Thank you for your performance during the recent incident at the Buckeye Guard in recruiting, preparation for annual General Inspections and the snow emergency which has been outstanding and once again has brought favorable comments throughout the state.

For the first time in the history of the Ohio National Guard, operating in a non-draft environment, our strength exceeds $4,000 in the Army Guard and 4,800 in the Air Guard. Net gains in January and February exceeded 700. You proved it can be done. Now it's time to work in the high schools for recruits and to provide more interesting training during drills to improve retention.

Except for strength in some units, annual General Inspection comments have been generally good. Make sure you go out to correct the areas which drew unfavorable comments. Assign responsibilities for correction of errors in each area to a specific officer or NCO. This goes down to battalion staffs whom I expect to go back and see that items are corrected.

A special word for all those who worked in sub-zero weather to open armories, rescue stranded motorists, work now to correct the areas which drew unfavorable comments. Don't let them forget.

A note of thanks and congratulations is due Engineering Squadron of Camp Perry who pressed their appreciation in many ways. Don't let them forget.

Generals’ Department of the State of Ohio.

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Letters (cont.)

Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties in addition to most other United States government agencies and military have been paying dividends of 51% per annum compounded quarterly plus bonus dividends (received 6% for the last six quarters). The administration of the United States National Credit Union Administration insures each member account to a maximum of $40,000. Loans are available for Guard members through United Services Federal Credit Union (USFCU). A member need only deposit a minimum of $2,500 on signature. Additional loans can be obtained by using collateral, such as cars, boats or travel trailers. Most loans are made at the rate of 12% annual percentage rate, but if a loan of $500 or more has shares at security, the rate is reduced to 9% APR. This is in addition to the unique advantage in rapid loan service USFCU offers. You may also apply for credit card membership, approved your agreement (note) is good indefinitely. In addition, there is life insurance on savings and loans at no extra cost to members. The savings insurance matches the amount the member deposits to a maximum of $2,000, (subject to age and health), plus one extra dividend for accidental death. The loan protection insurance provides for the liquidation of any unpaid loan balance if the member, one who has totally become and permanently disabled, dies, is in hospital, or leaves the United States because of the money pinch. They have been paying dividends of 6% for the past two years and if the trend continues, I'm sure it could be as much as 9%. It is a wonderful military company you have to believe Green. They were a wonderful group of people.

A member of battery C, 2/74th ADA was recently credited with saving the life of a Cambridge woman. Sergeant Robert W. Sovis with battery C, had completed his noon meal at the armory when he saw a car overwheeled into a pond. Upton and four of his fellow Guardsmen raced down to the pond. Upton reached the car first, and waded into the water to help and any open door. But the door didn't budge. As Upton frantically tried to rescue the woman inside the car, a police officer hurried to the scene.

Using a crow-bar, the police officer and Upton opened the door and pulled the injured woman from the car. She received medical aid from the paramedics and was transported to a hospital. The paramedics were deeply impressed with Upton's quick thinking and heroic actions in saving the life of the victim to a local hospital, where she was reported in satisfactory condition.

To the Editor,

They are among units nationwide competing for the December issue of The Buckeye Guard and urged me to write a letter of complaint.

In the past two years my unit has failed its IG inspection for military grooming standards. We are now in the middle of a crackdown on grooming standards, involving fines for all transgressors. Your December issue, which contains photographs of three guardsmen who are grossly out of limits in terms of grooming standards, does not hold a candle to one of your woolly heroes is even a commissioned officer. How can we enforce discipline when our troops throw your photographs back in our face as the standards that the state endorses?

Surely the photograph on page six is not the image of the Ohio National Guardmen that your magazine wants to project. All I ask is that you use a little more judicious judgment in your photographs of the troops. Photograph Guardmen who conform to standards.

Robert L. Litchfield
Cincinnati

To the Editor,

I was stranded in a snow storm Jan. 28, on Route 73 near Bowling Green, and I have got to let you know what a wonderful military police company you have called Green. They were a wonderful group of people.

I never needed help so much in my life. I say the good people out-weigh the bad. I am forever grateful to the people of Green. Thanks to you for your good work.

Willford Ing
Milan, Michigan

To the Editor,

If the shop in the picture was loaded and pointed at that man, it had to be the worst picture I've ever seen.

