25, 1980.

Individuals who have demonstrated outstanding capacity for leadership and who possess those qualifications desired in a commissioned officer, are encouraged to apply.

Those who are being considered for

candidacy should be screened thoroughly to insure the applicant meets the administrative and other prerequisites of the course.

Application for School Training, NGB Form 64 and AGOH Forms 37-1, accompanied by related documents listed in NGR 351-5 and NGR 600-100, must be submitted through normal channels to AGOH-OT-SC no later than February 25, 1980.

385th Medics Support OMA at Atterbury

BY PFC CHUCK TRITT
Staff Writer

"Over hill, over dale, we will hit the . . . poison ivy???"

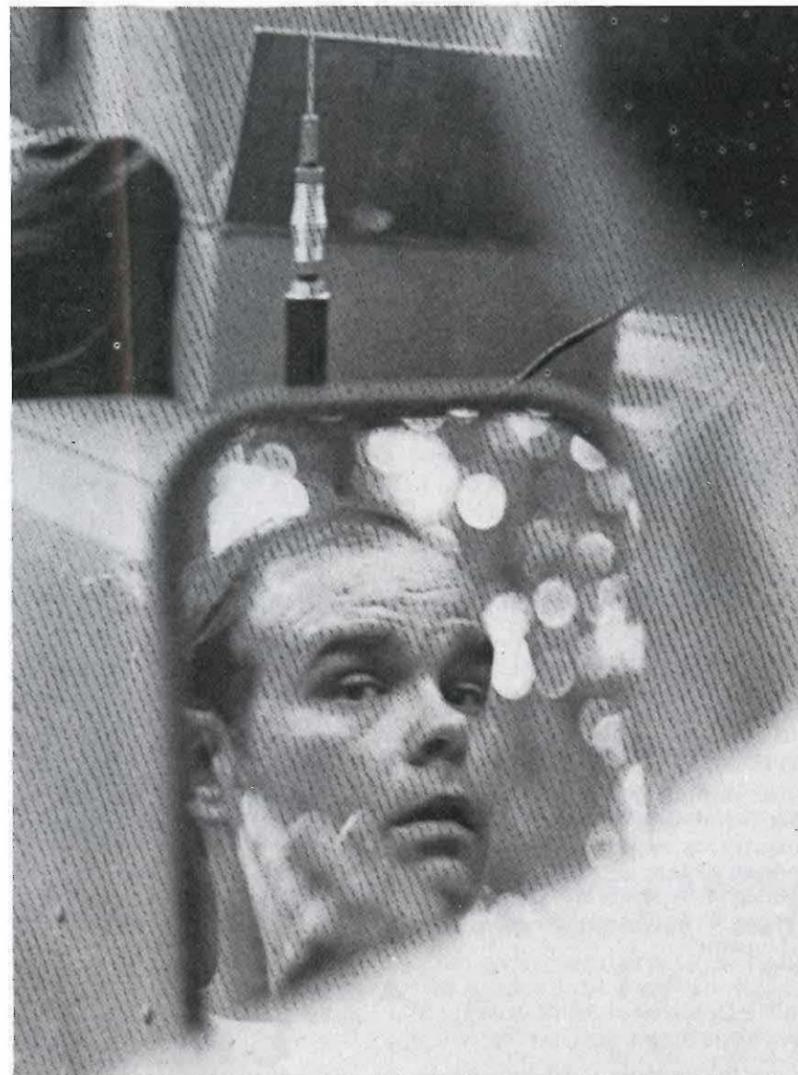
It may never be sung in cadence, but it's music to the ears of members of the 385th Medical Company (AMB).

During their two week stay at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, the medics of that unit were responsible for the medical care of the Ohio Military Academy cadets. This care could include anything from field treatment to ground evacuation.

Thankfully, most of the work given to the medics involved poison ivy and rashes, according to 1LT James Lendavic, company commander.

However, one of the more serious problems encountered was hypothermia, which is the lowering of body temperature due to cold. "It's one of the most serious problems in the field, despite all possible efforts to prevent it," the lieutenant said. He added, "Some people just can't take the cold like others can."

The life of a medic isn't all calamine lotion, however, since their services might be required at any time. At Atterbury, academy cadets had positioned themselves on a hill which was nearly impassable, even with a jeep. When one ambulance driver was asked how he maneuvered his vehicle up the tough terrain, he shrugged with the confidence of a pro and replied, "It wasn't too tough."



NEW IMAGE—Although they aren't required to participate in field training, members of the 385th chose to get involved. Lt. James M. Lendavic used the mirror of an ambulance to check the application of camouflage paint before a night exercise. (PHOTO BY PFC CHUCK TRITT).

