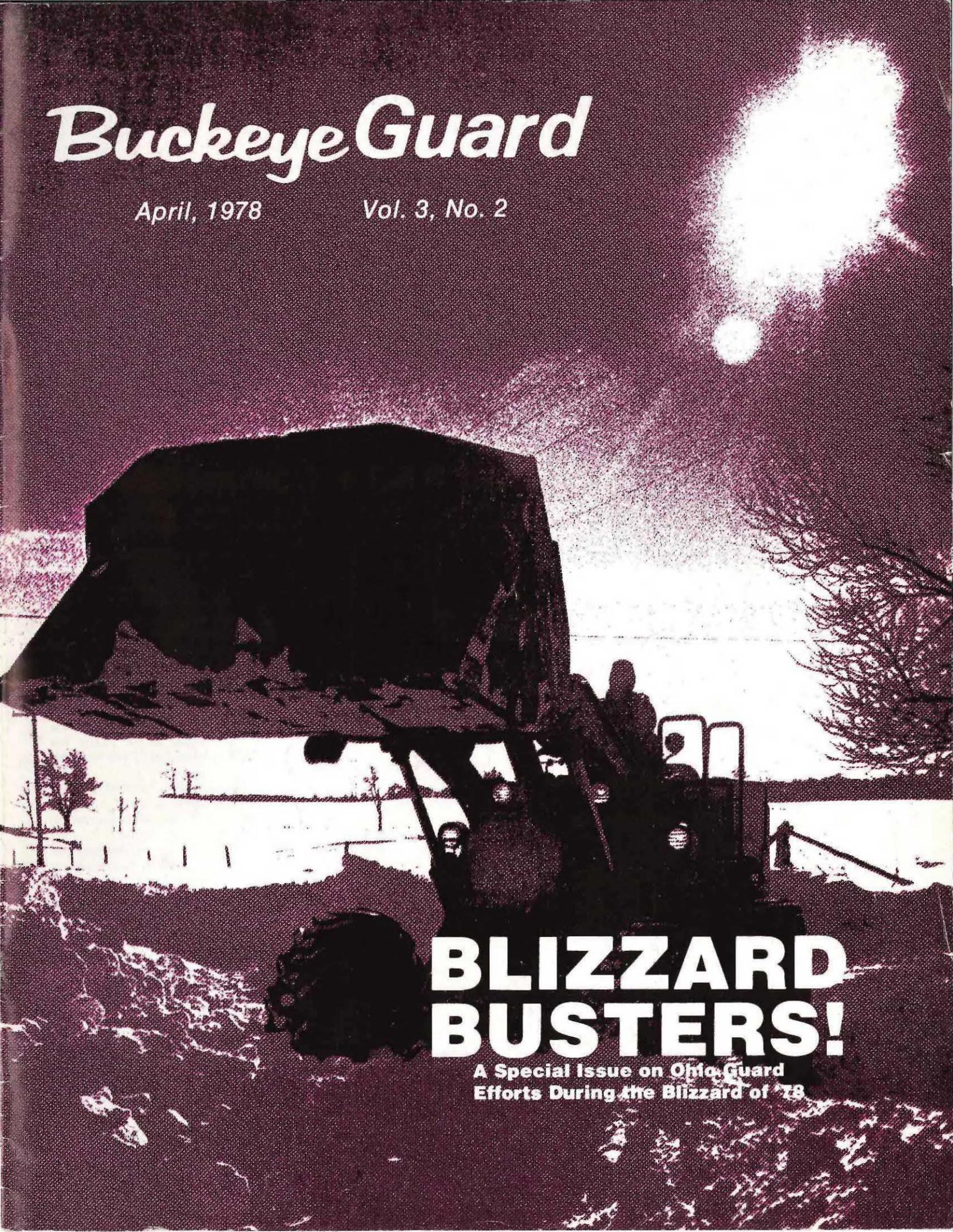


# Buckeye Guard



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## BLIZZARD BUSTERS!

A Special Issue on Ohio Guard  
Efforts During the Blizzard of '78

From the AG

# Blizzard '78 - 'You Done Good'



Hopefully when you read this, snow will be a thing of the past, miners will be back at work, the flood threat will have disappeared and we can get back to our primary mission of training.

However, before we forget the winter of 78, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to all of you who worked under miserable conditions to help your fellow citizens. With the total state affected, it was necessary to decentralize our operations. When commanders

could not reach the armory, NCO's and junior officers took over and ran the show. You were all great! Sure, we had a few foulups and sometimes we forgot to coordinate with all the local officials the way we had planned, but generally, your actions earned only high praise. (See letters elsewhere in this issue).

As an old sergeant I knew would have said—"You Done Good!"

Now let's get with our training, recruit and retention. With our free tuition

bill we have the best education incentive package in the country and there are top quality high school graduates who will want to join the Guard. We just have to make sure they all hear about the advantages of Guard membership. Talk it up, be proud, and retain the favorable public image you have earned this past winter.

Work hard, play hard, shape up, and sharpen up so those Active dudes will have to strain to keep up with you during annual training.

Asst. AG - Army

## Guardmembers, Unit PAO's Commended

The Adjutant General has already commented on and complimented your

actions in the recent snow emergency. He has also pointed out the need to get

back to recruiting, retention and effective training. I enthusiastically echo the same sentiments.

There is one point which I would like to bring to your attention. Make sure that you all profit from our experiences. It is most important that the lessons learned be retained for future use, particularly in training for aid to civil authority. The Ohio National Guard has once again proven its ability to cope with emergencies and do it well.

Many times we go into situations that are in a way unprecedented. Thus, we are constantly training and rehearsing for the unknown. We have to be ready for whatever happens and the Ohio National Guard did itself proud.

The one thing that surfaces above and beyond everything else is the need for the chain of command. No organization can function effectively without it.

One item needs to be mentioned and that is the tremendous job that was done by our public relations people in the field. The coverage these unsung individuals gave the Ohio National Guard throughout the state was probably the best example I've ever seen of what people can do when they're interested in what they are doing and want to do it.

Please accept my congratulations added to those of the Adjutant General.

### Our Cover . . .

This issue's cover photo was taken by Chic Knight of the ASHLAND TIMES-GAZETTE. The photo features an Ohio Guard front end loader — one of many utilized to battle mountains of snow during the Blizzard of 78.

# The Buckeye Guard

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### A Hearty Salute

## Governor Rhodes, Legislators Laud Guard Efforts

Hundreds of letters have been received praising the efforts of the Ohio National Guard during the infamous Winter Blizzard of '78.

Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes; The Honorable Oliver Ocasek, President Pro Tem of the Ohio Senate; and The Honorable Vern Riffe, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, also took time to commend Guard men and women for their outstanding service to the state during this critical period.

Governor Rhodes emphasized, "Through your dedication and service, lives were saved and the suffering of our citizens was minimized".

Mr. Ocasek expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Ohio Senate. He said, "As one who became stranded himself, I feel a special kinship to the hundreds of Ohioans assisted by the Guard".

Mr. Riffe asserted, "The words that the Ohio House of Representatives used in the resolution were 'courageous', 'praiseworthy', and 'committed'. These were fitting words that described the outstanding performance of the Ohio National Guard during the Blizzard of '78'".

Special letters were also received from State Senators William Mussey and William Bowen; State Representative Harry C. Malott; and U.S. Congressman Douglas Applegate. Unfortunately, we were unable to reprint these letters due to space limitations in this issue.



STATE OF OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
COLUMBUS 43215

JAMES A. RHODES  
GOVERNOR

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

Dear Guardsmembers,

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and respect for your outstanding efforts during the Blizzard of '78.

Braving wind chill factors of 70 degrees below zero, you continued to work around the clock in snow clearing and lifesaving operations throughout Ohio.

Through your dedication and service, lives were saved and the suffering of our citizens was minimized.

As your Commander-in-Chief, I give you a hearty salute!

Sincerely,  
*James A. Rhodes*  
JAMES A. RHODES  
GOVERNOR



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March 6, 1978

Major General James C. Clem  
The Adjutant General of Ohio  
Adjutant General's Department  
2825 West Granville Road  
Worthington, Ohio 43085

Dear General Clem:

On behalf of the members of the Ohio Senate, I want to express our appreciation for the job you and the National Guard performed during the recent blizzard.

As one who became stranded himself, I feel a special kinship to the hundreds of Ohioans assisted by the Guard. Without the efficient mobilization and protracted efforts of the Guard, under the worst possible conditions, I do not doubt that the loss of life and property would have been significantly higher.

It is indeed reassuring to know that the National Guard can be depended upon to provide such exceptional service during times of crisis.

Once again, as a grateful citizen of the State, I thank you and the Ohio National Guard for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
*Oliver Ocasek*  
OLIVER OCASEK  
President Pro Tempore

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March 3, 1978

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Major General James C. Clem  
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2825 West Granville Road  
Worthington, Ohio 43085

Dear General Clem:

The words that the Ohio House of Representatives used in the Resolution were, "courageous", "praiseworthy", and "committed". These were the fitting words that described the outstanding performance of your command - the Ohio National Guard - during the midwest Blizzard of 1978.

These were the words attached to the actions of the Huey pilots who flew missions when their safety was jeopardized by the weather, but whose missions had to be flown to prevent the loss of civilian lives. These were the words attached to the Spec. 4s who operated the equipment which cleared the roads. And these were the words attached to the concern and decisions made by the line officers.

General, my thanks, and the thanks of the entire 99-member Ohio House of Representatives are extended to you and your command.

Sincerely yours,  
*Vern Riffe*  
VERN RIFFE  
Speaker  
Ohio House of Representatives

VGR:jb

**General Beightler**

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Adjutant General recently received this letter from Mrs. Claire Beightler. Gen. Clem would like to share the letter with those Guardmembers involved.*

Dear General Clem:

The love that Bob Beightler held in his heart for the Ohio National Guard was returned to him in full measure Wednesday. I know he was proud of the men and women who so willingly braved the bitter weather to honor him with the citizen-military traditions that were a part of his life for so long.

Our son and daughter and all our family join me in saying thank you. We hope that you will be able to pass on our appreciation to all those who helped make possible the beautiful and inspirational ceremonies.

Our special thanks go to Brigadier General James Abraham, Lt. Colonel Brady King, and Major John Mutchler for the highly efficient yet sympathetic manner in which they planned and directed the ceremonies.

Please say thank you also to the fine young men who served so faithfully as

guards all day long Tuesday, to those who made up the special honor guard, to the men who served as bearers, to those in the band, the rifle squad, and the firing battery; and finally to all those officers and men and women of the Guard who turned out voluntarily to bid farewell to an old comrade.

It was a beautiful tribute, and I heard so many that day say how much they wished that General Beightler could have seen it. In my heart I know he did see it and that he was proud and that he was saying one more time to his comrades: "Well done!"

Sincerely,  
**CLAIRE BEIGHTLER**

To the Editor:

We received three copies of your latest issue of "The Buckeye Guard" and thank you for sending these.

If you have another half dozen copies of this magazine, we would appreciate your sending them to us.

Your tribute to General Beightler was just great.

**DORIS M. WANDER,**  
Secretary, 37th Div. Assoc.

**200th Left Out**

To the Editor:

Several unit members found David Crosson's article (Soggy Battlefield Greet 1,500 Guardsmen, Reservists) in the December 1977 issue quite interesting.

However, we were somewhat disappointed to see no mention of the 200th Medical Company in the listing of the Ohio ARNG "contingent." While our 112th Medical Brigade Headquarters was indeed represented, the 200th provided the medical care for Guardsmen during the conduct of Liberty Bell '77.

Transporting patients was not easy in the Ravenna mud and your photograph on page 8 is testimony to such difficulties. It is unfortunate that the two Guardsmen are not identified. Our enthusiastic shovel-user pictured was SP4 Larry Jones and, in the rear, was SGT (then SP4) Harold Cruse, both from the 200th.