In this liberal world of pro-snook and anti-gun moll, I think the Guard could come up with a better use of words and pictures than a record and rifle and a false one was not true as printed in the Guard. I'm a hunter and like others we do not want a gross misuse of a shotgun as a training aid.

Paul R. Raber
Co C, 372nd Eng

Winter of '77 — The Buckeye Guard

by Bob Devoe

Over 500 Ohio Army National Guardsmen, equipment, including armored personnel carriers, bulldozers, ambush vehicles, and airlift helicopters—and even an M-60 provided emergency medical assistance to Ohio counties during this winter's crisis.

In Alliance the National Guard used a mobile ambulance for motorists and snowbound campers.

In the Buckeye State the missions of mercy to rescue stranded motorists and homeowners; medevac the elderly and sick in the mountains of northern Ohio, supplies throughout the state. By the time the snow was cleared snow-clogged roads, provided food and fuel to remote and rural areas, and everything else it takes to keep troops moving. Several armies across the state, in close proximity or battle, was made available to act as havens for the homeless and stranded.

As we mix and mingle, we can always see the picture of a bus full of evacuees arriving at the First National Guard building in Columbus. This past winter saw unbearably cold weather, snow, more snow than any of us can remember. And the weather watchers—they say this winter may have been the worst in American History. Harder than the one the Pilgrims faced over 300 years ago.

Adverse conditions unite people. They provide a chance to show people the Ohio National Guard once again set the example in meeting that challenge. The Guardsmen are not a multicolored army; they are not solidified, but in the way the Guard step out of the way of the need. Countless people sacrificed their comforts, or the opportunity to stay at home, to help others. Undoubtedly, we are fortunate. In some cases the difference was simply a matter of time. The Arctic air was only the green or blue uniform.

Working around the clock on shifts lasting up to 12 hours, without time off, the guardsmen, the security forces, the people in the guard were working around the clock. They did not mind. Their sacrifice was a matter of the Arctic air made many of us want to quit. But a guardman's eyes when he saw a car, the guardsmen, we appreciate you for those units which are training to those units which are in Europe this summer.

The Buckeye Guard

Jaskulski Introduces Education Bill

An education bill was introduced in the Ohio House recently that will ultimately involve plans of nearly 20,000 members of the Ohio National Guard.

The bill introduced by State Rep. Jaskulski, (D-Garfield Heights), seeks to provide four tuition years of State University tuition for those desiring to join the Ohio National Guard.

The bill has been passed by the House of Representatives and is expected to be taken up by the Senate. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Reserve Units to Train in Europe

Ten Reserve Component (Army National Guard and Army Reserve) units in the Fifth Army Area, including Air National Guard, 112th Transportation Battalion, Ohio Army National Guard can look forward to going to Europe this summer for mobility training.

They are among units nationwide selected to conduct their annual training in Germany in support of Army units involved in the American commitment to the NATO line. The European training will be conducted by the Ohio Army National Guard.

This marks a restoration of having certain Reserve Component units undergo annual training in Germany. In September 1941, the Congress put a halt to annual training outside the continental United States because of the invasion in Europe. However, in view of the value of this type training, the Congress in 1973, enacted legislation that permitted the Guard to be programmed to deploy to Europe in case of mobilization, and in recognition of the support they can provide to our forces, the restriction was lifted.


There are 2,631 company and detachment size units of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve in the Ohio National Guard area which encompasses Arkansas, California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

According to Mr. Jaskulski, the bill is needed to both provide an added incentive for those desiring to join the Guard by insuring those Guard members provided with quality leaders.

Jaskulski, and his colleagues, have recently passed similar tuition assistance bills for their Guardmen. The bills were introduced as part of the National Guard and Reserve Officer Reference Committee for study and recommendation.

Notes from the Assistant AG

Once again the Ohio National Guard has responded to the needs of the State in very competent manner in which the requirements of the Guard.

Time after time we hear comments that question the need for the Guard and we even find those who question whether our Guard is operationally available. This is always the case when everything is going fine and there seems to be no obvious need for our services. It is just a healthy thing to recall that the need for our Armed Forces was questioned numerous times in the past. It is also ironic that those who question the need for preparedness are also first to criticize when emergencies occur and the help isn't available.

