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From the AG



Stress Safety During Training

Spring is here and with spring comes increased training activity. While our emphasis naturally turns to training, we must continue to stress recruiting. This is the prime recruiting season for high school graduates and with the Ohio National Guard incentive package, coupled with federal enlistment incentives for all units, every unit can achieve at least 90 per cent strength.

Another item commanders must stress is safety. Last year we had one death, one permanent disability and over 90 incapacitation pay cases resulting from training accidents. Most of these could have been avoided. Commanders, platoon leaders, and NCO's must constantly watch for unsafe practices, anticipate the

type of accidents that can occur based on activities planned and have safety briefings before moving out of the armory in the same manner as our Army and Air Guard flying units stress safety at the beginning of each drill. Review driver training and qualification, particularly M151 drivers now. Think safety at all times even if some realism in training must be sacrificed. When one of our members is hurt or killed in training, it is very difficult not to believe that some officer of NCO failed in caring for his personnel.

This year while stressing training, recruiting, retention and safety, commanders will also be faced with a new situation—simultaneously preparing for

annual general inspections. These inspections have normally occurred in Ohio during the fall, winter or spring, between annual training periods. This year they are scheduled from July to October. Don't panic—look on it as a challenge—one more area in which to excel.

The good news—we are still wearing our white hat image with the citizens of Ohio and our Legislature. Don't let your unit do anything to turn it gray or black.

CSM Comments

From
CSM CARL ARN
State Sergeant Major

Annual Training for most units will be rolling around soon.

Now is the time for our units to analyze their strengths and weaknesses. If a particular weakness exists, let's search for ways to improve.

So many times we do things the "old way" because that's the way it was done 20 years ago and "it worked then".

We must be willing to be innovative and try new approaches to old problems. We must constantly be in search of new ideas and methods of accomplishing our missions. In addition, new challenges and opportunities must be accepted with enthusiasm.

Maximum use should be made of our excellent (and often untapped) Non-Commissioned Officer Corps. Give them the opportunity to lead at AT and throughout the year and they will become *true* leaders. Make this the year of the NCO and watch your unit morale and efficiency skyrocket!

I'd like to wish each and every member of the Ohio National Guard—including our friends in the Air Guard—a productive and successful Annual Training experience.

Above all, have a safe summer. A little common sense will go a long way to prevent accidents.

A SPECIAL NOTE: Take time to remember our junior troops and show them the personal attention they deserve. Treat them well, use them well, and they'll *stay Guard!*

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From the Asst. AG-Army

Unit PAO's Succeed in Spite of Lack of Support from Some Commanders

For the past several years the public relations effort of the Ohio National Guard has been one of the most outstanding in the country. People involved in public relations include CPT Janowski, CPT Vaquera, ILT Dubina, SFC DeVoe, SSG Clevenger, and the members of the 196th PA Detachment, but in particular those of you throughout the state who have so enthusiastically embraced the concept of this grassroots statewide effort.

That you have succeeded in an unprecedented fashion is very easy to see. Why and how you have succeeded is less apparent. In many cases, those of you who have served as unit public affairs people have persevered in the face of tremendous odds and resistance. Those of you who have had good command and unit support have indeed been fortunate because your job has been easier.

The personal effort and sacrifice in

knitting together this unprecedented effort is a credit to all who have been involved. We are proud of the way you have come through and the enthusiasm you have shown although others have not always understood exactly what you're doing. Some have been accused of goofing off and others have had less than wholehearted support from commanders. At times, petty things were thrown at you as obstacles.

The problem has been the lack of understanding of what we are doing. Many times we looked at this headquarters as the source of all wisdom. If this headquarters enjoys any wisdom at all, it is merely the accumulation of what has come in from the field.

Every commander should know who his public affairs representative is. I'm not talking about the individual who is put in a position as an additional duty but rather that person who has a knack for writing,

photography or both and who is voluntarily helping in our public relations effort.

This then is that great group of people who have worked so hard and diligently to bring to Ohio the Silver Anvil, the Keith L. Ware and the many other awards that have been won.

If commanders are not constantly canvassing their units for this kind of talent and utilizing it, you're missing a good bet. More importantly, you're not helping our statewide public affairs effort. It doesn't matter how good we are if nobody knows about it. That kind of information does not get out by any magic formula. It only happens because someone causes it to happen.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM
Asst Adj Gen for Army

It's Your View

An Open Letter to My Country

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was written by Ohio Army National Guard SSgt. Thomas Glover, unit public information NCO for the 37th Signal Company in Lakewood. It was submitted for competition in the Freedom Foundation National Contest. Any Ohio Guardmember, Army or Air, is invited to express his or her opinion on any topic concerning the Guard in this column. Send your typewritten double-spaced article (in 250 words or less) to: "It's Your View", care of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085. We reserve the right to edit all articles for clarity.

I am one of your Guardsmen . . . You have seen me many times . . . with many faces . . . with many forms . . . with many reasons for being in the un-

iform of my country . . . I am the person from the city . . . the one from the country . . . waiting with my unit . . . for the time when you will need me and my abilities.

I am the starry-eyed civilian who has become a soldier . . . longing to be the man that I know I will and can be . . .

I am the person . . . in fatigue green . . . you see through the eyes of our Big Brother . . . I am the ram rod straight . . . smart-saluting figure in Class "A" greens you encounter as you go about your daily work . . .

Please understand that often in my complaints about little things . . . I am trying to tell you of far deeper needs . . . Even though I appear normal . . . I have left normality outside your doors . . . Though I am mature . . . I suddenly become frightened of long dark nights . . . And how I want you to be warm and

friendly while I am in the uniform of my country . . .

Much of my fright as a recruit came from a lack of understanding on my part . . . but from the time I put on the uniform of my country . . . my outlook changed . . . You have assured me . . . and many others . . . that we will never be alone or abandoned . . . even on your busiest day . . . I shall never forget you have been a symbol to people like me for two hundred and three years . . .

The uniform has changed many times over . . . but the concept continues . . . Our uniform stands for free life . . . liberty and the pursuit of happiness . . .

SSGT THOMAS E. GLOVER
37th Signal Company
Lakewood, Ohio

What the Dr. Ordered

To the Editor:

I have just received a personal copy of the Special Benefits Issue and think it is just what the doctor ordered! It should have a significant impact on the retention of personnel. It is the most comprehensive document on Guard benefits that I have seen in the over five years I have been in the Ohio Guard.

I am currently the ROTC Liaison officer for Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, O. As a liaison officer one of my primary missions is recruiting junior officers for the Ohio Army National Guard. I would like to use this issue as a recruiting tool for my efforts at BGSU.

Request you send 15-20 copies of this issue so I can use them on my next visit. I assure you they will not go to waste!

CPT. J. MICHAEL MORAN
Liaison Officer
HQ, 137th S and S Bn.
Toledo, Ohio

EDITOR'S NOTE: CPT Moran, thank you for your kind remarks on our recent Special Benefits Issue. We've had many favorable comments on this particular issue and we positively feel it will be an aid to retention in the Ohio National Guard. Your 20 extra copies have been mailed.

Xenia Unit Honored by British

Members of the 1st Detachment, Company A, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry, Xenia, received a reward for their annual training exercises conducted this past year in the United Kingdom.

The members of the National Guard trained with members of Great Britain's equivalent of our National Guard.

The challenge issued our men was learning the correct way to use British

weapons.

The incentive is a cloth patch with crossed rifles signifying the bearer has met or exceeded the requirements prescribed by the British for their infantrymen.

While in Great Britain the Xenia detachment presented the commanding officer of the 2/52nd Lowland Volunteers with a Xenia city flag.

Pre-BCT Program Announced

The Ohio Army National Guard now offers another unique benefit to our new enlistees—pre-basic training centers which enlistees can attend in a paid status.

With the elimination of the Moot Memorandum, high school seniors and graduates are eligible to be placed in a federally paid status for 180 days prior to attending basic training.

Those individuals who are not in a paid federal status, are eligible to receive state

active duty for attending pre-BCT training classes.

Currently, pre-BCT training centers are located in Toledo, Cincinnati, Columbus and Stow (for the Cleveland-Akron-Canton area). Curriculum at the centers include drill and ceremonies, weapons familiarization, military courtesy and much more.

The reference for this program is AGOH-Circular 350.

CSM Comments . . .

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KUDOS TO OUR MAGAZINE

So often in the Ohio Guard individuals do not receive recognition for their initiative and hard work.

I would like to commend the editor of this magazine, and his able staff, for outstanding professionalism in the production of the magazine.

Of special note is the Special Benefits Issue, published in February. This issue was by far the most informative and ben-

eficial issue ever published. Every Guardmember can benefit from its contents.

All of those responsible for this excellent issue can be justifiably proud of their accomplishments and their immeasurable contributions in making BUCKEYE GUARD the best magazine in the nation.

If you the reader, have the same sentiments, let them know how you feel.

Wrong Unit

To the Editor:

I enjoy reading the "Buckeye Guard" but articles like the "Mock Plane Crash" (appearing in the Buckeye Bits Column of the Feb. 1979 issue) really upset me.

HHC 148th Infantry, Lima, ran this exercise—not the 837th Engineers.

I think all the military units should work together; but also credit should be given to the people who performed this mission.

Thanks for listening. By the way, who wrote the article?

ILO MARVIN
Delphos, O.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thank you for setting the record straight. The information contained in the erroneous article came from a Lima newspaper.

NEXT DEADLINE IS APRIL 30

Copy and photo deadline for the June, 1979 issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is April 30, 1979. No articles or photos can be accepted after this date for the June issue.

All submissions must be typewritten and double-spaced (do not type all capital letters please). Photos should be accompanied by complete captions and identification of all individuals concerned.

All photos and articles should be sent to: SFC Bob DeVoe, Editor, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085.

Our Cover . . .

This month's dynamic cover photo was taken by Ohio Air National Guard SSgt. Jim Knapp, a photographer with the 180th Tactical Fighter Group in Swanton.

Jim shot this photo of 180th firefighters during Annual training last year at Alpena, Michigan.

The aircraft fire shown in the photo is simulated; but the firefighters are prepared for the real thing.

This is Sergeant Knapp's second BUCKEYE GUARD cover photograph.

RECRUITING ROUND-UP



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

BY MAJ EDWIN HALL
State Recruiting Manager

Recruiting figures show we have had a net gain in strength for the past five months. The next few months should produce additional gains.

BONUS PROGRAM

During the period March 15 to June 15, 1979, all units of the Ohio Army National Guard are authorized to pay the \$1,500 Enlistment Bonus or the Education-Assistance Bonus. These enlistment incentives are in addition to the State Tuition Assistance Program. In order to qualify for the enlistment bonus an individual must meet the following criteria:

- Meet all normal enlistment criteria.
- Must enlist for an authorized unit vacancy.
- Must enlist for a period of six years. Must not enlist for Split Training Option.
- Must be non-prior service.

e. Must be a graduate of a secondary school by the time they enter IADT (GED is not acceptable).

f. Must be in Mental Category I, II, or III.

g. Must not enlist to become a technician or for active duty (does not include IADT).

Full details are available in AGO Circular 600-3 (Army).

BLUE STREAK REFERRALS

The Blue Streak Referral Program continues to provide many new leads and recruits. Members of the Ohio National Guard may be paid one day's State Active Duty pay for each referral that results in an enlistment. You can help your friends receive a bonus and go to college, and you can be paid for the referral. For more information on this program call your nearest Regional Recruiting Center or call toll-free 1-800-282-7210.

JOB FAIR

SFC Gary Barnes and the HHB, 1/136th

FA Battalion conducted a very successful job fair in the armory on February 23 and 24. Several employers and schools were represented at the event. Over 400 promising leads resulted.