**GEORGE A. KNIGHT**  
CPT, MSC, Ohio ARNG  
Exec. Officer/Unit PIO

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Thousands Praise Governor, Ohio Guard

**A Grateful State Responds . . .**

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Hundreds of letters thanking both Governor Rhodes and the Ohio National Guard for their efforts during the Blizzard of '78 have been received and answered personally by the Adjutant General and Guard units across the state. Unfortunately we don't have space to publish all of the letters received. The following excerpts will provide some indication of the way Ohioans feel about their National Guard. The Ohio National Guard would also like to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of Ohioans who took the time to express their personal gratitude for a "job well done".*

**DR. AND MRS. THOMAS ROCKWELL,** Columbus, write. . . I cannot tell you how relieved and thankful I was at 3:45 a.m. Friday when I learned that the National Guard had been able to reach my elderly parents in Darbydale. They had been without electricity and water for over 24 hours. We shall be forever grateful to the National Guard. . .

The **TRUMBULL COUNTY** Board of Commissioners in **WARREN** said . . . "Without your assistance, the area residents would have suffered a much greater loss . . ."

**CPT. CONRAD BOLLO** and the men assigned to the Christy Road Armory in Austintown received praise from the **OHIO HIGHWAY PATROL** for the assistance they provided to the Patrol's Canfield Post during the blizzard.

The Chief of Police, **VILLAGE OF MOSCOW,** wrote to commend **CO. C., 216th ENG BN** in Felicity for . . . "the fine service and cooperation the Guard extended during the snow emergency . . . they (the Guardsmen) show a real concern for the citizens of Ohio . . ."

**SHERIFF NEIL GRAY** of **MEDINA COUNTY** said . . . for the second year in a row these men have braved the cold to help the distressed citizens of our County. . .

**ARTHUR NUTTER JR.,** Chief of Police, **NEWARK,** emphasized in a letter to **CPT JAMES HAMM** of the **737th MAINT. BATTALION.** . . "If I remember my military courtesy a salute is a show of respect, not only to a man, but to the organization he represents. Sir, I salute you and the members of the Newark Guard unit. Once again you have come to the assistance of the Newark Police Dept., when we were in dire need. . ."

**DENNIS F. LEKAN,** Industrial Relations Mgr. for Tappan Air Conditioning in **ELYRIA** wrote. . . "We had 40 people stranded in our plant and faced with limited or no food supplies, shelter or medical facilities. National Guardsmen who evacuated our employees were extremely courteous and helpful. . ."

A letter from **MRS. H. HARRIS,** Waco,

**TEXAS** emphasized. . . "I should like to commend you for the fine work you are doing in aiding snow victims in Ohio. To me Guardsmen are all 'unsung heroes' and they are always called on to do more than their share. . ."

**BOB GRAHAM,** News Director for **WHTH** and **WNKO** radio in **NEWARK** not only sent a personal thank-you letter to **CPT. JOE CAMPBELL,** he also sent the AG a letter commending the local Guard units for keeping the stations constantly informed of ONG activities during the blizzard.

**NELSON A. CASE,** Vice-Pres., Mid-Continent Telephone Service, **HUDSON, Ohio,** had praise for Army Guard Aviation Chief **COL. ROBERT ORR . . .** "Through Col. Orr the Ohio Guard provided emergency helicopter support to transport our technical personnel to the site of an explosion. The response of all persons associated with the Ohio National Guard has been gratifying. . ."



The **OHIO RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES** observed. . . "Without the help of the helicopter furnished to us it would have been several days longer before we were able to return service to many thousands of rural electric consumers in Ohio. We would like to commend the pilots and other personnel who worked long and hard helping us with this effort. . ."

**TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY** said in a letter to Governor Rhodes . . . "The Ohio National Guard provided men and equipment when we needed them most. No troops in the field ever were more grateful than our line crews when those

helicopters swept in overhead.

**MR. and MRS. JOHN S. EVANS** of Columbus remarked . . . "Although our families and friends were safe we could read and hear and see on television your valiant efforts in behalf of all the citizens of Ohio . . ."

The **HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT** explained. . . "Guard units assisted several of our employees on what might be considered an unusual emergency. The Park District has over 50 head of horses at the public riding center in Winton Woods and these horses have to be fed and watered on a daily basis. The National Guard helped our employees reach the horses saving them from possible death . . ."

A letter from **MAYOR ANTHONY SINAGRA** of Lakewood commended **37th SIGNAL COMPANY,** Howitzer Btry **3/107th ACR** and the Guard's **CLEVELAND RECRUITING** Station for providing emergency transportation for 150 displaced persons during the blizzard.

**MARIETTA** Guardmembers were saluted for their efforts by the Franciscan Community Meals Program. **MRS. NANCY HATHAWAY** said . . . "Guardsmen helped us deliver meals to its needy clients during the winter crisis. We sincerely appreciate their help . . ."

The **CITY OF BARBERTON** wrote . . . "The blizzard that will go down in history in the state of Ohio caused particular distress in our city. It would have been considerably more distressing had it not been for the cooperation and intense effort of the Ohio National Guard troops . . ."

**LEBANON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION** remarked. . . "We have approximately 2,000 prisoners. . . We were staffing the prison with fewer than a third of our employees and they were working around the clock. Had we encountered medical crisis or internal emergencies, we could have experienced a variety of tragedies. The efforts of the Ohio National Guard guaranteed our ability to protect the prison, our employees, the prisoners and public safety. We stand indebted to your organization.

The **DALE PETRY FAMILY** of Newton, **NEW JERSEY** declared. . . "My family and I have reason to be most thankful to the Ohio National Guard. Having been stranded in the worst blizzard in Ohio history we saw first-hand the wrath of nature and the courageous rescue operations of the men of **HQ, 237th SPT. BN., Springfield . . .**"

The Mayor of the **VILLAGE OF WEST JEFFERSON** told General Clem . . . "The men of the Guard did everything, and even more than we requested of them . . ."

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**Sixth Grade Class Sends Thanks**

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letters were written by some of the sixth grade students from Grand Rapids Intermediate School, Grand Rapids, Ohio. They were given to LTC James Latronia, CAA for the 416th Engr. Gp. in Walbridge, Oh. Colonel Latronia forwarded the letters to the State Public Affairs Office. Our personal thanks go to their teacher, Mrs. Joyce Bondy, for taking the time to send the letters to the Ohio Guard.*

Dear National Guard,

Thank you for saving stranded people in there cars and on the streets.

I have seen one of your helicopters fly over our woods on route 6. It was going very fast too. I would like to learn how to fly a helicopter someday.

Your friend,  
**Scot Fouts**

Dear Sirs,

We thank you for helping us during the big storm, we needed all the help

we could get. There were a lot of people who were in need of help, and if they didn't thank you I am! We could have probably never done it without you, Thanks.

**Andrea Curry**

17360 Tontogany Road  
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402  
February 10, 1978

Dear National Guard,  
I would like to thank you for digging out Tontogany. My father and some other men started to plow it out but it took them 3 days and they were only half done.  
I would like to know what you thought of the blizzard. At first it was sort of frightening but after the gale wind died down it was fun, sledding and snowmobiling.  
Again I thank you for your help in Ohio and especially in Tontogany.

Sincerely,  
**Cindy Euler**

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for getting my sister out of her house. She is expecting her baby in the first part of Feb. The only type of communication was a telephone. When she called us the time before you got her out, she said she was alright, but so cold.

It took two payloaders, a highway truck and a National Guard jeep to get her out. I think you did a terrific job in Grand Rapids, Bowling Green, and the rest of Ohio.

How long did it take you to complete Operation Snow?

Your friend,  
**Willie Graf**

Dear National Guard Members,

I would like to thank you for all the help you gave to the people such as food and electricity. Electricity was the thing my family and I were glad to get. How long did it take you to get the National Guard here? Thanks again for the help!

Yours truly,  
**Jennifer Long**



### Annual Training '78

## ARNG Units Destined for Germany, Texas, 7 Other Locations

1978 Annual Training dates and sites for the Ohio Army National Guard have been announced:

**YEAR ROUND AT WITH NO SPECIFIC TRAINING SITE:** HHD, OHARNG; 196 PA Det; HHD 112th Med Bde, 323d MP Co; 1487th Trans Co; 214th Maint Co; HHD 437th MP Bn; SES HHC 16th Engr Bde; and 122nd Army Band.

**OCONUS — GERMANY —** (8-22 July) — 135th MP Co.

**FT LEONARD WOOD, MO —** (8-22 Apr) — 837th Engr Co.

**CORPUS CHRISTI, TX —** (15-29 Apr) — 1416th Trans Co. (-) and (29 Apr-13 May) Det 1, 1416th Trans Co.

**CAMP PERRY, OH —** (27 May-10 June) 1486th Trans Co; (10-24 June) 210th Arty Det and 186th Engr Det; (17-24 June) 2-174th ADA Bn; (15-29 July) 5694th Engr Det; (29 Jul-12 Aug) 5694th Engr Det 2d; (12-26 Aug) 5694th Engr Det 3d; (24 Jun-8 Jul) CCS HHC 372nd Engr Bn; (8-22 Jul) 216th Engr Bn; (22 Jul-5 Aug) HHC 112th Engr Bn; (5-19 Aug) HHC 612th Engr Bn.

**FT CHAFFEE, ARIZ** (27 May-10 June) HHC, 371st Spt Gp

**FT MCCOY, WISC** (24 June-8 July) HHD 737th Maint Bn

**FT HOOD, TX —** (8-22 Jul) HHD 112th Trans Bn

**FT KNOX, KY —** (17 Jun-1 Jul) 383d Med Co; (22 Jul-2 Aug) 838th MP Co.

**CP ATTERBURY, IN** (10-16 Jun) — 2/174th ADA Bn.

**RED RIVER DEPOT, TX** (22 Jul-5 Aug) 155th Maint Ben.

**FT CAMPBELL, KY —** (8-22 Jul) — HHC 73rd Inf Bde (Sep); Trp A 237th Cav; Trp D 1/238th Cav; 299th Sig Plt; 77th PF Det; 237th Spt Bn; 1/136th FA, 1/147th Inf Bn; 1/148th Inf Bn; 1/166th Inf Bn; 1483rd Trans Co.

**CP GRAYLING, MICH —** (10-24 Jun) 54th Spt Cen RAO; 37th Sig Co, 324th MP Co, 1484th Trans Co; HHC 137th S&S Bn; 213th Maint Bn; 684th Med Co; 385th Med Co; 200th Med Co; HHT 107th ACR; Trp N (Air) 107th ACR; 2/107th AC; 3/107th AC; HHC 16th Engr Bde (-); HHD 512th Engr Bn; 1193d Engr Co; 26th Engr Co; 134th Engr Gp; 372d Engr Bn; 216th Engr Bn; HHC 416th Engr Gp; 612th Engr Bn; 112th Engr Bn; and (29-Jul-12 Aug) 211th Maint Co and 1485th Trans Co.

### The Editor's View

BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine has come a long way since the beginning of its present format in 1976.

Since that time both readership interest and unit submissions have increased at a dramatic and gratifying rate.

In fact, this fantastic interest in our statewide magazine resulted in the addition of eight more pages beginning with the Feb. 78 issue.

We've sincerely tried to make BUCKEYE GUARD *your* magazine in every way possible. At the same time we've redesigned the interior pages; increased our use of "people" features and photos; added new regular features such as "Service Benefits Give You the Edge", CSM Comments, Buckeye Bits, All About People, Recruiting Round-up, The Other Half; and, making their debut in this issue, columns providing updates on both the Ohio National Guard Officer and Enlisted Associations.

We've also increased our coverage of wives' activities because we sincerely feel that a Guard wife is as much a part of the team as her husband.

Our back cover on each issue is even designed with recruiting and retention in mind.

If you've submitted an article to BUCKEYE GUARD and it hasn't appeared for some time please be patient. Your article or photo is automatically considered for the next issue. We sincerely encourage you to keep those articles and photos coming!

This year BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine has won two national awards and a Minaret Award from Fifth Army (story elsewhere in this issue). According to the judges, your magazine is the top National Guard publication in the nation!

