Governor Rhodes Signs H.B. 228!

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AG Speaks

TALK FROM THE TOP

This issue I would like to share part of the letter from the Commander who spent a week at Camp Perry recently:

"First I want to say what an honor it was for my husband, Sgt. Maj. J. Roy, to be chosen Outstanding Guard Officer of the Year at the Ohio National Guard's annual awards ceremony at the Ohio State University. I am very proud of him for his accomplishments and pleased that he has been rewarded for his dedication to, and pride in, The Ohio National Guard.

I am also proud of the quality of leadership he has had since joining this organization. The uniform of an officer requires respect but for the uniform must earn the respect of his men; he is one officer in a group of officers who has been most responsible for my husband's achievements. Because CWO I, J. E. Duke, has earned the respect of his men, my husband has a leader whom he can be proud and trust in the excellence Mr. Duke expects.

Note the lady says the uniform commands respect but the man in the uniform has to earn the respect of his men. A reminder then for all of us: Are we setting an example by hard work, good instruction, professional knowledge, and a solid interest in each of the men?

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State of the Art Issue

A Grateful Village

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Mayor of the Village of Plymouth recently sent this thank you letter to BG Abraham:

Dear General Abraham,

Our village is so grateful for the help we have received from The Ohio Army National Guard and The Ohio Air National Guard. Thank you.

We do not think the word "well" too soon. I simply could not take the good fortune that our grant application for an Ohio National Guard building had been there something like 75 years.

During the school snow storms last winter, water gushed from the building, and ended up waterless for almost a week. The Ohio Guard had been there before. There is nothing like being called in the middle of the night by our utility people and hearing them say there is no water. Everyone was so cooperative which saved the day and this includes all of you in Columbus.

MRS. ELIZABETH PADDOCK

Village of Plymouth

A Top Flight Chef

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was received recently by BG Abraham. He'd like to share it with the members of the 14th Engineer Group:

Dear Sir:

I am a member of the Ohio Defense Corps, 51st Bn. of Alliance, Ohio. I was at Camp Perry at the Ohio National Guard encampment. I have attended many encampments at Camp Perry and have always worked in the kitchen where I observed basic good food turned into unpalatable and at times hardly edible meals. In fact, I thought this was brought about by the fact that in charge of the kitchen was unskilled and inexperienced in the art of cooking as well.

Sir, this last time I was happy to have served with a man who is not only a top flight cook but an outstanding administrator and organizer as well. I am retired from the Air Force and know a good man when I see one. The man I am speaking of is . . . CW3 Russell Wannamaker of the 14th Engineer Group, Walbridge, Ohio.

I believe this man deserves some form of thanks from your office for the excellent job he performed in the mess hall.

W.O. GEORGE T. TOMICH

Adjutant Ohio Peace Corps

The Buckeye Guard

The Guard and Pride

When I graduated from Valley High School, more years ago than I care to recall, the year 1977 seemed so far away. Being a long-time member of The Ohio Army National Guard didn't cross my mind. After all, my dream was to fly planes and enjoy all the adventures that airplanes offered. With this goal in mind, I joined the Air Force and for years my hopes were fulfilled. The battles of Korea and the beauty of Japan captured my dreams as I watched a strange wonderful movie, at times I watched with fear, sometimes in awe of cust hanks. My adventure took me to Korea and Japan and several assignments in Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois and California. It was my good fortune to see the first American experiences in murals, and culture that this had no idea that those trials would lead to the moon and return.

After my discharge from Active Duty, I was a member of the Portsmouth Naval Reserve for many years.

U.S. Navy kept its promise of "Join the Navy and see the world." Cruises to me to Jamaica, Cuba, Bermuda and the Caribbean.

The Ohio Army National Guard was mentioned to me one day so I investigated the possibility of joining the modern Minutemen of Ohio. The urge to serve my country was strengthened by the desire to serve Ohio. I began a part-time career as a Guardsman that has covered several more years that I am proud of. The Guard is a true and proud history of which part has been in wartime and part in times of turmoil inside the state. The Guard has served the people of Ohio during flood, tornado, fire, and civil disturbance.

Souther Ohio has always been my home. It is my privilege to contribute in my small way to my community and my friends and neighbors. Whenever the Guard has been called, the men and women have responded with honor, distinction and pride, by both the Officers and the families of the Guardsmen.