Bowling Tourney Planned by ONGEA

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association has announced it is sponsoring its Second Annual Bowling Tournament in April, 1980, according to President Wes Stenger.

The tournament will be held on two separate weekends — April 19-20 and April 26-27 — to circumvent scheduled unit training assemblies and allow more individuals to participate.

Tourney competition is open to members of the Ohio Guard (Army and Air, officer and enlisted), retired NG members, civilian employees of the ONG, advisors, members of the ONGEA Auxiliary, and members of the Officers Wives Club.

The Enlisted Association members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing and the 160th Air Refueling Group will be the hosts of this tournament, with Mr. Robert Bachmann, a retired member of the 121st, serving as chairman.

The Dreaded COMET Can be Painless

Some soldiers feel that being hit by a COMET can be deadly, but according to LTC James Feisley, assistant state maintenance officer, the encounter can be quite painless.

COMET, or command maintenance evaluation team, "hits" each unit once a year. Its primary concern, according to the colonel, is maintenance, which includes management, training and safety. The reason units have trouble with COMET inspections, according to LTC Feisley, is because not all of the soldiers in the unit are certain how to prepare for the event, or even know it's coming.

The pain-killer prescribed by the

maintenance officer is a healthy dose of MAIT. The maintenance instruction team is available to help all units with problem areas. Members of the MAIT are not inspectors, the colonel stressed, nor are they sent to the units to do the preparatory work. "The advantage," Feisley said, "is that MAIT members know what is required for the COMET inspection."

To obtain help from a MAIT team, write a letter or request to the appropriate maintenance support unit specifying the area in which assistance is needed. The colonel added that the requesting unit should allow plenty of time for the scheduling of MAIT assistance.

We're the Best 77th Pathfinders Enjoy Jumping From Airplanes

BY PFC CHUCK TRITT
Staff Writer

If you are looking for a job that is a little different, the Ohio Army Guard may have just the unit for you. Ohio is one of only a few states that have airborne National Guard troops. Ohio's unit is the 77th Infantry Detachment (Pathfinder) Airborne which drills in Columbus.

Why anyone would want to jump from an airplane is probably the question most often asked when the subject of airborne troops comes up among non-jumpers.

"I like action units; I was looking for more exciting training and honestly for more money," explained Sgt. Chuck Martin of the 77th Inf. Det.

"I had been with the ranger brigade in Savannah, Georgia, and wanted to stay with the infantry when I got off active duty," said Cpl. Mark Pelphey who now lives in Marion.

"I came to Ohio because my parents had moved here from Maryland where I grew up, and because Ohio has the College Scholarship program to supplement my G.I. Bill assistance," Pelphey added.

"I find the troops here more self-

motivated and easier to work with than any other unit I've ever been with, said SSG Paul Tuth the unit's NCOIC, and a police officer in Oxford.

"This unit is smaller and more closely knit than most," Tuth continued.

About the jumping out of planes Tuth said, "Nothing beats stepping out of a plane, there you really have to know what you're doing."

Although the unit already has the highest percentage strength of any unit in the Ohio Army Guard it is always looking for more members, according to CPT John R. Basehart, the unit Jump master.

"Regardless of the strength of a unit, a man can still enlist for it," said 1LT Gregg H. Shaw, unit training officer.

"We're hoping to get the detachment's table of organization and equipment (TO&E) changed so that there will be more slots," Shaw added.

Shaw is proud of his men and noted that most have already attended college or are attending now under the scholarship program.

The spirit of the members of the 77th Inf. Det. was summoned up best by Sgt. Martin, "We're the best troops in the state."



CAPTAIN PETER COLLINS spends some time doing research preparing for a trial. (PHOTO BY TSGT TOM FOLEY).

251st CCG Wins High Award

For the third time since 1968, and the second time in a row, the 251st Combat Communications Group has won the Air National Guard Unit Achievement Award. The citation and trophy were presented by Major General Robert T. Herres, Air Force Communications Service Commander, to Colonel Pasquale A. Gicale, 251st Commander in October at Springfield's Municipal Airport.

By winning the award, the 251st established two firsts. It is the only unit ever to win the award three times and the first unit to win the award in two consecutive years.

The Citation reads in part " . . . The Headquarters 251st Combat Communications Group distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from January 1 to December 31, 1978. During this period the Headquarters displayed outstanding efforts in direct support of Joint Chiefs of Staff exercises, exemplifying the total force policy and demonstrating a desire to assist in active Air Force programs, portraying the outstanding capability and image of the Air National Guard and the United States Air Force".