In this case, performed in its normal professional style and is a credit to the State of Ohio and the nation. We are very fortunate to have Guardsmen like the ones who showed up for this training. Thank you for your outstanding performance. Thanks for a job well done.

BG James M. Abraham
Assistant Adjutant General-Army
Lifeline... The Guard

Story by Teb Baines, photos by Steven Stone

Cold homes. Hungry babies. Isolated elderly people. Dying livestock. These were the conditions in Clark county and across Ohio in January. After temperatures and an acute shortage of energy climaxed during the last weekend in January.

Friday started as just another miserably cold day in Ohio's "Winter of '77." But a blizzard soon made matters even more miserable. By 10 that morning, Air National Guard members at Springfield Municipal Airport were receiving requests for emergency assistance from the State Highway Patrol and the Clark County Highway Department.

The Air Guard's roll was to store fuel in a hangar of the 178th TFG. TSgt Harry Cartwright, AVC (Aircrewman), was employed in the Clark County Highway Department. He requested fuel to be stored in a hangar of the 178th TFG.

directions for the choppers (eventually five were employed in the Clark County area) were often inadequate. LHF radio communications between the helicopters and the ANG's command post and simultaneous telephone conversations between homes of needy and the airport were used. Over the phone, the people would say, "Yes I heard the helicopter, but it went past us. Yes, I can hear it coming back. Now it's over us." These phone conversations would be relayed to the choppers.

FLARES MARK THE SPOT

Helicopters were used to evacuate some people to hospitals, too. One man with a previous heart condition was out of heart medicine. He was admitted to a hospital. A woman with a head injury had too high blood pressure for her to be moved by snowmobile. And no doctor could get to her. Red flares in a square pattern marked the place for the helicopter to pick her up. This was shortly before midnight Monday night.

Monday saw one of the more unusual missions. A hog farmer near Jamestown was in danger of losing 100 pigs who were freezing to death from lack of straw. A crew helped the farmer's son load 12 bales of straw on board the helicopter from another farmer's barn. It took four flights to get enough straw for the pigs.

From Saturday night through Wednesday evening, Springfield ANG members responded to Red Cross requests. And wives helped, too—"from being out in the cold helping to deliver supplies to being in the kitchen cooking and feeding the hungry Guard volunteers.

There were many Air Guard members in the relief missions. But, as is often the case, the names are too numerous to mention.

After all, Springfield ANG units have more than 1000 members.

Battline... the Snow

Frank Cartwright, CSM and AST (Administrative Supply Technician) of Co B of the 113th Engineering Battalion, of Lima, and Steve Stechschulte, Putnam County deputy sheriff coordinated snow clearing operations from the fire department headquarters in Columbus Grove.

The problem confronting these men and their squad of 16 Ohio Army National Guardsmen and assorted civilian volunteers was maintaining 432 miles of snow-pluged county and state highways.

"We had this thing licked," said Cartwright, "but the wind tore the whole thing up for us right away, and we were back where we started."

The severe cold caused other problems for the mixed team.

Equipment designed to withstand more moderate temperatures broke down, and maintenance had to be performed in open areas along the main street of this northwestern Ohio Village. Additionally, men worked shifts from 8:00 a.m. till nearly 2:00 a.m. every day without a break.

"We had problems with the diesel fuel, too," noted Stechschulte.

The extreme cold and the wind caused the paraffin in the fuel to solidify during the operation, and special efforts were required to refuel vehicles and keep them running.

"That was not the worst of it," said Cartwright. "We used an M-60 tank (Combat Engineering Vehicle) during this operation, and that thing weighed 60 tons." Cartwright continued.

"In this weather and with these temperatures we had to check and make sure every bridge it crossed was structurally sound. The cold seems to make the metal bridges crystallize, and we could have had a really bad accident."
Land of the Midnight Sun...

North to Alaska:

Photos and story
by Steven Stone

Alaska had the men of the 124th for only a few weeks, but the white silence of that Alaskan mountain would be theirs forever.

Names of places tell a great deal about the character and mood of the land and its people. Names like Purgatory, Burrit Pave, Mary's Igloo, Whiskey Creek, Cold Foot and Fink Creek tell a tale of suffering and frustration. They tell a tale of people punished by the land.

