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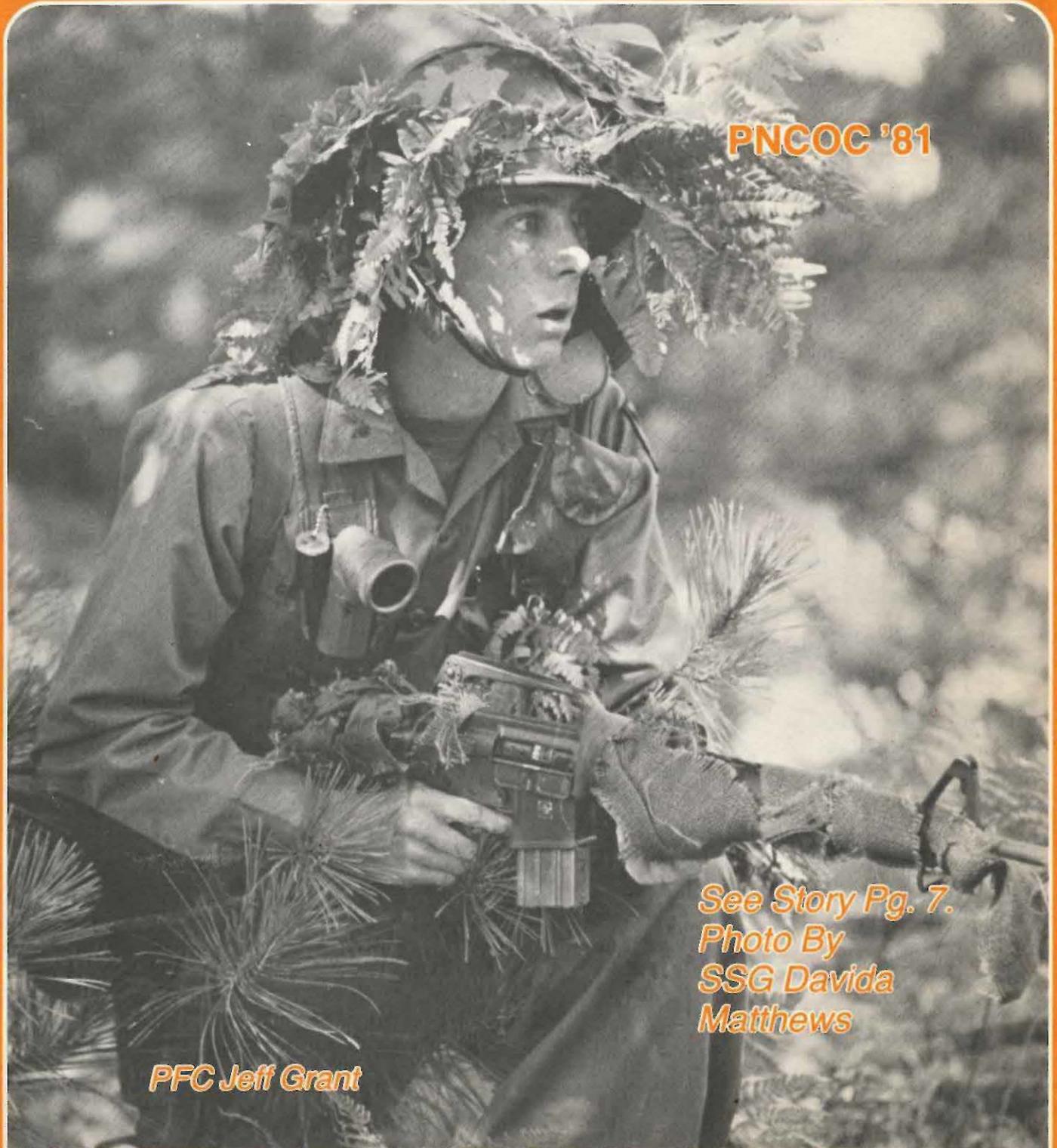
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Commentary

The AG Speaks

Ohio National Guard Day



Elsewhere in this issue you will find a Proclamation, signed by the Governor, declaring October 7, 1981 as Ohio National Guard Day. Many other Governors have also signed proclamations and the President has been asked by many congressmen to issue a similar proclamation.

In the past, we have encouraged units to hold open houses, speak to local civic organizations and otherwise use the day to tell the Guard story to the public and the part our Guard members play in our national defense and service to the state and local community. We hope each unit continues such activities, properly publicized, this year.

This year, however, we want to add a new gimmick to help make the public aware of what we are and who we are. We are asking each Guard member in Ohio to wear his military uniform to his place of civilian employment on October 7th if permitted by his employer. Most will, if you ask now. Each of you will receive a letter and an Ohio National Guard Day label the first few days in October, reminding you of the event. This should be worn on the uniform on October 7th or on your civilian clothing in the event

your civilian occupation precludes wearing of the uniform. We are over 18,000 strong and I can assure you we will make an impression upon our communities and our citizens if we wear the uniform properly and proudly. It will give you an opportunity to tell the Guard story. If you go out in the evening to eat or to a show, wear the uniform with your label. You will be surprised at the number of your friends and neighbors who will express their thanks for your service.

Each unit will be given an extra supply of labels for our civilian supporters to wear. Ask your local TV commentators, mayors, city council members, county commissioners, legislators and high school principals and counselors to wear the Ohio National Guard label also. It gives you one more opportunity to meet those members of your community who are so essential to our continued success.

Ohioans are proud of you, let them know who you are. After all, the Militia marched out of Marietta in 1788 into the Ohio Territory 15 years before Ohio became a state. We have a proud tradition to uphold.

Have a happy Ohio National Guard Day.

From the Asst. AG-Army

Command Responsibility of Tomorrow . . .

Most tests of readiness, training effectiveness, etc. measure how good we are at the time the evaluation is made. While this is of utmost importance in determining the current status of our units, I believe there is another aspect that in the long run is even more important. That of course is the quality of our future leadership.

In other words one of our most important responsibilities is to insure that trained, effective, knowledgeable leadership is going to be available to take on the command responsibility of tomorrow. This means that we have to think constantly in terms of recruiting for our future leadership needs. A tremendous start has been made in providing for tomorrow's non-commissioned officers through the Ohio Military Academy and the service schools. The schools provide the training facilities; remember, however, that the trainees are provided by current commanders in the field, depending upon how well the commanders do their evaluation and how consistently they recognize that they have a responsibility for the future. The

commanders determine what comes out of that particular unit as input into the various schools. The schools can only educate and train what is being sent into them.

Let's move on to the officer program. For a number of years now we have been short lieutenants throughout the Ohio National Guard. A Series of programs which provide our three basic methods of producing officers include our State Officer Candidate School, The Simultaneous Membership Program which provides us lieutenants through ROTC, while they are also members of the National Guard, and the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning.

Of course, there are certain positions in which we can give direct commissions, but that is very much in the minority. As a result of the combination of the three programs, we have been able to reduce our officer shortage by more than half. However, by the time our next OCS graduates and our next group of SMP cadets are commissioned, we will have come very close to reaching the same shortage that we had state-wide at the

Asst. AG-Army

last graduation period.

One of the things we don't recognize is that being at full strength is only a temporary condition. The turn over, particularly in lieutenants, is extremely high and today's full slate of officers not withstanding the 25 percent overage authorization is not a position with which to be comfortable. I can tell you with absolute assurance that most units that feel they are currently in good shape, will not be six months from now unless they plan ahead.

Thus, it is incumbent on leadership to continually evaluate the members of the Guard for whom you have responsibility, in order to find those people who could become our future leadership. The combination of SMP, Benning and State OCS pro-

vides us with an extremely well-rounded program so that anyone who has potential should not be denied the opportunity to achieve either a commission or become qualified to become a non-commissioned officer through NCO programs.

The two serious problems that must be overcome are these: (1) We don't have a good information program at the troop level concerning the opportunities in participating in tomorrow's leadership. We can't wait for those new recruits who specifically want leadership positions to make themselves known. Most don't understand the system and by the time they do, they may have lost interest. (2) We are not doing a good job of going into the units and ferreting out those individuals who have leadership potential.

It is realized that we are all so busy with our everyday tasks that we don't always have time to attend to everything we need to do. However, the responsibility of finding people with the express idea that they will one day replace us is one we can't shirk or minimize. We have the tools and facilities to produce our future NCO's and officers. What we now need is the determination and the realization that we must aggressively address this responsibility on a continuing basis. Whenever the future is left to chance, the generation which has the responsibility of providing for that future is not accepting its responsibility.

That is an indictment we can't afford.

Brig. Gen. James M. Abraham
Asst. Adj. Gen. - Army

Letters

Retirement Benefits

To The Editor

I have recently joined the Ohio National Guard. While talking to people in my unit and people in the Army Reserve; it was my understanding we had the same benefits. I am most concerned with the retirement after 20 years.

In the June issue of the *Buckeye Guard*, there was an article on page 23 "Reserve Retirement." The article stated that after 20 years of service "The Army Reserve" could retire and draw their money. Why wouldn't this "benefit" be the same for the men and women of the National Guard?

I would greatly appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

SGT CLIFFORD J. SEVIER
1193rd Engr. Co
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sergeant Sevier:

We have carefully reviewed the last page article in the June issue of our *Buckeye Guard* magazine. The article is correct in its basic content, however, it is in error in referring to "enlisted soldiers in the Army Reserve." It should have said "Army National Guard and Army Reserve." The final paragraph which refers to "reserve soldiers" and "reserve officers" was written in the broad context of reserve component, soldiers and officers. As you know, both the National Guard and Army Reserve are members of the reserve components. Please be assured that under Title 10 the 20 year retirement for active duty federal service is available to members of the Army National Guard as well as the Army Reserve. Similarly, the Title 32 retirement for 20 years of qualifying Reserve or National Guard service payable at age 60 is also available for

both Army National Guard and Army Reserve members.

You are correct in your assessment that federal benefits should be, and are equally available to members of both reserve components. Those benefits which are totally funded by the State Legislature are only available to our National Guard members. These include payment for State Active Duty and our Ohio National Guard College Scholarship Program. In view of your recent enlistment in the Ohio National Guard, we are enclosing a reprint of the "Benefits Section" from an earlier edition of our magazine. We have also enclosed a copy of the original article which was the basis for our "Buckeye Guard" article.

We apologize for the error in our magazine and for any unnecessary concern it may have caused you. We appreciate your bringing this to our attention so that we can make the necessary correction and also clarify the point for you. Certainly, if you have a question, others do also. You have helped us all by asking your question.

We appreciate your concern and interest. If we may be of assistance to you in the future, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Baker Recognized

To The Editor:

I feel that Captain Ronald E. Baker's permanent personnel file should contain the following commendation:

While driving North on I-270, just west of Gahanna, Ohio, at approximately 5:00 p.m. Aug. 20, 1981, I noticed a man lying on the shoulder of the road, receiving CPR from Cpt. Baker. I stopped and inquired as to

whether help was in transit and when informed in the negative, I requested assistance through REACT on CB 9.

Very quickly local Emergency Medical support, local police and State Highway Patrol support arrived. Cpt. Baker, from the 121st CAM Sq. Rickenbacker, was relieved by the medical personnel and then the victim was transported to Mt. Carmel East Hospital.

Captain Baker's prompt, selfless emergency CPR actions enabled the patient to regain heart movement and kept him in a living condition until the Emergency Medical support arrived from Gahanna. Too often the good people do isn't recognized and I don't want this to happen to this fine Officer.