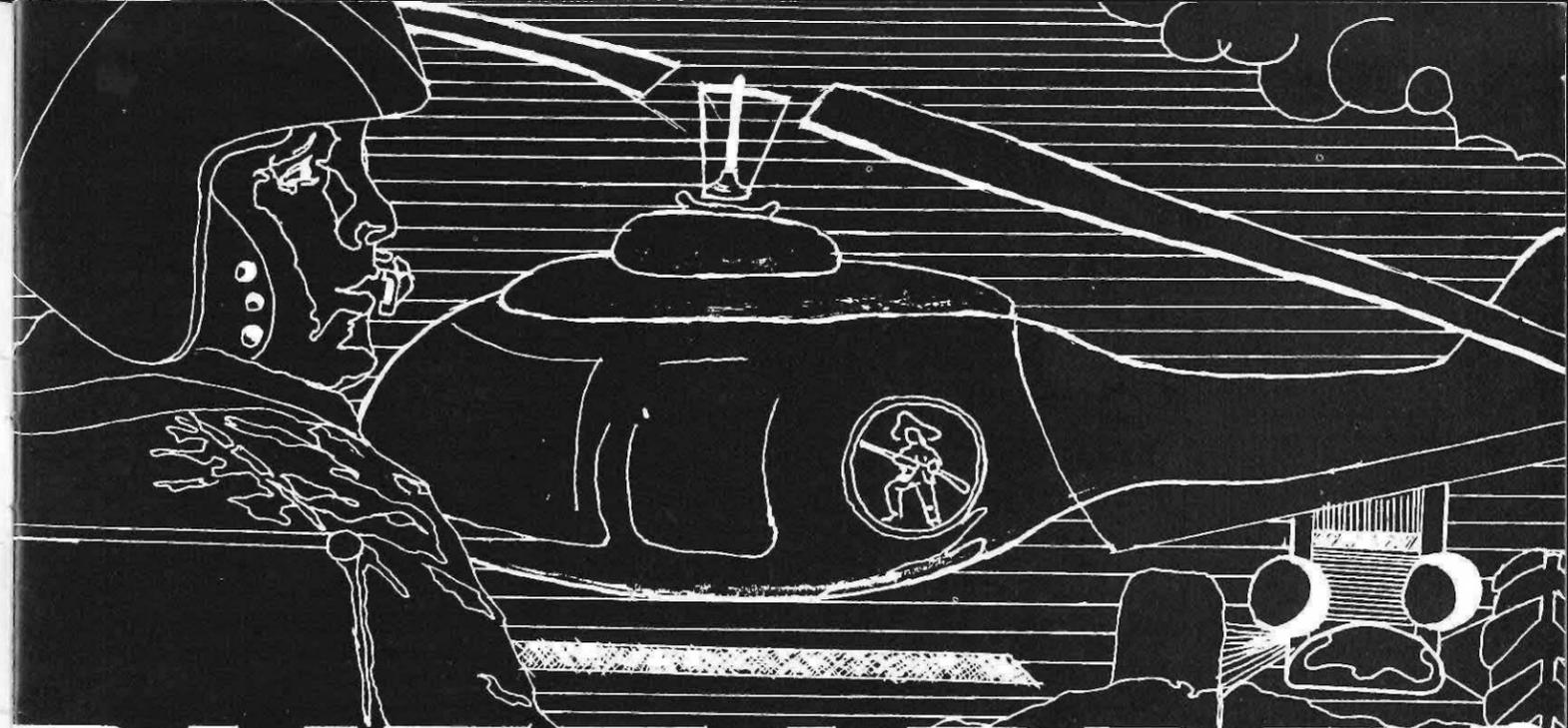
We're extremely proud of these achievements; without your interest and assistance they certainly would not have been possible. We pledge to you, our readers, to continue to improve our magazine. Awards are super; but serving you is our main concern.

*Bob DeVoe*

Remember . . .

Deadline for the June issue is April 28

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# BLIZZARD '78

ART BY PVT JULIE HUGHES

## Worst Winter Storm in History Brings Ohio to its Knees

*EDITOR'S NOTE: By the time you read this the Blizzard of '78 will be history. There are thousands of stories to be told about the valiant efforts of the Ohio National Guard; Active Army; Army Reserves; County Sheriffs; Disaster Services Agencies; city, county and state personnel; and the countless Ohioans who volunteered their services during this crisis. The infamous blizzard took its toll. Nearly 30 Ohioans lost their lives as a direct result of the most devastating storm in the state's history. The blizzard brought our state to its knees. It also brought the state together. Under the firm leadership of our Governor we survived the holocaust. This issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is dedicated to all of those who contributed to the largest disaster operation ever mounted by the Ohio National Guard.*

BY SFC BOB DEVOE

Ohio National Guard, Army Reserve and Active Army troops combined forces in January to battle a devastating winter blizzard that virtually paralyzed Ohio.

During the peak nearly 3000 Ohio Army and Air Guardsmen; 300 Army Reservists; over 300 personnel from the 27th Engineer Battalion, Ft. Bragg, N.C.; 55

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Members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District; representatives from the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration; and the State and County Disaster Services Agency teamed to battle the snow and provide emergency assistance to countless Ohioans.

### A Special Report

Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes initially mobilized the National Guard to rescue stranded motorists and assist local authorities in emergency operations; but early during the first day of the blizzard it was realized that the blizzard was devastating in scope and had paralyzed the state; resulting in numerous power outages. Over 175,000 Ohioans were without heat or electricity in their homes for a two day period.

The Governor then gave the order to open every National Guard Armory in the state as a haven for stranded motorists and other refugees from the storm. The

first night alone over 1,300 people were housed in Guard armories across Ohio.

Hundreds of citizens throughout the state called the National Guard to offer assistance and the Red Cross provided food and emergency medical care to those housed in the armories.

#### FOUR WHEELERS

Citizens with four wheel drive vehicles aided the state highway patrol and local authorities in rescue efforts and delivery of emergency food supplies to those who were stranded.

The Ohio Army and Air National Guard pressed into service nearly 800 of its vehicles and 45 helicopters to evacuate people stranded in their homes who were without heat, electric or food. It's estimated that over 10,000 Ohioans were rescued during this period. Helicopters alone completed over 800 missions.

Ohio National Guard helicopter operations were supplemented by active Army pilots and their crews of Fort Campbell, Ky. and choppers from the 83rd U.S. Army Reserve Command headquartered in Columbus.

Ft. Campbell provided 10 helicopters, and their crews, to assist the Ohio Guard

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## Plowing Through 10' Drifts

SERGEANT DOUG CHESTER, of Newark's 211th Maint. Co. utilized a bulldozer to clear mountainous 10' snow drifts on Hopewell Twp. Rd. 277 in Licking County. Jeep side curtains were used to shield the operator from arctic winds. (PHOTO BY PFC RICK LEWIS)

## Worst Winter . . .

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effort. 83rd ARCOM had four choppers in the air, assisting where needed.

### CHOPPERS SAVE LIVES

The helicopters worked around the clock on medivac, rescue and resupply missions averaging over 200 flights a day during the peak period. They were able to save dozens of lives through their missions of mercy.

The northwestern and north-central portions of Ohio were hardest hit by the blizzard. Major highways, as well as secondary roads, were blocked with towering snow drifts (up to 20' in some instances), jack-knifed trucks and abandoned vehicles. In addition, telephone and electrical service was virtually nonexistent in these areas.

Following a request from Governor Rhodes, President Carter dispatched

federal troops and equipment from the 27th Engineer Bn, 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, to northwestern Ohio to assist local authorities in emergency snow removal operations.

The Ft. Bragg contingent of over 300 troops and over 60 pieces of equipment was airlifted into the Toledo Express Airport, home of the Ohio Air Guard's 180th Tactical Fighter Group.

These federal troops remained on the scene until the danger to public health and safety was eliminated.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was charged with identifying the priority areas across the state and hiring private contractors to open snow-clogged arteries. The Corps estimated over 8,000 miles of roads have been cleared at a cost of over four million dollars.

According to FDAA officials, federal actions during this crisis have been aimed at supplementing the more extensive ef-

forts of state and local authorities and providing whatever emergency assistance was needed to save lives and protect property and the public health and safety.

### FEDERAL HELP

President Carter's emergency declaration for the state made available three other sources of federal help for Ohio.

For the first time, the FDAA instituted a system of reimbursement to local governments to pay for 75 per cent of road clearance costs incurred through the awarding of private contracts for a 5 day period.

Farmers without other lines of credit became eligible for long term low-interest loans to help alleviate blizzard-caused livestock and production losses.

And taxpayers became eligible to write off storm-caused damage not otherwise covered by insurance on their 1977 federal tax returns.

### COUNTLESS STORIES

There are countless stories to be told about the blizzard of 1978.

Two people, Dublin, Ohio, firemen took from a cold trailer to the Beightler Armory in Worthington were Darrell Alfrey and his nine-months-pregnant wife, Chris.

The Alfreys helped out in the state disaster operations center while they were at the armory, running errands and helping on telephones. And they slept with other storm refugees in a dormitory-like area where everyone's belongings could easily have been stolen.

When Alfrey prepared to leave he checked his wallet "There was \$50," he said. "I don't know how it got there and I still can't believe it. Why would anybody be so nice to us?"

Perhaps the most amazing story involved a Cleveland truck driver who was found alive in the cab of his truck after 5 1/2 days buried beneath a mammoth 20 foot snow drift. Members of the Ohio Air Guard's 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, rescued trucker James Truly who miraculously survived the ordeal by eating snow and punching an airhole through the snow with a piece of lead pipe. (See story and photo on Page 10).

The operation in Ohio was the most extensive Guard disaster operation in the history of the state.

The Ohio National Guard, active Army, Reserves, local law enforcement officials, State Disaster Services Agency and Governor Rhodes have received thousands of plaudits for their efforts during this crisis — the worst winter blizzard in Ohio.

The blizzard of '78 will long be remembered by both Ohioans and those who rushed to their aid.

## 416th Engineers Joined 'Battle' . . .

# 'We Didn't Stop to Count Miles'

BY MAJ. CHARLES RAY  
FT. BRAGG

The snow started falling early in the morning on January 26. Along with the snow came brisk winds with gusts of more than 60 miles per hour.

The residents of northwestern Ohio and southern Michigan were stunned. Many were trapped in their homes, without power, food, water or heat for days.

This was the Blizzard of '78. From all over the state, members of the Ohio National Guard responded to the call for assistance from their beleaguered fellow citizens.

The actions of the men and women of the 416th Engineer Group of Toledo, exemplify the dedication of the "Buckeye" Guard.

Colonel Ronald Bowman, commander of the 416th, traveled 17 miles through the blizzard on a snowmobile to get to the Tracy Road Armory in Walbridge. He suffered frostbite injury to his face, but in spite of this, put in long days directing National Guard efforts.

The 416th, with its subordinate units, the 612th Engineer Battalion and the 112th Engineer Battalion, worked from the day after the storm began through Sunday, February 5.

Approximately 500 guardsmen and women, using 60-65 pieces of engineer equipment and Guard aircraft, assisted local civilian officials in the four hardest hit counties of Ohio: Lucas, Ottawa,

Wood, and Hancock. They cleared roads and streets, rescued stranded people, delivered food and medicine, helped restore utilities, and provided shelter to the evacuated.

Some of the Guard soldiers were almost in need of rescue themselves.

"I didn't know it could snow so much around here," said SP4 Cyndee Carroll, a clerk with the 612th Engineers. "I was stuck at home for two days before I could get out and report to my unit for call up."



Once she reached the armory, Carroll, like many of her fellow soldiers, stayed there until the emergency was over.

### ACTIVE ARMY AIDS

When active Army troops from Ft. Bragg, NC. and Ft. Campbell, KY, were called in to assist, the Buckeye Guard took on the extra task of supporting their regular counterparts. They provided transportation, fed regular troops, and

quartered them in armory space not being used by the Guard itself.