That land is Alaska. Alaska is a durable land that has held up well under the excesses and callousness of civilization. Each new generation, from early gold seekers to those who pump the black gold, have had to learn the lessons Alaska forces on any who would violate its wilderness.

In January, 57 men from Ohio's Air National Guard came north to learn for themselves the lessons of Alaska. They were part of a massive 20-thousand man military maneuver named "Operation Jack Frost". The purpose of this exercise was to give American forces an opportunity to operate in a cold climate.

By Air, By Land

The 124th Tactical Control Flight from Blue Ash near Cincinnati, was called on to assist the active Air Force in providing air control and radar support for "Jack Frost". Controllers in the 124th directed nearly all of the tactical aircraft activity for the operation. Each day, scores of sorties (missions involving aircraft) were directed by the 124th. The exercise director, Lieutenant General W. W. Marshall along with other Air Force personnel had much praise for the manner in which the 124th performed its mission.

According to unit commander Major Paul Eling, this was the largest and most complex assignment ever attempted by the 124th. It involved air transport of all the unit's equipment, including several large vans and a radar screen. These had to be moved by air more than 3,000 miles, transported high into the mountains over icy roads and set up in just three days. Arctic winds clawed at the tents and antenneae as the Guardsmen struggled in -30 degree temperatures to set up their operation base.

"Most units had two weeks to set up. We did it in three days," said MAJ Eling. "The hardest part was getting it all up the hill, I'm proud of these men!"

Operation Jack Frost was a yearly training exercise run by the United States Readiness Command. It involves elements of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Reserve and National Guard Forces. Its goal is to prepare the Continental United States Forces to work together in the event they are called to repel an invasion or support overseas operations. Troops were divided into two tasks: one representing the U.S. and the other an invading enemy from a mythical country named Mira.

Balmly Breeze

Another objective was the testing of various equipment under the extreme cold that would certainly accompany any war in the Arctic. Even a person of limited military knowledge could easily conclude that the best place for such an operation would be Alaska, 130 miles from the Arctic Circle in the middle of January.

Once again, however, Alaska taught her lessons to the men who prepared to assault her with tons of Arctic gear. The lesson was one of unpredictability.

124th TCF Assaults America's Last Frontier

One expected to endure the harsh, cruel cold so vividly described in many Jack London stories. A cold that would freeze your lungs and burn your skin within minutes; where the simple task of removing a glove to strike a match becomes a matter of life or death and leaves you with frozen fingers. Alaska, the land of winter darkness and cold; cold that is feared by even the toughest frost-bearded man.

But it was not to be. After some initial cold weather, the days began to warm and the breeze became what could easily be described as balmy by Alaskan or even mid-western standards. A record high temperature of 43 degrees in Fairbanks led the local population, in short-sleeves, to give light to expressions of disbelief at what was to them an odd disruption of their normal winter life. Some new military equipment had been brought north specifically for arctic testing. Most military men were eager to see how their gear and people would hold up in the Alaskan deep freeze.

Arctic in Ohio

One Guardsman from Cincinnati jokingly said the name of the operation had been changed from "Jack Frost" to "Operation Melted Snowman". Master Sergeant Jim Jones and Sergeant Ted Poor, both Guardsmen in the ground power section of the 124th said they endured more arctic conditions in Ohio while loading than they had in Alaska.

"This has been a good mobility exercise," stated SGT Jones. "Aircraft couldn't land at Springfield and had to be diverted to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. All the equipment was moved overseas and it was snowing so hard we couldn't get it cleared off. Once it was airborne, every time the plane turned, water would run off the top of the vans and give the men riding with it a shower."

Even though no one suffered the fate of frozen fingers, it was evident by visiting the 124th's mountain-top operation that valuable training was accomplished in the performance of its mission. The hour drive up the mountain over ice-covered roads taxed even the steadiest nerves and required all the four-wheel drive power of a deuce-and-a-half truck. After being bounced about in the back of the truck, the first question most visitors had upon arriving at the site was, "How did you manage to get all this stuff up here?"

And "stuff" there was! Huge generators roared incessantly as they provided the power to operate a complete microwave communications system, several large vans packed full of electronic gear and a big revolving radar screen topped with a blinking red light. At first glance, it seemed as if one had stumbled onto an alien community of machines quite capable of taking care of themselves and yet accomplishing some task known only to them.