KUDOS

SFC Robert Evener is the new station manager for the Toledo Recruiting Region. He is also an instructor for the "Dynamics Unlimited" Recruiting School.

MSG Robert Speakman is the new station manager for the Columbus Recruiting Region. He replaces SFC Thomas Lutes who is currently at Fort Benning, Ga., attending OCS.

Gold Recruiter Badges have recently been awarded to SFC Paul Ward, SFC Thomas Lutes, SFC Maynard Tescar, and SGT Gary Dotson.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Muster Day program conducted by Co A, 216th Engr Battalion in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Few Ohio Guardmembers Respond to Stripes for Buddies Program

BY SFC JERRY CONDO
Staff Writer

Since late September, only six persons have taken advantage of an Ohio Army National Guard enlistment program that could put dollars in wallets and purses.

Chief Warrant Officer Darryl VanderMolen, enlisted military personnel manager, says that the limited response to the Stripes For Buddies program is probably due to lack of knowledge about it.

Stripes for Buddies puts stripes on sleeves for recruiting friends.

"I think it's a good program. These youngsters can get more money during basic training and advanced individual training," said VanderMolen.

Simply put, the program works this way:

An individual who enlists with no previous military service may be promoted from PV1 to PV2 prior to at-

tending basic training if he or she:

1. refers two qualified applicants to the Ohio Army National Guard and they enlist.

2. or refers three such applicants.

3. or refers two high school seniors/graduates who enlist in delayed entry program, regular Army, the Army Reserve or the Ohio Army National Guard.

The individual who refers four qualified applicants to the Army Guard and they enlist or four high school seniors or graduates who enlist in delayed entry, regular Army, the Army Reserve or the Ohio Army National Guard can get an even bigger reward—promotion to Private First Class.

Again, the promotion from PV1 to Private First Class must be done prior to attending basic training, says VanderMolen.

The difference in the ranks means money.

As an example, under the current Guard pay scale that took effect Oct. 1, a PV1 makes \$55.92 every weekend drill.

But, a PV2 makes \$62.32 for that same weekend drill.

And, a PFC makes \$64.72.

VanderMolen says that to qualify for entry into the Guard, the person who is recruited under the Stripes for Buddies program must score 31 or more on the Armed Forces Qualification Test if male and 50 or above if female.

One problem that has cropped up in the Stripes for Buddies program has been the failure to promote before basic training the individual who brought in his or her buddies.

Technically speaking, once the individual enters basic training he or she has lost the opportunity to gain the promotion earned through the Buddies Program.

Bronze Star Presented 34 Years Late

BY LTC JOE VOGEL
OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD

When Tech Sergeant Linda Vuckovich greets her father Joe, a former First Lieutenant in the Army during WW II, a knowing smile instead of a salute passes between them.

Linda, the first female Guardperson to enlist in the 179th Tactical Airlift Group at Mansfield-Lahm Airport, has served longer in the military service than her dad.

Linda has nearly six years with the Mansfield unit prior to transferring to Headquarters, Ohio Air National Guard at Beightler Armory in Worthington. Lt. Joe had 47 months of active duty with the Army.

Linda has attended the Non commissioned Officer Leadership School in Knoxville, Tennessee as well as her basic training in Texas. Lt. Vuckovich went to what he terms a "no-nonsense" infantry officers school in Brisbane, Australia during WW II.

While Linda has earned the usual ribbons and medals for her service, her father still has the better story to tell.

He was recommended for the Bronze Star for his service in the Philippines 34 years ago. Several weeks ago he was notified of the recommendation and received the medal from the Department of the Army.

Lt. Joe traveled from Australia, through the Philippines, eventually landing a few miles north of Hiroshima. He even traveled to Hiroshima, to "see what our firecracker did." TSgt Linda would like to retrace her father's footsteps across the world someday.

The knowing smile? As part of his reward Linda gave her father a kiss, along with the comment, "Well Dad, did you ever kiss a sergeant before?" That's why the knowing smile instead of the salute passes between them each time they meet.

Ohio Guard Mag Second in NGAUS

National recognition has been granted to THE BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine for its overall excellence. It was selected as the second place winner of its category in the annual contest for National Guard newspapers conducted by the National Guard Association of the United States.

Listed on the winner's plaque along with the publication itself, according to an NGAUS spokesman, are the 196th Public Information Detachment and the Ohio National Guard Officers Association.

The category in which the BUCKEYE GUARD is included covers magazines and commercially printed newspapers, tabloids or full-sized.



ILT JOE VUCKOVICH AND LINDA

A Complete About Face

134th Engineer Group Wins Top NGB Award

BY PVI FRANK DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

It's easy to understand why State Maintenance Officer Col. Billy D. Gibson was surprised to find that the winner of the National Guard Bureau Award for efficiency in maintenance was the Headquarters Company of the 134th Engineer Group.

The year before they hadn't even passed their Command Maintenance Evaluation Team Inspection (COMET).

"The COMET inspection," Gibson explained, "is the one we look at the closest for this award. It's very, very unusual that any unit will reverse a situation quite that quick.

"I'm particularly pleased for the reason that I think it shows what any unit can do if they put their minds to it," he added.

But pleased is an understatement when it comes to those more directly involved. "Last year we didn't do so well, but this year we made a 180-degree turnaround and came out number one!" said Col. Koett, 134th group commander. "They brought that baby all the way back!"

"We're really proud of it," added

Company Commander CPT Jim Story.

They have a right to be proud. It took an immense amount of work. Many of the men volunteered free time on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

How did the drastic change come about?

"There was nothing magic or special about it," Story said. "We flunked the COMET the year before, just as I was taking command.

"Nobody took failing lightly. It made everyone determined to make everything right," he added. "After all, nobody wants to belong to a screwed-up unit."

Making everything right is all the farther the men had planned to go. Winning the award wasn't one of their goals. "All we were shooting for was to get where we were supposed to be," Story said.

"We tried to get everyone involved. Full-timers and part-timers complimented each other," pointed out the company commander. "We have super people. Sgt. Dennis Halping, SFC Ralph Robinson, they're all really dedicated."

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TWISTER: *Ohio Guard, DSA Promote Tornado Safety*

BY SFC BOB DEVOE
STAFF WRITER

Five years ago this month a killer tornado devastated Xenia, taking 30 lives, injuring 1,100, and destroying over 1,000 homes. The tornado caused \$100 million in damage in just 35 minutes.

The tornado season has arrived, once again, bringing with it an increased threat to the lives and property of Ohioans.

Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes has proclaimed April 2-6 "Ohio Tornado Safety Week". During this week, and throughout the year, the Governor is urging all Ohioans to learn tornado safety procedures and teach them to their children. Ohio media have also been asked to help spread the word.

The Ohio National Guard, in cooperation with the State Disaster Services Agency, Ohio Insurance Institute and National Weather Service has designed a comprehensive media packet to spearhead this campaign.

In addition, Tornado Safety Brochures

will be available to the public at Ohio Army National Guard armories across the state.

Under the guidance of Maj. Curt Griffith, Ohio Air Guard, the Ohio Committee on Tornado Safety has been formed to spread the word on tornado safety throughout the state.

According to Griffith, who also serves as Deputy Director of the State Disaster Services Agency, "County Disaster Service Agencies will play a key role in getting these tornado safety tips to the public".

HUNDREDS KILLED

Each year tornadoes kill hundreds of people. Thousands of homes are destroyed. Whole buildings disappear and only their basements are left.

No one can stop a tornado; but there are precautions you can take to safeguard lives and property.

The peak tornado season in Ohio is generally recognized as April, May and June. One has to hear but one word, Xenia, to remember the fury of a tornado

in our state.

There is little that can be done to avoid the property destruction tornadoes bring; but tornadoes do not have to be killers. You can take precautions when a storm threatens and thereby save lives, reduce the threat of injury and lessen property damage.

A tornado is a severe storm. The winds in a tornado turn counter-clockwise with wind speeds that vary from under 100 miles per hour to approaching 300 miles per hour. Tornadoes do their destructive work through the combined action of their strong rotary winds, flying debris and the partial vacuum in the center of the vortex.

Most tornadoes move from the southwest to the northeast. Generally, tornadoes occur in the spring in the late afternoon on a hot day. But remember, tornadoes can happen at any time.

EASY TO RECOGNIZE

You'll have no trouble recognizing an
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TREES WERE TOPPLED LIKE MATCHSTICKS during a devastating tornado which struck Fremont, Ohio, nearly two years ago. Engineers from Co. C, 612th Engineer Bn., Norwalk, were called in by the governor to help clear debris. (PHOTO BY SGT MIKE GILBERT).

Guard Sees Surge in Number Placed on 'Involuntary' Duty

BY SFC JERRY CONDO
STAFF WRITER

"It's an interesting situation."

So says Chief Warrant Officer Darryl VanderMolen, enlisted military personnel manager for the Ohio National Guard.

What's interesting is the recent surge in the number of Guardmembers who are being sent to the U.S. Army on active duty—involuntarily.

Or is it involuntarily?

A check of the records in the Ohio Adjutant General's Department shows that in fiscal year 1977 the Guard shipped out 54 persons to involuntary active duty under the authority of Army Regulation 135-91.

But, for fiscal year 1978 which ended September 30, the Guard had sent no less than 141 Guardmembers to active duty under the same involuntary status, and, the rush is on for fiscal 1979.

CW3 VanderMolen says that as of early December his office had 78 more individuals being processed, or awaiting processing, for a forced tour of duty with the Army.

VanderMolen believes there is more than one reason for the surge in involuntary active duty. But, one reason is unemployment.

"They know they can get a full time job (with the Army). All he (or she) has to do is miss five drills within 12 months," said the warrant officer.

A member of the Guard can be sent to involuntary active duty if the individual has completed active-duty-for-training and acquired a military occupational specialty (MOS).

The Guardmember is under threat of such a sanction if he or she misses those five drills—which amounts to one weekend of drills and one more four hour drill—or is absent without leave from two weeks annual training.

In addition, the Guardmember is also under such a threat if he has five unsatisfactory drills.

DISCOURAGES AWOLS

The Army Regulation sending Guardmember Joe Palooka off to the Army is obviously there to discourage AWOLs on drill weekends.

But, the Army may be looking at-

tractive to some Guardmembers who don't have a full time job, reasons CW3 VanderMolen.

As a matter of fact, VanderMolen's office has letters from some Guardmembers who made it quite clear that they were missing Guard drills just so they could get in the Army through the back door.

"After being informed of the contents of AR 135-91 and AGOR 135-1, I requested that the company send me on active duty with the U.S. Army . . . I do not intend to be present at future drills in order to facilitate this process," wrote a PV2 in a communications platoon.

The private sent the letter, with his signature, to the company commander.

WHY JOIN?

But, why does the individual join the Guard to begin with?

"Part of it is possibly due to the fact that the enlisted group of people who cannot qualify for regular Army enlistment come to the National Guard because they want to be in the military in some form. And, when they get in the Guard they find out there are ways of getting in the Army by missing drills," said VanderMolen.

When sent off to involuntary active duty, the individual serves 24 months, minus the amount of time spent on active duty for training.

Furthermore, the individual, regardless of the rank he or she had in the Guard, is shipped off as a PV2.

Another reason for the increase in the number of individuals sent to involuntary active duty is that "unit commanders are paying more attention to the regulation."

CW3 VanderMolen said that a special subject of recent annual general inspections has been the necessity of paying close attention to the regulation on drill non-attendance.

The warrant officer said the average individual being sent off to the Army is a private first class (before demotion to PV2), with less than three years Guard service.

Many of the individuals wind up overseas. CW3 VanderMolen said that 15 of 17 persons sent to the Army in December 1977 wound up overseas.

