Just attended completing the Outstanding Soldier of the Year Seminar at Camp Perry. Unfortunately, the people selected by their units could not arrange vacation schedules in time to attend. This leaves us with a number of cases where their selection in May to permit these people to make arrangements. Let's get it right next year, particularly with suitable publicity for Soldiers of the Month in every unit and Soldiers of the Year in every battalion selected by May 31, 1978. With free cotages (at Perry), state active-duty Guard units, families to Cedar Point, and parties, the value of the award is well as reasons for the part of the commanders and more publicity in units to help sparring. Special praise to COL Siemer (Ret.), CPT Reiffel of the 226th

Eng. Bn. and CPT Stokes of the Ohio Military Academy for coming up with meaningful methods of instruction that had everyone participating and some staying around 30 to 40 minutes after classes ended.

Speaking of special efforts and people we owe a note of thanks—to here are a few T.J. Janowski and the State Outdoor Advertising Association, so far 63 free billboards around the state; all the people in recruiting who made it possible to show a gain the third week in August for the first time in many months; to Gen. Abraham for his work with schools and colleges in the scholastic credit for military service area; to unit-level public information personnel for an outstanding PR job during this year’s AT; to our officer and enlisted associations’ members working on the state scholarship bills—they still need your support and help in the state senate; all the engineers and de- tachments working to improve Camp Perry and the community—and to each and every Guardsman giving his time and efforts to make his unit an effective part of our total force.

This is Ciem? Saying nice things rather than cheating everyone in BSC for all you people who have not gotten in gear since returning from Camp, it’s a good time to look at that. Perry; it’s quite a bit different this year.

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The Adjutant General, Ohio, has advised that the chain of command in retention because the troops doesn’t work. You’ve heard me to Cedar Point. It’s a good time to look at that. Perry; it’s quite a bit different this year.

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Setting the Record Straight

To The Editor:

Your article on Page 8 of the August issue of Buckeye Guard Magazine titled “Continuing Wound Damage in Fremont” doesn’t mention Co. A, 612th Eng Bn, Fremont; but I would have sworn we were activated July 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and also aided in tree and debris removal in Fremont.

After, the temperature was 90 degrees, so I can think if you ever met me, the best compliment you could pay me would be, “looking good too, looking real good”.

I think you’ve done some good things for our way of life in the Guard. I think that last statement is important . . . the Guard, in many ways more so than active duty, is not the best part, but in America, or Ohio, or wherever, it isn’t simply a job, it’s one heck of an experience. An experience with a capital “E”. It’s people, emotions, frustra- tion, good times, bad. Perhaps most of all, it’s what we call it. No, more important than that, it’s what we hope to make it.

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Day of 'Cinderellas'

Buckeye Guard Honors ‘Oldest Vets Yet’ at Ohio State Fair

BY STEVE STONE

It was a day of Cinderellas. That magical old fairy tale, that teaches the ideal that people who have been relegated to life's dust heaps can rise above it all in a moment of magic, was given a new twist. August 20, Veterans' Day at the Ohio State Fair. Eleven men were there to claim the title of oldest veteran to attend the fair in the Ohio National Guard's first annual "Oldest Vet Yet" contest.

The search for these veterans began weeks earlier. A visit to the local Veterans Administration office confirmed this author's sneaking suspicion that the heavy foot of time has been relentless marching forward. According to the officials in charge there are no longer any Spanish-American War Veterans still able to travel or cope with much walking or excitement.

"Try the 'Veterans of World War I' or the 'Disabled American Veterans' over at the state office building," he said.

The secretary-treasurer of the 'Veterans of World War I' leaned back in his chair and closed his eyes in deep thought. "Ya know, young fellow, there aren't many of us that can still get around."

The conversation was repeated at the DAV and the VFW, each organization could come up with only a few names of those still active.

With a few names, the phone calls began. "Hello, Mr. Hilpert, were you planning to attend the fair?"

"Gosh, I'd sure like to, but I can't drive that far. I sure would like to come, though."

The old fairy godmother called the 'Spirit of Caring' would work her magic. It came in the form of two National Guard women and the wife of a National Guardsman.

Specialist 5 Pam Recoff, First Lieutenant Marjorie Deearth and Mrs. Jan Stone decided that they could easily pick up some of the veterans and even show them around the fair after the ceremony. Each of them later expressed how happy the veterans had been and that they felt unusually happy themselves at having brightened up someone else's life. A little more magic, perhaps.