I have since learned that the patient died about 1/2 hour after admittance to Mt. Carmel. This is unfortunate, but in no way lessens the fine Good Samaritan actions of Captain Baker.

Sincerely yours,
A. E. Harter
New Albany, Ohio

Staff Changes for 73D

The 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate) has made the following staff personnel changes: Brigade XO - Lt. Col. Daniel Snyder; Brigade S1 - Maj. Robert Doane; Brigade S4 - Maj. Gary Smith; Civil Affairs Officer - Lt. Col. Vinton Dorsey; 1/166th Inf. Bn. Cmdr. - Maj. Paul Cox; 1/166th Inf. Bn. XO - Maj. Harry Shaw; 1/147th Inf. Bn. XO - Maj. Raymond Locklear; Co. B. (Med), 237th Support Bn. Cmdr. - Maj. Gary Partlow and 1/136th Field Artillery Bn. Cmdr. - Maj. Thomas Middeler. Former 1/136th FA Bn. Cmdr. Lt. Col. Daniel Arnett will now be the XO of the Ohio Military Academy.

Award For 37 Years Service



Colonel John Marstrell, former Chief Dental Officer for the 121st Tactical Hospital, Ohio Air National Guard, Rickenbacker (Lockbourne) Air Force Base, was recently presented the United States of America Meritorious Service Medal by Maj. Gen. Robert Unger, Command Surgeon for Military Airlift Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Col. Marstrell retired March 25, 1981 after

37 years of service broken down into six years of active, two years Navy Reserve, eight years Army Reserve, 13 years Air National Guard and eight years in the Air Force Reserve.

The Ohio National Guard wishes Col. John Marstrell a pleasant and successful retirement. His years of service are sincerely appreciated.

26th Engs Win Maintenance Award

Congratulations to the officers and men of the 26th Engineer Company, Brook Park, winners of the National Guard Bureau's Annual Proficiency in Maintenance Award. This award is presented annually to a unit in each State demonstrating the highest level of efficiency in maintenance operations, management practices, and equipment readiness conditions throughout the year. These areas are measured through inspection reports such as AGI's and COMETS and semi-annual unit/OMS inspections conducted by the State Maintenance Office, and by readiness information taken from unit Material Readiness Reports (DA Forms 2406). The award criteria is covered in detail in NGR 672-1.

The award was presented to the 26th Engineers by Col. Billy D. Gibson, State Maintenance Officer, on behalf of the Adjutant General.

Congratulations are also in order for the 1483rd Transportation Company (Lt/Med), Eaton, Ohio and the 684th Medical Company (CLR), Westerville, Ohio, who ran a close second and third, respectively.

121st TFW Winners of 'Gunsmoke '81'



121st WINNERS — Lieutenant Colonel Conrad Martinex (left), life member of the Order of Daedalians, presents the Frank P. Lahm Flight 9 first place award to the aircrews of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing for their victory in the 9th Air Force Shoot-off for Gunsmoke '81. Team members are (from left) Major Lance Meyer and Captains Owen Cohagen, Tom Pape and David Miller. Pape was 'Top Gun' in the Shoot-off. (UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PHOTO)

A Tough, Challenging Experience

BY SGM SHERMAN E. HAGERMAN
Ohio Military Academy

As the Sergeant Major of the Ohio Military Academy, I have been asked many times what it "takes" to go to NCO School. What it "takes" includes many things. The material things, such as uniforms, field equipment or meeting the requirements can cause some problems, but nothing that can't be resolved. What it really "takes" to complete the course is initiative — the desire and will to lead and succeed. This **you** must furnish.

First, let me give you an insight into how to enroll, what to expect and what is expected of you.

We conduct three separate courses; a basic course for squad and section leaders (E4 - E5); an advance course for platoon sergeants (E6 - E7); and a senior course for E8's and E9's. All courses are announced in AGO letters accompanied by appropriate flyers for your unit administrators to post. To apply for the course, you should prepare AGO Form 351-3 using the information on the latest announcement. Submit the form to your first sergeant, making sure that all the information is accurate and complete. The most current form is dated 1 Jul 80.

The first sergeant will complete the form and forward one copy through your battalion command sergeant major, who will send

it to the Academy. OMA will review the application and if there are no complications, you will receive an acceptance letter mailed directly to you. This letter will include reporting dates, locations, and a list of equipment to bring with you. It is important that these directions be followed.

Upon arrival at the training site, you will be inspected to insure compliance with Army Regulation 670-1 concerning appearance and wear of the uniform. This means a regulation haircut, trimmed moustache (if applicable), shined boots, polished brass and all name tags and insignia properly worn. A leader must set the example in appearance and conduct and we enforce that logic from the first day.

After inspection, you will sign-in, be issued study materials and be weighed. If you do not meet the weight standards of AR 600-9, you will be released to return to your home station. It would behoove you to make sure you are within standards before reporting. There are provisions in the regulation that allow the exceeding of the weight limit based on body build, but this waiver must be processed by your unit administrator before you report to OMA. Also, if you are on a weight program and are within 5 pounds of your maximum allowable weight, bring

your weight program certification with you.

The next step is orientation where you will be briefed on school policy and introduced to staff personnel. At this time, course information is discussed.

The academy will teach you drill and ceremonies, land navigation, communications, BTMS, equipment maintenance and leadership on a GO or NO GO basis. You must demonstrate the ability to perform certain tasks, either by answering questions or actual performance, or be retested until your performance is satisfactory. After graduation, you will return to your unit and hopefully apply the principals of leadership learned at the Academy.

It is a tough, challenging and educational experience. It is tough because leadership is not easy. We provide the training, guidance and principles for you, the soldier, to develop yourself into a sergeant. We cannot make you a good leader nor will sewing on a set of sergeant stripes make you a good leader. What you **do** with your training determines that.

I hope this clears the air for anyone considering attending the Academy. If you still have questions or want more information, call the NCO School at (614) 889-7106.

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

A select group of Ohio Air Guardsmen from the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base represented 9th Air Force at the tactical gunnery and bombing competition, Gunsmoke '81. The team is made up of aircrews from the wing's 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron and maintenance and munitions crews from the 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

This is the first such tactical aircraft competition since a similar meet was held in 1962. The competition was conducted at Nellis AFB, Nev., September 3-11 and included teams from United States Air Force Europe, Pacific Air Forces, Alaskan Air Command, the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. The 121st entry had to qualify for the final competition by winning a shoot-off among 9th Air Force command, A-7D equipped fighter units.

The "Shoot-off" was conducted at Camp Atterbury Range, Ind. among the following

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tactical fighter groups: 150th of Albuquerque, N. M.; 178th of Springfield, Ohio; 180th of Toledo, Ohio; and the 121st TFW of Rickenbacker ANGB. Following the first place team standing of the Rickenbacker Wing were the Air Groups from Albuquerque, N. M.

The variety of events and aircraft in the meet will provide the Air Force with a realistic picture of tactical aircraft capabilities in the air-to-ground role. The competition is divided into three different gunnery events. First, basic weapons delivery patterns, i.e. dive bomb, low angle and strafing; second, tactical bomb deliveries such as pop-up and low level; finally, navigation and attack to measure precise navigation and target strike.

The aircrews from the 166th TFS are: flight leaders, Maj. Lance Meyer, and Captains Owen Cohagen, Tom Pape, and Dave Miller. It is purely coincidental that all the pilots are from Pickerington, Ohio.

Maintenance and munitions crews will also score points in the Gunsmoke competition. The maintenance personnel are subjected to a maintenance effectiveness evaluation throughout the competition period.

Munitions crews will compete in a 'load-off', a munitions loading exercise where precision, technical expertise, safety and speed are graded. The maintenance team from the 121st is led by Organizational Maintenance Superintendent, CMSgt. Gene Killilea of Grove City. The munitions crews are under the direction of Munitions Maintenance Branch Chief, MSgt. Jack Bishop, also of Grove City.

Results of Gunsmoke '81 were just received prior to going to press.

The 140th Tactical Fighter Wing (A-7, ANG) Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colorado, finished first in the overall competitions. Our own 121st Tactical Fighter Wing (A-7, ANG) Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio finished 6th in the overall competitions of 12 units. Ohio however, walked off with top honors in the A-7 competitions with the excellent performance of their Load Crews and Maintenance Crews.

A tremendous competition and our hats off to the fine performance of Ohio's 121st TFW.



BUCKEYE GIRL'S STATE — Members of the State Adjutant General's staff and staff advisors take time out during their visit to the 179th TAC Airlift Group. (l. to r.) top row; Brig. Gen. Edward Power, Julie Pierko, Elena Mondini, Linda Marcantonio, Sharon Roncone, and Lori Bauer and LTC Jack Arnold. Bottom row, (l. to r.) 2nd Lt. Margaret Bates, LTC John McKenney and SFC Judy Culbertson.

Governor Declares Emergency

BY SSGT. NANCY CLEVENGER
HHD, Worthington

The State House came crumbling down as the earthquake moved across Ashland College Campus. The bridge collapsed and the flooding began.

It was all part of an exercise to teach the participants at Buckeye Girl's State, acting as the Adjutant General's Department, to put into effect the training they received from 2nd Lt. Margaret Bates, SFC Judy Culbertson and SSG Nancy Clevenger, their staff advisors.

The acting Adjutant General for Girl's State, Sharon Roncone, Youngstown, Ohio, upon hearing of the disaster, immediately called her staff members, Elena Mondini, Asst. AG Army; Julie Pierko, Asst. AG Air; Lori Bauer, Quartermaster; and Linda Marcantonio, Recruiting/Retention Manager. They notified the State Highway Patrol to assist in traffic control, the Military MP's to keep law and order and to control looting, and the medics to set up a hospital and morgue.

The National Guard helicopters were called in to evacuate victims stranded across the now gone bridge. The injured were taken to a hospital, manned by the medical unit and set up in the Ashland College Physical Education Building. The dead were taken to a morgue.

The Adjutant General then called in the Buckeye Girl's State Engineer Detachment

for assistance in removing dangerous wires and telephone poles downed throughout the city. The Command Post, set up in the Adjutant's dorm, was busy with activity, as the staff members kept near accurate records of the deaths and injuries reported by their victims. The control of the clean-up of the disaster came from their efficient staff. The Buckeye Girl's State Adjutant General's Department carried out their duties in a speedy, professional and enthusiastic manner.

Buckeye Girl's State is sponsored by the Ohio American Legion and girls from all over the state participate in a seven-day government in-action leadership training workshop.

The girls are assigned to a political party, either Nationalist or Federalist, and are then assigned to one of 28 cities, all named for famous Ohio-born women and to one of seven counties.

The Buckeye Girl's State Adjutant General's staff were guests of Brig. Gen. James Power, Asst. AG Air and Lt. Col. Daniel G. Arnold, 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, for lunch and a tour of the air facility. They also visited the 112th Engineer Battalion, Company A in Wooster. SFC John Niehaus, full time recruiter for the unit was the tour guide.

Brig. Gen. Power presented certificates of appreciation to the Adjutant General and her staff.

Miss Roncone, Adjutant General, stated,

"The training we received was invaluable. We enjoyed it very much and have a much better understanding of the Ohio National Guard and how the staff at the top operates."

155th Trains At Fort Knox

BY PVT. 2 GAYLE BROWN
155th Maint. Co.

The 155th Maintenance Company from Chagrin Falls & Willoughby, Ohio, recently performed their annual training with the 76th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company (RA) Fort Knox, Ky. The Total Army concept worked out very well as the active and reserve forces joined teams to teach each other the many skills necessary to perform their military mission.