New Stars Awarded to Three Officers

The United States Senate has confirmed the promotions of Robert W. Teater to Major General and Bernard T. Chupka and William F. Casey to the rank of Brigadier General in the Ohio National Guard, according to Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, Adjutant General for Ohio.

General Teater was recently named Director of the Ohio Area Command, headquartered in Worthington. As OAC director Teater commands the Ohio Guard's largest Army organization, and also serves as the Adjutant General's principal advisor for mobilization in time of national emergency.

As a civilian, Teater is the Director of the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources.

Brig. Gen. Chupka is commander of the Ohio Army Guard's 16th Engineer Brigade, headquartered in Columbus.

Chupka is the Safety Director for the City of Columbus.

Brig. Gen. Casey serves as the Ohio Air National Guard's Chief of Staff in Worthington and formerly served as Director of Operations for the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker AFB, O.

Casey is employed as a Systems Safety Engineer with Rockwell International in Columbus.

73rd Bde. Paper Places Second in NGAUS Competition

BY PV1 FRANK DOUGLAS
STAFF WRITER

73rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters Detachment (Sep) recently placed second in the 1978 NGAUS Newspaper Competition.

The bimonthly publication, entitled BUCKEYE BITS, and edited by SSG Nancy Clevenger, is currently named the 73rd BRIGADE CITATION and highlights "everything out of the armory" said current editor Sgt. Jay Garcia.

The paper usually averages eight pages and is mailed across the state as well as to the Brigade troops.

Currently the editor plans to add sections to the publication concerning the Enlisted Association, recruiting and a "What's Up" corner.

Garcia stated, "we're going to try harder and take first place next year." He challenged "the rest of the unit newspapers to take it away from the 73rd."

The award was presented to the brigade, commanded by Col. Andrew Skalkos, by BG James M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio Army National Guard.

Governor Rhodes Names Copeland New Assistant Quartermaster

Colonel Robert P. Copeland, of Greenville, has been named Assistant Quartermaster General for the Ohio National Guard by Governor James A. Rhodes.

Before assuming his current post, Copeland was vice-president of purchasing for the Treaty Company in Greenville.

As Assistant Quartermaster General he is responsible for all state-owned property controlled by the AG Dept. He will also handle the administration of all contracting and purchasing.

Copeland, 53, attended Alexander Hamilton Institute and is a graduate of both the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial Col-

lege of the Armed Forces.

He is a member of the National Guard Association of the United States; Reserve Officers' Association; American Defense Preparedness Association; and the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville.

Col. Copeland has served over six years on active duty with the U.S. Army during both World War II and Korea. He has held numerous positions in the Ohio Army National Guard and has most recently served as the Deputy Commander of the Ohio Area Command (now the State Area Command), headquartered in Worthington.

His military awards include the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal.



COL. ROBERT P. COPELAND

Experimental Program

Hocking Tech to Train Med Techs

The Ohio National Guard and Hocking Technical College have recently announced an experimental program that will train Ohio National Guard Medics as Emergency Medical Technicians-Ambulance (EMT-A).

Twenty six Ohio National Guard medics will spend their Annual Training period this summer at the Hocking Tech campus in Nelsonville undergoing intensive training to become certified emergency medical technicians.

"The program is unique in that the medics will receive college credits

while fulfilling their annual training requirement," according to 1LT Victor Dubina, Public Affairs Officer.

Ohio Guard medics will be at Hocking Tech July 15-29 for the two week intensified training seminar taught by John Peters, college EMT-A instructor who is also an Ohio Guardmember.

The guard medics will receive 78 hours of required EMT-A classroom study at the college and must complete an additional 20 hours in a hospital setting.

Upon completion of the classroom study, the Ohio Guard medics will receive 5 college credits, at the end of the clinical study, they will be eligible for a sixth college credit and state certification as EMT-A.

The intensive two week training period will not only benefit the participating medics but the communities the guard members come from, providing an even better trained Ohio Guardmember ready to respond more effectively in a state of emergency call-up.

New Emergency Broadcast Systems Debut

BY SFC JERRY CONDO

STAFF WRITER

The Ohio Association of Broadcasters has created a new state-wide emergency broadcast system that will feed vital information to Ohioans in minutes.

Tip Carpenter, Great Trails Broadcasting executive in Columbus, explains that the new network will be of great benefit in the event of another blizzard similar to the one which occurred in January 1978.

Virtually every Ohio radio and television station is involved in the system recently approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The new system may only be triggered by the governor, the Adjutant General as chief of the State Disaster Service Agency, or his designated representatives.

Basically, it works this way:

The governor telephones the network originating station—WCOL/WXGT in Columbus—and requests activation of the system.

WCOL/WXGT sends out an alerting tone, a 22.5 second two-tone signal. Every station in Central Ohio and certain "key" stations in other parts of Ohio are tuned in to receive the signal.

The 22.5 second signal is followed by a live announcement from WCOL/WXGT that (for example) the governor will be making an announcement at 3:30 p.m.

The key stations outside of Central Ohio—SVNO, Mansfield, WSPD, Toledo, WOUB, Athens, WPAY, Portsmouth, and WLQA, Cincinnati, repeat the WCOL(WXGT) signal and announcement to stations tuned in around their geographic area.

Carpenter, who is the state emergency broadcast chairman for the Ohio Assn. of

Broadcasters, says the new system was recently tested.

"We went from Columbus, to Toledo, to Lima in just seven minutes," said Carpenter.

Carpenter concedes that the system will be used only in emergencies, a devastating blizzard, huge tank car chlorine leaks, or other disasters.

"We will be able to save lives by getting information to the public: 'Don't get on such and such highway.' 'This is the way to signal for help to a helicopter,'" says Carpenter, a 31 year veteran of radio.

The broadcasting industry has had an emergency broadcasting system for years.

"But, it was not organized well. It would take three to four hours to patch information together," said Carpenter.

The new system, mandated by the FCC, began last October.

Out of Shape?

'Run for Your Life' Offers Sensible Solution

BY CPT. JAMES CHUBB

State Training Office

After a winter season of sitting back in the arm chair slurping beer and eating potato chips while watching your favorite sport, you have probably developed a midriff bulge.

This is first noticed with a tightening of the waist of your pants. But you couldn't have gained weight. It's because the cleaners "shrank" your pants. You know that any additional increase in the waistline is "muscle". It couldn't be "fat".

Do yourself a favor. Get on the scale. WOW! What does NGR 600-9 have to say about your current condition?

The annual weigh-in is in July. You still have time to do something about your problem.

What can you do?

Get involved in the Ohio Army National Guard "Run for Your Life" program! It is not the total answer, but it is a good place to start.

Why? Prior to entering the program, you must see your doctor. This will have a double advantage. You will get his opinion as to a productive means to reduce (you should never start either a diet or exercise program without his advice) and you will insure that you are in good physical condition and capable of starting a weight control and physical conditioning program.

Dieting won't do it alone. Fad diets don't really work.

The only way to properly reduce is to increase your physical activity and reduce the calories. This doesn't mean starvation. All that does is lead to frustration. Your doctor can provide you with a sensible eating program.

"Run for Your Life" can provide you with a sensible exercise program that will not only burn up those excess calories but will also tone up the muscles and improve your overall physical condition.

A point of advice. Before you start, weigh in and plot your weight on a calendar. Now, start your diet and exercise plan but don't weigh yourself for at least a week.

Your body weight can fluctuate two to five pounds due to retention of water.

It takes between 24 and 48 hours after the beginning of a weight control program before you notice any drop in weight. Keep that intestinal fortitude for at least a week prior to weighing yourself. If you haven't cheated on your plan, you will notice a decrease in weight. It may not be a lot, but it is a start.

Does this approach work? I'll say it does! I started the "Run for Your Life" program at a weight of 225 pounds. Forty-five days later, after maintaining my doctor's diet plan and the "Run for Your Life" program, my weight is 195. I don't have to worry about the July weigh-in nor the four mile march, I'm ready. You can be, too! Do something good for yourself today!



COL. ROBERT LAWSON, Ohio Army National Guard Chief of Staff, runs every day, rain or shine, and is the first Ohio Guardmember to complete both the 50 and 100 mile requirement in the "Run for Your Life" Program. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE)

4 Miles in 30 Minutes

Physical Fitness His Career

Specialist Fifth Class Ronald Edwards of the 122nd Army Band found it easy to finish the four-mile test in a little over 30 minutes.

"I didn't really push myself", he said, "I just kept an even pace."

The Cincinnati native has made physical fitness his career by running the gym at the Lebanon Correctional Institute. In addition to planning training programs for others, he finds time to lift weights, run, play basketball and volleyball.

Spec. 5 Edwards feels the four mile run is an important part of the National

Guard, but is incomplete as a PT program.

"I think it's essential for everyone in each unit to be able to run four miles in an hour. I think if they can't do it, they should be put in a PT program so they can build up to it."

The bandsman also believes that everyone in the National Guard should take part in some type of physical training during each drill weekend.

"I don't think we can leave physical fitness up to most individuals. I think people have to be motivated, and some people will only be motivated if they come to drills and have to do PT."

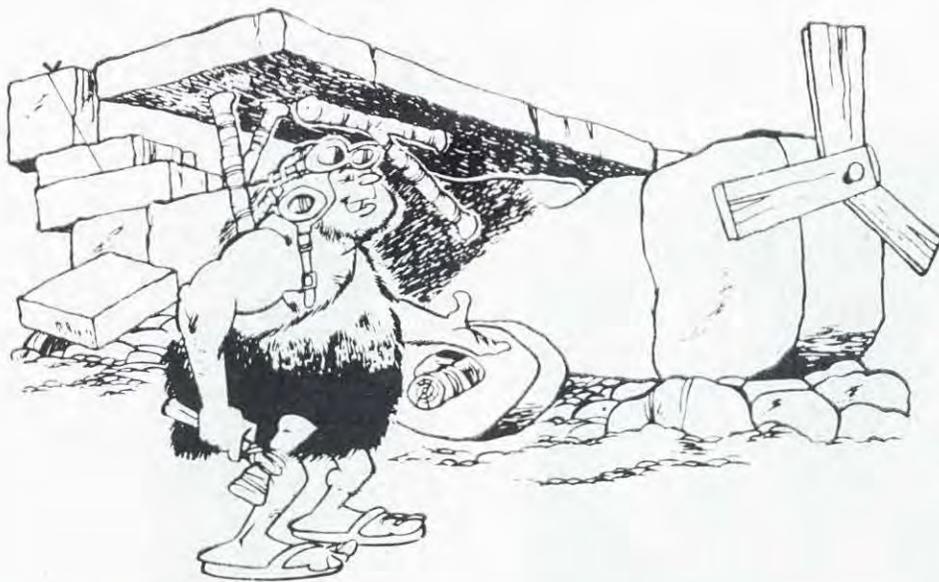
Defiance Unit Aids YMCA

National Guardmembers are often called citizen-soldiers, and with good reason as proven by the members of Detachment 2, Company C, 1/148th Infantry in Defiance.

A mini-crisis developed in that town recently which threatened the existence of the local YMCA. According to unit recruiter, Sergeant John Rodriguez, that threat died the day the armory was made available to the YMCA members.

The arrangement works for everyone involved, according to Sgt. Rodriguez. The YMCA has a place to hold classes, and the armory has some extra income to cover its operating costs.

The Defiance unit would like to become even more involved in the community, according to Staff Sergeant Phil Hutchins, administrative supply technician, and are open to suggestions from people in the area.



Space Available Travel No Frills, But Free

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is the first of two on Space Available travel. The second article, a first person account of TSgt. Linda Vuckovich's experiences on a military flight, will appear in the June issue of *BUCKEYE GUARD* Magazine.

BY TSgt LINDA VUCKOVICH
OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD

More than once I've been approached by uniformed personnel, other than Air National Guard, and heard the comment, "You're so lucky to be able to fly the way you do." They're referring to Space Available Travel (SAT).