One Veteran, E. P. Ritsman, 84, from the Masonic Home, Springfield, came by bus and taxi in his complete cavalry uniform. Others had their relatives bring them.

Homer Purdum, 90, Cincinnati, winner of the "Oldest Vet" award, told his daughter to go out to the Army surplus store and get him a campaign hat.

As he received his award from Brigadier General James M. Abraham he told the audience, "The one good thing about being old is that you don't have any enemies. They're all dead!"

After the awards were given, Pat Patterson, manager of radio station WCVO spoke briefly about patriotism, sacrifice, duty and honor. He spoke of passing to remember events, of stopping to pay tribute.

A young man, perhaps in his late 30's, stopped briefly with his family at the edge of the ceremony tent. "Oh, World War I," he said impatiently, "let's go, there's nothing here."

He would never carry the memory of an old man in an old uniform with new tears of pride slipping down an aging cheek.

But then, this was a magical moment. And magic is not for everyone.
Crime Control Act May Include Certain Guardsmen

The Public Safety Officer's Benefit Act of 1976, which is an amendment to the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, provides certain benefits to public safety officers, and Guardsmen, who die in the performance of their duty.

According to an opinion by LTC William Shimp, the State Judge Advocate, "this act would be applicable to members of the militia, no matter what their specific status, so long as they are properly called to duty, who are involved in crime or juvenile delinquency control, or enforcement of criminal laws, or who are just acting as firemen and who die as a direct result of personal injury sustained in the line of duty."

He added, "When the militia is called to state active duty to aid civil authorities or execute laws it may not be to effect crime control or enforcement of criminal laws. Hence, a cop who dies as a result of a minor grease fire in the mass facility supporting a flood evacuation mission would not be covered; but a trooper on an anti-terrorist duty who dies as a result of a sniper wound would be.

The act therefore has some limited applications to militia operations but it is far from uniform in coverage. The $50,000 death benefit is payable to dependents as they are defined by the Act.

Increases in Coverage Announced by USBA

Increases in coverages at no increase in premium have been announced for the Ohio National Guard's new Group Term Life Insurance by Uniformed Services Benefits Association, the administrator of the plan. The increases, effective Sept. 1, 1977, were automatic for those already insured and are included for those who will be insured in the future.

Guardsmen under age 66 receive an increase of $2000 in the Automatic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage, bringing the total to $12,000.

Guardsmen not on flying status under age 31 receive an increase of 12 and one-half percent in the term life insurance. For those 31-35 the increase is 7 and one-half percent.

Another improvement provides that if an insured with Family Coverage dies, the spouse and children insured under the plan may continue the coverage at the same rates and benefits, if desired.

It was also announced that USBA members who were insured during the fiscal year ending May 31, 1977, would receive a 25 percent dividend based on the term premium paid. The Ohio National Guard insurance plan is combined with the USBA plan for dividend purposes, and insured Ohio Guardsmen automatically become members of USBA and will be eligible for future dividends, when declared.

Dividends, although not guaranteed, have been paid for the past 15 years. All correspondence should be directed to USBA, 1221 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, 64105, or call toll-free 1-800-821-7912.

Patchen New CG of 16th Brigade

The 3,500 member 16th Infantry Brigade of the Ohio Army National Guard has a new commander. Brigadier General Kermit A. Patchen, 56, of 1910 Knoll Ridge Ct., assumed command of the Columbus-based brigade.

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NCO School... 'the Best Training Yet'
Help for Plymouth
Governor James A. Rhodes ordered Ohio National Guard water tankers into the Village of Plymouth, Ohio, recently because of a temporary water shortage created by repairs on the city's main water valves. Both the Ohio Air and Army Guard coordinated this project.

Membership Expired?
Have you checked your Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association membership card lately? Chances are it has expired. He says the trouble is, you'd like to join this worthwhile organization. For additional information write to: The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Assoc., 2500 County Line Rd., Kettering, Ohio 45430

Need a Blanket or Two?
The American Woolen Company, 220-71st St., P.O. Box 403007, Miami Beach, Fla. 33140, has 10,000 hospital blankets available in gold, blue, or green, that can be purchased in multiples of 12 for $4.00 each. The blankets are 72" by 96", and are 100 per cent polyester, machine washable, and meet all allowable national standards of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Super Sale at Perry
The world's largest garage sale is now being conducted at Camp Perry, Ohio, and will continue through Saturday, Aug. 21. Many items featured include: medical equipment; hospital items; scissors; forceps; sheets; towels; billycans; filing desks; carpenter tools; refrigerators; lamps; aluminum windows; and the contents of new items. Merchandise is located in building 3818. For additional information contact LTC Dolle Lama at (614) 944-7052.