Along with their training on the heavy equipment, the 155th also had courses in map reading, combat skill, gas chamber and NBC defense.

One of the highlights while at annual training was the chance to ride in and drive the M1 Abrams tank. All felt the thrill of being in the gigantic tank, and experiencing its power was something they'll never forget.

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With the students still in full battle dress and camouflage face paint, Brig. Gen. Andrew G. Skalkos presents certificates of completion for the Primary Non Commissioned Officer Course. (PHOTO BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS)

Unique Graduation For PNCOC

BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS
237th Spt. Bn. (Admin)

An unusual graduation ceremony at Camp Grayling, Mich., July 26, marked the end of a unique course for members of the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate).

On the parade field before a crowd of over 300 well-wishers and special guests, students of the Primary Non Commissioned Officer Course for Reserve Components (PNCOC/RC) demonstrated skills they had learned in the course.

First, in a maneuver called an air insertion, four members rappelled on the field from a helicopter hovering at 100 feet, and established a landing zone. The men then guided two helicopters carrying two squads in for a landing. The students departed the aircraft using defensive skills they had learned in the course.

Meanwhile, from the other side of the parade field, the rest of the students — about 70 — demonstrated various types of overland squad formations a soldier might use in a combat-related situation.

PNCOC is the first of its kind in the state and perhaps the nation, unique because it is conducted by a cadre of 20 instructors selected from within the Brigade, and because it is aimed specifically at increasing leadership skills of enlisted men in combat-related specialties.

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Many new members of the Ohio National Guard (and maybe some not so new) are unaware of the Military Code of Conduct. The following is for those who have not seen or heard it before and to refresh the memories of the "old timers."

MILITARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Article I

I AM AN AMERICAN FIGHTING MAN. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

Article II

I WILL NEVER SURRENDER OF MY OWN FREE WILL. If I command I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist.

Article III

IF I AM CAPTURED I WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST BY ALL MEANS AVAILABLE. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

Article IV

IF I BECOME A PRISONER OF WAR, I WILL KEEP FAITH WITH MY FELLOW PRISONERS. I will give no information nor take part in any action that might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will back them up in every way.

Article V

WHEN QUESTIONED, SHOULD I BECOME A PRISONER OF WAR, I AM BOUND TO GIVE ONLY NAME, RANK, SERVICE NUMBER, AND DATE OF BIRTH. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

Article VI

I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT I AM AN AMERICAN FIGHTING MAN, RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS, AND DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH MADE MY COUNTRY FREE. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

Remember
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Logex '81 — 112th Med Bde

BY SSG MONA BREINING
112th Med Bde

Headquarters 112th Medical Brigade attended LOGEX 81, one of the largest CPX's sponsored by the military, conducted at Fort Pickett, Va., August 9-22, 1981.

LOGEX 81 (Logistical Exercise) composed of Active Army, Army Reserves, Army National Guard, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Reserves, combines all of the major service support elements required for the divisions in the Corps area during combat.

The LOGEX controllers/reactors were divided into sections, labeled with the command that would be assigned in that portion of the Theater of Operations. These controllers, armed with large map tables and computers, set the play into motion by rolling a set of dice. The dice controlled the number of the play, determining if a unit has a problem and/or mission.

The 112th Medical Brigade acted as the 80th Medical Brigade supporting four (4) divisions. The 112th was hit hard with problems relating to providing medical supplies to the front line, replacement of medical support units, and the main mission of evacuation of the sick and wounded.

The members of the 112th learned as part-time soldiers, that the job is a full one. Even though the support missions were on paper, the members are very proud of the fact that they could accomplish the missions and they

feel very confident they'll be able to do the job in wartime.

Two of the support units assigned to the 112th Medical Brigade for LOGEX 81 were the 307th Medical Group and the 369th Medical Detachment, USAR units from Columbus, Ohio.

Maj. Gen. A. E. Stilson, Cdr., and Brig. Gen. N. W. Martel, Deputy Cdr., 83rd ARCOM, visited the training site to view the two components working together. Other dignitaries who visited the area were: Lt. Gen. J. R. McGiffert, the Fifth Army Commander; Maj. Gen. Q. H. Becker, Commandant, Academy of Health Sciences; Maj. Gen. E. H. Walker, Jr., Director of the Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau; and Brig. Gen. R. W. Coan, Jr., Deputy Commander 103rd COSCOM, from Iowa.

The 112th was honored by distinguished guests from the French, Canadian, and German Armies.

The LOGEX 81 accomplished the goals that TRADOC had set for the 112th Medical Brigade and its support units. There were many favorable comments by all involved.

Guard Unit Passes MRE Test

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

They say practice makes perfect. And it's a sure bet that such an awesome task as coordinating operations during a mobilization could benefit from a dress rehearsal.

The Mansfield unit and its Eaton detachment participated in a Mobilization Readiness Evaluation (MRE) test, the first of its kind in Ohio.

Col. Robert L. Dilts, head of Command and Control Headquarters (CAC), said the mock mobilization was being evaluated by the State Area Command (STARC) "to see if the Immediate Mobilization Unit (IMF) is really ready."

STARC designees were, before the MRE test, assigned to two teams to carry out the mobilization test.

During a real mobilization, the Ohio Area Command, which directs the CAC headquarters, becomes the State Area Command (OHARC/STARC) directed by Maj. Gen. Robert W. Teater, after mobilization of all subordinate units.

Members of the 1487th went through all phases of mobilization during the test to include checking medical records, testing for MOS qualifications, and reemployment

rights upon discharge from Active Duty.

Dilts said that the CAC teams will write a report telling the 1487th, "This is what you have to do to be 100 percent ready for mobilization."

The transportation unit had a clothing and equipment shakedown as part of Buckeye Ready in October.

Dilts said that in October the unit had a lot of unserviceable equipment. But the inspection held during the MRE test showed a "big improvement." Now the unit is "really up to snuff," he said.

Company Commander for the 1487th, 1st Lt. Terry McQuillan, said the major reason for the unit's upgrading of its equipment was its acquiring a full-time supply sergeant.

He added the test was "going real well, and so far we haven't had any problems."

Dilts said the Command and Control Headquarters, which plans to have a MRE test once a year, checked the 1487th's records on the first day of the test and "very little needed correction."

About 90 percent of the 1487th's total unit strength of 184 participated in the two tests at Mansfield and Eaton, McQuillan said.

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269th Com

Sentry Buckeye Provides Valuable Experience

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

For the 269th Combat Communications Flight, Sentry Buckeye was a rewarding and revitalizing operation. It has been seven years since the unit deployed its personnel to complete training missions as a unit. The requirements of recent years have fragmented the unit team by team and sometimes individual by individual to participate in total-force type JCS exercises.

Sentry Buckeye afforded many 269th personnel a wide range of first-time experiences with the Guard as they moved their 24-vehicle-convoy to the Alpena, Mich., area from which communications equipment and personnel were further deployed to establish a communications network stretching as far as Norfolk, Va.

One hundred fifteen enlisted men and women and five officers worked together for the first time in a large scale road movement. All phases of deployment, employment and recovery; DCS entry which is usually impossible during UTAs because of difficulty in obtaining necessary frequencies; and exercising the unit management system were practiced during the training period.

Just as the unit received great satisfaction from their mission performance, living together for 15 days also proved invaluable as they developed the unit bond in their recreational activities. One particular "after-hours" achievement was the championship trophy which came home to Springfield as a result of teamwork on the softball field and the concurrent support by the enthusiastic 269th bleachers. It was a hard-fought tournament with teams from the 121st TFW and the 124th TCF; the 6-5 championship game was clinched in the bottom of the 7th inning.

Other skills sharpened during Annual Training included small arms qualification, competition of Chemical Warfare training, refinement of systems engineering and a new TSC-62A was used for the first time. The Alpena setting allowed familiarization with this fine piece of equipment and records of historical value were created regarding the terrain used for the operation.

Sentry Buckeye has become history, but the revelation and truths it proved about the 269th's readiness and professionalism will be a vital part of the unit's performance for years to come. The confidence and proficiency attained at Alpena will be reflected in the 269th as they are tasked with new missions.

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Green Clad Men Attack Area

BY STEVEN C. HOLCOMB
OCS Class 28

It was a cool spring day. The different families from around the area were outside, enjoying the cool, dry air. Many of them were cooking out of doors, while others worked in their yards.

Suddenly the calm of the scene was shattered by the staccato bursts of automatic rifle fire. The people watched horrified as they saw green clad men armed with rifles storm out of the woods across from their homes, and what looked like bodies laying in the roadway. Many of them began to move to cover, while some ran to their homes to rush inside. They watched as the men searched the bodies, surveyed the area, and then disappeared into the bushes.

Sound like a scene from a foreign country that is rocked with a revolution? Well, this scene took place at the Alum Creek Reservoir, just north of Columbus, during a training weekend of the Ohio Military Academy's Officer Candidate School, Class 28. They were there to begin their tactical training to learn the fundamentals of some basic infantry maneuvers.

During the weekend the OCS Class members trained under the watchful eyes of the 11th Special Forces group, a Reserve component based in Dayton, Ohio. They enjoyed the opportunity to assist in this training, for it gave them a chance to sharpen their skills.

The training evolved around squad level tactics, which prepared them for the platoon and company level maneuvers they had during their annual training at Camp Atterbury. The class enjoyed the training and really got into the spirit of the tactics.

They were taught movement techniques and the proper way to handle recon and combat patrols. They set up ambushes of suspected insurgents and occupied defensive positions.

The class performed all activities with the enthusiasm and achievement that has been the hallmark of the class throughout its training.

The members of the 11th Special Forces were very impressed with the class. And everyone benefitted. Even old soldiers with regular Army time remarked that they had learned much during the weekend.

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"Kemo-Sabi"

Get-um Up Scout

BY SFC RON REGAN
2107th A.C. Regt.

Chief Warrant Officer (CWO2) George Helm is a Cavalry Scout for the 107th Armored Cavalry Attack Helicopter Troop stationed at Worthington, Ohio. But, George never rode a horse and no one ever called him "Kemo-Sabi."

Mr. Helm at one time shared airborne scouting duties with Capt. Chris Christopherson who went on to become a famous movie actor and entertainer. One day Chris jokingly dubbed George with the nickname of "Matt", and he has been stuck with it ever since.

The mission of a Cavalry Scout is essentially the same today as it was 100 years ago . . . find and identify the enemy! "Matt" Helm is part of that old tradition, on a modern battle team. Today's airborne Cavalry Scout is assisted by a backup of four gunships. Their combined mission is to attack aggressor anti-aircraft weapons, tanks, armored vehicles and concentrations of enemy troops.

"A scout", according to Matt Helm, "must

be an extremely elusive man/machine target. A scout must fly over dangerous tree top altitudes at speeds in excess of 70 mph! When initial aggressor contact is made the scout must be able to abruptly maneuver his craft, descend and hover below the tree line. Then he must 'pop-up' above the protective cover and quickly assess the enemy."

"However", Mr. Helm quickly added, "a scout must never expose his craft for periods of longer than 10 seconds. To do so would mean instant destruction by the enemy."

When an enemy is identified, the scout calls in his team mates . . . the heavily armed gunships. After the target, or targets, are destroyed the scout continues onward to find additional enemy positions.

"Most days", continued Mr. Helm, "the mission is to fly along the Nap-Of-the-Earth (NOE), or the contour of the terrain. This is the most exciting and hazardous part of the job. Just one slight miscalculation can bring down a million dollar aircraft, and then I couldn't have fun on weekend drills or summer camp anymore."