Although it should be one of the biggest recruiting incentives, especially for single people and husband/wife teams, members don't seem to know too much about it. Here to enlighten you—regardless of the uniform you wear—are some PRO's and CON's on this terrific benefit resulting from membership in the Guard.

PRO—First of all, it's FREE!

CON—Not always reliable—many trips are cancelled for one reason or another.

PRO—Many times it's a weekend mini-vacation, just enough of a break to get you away from it all. Sometimes it requires travel on a Friday or Monday.

CON—Military planes have been known to break down occasionally, thereby delaying the return trip by hours or days.

PRO—Government quarters are cheap.

Usually \$3 per night for enlisted members; \$4 for officers.

CON—Government quarters are not always available, so an expensive hotel is sometimes in the forecast.

PRO—Several friends can split the cost of the hotel, making it reasonably affordable.

CON—Rent-a-car-van-truck transportation can be rather costly.

PRO—Again, splitting the cost among several people can ease the financial strain.

PRO/CON—SAT is really no-frills travel. Canvas, not reclining seats. No inflight music or movies. Instead engine noise and vibration. (Earplugs are a must). No men/women's room. Instead a port-a-pot with a "courtesy curtain." No Chicken a la Wine Sauce. Instead a boxed lunch.

PRO—Many times the engineers/load-masters put on a once-in-a-lifetime performance that is sure to create some smiles. And you can't get that kind of entertainment on commercial planes.

PRO—It's absolutely free. After all, isn't transportation the most expensive part of any vacation?

PRO—Flight lunches are relatively cheap at \$1.60. The contents of an inflight lunch are more than adequate to satisfy hungry travelers.

CON—They are usually available only out of an Air Force base.

PRO—You can brown-bag-it as insurance against an empty stomach. It will keep cold in the back of the aircraft.

PRO—You can meet some really fine individuals on these trips and make wonderful friends.

PRO—Most of the time things go as scheduled and you'll get to your desired destination.

CON—Sometimes they don't. Passengers can get bumped to accommodate cargo and higher priority passengers. Occasionally an aircraft will be diverted to an unplanned location.

PRO—Basically, it is your choice of any of the lower 48 states, Alaska, or Hawaii; any U.S. possessions such as Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands.

CON—SAT is limited to the ConUS and possessions, so no trips to Europe, Panama, Bermuda, etc.

PRO—Any military member is authorized to fly on any DOD aircraft that is taking passengers.

CON—The Aircraft Commander can refuse to fly ANYONE at his discretion.

PRO—On a super-saver military trip to Los Angeles, for example, the airfare is zero; a major airline's super-saver airfare is \$247 round trip.

PRO—You must have the following three items to fly SAT: 1) A current red or green ID, 2) a current DD Form 1853 which shows that you are a member in good standing with your respective unit, and 3) Class A or B uniform that meets the applicable regulation. Check with the Base Ops you will be flying with because individual Major Commands (MAC, SAC, TAC) have certain uniform restrictions. An example, no fatigues in a MAC terminal.

CON—If you are missing any of the above items, you don't fly!

Remember, SAT is a privilege not a built-in right that you can demand, so please don't abuse it. Abusing it makes it rough for the other members that do cooperate.

And as Buffoon Airlines, the 179th Tac Airlift Group's comical subsidiary puts it so aptly—All satisfied passengers may send complimentary remarks to the unit in charge of the flight. All dissatisfied passengers will be given the opportunity to closely examine "ramp & door operation in flight." (A once in a lifetime opportunity!)

416th Group Names Top Soldier of Year

Specialist Four Michael L. Williams, of the 416th Engineer Group, Ohio Army National Guard Headquarters in Walbridge, received the Soldier of the Year Award.

Williams, the assistant pastor at Christ Congregational Missionary Baptist Church, Toledo, was cited for his outstanding performance as the communications crew chief for the 416th Engineer Group.

136th FA Job Fair Hosts 3,000



PERSON TO PERSON—Ohio National Guard Scholarship recipients William Willis and Phillip Hale rap with one of the many high school students who attended the Howey Rd. Job Fair, sponsored by 136th Field Artillery. Both are seniors at Canal Winchester High School and both were looking for Blue Streak Referrals to earn PFC stripes before departing for basic training this summer. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB DEVOE)

BY SFC BOB DEVOE

Staff Writer

SFC Gary Barnes and HQ and Service Battery, 136th Field artillery, have accomplished the "impossible."

It all happened during a recent Job Fair conducted by the 136th at the Howey Rd. Armory in Columbus.

Imagine a soft-sell approach to recruiting that netted 150 excellent prospects in just a three-hour period!

Nearly 3,000 attended the two day Fair, according to Sergeant Barnes, Unit AST and originator of the unique program.

He explained, "I had just joined the unit as the AST and noted we were only 41 per cent strength (following a recent reorganization). Recruiting blitzes don't seem to be the answer, so our unit decided to provide a service to the community in the form of a Job Fair."

The Fair took about three solid weeks to coordinate. Nearly 2400 Columbus-area high school seniors were bussed to the Howey Road Armory by the Ohio Air

National Guard, Columbus Police Dept., Ohio Army Guard, and Ohio State Highway Patrol.

SFC Barnes and select members of the 136th personally visited 55 high schools in Columbus and vicinity to lay the foundation for the Job Fair.

The men in the unit served 4000 hot dogs and 500 cokes to the hungry seniors attending the affair. They also saturated the Columbus area with nearly 1,000 posters and helped decorate the armory.

Six full-time Ohio Guard recruiters were on duty throughout the Job Fair to answer questions and discuss National Guard opportunities with interested students.

TUITION BOOTH

A special ONG Tuition Booth was manned by two recent grant recipients. William R. Willis and Phillip Hale, both seniors at Canal-Winchester High School, recently joined the 136th FA as medics and both are heading for Ohio University this fall. They manned the booth looking for Blue Streak Referrals so

they can earn PFC stripes before they leave for basic.

Job Fair participants showered kudos on the Guard for their innovative and highly professional program. According to Barnes, "The schools thought the Job Fair was handled so well that we have been invited, by the schools, to set up another Career Day at a later date to test and counsel high school seniors on careers in the Guard."

The officers of the unit donated three CB radios. Two were given away to high school students in a drawing and one was awarded to the enlisted man from the unit with the most referrals.

BIG SUPPORTER

One of the most enthusiastic supporters of the ONG Job Fair was Gary Boyer, Veterans' Coordinator for Hocking Technical College. He emphasized, "The Ohio National Guard has saved our admissions counselors many miles of travel by hosting the Job Fair." Boyer says Hocking Tech continues to be innovative in education." He cited the school's new R.O.T.C. Program (scheduled to kick off this Spring) and a new Emergency Medical Tech Program is to be conducted this summer in conjunction with the Ohio Army National Guard. According to Boyer, Hocking Tech has the first R.O.T.C. Program to be offered by one of Ohio's two-year technical colleges.

Mr. Don Mauk, an official with MTA Truck Driver School in Hilliard, also manned a booth at the event. He feels the Job Fair is a "very successful venture" and indicated he'd like to see "more of the same" sponsored by the Guard throughout the state.

The admissions counselor for Ohio State University, Rick Tilton, "talked himself hoarse." He talked to over 140 prospective OSU students during the first morning of the Fair.

In addition to the ONG a number of government agencies were also present at the event to discuss full-time, part-time and summer employment. These included the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Columbus Police Dept., Columbus Fire Dept., Ohio Department of Natural Resources, State Bureau of Criminal Identification, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Internal Revenue Service.

A number of schools were also represented at the Fair and were available for pre-registration. These included Ohio State University, Franklin University, Hocking Technical School, Columbus Technical Institute and Ohio Dominican College (which pre-registered 68 people).

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Concentration Camp Resident Now 'Toast of Town' With 180th

BY SSGT LONDON MITCHELL
180TH TAC FTR. GP.

MSgt. Klaus Siebert has earned the "State Outstanding Recruiting and Retention Award" three years in a row, the National Guard Bureau's Award for Excellence in Recruiting and the Ohio Commendation Medal for recruiting.

"A good public speaking program can put new spark into recruiting efforts," said Siebert, a full-time recruiter for the 180th Tactical Fighter Group in Toledo.

Siebert is invited to give more than 350 keynote addresses each year to service groups, parents clubs, school organizations, labor unions, and church groups.

Siebert has developed speeches on the American flag, free enterprise, the power of positive thinking, and the importance of the National Guard. Each address stresses the positive aspects of living in America.

Siebert speaks enthusiastically about the American way of life, because he knows what it is like not to live in America, and not to be an American citizen.

Siebert was born in Nazi Germany. At age six he was sent to a concentration camp. From age seven to age 16 he lived under a communist government. He came to the United States in 1955 and joined the military in 1957. He has been a full-time recruiter for the 180th for the past five years.

Sgt. Siebert's patriotism is evident in all his speeches. His enthusiastic display of patriotism generates a tremendous response from his audiences. He no longer needs to advertise the fact he is available for speaking engagements. All his invitations to speak are from referrals.

Public speaking is just one part of Sgt. Siebert's recruiting program . . . a program that has not let the 180th drop below 90 percent strength. Currently the 180th is listed at 99 percent strength.

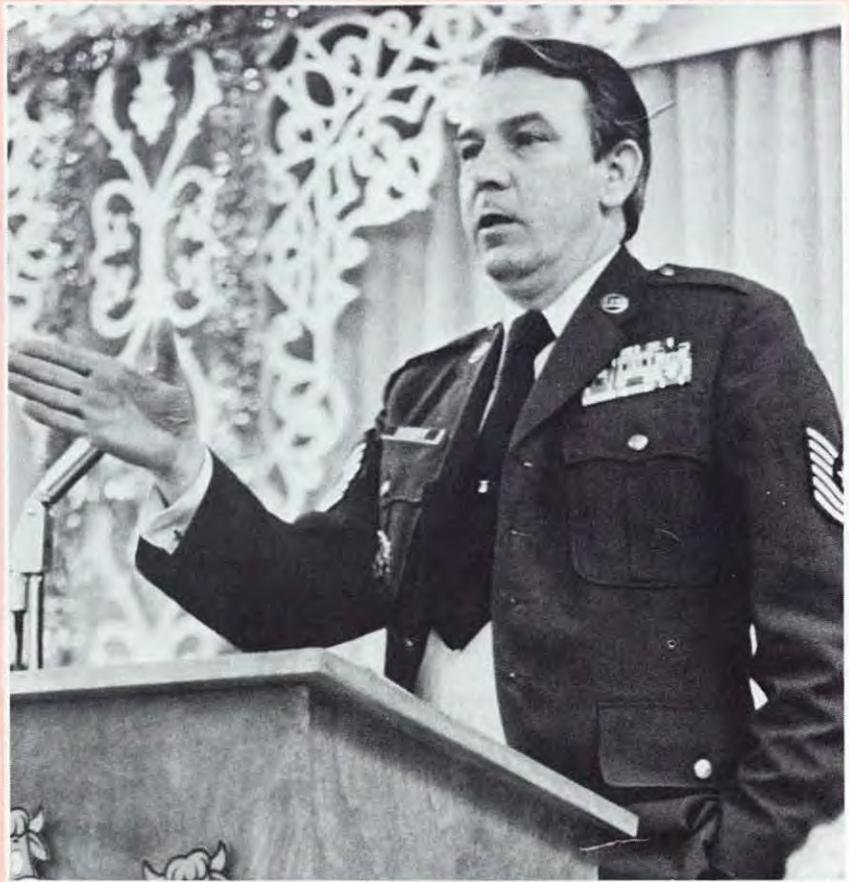
K Troopers Train With Canadians

Three Ohio Guardsmen spent their February drill learning winter tactics and how to stay warm from some people who ought to know all about the cold—the Canadians.