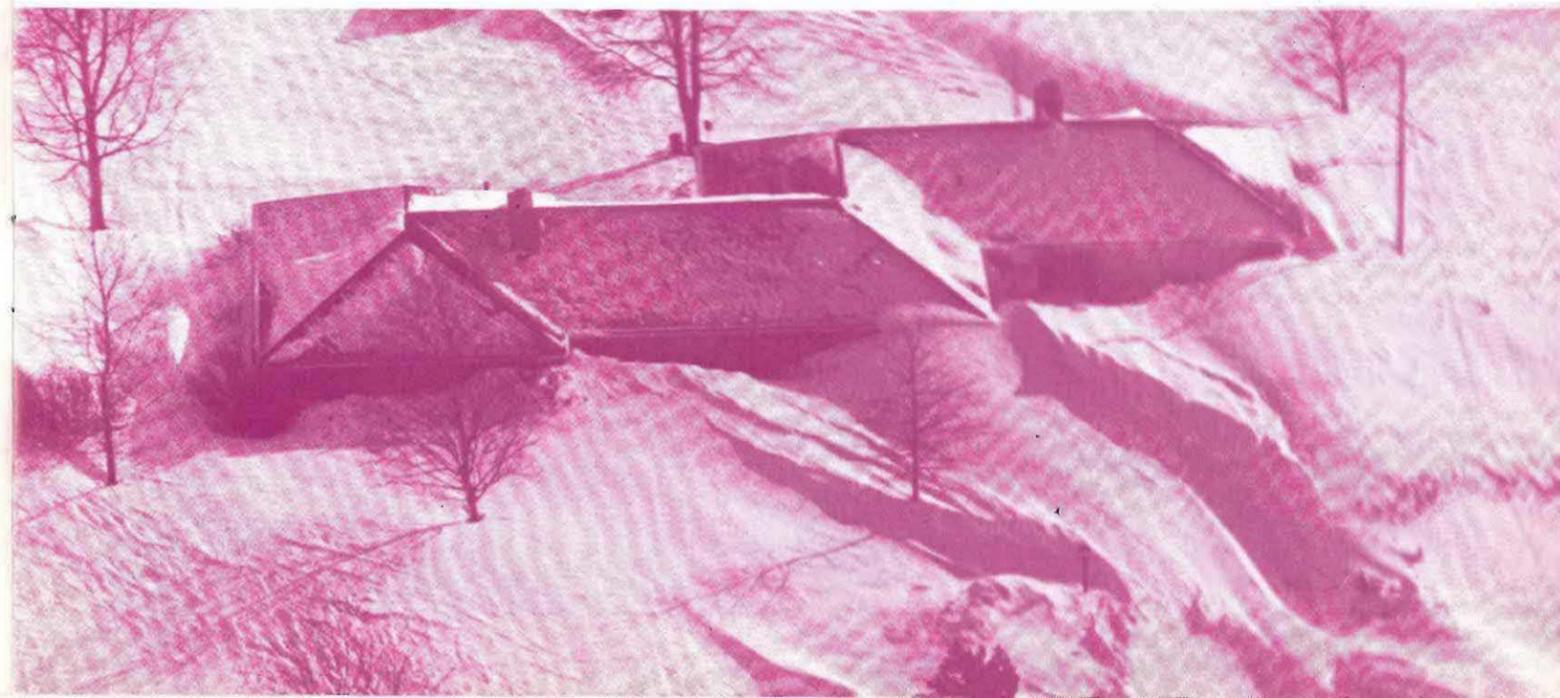
Troops, regular and Guard, worked around the clock clearing major traffic arteries and some 12 townships in the four affected counties. As they cleared, citizens showed their appreciation by providing work crews with hot coffee and a warm place to take an occasional break.

### ALL PITCHED IN

Blizzard '78 is a story of dedication and self-sacrifice. Everyone pitched in, working long and hard. The sacrifices of some, however, stand out above all others.

There was, for instance, SP5 William L. Waters of the 416th who walked over five miles from Interstate 75 to the armory to report for duty. He suffered frostbite and windburn to his face, but went about his duties. PFC John Kozyra was feverish and in pain after reporting to his unit, but refused to leave his post until his temperature reached 104 degrees.

Ohioans have dug out. Things are almost back to normal. But, the Guard will not be soon forgotten for the part they played in Blizzard '78. If you're interested in statistics instead of the human factor, don't talk to a Buckeye Guard soldier. When asked how many miles of road had been cleared by the 416th during emergency operations, an officer with the Guard task force, replied without hesitation, "We didn't stop to count miles. We just cleared the roads."



## Miracle on Route 13!

BY TSGT. ZANE ZIMMERMAN

It had been five days since Ohio's disastrous blizzard struck. Air National Guard crews had been working around the clock, assisting stranded victims of this most vicious of all recorded Ohio winter storms.

Just north of Mansfield Lahm Airport there lay a 300-yard stretch of Route 13 completely covered with a monstrous 20 foot drift. Air Guard personnel from the 179th Tactical Airlift Group located at Mansfield Airport were working feverishly to open a path to abandoned vehicles lying within the crypt of snow.

As they walked atop the mountain of snow, they heard a sound. Faint as it was, it was quickly recognized as a signal beneath them. Immediately they began digging with their shovels and heavy equipment. Suddenly a C.B. antenna appeared and their efforts grew even more furious. The Air Guard's huge front end loader was brought into action, and after an hour's labor enough of the white covering was removed so that they could scrape the snow from the window of the vehicle and look inside.

They saw a bearded face, feeble, but mustering a slight smile.

TSgt. Ronald McClain was the first to greet James Truly and offer him a smoke through the open window of the buried semitractor.



### Buried Alive!

TRUCKER JAMES TRULY survived five days buried in his semi truck under tons of snow. Air Guardsmen from the 179th Tactical Airlift Group in Mansfield were credited with his rescue. (PHOTO BY ZANE ZIMMERMAN)

The truck driver had been trapped under 20 feet of snow for 5 1/2 days. He had sustained himself by thrusting a pipe out of a window and up through the snow

to get life-saving oxygen and by melting snow for drinking with body heat.

James Truly had truly survived a miracle on Route 13.

## Air Guard's 200th CES Saves 11

BY SGT. ALETA HOOVER

The Ohio Air Guard's 200th Civil Engineering Squadron (HR), Camp Perry, was activated to fight snow, twice in one week. The first activation came on the morning of January 20, Guardsmen were first sent to Erie and Sandusky counties to open up vital roads in those counties. On January 21 they were sent to Belmont and Brown counties for a similar task. A total of three Officers and 21 enlisted men completed this assignment and were returned home on January 23.

Later that same month Ohio was hit with the worst blizzard in memory. Winds were clocked at 102 miles per hour in some areas. Many motorists were stranded and thousands of homes and businesses were left without heat and lights. The 200th was once again activated.

Unit members, hampered by the raging storm and the distance be-

tween their homes and the base, pitched in and did what they could wherever they were during the first day.

SSGT Gaines and SSGT Sauer arrived at the base by snowmobile. For a while these two and the Commander, LTC Phillip A. Williams were the only ones available to make rescues and open up streets and roads. They were later joined by Sgt Boss. Their efforts included saving the lives of five stranded motorists.

In Fremont, unit members woke up to the noise of the raging storm. Two unit members, TSgt Hoover and Sgt Hoover hurriedly prepared to go to Camp Perry.

In their car, they got about one mile north of the city limits and had to delay their attempt and take a stranded motorist back to Fremont. Later they and two other unit members, MSGT Phillips and SSGT Lance, tried again in a

2 1/2 ton truck. Due to the zero visibility and massive drifts, they had to once again cancel their mission and return to Fremont. For the rest of the day and early on the 27th, TSgt. Hoover and SSGT Lance ran evacuation missions.

Through the efforts of this foursome, 11 lives were saved and 58 persons were evacuated to shelters.

By late on the 27th, enough personnel were able to reach Camp Perry to organize crews and begin clearing roads.

Three unit members were airlifted from Toledo via helicopter. Crews from the 200th worked continuously clearing roads in Ottawa and Sandusky counties.

They are also credited with clearing the Ohio Turnpike from exit 5 to exit 6 in both directions.

During the height of the activation, there were three officers and 36 enlisted personnel keeping very busy.

## 'Cooperation Was the Spirit'

# 216th 'Chews Through Snow' Blockade

BY SFC STAN FLAUGHER

*Snow is a beautiful thing until it becomes a dangerous adversary. The 216th Engineer Battalion Headquarters Company found out quickly the strength and fury of the weather. Portsmouth, Ohio, was turned into an arctic wasteland by almost two feet of snow, that covered everything with a blanket of silence. Scioto County was all but paralyzed by the ice covered first of winter. Virtually nothing was moving. It was then that the authorities called for the National Guard's help on January 18.*

As temperatures dropped lower and lower, the wind piled up huge drifts. It was then the call went out for all Guardsmen to report for state active duty. On the first call only a few equipment operators were called.

It became apparent that more operators were needed, as well as administrative, mechanical, cooks and communications personnel to support the men running the heavy equipment.

In a short time the entire Headquarters Company of the 216th was busy at work. The men and women of the Guard had a tough time reporting to the Armory, as the snow was already deep, and more was on the way.

The families of the Guardsmen and women were anxious about fuel, electric and food. No one knew how long the Guardsmen of the family would be away, so hasty preparations were made for their own families, and very soon all the members of the unit were on their way.

### COOPERATION GREAT

Working directly with various officials was quite an experience for some of the Guardsmen. Cooperation and understanding was the order of the day for the entire snow removal period.

The Guard assisted the road crews in areas where the help was needed the most. Men, women and equipment worked all over the county, and in Pomeroy.

We Guardsmen found even more respect and downright admiration for state, city, county, and township road crews in Portsmouth, Ironton, and Pomeroy and the counties of these areas, as well as the state highway crews. These people are the real heroes when it comes to keeping the roads clear and passable. It was an eye-opening experience for Guardspeople, who were well received and welcomed by these civilian crews.

### PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

The emergency cut across social, business and political barriers. We all realized we were all just people helping people. All the petty items were put aside and the entire area pitched in and dug out. A solid coat of white, two feet deep, became a ribbon of black highway as all the crews chewed, clawed, and bulldozed their way through the fluffy blockade.



all of you, once again from the 216th. Many thanks. There is no greater satisfaction than to hear a hearty "Thank You" for the job done.

By January 21st, Headquarters Company had men and women with Army equipment in Ironton, Pomeroy, Portsmouth, and various rural areas in Ohio on a 24 hour schedule. It was cold, it was hard work, and equipment became stuck or was disabled. This unit rose to the challenge and kept everything running and on the job.

### EMERGENCY RUNS

Cleaning roads was not the only function for the National Guard. Emergency runs were made to move sick and injured to medical help. The Guard worked hand in hand with the local Community Action Organization to provide transportation for emergency fuel and food to persons selected by the Community Action officials.

### SALUTE TO 372nd

The Headquarters Company of the 216th owes a debt of gratitude to the 15 men of the 372nd Engineer Battalion. These men from Kettering, Middletown, and Lebanon, brought with them two front end loaders and their support equipment.

Local businessmen found common ground to stand upon. Two gentlemen of opposing views were seen to shake hands in agreement, proving once again, that Americans are unique.

PHOTO BY ORLAND LEADINGHAM STUDIO



# Windburn, Frostbite Didn't Stop Men and Women of the 612th

BY SSG ROBERT ANDERSON

The snow began to fall on Jan. 26 in Northwestern Ohio with winds up to 60 miles per hour. The blizzard and strong winds combined to paralyze this portion of the state.

The Ohio National Guard responded to the pleas for assistance from their community. Men and women of the 612th Engineer Battalion proved their devotion to duty and sincere concern for their fellow man time and time again.

SP5 William Waters, who walked over five miles to the Walbridge Armory to lend a hand in the crisis, received windburn and some frostbite to his face; but remained on duty for three days before he was ordered to go home.

SGT Donald Mominee of Alpha Company managed to get to the armory the first day and because of lack of manpower at the time he operated a bulldozer for about 48 straight hours. As a result he received both a severe cold and a strept throat.

SP5 Edward Lardee, also of Alpha Company, has been hospitalized with double pneumonia as a result of the many hours he personally spent in sub-zero temperatures aiding blizzard victims.