INVASION OR WHAT? — Members of Company A, 612th Engr. Bn., Walbridge, are having a time building a wood trestle bridge during Annual Training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. A sudden "gas" attack was called and the men had to don their gas masks to complete the project. (PHOTO BY SGT. GILBERT BOOTH)

Co. B. Medics Learn Rappelling

BY Sp4 JANE KAGY
Co B (Med) 237th Spt. Bn.

Not content to perform only normal duties, several medics of Company B, 237th Spt. Bn. spent time during the first week of Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Mich., learning to rappel. This rappelling class was the first of a series of classes in special rescue techniques being conducted by SFC David Peters and SFC William Roberts of Company B.

Rappelling is an important skill for medics, since it is sometimes the only way to get competent life-saving care to a victim who is otherwise inaccessible.

The purpose of the training was to build self-confidence in each soldier, and to familiarize him or her with the special rescue equipment and its use.

The medics were briefed on the equipment and various rappelling procedures, including tying the Swiss seat used in rappelling. This included the use of hooks and lines and proper hand techniques in controlling descent. The volunteers actually practiced their skills in rappelling, at first from a low platform, then later from a confidence-building 50 foot-tower.

SFC David Peters said, "These newly acquired skills should help Co. B to deliver medical care in the field in an even more effective and timely manner than before."

During the second week of training the medics had rough terrain rescue exercises.



MEDICS RAPPEL — Pvt. Victoria Motok tries her hand at rappelling, a skill a medic could use when the victim is in an unaccessible location. (PHOTO BY Pvt. 2 DAVID H. BERNOSKY)



READY, SET, GO — With a bit of imagination and ingenuity, a classroom stage becomes an aircraft and two upright tables, the exit door, used to train pathfinder students in the Jumpmaster course in the various hand signals. (PHOTO BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS)

Recruiting/Retention Facts

Treat Our Soldiers Right

BY SGM WILLIAM PEWTHER
State Retention NCO

Today's Soldiers are, in many respects, no different from the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War. The Minuteman, then as now, has been called a part-time Soldier. We challenge the idea that they are "just a little bit" Soldier.

As are any good Soldiers, they are resourceful when the situation requires it; dedicated when the cause is valid; accept regimentation when the purpose is understood; will follow rules if they see the sense of them (and sometimes even when they don't); will work long, hard and diligently to learn jobs if they will actually work at them; will forego their normal human comforts when there is a cause they believe in; will take charge, make decisions and accept responsibility when there is no one appointed to do it; and will stay with a good, responsible, productive unit and organization only as long as it has meaning and represents the principles for

which they believe it should stand.

We are losing some of our most desirable Soldiers in ever increasing numbers because we don't treat them right. We abuse them. We insult their basic intelligence. We treat them like a bunch of "kids" and don't credit them with any potential, capabilities or desire to do what they came to do. Too often we ignore them until just prior to ETS.

Above all, they expect and demand the best efforts, honesty, integrity, and sometimes compassion from their leadership. After all, they are the true Volunteers, without exception. Today, as in the past, they come from every walk of life — the cook, the baker, the mechanic, the executive and the secretary, the doctor, and nurse, school teacher, the husband, the wife, mother and father, sons and daughters. Skilled or not, executive or laborer, this is today's Soldier. Not a second-class citizen, but a super citizen. This is today's, Citizen-Soldier, the national Guardsmember.

We are losing far too many of our Citizen-Soldiers, both at ETS and prior to their ETS. For the 11 months October, 1980 thru August, 1981, the Army Guard had a total of 2944 accessions, and 2056 losses; 756 of those were ETS or 36 percent, and 1300 of those were non ETS or 62 percent.

With *Care and Concern* for Soldiers, Effective Leadership, and Imaginative Training, I believe we can reverse this trend, and cut way down on our losses and be about the business of Training and Retaining Soldiers in 100 percent units.

**Oct. 22nd
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Jump Master Course Leads To Fame

BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS
237th Spt. Bn. (Admin)

The five graduates of the Advanced Airborne Training (Jumpmaster) course conducted by the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate) have achieved a bit of stardom for their efforts. The new jumpmasters, all members of the Brigade's 77th Pathfinder Detachment, are receiving numerous requests to show their newly-developed skills.

According to the course coordinator, MSgt. (P) Arthur A. Hutchins, the Brigade's Senior Enlisted Army Advisor and one of the instructors of the course, requests have included jumps on the first day of the NRA National Matches at Camp Perry and during the air show held annually at Rickenbacker, this year on Sep. 12.

"These jumps are not only good for public relations and recruiting purposes, they also give us a chance to jump into different situations," Hutchins said, "It's good experience for the pathfinders."

The jumpmaster course marks the first time a major command in Ohio has spon-

sored such a program, conducted almost entirely by Brigade members.

"Within the Brigade we had three qualified and accredited jumpmaster instructors, including myself, Sgt. Mark Arnold and Sgt. Harley Rittenhouse, both detachment members," Hutchins said. "With a little initial help and guidance from a military assistance team from Readiness Region VI, we were all set."

The students completed the course during the first eight days of their annual training in late July, completing more than 20 jumps in that time period.

Graduates of the course are: Spec. 4 James Compton; Spec. 4 Mark Basil; Spec. 4 Mark Pelphrey; PFC Donald Bitler, and PFC James Dyer.

**Cover Photo —
PFC Jeff Grant
during PNCOC**

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Getting Involved

An Ohio Air National Guardsman, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Melton Mutchnick, while visiting the Academy recently, helped revive a civil service employee who was experiencing breathing difficulties.

Dr. Mutchnick of the 180th TAC Clinic, Toledo Express Airport, Swanton, Ohio was touring the academy's Planetarium and Cadet Chapel when he observed an Academy fire department rescue team entering a nearby building. The doctor quickly identified himself and volunteered his services.

"During emergencies we all observe people who want to watch, but not get involved," said SMSgt. Thomas M. Flaherty, Academy disaster preparedness superintendent. "Most will find excuses not to get involved, let alone volunteer. Therefore, it is a pleasure to recognize Dr. Mutchnick for his dedication and willingness to help out during this emergency."

The Air Force Academy, located just north of Colorado Springs, offers a four-year program of instruction and experience that provides cadets with the knowledge, leadership, character and the motivation essential to become career Air Force officers.

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Oldest Vet Day

Buckeye Guard Honors 92-year-old

Entering the U.S. Army in 1910, at the age of 21, H. W. Kendall served proudly until 1913. Kendall, now living in Millersburg, Ohio, was once again recognized by the military when he was recently selected as this year's "Oldest Vet Yet," at the Ohio State Fair.

Kendall, still very spry and patriotic at the age of 92, said he is supportive and proud of the military. He said, "It was a real pleasure to be honored by the Ohio National Guard."

The Ohio State Fair "Oldest Vet Yet" program is an annual event jointly sponsored by the Ohio State Fair and the Ohio National Guard. The program is for the specific purpose of honoring all veterans, from all wars, with special recognition given to the oldest veterans in attendance.

Walter Faber, of Chillicothe, Ohio, was

the first runner-up, at the young age of 91. Tied for second runners-up were: Maxwell Seltzer, from Columbus, Ohio; and Joseph Lupica, from Marion, Ohio, both age 89.

E. P. Ritsman, from Springfield, Ohio (last year's winner), and Erwin Young, from Columbus, Ohio each 88 years of age, have attended the special program for the past five years.

There were 18 additional 'older' vets participating, ranging in ages from 82 to 87, with many spectators and dignitaries in attendance. The 122nd Army National Guard Band, under the direction of Maj. Shelly Saunders, played patriotic selections during the program, while overhead the 107th Armored Cavalry, Attack Helicopter Troop, did a very impressive flyover in formation.

Members of HHC 73D Infantry Brigade (Sep) military police platoon provided the color guard for the ceremony, while medics from HHC were providing good will to the veterans attending the affair.

SSgt. Earl Nicholas, Btry C 2/174th ADA, Cambridge, played the part of the Revolutionary Soldier as he has been doing since the inception of the program.

The main speaker for this day of recognition to our veterans was Maj. Gen. Robert Teater, Commander of the Ohio Area Command.

At the close of the program, all were honored by the presence of Governor James A. Rhodes, as he personally recognized the veterans, both prior service, and present, for their dedication to their state and nation.

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STATE OF OHIO Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD DAY

WHEREAS, three hundred and forty-five years ago, the First Militia Regiment of the Massachusetts Bay Colony was organized for the defense of that colony, thereby establishing the proud tradition of self-defense by citizen soldiers; and

WHEREAS, that brave beginning led to the formation of the National Guard, the oldest military organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in Ohio, our own National Guard traces its proud history back to Marietta in 1788; and

WHEREAS, over the centuries since its formation, the Ohio Army and Air National Guard have shown time and again their esprit and dedication by being willing to leave home, farm and factory to don the uniform of our country and serve our state or our nation, whether in time of war or emergency; and

WHEREAS, whenever disaster strikes or threatens the safety of Ohioans, the Ohio Army and Air National Guard stand constantly ready to serve, saving lives and bringing comfort to disaster victims in times of blizzard, tornado, flood, civil disturbance, or other major emergencies; and

WHEREAS, all Ohioans have learned to expect and deeply appreciate the excellent service of our guardsmen; and

WHEREAS, Congressional action has been instituted to designate October 7, 1981 as National Guard Day for the entire United States:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James A. Rhodes, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby proclaim October 7, 1981, as

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD DAY

and ask all Ohioans to observe this day and to honor the Ohio Army and Air National Guard for service to their communities, to the State of Ohio and to our blessed Republic.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I have hereunto subscribed
my name and caused the Great
Seal of the State of Ohio to
be affixed at Columbus, this
14th Day of August, in the
Year of Our Lord One Thousand
Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

James A. Rhodes
GOVERNOR



Secretary of State

The Howards

BY SSgt. DAVE SWAVEL
HHD, Worthington

One Bucyrus family, the Howard family, has made the Ohio National Guard a family affair for over 51 years. SFC Frank Howard, 82, retired, could start his own Company as four members of his family have been members of the Buckeye Brigade.

Howard enlisted in May, 1917, joining Company A Old 8th Ohio ARNG, which was later reorganized into Company A 146th Infantry. He was discharged in 1919 after serving in WWI. He re-enlisted in the Ohio National Guard in 1921, serving as Administrative Supply Technician at the Bucyrus Armory. Howard retired as a Sergeant First Class in 1958 with over 31 years of service.

Howard served as WWI Veteran's Department Commander for Ohio and is presently Deputy Chief of Staff of the National WWI veterans.

The second generation of Howards to serve in the Ohio Guard, is 56-year-old James E. Howard. He enlisted in 1947 and was discharged in 1955 as 1Sgt. of Battery B 1st Battalion, 174th Field Artillery, located in Bucyrus. His son, Steven J., 31, entered the Ohio Guard in May, 1969, and is currently the Gunnery Sergeant with Battery B 1st Battalion, 136th Field Artillery in Bucyrus.



HOWARD COMPANY - SFC FRANK HOWARD — (retired Ohio National Guardsmember, left), with his son, former 1Sgt. **JAMES HOWARD**, grandson **SSgt. STEVEN HOWARD** and great grandson **JAMES**, attend a unit open house. Another grandson, **DOUGLAS**, is a former member of the Ohio National Guard, and presently a member of the Nevada National Guard. (PHOTO BY SSgt. DAVE SWAVEL)

Another son, Douglas E. Howard, was a member of Battery B 1/136th F.A. before relocating to Nevada.