Cpt. Peter Collins Provides Dual Service to Area

Stepping out of his A-7D Corsair II jet fighter following one of the many missions he flies with the 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron, CPT Peter Collins steps into the world of law in his civilian occupation as an attorney on the staff of Franklin County Prosecutor George C. Smith.

The 166th is a unit of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, stationed at Rickenbacker Air Force Base.

CPT Collins joined the prosecutor's staff after serving two years of internship with them. His job is to present cases to the grand jury for indictments and prepare cases for trial. He is also working his way into the criminal trial staff.

Following graduation from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., CPT Collins served in the Air Force before joining the Guard. He entered Ohio State University School of Law and received his degree in 1978.

UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio National Guard Officers' Association

BY LTC ROBERT ZIMMERMAN

The National Guard Association of the United States embarked on its Second Century of Service at its 101st General Conference in Cleveland in October.

The 48,000 member Association, devoted to promoting a strong national defense through the maintenance of a strong Army and Air Guard, had as its theme, "The State/Federal Connection." The Conference highlighted the Guard's dual mission of public protection and national defense.

A distinguished gathering of top military leaders and officials from Congress, NATO, National Guard Bureau, Departments of Defense, Army and Air Force joined Indiana Governor Otis R. Bowen, Chairman of the National Governors' Association, in addressing the almost 2000 delegates.

Among the guest speakers were General Bernard Rogers, NATO Commander, who gave the opening address. This was General Rogers' first speech in the United States since he took the NATO command.

Also addressing the conference were the Army Chief of Staff, General Edward C. Meyer and the Air Force Chief of Staff, General Lew Allen.

Dr. Harold Chase, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs and Mr. George M. McWilliams, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Reserve Affairs, also addressed the delegates.

The speakers reiterated the importance of the Total Force Policy. Lieutenant General LaVern E. Weber, Chief of the National Guard Bureau stated, "This

is the decade in which the Total Force policy has matured."

Weber also cited factors such as the shrinking size of the active forces and the skyrocketing cost of personnel as reasons for the integration of the reserves and the active forces.

Weber also stressed the importance of remembering what the Guard is and where its roots are, but cautioned, "Our heritage must be preserved, but we must not encumber that heritage with concepts and practices that were convenient in another day, but do not solve today's pressing problems."

The formal States Dinner concluded the conference and featured Ohio's own Congressman Clarence J. "Bud" Brown as the dinner speaker.

Ken Amos Thrives on Schooling

BY SSGT MARTY METZGER
179th TAG, Mansfield

Unlike the old cliché "Jack of all trades and master of none," 1LT Ken E. Amos seems to have adjusted to a variety of jobs and has done each very well.

Presently the Budget Officer in Finance for Mansfield's 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Ken began his career as a Highway Patrolman working the Ohio Turnpike for two years. He joined the Mansfield unit in March of 1964 and later became a full-time technician.

While in the unit, the lieutenant has worked in Life Support (five years), Operations (five years), Finance (three years), Maintenance (one and one-half years), and is now back in Finance.

To be fully qualified to hold all of these jobs, 1LT Amos has gone through extensive training and schooling.

First, he attended the University of Akron's evening college while working days as a full-time Air National Guard Technician. He received his BA degree in Sociology.

Next, he attended Maintenance Analysis School, a 60 day course, which he finished as honor graduate in just nine days. Most recently Amos attended the Accounting and Finance School for 10 weeks at Shepard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas, again as an honor graduate.

1LT Amos and his wife, Mary Ann, have two children and reside in Mansfield, Ohio, where Ken is active in local organizations.



Aussie Guest

DSA VISITOR - Inspector H. George Harrison, of the Australian Capital Territory Police, Canberra City, Australia, (left) recently paid a visit to the Ohio Disaster Services Agency in the Beightler Armory, Worthington. He discussed disaster and emergency procedures with MAJ Curtis Griffith J., Deputy Director of Ohio DSA. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).



Enlisted Association Rap

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

BY MSG WARREN MYERS AND SSG NANCY CLEVINGER

The National Conference was held in Phoenix, Arizona, September 9-13, 1979. There was a great amount of progress made at the Conference, both for the Ohio Association and for EANGUS. All committees worked very hard according to President Wes Stenger. He added he was very pleased with everyone's attendance and outstanding performance.

During the four day meeting, Ohio was selected as the site for the 1983 National Enlisted Association Conference. This will be a large challenge for the association, but this year's National was not all work. The Arizona delegation did a

'superior job in showing us all a great time with western night held at the Phoenix City Park. The food was delicious and the entertainment was super.

