

The Ohio National Guard Alumni Newsletter



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The Ohio National Guard webpage is: <http://www.ong.ohio.gov/>. Click on Community Outreach and then Alumni Relations to register for the data base and direct receipt of the newsletter. Please take a few minutes and explore the entire website, particularly the many recent news releases about your Guard.

Over the past week, using lists provided by many of the Air and Army Guard retiree groups, we have mailed out registration information about the Ohio National Guard Alumni Reunion to be held at DSCC in Columbus on September 19, 2009. The information packet was also distributed to our email database. If you have not received it and desire to attend, please contact Col. (ret) Jim Chisman.

Maj. Gen. Wayt elected as the President of the Adjutants General Association of the United States. The Adjutants General Association of the United States (AGAUS) on June 4 elected Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio Adjutant General, as its new President. The AGAUS represents the senior leadership of the Army and Air National Guards of the 50 states, territories (Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands) and the District of Columbia. The National Guard has the 11th largest Army in the world and the 5th largest Air Force. It represents 38 percent of the total U.S. military force structure and more than 458,000 personnel serving in 3,600 communities throughout the country.

"I'm honored to have been selected to represent my peers and lead this extraordinary organization," Wayt said. "The National Guard is more relevant today than perhaps anytime in its history and I'm excited for the opportunity to help mold and facilitate our collective organizations and help ensure we always maintain that relevance." <http://www.agaus.org/index.asp>

Colonel Mark Stephens to Command the 121st ARW. Maj. Gen. A.J. Feucht, Asst. Adj. Gen. for Air, announced on July 1 that Col. Mark Stevens has been selected to Command the 121 Air Refueling Wing (ARW). Mark brings exceptional leadership and command experience as the current Commander of the 179 Airlift Wing and will carry that dedication and excellence to the 121 ARW. Mark will take command in November 2010.

180th Fighter Wing Change of Authority Ceremony. On 13 June, 2009, the reigns of authority were passed from Command Chief MSgt. Charles Aliff to the new Command Chief MSgt. Michael Haas, who previously served as the Operations Group Superintendent. With 60 years of combined service, both have brought a wealth of experience and leadership to the 180th.

The Military Funeral Honors Program. This program was established in 2002 by NGB to ensure that all veterans who request Military Funeral Honors receive a professionally conducted service. The law requires that military honors be performed with no less than a 2-3 man detail. The funeral honors program began as a test program in 2002 and has now grown to a program operating in all states. Ohio's program has grown dramatically since FY 2003 from 919 honors performed to 4140 honors performed in FY 08. As of July 8, 2009 our Soldiers have participated in 3414 military funerals and we anticipate we will finish the year with over 4,600. The ONG currently performs 75% or more of all funeral honors reported/tasked to the Ft Knox casualty center. There currently are 136 Soldiers on our teams who do this important work. 22 are school trained and certified instructors and 16 are Active Duty (ADOS) personnel. These personnel are spread out in 5 regions throughout Ohio (NE-Toledo, NE - Cleveland, CEN - Columbus, SW - Cincinnati/Dayton, and SE - McConnellsville). Retired SGM Robert L King is the program coordinator as a government contractor. For further information or questions, he can be reached at 614-336-7289, or by email at Robert.king5@us.army.mil.

1-137 Aviation Bn. Supports Vice President Biden. During their current deployment, the ONG's Army Aviation Battalion has provided a wide range of aviation support to the coalition mission. One of their recent passengers was Vice President Joseph Biden, who flew onboard an Ohio Blackhawk during his recent trip to Iraq.

Disney Offering "Armed Forces Salute" Tickets. Through December 23, 2009, each current or retired member of the U.S. military may obtain one complimentary 5-day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute" ticket with Park Hopper and Water Park Fun & More options. This ticket is valid for five days of admission into the four Walt Disney World theme parks, plus a total of five visits to a choice of a Disney water park, DisneyQuest Indoor Interactive Theme Park or certain other attractions. During this offer period, current or retired U.S. military personnel (or their spouses, but not both) may purchase up to a maximum of five 5-Day "Disney's Armed Forces Salute Companion" tickets (one theme park per day) for \$99 per ticket, plus tax, for family members (including spouse) or friends. Although this ticket for family members and friends does not include either the Park Hopper or Water Park Fun & More options, this ticket can be upgraded to add either such option, or both, for an additional \$25, plus tax, per option. Actual prices may be less. All tickets and options are non-transferable and must be used by December 23, 2009.