If tradition continues great grandson James should be signing up in the Ohio Guard any year now.

Who's The Ugly M.P.?

BY SFC RONALD V. REGAN
2/107th Armored Cavalry Regt.

Isn't a Military Policeman supposed to be big, tough and ugly? Well, that old myth is destroyed after one look at 5-foot 7-inch, 130-lb Specialist 4 Kathy Mae Morris of the 838th Military Police Company located at Youngstown, Ohio.

Morris, a lifelong resident of Diamond, Ohio and a graduate from Jackson-Milton High School, is not only a dedicated soldier, but a very attractive and intelligent young woman.

"As an Ohio National Guardsmember," says Kathy, "my job is to enforce the laws of the Ohio Revised Code or the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). A good M.P. learns how to use these laws to insure that all persons are protected under the law. We provide a service and we don't want to hassle anybody."

Morris received her training at the Army Military Police Academy, Fort Gordon, Georgia. Out of an initial enrollment of 44 women, Kathy was one of the 14 females to graduate from the rigorous course.

"It was a real challenge to me and I just had to work harder to finish so I could prove to myself I could do it," she said. "If it wasn't for the excellent training and continuous supervision given to me here at the Victoria Road Armory, I don't think I would be as good a soldier as I am today."

Her most unusual assignment so far was



Sp4 **KATHY MORRIS**

when the 838th Military Police Company was federalized into active Army duty to guard Cuban refugees at an encampment in Wisconsin. The M.P.s were sent there to in-

sure that the Cubans were made as comfortable as possible and to make sure they were properly screened and processed.

According to Morris, the unit was also assigned to control the refugee hardened criminal compound. Her unit was called out on a couple of noisy occasions. Kathy was the only woman in the 60-member military police riot control team.

"I really enjoy my weekend drills and the annual summer camp with the Ohio National Guard," she continued. "It provides me with a chance to travel and to experience unique situations that I would never find in Northeast Ohio. I also meet a lot of very nice people."

Morris takes a defensive view of all persons who protest and demonstrate against the reinstatement of the military draft. "They live here . . . I live here and I am happy and proud to be an American citizen," she said. "We have so many things in which to be thankful. I feel I will fight for my country . . . to the end, and I think everyone who enjoys the fruits of our freedom should be compelled to sweat a little to help preserve it."

Specialist Kathy Morris, along with three of her male counterparts, recently received a letter of appreciation from the Ohio Provost Marshall, for their professional manner in the investigation and apprehension of a suspect in an aggravated assault case while they were training at Camp Grayling, Michigan.

At '81 Success For 73D Bde



KEEP ON MOVING! — Tanks from 237th Cav Trp A Cincinnati, Ohio, keep on moving while they are being 'gassed' during field maneuvers. (PHOTO BY SFC NANCY CLEVENGER)

BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS
237th Spt Bn (Admin)

The firing of a live TOW missile and a visit by Governor James A. Rhodes at Camp Grayling, Michigan, capped a successful summer camp and a year of progress and change for the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate), headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.

During annual training (July 25-Aug. 8), evaluators gave the Buckeye Brigade overall high marks in nearly every area of training. They were particularly impressed with the Brigade's efforts to improve by making full use of the skills and enthusiasm of its members.

For example, a week before AT 81, 104 members arrived to take part in a course unique to Ohio and the National Guard — the Primary Non Commissioned Officer Course for Reserve Components (PNCOC/RC). The course makes use of a cadre of instructors selected from within the Brigade. (See related story, Page 00.)

Also, the Brigade sponsored a Jumpmaster course for members of the 77th Pathfinder Detachment, completed during the first eight days of camp. (See related story, page 00.)

These programs and the steadily increasing manpower levels were an indication to the evaluators as to the high morale of the Brigade. Over the past year, both recruiting and retention has been emphasized. The results were evident — three of the five top

units for net gains in the state last year were elements of the Brigade.

The 73D, commanded by Brig. Gen. Andrew G. Skalkos, also places heavy emphasis on recognizing units or individuals who excel in any aspect of training.

To that end, summer camp always includes awards honoring not only accomplishments during AT but also over the past training year. The following awards were received by the indicated members or units.

the "General Vernon P. McMillen Trophy" for Brigade Soldier of the Year, SSgt. John E. Holloway, Jr., Det. 1, Co. B, 1/166th Infantry Bn.

the "Sergeant Major William G. Bently Trophy" for Brigade NCO of the Year, 1Sgt. Frank A. Capple, Co. A, 1/147th Infantry Bn.

the "Col. Donald R. Thomas Trophy" for Best Medical Unit Regardless of Size, Co. B, 237th Support Bn.

the "Gen. Kermit A. Patchen Trophy" for Best Company Size Unit, 837th Engineer Company.

the "Col. Francis B. Folk Trophy" for Best 81mm Mortar Gun Crew, 2nd Mortar Squad, Co. C, 1/147th Infantry Bn.

the "Col. Andrew G. Skalkos Trophy" for Best Battalion Staff, 237th Support Bn.

the "Maj. Daniel M. Snyder Trophy" for Outstanding Unit Newsletter, 837th Engineer Company, "Dozer Bull" — Sgt. Tom Tilson.

the "Sergeant Major Leon J. Roy Trophy" for Best TOW Crew, Co. B, 1/147th Infantry Bn.

the "Maj. Joel S. Stephenson Trophy" for Best 4.2 Mortar Crew, 3rd Squad, Combat Support Co., 1/148th Infantry Bn.

the "Col. Clyde E. Gutzwiller Trophy" for Outstanding Rifle Platoon, 3rd Platoon, Co. B, 1/148th Infantry Bn.

the "Outstanding Scout Platoon" Award, Combat Support Company, 1/166th Infantry Bn.

the "Best Field Kitchen" Award, Co. C., 1/147th Infantry Bn.

the "Humanitarian Service" Award, Cpl. Michael R. House, Co. B, 1/147th Infantry Bn.

and the Command Sergeant Major Robert J. Goodson Trophy for Readiness, Btry B, 1/136th Field Artillery.

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Who Was Charles E. Austin?

BY SFC RONALD V. REGAN
HHT, 2/107th Arm. Cav.

In 1944, a young American infantry soldier from Omaha, Neb., nervously removed a shiny bronze military medal from the chest of a recently captured German Soldier. The American put the medal in his pocket and at that moment a mystery began to unfold.

It wasn't until the next day that Corporal Frank Martincik really took a good look at his latest WWII souvenir. To his surprise he found that the medal was a beautiful and well kept Ohio volunteer Civil War medal dated 1861-1865. The reverse side of the medal is inscribed as follows:

THE STATE OF OHIO
TO
CHARLES E. AUSTIN
VETERAN
14th IND. BATTALION
OHIO VOLUNTEER
ARTILLERY

Who was Charles E. Austin? What did he do before he joined the Ohio militia? Where did he come from? Live? Die? Did he have a family? But, the biggest mystery of all seems to be how this American Civil War medal fell into the hands of a German soldier? Corporal Martincik could never identify Charles Aus-

tin from the thousands of prisoners who were daily being captured, processed and confined to numerous German prisoner-of-war camps.

The possibilities for questions are endless. The answers, however, are less attainable. Little research through old volumes of Ohio history has revealed some vivid clues. Soon after the Civil War of 1861 began, the then Ohio Governor Chase, officially asked for 8,000 volunteers to join the Ohio militia. To Governor Chase's and everyone's joy . . . 35,000 farmers, tradesmen and laborers showed up to fight.

They all became known as the "Cornstalk" militia, and later under the leadership of Governor Tod, the "Squirrel Hunters." The Ohio militia fought bravely in many campaigns during the long civil war conflict.

This beautiful and unique medal now proudly resides in the Ohio National Guard mobile museum (See associated story, page 17), and is believed to be the only such medal in existence!

If any of our "Buckeye Guard" readers can add any information to this puzzle, please phone MSgt. Gennett, Curator, at (216) 832-4328 or write to him at 'F' Troop, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1924 Harsh Ave. SE, Massillon, Ohio 44646



Mobile Museum On Display

BY SFC RONALD V. REGAN
HHT, 2/107th Arm. Cav.

How many manhours does it take to recondition a dirty, rusty and beat up semi-trailer into a 'spiffy' mobile military museum? Well, MSgt. Guy Gennett never kept track of the time, but he and his repair crew from HHT, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment lovingly nicknamed the former battered hulk, the "Tin Goose."

This handsome and gleaming military museum officially belongs to the state of Ohio. Any guard unit can use this mobile museum and its historical contents for recruiting purposes at county fairs, parades and other local civic functions.

According to MSgt. Guy Gennett, the museum's curator, he will gladly accept military artifacts from any service and from any time period. "What we really need," says Gennett, "are more display cases, uniforms, old pictures, all kinds of service brass, medals, patches . . . anything . . . and every thing!"

Uniforms from the Spanish-American War of 1898, World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam era are all proudly on display. "Our most prized possessions," Gennett continued, "are the 1898 Spanish-American War uniform, A Gillette razor kit from World War I still in its original khaki cloth covered case, and of course our newly acquired State of Ohio issued civil war medal of 1861-1865." (See associated story, page 16).

All interested Ohio National Guard units are requested to contact MSgt. Guy Gennett



for further details. He can be reached by phone at (216) 832-4328, or by writing to him at 'F' Troop, 2/107th A.C.R., 1924

Harsh Ave SE, Massillon, Ohio 44646. All donations become the property of the State of Ohio.

Black Panther Anyone?

BY SFC ARVEL HALL
Co D, 372nd Engineer Bn.

Collecting the fabled griffin isn't the easiest thing to do, but Sgt. Allen Mead, a supply clerk with Company A, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Middletown, considers it just another part of his hobby.

Al (as he prefers to be called) has collected 265 such oddities since he began his hobby. He is a collector of Army and Army National Guard Unit Patches.

"I first became interested in the patches while stationed with a support detachment at Camp Perry, Ohio in August 1964. Our detachment was providing assistance to the various units attending the National Rifle Association (NRA) Matches being held there. I was really surprised at all the units from throughout the United States that had come to compete," recounted Al.

"One of the guardsmen and I started comparing notes about our units and before it was over I had one of his patches and a brief history of his unit. After that, I started trying to get a patch from everyone there," continued Al.

By the end of the NRA meet Sgt. Mead had obtained 25 different patches and had promises from several people who said they would mail him patches when they returned



AND THIS ONE IS — Sergeant Allen Mead, a supply clerk with Company A, 372nd Engr. Bn. (Cbt) (C), Middletown, Ohio points out another of the many Army and Army National Guard Unit Patches he has collected since 1964. (PHOTO BY SFC ARVEL HALL)

to their parent units.

It was a start and Al decided to set his goals high; he would collect all unit patch

shoulder sleeve insignias of past and present Army and Army National Guard Units.

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There are two patches he is currently interested in obtaining; the 66th Infantry Black Panther Patch and the 87th Division Golden Acorn which is now part of the Alabama National Guard, of which very few members are left, according to Mead.

Anyone desiring information on how to obtain patches or the history of a certain patch may contact Sgt. Mead in care of Company A, 372nd Engineer Battalion (Cbt) (C), 2002 South Main Street, Middletown; Ohio 45042. Anyone having patches to donate to his collection may contact him at the same address.

Al plans to display his collection throughout the state as soon as he completes it. He also plans to use it as a recruiting tool by displaying the patches at various fairs and community functions in order to familiarize citizens with the large number of units in the armed forces whose job it is to provide protection and assistance to communities throughout the world.