## DEDICATION

Such dedication was the norm during this winter emergency. Guardmembers assisted stranded residents and motorists with little or no regard for their own well-being.

Nearly 250 Guardsmen and women from both Headquarters and Alpha Company, 612th Engineers, used over 100 pieces of heavy equipment to dig out civilians in Lucas, Wood, Hancock and Ottawa counties. The troops also performed a variety of other functions including delivery of food and medical supplies; providing shelter for refugees from the cold; helping the county engineers clear roads; and assisting Toledo Edison in getting to troubled areas.

Active Army troops from Ft. Bragg's 27th Combat Engineer Battalion worked side by side with the Guard engineers. After arriving at Toledo Express Airport they had to plow their way through the mountainous snow drifts to reach the Walbridge Armory. Armory personnel provided food and living quarters for some of the members.

No one kept track of the exact miles of roads that were cleared or how many people were helped. *People* were the main concern, not statistics.



Walbridge 'Hotel'

MEMBERS OF FORT BRAGG'S 27th Combat Engineer Battalion were airlifted to Toledo to aid Ohio Guardsmen in the big battle against the Blizzard of '78. The Walbridge Armory served as both their base of operations and temporary mess hall and barracks. (PHOTO BY SSG ROBERT ANDERSON)

LTC Karl Obert has extended his thanks and appreciation for a job well done to all the men and women of the 612th Engineer Battalion.

Colonel Obert was also proud to report that there were no serious injuries in the unit as a result of this massive blizzard fighting effort.

## Huckels Assumes Command of Unit

Major Lawrence R. Huckels of Swanton was recently appointed Commander of the Combat Support Squadron at the Toledo Express Airport based Air Guard Unit.

Major Huckels began his military career by enlisting in the Ohio Air National Guard at Akron, Ohio in 1953. In 1956 Major Huckels (then an Airman) moved with the Akron Unit to the Toledo Express Airport facilities.

In his position as Commander of the Support Squadron, Major Huckels will be responsible for all support activities at the Guard Unit.



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# Blizzard Busters . . .

## 372nd Engineers Play Key Role

BY CPT. CHESTER LEWIS

None of us knew, as we lay down to sleep that frigid Wednesday night, last January 25th, that soon we would be involved in the largest most demanding State Active Duty we are likely to experience in our lifetimes. As the winds gusted that night to 70 miles per hour many of us lay nervously in bed or jumped up time and again to peer out the windows at the blinding, blowing, drifting snow.

In the early morning hours, before daybreak, we all knew it was just a matter of time before the call to duty would come. When daylight came, most of us had already spoken quietly to our wives about the need to go and had methodically packed our overnight bags and winter gear.

When finally the call came we remember the frustration of not being able to get our own cars out of the driveway and then thinking—if only I could get to the main highway! In desperation we call the armory for a ride and some long hours later creep toward the armory in the cab of a duce-and-a-half or with a civilian volunteer in his "four-wheeler". With the armory in sight we are stopped clean in our tracks by a car turned sideways in the road. The car in the road, and one alongside the road are completely drifted over with snow. We are astonished when we open the hood and find snow, hard-packed by the wind, completely filling the motor-well; all the way to the top of the carburetor. With this discovery we take an alternate route and finally arrive at the armory some six hours after getting our car stuck at the bottom of our driveway.

### EXHAUSTED MEN

Upon arriving at the Battalion Headquarters we find the first 24 hours have completely exhausted the dozen or so men who were initially called to State Active Duty. We are not surprised to see such perennial stalwarts as the Headquarters Company First Sergeant, Ray McClain, and that tough old Warrant, Ed Brown, the Battalion Property Book Officer.

From one desk two phones were answered, two radios were manned, the staff journal was maintained and the Equipment Status Board was updated by one very busy individual. There is no doubt that in numerous armories throughout the state this same scene was re-enacted by similarly harried NCOs and

Officers during those first impossible 24 hours.

### SHELBY HARD HIT

From this beginning the yet unnamed operation began taking shape. During this First Phase the men and women of the 372nd began local rescue and clearing operations with Charlie Company in Warren, Clermont, and Brown Counties, Alpha and Delta Companies in Butler and Hamilton Counties, Headquarters Company in Montgomery County, and Bravo Company in Darke and Preble Counties. In addition to these simultaneous operations spread over an eight county area Alpha and Delta Companies were placed under Operational Control of the 112th Transportation Battalion whose primary responsibility was rescue operations in Shelby County. Shelby had been one of the hardest hit counties in the state. It was estimated that between 2,000 and 3,000 people were stranded in the area and in need of help at the peak of the blizzard.

During this initial phase the men and women of the 372nd worked 24 hour days for four consecutive days providing transportation for the Red Cross, Nurses, Doctors, Sheriff's Dept. and State Highway Patrol Personnel.

Battalion clearing teams consisting of one bulldozer, one front-end loader, and one escort vehicle opened emergency routes while water trailers were used to haul drinking water to villages whose water supplies had frozen up. In addition, heating fuel was distributed throughout Montgomery County by a 1200 gal. fuel tanker working under the direction of a Red Cross Liaison team.

### CHOPPERS ARRIVE

Choppers were brought in to provide Medivac to our Area of Operations. We remember one mission flown during the early morning hours of January 28. The call had come from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept. requesting that a patient whose kidneys had failed be flown from Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia to Cincinnati General where needed dialysis equipment was located.

Hurried instructions were taken over the telephone and, shortly thereafter, the cold, dark silence was broken by the familiar crackle of our radio telling us that our guys were in the air headed our way. The pilot's voice broke our fatigue-induced semi-consciousness asking

questions about when and where the pick-up was to be made. We did our job, they did theirs and shortly the evacuation was made. It was good to know we had men like that on our team! As we signed off the radio with "have a safe trip" we felt a close kinship to that unknown pilot and his Medivac crew.

### TIRED MINDS, BODIES

Toward the end of these first four days tired minds and tired bodies were stretched to their limits. During these times patience grew thin and tempers flared. Sometimes it was hard to tell who ran the operation. The truth is the operation ran itself! All over southwestern Ohio small groups of dedicated Guardmembers were doing their job seemingly independent of one another.

The attitude was typified by a hard working Spec 5 whose patience was drained as he leaves on a rescue mission, he tells a questioning officer, "Sir, I'm sorry, I can't explain now. I've got to go. The woman's having a heart attack! Right Now!"

By Sunday morning, January 29, operations in our local areas were almost complete when the Second Phase of "Operation Cleansweep" began. The Battalion, except for a contingent in Brown County, was given the primary mission of clearing over 600 miles of secondary roads in Shelby County. Sidney, one of the hardest hit areas, is located on Interstate 75 about midway the state.

### ADVANCE PARTY

By helicopter, the advance party arrived in Sidney about noon that Sunday. Setting the stage for future operations, we hadn't been there more than an hour before the Sheriff received a frantic call for help from a husband whose pregnant wife had gone into early labor after taking a fall on the solid ice outside their farmhouse.

We were told by telephone that the state road leading to their farm was completely closed for a half mile each side of their place. With the dispatcher jotting down directions, a snowmobile team was dispatched while we placed a call to the airfield for a helicopter.

Finding the line to the airfield busy, we called the operator asking that the telephone call be broken into. A long five minutes later we finally got through!

As soon as the chopper was in the air a line of communication was established

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## Mercy Mission . . .

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD helicopters were in the air around the clock during the winter crisis. Pilots averaged nearly 200 missions per day.

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which reminded us of something you might see in a James Bond movie. It went from the snowmobile's CB to the Sheriff, from the Sheriff in the next room to me, from us through the telephone to the airfield, and from the airfield by FM radio to the helicopter. We remember saying "turn north, you're a half mile too far south. It's a white farmhouse with a red snowmobile and two flares burning in the front yard." Within ten minutes the helicopter was setting in the front yard. — By the way, it was a ten-pound bouncing baby boy.

### OPERATIONS CENTER

By nightfall, an operations center and troop billeting had been established in the Sidney High School with a heavy equipment pool and maintenance center located at the Shelby County Garage. The task force convoy had arrived bringing 250 men and 30 pieces of heavy equipment into Shelby County. The Task Force was a clear indication of how quickly we could assemble from all five company locations and included U.S. Army Reserve personnel and equipment and one conscientious Active Army NCO on a thirty day leave.

Coordination with the Red Cross rep, Butch Hacker, Sheriff John Lenhart, and

the County Engineer, Steve Hubbell led to a Concept of Operation. Five clearing teams would operate with two operators per piece of equipment and we would work two-eight hour shifts; one from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the other from 4 p.m. to Midnight. This meant fielding 40 heavy equipment operators plus an additional 20 men to operate lowboy tractor and trailer rigs. A key to our operation was that we had earlier attached three 5000 gal. fuel oil tankers from the 685th Transportation Company (USAR). This allowed us to carry a three to five day fuel supply with us as we leap-frogged north up Interstate 75.

### SUPER COOPERATION

Receiving road clearing priorities from the County Engineer and rescue missions from the Red Cross the essential work in Shelby County was completed in four days.

During this time the co-operation provided by the local populace was unbelievable. Everyone worked together as a team. The local Civil Defense Agency initially provided homecooked meals, the Red Cross provided cots, a local Country-Western band provided entertainment, and the local Rinks Department Store donated underclothes and socks to Guardsmen.



### PIONEER SPIRIT

We remember one clearing team reporting to the Operations Center that they could see lights in two isolated farmhouses down a forgotten lane. Placing priority to this section of township road, and alerting the Red Cross, we quickly found that indeed the farms were inhabited. In One a 50 year-old nurse had shown Ohio Pioneer spirit by walking a half-mile through the snow every day in order to get to work.

In Shelby County, seven days after the blizzard, a Guard-Red Cross team brought out a family who hadn't eaten in five days.

By Thursday morning, February 1, our work in Shelby County complete, the battalion received orders to move our heavy equipment and road clearing teams to Paulding County—just 40 miles from the Ohio-Michigan state line. Within two hours our first team was on the road to Paulding.

Operations were shut down in Shelby County with most of the battalion headed to home armories. 50 members went north for mop-up operations in Paulding. It was at this time that we realized that we had almost cleared the western half of the state—from the Ohio River at Cincinnati to 40 miles south of Lake Erie. For this reason we named the state active duty "Operation Cleansweep".

In an attempt to summarize what we have just been through let us say that we had mobilized quickly, we had operated independently in a swiftly moving situation, we quickly consolidated operations at the point where help was desperately needed, and we leap-frogged past areas to get to those that needed help the most.

Lines of communications were established, Lines of supply moved smoothly, and maintenance teams went whenever needed to keep equipment running. In short, we did all the things we've been training to do!

### HELPING OHIOANS

Most importantly, we helped the people of Ohio, and we helped ourselves! We of the 372nd Engineer Battalion are proud to say that we've done our part, better than most, just as we did after the Xenia Tornado, and the Winter of 1977; and as we will whatever the crisis.

The Buckeye Guard



PHOTO BY TSGT ZANE ZIMMERMAN

## 178th TFG Plows Through

# 'Worst Storm Brings Out the Best'

BY MAJ. TEB BAINES

Governor James A. Rhodes called it a "killer blizzard." The worst winter storm in memory of Ohioans brought out some of the best efforts of many of the state's citizens.

Perhaps the best-equipped and best-trained citizens to respond to the weather emergency were members of the Ohio National Guard.

One of the many units to mobilize some of its technically trained personnel was the 178th Tactical Fighter Group at the Springfield Municipal Airport. The group activated 44 of its 800 members.

Civil engineering members operated the unit's frontend loader, runway snowblower and two snowplows. This equipment was used from daylight through darkness. The snowblower and snowplows helped Clark County highway department crews clear roads of snow drifts as high as eight or ten feet.

Fuel specialists were activated to refuel helicopters from the Ohio Army National Guard, active-duty U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves. During the emergency operations, refueling specialists worked from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. to refuel 15 or 20 helicopters a day.

Communications specialists were activated, too. They relayed radio messages to the helicopters from the state command post in Worthington. Typical helicopter missions included airlifting repair crews from electric companies to downed power lines in remote areas; evacuating the injured or ill to medical facilities; and resupplying isolated homes with food or fuel.