Enjoyed Realism

Though unseen, one could sense a human element here: a sense of purpose, a pulse. It wasn't long before men approached the site, adjusting this or that machine, fine-tuning everything so that it hummed along like a Swiss watch. Inside the vans, men sat hunched over banks of blinking red lights watching spots appear and disappear on round green screens. The static hiss of radio transmissions sliced the darkened interior. It was easy to feel that you were deep inside the brain of a great mechanical monster.

After talking with the men running this operation, one could see that they were enjoying the realism of their mission with "Operation Jack Frost." For without the 124th Tactical Control Flight, the entire air portion of the maneuver would not have been possible. It was amazing to see men who were in civilian life chemists, salesmen, teachers and printers operating such technical equipment so well. One went away from that mountain top with a strangely secure and satisfied feeling, knowing that men and machines such as these were serving the nation.
Goodbye C/Y, Hello 'hio

The Department of the Army authorized the 73rd Infantry Brigade, headquartered in Columbus, to become a separate infantry brigade, with all its elements in Ohio.

Historically, the 73rd Brigade is a successor of the 37th Division, which distinguished itself in the Pacific theatre during World War II.

In February, 1968, in accordance with Department of the Army policy of changing single state divisions to multi-state divisions, the 37th Division was reduced to a brigade status, identified as the 73rd Infantry Brigade.

At that time the 73rd Brigade became part of the 38th "Cyclone" Division, headquartered in Indiana, with elements in three states—Ohio, Michigan and Indiana.

The 73rd Brigade will remain in Ohio and will be commanded by a brigadier general.

by Scott Sherry

"It's probably the most nebulous thing right now. I am Lieutenant Colonel Clyde Gutzwilber, executive officer for Ohio's 73rd Infantry Brigade. "Now that we're separate that means it is going to be a brigade for Ohio," he continued. "I don't know what they're doing anything other than good for the morale of our men." According to the executive officer the changeover is going to mean much more than this.

In the simplest terms, Ohio will have a completely self-sufficient combat brigade at almost instant disposal for either Federalization or state use in any type of emergency.

"There's more streamlining now; and the Brigade is the obvious military unit for rapid embarkation and deployment overseas," Gutzwilber said. "This change to the separate brigade structure is a complete modification of the old divisional structure. During the McNamara era it was decided that divisions covering three states would be the proper distribution of military strength in the National Guard. "Under the reorganization, we're to go from a strength of 3600 to 3000 people. "I think that we're going to be better off in the annual training situation this way. During the time that we were part of the division we only trained with the entire component structure every three years. "Now the 73rd will be attending summer camp on a more year round basis. There will be continuity in the training and everyone will have an opportunity to consistently learn the brigade mission.

"And this training is going to be more varied," Gutzwilber noted. "Now we have openings for automatic data processing personnel, all sorts of administrative personnel. We have expanded our administrative forces from a unit of 40 people to an entire company of 128 people."

"With this set-up for autonomous command we are going to have our own Inspector General, which is going to require personnel with legal and paralegal training. These are valuable skills in the community, and we know there's going to be room for real enlisted advancement."

"The brigade, as it stands today, will be commanded by Brigadier General Robert W. Teater, who also serves in the state cabinet as director of the Department of Natural Resources," Gutzwilber said. "We are going to be growing."

The old C/V shield is soon going to be retired for good in Ohio. (Any personnel of the new 73rd Brigade who are interested should submit replacement insignia designs for consideration to Brigade Headquarters.)

180th is Part of Operation Snowbird

One hundred twenty members of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard returned to their home at Toledo Express Airport after two weeks of participation in "Operation Snowbird." This exercise took place at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona, and at the 180th Tactical Fighter Wing, Luke, Arizona.

"Operation Snowbird is an exercise designed to allow Air National Guard pilots to leave the normally bad flying weather of the Midwest winters for the excellent flying weather of the Southwest. It enables the pilots to remain proficient during those months when their combat oriented flights are often curtailed by bad weather."

The pilots of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group flew F-100's from Toledo to Tucson with a mid-air refueling on the way. When the F-100's arrived, the ground crews, who had left for Tucson earlier on a Hercules C-130 cargo aircraft, were there.