Now, with the 1979 National Conference behind us, we are looking forward to the upcoming events of our association.

Information will be forthcoming for the Annual Ohio National Guard Softball Tournament which will be hosted by District 4/Air, Springfield, Ohio.

We are also having a membership drive and would like to encourage all current members to sign up at least one

soldier. The more members we have, the more we can do for all.

The Voice is a magazine published every three months for informational purposes. If there is any article or note of interest that you would like to see in coming issues please send them to the Editor, Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association, P.O. Box 215, Dublin, OH 43017.

The next All State Conference will be November 25, 1979. Information about this will be released later. All members and guests are welcome.

Ohio's Auxiliary Top in Nation

Ohio won the AR '79 Awards Program. This was truly a great accomplishment to be the top state of all the states that belong to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary. It was a thrill for me to be able to present the First Place Trophy and certificate to Ilo Marvin, Ohio treasurer, who chaired the Ohio Delegation to the '79 Phoenix Conference.

Ohio also had the largest delegation of any state present. Those attending and serving in various capacities were Ilo Marvin, chairwoman of delegates, and delegates Delores Hines, Norma Zelnik, Thelma Scherer, Rhonda Spees and Evelyn Hilcoske. The alternates were Anita Budde, Judy Morrisey and Virginia Harmon. Ruth Morrow served on the nominations committee, Carolyn Vasko serve on resolutions, June Young served on area caucus, Vi Stenger served as chaplain, Sondra Monastra aided as national historian, Joanie Foster served as national air director for Area II and Lois Goodson was president.

Other congratulations go to Joanie Foster. She was re-elected for a two year term to serve as air director for Area II. Ruth Ann Zelnik, daughter of John and Norma Zelnik placed sixth among all the candidates participating in the Scholarship Awards Program. The beautiful squash blossom necklace the EANGUS Auxiliary was holding for a drawing was won by Sondra Monastra. Also, Ohio will host the 1983 EANGUS Conference.

We were very proud of MG James C. Clem taking time out of his busy schedule to speak to the Auxiliary mem-

bers at the Third Business Sessions.

Everyone had a wonderful time during the conference. I know that we will even have a larger attendance at the 1980 Conference in Milwaukee. Start saving your money now and you will be kept posted on all the activities as they are planned.

Do you have your plans made for the Ohio conference May 23-25 at Mohican State Park? If not you had better contact Russ or Peggy Ledbetter, 220 Deerfield NW., Dalton, O, 44618. Russ is chairman for the Association and Peggy is chairwoman for the Auxiliary. This will be truly a great time to look forward to. Make your motel reservations very early. Also plan on sending your registration in early so you won't miss out on a lot of fun and fellowship.

ONEGA Auxiliary is conducting a membership drive. Awards will be given at the '80 conference to the people sponsoring the most new members. Membership blanks can be obtained by writing to Treasurer, Mrs. Ilo Marvin, Rt. 2, Box 71, Baugh Rd., Delphos, O, 45833. When you sponsor a new member put your name at the bottom of their application. Send the application and a check for \$3 to Ilo. It is important that your name be on the application as sponsor since this is the way the top awards will be determined. Remember in order to belong to ONGEA Auxiliary the spouse must belong to ONGEA. One dollar of the dues will be sent to EANGUS Auxiliary making that person a national member. Let's really get busy on this awards program.

We had a good time at the All-State's

meeting in Canton. There was a nice group present. Watch for the dates of the next All-State so you can join in the fun.

If you need information or help on starting a local Auxiliary group, please let me know. Also, if you are not a member of the ONGEA Auxiliary and your spouse belongs to ONGEA, let me know and we can get you membership applications. All the officers and Area Directors are ready to help and will do whatever they can to promote the Auxiliary.

Please help us let others learn more about the Auxiliary. We can accomplish a great many projects by working together. There will be some legislation coming up that will need your support. When all the information is available we will let you know. By working as an organized group we can accomplish many benefits for our Guard members and families. I shall look forward to hearing from each of you. My address is 581 Mt. Olive Rd. N.W., Washington, C.H., O., 43160.

LOIS GOODSON
President, ONGEA Auxiliary

Stripes for Buddies

The "Stripes for Buddies" program has now been expanded through AIT. E-2 and E-3 stripes are now available for BCT and/or AIT by enlisting your friends. For more information, call 1-800-282-7310.

Buckeye Bits

178th VTA Wedding

Rosemary Wright, Springfield, and Timothy Stoner, St. Marys, both members of the Springfield-based 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, were married in September following the regular weekend training assembly.