Al, a 37-year-old, Middletown native, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy and Elma Mead, 613 Baltimore Street, Middletown, Ohio.

The Buckeye Guard

Guardmembers Honored For Efforts During Disasters

BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS
237th Spt. Bn. (Admin)

Four Ohio Guardmembers — two Army and two Air — were awarded Ohio Commendation Medals recently for their outstanding efforts during the recent disasters in Northwest Ohio.

These four were singled out because of the exemplary manner in which they conducted themselves and the business of aiding disaster victims. The medals were presented to MSgt. Don Lundy, Jr., 196th Public Affairs Detachment; TSgt. Jerry Hefflinger, 180th Tactical Fighter Group; TSgt. Mark Kline, 179th Tactical Airlift Group and Spec. 4 Jane Kagy, Co. B, 237th Support Battalion.

Brig. Gen. Edward Power, Asst. Adjutant General for Ohio Air National Guard, was on hand to pin the medals on three of the four (Hefflinger was unable to attend) during awards ceremonies held at the Ohio State

Fair grandstand for the 1981 Tornado Safety Poster Contest. The Guardmembers were honored before a crowd of over 30,000 for their efforts during the tornado disaster at Cardington and flooding in the counties of Hancock, Putnam and Wyandot.

Approximately 200 Guardsmembers were called out to assist in the disaster relief effort. Cardington officials were aided by members of Headquarters Battery, Battery A and B of the 1/136th Field Artillery. Findlay and Ottawa, plagued with flood waters, received an assist from members of the Combat Support Company and Headquarters Company of the 1/148th Infantry Battalion.

In addition to Hefflinger and Kline, other members of their units also were on the scene to lend a hand.

All Guardmembers called out for the disasters will receive Ohio Special Service ribbons through their units.

Try Your Luck

Rifle And Machine Gun Tryouts

BY COL. ROBERT CLARK
State Marksmanship Coordinator

The annual Ohio National Guard Outdoor Rifle and Machine Gun "Tryout" Matches will be conducted at Camp Perry, Ohio, October 24-25, 1981.

The National Guard's Marksmanship Program offers individuals and unit teams the opportunity to refine their marksmanship skills with standard TOE weapons. Individuals compete for selection as a "New Shooter" for the State Composite Rifle Team and unit teams compete for selection as the Ohio National Guard's representative of the State's Combat Rifle Team or the Machine Gun (M60) Team.

All Ohio Army and Air Guard personnel or individual units are eligible to participate in the tryouts.

Ammunition will be provided, but all units must bring their own weapons to the tryouts.

The Tryouts will be conducted as follows:

Saturday, October 24
0800-0830 Sign In - Briefing
0830-1000 Shooters' Clinic
M60 Machine Gun and
M16 Rifle
1030-1230 Range Firing
1230-1330 Lunch
1330-1730 Range Firing
1730-1830 Supper

Sunday, October 25
0630-0730 Breakfast
0730-1130 Range Firing
1130-1230 Lunch
1230-1600 Range Firing
1600 Dismissal

Personnel wishing to arrive early can get quarters after 1800 hrs. Friday, October 23, by checking with the CQ at Bldg 3100. Personnel must bring their own sleeping bags.

Breakfast will not be served Saturday morning.

Commanders are authorized to utilize Sub-Assembly status for all personnel who wish to participate.

The National Competition for Ohio's teams begins in the fall when the Winston P. Wilson National Guard Championships are held at Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, Ark. The composite and combat teams each spend a week at the finest rifle, pistol and machine gun matches in the world. Some of the teams and shooters of this event are then qualified to represent their Army areas in the spring FORSCOM Matches at an Army base in their area. Only the top 50 percent of the teams can attend.

The Ohio teams go to Fort Riley, Kan. and usually do an outstanding job. Shooters are then selected to compete in the all Army matches held at Fort Benning, Ga. This yearly match is the high point of Army precision shooting.

Membership on the Composite Rifle or Pistol Team usually means a minimum two year tour. Shooters fire matches in addition to their normal drills as they are Guardsmembers first. New pistol and rifle shooters are issued their equipment necessary for competition. Shooters selected to be on the teams are expected to attend as many matches and practice sessions as possible, and are required to attend the Wilson Matches, one week in Sep. and the FORSCOM Matches, one week in April. Prospective shooters should keep in mind that the goal of the shooting squad is to win.

Interested personnel and unit teams should complete the reply card below and mail it to The Adjutant General of Ohio, ATTN: AGOH-OT-MC, 2825 West Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085, no later than October 18.

NAME/RANK: _____

UNIT: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

I am interested in trying out for the rifle squad.

My unit has a Rifle Machine Gun team and wish to tryout.

I have have not previously competed.

Pistol Team "Tryouts" will be held in April 1982.

Exercise Takes Ohio Air Guard Units to Mich.

BY Lt. Col. JACK B. ARLEN
HQ, Ohio Air National Guard

Several Ohio Air National Guard units participated in the month long "Sentry Buckeye" exercise being staged out of Phelps Collins ANG Base in Alpena, Mich. The exercise was a joint regular Air Force and Air National Guard training mission designed to strengthen the state of readiness of each individual to perform his military assignment.

Ohio units involved in the exercise were the 178th Tactical Fighter Group and the 123rd Tactical Control Flight. The 178th makes its home at the Springfield Municipal Airport and flies the A-7D tactical fighter. The 123rd is based at the Blue Ash ANG Station, Cincinnati.

These units were replaced by the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing from Rickenbacker ANG Base in Columbus and the 124th Tactical Control Flight from the Blue Ash ANG Station, during the second half of "Sentry Buckeye."

Other units involved in Sentry Buckeye included the 59th Tactical Fighter Squadron from Eglin AFB, Florida. They are a regular Air Force unit flying the F-15 Eagle. Another Air Force unit who joined us was the 87th Fighter Interceptor Squadron flying their F-106 aircraft out of K. I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan.

Additional Air National Guard units included the 191st Fighter Interceptor Group flying F-4 aircraft from Selfridge ANG Base, Michigan and the 110th Tactical Air Support Group, Battle Creek, Michigan and AO-37 aircraft.

The two Ohio units played major roles in exercise "Sentry Buckeye." The 178th TFG was responsible for all base functions at Phelps Collins ANG Base in Michigan. Their personnel manned the dining halls, security police, supply, maintenance and other facilities on the base for all units participating in the exercise.

The 123rd Tactical Control Flight had full responsibility for communication and radar control of the aircraft involved in the exercise. Their personnel also directed the pilots on their various missions.

Members of the 178th Security Police acted as ground aggressors at various areas on the base. Smoke grenades and ground burst simulators added realistic training to these aggressors penetrating an area of the base.

Additional support for the exercise was provided by State Staff personnel from Headquarters, Ohio Air National Guard. Heading the State Staff personnel was Maj. Harry L. Cochran, Jr., Chief of Staff, and Brig. Gen. Donald T. McGinley, Deputy Chief of Staff.

VOICE

ONGEA

THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Ohio National Guard's Enlisted Association strength depends on the total number of members in the Ohio Guard which join the ONGEA. There are many regions throughout the state which give that added "extra push" toward recruiting members for the Association, but much more emphasis is needed from the Sergeants' Major, First Sergeants, Senior NCO's, Directors and Unit Representatives to get their Guardsmembers involved in the ONGEA.

The ONGEA wants to provide the necessary force to bring legislation in favor of the National Guardsmember. It takes many people to have this force which will bring about changes; the more members the Association gains, the better are the chances of getting legislation passed for such items as purchasing discounts, prescription/vitamin programs, travel programs, license plates for Guardsmembers, etc. Increased membership should also bring new ideas from the

members to propose which would benefit all Guardsmembers. As a result of the ONGEA's past support, the Ohio Guard has gained the Tuition Scholarship Program (H.B. 228), \$50 minimum State Active Duty Pay and Credit Unions.

Please support your Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association by joining today. There are many projects to become involved with and the strength in numbers may gain the legislation necessary to get even greater advantages and/or benefits for the Ohio Guardsmembers. See your unit administrator, your unit ONGEA representative, or your first sergeant for an application to join your association.

LEGISLATION

Master Sergeant James Robarge and Staff Sergeant John Murphy are the Association's new Legislation Co-Chairmen. Both would like the membership to know they are pledging their sincerest efforts to improve the As-

sociation. The legislation committee is getting organized to reach each geographical area in the State. The committee will appoint assistants within each legislative district to represent the membership in that district, who will then advise the state representative. This is the first time a "Legislative Tree" has been set up within the ONGEA to better support the ideas and suggestions of the membership. The Legislation Committee will then be able to write resolutions and/or proposals which can be presented to the Legislators.

Remember to talk about your Association and what it is trying to accomplish. Join the ONGEA, attend the meetings when possible, and let Ohio once again take over the leadership with the most members from one state in the National Association. By becoming an Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association member you automatically become a National member. All retirees (and former enlisted members, now WO or Off) are also invited to join the ONGEA.

383rd Gives A Helping Hand

BY MAJ. WAYNE WAGNER
383rd Med. Co (CLR)

Not only did the 383rd Medical Company (CLR) from Cincinnati break into medical teams supporting a five state area during their two-week annual training, but they also had time this summer to work on several community projects.

Staff Sergeant Richard Stewart coordinated the setting up of aid stations in Cincinnati for the annual Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Bike-A-Thon. There were over 900 bike riders participating, which resulted in \$100,000 being raised for diabetes research. The medics provided assistance for minor cuts and bruises, and emotional support.

The 383rd personnel achieved so much personal satisfaction for helping with the Bike-A-Thon that they volunteered to work at the annual Special Olympics for handicapped Children, also held in Cincinnati. First Sergeant Richard Godfrey has coordinated unit efforts for this project for the past five years. Over 600 handicapped athletes, from Southern Ohio, competed in running, jumping and throwing events. The unit members worked on a one-to-one basis with the children and receive great personal satisfaction from this volunteer assignment.



A HELPING HAND — Sp4 Jan Schmidt gives a helping hand to one of the youths who participated in the Special Olympics for Handicapped Children.

Buckeye Bits

Guardmember Presented Scouter's Award

SSgt. Randy R. Koerper, a member of Detachment 1 HHC 216th Engineer Battalion, Ironton, Ohio, was presented the Silver Beaver Award by the Lawdena District, Scioto Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, for 23 years of service in Pack and Troop 105 of the Ironton First Baptist Church. Randy's mother, Mrs. June Koerper was also honored for 23 years of leadership and received the Silver Fawn award, counterpart to the Silver Beaver.

Randy is also a Post Committee Member for Explorer Post 101 which is sponsored by HHC, 216th Engineer Battalion, Ironton. Koerper has served with the Ironton unit for ten years.

SQT at OSU Campus

The 148th Infantry Headquarters, 1st Battalion, Lima, recently held their Skill Qualification Tests (SQT) at the Ohio State University Lima Campus. The skill performance tests included orientation, first aid and platoon readiness.

Best at Perry

Company A, 216th Engineer Combat Battalion, Corps, Chillicothe, is the proud recipient of the "Best Unit" award for their annual training performance at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The award is received for overall excellence in infantry tactics, maintenance of equipment, engineer type missions, and general support of the unit ARTEP training site missions.

Farewell to "J.C."

SMSgt. Jack L. Cramer, 179th Civil Engineering Flight Fire Protection Section, Mansfield Lahm Airport, was presented a plaque by TSgt. David E. Kissel, Air Technician Fire Chief, on behalf of the Air National Guard Fire Chief's Association. The presentation was in recognition of his 36 years and nine months of outstanding service to the ANG Fire Service.