Staff Sergeants Michael Campbell, Donald Lawrence and Norman McCoy trained with Candian forces in Ontario during weather which hit 35 degrees below zero. The men are all members of K Troop, 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Ashtabula.

The classroom exercises were topped off by field exercises conducted in 3 ½ foot deep snow.

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MSGT. KLAUS SIEBERT, Recruiter for the 180th Tactical Fighter Group. MSGT. Siebert makes more than 350 addresses each year on the positive aspects of the American way of life. (PHOTO BY SGT KIM ULRICH)

Ohio Airmen Win Top Photo Honors

BY MSGT BOB BARKER
180TH TFG, OANG

Two photographers assigned to the Ohio Air National Guard's 180th Combat Support Squadron, Toledo Express Airport, were recently named winners in two separate national photo contests.

Senior Airman Jacqueline Meinhold had received notification that her entry in the National Guard Association of the United States (N.G.A.U.S.) Photo Contest has placed second in the black and white category. It is considered an extremely high honor to place in this contest, which is open to every Guardmember nationwide.

Sergeant Jim Knapp's dynamic photograph of Crash Rescue Team members surrounded by flames during pit fire in Alpena, Michigan, captured Honorable Mention in the 1978 TOLEDO BLADE Photo Festival. His photo, one of nearly 3,000 entered, appeared in the BLADE Sunday Magazine on Dec. 17, 1978.

Another member of the 180th Combat Support Squadron, MSgt. Bob Barker, had one of his color photographs published on the back cover of the December issue of AIR RESERVIST Magazine.

Both Knapp and Barker have also contributed cover photos to BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine.

'To Meet Jim Entler is to Like Him'

BY SFC STAN FLAUGHER

216th ENGR. BN

To meet Jim Entler is to like him right away. A strongly built man with a slight moustache, he is a warm person, always ready with a smile and a helping hand. His is the story of courage and the love of his family.

A member of the National Guard with the Headquarters Company, 216th Engineer Combat Battalion of Portsmouth, Jim, Beverly and their sons Clyde and Tony live in West Portsmouth.

The Entler Family has more than its share of courage. A terrible auto accident cost Jim his leg on July 5th, 1978. The word "complain" is not in Jim's vocabulary. All through the suffering and pain he tried to calm his family's fears for him. That's the way Jim is, always concerned for someone else. He helps others each and every day through his affiliation with the Scioto County Alert CB Radio Team. He and his friends monitor channel 9, the emergency channel, offering advice and assistance to drivers by way of radio.

The closing of the U.S. Grant Bridge between Ohio and Kentucky at Portsmouth found Jim and his friends on duty directing traffic and helping travelers on their own time. In emergencies such as this the radio team offers invaluable service to the citizens of the area.

Jim is philosophical about his misfortune. I realize how close I came to death, "I was in Mercy hospital in Portsmouth and several people left my room and came back a short time later and were surprised to find me still alive."

Jim knew how many friends he had when about 50 friends came to see him on the first day he was able to see visitors. He is eternally grateful to the people of Southern Ohio and Northern Kentucky. These generous people donated blood, money, and prayers for his recovery. A lot of each donation was needed before he was well. He is up and around now and steadily improving each day.

As a Guardman, Specialist Five James W. Entler served all during the blizzard of 78 as a heavy equipment operator, braving the below-zero temperature, the howling winds, and mountains of snow to help others.

Upon being released from the hospital, Jim made a promise to the Lord. "I promised God that if He could only take some of the pain away, I would attend church to give thanks for what He had done for me. Sure enough the pain left and on my first



JIM ENTLER

Sunday out of the hospital I was back in church." He is a member of the West Portsmouth Freewill Baptist Church. In all his 38 years he has not seen such an outpouring of human kindness. His National Guard unit, and the local citizens were all good to him, especially his doctors and nurses.

The smallest son, Tony, age 7, told his father, "I want to give my leg to daddy." Courage is a quality in the Entler family.

Civil Rights Info Available

NGR 600-13 and ANGR 30-12 require the Ohio National Guard to inform all potential members, beneficiaries and the general public that the National Guard operates on a nondiscriminatory basis in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and that any person may file a written complaint with the appropriate National Guard official or the Chief, National Guard Bureau, or both, if he or she believes that discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin is being practiced with any National Guard program that is subject to the provisions of Title VI.

Questions involving this statement should be directed to your group, brigade or regiment EEO section or CW4 Kent Mattison, EO Specialist, (614) 889-7122, or by writing to the Adjutant General Dept., Attn: AGOH-EO, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, O. 43085.

300 Bowler Set for June Tournament

BY SSG DON NARDECCHIA
CO. C, 612th ENGR. BRN.

For almost all amateur bowlers a 300 game is the ultimate goal to strive for, but what kind of a goal might a person have who recently rolled a perfect game?

In the case of SP5 Larry Cole, of Norwalk's Co. C., 612th Engr. Bn., the next step is to assemble a team of fellow Guardmembers and bring home the team championship from the first Ohio Guard Bowling Tournament, to be held on June 1-3 in Columbus.

Cole, unit armorer for Charlie Company of the 612th Engineer Battalion, rolled his first 300 game in January at Maple Leaf Lanes in Norwalk. Ironically it was also the first 300 in two and one-half years at the lanes. Those immediately involved in this bit of history were Larry's wife Pat, the team scorekeeper and Joe Deveney, who is one of the platoon sergeants with Company C and one of Cole's opponents that night.

Cole, a 179 average bowler said the sixth frame was a critical one. "I thought if I could get past the sixth I'd be on my way." He also had words of praise for the others who were bowling around him for not adding any extra pressure as the big game progressed. "I knew they were watching me, but they kept the noise level up to about normal, and that did help keep off some of the pressure." By the ninth frame he said there were about 30 people gathered to see if he could pull off the 300.

Larry, who also is a member of the unit pistol team, said the thrill and excitement didn't diminish for about a week although he finished the evening with above average games of 187 and 195 for a superb 682 series.

Among the awards Larry will receive for the perfect game are a commemorative diamond ring from the American Bowling Congress. Maple Leaf owner Ralph Dietrich presented him with a check for \$100 and one of the pins that he constantly assaulted that night. Numerous other lesser awards are still arriving at the Cole household, but for Larry the biggest award is the fulfillment of the life-long ambition of rolling that 300 game and now; on to Columbus.

Next Magazine Deadline is April 30

Governor Calls Guard to Help Flooded Areas

Once again Ohio National Guardmembers were called to help by Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes. For almost a week in late February and early March approximately 100 Army Guardsmen were on duty in six flood threatened counties.

The Guardmembers were called out to Ohio River communities threatened by the warm thaw and heavy rains.

In Clermont County Guard troops were on duty in New Richmond and Moscow. In Gallia County, a Guard helicopter was stationed at the southeastern Ohio Emergency Medical Service station in Gallipolis. The helicopter was used for emergency medical evacuations in the southeastern part of the state. In Meigs County, Ohio Guardmembers assisted Pomeroy officials. In Washington County Guardsmen were on duty in Marietta.

Guardmembers assisted local county disaster services directors and local civil authorities with traffic control and emergency evacuations.

In Portsmouth, which is located in Scioto County, Guardmembers helped install floodgates to prevent flooding in the downtown area.

In Manchester, Adams County, the Ohio Guard helped evacuate people threatened by the flooding.

Federal OCS Open to Guard EM at Benning

Officers' Candidate School for National Guard enlisted members will be conducted at Fort Benning, Georgia, from August 12 until October 16.

Any National Guardmember is eligible provided they meet the basic requirements of NGR 351-5.

These include a score of 110 or more on the aptitude area GT of the Army Classification Battery, and must be 21 years old on commissioning date, but not more than 30 without waiver. Candidates also must meet current height and weight requirements.

While attending the school, personnel under pay grade E-5 will be paid as E-5's but all others will receive their regular pay.

All interested Guardmembers are encouraged to contact their unit AST as soon as possible because of delays in processing applications.

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CHOPPER CREW PREPS FOR FLIGHT—Pilot Lt. James Chisholm (right) and crew chief SSG Rick May ready their medevac craft for a trip from Columbus' Don Scott Airfield to Gallipolis. They were one of several Army National Guard helicopter crews on medevac duty during the Ohio River flooding. (PHOTO BY SFC DON LUNDY)



FLOODING ALONG THE OHIO RIVER in December caused some residents in Moscow, Ohio, to lose parts of their yards. When Moscow mayor Jim Hackney put out the call for help, it went to Company C, 216th Engineer Bn. in Felicity. Working in adverse conditions that included snow, ice, freezing rain and dense fog, Charlie Company managed to move some 566 tons of rock out of the 2000 tons purchased by Moscow to help prevent the property slippage. Training weekends were used to complete the work. (PHOTO BY SSG RAYMOND KRAFT)

179th Airlifts WWII German Fighter

BY MSGT ZANE ZIMMERMAN

179th TAC AIRLIFT GROUP

A question for you airplane buffs—What WW II fighter aircraft flies today at 21,000 feet—without wings?

The answer is simple. In this case, it was an ME-109, one of the most respected enemy fighters to ever take to the skies. It was being transported from Wright-Patterson AFB, OH to Robbins AFB, GA by an Air National Guard C-130 of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, OH. Eventually destined to become another of the outstanding exhibits at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH, it will undergo a two-year face lift in the Air Force Logistics Command shops at Robins AFB. The work will be completed as time permits.

First built in 1935, more than 33,000 ME-109's have taken to the skies. The original BF-109 established a pattern for international fighter development. Undeniably the world's most advanced fighter when it was debuted, its superiority was maintained during a period when development of combat aircraft throughout the world had accelerated to an unprecedented pace.

Its success was built around the smallest possible airframe, combined with the most powerful engine available and the then radical all-metal stressed skin construction, with slotted trailing edge flaps and automatic leading edge slots, retractable landing gear, and a fully enclosed cockpit.

If you should chance to visit the Air Force Museum about the latter part of 1980, stop by the ME-109 and relive that period of time when this true thoroughbred challenged the best.

The 179th Tactical Airlift Group sees the unit airlifting supplies, equipment, and personnel throughout the United States on an almost daily basis. "Live" missions have involved trips to Hawaii, Alaska, Panama, Norway, and Puerto Rico.

200th CES Project

The 200th Civil Engineering Squadron at Camp Perry has undertaken a project that could include a cast of hundreds.

The Air Guard unit has decided to compile a list of deceased veteran's names from Ottawa County. Once the list has been completed, a scroll will be designed honoring the county's fallen soldiers.

Friends or relatives who know of a name that should be placed on the memorial scroll are asked to write to 200th CES.

Tire Discounts

Titan Rubber International, a Division of Tire America has authorized any Guardmember to use their Dealer and Group Purchase Catalogue prices on all tires.



COMING BACK TO LIFE—Curiosity is the word as three members of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group examine their newly acquired "cargo from the past." This wingless ME-109 will be available for viewing at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, after full restoration. The detailed efforts to restore this aged aircraft to its original glory will take approximately two years.

Battery B Receives Second Magley Award

For the second straight year Battery B of the 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery unit in New Lexington and Zanesville, Ohio has been awarded the Colonel Richard G. Magley Artillery Readiness Trophy.

This trophy is awarded every year by the Adjutant General of the State of Ohio, to the Army National Guard artillery unit rated as having the highest level of combat readiness.

Combat readiness is determined by the unit's manpower and condition of authorized equipment on hand. The number of Military Occupational Spe-

cialty (MOS) qualified and weapons qualified personnel is also vital in determining the readiness of a unit.