The pilots flew an average of 24 sorties a day on the bombing and gunnery ranges at Gila Bend. 100 miles to the northwest of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Because of the need to complement the ranges, the pilots were able to fly at speeds much higher than normally flown at home. They were also able to execute combat maneuvers on the vast ranges at Gila Bend that the populated areas of Ohio do not permit.

Cris Grimlith casts a wary eye at the photographer.

by Joan McDermott

When the gas crisis forced Columbus schools to close their doors for a month, most mothers viewed the respite from studies as the beginning of doomsday. Not so for our very dedicated members of the Officers Wives Club. They simply took their kids in tow and brought them along to the Backeigh Armory where, forlorn with unempted donuts and hot chocolate, these little land not so little renegades from the denizens of desks proved mighty industrious... sticking labels on the February issue of The Buckeye Guard.

"Whoever it was that said grubby little fingers can only make mischief obviously didn't run into little Cris Grimlith, age five, on his travels. Little Cris is something of a veteran label-sticker at this point. "This is my second time," he proudly boasted.

In Ellen Grimlith explained that her kindergarten class had conferences the last time the magazine was being readied.

It's a Family Affair

Michael T. Hoover, 17, joined his parents, Technical Sergeant Leonard C. and Senior Airman Aleta R. Hoover, by becoming a member of the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron, Camp Perry, Port Clinton, Ohio. Michael enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard for six years in October, 1976.

Michael's father Leon has been a member of the Ohio Air National Guard since 1973. He is a Personnel Management Specialist and spent ten years in the United States Air Force before being re­management in the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron. Aleta, Michael's mother, enlisted in the Air National Guard in August, 1973. She is an Administration Specialist and served 11 years with the United States Army until 1975.
Use Guard Check for Vacation Weekend

Erie Vacation Promises Fun

By Ruth Clemens

From the fantasy of Cedar Point Amusement Park to the shimmering glamour of the emerald sail dotted its shores, Ohio's Lake Erie Vacationland promises fun to visitors of all ages.

Most noted destination, of course, are the Lake Erie Islands, specially South Bass and Kelley's, which stand midway between the Canadian border line in Lake Erie and the northernmost shores of Lake St. Clair.

One of the most unique and memorable on the Lake Erie Islands is by way of the Island Airlines and its world famous Ford Tri-Motor airplane—the "Tin Goose." This elegant aircraft transports travelers to and from the islands throughout the year via Parker Boat Lines from downstate Ohio.

Another short route is to and from the islands is by vehicle. It is the shortest commercial trip between the United States and Canada. The Doric column that stands 30 feet high at the border was erected in 1880 in memory of Commodore Perry's victory on the Island of Put-in-Bay.

The strategic importance of the isle is underscored by the fact that the Doric column, where borders on the sheltered boat harbor, is a barrier between the United States and Canada.

Until recently, the island was inhabited only by the Trails End residents and the Winslow family. A few years ago the Winslow family decided to leave the island and it was purchased by Bill Wendell, a retired naval aviator, who planned to turn it into an international airport.

The island is now owned by the Buckeye Guard, a military group that operates the airport and runs the island as a tourist attraction. The island features a variety of activities such as boating, swimming, and hiking, as well as historic sites such as the National Peace Memorial.

Put-in-Bay also has a number of wineries, including Castalia's and Heineman's, which offer tastings and tours of their facilities. The wineries are known for their fine wines and are a popular destination for visitors.

Put-in-Bay is also home to Winterfest, a winter festival that features ice sculptures, snowmobile races, and other winter activities. The festival is a popular destination for visitors who enjoy winter sports and activities.

In conclusion, Lake Erie vacationland offers an array of attractions, activities, and destinations for visitors of all ages. Whether you are interested in history, nature, or adventure, there is something for everyone to enjoy on the islands and in the surrounding area.

THE END

Pointers on Points

Towards Retirement at 60

by Dennis Rodgers

The word "point" can mean many things to many people. To a lecturer, a point is a key word or phrase used to make his talk vivid, a bailiwick, the_thoughts of points in terms of the score of the game; and a lady's thought is her point when she hears the word point. But to a member and especially a guard, a point is that "thing" which determines satisfactory performance of duty, whether or not a good point from a retirement standpoint has been earned, and ultimately, how much retirement pay will be at age 60.