"Disney's Armed Forces Salute" tickets can be obtained only at participating U.S. military base ticket offices (including at the Shades of Green Resort at the Walt Disney World Resort), or at main entrance theme park ticket windows. Tickets are not valid until activated at the main entrance theme park ticket windows. Valid military identification will be required to be presented by the service member (or spouse) for all ticket transactions (including activating tickets at the main entrance theme park ticket windows). Contact the Wright- Patterson AFB ITT office for details or to purchase tickets at 937-257-7670. You will be able to fax required documentation to WPAFB. All parties must be present when purchasing or activating tickets at main entrance theme park ticket windows.

This Week in Guard History:

July 9, 1755: Virginia Frontier near Monongahela River, Pa. --- In an area south of present day Pittsburgh, Pa., British Gen. Edward Braddock is shot and later dies when a column of soldiers he is leading is ambushed by French soldiers and their Indians allies. Braddock was sent from England to command a combined task force numbering about 2,000 men composed of British Regulars and colonial troops. His army was to march to Fort Duquesne (today Pittsburgh) and force the French to surrender it to British control. Accompanying him as an advisor was Lt. Col. George Washington of the Virginia militia. After Braddock and about a third of his force was killed, Washington assumed command. Showing great skill he withdrew the balance of the force with little additional loss. His actions brought him great renown in the other colonies and helped formulate a national recognition of his abilities as a military leader which would later lead to his appointment as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the Revolution.

Upcoming Events

Columbus Crew Military Appreciation Night. All Military families are invited to join the MLS Cup Columbus Crew Champions for their Military and Service Appreciation night, Saturday, July 18th. Enjoy discounted admission of \$19, Children 2 and under are free! It will be Bob Evans' Buck-a-Brat night! All families will have a chance to enjoy an interactive hands-on military themed plaza that will embody the core values from each branch of the service. To order tickets or for additional information contact Nick Volsko at 614-447-4128 or mvolsko@thecrew.com.

216th Engineer Battalion Change of Responsibility Ceremony. The ceremony will be held at Camp Ravenna Joint Training Center, Tactical Training Base on 6 August 2009 at 1900. The outgoing Command Sergeant Major Manny Castillo and the incoming Battalion Command Sergeant Major is Steve Shepherd. CSM Castillo will continue his service in his new position as the 37th IBC Recon SGM.

Casing of the Colors Ceremony for the 237th Personnel Services Battalion, 337th Personnel Detachment, and 437th Personnel Detachment. The ceremony will be conducted Saturday, 15 August 2009 at 1300 hrs at the Defense Supply Center Columbus, Building 20 Auditorium with a reception to follow.

Mobile Commissary Schedule

McConnelsville Armory, 4497 Hawk Drive, McConnelsville, OH, Sunday July 26 - 1000-1900.

For additional information: www.commissaries.com

Upcoming ONG Retiree/Alumni Events

2-174th ADA Retiree/Past Member and Battery Family Readiness Groups Golf Scramble. The golf scramble will be held on 19 July 2009. Registration will begin at 0730 with a shotgun start at 0900. The event will be held at Fuller's Fairways located at 4370 Clay Pike, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 and will be hosted by the 2-174th ADA Retiree Association with assistance from the 2-174th ADA Battery Family Support Groups. Proceeds of the event will be used to support Retiree and Family Support Operations. For further information and to schedule, contact MAJ Shane Hartley at 614-336-6727

180th FW Retirees will hold their annual picnic on August 9, starting at 1100, at the 180th's base in Toledo.

148th Infantry Reunion (27th) – Camp Perry – August 28-29.

37th Division Reunion – Camp Perry – August 28-29. Associated with the Camp Perry events, there will be a golf outing on August 28. For more information, contact CW4 (ret) Jerry Wilson at 614-486-4186.

NIKE reunion (13th) – Camp Perry – September 11-13.

The Ohio National Guard Alumni Reunion – DSCC, Columbus – September 19.

2-174 ADA Reunion – McConnelsville – September 20.

Please hold the date, Friday, 25 September, 2009, for a Retirement Dinner given by Major General Harry (A.J.) Feucht, Jr. in honor of Maj. Troy L. Shoffstall and Chief Master Sgt. Wesley A. Smith of the Ohio Air National Guard.