Battery B is commanded by Captain Jerry Sterner and is manned by 149 enlisted men and NCO's and three commissioned officers. The major weapon in Battery B's arsenal is the M-42 Duster. The duster is a WW II vintage self propelled anti-aircraft system armed with dual 40mm cannons. The Duster's main function is to protect ground troops from air attack, but it can also be used to eliminate light armored vehicles on the ground.

Dad to 350 Receives Army Commendation Medal

MSGT Harold Brown of the 371st Support Group was awarded the Army Commendation Medal by MG Charles Jones (Ret) during the annual Christmas party sponsored by the officers of the unit.

Sergeant Brown was praised for exceptional meritorious achievement as an operations and training sergeant and for his part in being responsible

for the excellent evaluation the unit received during annual training.

Brown's outstanding achievements have not been limited to the Guard. Since 1947, he and his wife have adopted over 350 children as part of the Foster Parent Program, according to CPT. Dave Dawson, Unit Public Information Officer.

Wooster Event Draws 400

Nearly 400 members of the Wooster community attended a recent Open House conducted by Co. A, 112th Engineer Battalion.

The event was kicked off with a two page public service ad in the WOOSTER DAILY RECORD. According to SP4 Ken Showers, unit information NCO for Co. A, "this impressive ad was paid for and sponsored by area merchants."

In addition to manning an Ohio National Guard Scholarship Information Booth, the unit members were also on hand to demonstrate the various types of engineer equipment utilized by the unit.

Troop K Displays Giant Transporter

A unique piece of Army machinery is on display at the Ashtabula Armory of Troop K, 107th ACR, according to SFC Joe Felch, unit public information NCO.

On display is a single gigantic heavy equipment transporter, one of only three in Ohio. It is unique in that it was designed by a commercial firm for Army use, rather than being designed by the Army itself.

Cost of the transporter is \$80,000. It was used in Iran, to haul heavy Army battle tanks, before being assigned to the 155th Maintenance Co. in Willoughby.

The tractor, designed to pull a 60-ton payload on its trailer, has an automatic transmission with an eight cylinder V-8 turbo charged Detroit diesel engine. Top speed is 43 miles per hour, and it gets about four miles to the gallon. A pair of 45,000 pound winches help move the tank onto the trailer.

Bronze Star Presented . . . Finally

MSG Oliver E. Lehman, 52 of Uniontown, Ohio, recently was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the National Defense Service Medal over 25 years late.

Thanks to the diligent research of Maj. Charles F. Santose, Lehman was awarded the medals by Arthur Wallach, Regimental Commander in January.

Lehman earned the Bronze Star during World War II while serving with the Army's 130th Infantry, and he became eligible for the second award because of National Guard activation during 1952-53.

Lehman is now a member of the Headquarters Troop, Third Squadron of the 107th Armored Cavalry in Stow.

The Buckeye Guard

Army Guard '79 AT Dates

Following are 1979 Annual Training dates for the Ohio Army National Guard. The Adjutant General reminds Guardmembers to inform their employers of Annual Training dates as soon as possible.

If Guardmembers are unable to attend AT when scheduled, they should see their unit commander to make other arrangements.

YEAR AROUND AT WITH NO SPECIFIC TRAINING SITE: HHD, OHARNG; CAC OHARNG; 196th PA Det; HHC, 112th Med Bde.; 838th MP Co.; 1486th Trans Co.; 155th Maint Co.; 213th Maint Co.; HHD, 437th MP Bn.; HHC (-) 16th Engr Bde; 385th Med Co; 684th Med Co.

OCONUS—GERMANY (1-30 Mar.) HHC (-) 16th Engr. Bde (3 Incr.)

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX. (5-19 May) Det. 1, 1416th Trans Co.; (21 Apr-5 May) 1416th Trans Co (-).

CAMP PERRY, OH. (2-16 Jun) 210th Arty Det.; (9-16 Jun) 2-174th ADA Bn.; (16-30 Jun) HHC 134th Engr Gp.; (7-21 Jul) 112th Engr Bn.; 186th Engr. Det.; (14-18 Jul) 323rd MP Co; (14-28 Jul) 1487th Trans Co.; HHD 112th Trans Bn.—1st Incr.; (28 Jul-11 Aug) 112th Trans Bn.—3rd Incr; (14-28 Jul) 5694th Engr. Det.—1st Incr.; (28 Jul-11 Aug) 5694th Engr. Det.—2nd Incr.; (11-25 Aug) 5694th Engr. Det.—3rd Incr; (21 Jul-4 Aug) 1485th Trans Co.; (7-21 Jul) OCS/NCO School.

FT. McCOY, WI (16-30 Jun) 54th Spt. Ctr; 211th Maint Co; (28 Jul—11 Aug) HHD 137th S and S Bn.

FT. HOOD, TX. (21 Jul-4 Aug) Trp A, 237th Cav.

CAMP ATTERBURY, IN. (2-9 Jun) 2-174 ADA Bn; (16-30 Jun) 216th Engr. Bn.

SAVANNA ARMY DEPOT, ILL. (9-23 Jun) 135th MP Co.

FT. CAMPBELL, KY. (16-30 Jun) HHC, 73d Inf. Bde. (Sep); 437th Avn Co; 837th Engr. Co.; 299th Sig Plt; 77th PF Det; 237th Spt Bn; 1/136th FA Bn; 1/147th Inf Bn; 1/148th Inf. Bn; 1/166th Inf Bn; 1484th Trans Co; (5-19 May) Air Trp. 107th ACR.

CAMP GRAYLING, MI. (28 Jul-11 Aug) HHC 371st Spt Gp.; 37th Signal Co.; 324th MP Co; 1483d Trans Co; HHD 737th Maint Bn; 214th Maint Co.; 200th Med Co; 383d Med Co; HHT 107th ACR; 2-107th AC; 3-107th AC; HHD 512th Engr Bn; 1193d Engr Co; 26th Engr. Co; HHC 416th Engr. Gp; 612th Engr. Bn; 122nd Army Band.

Guardmembers May Apply for Sports Competition in France, Norway

Ohio Guardsmen are invited to apply for military sports competition to be held this summer in France and Norway.

Guard officers can compete for membership on the Inter-allied Confederation of Reserve Officers team scheduled for matches August 26 thru September 1 in France. Events include running, swimming, shooting, and orienteering.

Enlisted men and officers may compete for membership on the seven-man pentathlon American team of the International Military Sports Council in Stavanger, Norway, August 12-19. Events include obstacle course, swimming, shooting, grenade throwing, and cross-country running.

For competition in France applicants must meet the following minimum requirements: run five miles in 32.5 minutes and swim 50 meters in 36 seconds.

Minimum requirements for pentathlon competition applicants in the Norway meet includes the five-mile run in 30.5 minutes or less; 50 meter swim in 30 seconds or less; and softball throwing a minimum of 50 yards.

Guard officers interested in competing in France should contact SGM Donald R. Ingram, The Pentagon, 202-697-0430. Enlisted and officer personnel interested in pentathlon competition in Norway should contact their personnel officers. (ARMY TIMES)

UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio
National Guard Officers'
Association

BY CPT. STEVE KOPER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS ENDORSE CLEVELAND

The National Guard Executive Directors Association conducted its Midwinter Workshop at the Stouffers Inn on the Square in Cleveland January 28-31. The result of that workshop was a resounding approval and strong support of the accommodations and the programs already prepared for the 101st General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States, scheduled for the Stouffers Inn October 7-10, 1979.

This association, called NGEDA, is made up of the full-time executive directors of state Guard associations all over the country. Where there is no full-time director, the chief operating officer is encouraged to represent his state with full membership privileges in the organization. NGEDA performs invaluable service to the associations represented by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas, problems and solutions which are offered at no other level.

Seventeen states were represented at the workshop to hear presentations by the Ohio committee for the 101st General Conference, legislative action programs, financing of state associations, travel programs, insurance programs, association employee packages and many others. The Ohio association used the workshop to maximum advantage by sending Lieutenant Colonel Frank Reynolds, chairman of the committee studying the feasibility of acquiring a full-time director for the Ohio National Guard Association. Lt. Reynolds will be presenting a full report to the Association on his findings.

NGEDA is a strong, viable asset to the National Guard and we are pleased they chose Cleveland for their workshop.

WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO ROME

Our friends in the National Guard Association of Michigan have been kind enough to invite their Ohio neighbors to join them for seven nights in the lovely city of Rome. The dates of their trip are October 24 to November 1, 1979. The tour will depart and return to Detroit Metro Airport via Capital International Airways DC-8 jet charter. Accommodations in Rome are at the Midas Palace Hotel, a superior first-class hotel. Cost of the tour is \$499 per person, double occupancy and includes daily continental breakfast, transfers, baggage handling, gratuities and all taxes.

The Michigan association has been conducting tours for its members for the last nine years including Hawaii, Monte Carlo, London, Zurich and Munich. They do a first class job and we are fortunate that they have extended this kind invitation.

Anyone interested in full information and/or reservation forms may contact NGAM, 15000 W. Eight Mile Rd., Detroit, 48237 or telephone 313-967-0334.

STATE CONFERENCE SET FOR AKRON

The annual conference of the Ohio National Guard Association will be held April 20-21, 1979, at the Holiday Inn, Cascade. The conference chairman, Lieutenant Colonel Philip Williams, and his committee have been working very hard to insure a successful event.

In keeping with our recent tradition, this year's conference will be a more formal affair and will include a formal dinner on Saturday evening. A number of distinguished guests from the political arena, the National Guard Bureau, NGAUS and many others are expected to attend. As this article is written, confirmations on all guests have not been received but you can count on an informative and challenging agenda.

An area of particular interest to all members should be the consideration of the report by a special committee reviewing the subject of a full-time director for this association. This committee was appointed by the president as a result of floor debate at our conference last year at Salt Fork.

Finally, you are encouraged to make every effort to attend as many conference functions as possible. Remember that our all-day business session on Saturday is the life blood of our organization and it will set the guidelines for our officers and trustees in the coming year.

See you in Akron.

1979 NGAUS AWARDS PROGRAM

The National Guard Association of the United States has notified the Ohio National Guard Association of a May 1 deadline for the submission of award nominations to NGAUS. Each year nominees are considered for the award of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Award and the Valley Forge Cross. Nominating procedures are outlined in the NGAUS Awards Program.

From the ONGA President's Desk . . .

During February, we traveled to Washington to attend the annual briefing for state association presidents conducted by the National Guard Association of the United States. These briefings serve to update the NGAUS Red Book (legislative action guide) and to reaffirm the legislative goals of NGAUS for the current legislative session. In addition, this association makes every attempt to contact a majority of Ohio's congressional delegation with a personal visit.

I cannot overemphasize the professional competence of the NGAUS staff. This year's edition of the Red Book is packed with pertinent information to assist each of you in working with your elected officials on National Guard matters. Your voice can and will be heard in Washington if you will apply the methods described fully in the Red Book. A copy is available in every battalion (ARNG) or group (ANG) size unit in Ohio, as well as at the Ohio National Guard Association.

The greatest single problem facing the National Guard continues to be MANPOWER. You can effectively influence the Congress to assist in solving this problem. Using the legislative list contained in the last issue of this magazine, write to your congressman. Specifically, ask him to support and co-sponsor H.R. 2404, a bill introduced by Rep. Montgomery of Mississippi. The bill includes authority to draft for the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and provides for registration, examination and classification of all eighteen year olds. Consult the NGAUS Red Book for background information.

Finally, let me further encourage your efforts by telling you of the excellent reception which we received during our personal visits with Ohio's congressional representatives. We talked with 13 of our 25 representatives. In each and every case, they showed a keen interest and asked that they be kept informed on a regular basis. You, as a Guardmember, are that source of information they need. Talk to them!