Also activated were medically trained members and selected support specialists with skills in air operations, food service, fire fighting, finance, maintenance and supply.

## Ohio Magazine Named Nation's Best

BUCKEYE GUARD, the statewide magazine serving members of the Ohio National Guard, has placed first in its category in the 1978 Keith L. Ware Award for the best in Army journalism.

Ohio's magazine competed with over 325 Army newspapers worldwide and won the top slot for its content, writing quality, story selection, balance of editorial content, utilization of space available, layout, proofreading and overall appeal.

The Ohio National Guard won

another first place in Keith Ware competition for its video documentary titled "Ground Poundin '77", produced by CPT Don Vaquera, CPT David Crosson and SFC Bob DeVoe.

In addition, radio public service announcements promoting QNG tuition assistance programs placed second in worldwide contest. The spots were produced by CPT Don Vaquera and Air Guard SGT. Mike Carroll, with the 179th Tactical Airlift Command, Mansfield.

### 18 MINARET AWARDS

CPT. Dennis Jankowski, State Recruiting and Retention Manager/Public Affairs Officer, and SFC Bob DeVoe, Assistant State Information Officer traveled to the 5th Army Public Affairs Conference in San Antonio, Texas recently, where they gave a presentation on Ohio's unique RR/PAO program. The two also accepted 18 Minaret Awards on behalf of Ohio National Guard Public Affairs personnel.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: CPT Knight, our sincere thanks for setting the record straight. The 200th Med. Co. did a super job during Liberty Bell '77. We regret this information was not included in Dave Crosson's article. We also thank you for the ID's on the Page 8 photo.

'Hold Your Head Up!'

To The Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to once again express my pride in being a member of the Ohio National Guard.

I have been a member of the Guard for 30 years and have therefore been called upon to serve in various states of emergency. My first call to duty was as a young man of 19 when I was sent to the Ohio State Penitentiary to help quell a disturbance by inmates not satisfied with conditions within the walls. Shaky legs and a whole lot of uncertainty were very

quickly calmed when I saw the proficiency displayed by my fellow guardsmen.

This feeling of confidence and pride was further developed during subsequent assignments to the Ohio State University and again to the Ohio State Pen.

I have served in flood and snow emergencies, tornados and state fair duty, and in every instance my pride in the Guard has increased.

So why the letter? Although I have been more or less relegated to desk duty, (perhaps brought about by reason of age as much as ability) I have once again been impressed with the unselfish dedication, proficiency, and spirit of the Ohio Guardsperson.

The instant response of so many people in spite of the extremely bad weather conditions proves the spirit of the Minuteman still lives. Although it may

now have to be revised to "Minuteper-son" I'm sure the young ladies of the Guard have well earned the change.

I would like to say at this time to every man and woman in the Ohio National Guard "Hold your head up and walk tall. You are a member of an elite group".

SGM Sherman E. Hagerman  
Sergeant Major  
Ohio Military Academy

Ohio Magazine  
Nation's Best

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Those receiving Minaret Awards included: BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine for overall excellence: CPT. Steven Stone, 196th Public Affairs Detachment, for three separate feature articles and photos and the cover photo on the Apr. 77 issue of BUCKEYE GUARD; MAJ. "Teb" Baines of the Air Guard's 178th TFC, Springfield, for story and photos on the Winter of '77 in the April issue of BUCKEYE GUARD; SP4 Jeff Thompson, 196th P.A.D., for his photo "Toot Your Own Horn" in the Jan. 78 issue of BUCKEYE GUARD; SP4 Scott Sherry, 196th P.A.D., for his feature "Then and Now-Central Ohio" in the Feb. 77 issue; SFC Bob DeVoe, special achievement for the production of FRONT PAGE; CPT Don Vaquera and SSG Nancy Clevenger for production of the "VA-FHA Home Loan Packet"; CPT. Thomas Chupka and SGT. Stephen Kurtz, 196th P.A.D., for production of radio spots in support of the tuition grant program; CPT Don Vaquera and SGT Mike Carroll for radio spots in support of the grant program; and CPT. Dave Crosson, CPT Don Vaquera and SFC Bob DeVoe for the film production "Ground Poundin' 77" in support of recruiting.

A Grateful State Responds . . .

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JUDGE HAROLD NEU of Georgetown emphasized . . . "The Guard has been of the greatest help and I want you to know we appreciate it very much . . ."

REYNOLDSBURG Mayor Richard Daugherty noted ". . . I would like to commend your prompt response to the people of Reynoldsburg and West Licking County who under the leadership and supervision of SGT. JOE GERMANI helped evacuate nearly 700 people. These dedicated men were not at all concerned about their own personal safety or welfare but only in helping those in need . . ."

The words of MRS. CHARLYNE BOWLES of CHILLICOTHE summed up the feelings of thousand of Ohioans . . . "I want to thank the Guardsmen who came to Chillicothe in the blizzard with a helicopter and took my son to University Hospital. He had fallen on ice and had a blood clot on the brain and thanks to your men he's now getting better every day. The weather was terrible and the wind blowing so hard I feel your men risked their own lives to save my son. I will never forget the Ohio National Guard and be grateful forever."

Heart Attack Claims General Beightler

Retired Ohio National Guard Major General Robert S. Beightler, former commander of the famed Ohio 37th "Buckeye Division", passed away recently at the age of 85 after suffering his ninth heart attack at Riverside Hospital, Columbus.

Beightler led the Buckeye Division for 43 months during World War II in the Pacific theater of war, all the way to victory in the Phillipines.

Recognized as one of World War II's outstanding division commanders, he was the only National Guard division

commander to retain his command throughout the war.

Beightler Armory in Worthington, state headquarters for the Ohio National Guard, bears his name.

He lived near the Armory with his wife Claire.

The general was buried with full military funeral services in Oak Dale Cemetery, Marysville, Ohio.

A large article highlighting General Beightler's life appeared in the Feb. 78 issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine.

Remember . . .

The ONG Third Annual Retired Officers' Conference will be at Camp Perry on Sept. 23-24, 1978.

RECRUITING ROUND-UP



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

BY CPT. DENNIS JANKOWSKI

On the Upswing

Recruiting throughout Ohio has taken a surge upward. During December we had over 200 accessions, 274 for January and a whopping 421 for February!

This is a healthy increase and is even more significant when you realize the new enlistee is joining the Buckeye Guard for an average of almost four years.

However, the bulk of our new members are coming from the full time recruiters and they can't possibly handle the work load by themselves.

Units must have unit recruiters who are willing and motivated to recruit their friends. The full time recruiting force at the main recruiting station has the mission to train and develop the unit recruiters into first class salespersons.

Any organization or unit which needs help in establishing a unit recruiting PROGRAM (not just a short term blitz effort) can simply call the State Recruiting Office toll-free 1-800-282-7310, and we'll get some professionals in to help you get the ball rolling.

R/R Literature

Any units which need recruiting literature, including information on our tuition assistance program, can contact their main recruiting station. The volume of requests are heavy and we're trying to stay ahead of the ballgame, publication-wise, so bear with us.

Special Mention

SFC GEORGE HENSLEY of Toledo, for doing a super job in getting recruiting public service ads on radio and television in his area.

CPT CONRAD BOLLO over at the headquarters for the 437th MP Battalion in YOUNGSTOWN for establishing an exciting youth boxing program. It's getting good visibility in the local community, especially with young, potential recruits. If you're interested in establishing a similar program or think you've got some youths who can challenge these

Youngstown pugilists, just give Cpt. Bollo a call at (216) 793-4496.

Special thanks to WLWT-TV in CINCINNATI for airing 19 Ohio National Guard spot announcements during November, 1977. (Coincidentally, the Cincinnati Region is leading the State in accessions!)

Hat's off to the top three FTTD full time recruiters during January: SSG DAVID GOLTRA (Cincinnati) with a whopping 92 points (almost triple production); SSG MAYNARD TESCAR (Cleveland) and SSG JAMES POWERS (Cincinnati) each with 69 points.

The top CETA recruiter for January was SGT JAMES COSTELLO (Norwalk) with 43

points, followed by SSG CHARLES ARNOLD (St. Marys) with 30 points and HERBERT BEYER (Walbridge) with 27 points.

During February the top ADT recruiter was MSG BOB SPEAKMAN (Columbus) with 30 enlistments for a fantastic 186 points! Tops for CETA was PRIVATE CHRISTINA FRANCE (Athens) with nine enlistments for 65 points. Way to go Bob and Christina!

Region-wise, CINCINNATI leads the state with 1,882 points while TOLEDO has the highest average years per enlistment 5.411 years.

A pat on the back for a good idea, 1LT JOHN COGGINS, Commander, Co C, (Continued on Page 20)



Go Guard!

THE NCYA BUCKEYE Basketball team (North Columbus Youth Assn.) is sponsored by the 1st Bn., 136th Field Artillery, Columbus. They are currently sporting a season record of six wins and one loss in Division A of the NCYA fourth to fifth grade league. Team coaches are SSG Robert Fry and SGT David Jarman, both members of 136th FA. Each member of the team has been provided with a unique "Go Guard" shirt. Team members are first row (left to right) Tim Deshazor, Jim Fry, Chris Betts, David Payne; second row, Steve Pogge, Tom Radcliffe, Tom Sullivan, Geof Chambers; and third row, Coach Fry, Coach Jarman. (PHOTO COURTESY 136TH FA).



## Enlisted Association Rap

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

BY MSGT. WARREN MYERS AND  
SSG NANCY CLEVENGER

The Enlisted Association of the Ohio National Guard has a program that will help both you and your family, plus perpetuate the real meaning of the Guard! We all have a certain pride and comradeship in the Guard. We feel that being remembered for deeds well done is an important part of everyone's life.

The President of the Association, Frank H. Cartwright, states that, "It is the duty of every enlisted person not only to belong to the Ohio Enlisted Association, but to work for the Association in the capacity that his or her special interest may dictate."

"The Association is for the establishment and the maintenance of more and better benefits for the Guardsperson. It does not get involved in any political af-

filiations or endorsement's of candidates for public office.

Each organizational unit of the National Guard within the State of Ohio, Army and Air, will be chartered into this corporation.

It is a non-profit corporation, organized to promote our best efforts to develop a strong and patriotic national guard to better serve our community, our country, and make the world a better place in which to live, work and to bring up our children."

Some of the legislative benefits the Association has been working on are: free hunting and fishing licenses; free auto license plates; exemption of gas tax for guardspersons; reduced rates for income tax thru H. and R. Block and various other benefits. Also in the future is a proposal to have all Guard members

exempt from paying state income tax on National Guard Pay.

There is going to be a National Guard Section at Restlawn Memorial Park in Toledo to be designated as the burial site of past, present and future Guardsmembers and their families, similar to the Veterans Memorial Parks. The rates for these plots and the care of them are considerably less than an ordinary plot. Additional cemetery arrangements are being planned throughout the state.

The State Convention will be held in Newark on April 22. The registration fee is \$10 for a single and \$20 per couple for the dinner and dance to be held Saturday night. Please remit your registration fee to Mr. George L. Tuttle, 10 Horseshoe Drive, Newark, Ohio 43055, as soon as possible. You must make your own room reservations at the Sheraton Hotel or the Holiday Inn in Newark immediately in order to get a room.

The convention will be held at the Sheraton Inn, 50 N. Second Street. The business meetings will start at 10 a.m. on the 22nd. Throughout the day there will be meetings, with a hospitality hour put on by the ARNG units in Newark. A dinner and dance will be held at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend as a member of the Enlisted Association.

In order to become a member of our Ohio Enlisted Association, please complete the application on Page 22. The fee is \$5 per year with dues payable annually, on the anniversary date of your enrollment. Enclose a check or money order with your application. This will serve as your receipt.

Your spouse may join the Auxiliary Association by completing the Auxiliary Membership Application form and enclosing a \$3 fee.

There will also be a trip to Hawaii leaving September 25 and returning October 2 for the National Convention. Further information will be available in the next BUCKEYE GUARD.