The couple, who both hold the military rank of Airman First Class, were wed by Chaplain (1st Lt) John B. Ellington.

This is the first time two members of the unit have been married by the Base Chaplain.

Mr. Stoner works as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic at Riverside Equipment Inc., Wapakoneta, and Mrs. Stoner works at Midland-Ross in Urbana.

Shooters Net Crown

Ohio National Guard pistol shooters returned recently from the National Guard Pistol Championship Matches held at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, with the National Guard Pistol Championship. These matches, known as the General Winston P. Wilson Matches, are conducted annually.

This year, 40 state teams competed for five days, with Ohio shooters winning with an aggregate score of 6164 with 126 X's (center of the bull's eye count). The States of Louisiana and Texas placed second and third.

Team members were: Team Captain, SFC George Bergholz, Grafton; Team Coach, SSG Samuel Johnson, Bowling Green; Team Member, SSG Stephen Paver, Columbus; Team Member, SSG James Lenardson, Toledo; Team Member, SFC Charles Kwiatkowski, Toledo; Team Member, SSG Ronald Benge, Fairfield.

Troop I Open House

Troop I, 3rd Squadron, 107th ACR, Stow, recently conducted an Open House.

The affair featured static displays of equipment to include mortars, tanks; hand-guns, rifles, machine guns, infrared devices and vehicles used by an armored cavalry unit. In addition, a number of antique uniforms were also on display to the public.

Visitors were also provided the opportunity to view two National Guard films — "Voices of Freedom" and "Always Ready, Always There", according to recruiter SFC Eugene Grosjean.

Flight School

Guard men and women are currently being invited to apply for flight school, according to COL Robert P. Orr, state aviation officer.

According to the colonel, the field is wide open to those who meet the physical and mental criteria.

Guard applicants who are eligible will attend a 10 month school at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. The school, which is considered "very tough", includes officer training as well as flight training. But successful students graduate as warrant officers with flight wings.

Soldiers interested in the program should contact their unit AST for information on initial qualification criteria.

Telethon Help

Company C, 148th Infantry, Van Wert, participated in the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon in September.

Guard members were present to answer telephones and man the "fish bowl" from 7 a.m. Sunday until 6:30 p.m. Monday, according to Ann Marshall.

The Labor Day weekend provided the unit the opportunity to show the people of the area that the Guard is in the community to help at times other than disaster.

Members of the unit gave a free weekend to help collect nearly \$6,498 for "Jerry's kids".

Chairmen for the Guard's Van Wert fund-raising effort were PSG John L. Marshall and 1SG David Clouse.

Receive UK Award

Members of Det. 1, Co. A, 166th Infantry, Xenia, received an award from the United Kingdom recently.

A cloth patch, consisting of a pair of crossed rifles, was awarded to each member of the Ohio National Guard who participated in Annual Training at Sennybridge, South Wales, this past September.

Members of the Buckeye Guard went to Wales to train with members of a Scottish National Guard unit and were given the opportunity to meet the standards used by Scottish troops, according to SGT. Woodie Gray, Unit Public Information NCO.

SGT. Gray added, "Even though unfamiliar with weapons and tactics used, the Ohio Guardmembers performed up to, and often exceeded, the standards needed to qualify for the in-

fantry patch awarded to the Scottish troops.

The patches will be worn while on duty in a special plastic pouch hanging from the left breast pocket.

121st Donates Time

Members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker recently donated time to the Third Annual Sports Spectacular Celebrity Golf Tournament held in Columbus.

The benefit, held for Children's Hospital, was co-sponsored by LTC John Bernhart, 121st Squadron commander and MAJ Dennis Ferial of the 121st Mobility flight. Both men also serve on boards at Children's Hospital.

The event was called a huge success by participants, with over \$20,000 being donated to the hospital.

Haines Cow Winner

Airman Basic Jeff Haines recently proved that perseverance pays off. AMN Haines, an Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) specialist with the Ohio Air Guard's 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, has been entering his heifers in the Greene County Fair for the last nine years. For the first time this year his cow took home the blue ribbon. A 1978 Xenia High School graduate and long-time 4-H member, Jeff joined the Air National Guard to take advantage of the college tuition assistance program. He will be a freshman at Wilmington College this fall.

Safety Trophy

The United States Air Force's Tactical Air Command (TAC) Flight Safety Trophy was presented recently to the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) for the period April 1978 to April 1979.