Enlisted Association Rap

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

BY MSG WARREN MYERS AND SSG NANCY CLEVENGER

The Enlisted Association has been in existence for eight years and we now have about 1800 members. This is only about 12 per cent of the enlisted members of the Ohio National Guard. This doesn't say much for our growth in the past eight years. What can be some of the reasons for this low membership?

Not enough key enlisted guardmembers, such as Sergeants Major, First Sergeants, and Platoon Sergeants, are members and if they are they don't support the association, how can they expect the lower ranking Guardmembers to join? There are also not enough enlisted full-time technicians supporting the association.

Too many enlisted members sit back and complain about what the association is or is not doing but they are not willing to get involved and attend the meetings and social functions to see what they can do to help make it a better organization.

When the association wants a benefit passed, the first questions we must ask are: how much will it cost, how many individuals will it benefit, and what is the membership strength. This is why it is very important that we all strive to get as many members as possible. These benefits are for all guardmembers, regardless of whether they are association members or not.

House Bill 228, (Education Bill), the Survivor Benefits Insurance and the raise in State Active Duty pay are among the accomplishments of the Enlisted Association. We can either get involved and help everyone as well as ourselves, or we can let someone else do it and then take advantage of the benefits.

BASEBALL NIGHT

We are going to have a baseball night on August 19. This will be designated as Ohio National Guard Day. The Toledo Mud Hens will play the Columbus Clippers at Jet Stadium in Columbus. We are hoping every member of the Ohio National Guard will be there. Further information will be given in the VOICE, the Association newsletter.

STATE CONVENTION

We, once again, want to remind all of you to come to our State Convention being held in Lima, Ohio. It will be May 4, 5, and 6 and we want to make this the best state convention ever. If you can't come for the entire weekend, at least try to make some of the activities. More information on this is in your copy of the VOICE. There will be a lot of door prizes, donated by most of our units, and lots of fun.

The Friday night festivities will feature a 50's dance, with entertainment by a "spoon" player. Come on out to the Best Western Motel in Lima. We'll see you there.

One last word about membership. The Auxiliary also has a low membership. We need the spouses involved as much as the Guardmember. Join in your organization. We need you!

We want to give a warm welcome to our new Honorary Members. Colonel Edward Powers of the 160th ARFG, Mr. Kenneth M. Mathias and Ms. Isabelle Trapasso. We are honored to have you in the Enlisted Association for the Ohio National Guard.

The Enlisted Association Proudly Presents
its First Annual . . .

Bowling Tournament

June 1, 2, and 3, 1979

Amos Lanes, Columbus

*See Your ONGEA Unit Representative for Entry Forms.

Style Show Set at Lima Meet

With the spring upon us, we must focus our attention on the Lima Conference. May 4-6 are the dates and registration should be taken care of immediately, if you haven't already done so.

Spring and fashions go together and this year's style show will be light and casual. Skirts will not be quite so long and bright colors and hats are IN!

The Ladies agenda is as follows: 8:30 a.m., Coffee and rolls or donuts; 9 a.m., Ladies Auxiliary meeting; 10 a.m., Break for opening of Enlisted Association; 10:15 a.m., Reconvene meeting; 12 noon, Luncheon and Style Show at poolside; 1:30 to 1:45 p.m., Plant Man (In meeting room); 3-3:30 p.m., Free-time, shopping, etc.; 3:30 p.m., Hospitality Room, Friendship.

The National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, is quickly approaching. An open-pit barbeque is to be held on Monday evening and of course, the All-States Banquet should be very enjoyable. Early registration is recommended as a free tour may be a part of that registration package if there is ample response. The dates are September 9-13, 1979.

Let's remember the National Auxiliary Scholarship Program. Applications can be obtained from Thelma Scherer, Chairman for Ohio.

BEVERLY S. ARN
President, EA Auxiliary

134th Group Wins

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State Maintenance Officer Col. Gibson commented that many of the part-time Guardmembers attended the inspection to insure everything was in order. "Normally when you find a unit with a good maintenance program you find a lot of that," Gibson said. "People give a lot of extra time. They have a lot of pride."

Even the unit's Operation and Maintenance shop, CMS-4, buckled down. They scored high on their semi-annual inspection which along with the Annual General Inspection has a hand in determining the award winner.

"All the men did an outstanding job," said Col. Koet.

Buckeye Bits



CPR A LIFE SAVER—Sixty members of the 371st SPT GP were trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) during a weekend drill at the Kettering armory by 16 paramedic instructors from various local fire departments and rescue squads. The technique, when administered correctly, can save approximately 45 percent of heart attack, drowning and traumatic shock victims when started within four minutes. In order to be effective, CPR's artificial breathing and circulation must be done in certain ratios, which must be learned correctly. The instructors, members of the Kettering, West Carrollton, and Washington Township Fire Departments and representatives of the Defense Electronic Supply Center, State Fire Marshall's Office, and Kettering Medical Center, perform the training to any interested group in the local area. (PHOTO BY SP5 TERRY LEWIS)

Legion Supports Guard

Many of us talk about support for the Guard; but how many of us take some positive action to accompany this pledge?

Both American Legion Post 285 in Hebron and the Ohio Army Guard's Headquarters Battery, 136th Field Artillery, Columbus, Ohio, have pledged mutual support to one another.

Post Commander Bill Pitt received an appreciation plaque from unit commander CPT William Hall and 1SG Ted Keller recently to bond the new friendship.

The 136th plans to assist the Hebron Legion Post in various projects throughout the year to include Memorial Day Services. In addition, some past members will be invited to the unit armory as guests during drill weekends and will also be asked to attend a V.I.P. Day at summer camp.

"Catch 22" Launched

Members of Headquarters Company, 1/148th Infantry, Lima, launched a "catch 22" with an Open House recently.

Lima Mayor Harry J. Moyer and Harry Hale, his assistant attended the affair.

Battalion commander, Maj. William W. Griffin, presented the Mayor an honorary "Guardsmen for a Day" certificate to signify the close relationship between the city and the Ohio National Guard, according to SSG M. G. Zickafoose, unit Public Information NCO.

"Catch 22" was the title selected by the unit to represent a recruiting drive which needed 22 enlistments to meet 100 per cent strength.

With the guidance of full time recruiter SFC Charles Arnold, HHC 1/148th Inf. was able to reach 100.18 per cent strength with the possibility of additional person-

nel still waiting to be tested as a result of the recruiting drive and Open House.

Arizona Bound

Twelve A-7D aircraft and pilots of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, recently participated in Operation Snowbird at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona.

The 14-day exercise included an operational readiness inspection (ORI) by active duty Air Force officials. The ORI is designed to provide realistic tactical training in air-to-ground gunnery training missions and to help the Air Guard maintain its combat readiness capabilities in response to Tactical Air Command and Air Force contingencies. Needless to say the 178th passed the inspection with colors flying.

Painesville Opens Doors

Members of L Troop, 3d Sqdn, 107th AC, held an Open House in February to let the community know more about the unit's role and mission, according to CPL David Huffman, unit recruiter.

Various types of equipment were on display and the mess section served hot dogs and light refreshments.

CPL Huffman did a super job publicizing the event and a number of firm recruiting prospects resulted from the full day affair.

Almanac Available

The 1979 edition of the NATIONAL GUARD ALMANAC is now available.

These paperback volumes are filled with the latest, most current information and provide detailed compensation and benefits information for all military personnel and their families.

The NATIONAL GUARD ALMANAC is 160 pages and contains detailed information regarding daily, weekend and annual pay, comprehensive retirement coverage, promotions, benefits, organization and other important subjects. Highlighted in this year's editions is complete coverage of the new Survivor Benefit Plan for members of the Reserve Components and other changes which are of interest to all Guardmembers and their families.

These books can be ordered directly from the publisher. Each edition sells for \$2.50 each (plus 25¢ for postage and handling) or \$3.50 via first class mail. Special discounts are available for quantity purchases by units and organizations.

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All About People-



CPL ALBERT F. ZABLOCKI, Company A, 612th Engineer Battalion, Walbridge, was honored as outstanding Army Guardsman for 1978 by the Military Affairs Committee of the Toledo area Chamber of Commerce. According to MAJ Vivian Duffy, Command Administrative Assistant, "CPL Zablocki has been the key to his unit's maintenance of 100 percent strength and always displays a high degree of professionalism." CPL Zablocki is employed by the E. W. DeVilbiss Company of Toledo. (PHOTO BY 180th TFG)

MSG CALVIN J. FRANK, a member of the Ohio Army Guard's First Battalion, 148th Infantry, Lima, recently received an Outstanding Performance Award and a Length of Service Award. MSG FRANK, a 30 year veteran, is a full-time technician in charge of maintaining all vehicles in the battalion in "readiness condition."

SP5 CAROL L. DAVISON, of the 1416th Trans Co. Avionics Platoon, has been selected that unit's outstanding soldier of the year. As the unit's outstanding Guardmember she will receive five days of State Active Duty Pay, five days of free accommodations at Camp Perry this summer, and free tickets to Cedar Point.

SP5 BEN MILLER and **SFC DON WARNER**, both of Portsmouth, emerged victorious in the 16th Engineer Bde. Horseshoe Tournament at Camp Grayling this past summer.

Six members of the Ohio Air Guard's 200th CES recently attended the ANG Civil Engineering Conference in Albuquerque, N.M. Those attending were **LTC PHILIP A. WILLIAMS**, MAJ **RICHARD CALLAND**, MAJ **PHILIP M. BROOKS**, MSGT **JOHN J. CARROLL III**, MSGT **MARK W. CHARLTON** and MSGT **ROBERT B. PHILLIPS**. While attending the conference, LTC Williams, Commander of the 200th CES, was elected Deputy Chief Engineer of the ANG Civil Engineering Assoc.

Ohio Army Guard **CWO WILBUR HERRON JR.** recently received the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) for outstanding

performance of duty while serving as a legal technician with HHD, OHARNG, Worthington. He has retired after 27 years of military service.

Retired Ohio Army Guard **BG KERMIT A. PATCHEN** has received the Legion of Merit for his outstanding performance of duty while serving as commander of the 16th Engineer Bde.

CPT RICHARD A. SCHROEDER was promoted to his present rank during the annual Christmas party for his unit, Co. A., 612th Eng. Bn. MAJ **RICHARD F. MEULLER**, Battalion commander, did the honors.

COL E. LLOYD MURPHY, for the last three years Fifth Army's principal staff officer for the training of 200,000 Army National Guardsmen and Army Reservists in the command's 13-state area, is the new Fifth Army Public Affairs Officer at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

The officers of the 371st Support Group, Kettering, held their Annual Yule Party with a new "twist". Over 140 attended the affair which featured gifts, great dining, and disco dance lessons. The guest roster included: **MG (RET.) AND MRS. CHARLES JONES**, **COL AND MRS. DAVID WAYT**, **COL AND MRS. ROBERT COPELAND**, **LTC AND MRS. THOMAS GANT**, **LTC AND MRS. DAVID SMITH**, **LTC AND MRS. ROBERT ZIMMERMAN**, **MAJ AND MRS. VERN ROSE**, **MAJ (RET) AND MRS. DALE SLEPPY**, **CW4 (RET) AND MRS. ROBERT HURT**, **CW4 AND MRS. JACOB WEISS**, and 23 enlisted personnel and their spouses from the 371st Support Gp.

During his two weeks of active training at Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas, **SFC JOHN DALE**, a member of the Ohio Guard's 155th Maint. Co., Willoughby, used some of his civilian know-how to solve one of the Army's problems. Drawing on his knowledge as a senior design engineer, DALE worked out a method for regenerating plexiglass canopies for use on the carrier-mounted Chapparral missile. DALE'S assistance was vital. Red River was faced with stoppage on production of the Chapparral because no canopies were available.