437th MP Bn. reunion (8th) - Sunday, Sep 27th, 2009, at the armory, 475 Victoria Road, Youngstown, Ohio. Time is 12-6 PM. All former members of the 437th MP Bn. are invited.

147th Infantry Retirees Association – Friday, Oct 2, 2009, at the Sharonville, Ohio, VFW post. More details to follow.

The First Cleveland Cavalry Steak Roast will be held Saturday, 10 October at 1700, at the Green Road Armory in Cleveland.

Call to Duty Ceremonies

585 Military Police Co., Marysville, August 13, 2009, 1300, Marysville High School.
HHC 16th Engineer Brigade, September 1, 2009, 1300, Vineyard Church
HHB 1/174ADA Bde., September 4, 2009, 1600, Hastings Middle School, Upper Arlington

Welcome Home Ceremonies

B/2-19 Special Forces, August 1, (additional details TBA)

Operational Mentor and Liaison Team 9.1, August 28, (Tentative)

Recent News Releases

Nebraska TAG Named Army Guard Deputy Director. Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Kadavy, adjutant general of Nebraska, has been selected as the new deputy director of the Army National Guard. He was chosen for the post by Gen. Craig R. McKinley, the chief of the National Guard Bureau. A native of Omaha, Neb., Kadavy began his military career in Nebraska after receiving his commission in 1984 from the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In 1994, Kadavy switched from traditional part-time National Guard service to become an active duty Guardsman when he accepted a position as an operations officer with the 5th Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he served more than two years. He then transferred to other posts with the U.S. Army and the National Guard Bureau in Georgia and Virginia during the years that followed.

Kadavy deployed to Camp Victory, Iraq, in April 2006 and served as chief of the Reserve Component Support Division acting as the senior National Guard advisor to the corps commander. After returning to the U.S. in September 2006, he served as the senior operations officer for the Army National Guard directorate. He became Nebraska's adjutant general in November 2007.

www.ngaus.org

Taliban Eyes New Allies Pakistani Militants May Court Iran Foes. Pakistani Taliban and allied members of al-Qaida, under new pressure from a U.S. and Pakistani offensive, may join forces with a militant Sunni Muslim group called Jundallah, which has staged attacks on Iran and strained Iranian-Pakistani relations, military specialists say. Ashraf Ali, a Peshawar-based specialist on the Taliban, said that given Jundallah's historical connections with al-Qaida and the Taliban, Taliban militants led by Baitullah Mehsud and his al-Qaida allies might seek refuge in Pakistan's Baluchistan province or join the ranks of Jundallah. Pakistan and the U.S. are mounting an offensive against Mehsud in the tribal regions north of Baluchistan along the Afghan-Pakistan border.

www.washingtontimes.com/

The McNamara I Knew. Joseph A. Califano Jr. One of Robert McNamara's "whiz kids" at the Pentagon during the early 1960s remembers that the late defense secretary was determined to control a fractious department that no secretary had yet mastered. Known for his extraordinary intelligence, McNamara was also a shrewd political manager. "To set the stage for consolidating procurement of common items in a Defense Supply Agency, in order to strengthen the department's bargaining power, he had me hang on peg boards in his conference room all the hats, belts, shirts,

ties, underwear and even toilet seats of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps as a backdrop for his meeting with the service chiefs. After a few seconds of embarrassment, everyone knew that the Defense Supply Agency would be established." www.washingtonpost.com/

It is with deep regret and sorrow that we announce the following deaths:

Mrs. Louise Collins, June 27, mother of SGM (Ret) David Collins and SFC (Ret) Michael Collins, both are Operation Support Specialists in R&R RSP.

Mr. George Pursley, June 28, father of MAJ (Ret) Bill Pursley, former Chaplain of 2nd Squadron, 107th Cavalry.

COL (Ret) Harold Finley, July 5, former commander of the 2d Battalion, 147th Infantry (1966-1968); 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry (1968-1969); 416th Engineer Group (1973-1974); and Assistant Quartermaster General (1975-1979).

Websites of Interest:

http://www.airforce-magazine.com/PublishingImages/masthead1_NL.jpg - Air Force Magazine on line.

<http://www.media-magik.com/usaf.html> - Tribute to the USAF

If you have ideas for future newsletter content or other alumni programs and would like to communicate with me directly, please feel free to call me at 614-336-7336, or by email at james.chisman@us.army.mil. The Ohio National Guard that proudly serves around the world today is a direct reflection of your service.

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