Vet Employer of the Year
AVETS Department of Ohio recently announced the winners of their Veteran Employer of the Year Award. The Governor's office named the Ohio National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility #1, Greenbush, COL Roy Caloway, Facility Commander, accepted the award during a formal dinner at the Imperial House Motel in North Canton.

ODC Goes to Camp Perry
The Ohio Defense Corps held their annual summer camp Sept. 10-11 at Camp Perry. Weapons demonstrations and instruction in basic military subjects were featured. The ODC replaces the Ohio Guard as the state militia if the Guard is federalized.

Minuteman Jackets Available
Lightweight jackets featuring the Minuteman emblem are currently being sold by the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association Ladies' Auxiliary. The jackets must be ordered through a unit representative at Camp Perry. They are available in both red and black for $15. All jackets are personalized with your name on the pocket. For additional information contact Mrs. Sandra Monestra, 2941 Chaucer Dr. NF, North Canton, Ohio 44721.

Return from Nevada
One hundred twenty five members of the Ohio Air Guard's 178th Tac. Fr. Cpt. received 280 personnel from Nellis AFB, near Las Vegas, Nevada, where they participated in phase one of the Tactical Air Command's "Red Flag 77-9" combat training exercise.

Buckeye Bits

All About People

SFC DON HERBST, 143dth Transportation Co., Covington, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal during recent training at Camp Grayling. SFC Herbst is better known as LTC HERBST, the rank he held while working as a field examiner for the U.S. Property and Fiscal Officer for Ohio. He has held this position for 27 years.

Thirty-six years of military service, including 31 years with the Ohio National Guard, ended for SFC EMMETT CLAY on Sept. 30. Clasing has been "first shirt" for the 216th Eng. Bn., Portsmouth, since 1972.

SP4 SHARON L. SPADE, Toledo, recently received the ARCOM from LTC RICHARD LANDER, Specialist Spade is the first woman to receive the award in the Northwest Ohio area. She works as a secretary at an East Toledo Junior High School.

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Top Guardmembers Saluted

Unique, New Program Honors Our Best

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160th Named Top Air Unit

The 160th Air Refueling Group of the Ohio National Guard was named top Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Air National Guard Meritorious Service Award by Major General James C. Clen during ceremonies at Rickenbacker AFB on August 14, 1977. Both awards were in recognition of the distinguished, exceptional and meritorious service of the 160th during its participation in Operation "Creek Party," a highly successful United States Air Forces Europe operation started on May 1, 1967, and ending April 30, 1977. Operation "Creek Party" was the first time a reserve force, without being in active Federal Status, had a continuing operational commitment in a foreign country. Working from Rhein-Main Air Base, Frankfurt, Germany, the 160th, together with only eight other ANG Air Refueling Groups, flew a total of over 9,000 sorties and made more than 47,000 mid-air fighter hookups and offloaded more than 17 million pounds of jet fuel. These outstanding accomplishments were highlighted by ten years of accident-free fighter refueling missions.

Asst. AG Raps

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The members of the squads, platoons, and companies have been there for some time. The ropes, they know the requirements and it is up to them to help bring along the new young officers. The 160th's NCO's who are brought in and who need not only the training, but also and perhaps more important, the experience.

You might say, well you've bypassed all the hard ones and you've got a man with the right command and you've gone directly to the recruit, assistant NCO, NCO. We don't like to look at it as something.

Two things in my own questions. Maybe it's an honest, personal approach to the same approach or just a day, with one thought. I woke up in the morning for a week, a month, maybe a year. The Buckeye Guard, the best damn outfit I've ever seen.

I believe I have part of the answer to my own questions. Maybe it's more than a question, maybe it's the essential framework to the solution.

I suggest that what is needed is an honest, personal approach to getting new members... that same approach or just a day, with one thought.

- What's that person going to do? It may be frustrating in the Guard; but there's also many ways to gain something.

- What do I want from my Guard?