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Letters
October 10, 1977, saw the formation of an unusual organization created to ease the minds of Clevelanders over the threat of a railroad strike and the violence that surrounded the labor disputes of those earlier days. A group of civic-minded citizens concerned about the effect of the strike on the people of the city organized and privately financed the First City Troop.

One hundred years later the results of that civic act is present in the Northern Ohio area. The 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Ohio Army National Guard, and the First Cleveland Cavalry Association recently revived the dash and spirit of the past with a weekend of tribute to members past and present of this historic unit. There was the obvious contrast of the black - horse - mounted - local - militia whose ranks were filled with the elite of Cleveland's best known families such as Bolton, Blossom, Hay, Mather, and Worthington; with the armored - vehicle - mounted - members of the present Ohio Army National Guard. Yet the ties with past and present were strongly felt by all those present at the October 1977 centennial celebration.

Members of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment proudly marched down Euclid Avenue enroute to a memorial service at Trinity Cathedral.

Leading the Regiment was a line of Past Regimental Commanders and the 107th Color Guard in their Hussar uniforms.

PROVIDING CADECE for the marchers in the parade was the responsibility of the Ohio National Guard's 122nd Army Band. (Photos By 37th Signal Co.)

The 1979's saw the trucker strike and Kent State. The latest event included in the unit's long list of service to the citizens of Ohio was the assistance provided in last winter's snow disaster.

A Distinguished Unit
From the saber and black horse to the tank and helicopter, the 107th Armored Cavalry has distinguished itself as a well-trained organization.

As late as 1971 and until 1974 the Pennsylvania, designated the 107th a "Priority" unit.

The 107th Armored Cavalry is more than a military unit; it is a living tradition generated by the concerned citizens who formed the First City Troop and the present citizen soldiers of the Buckeye Guard.

The next Ohio State Officers' Cadet School will begin in April, 1978, at the Ohio Military Academy in Worthington.

Orientation sessions are slated on April 24, 25 and May 1, 2 of this year. Annual training for OMA will be conducted June 29, 30, and July 1.

Accepting the "challenge" of OCS has motivated over 1200 young men and women to seek commissions with the Army National Guard over the past 20 years. Each of these young people has contributed to the very fabric of the Buckeye Guard.

The Buckeye Guard

Leaders Sought for Guard OCS

Male applicants must possess an aptitude area score of 110 or higher and a score of 175 on the Officer Candidate Test and a minimum composite of the OCT Test and Officer Qualification Inventory score of 209.

You must also be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Deadline for OCS applications to reach OMA is Feb. 15, 1978.
AIDS ‘Battered’ Wives

BY DON VAQUERA

When Marlynn Singleton, a television news reporter for WBN, Columbus, found that thousands of Ohio women are battered and beaten each year she decided to do more than “just report” about abused women.

Nine months after reporting her first story about battered women she called in the Ohio National Guard to help open Phoenix House, a temporary home for these women.

Phoenix House was recently given some small repairs and a final cleaning by 28 Buckeye Guardsmen from 1st Battalion, 135th Artillery and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade.

The three-story, seven-bedroom house located in Northern Columbus is the second shelter of its kind in Ohio.

“It took almost nine months to organize and get a home to temporarily house abused and beaten women,” explained Ms. Singleton. “But it seemed like it would take forever to clean and fix up the place. We were getting discouraged.”

A veteran reporter of this past winter’s snow story, Marlynn was familiar with the Ohio Guard’s ability to respond quickly to community needs.

“We were impressed,” said Ms. Singleton. “Your people came and got the job done.”

With the help of Ohio Guardmen Phoenix House opened one month ahead of schedule.

“I don’t know if your people realize it,” said Ms. Singleton. “But our being able to open a month early meant that real lives were probably saved.”

The former Miss Ohio explained battered women come from all walks of life.

“Economic background has no bearing on women that are habitually abused,” said Ms. Singleton. “Women need to have a place to go after...”