Maintain A Personal Military File

We frequently receive questions from members or former members who are concerned that their retirement credits are less than they should be and are pondering just what can be done to correct the records. Unfortunately, it is often too late to do anything because the member must find the period of time during which he held the duty position or period of service that took place many years before, and no records can be found to substantiate the member's claim. Unless the claim can be verified from the official record, the member stands to lose money or other benefits upon retirement. In many instances, it would be wise for every Guard member to retain a personal file of military documents, especially those that relate to the period of service in the Guard.

Qualifying For Retirement

Qualifying for retirement is one of the most unique and attractive features of membership in the Buckeye Guard. A member must complete 20 years of satisfactory service to qualify for retirement. This requires that the member complete 10 years of active duty, 10 years of inactive duty, or a combination of both. The member must also have served in an emergency, such as during a war or national crisis, which is called "special duty points." These points are recorded in the member's personal military file and can be used to qualify for retirement.

How Points Are Earned

Three types of points may be earned: active duty points, inactive duty points, and special duty points. Active duty points are earned by serving in the military during a period of active duty, such as during a war or national crisis. Inactive duty points are earned by serving in the military during a period of inactive duty, such as during a training exercise or during a specific period of time when the member is not on active duty. Special duty points are earned by serving in the military during a period of special duty, such as during a war or national crisis.

Points At Retirement

Once the member has earned the required number of points, retirement will be granted. The amount of retirement pay is determined by the number of points earned. For example, a member with 300 active duty points will receive a retirement pay of 60 percent of his final pay. A member with 600 inactive duty points will receive a retirement pay of 120 percent of his final pay. A member with 150 special duty points will receive a retirement pay of 30 percent of his final pay. The combination of these points will determine the amount of retirement pay the member will receive.

Computation of Monthly Retired Pay

The formula for computing the amount of retired pay to be received at age 60 is a simple one: Total points x 21.5% (or 0.215) x monthly base pay = monthly retired pay, in the normal course of things.

In conclusion, retirement in the Buckeye Guard is an ongoing concern for members as they plan for the future. The members must keep track of their points, which are recorded in their personal military file, and ensure that the points are correctly recorded. It is important to maintain a personal military file and keep track of all points earned and to report any errors to the member's training officer promptly.
Colonel Frank H. Catran completed a distinguished military career in February. Col. Catran has commanded the 160th Air Refueling Group for the past 15 years, spanning three aircraft conversions from the C-46 to twin-engine transport to the KC-97 tanker to the KC-135 Boeing jet transport.

In September 1964, Col. Catran was promoted to his present rank of Colonel and led his unit as one of the first three in the nation to participate in Operation "Ready Go," the first and the largest to date of an all-Air National Guard deployment to Europe. Operating from Earest Harmon Air Force Base, Newland, under adverse weather conditions, Col. Catran directed this key refueling operation requiring seven KC-97s to fly in formation at altitudes of 20,000 ft. This was a heretofore unheard-of high altitude refueling for the KC-97.

Col. Catran enrolled as a private in the Ohio National Guard as an Aircraft Mechanic over forty years ago. In August 1942 he enlisted as an Aviation Cadet and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in March 1944. He served on Earest Harmon Air Base and as a ground crew mechanic at Advanced Flying Training Center, Columbus.

Col. Catran wears Command Pilot wings and has accumulated over 11,000 hours flying time in his career. In November 1973 he was promoted to Major General James C. Clem, The Adjutant General for the State of Ohio. Catran represented the Air Force Air Logistics Center Memorial and a Medal to Colonel Catran.

Enlisted personnel on active duty within their home State are not authorized the Clothing Monetary Allowance. These personnel will receive in-kind issues in accordance with USFRO JIF-192-73. Orders issued/amended will contain an appropriate statement relative to non-enrollment of uniform allowance due to assignment to a command where clothing is replaced by in-kind issue. Enlisted personnel on active duty for training, will receive either the basic or standard Clothing Maintenance Allowance as stated in Table 3-5-6, DOD Military Pay and Allowance Manual. Orders issued/amended will cite individual Clothing and Uniform Gratuities, Enlisted (P316-12), and an appropriate statement relative to the entitlement to the basic or standard clothing maintenance allowance.