"J.C.", as he was known by many Guardsmen, retired as Air Technician Fire Chief on November 1, 1980. He retired from the Air National Guard on April 10, 1981.

Jack was also awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Ohio Commendation Medal in Recognition of his meritorious service.

C Company, 372nd No 1

Company C, 372nd Engineer Bn (CBT) (C) Lebanon, Ohio, while at Camp Atterbury, Ind. for their annual training, was the only company in the battalion to receive a C-1 rating, qualifying them as combat ready.

Co. C was rated for their ability to carry out combat missions, morale, logistics, mess and training records, and many other areas necessary to qualify them for a C-1 rating. The unit is commanded by Capt. Ernest R. Adkins.

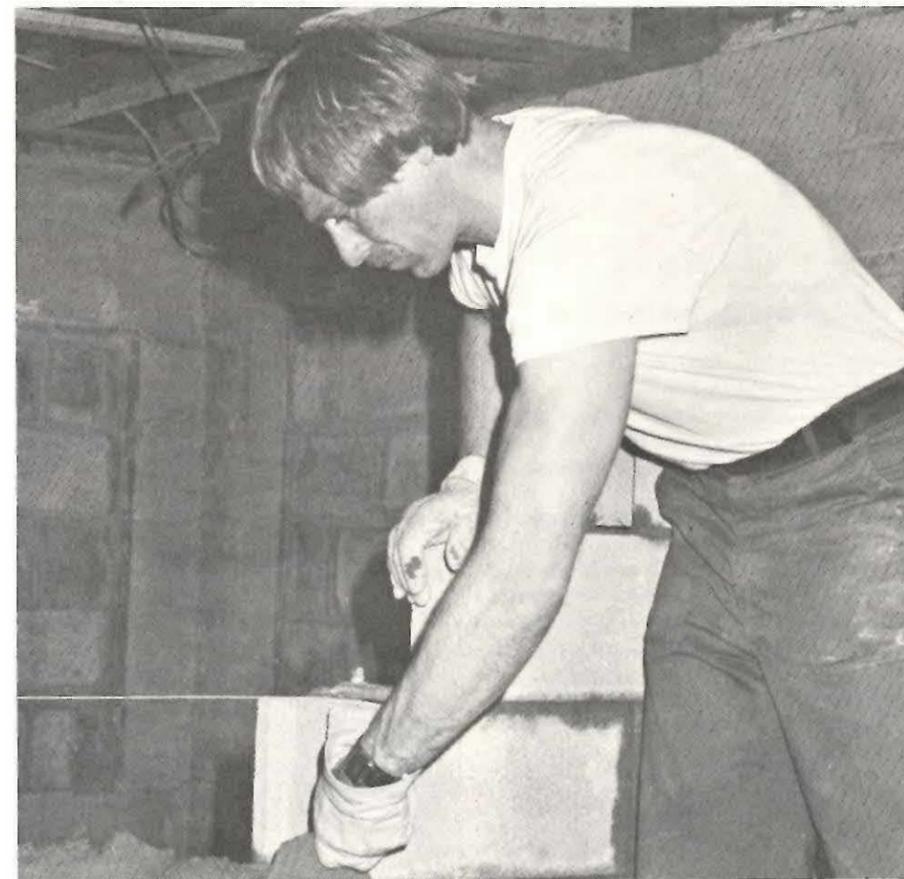
Smith Back from Ranger School

Cadet Jeff Smith, a member of the 1416th Transportation Co. (AVIM), Worthington, returned from the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga., completing the course



Jeff Smith

in the top 5 percent of the class. Smith was awarded the Army ROTC Military Proficiency Award for his exceptional achievements while attending the school. (See story on Smith in Aug. issue of **Buckeye Guard**, Pg. 22).



COMBAT CONSTRUCTION—The 20 members of HHC 612th Engineer Battalion's Combat Construction Section performed AT-81 at Camp Perry, Ohio. They were involved in several projects, including renovating the guest latrines and showers across from the Clubhouse, and the renovation of Bldg. 2600, which will be a new PIO Headquarters and Darkroom facility.

Wives Club News

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

FRIENDSHIP TEA

The DCSC Officers' Club was the setting, on September 22nd, for the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club annual Friendship Tea. Traditionally, the tea serves to begin the season of OWC meetings. Ladies from all over the state come together to greet old friends and to become familiar with the new names and faces in the group.

This first gathering is special, a gift from the club to the members. Warmth and fellowship are the themes of the day. The DCSC provided tasty and attractive hors d'oeuvres, which were complimented by the delectable array of confections brought in by OWC board members. Many thanks go to Karin Easley, a brand new Guard wife and this year's Tea Chairwoman, who planned a most successful party.

FALL FIELD TRIP

Autumn is perhaps the most beautiful time of the year and no time to stay sequestered indoors. We'll get enough of that when the snow flies, or so reasoned the planners of the adventure in store for October 27. The luncheon on that date will be held at the Chalet Lodge Herb Farm, 4410 Byers Rd., West, four miles west of Delaware. This unique spot features an herb garden of seemingly endless variety, a small herb greenhouse, and a barn converted to an herb shop and a totally fascinating place!

Owners, operators, and residents of the farm are Marny and Bob Dilts, who are also Guard wife and ONG technician, respectively. Marny, a gourmet cook, will prepare and serve a lunch featuring (what else?) unusual herbs. She will also demonstrate some innovative things to be done with herbs and plant materials, and give us a tour of the garden and barn shop. This is a meeting not to be missed! We will gather at the Chalet Lodge at 12:00. Efforts are being made to form car pools. The phone committee has details on this and directions for finding the farm.

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, SOLD!

A fall field trip is a hard act to follow. However, the annual OWC Holiday Auction is just the function to fill the bill. The auction, to take place at the DCSC on November 24, is sure to draw the usual enthusiastic crowd of members and guests. The by-words are "make, bake, sew, or grow", or just come, enjoy the fun and perhaps do some Christmas shopping. Each year the assortment of hand crafted items for sale is more enticing. Bidding will be brisk and a great time will be had by all. Proceeds from the sale, our primary fund raising function, go into the treasury to be used for Guard related needs.

SQUADRON SILVER

Congratulations are in order for the members of the 145th Air Refueling Squadron! The unit celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its formation with a reception at Rickenbacker ANGB on September 12. The party was also a reunion for 145th personnel, past and present, with a number of charter members in attendance. A particularly hearty welcome was given to Colonel and Mrs. Frank Cattran, who traveled from Florida to attend the celebration. Colonel Cattran was the first commander of the 145th. His spirit, dedication, and high standards are still very much in evidence in the unit. Wives of the 145th have always been enthusiastic in their OWC activity, so it was a bit of a Guard wives' reunion, also.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

To refresh memories about Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club, here are a few of the basics. If you are the wife of an ONG officer, the wife of a Guard advisor, or a female officer, the club is yours. This, of course, includes retirees. There are no dues. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, September through May, ex-

cepting December. Most meetings are held at the DCSC Officers' Club, on Columbus' east side, with social hour beginning at eleven-thirty, luncheon at twelve-thirty. Nursery services are available, which is a boost for those with pre-school children.

If you wish to attend, but aren't on a calling list, please, we need to hear from you! Contact Nita Elliott, 3623 Grafton Avenue, Columbus, OH 43220, phone 451-8588. All of the above activities, and much more, are for you. So join us! Details of winter plans will appear in the December issue of the Buckeye Guard.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Ohio National Guard Association is proud to announce that Ms. Lisa G. Ison of London, Ohio, is the recipient of an Ohio National Guard Association Scholarship Grant in the amount of \$500. Lisa, the daughter of Billy L. Ison, a member of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group at Springfield, has been accepted as a student at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, where she will major in business administration and accounting. Lisa, an honors graduate at London High School, was the recipient of the Marquerite Brill Spanish Award, was very active in high school athletics, was a member of the school newspaper staff, and was selected to "Who's Who Among American High School Students".

Another proud winner of a \$500 Ohio National Guard Association Scholarship is Mrs. Linda G. Beck who is pursuing a teaching degree at Wright State University. Linda is the wife of PSgt. William R. Beck, a member of Company A, 166th Infantry in Xenia. Linda, a 1968 graduate of Xenia High School, was an honors student there, and also inducted into Alpha Lambda Chi Scholastic Honorary at the University of Cincinnati during her freshman year. In addition to caring for her family, Linda is a volunteer at Valley Elementary School in Beavercreek, where she works directly with pupils in the learning disabilities classroom.

612th Wins Big in Pistol Matches

BY Sp4 CHARLES TRITT

196th P.A.D.

The results are now in from the 23rd Annual Ohio National Guard Pistol (Gallery) Championships. The one-day competition was held in Columbus at The Ohio State University. The individual winner was SSgt. George Withrow of Co B, 612th Engineer Battalion. Other top finishers were: SSgt. Robert Wilhite of the 299th Signal Platoon, 1st,

Novice; Sp4 Lyle Anderson of Co C., 612th Engr. Bn., 2nd Novice; Sgt. Juan Obregon of the 179th Tac Airlift Gp., and 3rd Novice; Sp4 Martha Beatty of HHC 416th Engr. Gp., High Lady.

The winner of the team championship was Co B, 612th Engr. Gp. Other teams ranking in the championship were, 2nd Place; HHD OHARNG and 3rd Place; Co C, 612th Engr. Bn.

The winners will receive engraved belt buckles in honor of their accomplishments. The competition is open to all Guardmembers except for Ohio National Guard Pistol Team members who run the event. There is no entry fee required to compete.

Every year notices are sent to units to be posted on the unit bulletin board. The notices give details on how to enter the competition.

All About People-

Members of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker, receiving promotions were: **JOHN BRADEN, BERNARD HAGL,** and **MANZONA BRYANT, JR.,** to MSgts.; **JOSEPH MULFORD,** and **GARY NEMETH** to TSgts.; **JOHN LAZEAR** to SSgt.; **DEBORAH DECKER** to SRA; **MICHAEL COVEY, MARTIN LARSON, JONATHAN MOORE, DAVID THOMAS, JR., JONI KITTS** and **CHARLES SAFFLE, JR.,** to AIC.

Members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker, recently promoted were: **PAUL P. EPPERSON** and **DAVID A. WUELLNER** to MSgts.; **CHARLES E. GENTRY, MARTIN RUTLEDGE,** and **DAVID L. WOLFEL** to TSgts.; **TRACY A. GRANER, TIMOTHY M. SHUMAKER,** and **JOSEPH A. VARRASSO** to SSgts.; **DONALD S. JAMES, PHILLIP L. JORDAN,** and **BRIAN D. O'HARRA** to SRA; **KENNETH K. BROWN, MARK E. CUNNINGHAM, HAROLD A. POORE,** and **JOHN W. RICHARDSON III** to AIC; **LOUISE L. MCKAHAN, CHRISTAN F. SAMMONS,** and **ANNA L. SHROYER** to Airmen. **GARY L. BALL, MICHAEL W. CARRIER, NOAH W. MARTIN,** and **JAMES W. PRITCHARD** to MSgts.; **DOUGLAS L. CRISWELL, SAMMY G. HADE, GEOFFREY Q. JONES, GERALD L. FETHEROLF, SAMUEL E. HATMACHER, JAYME L. MARZULLI, MARK C. PORTER** and **RICKY D. STELZER** to TSgts.; **JOHN M. HEISLER, EDWIN M. MOZINGO, JON M. McINTOSH, JOHN M. SZUMSKI, JAMES VLACOVSKY, KAREN L. WELCH** and **DOUGLAS P. WELSH** to SSgts.; **STEVEN M. CONNOLLY, GERARD P. DOWNEY, MICHAEL D. HARMON, LINDA L. HERTENSTEIN, MICHAEL F. ROGERS, ANDREW J. TIMEN, AMY B. CORRIGAN, JAMES ERINGMAN, BRADLEY C. HEINRICH, ANTHONY M. MARCHESE, PAMELA A. SPOTTS** and **WILLIAM D. UNDERWOOD** to SRAs; **TINA M. HARTLEY, DIANNE A. HENNESSY, DAVID J. NOAH, DUSENA L. SPENCE, LAURA ANN BRADY, JAMES L. BUTLER, III, MARSHALL B. CAHLANDER, MICHAEL B. CRISP, TIMOTHY G. GARVIN, DONALD A. INGRAM, KENT A. OUSLEY, FRANK E. REYNOLDS, III** and **PHILIP B. RHOADS** to AIC; **SCOTT L. CORRIGAN, DANNIE L. GLAZE, KEVIN T. MARINOV, JOEL D. STURGEON, JEFFREY P. LUCAS** and **GARY D. STOUT** to Airmen.