Five Ohio Army National Guard senior officers have been selected to participate in the United States Army War College Corresponding Studies Course, Class 1979-1980: **COL WILLIAM B. SHIMP**, HHD Ohio ARNG; **LTC ROBERT D. GREEN**, 112th Med. Bde.; **LTC JOHN A. MARTIN**, 107th AC; **LTC JOHN B. MCKENNEY**, 107th AC; and **LTC JAMES R. WILLIAMS**, 73d Inf Bde (Sep).

How does a queen prepare for the day when she no longer wears the crown?

Answer, she sews on the stripes of an airman in the Ohio Air National Guard. Springfield High School's 1978 Homecoming Queen, **NANCY ANN KOPP**, did just that recently when she enlisted during a ceremony at the 180th Tac Ftr Gp, Toledo Express Airport. Conducting the swearing in ceremony was her father, MAJ. **ED KOPP**, Commander of

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HOT SHOT—Captain Tom Pape, 121st TFW pilot, steps up into his A-7D Corsair II prior to the first runs at the Turkey Shoot competition held at Atterbury Gunnery Range in Indiana. Captain Pape was the first place individual winner and was named as the "Top Gun". (PHOTO BY STAFF SERGEANT JERRY FETHEROLF)

All About People . . . (Continued From Page 21)

the 180th Combat Support Squadron.

SGT RONALD R. HARPS, a member of the Ohio Army Guard's 112th Med. Bde., was the distinguished honor graduate of the Dental Specialist Course at the U.S. Army Health Services Command, Fort Sam Houston, Tx.

Members of OMS 3 and Troop K. 107th AC, recently presented a watch to **CW4 JAMES E. WEBB** at a luncheon honoring him upon his retirement from the ONG. **WEBB** served a total of 33 years in the U.S. Army and Ohio Guard.

MR. CLIFF BROOKS, of the Lewis Visitor Information Center in Avon Lake, provided members of Lakewood's 37th Signal Company with a tour of the center and its photo lab facilities. Members of the 37th Photo Section, **SP5 SCOTT BRUCE**,

SGT JOHN BAYOREK, **SP5 FRED MCKISACK**, **SP5 ART ST. CLAIR**, **PFC PHILIP LEE** and **SP5 TIM AVERY** called the field trip "the most informative and impressive we have ever been on."

COL PASQUALE A. GICALE presented plaques to the 251st Combat Communications Group's Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer and Airman for 1978. They were **SSGT BENNIE S. FRICK** and **SENIOR AIRMAN TIMOTHY A. TURNER**, respectively.

BLANCHE JOHNSTON, 17, of Goshen, O., is one of the 383rd Med. Co's newest members. She enlisted for the ONC Scholarship Program and already she's responsible for five "blue streak" referrals and one enlistment. In addition to receiving the college grant, **BLANCHE**

also received a \$1500 enlistment bonus. She'll also be earning extra stripes for enlisting her friends.

Eleven Ohio Army National Guardmembers have been selected to attend the Reserve Component Infantry Officer Candidate Course at Ft. Benning, Ga. They include: **SGT ROBERT ZIPFEL**, 134th Engr. Gp; **SP5 ALICIA GOODMAN**, 137th S & S Bn.; **SSG GEORGE W. LATHAM**, Co. C, 216 Engr. Bn; **SP5 JAMES E. EVANS**, 134 Engr Gp.; **SSG RICHARD L. MAY**, 134 Engr Gp; **SFC THOMAS D. LUTES**, HHD, OHARNG; **SSG JOHN E. SCHMIDT**, Co C, 216th Engr. Bn.; **SGT RALPH E. BALLOU**, Co A, 372 Engr Bn; **PSG ALBERT R. LEWIS**, 73d Inf. Bde (Sep); **SGT FRANK D. LAWSON**, 1487 TC Co.

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Requests for information and orders should be sent to: Uniformed Services Almanac, P.O. Box 76, Washington, D.C. 20044.

Tours Available

The Ohio Air Guard's 160th Air Refueling Group at Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio, has implemented a base tour program, according to CPT Herschel Knapp.

Youth, civic, educational, or other interested groups, by making the proper arrangements, may now tour Rickenbacker (near Columbus) and the 160th Air Refueling Group during the unit's weekend training exercises.

Tours will include visits to the fire/crash station, the control tower, and through a KC-135 "Strato Tanker", the plane used by the 160th to refuel other aircraft in flight. Transportation and tour guides will be provided by the Ohio Air Guard while on base.

To make arrangements for a group tour write to: 160th AREFG, Ohio Air National Guard, Group Tour/IO, Rickenbacker AFB, O. 43217; or call CPT Knapp at (614) 492-4373 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

28th Celebrates 100th

The 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on March 12, 1979.

The "Keystone" Division is the oldest

Division in the Armed Forces of the United States, and has a significant military heritage that is important to all Pennsylvanians, as well as many other people across the United States.

In honor of this occasion, the 28th will hold a special celebration on May 19-20, 1979, at Ft. Indiantown Gap. This event will include an arms display, static exhibits, a combat arms demonstration and a review, followed by a banquet and military pageant to be held that evening in the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

For additional information write: Headquarters, 28th Infantry Division, Bldg. 1, Harrisburg Military Post, 14th and Calder Sts., Harrisburg, Pa., 17103, or call (717) 787-6705.

Outstanding Units

The 263rd Combat Communications Squadron, Badin, N.C., and the 235th Air Traffic Control Flight, Fort Wayne, Ind., have been selected as the Outstanding Communications and Air Traffic Control unit of the 251st Combat Communications Group for 1978.

Selection was based on unit manning, skill level, unit training assembly and annual training attendance, on the job training, security, inspections, operational readiness and outstanding accomplishments.

Both units were presented a plaque by Colonel Pasquale A. Gicali, 251st Group Commander, Ohio Air National Guard.

136th FA Job Fair Hosts 3,000

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Credit for special effort goes to Mr. Roger Lavallo, Ohio State University. Mr. Lavallo worked long hours to insure the success of the event.

Ohio Army National Guard Captain Dennis Jankowski emphasized, "As former State Recruiting and Retention Manager, I feel this is a text book example of how to conduct a concentrated recruiting drive. Most importantly, the recruiters are permitted to do what they do best—close the sale."

Best Field Kitchen Sought By ONG

Does your unit have the best field kitchen in the Ohio Army National Guard? You may think so, but there is only one way to find out. Put your reputation on the line.

If your unit has organic field service capability, you're eligible to enter.

But hurry, your battalion or squadron commander has to pick his best field kitchen by May 1.

Let's see if you are the best. (AGO Circular 30-1).

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June 1-3*

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

Spring has finally arrived and with it a flurry of Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club activity. This is an important year for Ohio Guard wives, one which offers many opportunities for fellowship and service.

The winter meetings were well attended, in spite of adverse weather conditions. February's luncheon, at Rickenbacker, featured Officer Bill Lawson, of the Columbus Police Department. His topic was Drug Abuse. As concerned parents, the ladies welcomed the chance to see examples of commonly abused drugs, and to hear Officer Lawson reply to questions.

CREPE COOKING

The DCSC Officers' Club was the setting for a short course in crepe cooking at the March luncheon. Connie Cahill, from Cook's Palace, demonstrated the art of making delicious crepes, climaxing the program by allowing each member to concoct her own dessert.

ARMORY TOUR

On April 24, the OWC ladies will gather at Beightler Armory, at noon, for a "salad smorgasbord" lunch. This promises to be fun, as well as an important meeting. Come at noon, bring your favorite salad or hot bread. After lunch, there will be a tour of the armory. Also, at this meeting,

will be the election of officers. One of the members of the committee in charge of ladies activities for the National Conference in Cleveland will visit to brief the group on conference plans, and to let us know how we can be of help.

MEMORY LANE

May 22 will be a trip down "memory lane". The meeting, at the DCSC, will honor 22 years of past OWC Presidents. Plan to attend and to visit with some old friends. Installation of officers will also be held at this last meeting of the season.

"Cleveland in October", and "Buckeye Hospitality", are key phrases for the next few months! Can there be an Ohio Guard family which isn't aware that Ohio is hosting the annual General Conference of the National Guard Association, in Cleveland, on October 8, 9, and 10? The big news for Guard wives is that arrangements are well under way for the ladies' activities. The committee in Cleveland has been working very diligently and, with the able help of professional convention planning people, has hit upon some marvelous ideas. Not one, but several activities, will be offered each day, giving the delegates' wives a choice of things in which to participate. At this writing, it sounds as though the gals will need their track shoes, because they

won't want to miss anything!

CLEVELAND BUS TOUR

The conference will be held at Stouffers' Inn on the Square. From there, transportation will be provided to various locations. Featured in the program will be a bus tour of Cleveland, including "Ohio City", the Natural History Museum, Planetarium, and a gourmet luncheon at Eaton Square! Another day, there will be an informal fashion show at Higbees. Several special interest seminars will also be offered, such as, "Decorating for the Holidays", "Simple Secrets to Good Communication", and other topics. Museum buffs may opt for a bus trip to "University City". Results of a survey of the delegates' wives at the 1978 conference have been used as the basis for this year's plans. All ladies' events are being scheduled to key in with the husbands' schedule, so that free time will coincide.

Every effort is being made to encourage Ohio Guard attendance at the conference. Wives will be contacted to help with hostess duties. It is really a great chance to turn out in numbers, and to act as hostesses to ladies from other states. Let's make our husbands proud to have us in Cleveland, helping the Ohio National Guard to dispense that "Buckeye Hospitality"!

TWISTER . . . Guard, DSA Promote Tornado Safety

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actual tornado! It is a funnel-shaped cloud extending down from the base of a thunder cloud. As it touches earth, it writhes and twists throwing up debris in all directions. It is usually accompanied by hail, violent thunderstorms and wind. Its noise is so loud it can blot out the sound of crashing buildings and falling trees.

When the skies look threatening, listen to the radio. The National Weather Service and the Severe Storm Warning Center track all weather systems with sophisticated radar and are usually able to give adequate advance warning of violent weather conditions. A TORNADO WATCH means the atmospheric conditions are such that tornadoes could develop. A TORNADO WARNING means an actual funnel has been sighted in your area. Warnings are usually accompanied with a description of the speed and direction of travel of the funnel. Many communities have also arranged special warning systems such as sounding warning sirens.

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When a watch is issued, listen to broadcast advisories, be ready to take cover. It is wise to collect a battery-powered light and radio and have family members within earshot under watch conditions. Also, take your car keys; should a tornado hit your area, your car may still be operable—but keys could be lost in the rubble.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

When a tornado threatens, immediate action can save lives.

Stay away from windows, doors, outside walls and protect your head.

IN HOMES OR OTHER SMALL BUILDINGS Open all windows a crack to equalize air pressure. Go to the basement or a place in the middle of the house, like a closet, bathroom or interior wall. Get under something sturdy.

IN SCHOOL, be calm and follow the directions of your teacher. Stay away from auditoriums and gymnasiums with wide, huge roofs that could collapse easily.

IN SHOPPING CENTERS OR VERY LARGE BUILDINGS look for a predesig-

nated shelter. If there isn't one, a middle hallway on the lowest floor is the next best place to take shelter.

IN MOBILE HOMES OR CARS leave them and find shelter in a building. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine or culvert with your hands shielding your head.

If a tornado should hit, remain calm—panic never helps. Most tornadoes are short-lived, lasting only four or five minutes and traveling on the ground for two miles, on the average.

Closely inspect your property, including automobiles, for damage. Check immediately for electrical problems and gas leaks and report to utilities or fire department if danger is imminent.

If you have extensive damage, contact your insurance company immediately. In the meantime, secure your property from further damage or theft. Heavy rains often follow a tornado.

By thinking calmly and clearly and helping one another, Ohioans can limit the injury and destruction tornadoes cause.

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