We need you, and your assistance, in our organization. We work for you!

If you have any questions in regard to your Association feel free to call Frank Cartwright, President, at (419) 229-1378 or write to him at: 855 S. Collett St., Lima, Ohio 45804.

BEVERLY S. ARN,  
PRESIDENT OHIO ENLISTED  
ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

## What About the Auxiliary?

BY BEV ARN

For those of you who are not familiar with the Ohio Enlisted Association Auxiliary, I would like to let you know what we are.

We are an Auxiliary whose function is to be supportive of the Enlisted Association. We are available to back any

legislation, both state and national level.

We are supportive of the Association in all of its endeavors. We promote the Guard at every opportunity.

Our membership has grown in the last three years from 16 to 100. Any spouse of a member of the Enlisted Association, either male or female, is eligible for membership in the Auxiliary.

We would like to invite you to attend the State Conference in Newark on April 22 and to take part in our meetings.

Join with us in seeking the goals we have set forth. The greater our number, the more impact we can provide in the challenging times ahead.

If interested in joining our Auxiliary, please complete the attached form for membership and mail to Mrs. June Young.

### Ohio Enlisted Assoc. Auxiliary Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Unit \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Address— Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$3.00 per year

Send Check or Money Order to:

Mrs. June Young, Treasurer,  
6559 Carriage Lane, Reynoldsburg,  
Ohio 43068.

# UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio  
National Guard Officers'  
Association

BY CPT. STEVE KOPER

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE — SALT FORK . . .

Ole: The annual conference is going south of the border. Well, at least the theme is Mexican — the place is Salt Fork State Park near Cambridge, May 19 and 20. LTC Bob Zimmerman, also known as "el patrone", reports that all accommodations in the lodge and all cabins have been reserved. A lengthy waiting list is also growing.

For you late-comers, take heart. There may still be an alternate way to join in the fun and participate in the Association business meeting. First, you may want to put the family in the car along with their swim suits or racquets, and let them enjoy the park while you attend the business meeting. You could even take a swim before you head for home.

If you would like to make an extended visit, accommodations are available in nearby Cambridge. It is only a short hop to the park. In addition, there are still camp sites available in the park for you more hardy souls. Finally, you may want to add your name to the waiting list. We have a number of cancellations every year although most are of the last minute variety.

All activities are informal and uniforms will be worn only during the business session. Invitations have been sent to many key Guard and political figures so the information presented should be timely and valuable. Above all, Salt Fork is fun. Hope to see you there.

### EM's PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NGAUS . . .

At the 99th General Conference of NGAUS a resolution was passed mandating a study of the amending of the by-laws of NGAUS to permit membership by enlisted members of the National Guard. That study is being conducted by a committee appointed by Major General Richard Miller, NGAUS President, and chaired by Major General Nicholas Kafkalas of Pennsylvania.

Major General Miller also appointed Captain Koper of the Ohio National Guard Association to serve on that committee. The Adjutant General's Department and the two Ohio associations have been made aware of the study group and have begun to formulate opinions. It would be extremely helpful to Captain Koper to receive some feedback from individual Guardspersons.

You may address your comments to Captain Stephen Koper, 685 Compton Road, Cincinnati, Oh 45231.

### 350 DANCED THE NIGHT AWAY . . .

The mid-winter dinner dance became a reality on the evening of February 25. The dance had to be re-scheduled due to the severe weather conditions and Guard call-ups in January. The outlook was none too bright that a dance would be held at all when the coal strike began to drag on. Thanks to excellent cooperation from the AG and the extra efforts of the Special Activities committee, 350 people danced the night away.

During the first break in the dancing the drawing was held for \$5,000 in prizes for the 1979 NGAUS Cleveland Conference Fund. We have raised nearly half our goal. A special thanks is in order to the Enlisted Association for their efforts in selling tickets.

A winner's list appears elsewhere on page 20.

### EDUCATION BILL EARNS PRAISE FROM NGAUS . . .

The following letter from NGAUS is one of many received in the aftermath of the signing of HB 228. Its passage was the result of the joint efforts of all of Ohio's Guardsmen:

Dear Captain Koper:

I was extremely delighted to learn that Ohio now has an educational assistance bill for enlisted members of the Ohio Guard. My heartiest congratulations! I am confident the Ohio Guard Association was in the forefront of the legislative struggle.

If more States would follow Ohio's lead, it would be helpful to the NGAUS effort being made to enact educational assistance legislation at the national level. Your membership may be assured that we are resolutely continuing to push for the needed educational assistance legislation as an enlistment incentive for all members of the National Guard.

Please pass on my personal appreciation to those association members who worked so hard to get this bill passed.

FRANCIS S. GREENLIEF  
MAJOR GENERAL, NGAUS (Pres)  
Executive Vice President  
NGAUS

## From the President's Desk . . .

In the next issue you will find an article dealing with a recent trip to Washington by several representatives of the Ohio National Guard Association. On our return trip, I had an opportunity to let my mind wander over what we had been able to accomplish in our short time "on the hill".

It is easy to become completely disassociated from the average member of ONGA when one serves in an elective office. Except — our members are not usually reluctant to state their opinions to the association leadership when something irritates them. On the other hand, we don't often hear from you in a positive way. Interestingly enough, that seems to be the case in Washington too.

The legislators, to whom I spoke, were keenly interested in our problems, our solutions, our successes and our failures. They were surprisingly well-informed on the basic issues of interest to Guardsmen. A recurring request, however, was "Why don't I hear from you folks more often?" That's a tough question to field when you are eyeball-to-eyeball with a Congressman on his home ground.

Most of these fellows supplied me with the answer they wanted me to give. "I want to hear more facts from more people more often." There, is a one sentence synopsis of the representative form of government. It shouldn't come as a surprise, for NGAUS has been preaching the idea of grassroots support for years. And this concept is not unique to national political action.

The successful enactment of HB 228 was due in large measure to the active efforts of a large number of Guardsmen. The state legislators, who supported the bill, depended on timely and accurate information from our sources to insure the passage of the bill. The opposition heard the same testimony and many of them became supporters.

What your Association leadership can accomplish is insignificant when compared to the potential of our full membership. The Guard faces serious situations in the next few months. The next time you question what your membership does for you, take a moment to consider what strength we could muster if each of us pulls part of the load. Each of you have helped in the past. Don't wait to be asked. You are Guardspersons, — volunteer!

# Buckeye Bits

## NCO's Have a Ball

The Non-commissioned officers of HHT and Det. 1, 216th Eng. Bn., Portsmouth, recently held a Military Ball at Cay Hall, Notre Dame High School in Portsmouth. The gala semi-formal affair was well-attended and featured music by Gary Billups, according to SFC Stan Flaugher.

## New Uniform for Women

Uniforms are slow to change and additions to the military inventory take time, but when those changes come they improve the overall appearance of the Army soldier. The latest addition to the Army uniform inventory, the Army "Green Pantsuit Uniform" may be worn year-round by all Army women. Currently the pantsuit is available at post exchanges of major military installations and is scheduled for regular clothing issue to most Guard women. Soldiers putting insignia on the pantsuit uniform should follow the same guidelines they use when attaching insignia to the Army Green Uniform. (ARNEWS)

## Trainin' in the Sun

To many people the words "field training" mentioned in connection with the country's national Guard forces conjures visions of sleeping in tents, warding off mud, digging foxholes and washing mess kits in scalding water. Not so, in the modern Air National Guard; and especially most members of Mansfield's 179th Tactical Airlift Group. According to SSgt. John Renock, Information Tech, meeting annual training requirements with the 179th has become a multi-faceted program which enables many airmen and officers the opportunity to train during their two weeks in such places as California, Hawaii, Alaska and Puerto Rico. This past summer, personnel from the communications and weather sections spent two weeks in beautiful southern California.

## Pardon Us!

Due to a typographical error the dates printed in the Feb. 78 issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine for the Ohio National Guard Association Conference at Salt

Fork should read "May 18-20" instead of May 8-20. Complete details on this conference has been mailed to all members.

## '78 Reunion Set

The Ohio National Guard's Third Annual Officers' Reunion will be held at Camp Perry this year on Sept. 23 and 24.

Retired officers and their wives are cordially invited to attend the affair.

According to COL John Simmons, Ohio Army Guard Chief of Staff, the 555th Air Force Band from Toledo will provide music for the affair.

Additional information on the reunion will be published in future issues of this magazine.

## Got a Problem?

Technicians, do you have a personal problem that is affecting your job performance? If yes, contact Major Paul Koreckis; your Technician Assistance Program Coordinator at Autovon 346-7058 or (614) 889-7058.

## Round-Up . . .

(Continued from Page 17)

372nd Engineers in **LEBANON**, for getting an article published in his Union Newsletter on our tuition assistance program.

## Unit-Wise

Congratulations to the following units who have made notable double digit enlistment gains during December and January:\*

HHC 112 Engr Bn .....	18
How Btry 3/107 AC.....	17
Spt Co 1/147 Inf.....	15
HHC 612 Engr Bn .....	15
135 MP Co .....	14
Co C 612 Engr Bn .....	13
323 MP Co .....	13
Trp I 3/107 AC.....	12
Co A 612 Engr Bn .....	11
How Btry 2/107 AC.....	11
324 MP Co .....	10
1484 Trans Co.....	10

\*Statistics for February were not available by press time. Units must remember that it takes a team effort to make progress, and they must report their accessions to the main recruiting stations to receive R & R Kudos.

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# All About People-

SP4 JOHN SAFFELL, 1416th Transportation Company, Worthington, was the Distinguished Honor Graduate in his recent course in avionics communications equipment repair at Fort Gordon, Ga. As a result of this high academic achievement SAFFELL was promoted to his present rank.

LTC NORMAN GEFEKE of the Toledo based 180th Tactical Fighter Group retired in January with over 36 years of military service.

1LT ALLEN L. ZECICIKEY, commander of the 121st Weapons Systems Security Flight, was named honor graduate of the Air Force's Security Officers' course. The ceremonies were held at the Security Police Academy, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

ROBERT E. PRESTON, Columbus, has been promoted to colonel in the Ohio Air

Guard. He has commanded the 178th Tactical Fighter Group at Springfield Airport since Dec., 1976.

BRIGADIER GENERAL HARRY L. COCHRAN JR., a Springfield resident who commands the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker AFB base Columbus, presented the symbolic eagle insignia to Colonel Preston. MRS. PRESTON was also on hand for the special ceremony.

SSGT VICTOR J. LAIRD, Food Service Sergeant, 112th Medical Brigade, Headquarters Company, Columbus, was named "Soldier of the Month" for January. Under the "Soldier of the Month" Program, SSG LAIRD dined at the Commander's table during weekend drill exercise and received one-half day of leave with pay.

Ohio University President CHARLES J. PING was made an honorary Buckeye Colonel by BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM, Assistant Adjutant General of the Ohio Army National Guard, during halftime ceremonies at an Ohio University basketball game.

PING received the award for helping to create an experimental tuition grant program for Ohio National Guardsmen two years ago.

The program was so successful that the Ohio General Assembly recently passed a law to allow all enlisted Guardsmen to receive a four-year college education at any state or private school approved by the Ohio Board of Regents. The Buckeye Colonel award is the highest honor given to a civilian who has made an outstanding and meritorious contribution to the ONG.

TSGT WARREN A. FENTON, Springfield, SSGT EARL CALL JR., Winchester, SGT DENNIS J. HUGHES, Xenia, and A1C MARK E. BUTCHER Cincinnati, were recent winners of the 1977 LOADEO.

The annual aircraft weapons loading competition is conducted by the Ohio Air National Guard's 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker Air Force Base. The competition involved teams from the Columbus unit, Springfield's 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo's 180th Tactical Fighter Group and Pittsburgh's 112th Tactical Fighter Group.

Nine days to complete a 53 day course; Honor Graduate to boot? That's what TSGT KENNY AMOS of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group can claim from his recent schooling at Chanute AFB, Ill.

Amos completed the very difficult Maintenance Analysis Specialist Course in record time.