The trophy recognized 12 consecutive months of mishap-free operations by all flying units assigned to the 121st TFW. Those units are the 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Rickenbacker AFB, the 178th Tactical Fighter Group at Springfield, the 180th Tactical Fighter Group (TFG) at Toledo and the 112th TFG in Pittsburgh.

**Next Deadline
is Dec. 27**

The Buckeye Guard

All About People-

DR. JOHN T. BONNER, of Columbus, has received the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from Secretary of the Army **CLIFFORD ALEXANDER** for outstanding public service as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Southern Ohio from March, 1973, to March, 1979. The high award was presented by **MAJ. GEN. JAMES J. LINDSAY**, Commander of U.S. Army Readiness Region VI, Ft. Knox, during ceremonies in the office of Adjutant General **JAMES C. CLEM**.

TSGT KRISTOPHER BICKEL recently received a citation and check for \$1,700 from **BG HARRY COCHRAN**, commander of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Ohio Air Guard, for his suggestion which resulted in a \$240,000 savings to the Air Force. His suggestion dealt with the fabrication of a counting accelerometer testing facility.

Ohio Army Guardsman **JOHN TWOHIG**, a life member of Youngstown AMVET Post #44, has been named Outstanding AMVET of the Year by the Ohio AMVETS during their state convention in Dayton. **TWOHIG** is a member of Cleveland's 107th ACR.

MSGT ADAM TALIERCIO has retired from the Ohio Air Guard's 179th Communications Flight in Mansfield. He completed over 28 years of military service.

TSGT CHARLES A. BAUER, a member of the Combat Support Squadron, 179th Tac Airlift Group, was recently selected Outstanding Airman for the group. **BAUER** is a senior cook with the unit.

MR. HOWARD MADSEN, Publisher of The *Crawford County Avalanche*, Grayling, MI., and **MR. PETER ALLEN**, General Manager for WGRY Radio, Grayling, were recently presented the Ohio National Guard's highest honor — the Buckeye Colonel Commission — by **BG JAMES ABRAHAM**, Asst. Adj. Gen. for Army, and **MR. DAVID SKYLAR**, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for Northeastern Ohio. The awards were presented on behalf of the Governor of Ohio for the outstanding media support both have consistently furnished the Ohio Army Guard during Annual Training at Camp Grayling.

SSG CLARENCE ESTEP, of the 213th H.E.M., Camp Perry, was recently selected Soldier of the Month for his outstanding performance in the four mile run with a time of 28 minutes, 44 seconds.

MR. PAT SPYCHALSKI, Vice-President of Entertainment Incorporated of Columbus, recently received a Certificate of Recognition from **BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM**, Asst. Adj. Gen. for the Army,



TAKING AIM — Staff Sergeant Ernest Holycross takes aim at an aggressor during the 121st Weapons Systems Security Flight's annual training at Rickenbacker Air Force Base. (PHOTO BY TSGT TOM FOLEY).

for providing a rock group called White Lightning to the Ohio National Guard for a free concert at the 1979 Ohio State Fair.

MAJ. PHILLIP MARRIOTT, 123d Tactical Control Flight Chief of Maintenance, and **CPT MICHAEL J. McCABE**, Maintenance Control Officer, recently passed a two-day 16 hour exam to complete the requirements for becoming registered professional engineers in the States of Ohio and Kentucky.

Ohio Army Guard **COL LESLIE PLETCHER** has received the U.S. Army Legion of Merit during a recent retirement party held in his honor. The award was presented by **MG ROBERT W. TEATER**, Commander of the Guard's Ohio Area Command. **PLETCHER** is a veteran of 33 years of military service and has been Commander of the Command and Control Headquarters, Ohio Army Guard, since its organization in Oct., 1978. He has been named State Marksmanship Coordinator for the ONG and will serve in that role in a civilian capacity.

SFC DANNY GAST and his wife **LINDA** celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary on Oct. 24 at Mancy's, a local Toledo night spot. **GAST** is a member of HHC, 612th Engineer Battalion, Walbridge.

SP5 CYNDEE CARROLL, of HHC, 612th Engineers, Walbridge, has been appointed editor of the unit's monthly

newsletter. The first issue will be mailed to the troops in December.

AIRMAN BASIC RONNIE D. MARSHALL recently returned from Basic Military Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, where he was named Honor Graduate. He is currently performing on-the-job training with the 121st Tac Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker, where he is a ground safety specialist. In civilian life **MARSHALL** is a Driver's Education teacher and coach at Linden-McKinley High School, Columbus.