Members promoted from the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville were: **JOHN ECK** and **MICHAEL ENGLAND** to AIC. **GREGORY LOWE** and **EDWARD L. MARTIN** were promoted to SRAs; **RICHARD POLAND** was promoted to CMSgt.

The 179th Tactical Fighter Group, Mansfield Lahm Airport had nine personnel promoted. They are: **JAMES UNGERER** to SSgt.; **JEFFREY CHARETTE, RONALD COOK, MARK DECKER, KLAUS SCHMIDT, MAR-**

TIN DINGER, and **TROY STROHM** to SRAs; and **MICHAEL KISSEL** and **DAWN PORTER** to AIC.

Second Lt. **RICHARD E. MUSSER,** 837th Engr. Co., Lima, recently graduated from Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, GA., finishing as one of the top three graduates. Congratulates **LT. MUSSER.**

PVT. 2 JOHN PAPLACZYK, 1416th Trans. Co. (AVIM), Worthington, was selected as the unit's Soldier of the Month.

Special congratulates to **Sp4 BRADLEY HESS,** 1416th Trans. Co. (AVIM), Worthington. Sp4 Hess had a 3.9 grade average last quarter at the Ohio State University. **PFC NICHOLAS ANDROMALOS** was selected as the 1416th's Soldier of the Month.

Members of HHC 112th Trans. Bn., Middletown, receiving promotions were: **IMON MOBLEY** and **JOSEPH COMBS** to Sp4s; **ANDREW LEEVER** and **BRITTON FARIES** to PFCs.

Members of 1484th Trans. Co., New Philadelphia promoted: **CECIL MATSEL** to Sp5; **TERRY ASHBAUGH, JAMES BARTHOLOW** and **CRAIG WILLIAMS** to Sp4; **WILLIAM HADLEY** and **MELODY McCUE** to PFC; and **JEFFREY PATTERSON** and **DAMON JOHNSON** to PV2.

Members of 1485th Trans. Co., Covington, recently promoted were: **JOHN SARGENT** to SSgt.; **RICHARD MILLER, JODY REINEKE, LINDA BERGER, CHRISTOPHER ELIFRITZ, DONNIE HARMON** and **ROBERT GOINGS** to Sp4, and **CHRISTOPHER THUMA** to PFC.

Members of 1486th Trans. Co. (-), Ashland, recently promoted were: **BYRON NELSON** to SSgt.; **MELISSA LINDSAY, MICHELE NEWELL, STEVEN HISSONG** and **DENNIS BAKER** to Sp4s; **GLENN BROOKS** to CPL; **KEVIN HOFFMAN** to PFC and **JEFFREY DRUSHEL** to PV2.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY of Det 1, 1486th Trans. Co., Eaton, was promoted to PV2 recently.

Members of 1487th Trans. Co., Mansfield, recently promoted were: **JAMES LEE, GUY SPENCE** and **THOMAS TAYLOR** to Sp4s; **BERNARD BOLIN, SONJYIA BRYANT, CHRISTOPHER BRINLEY, LEWIS CARRINGTON, JOHN HALKO, JIMMY KEENE, EDDY McGLOTHLIN, JERRY MITCHELL, JEFFREY OWENS, HARVEY ROBINSON, SUSAN SMITH** and **TRACEY WALLACE** to PFCs; **ANTHONY VALDREY** and **ROBERT KUENKELE** to PV2s.

Members of Det 1, 1487th Trans. Co., Eaton, recently promoted were: **RICKY FIELDS** to PFC and **RICHARD TRISSEL** to PV2.

Members of Co C 372nd Engr. Bn., Lebanon, recently promoted were: **PATRICK BRANNON** to SFC; **FRANCIS LUTTERBIE** and **JOHNNY SALYERS** to Sgts.; and **RO-**

BERT SMITH to SSgt.

Promotions for HHC 1/148th Infantry, Lima, unit members were: **GERALD C. GAY, Sr., JAMES E. HOLIMON, DON R. LUGINBUHL, MARK W. STERLING** and **DONALD R. VITITOE** to Sp4s; **DARRYL A. BEGGS, THOMAS G. HOFSTETTER, DONALD C. HULLINGER, JR., JEFFERY P. KIRWAN, WILLIAM J. LUDWIG** and **CURTIS R. TREECE** to PFCs; and **GLENN GIBSON** to PV2.

Sp4 **KATHY MANN,** HHC, 1/148th Infantry, Lima, was awarded the Soldier of the Month for May.

Additional members of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker promoted were: **ERNEST M. KIGHT,** to MSgt.; **RICHARD L. CLINE, ROBERT E. HARTINGER, JOSEPH P. HAYNES** and **WILLARD L. WHEELER** to TSgt.; **LARRY D. GULLETT, PAUL D. HESTER, BOBBIE KIMP, PAUL W. ROBERTS** and **EDWARD L. SMITH** to SSgts.; **NANCY B. HAEFELI, JOHN C. JORDAN, MARD H. MIESSE** and **LAURA J. YOUNG** to SRAs; **DAREN D. BOGAN, JEFFERY L. BURGGRAF, JERRY A. LOCKE, JR.,** and **KIMBERLY A. REDMAN** to AIC; **BONNIE L. HITTLE, MARK E. HOBBS** and **KAREN S. MARTIN** to Airmen.

Additional members of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, recently promoted were: **WILLIAM HUNT** to MSgt.; **RONALD EVANS, LINDA HESS, GARY YORK, LARRY REMY** and **RUEBEN HAMILTON** to SSgt.; **PAUL ALLOWAY, CYNTHIA AUSTIN** and **CARL BEVINGTON** to SRA; **JOAN BRERETON, DEBORAH HENDERSON, DANA PHANEUF, DIANA LEADBETTER** and **DAVID THRAMS** to AIC.

Additional members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker, recently promoted were: **ROBERT L. LINDSEY** and **HAROLD L. TYSON** to MSgt.; **DAVID L. CLAWSON, RANDY E. GREATHOUSE, LARRY E. HOLMES, FRANKLIN KEELS, JR., RUSSEL E. MILLER** and **LARRY M. ROBBINS** to TSgt.; **CHARLES R. DIEZMAN, WILLIAM S. HAMILL, III, MICHAEL J. McCLELLAND, MATTHEW W. PORTER,** and **CHARLES D. WILDE** to SSgt.; **BRADFORD J. MOYER, STEVEN C. OXLEY, HOWARD W. RANSHAW, JR., GREGORY R. WATSON** and **SCOTT P. WILSON** to SRA; **ROBERT J. BAKER, MARK A. GROSSER** and **DEBRA L. WILLIAMS** to AIC; **ERIC M. BERLIN, GREGORY E. HARBER, JACK H. HESS, II,** and **RALPH B. SMITH, JR.** to Amn.

Several promotions received by members of HHD, Worthington included: **DEBBIE THOMPSON** to Sp5; **NANCY M. CLEVINGER, MARIAN ZUCKER, PAUL OLDAKER, JOHN STRICKLIN** and **CAREY MILLER** to SFC; **GREGORY POWER** and **GARY CHETWOOD** to SSG; and **OLBLICA NUTTER** to SGT.

The Buckeye Guard

For Your Information

Ministry/Pastoral Care Courses

The following Hospital Ministry and Pastoral Care Courses will be offered for FY 82: October 18-30, 1981 Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC 20012; November 8-20, 1981 Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234; March 14-26, 1982 Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC 20012; and April 18-30, 1982 Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234.

A limited number of spaces is available. Applications should be submitted in accordance with AGO Regulation 351-1, with applicant's religious denomination entered in Item 1 of NGB Form 64. For further information please contact the State Training Office (614) 889-7100.

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*Wear Your Uniform
Ohio National
Guard Day
October 7, 1981*



TURRET SCHOLAR HEAVY — Each of these new members of HHT, 2nd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment from Canton, Ohio, recently enlisted in the Ohio National Guard to receive the Four Year College Scholarship. Sitting on the turret of an M48-A5 tank are (left to right), William McMahan, Rick Powis, Vic Viccari, Patrick Neer, Brad Davies and Mike Hardgrove. Standing over his new brood of enlistees is Canton's area recruiter, Sgt. Walt Owens. (PHOTO BY SFC RON REGAN)

Survivor Benefit Plan

The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), which went into effect in June, 1979, now allows Guardmembers to designate a portion of their retirement annuity to provide death benefits for designated survivors. This option is available when the Guards member completes 20 years of qualifying service for retired pay. This plan includes members of both the Ohio Army and Air National Guard.

The SBP provides three options which a retirement-eligible Guardmember may elect; (A) The Guardmember may decline to make a selection for or against SBP coverage until he or she reaches age 60. By electing this option no survivor benefits will be available during the years between attaining retirement eligibility and reaching age 60. Should the servicemember die during this period without a designation, no retirement annuity will be paid. (B) The Guardmember may elect to provide a survivor benefit annuity, payable on the date the Guardmember would have reached age 60, if death comes before that time. (C) The third option allows the Guardmember to have the survivor annuity made payable to the survivor on the date of death, regardless of whether death occurs before or after age 60.

Upon verification of completion of 20 years of qualifying service, the Guard-

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member will receive a letter of Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at age 60 through channels from National Guard Bureau. A letter from the Adjutant General's Department, along with Survivor Benefit Plan Election Forms (DD 1883), will also be mailed to the Guardmember. One of the above three elections must be made within 90 days after receipt of this notification, and the forms returned to the AG Dept. If the Guardmember elects Option A, the spouse must complete the required statement on DD 1883 acknowledging he or she is aware of the decision to elect this option. In this case the forms must be notarized before returning to the AG Dept.

Although we cannot recommend a specific option, each individual should carefully consider his or her personal situation and their desire to provide a retirement annuity to a designated beneficiary in event of their death before age 60 or even after they reach age 60. Obviously, the desires of single, married, divorced or widowed service members may all be different. We urge you to make an intelligent and informed decision.

For further information on the Survivor Benefit Plan please contact your unit administrator.

Change in Closing

The Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base Commissary has a new Saturday closing hour to give Guardmembers a chance to use the Commissary after duty hours.

The new Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Insurance Update

If you are a newly wed, recently divorced, or have had a new addition to your family, make sure your insurance forms in your personnel records file include the recent information.

If you are not sure if your forms are current see your unit administrator.

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