The support that industry has given to the National Guard has been a key to the Guard's success. But the Tire Development Department of General Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio has made a special contribution — six employees are members of the same unit!

On Veterans Day JERRY MACKO, Lab Technician in the Tire Development Department, was sworn in at a ceremony held by General Tire and Rubber Company. He joins SFC DAVE EGGERT, Textile Senior Lab Technician; CPT DON BOITO, Management Specifications Section; PV2 JOANNE MINCH, Chemical Lab Technician; WALTER WOODS, O.C.S. Candidate; and PFC HENRY COX, Lab Technician. All members of Headquarters Troop, 2/107th Armored Cavalry in Canton.

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'Twist Slowly to the Right'

SERGEANT BOB EASTWOOD, an Ohio State Highway patrolman, and SP4 Ronald Crogham demonstrate proper procedures for handling an unruly person during recent civil disturbance training conducted by 2/107th Armored Cav at the Canton Armory. SGT Eastwood and Trooper Bob Warden, also of the Ohio Patrol, volunteered their services and instructional expertise to the unit. (PHOTO BY 1LT TIMOTHY PHILLIPS).

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## \$5000 in Prizes

# ONGA Names Winners At Winter Dance

The Ohio National Guard Association recently conducted its drawing of tickets sold to raise funds for the 1979 NGAUS Convention, slated in Cleveland.

The drawing was conducted at the Winter Dance, held at Beightler Armory in Worthington. Nearly 350 people attended the affair.

Following is a list of winners:

**\$1,000:** COL RICHARD G. MAGLEY, Worthington; and Mr. T. H. CARTWRIGHT, Columbus Grove.

**\$500:** MAJ JOSEPH BIMLER, Dublin and ROSEMARY DORIA, Canfield.

**\$100:** LTC JOHN C. McCOY, Springfield; NORA COLLINS, Birmingham, Mich; JAMES J. SPROSS JR, Toledo; COL C.H. HERTENSTEIN, Bellefontaine; COL GEORGE HUXEL, Chardon; WO1 ROBERT MONTGOMERY,

Columbus; DAISY STROZIER, Columbus; CPT T. J. SIEMER, Lima; and TED KOPCHINSKI, Solon.

**\$50:** BG RONALD S. HUEY, Kettering; CATHY JAMES, Marion; COL ROBERT JOHNSON, Columbus; MIKE TURNER, Washington C.H.; CPT JOE COOK, Columbus; BRUCE BUEHLER, West Carrollton; KIANA STRITT, Columbus; COL W. A. STRINGFELLOW, McLean, Va.; J. CALIOR, Vienna; DON BOYSEL, Jeffersonville; FRANCIS KIRK, RAFB; DODIE STEWART, Dayton; RICHARD STONE, Piqua; DARRELL STURN, Barberton; CPT GREGORY BRIDGEWATER, Columbus; KEN NEWTON, Detroit, Mich; K ANTHONY HAYEK, Youngstown; ANN HUNN, Dayton; and G. N. BIGGS, Maumee.

# Ohio Guard's Pascarella Outshoots 64 Reservists

Sixty-five National Guard and Reserve shooters from all over the United States recently met at the Marine Base at Quantico, Virginia, to compete in the All Reserve-National Guard Indoor Championships.

Sergeant Joseph Pascarella, the 1977 champion from Ohio, was also there to defend his title.

This year SSG Pascarella not only had to face the 64 shooters who were determined to outshoot him, but he also had to shoot a new experimental match proposed by the National Rifle Association that he had not shot before.

SSG Pascarella got into trouble with the first match of the day, the Free Pistol Match. SSG Pascarella fired a 260, putting him 16 points behind Army Reserve Jerry Wilder.

Next came the Standard Pistol Match. Here SSG Pascarella exploded with a score of 584, which was two points higher than the world record, but this record would not go into the record books due

to the fact that the match was an experimental match. At this point, SSG Pascarella was one point behind.

The Center Fire Match found Wilder and Pascarella shooting head to head; they both turned in a 589 score.

The last match to be shot was the 45 match. Pascarella and Wilder went shot for shot, but when the last shot was fired, SSG Pascarella had posted an 869 against Wilder's 857.

SSG Pascarella posted a grand total of 2302. This was the first time any shooter had gone over the 2300 mark.

Other great scores were turned in by National Guardsman LT Terry Anderson, La, 2281; Army Reserve Jerry Wilder, 2291; and Army Reserve Mel Makin, 2284.

There was only one team match, the 45 Pistol Team Match. Here again the National Guard came through with flying colors, winning first and second place.

SSG Pascarella is a recruiter for the ONG Marksmanship Program.

## 179th Gives 'Gift of Life'

Recently, quite a number of personnel from the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, Ohio, were involved in the saving of property and lives. They were the Air National Guardsmen who helped fight the blizzard of '78. They received national acclaim and well deserving credit for their efforts.

But there are numerous Guardsmen and full-time Technicians who have saved lives, many times over, year after year and very seldom have even heard the first word of "thanks." They never receive the credit they rightly deserve.

These persons have given the Gift of Life for which there is no substitute. Many members of the 179th are regular blood donors and form the backbone of the Red Cross Blood Program.

A little effort, a little time, can save the life of a relative, a neighbor, or a total stranger. Each time there is a call, or just a regularly scheduled blood drive, you can be sure there are some 179ers taking the time to share life.

Sergeants Al Leedy, Ken Snider and Bill Heacock have given over five gallons and don't plan on quitting. During the last drive, 16 technicians from the 179th donated their blood so that others might live.

THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION  
855 South Collett Street  
Lima, Ohio 45804

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name (First, MI, Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Unit of Assignment \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$5.00 per Year

- Renewal
- New Membership
- Change of Address
- Retired
- Air Guard
- Army Guard

## CSM Comments

From  
CSM CARL ARN  
State Sergeant Major

So often recognition is not received by deserving individuals. It is hoped that those individuals who responded to the challenge during the recent snow crisis and the '78 Blizzard are properly recognized. The many hours they worked during the adverse weather conditions were incredible. Their responsiveness was dramatized by the willingness, devotion and immeasurable determination to complete the mission of the Ohio National Guard during this crisis.

I salute each one of you for the dedication you have shown!

### SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

The time of the year is growing near when each of you will be going in many directions to attend annual training — "The theme is safety" — a very important item and should concern everyone.

In the past, we have experienced a number of accidents which were attributable to a breakdown in *supervision* and *deviation* from well-established safety practices. So, as NCO's "the real troop leaders," let's be on top of the situation and stress safety in every aspect — as you know, sometimes a little common sense will prevent an accident. Let's watch our buddies and keep on top of the situation.

## Next Deadline is April 28

Copy and photo deadline for the June, 1978, issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is April 28, 1978. No stories or photos can be accepted after this date.

Submissions should be typewritten (not all capital letters please) and double-spaced. All photographs should be accompanied by complete captions including identification of all individuals involved.

### Card of Thanks

Our sincere thanks to everyone connected with the Ohio National Guard. Their help and concern was deeply appreciated during our husband and father's illness and death.

We feel very fortunate that he was surrounded by such marvelous people.

Patricia Casagrande and children

## Wives Club News

# THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

"Swing into Spring" is a thought never more welcome than this year! With the blizzard, the unusually large piles of snow, and the unusually small piles of coal combining to make this past Winter memorable, some very lighthearted, relaxing Spring socializing is indicated. The monthly luncheon meetings of the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club are designed to provide just that.

The luncheon, on April 25, will be at the Rickenbacker Air Force Base Officers' Club. Featured will be Mrs. Nell Scott, from House of Fashion in Columbus. Mrs. Scott will give us a preview of the new fashion look, and of fabrics being used to create that look. Hostesses for this meeting will be the wives of the 160th Air Refueling Group, which is headquartered at Rickenbacker.

### YOU'RE INVITED

If you are the wife of a retired ONG Officer, you are especially invited to attend the meeting on May 23. This get-together, at the DCSC Officers' Club, is especially planned to honor retired members. The weather should be good, traveling enjoyable, and so, all are urged to attend and help greet these ladies who have been so supportive of the Guard over the years. Installation of of-

ficers for next year will also be held. Major General Clem has kindly agreed to be our speaker for this meeting.

Just a reminder, also, there are nursery facilities both at Rickenbacker and the DCSC for those who have small children. Social hour begins at eleven-thirty and luncheon is served at twelve-thirty.

The past two months have included two very enjoyable programs. February's speaker was Dorothy Teater, giving us some valuable insights into our rights as consumers, a subject which involves every woman. In March we had with us Meryl Abraham, who is a registered child psychologist, discussing the Total Woman. Meryl talked about woman's identity, child rearing, and husband-wife relationships. It was very interesting and thought-provoking.

### ROSTER CHANGES

There are some changes in the roster of OWC this season. A new treasurer, Joyce Smith, has consented to take over the duties of Joan Thomas, who has taken a new job. Vice President, Nancy Roberts, will be departing for Iran, where her husband's duties take him. And Membership Chairman and former President, Carol Williams, will be leaving to join her husband, Phil, at his new post at Camp Perry.

These ladies have certainly contributed much to OWC activities this year, and in the past. It is with much regret that we say goodbye to them.

One bright spot in the winter was the Association Winter Dinner Dance! Even though postponement was made necessary by the blizzard, the party, on February 25, was a treat for all. Arrangements were made by Major Jack Sanford and his wife, Lt. Jutta Sanford, (How's that for a "Guard family"?) of the 160th Air Refueling Group. Music was provided by the Columbus Whetstone High School Dance Band. The young musicians were very professional and performed a variety of today's music, as well as some "golden oldies". They made many of us parents want to keep up the music lessons for our youngsters! It was, altogether, a most pleasant evening.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OWC members are looking forward to the Association's Annual Conference at Salt Fork State Park in May. The park is always such a wonderful setting for the conference. It is a good chance to include the whole family, kids and all, in a Guard function. Hope to see many of you there.

So, in closing, please join us and "Swing into Spring" with the OWC.

## 200th Med Scores 'First'

BY CPT. G. A. KNIGHT

The 112th Medical Brigade's 200th Medical Company of Cleveland may have registered a "first" for Ohio Army Guard units and possibly a "first" nationally, among company-sized medical units.

Why? The 200th now has three women MSC officers, with the accession of two LTS Lynn M. Horrigan and Michelle Zilka recently. They joined 2LT Kay Byrom, of Columbus, already serving with the company.

Both new lieutenants, Kent State University students, arrived at the 200th by way of the new ROTC Early Commissioning Program.

Major John Desmone and CPT Scott Knight of the 200th administered the Oath of Office at KSU's ROTC Department following introductory remarks by Major Kenneth P. Weitzel, Professor of Military Science, and a brief talk by Major Desmone.

Just who are these ladies and what will they be doing?

LT. Byrom, a recent State OCS graduate who completed the AMEDD Branch Officer Basic Course at the Academy of Health Sciences this summer is assigned as Platoon Leader in the Ambulance Platoon. Otherwise, she is busy as an accountant for the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission in Columbus, plus undertaking graduate work at the University of Dayton.

LT Horrigan, who is completing her degree in corrections at KSU is married (we'd also like to get her husband from the Early Commissioning Program) and works for the pharmacy at the university's Student Health Center.

LT. Zilka, an accomplished ice skater, is also a senior at KSU, and works as a figure skater instructor at the university's ice arena.

## Cincinnati Wives Raise \$1,000 for Teens

The Cincinnati Chapter of the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club ended a very successful and productive year with their Christmas Buffet.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a check for \$1,000 to Rev. Gray for "Teen Challenge" by our President Kathy Koper. It was truly a triumph for our small group and we wish to extend thanks to all who helped by either purchasing a cookbook or participating in our other activities.

A special thanks to LTC Frotscher, LTC Collins and CPT Koper for all of their help, without which we would have not been nearly as successful.

We have monthly meetings planned for 1978 with a variety of interesting programs including a speaker on interior decorating; a style show from "Casual Corners", a local beauty and styling salon.

Come and join us. Interested persons may reach us by calling L. Brown at 831-9514 or J. Taylor at 831-4014.

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