PV1 TIM PORTER recently became the fourth **PORTER** to enlist at HHC, 216th Engr. Bn., Portsmouth. Other members of the **PORTER** clan, who are also members of the same unit, include his father, **SGT. CHESTER PORTER**; and brothers Specialists **JEFFREY** and **LAWRENCE PORTER**. **TIM** enlisted for both the cash bonus and the ONG College Scholarship Program.

CW4 EDGAR M. BROWN and **CW4 THOMAS R. TURNER** both of HHC, 372d Engr. Bn., Kettering, recently received the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service.

MSGT CHARLES F. HEFLIN recently received the Air Force Commendation Medal for outstanding achievement as a Reserve Recruiter. He is a member of the 121st Tac Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker.

178th Civil Engineers Rebuild Historic Hut

178th TFG, OHANG

The Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, near Fairborn, is Ohio's top noncommercial tourist attraction. The world's oldest and largest military aviation museum draws more than one million visitors a year.

This year, the Air Force Museum is drawing many men and women from the Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Civil Engineering Flight, Springfield Municipal Airport, but they're not tourists, they're workers.

The Springfield Air Guard civil engineers are working to reconstruct a World War II Nissen Hut from Debden, England.

LTC Peter Nissen, a Canadian-born mining engineer who served with the Royal Engineers on the Western Front during the Great War, designed the famous hut named in his honor. His corrugated steel huts with concrete floors were employed in two World Wars and housed millions of Allied servicemen. The huts were used for just about everything else besides barracks — latrines, warehouses, hospitals, etc.

The hut being reconstructed by the Ohio Guard members happened to have been used as an Officer's Club by the 4th Fighter Group, 8th Air Force. While the "Fighting Fourth" was based at RAF Debden between September 1942 and July 1945, the American fighter pilots assigned to squadrons 334, 335 and 336 destroyed 1,016 Luftwaffe aircraft.

Such aces as Gus Daymond, Don Blakeslee, "Kid" Hofer, Duane Beeson, Vermont Garrison and Don Gentile were based at Debden. As most Ohioans know, COL Don Gentile was from Piqua, about 30 miles from the museum.

Much closer to the museum, residing in Enon, is COL (ret) Andrew C. Lacy, former commander of the Ohio ANG's 178th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Debden from August 1944 until February 1945, when his P-51 Mustang was shot down over Germany.

After World War II, the Debden hut was used by the Royal Air Force until October 1973. Air Vice-Marshal Stephen Betts, Air Officer Commanding, No. 24 Group, RAF, presented the hut to the Air Force Museum. Accepting was GEN James E. Hill, Commander, Third Air Force, United States Air Forces in Europe. GEN Hill, now Commander in Chief of Aerospace Defense Command, was based at RAF Mildenhall, Suffolk, England, at the time of the presentation. GEN Hill had flown his first combat mission from Debden during World War II.

The Debden hut was dismantled in 1974 and shipped to the Air Force Museum, where it remained in storage until the Chief of Air Force History asked the National Guard Bureau for help. True



AIC VICKI L. TURNER surveys the site for the reconstruction of a World War II Nissen Hut at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB. She is a member of the 178th Civil Engineering Flight, Springfield. (PHOTO BY MSGT JOHN ZELNIK).

to tradition, the Guard responded.

Members of the 178th Civil Engineering Flight proposed a plan to reconstruct the hut. The plan included details for engineering, site surveying and plan-

LTC Frank Ladd (Continued from Page 8)

won the National Center Fire Pistol Championship in 1978 received a center fire pistol. Leonardson, who also broke the old record received the same.

Another credit to Ladd's outstanding performance as the state's marksmanship coordinator is the Junior Marksmanship Program.

The program, which is run on a national as well as state level, is sanctioned by the National Guard Bureau and the National Rifle Association.

According to Ladd, Ohio has always had teams and individuals that placed in the top 10 in the nation. Miss Dena Orth of Westerville, was the 1979 National Junior Shooter winner.

After his retirement, Ladd said he plans to participate in rifle competition throughout the state. Although he has an expert rifle classification, he does not consider himself a highly competitive shooter. He said his capabilities and interest extend to the limit that it is just fun.

ning, site preparation and excavation, installation of water, sewer and electrical utilities, full footer and reinforced concrete slabs, building erection and exterior landscaping.

Ladd will be succeeded by Col Leslie Fletcher.

Ladd was born in Delaware County, O., and enlisted in the Ohio National Guard as a Private in October 1939. He was a Specialist Sixth Class Dental Technician when he went to Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1943.