An Army National Guardman from Newton Falls, Ohio, recently took first place in the U.S. Marine Corps pistol matches at Quantico, Virginia.

STC Pascarella of the 324th Military Police Company in Warren was declared the match winner Feb. 27 after scoring 241 points on the 1200 possible point course. The old national record was 295 with 13 X's.

Learn to Fly

So you want to learn to fly? Then the Ohio National Guard Flying Club is looking for you. If you are an Ohio National Guard, you can surely fly "5/8 of the cost of an airplane." It takes approximately 40 hours to get a private license. The Club is based at Don Scott Field/the Ohio State University Airfield and uses a Cessna 150 trainer.

For more information call SFC Jones (471-3532), SPF Olson (885-8294) or SPF Prove (878-6901).

Lake Erie Vacation Promises Fun (From Pg. 12)

marksmanship competitions held annually in August. Here the visitor can observe the real professionals, both military and civilian, who compete in a variety of ranges in the world.

The Blackhawk Cedar Point Amusement Park is reached via causeway or ferry from Sandusky and offers rides, picnic facilities, a beach, and other amusements.

A trip to the Lake Erie Vacationland would not be complete without a visit to Vermilion where the group toured the town of course on the History of the Great Lakes. Vermilion's early days as a ship building center and a residential area for lake captains, is being preserved with the restoration of an old warehouse as "Harbor Town." Visitors may take a self-guided tour of the area as well as visit the Great Lakes Historical Society Museum. A fine collection of ship models, paintings, marine equipment and a complete ship's bridge overlooking the harbor tell the history of Lake Erie.

Home Front: Cincinnati Beckons Wives

We will need (5) Delegates to the National Convention Sept. 19-21, 1977, in Denver, Colorado. If you plan to attend the National Convention, please send us your name and address and we will contact you in April or May regarding the Convention. Please consider this trip—Denver is a beautiful city and they are planning some fantastic tours for us.

Ohio MINUTEMAN JACKET PROJECT

We require orders out of 2000 units. This figure is based on our projected annual order. All qualified applicants will be considered, however applicants must be active members of the Ohio National Guard and have been in the National Guard for at least one year at the time of application. A monthly salary will be $7.00 per hour. You must be interested in being a part of the Ohio National Guard and have an interest in being a part of the Ohio National Guard.

During the recent Ohio Army National Guard recruitment effort, the 234th MP of Warren pulled a recruitment clinic with the enrollment of two newly married couples.

Patricia and Gary Phillips, and Brian and Sherry Pott, all non-prior service, were married the night the Ohio National Guard recruiter, Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Reeves of the Toledo-based 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, recently married with honors from the National Commissioned Officer's Academy. Out of the 234th MP, three enlisted men now placed in the top 10. She is also the first female in the history of the 180th to attend and still be ranked amongst the top men in extra-curricular activities.

Noah's father, Major Don Noah, is a past recipient of the Buckeye Guard.
EDITH Can Save Your Life

EDITH (Exit Drill in the Home) can help you evacuate your home or apartment safely and quickly in case of an actual fire or other emergency. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) offers these basic guidelines to help you set up your plans.

- Have an approved smoke alarm/detector system. Because the most potentially dangerous home fires erupt between midnight and 6:00 a.m., a smoke alarm is especially important to awaken the family in case of a nighttime fire.
- Figure at least two routes to the outside from every room in the house. (Bedrooms are most important.) Allow for the possibility of fire and choking smoke and fumes blocking the halls and stairways.
- A window may be the only alternate escape route from an upper floor. Be sure exit windows work easily and are large and low enough to get through. Use any available porch, shed, or garage roof to reach safety. If needed, install an escape ladder.
- Include specific plans for evacuating infant, disabled, and elderly members of the household who would need special help.
- Pick an assembly point well away from the house where all members of the family will meet for “roll call.” Be sure everyone understands that the house must not be reentered for any purpose.
- Plan to notify the fire department from a neighbor’s phone or from a street alarm box—NOT from inside your own burning home. When reporting a fire by phone, be calm. Speak clearly and give the complete address of the fire. If you use an alarm box, remember to wait there so you can direct arriving firefighters to the fire.

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