I don't want their bodies, not just a number, not a commitment of six years. I DON'T WANT THEM AT ALL! But boy, I sure as hell NEEDED them—their hopes and dreams and all the sweat they can muster to make our organization worthwhile for themselves and for me too.

The Guard do not need to recruit just to be self perpetuating. Not just for one day everyone, and I mean from the AG, through all the technicians, through the officers and NCO's, the squad leaders, the newest recruit, not everyone thinks POSITIVE.

We can, and I know in my heart and I know that we will make the Ohio Guard the best damn outfit we ever saw.

A TROOPER UP IN CLEVELAND

Cincinnati Wives

Raising Funds for "Teen Challenge"

by JOANNE TAYLOR

In an effort to contribute to their community, the Cincinnati Chapter of the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club is working this year to raise money to support "Teen Challenge." The Cincinnati Chapter is a non-denominational, non-profit, Christian rehabilitation group for young men 17 years and older with drug, alcohol, or criminal offenses. It is a one-year residential program with a cure rate of 70 percent.

The program is headed by Rev. James Gray. The governor has indicated that funds are urgently needed to increase their programs and housing facilities.

All funds for the program come from donations from private citizens, churches, civic organizations and a few grants.

The Cincinnati wives have conducted two successful garage sales and assembled a cookbook titled "Guardian Cookery" to raise money for this worthwhile project. (The cookbooks sell for $3.00, plus 50 cents for postage). Cookbooks are available from Mrs. Joann Taylor, 6173 Guineau Pl., Milford, OH 45150.

An Invite for You

The Cincinnati Wives would like to extend an invitation for all Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives to join them at their meetings the second Tuesday of each month.

Their schedule for the fall is:
- Oct. 11: Stitch and Sew Demonstration at Wright Patterson AFB; Dec. 13 - Holiday Bulletin...

For information on joining the club write to Mr. Paul E. Taylor, 6173 Guineau Pl., Milford, OH 45150.

10th October

The Buckeye Guard

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October 10

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF THE FUN?

The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club needs you! If you'd like information on our next chapter, please fill in the following information.

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The Buckeye Guard

Fall is with us and the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club started off with a bang! Guard wives came from all parts of Ohio to enjoy the Sept. 26 Tea at the Rickenbacker AFB Officers' Club. Members of the board worked very hard to make the event a success, acting as hostesses and providing a simply delicious dinner. The ladies also served finger sandwiches, assorted canapes and beverages. Table decorations and hostess corsages were in lovely fall hues, giving everyone a preview of the colors being enjoyed outdoors this month. The ladies had a fine time visiting with friends and meeting some new members who turned out to be the season with the club.

Two dates are marked on OWC members' calendars are October 25 and November 22! These will be the first two luncheon meetings at the DSCC Officers' Club. Remember, social hour begins at 11:30 and luncheon is served at 12:30.

October program will be presented by Mary Ann Doane, an OWC member who is a professionally trained silk flowering professional. She will be doing professional looking holiday decorations, inexpensive and easily, yes repeat easily, should not miss this meeting this year! Mary Ann will demonstrate the construction of centerpiece, wreaths, and other decorative items, perhaps including some tree ornaments. She promises to give some professional secrets to help us give our decoration that extra flair. Best of all, the items put together at the meeting will be given to some lucky ladies as door prizes! All this, along with delicious lunch and a chance to visit with friends, should be quite an inducement to attend the Oct. 25 luncheon.

MAKE, BAKE, GROW or SEW, are the key words for November! The meeting on the 28th will feature the big OWC Annual Holiday Auction. This, of course, is the meeting to which members bring items which they have made. The auction held is always a successful event. Items usually included are holiday decorations (perhaps inspired by the October program?), a variety of hand-embroidered and crocheted pieces (great for gifts), toys, plants, and some super baked goods. Members of the program are brought and happily bought by the ladies, as this is the primary fund-raising project for the year. Members are encouraged to bring guests to any and all meetings, but the November auction is an especially enjoyable event in which to include a friend, relative, or prospective OWC member.

So join us for a smile and your skill at holiday decorating, and in November to do a little early Christmas shopping! As usual, there will be no meeting in December.

In closing, it must be said that the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club lost an active and enthusiastic member this summer with the passing of Jane Clen. She gave generously of her time and talent in the organization growth. Jane personified the good "Guard wife" and will be missed by us all.
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