He served as a platoon leader with Company F, 120th Infantry, 30th Division in the European Theatre of Operations. His decorations include the Bronze Star with cluster, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Ladd, who is a collector of antiques and an ardent outdoorsman, donated a Smith carbine of civil war vintage from his personal antique collection as a rotating trophy for state units small bore competition. The carbine, valued at about \$500, is mounted on walnut.

Ladd, and his wife Florence presently reside in Columbus.

Wives Club News

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

Is it possible that the holiday season is in full swing so soon? In the midst of the baking, shopping, and gift wrapping, it is good to take a breather. Take a moment to reflect upon the past year and to look forward to the next. The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club has had an eventful 1979, and 1980 promises to be even better!

CONFERENCE NOTES

The 101st NGAUS General Conference, hosted by Ohio, in October, was widely regarded by the ladies in attendance, as an unqualified success! Marilyn Stults and her committee worked for some months to put together a varied program of activities for some 500 delegates' wives. The schedule featured a museum bus tour and luncheon at beautiful Eton Square, and another luncheon, with style show, at Higbee's department store. Also offered were three excellent in-house seminars. The large hospitality room for ladies was open all day, each day, with coffee and pastry.

Buckeye hospitality was liberally dispensed as Ohio wives were running this hospitality room, as well as hosting each table at the Higbee's luncheon, and every bus on the tour. The special gift for each lady was a wooden cardinal, our Ohio bird, cleverly hand-painted and perched on a tiny branch. These favors were the gift of the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club. This fact prompted many women from other states to comment upon the fact that Ohio has such an active and enthusiastic OWC. Surprisingly, some states have no OWC. However, the Ohio gals got lots of questions about the formation of such groups.

CRAFT LESSON

The October meeting was held at the DCSC Officers' Club. President, Mary Ann Doane, a very crafty lady, brought craft materials for everyone and conducted an on-the-spot lesson. One goal this year is to make the meetings livelier and to have the members participating in the programs. Participate they did in October, transforming English walnuts and bits of felt into beautiful strawberries, and learning to make flowers from burlap and corn husks. Each lady left with something which she had made and with a new craft to try at home.

AUCTION TIME

Without doubt, the most popular OWC meeting of each season is the annual holiday auction. As the group is not a fund-raising organization, the auction

provides the money for the club's expenses and for its Guard-related charitable work.

Each November, an absolutely amazing array of items is brought in by the members for auction. This year the highlight of the day was the presence of Mr. Max Taylor, a professional auctioneer, who really kept the bidding moving and the ladies entertained. Lovely gift items, and the brisk bidding combined to insure an enjoyable afternoon and a profit for the treasury! Thanks go to Mary Radcliffe, who served again this year, as auction chairwoman.

As usual there is no December meeting, in order to give Santa's helpers all the time needed to prepare for the big day!

DCSC JANUARY LUNCHEON

On January 28, 1980 (can it be 1980?) the meetings will resume with a luncheon at the DCSC. As usual, the social hour begins at 11:30, with lunch being served at 12:30. Remember, there is a nursery at the DCSC for those with

pre-school children. Program title for January is "Getting to Know You".

In consideration of the need to conserve gasoline, as well as the possibility of weather problems, the OWC board voted to cancel the February meeting this season.

CEREMONY SPARKS PRIDE

Occasionally, in the lives of Guard families, there occur events which, while they touch us personally, more importantly serve to increase our pride in the values we all share and the goals we seek to serve. The afternoon of October 28, 1979, was such an occasion for this writer and for members and families of the 160th Air Refueling Group, at Rickensacker AFB. On that day, command of the 160th passed from Colonel Edward J. Power, newly appointed Assistant Adjutant General for Air, to Lt. Colonel William J. Ingler, Jr., another dedicated and capable Guard officer. Reviewing Officer for this ceremony was Major General Clem.



VISITORS TO THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION — Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club President Mary Ann Doane (left) chatted with Mrs. Tom Moody (wife of Columbus Mayor Tom Moody) and Mrs. Sam Devine (wife of Congressman Devine), during a recent tea at the Governor's Mansion. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE).



Wishing You and Yours A Blessed Holiday . . .

As we near the end of another year, we find ourselves still at peace and enjoying the many benefits of a democratic nation including the freedoms we have fought to preserve for over 200 years.

We continue to set the example for the rest of the world in government, research, industry and human concern. In our zeal to excel, we overlook too often our attributes and concentrate on our shortcomings. However, this constant self-criticism helps us set new goals and look for new horizons. This is America and the Ohio National Guard is a vital part of it.

We wish for you and your families a most blessed Christmas and a New Year in which all of us will be able to meet every challenge.

COL. EDWARD POWER
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