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(Top) Pvt. John Ford and SSG Steve Brown prepare a refrigerator for delivery to Phoenix House. Both are attached to HQ Co., 3rd Brigade. (Bottom) photo) Marlynn Singleton, Columbus TV news personality, discusses the day’s operation with Bee Broshun, project publicity chairman. (PHOTOS BY DON VAQUERA)

Keeping Fit:

Special Spa Program
Open to Guardmembers

BY BOB DEVOE

Worried about keeping in shape or being overweight? Looking for a way to help yourself that will really work? Ever hear of NGR 600-7? You will!

NGR 600-7 is a new National Guard Bureau Regulation titled “Army National Guard Physical Fitness and Weight Control Program.” This reg provides all commanders with policies and procedures for the administration of physical fitness and weight control programs.

Under the weight control program there are both maximum and minimum allowable weight standards. For example, a male 68 inches in height would be allowed a minimum weight of 115 pounds, and a maximum weight of 181 pounds. A woman 64” tall would be allowed a minimum weight of 102 lbs. and a maximum of 138 lbs.

If you’re looking for a physical fitness program to reduce, European Health Spas of Ohio may have the answer.

Now you can help yourself under a new program and membership plan designed exclusively for members of the Ohio National Guard and their families.

Between January 1 and March 1 the first five Guardmembers who joined will receive a 20 per cent discount on the normal membership fee, plus a 5 per cent rebate. After the first five, the remainder will receive a straight 25% discount on the regular membership fee.

Three different memberships are currently available:

The Gold membership, regularly $665, is offered to Guardmembers for $499. With 28 percent discount, the membership can be paid for by putting $25 down and making payments of $26.24 per month for 24 months. After these payments are made renewal is only $55 per year for life. (With 25 per cent discount the payments would be $24.66 per month).

The Silver Membership, regularly $465, is offered to Buckeye Guardmembers for $349. Under this plan a $25 downpayment is required with payments of $18.51 per month (with 25% discount) and $17.41 (with 25% discount) for 24 months. The Silver Membership expires after 24 months.

The Bronze Membership is available to Guardmembers for $244. This program, which covers a one-year period, is payable at the rate of $25 down and $22.66 per month (with 25% discount) or $30.96 per month (with 25% discount).

A Silver or Bronze membership can be transferred to a Gold (lifetime) membership.

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Bench Press

SSG PAUL WARD, and his son Bob, tried out some of the gleaming chrome exercise equipment available at the European Health Spas of Ohio. European now offers a special program for members of the Ohio National Guard and their dependents. (PHOTO BY BOB DEVOE)

The Buckeye Guard
Soggy Battlefield Greets 1,500 Guardsmen, Reservists

BY DAVID CROSSTON

The words are dry. "This exercise is to provide and environment for mission training for National Guard and Reserve Components... Participating units will assume the mission of the exercise units designated..."

But with a little imagination, and a lot of help from the weather, Ravenna Arsenal in Northeast Ohio became a soggy battlefield headquarters in Korea. Some 1,500 men and women spent this first weekend in October fighting a war on paper.

Ohio's contingent included members of the 54th Support Group (Rear Area Operations), the 16th Engineering Brigade headquarters and the 112th Medical Brigade headquarters, all from Columbus.

Other Ohio National Guard units represented were the 437th MP Battalion, Youngstown, the 112th Transportation Battalion, Middletown, the 271st Support Group, Kettering, the 737th Maintenance Battalion, New York, and the 137th Supply and Service Battalion, Toledo.

The Army Reserve in Ohio was represented by the 307th Medical Group, the 330th Evacuation Hospital, the 433th Medical Battalion, the 169th Support Group, the 75th Transportation Battalion, and the 693rd Maintenance Battalion.

"UP NORTH"

Even the "state up north" provided a contingent for the exercise, the Michigan National Guard's 72nd Support Center (Rear Area Operations).

Controlling the mock war were members of the 74th Maneuver Area Command, from Houston, Texas.

"Liberty Bell 77 begins on 25 September 1985, which is 40 days D+40 after US Forces began arriving in Korea..." 10th Corps Support Command (COSCOSM) furnishes combat service support to the 10th US Corps... The Corps was in a defensive posture... the enemy attack is expected to begin in 24 to 46 hours." So reads the scenario.

Major General Charles H. Jones, of Hamilton, is commander of the Ohio Area Command, and Liberty Bell 77, was commander of troops at Ravenna Arsenal.

"The US Army is tremendously dependent on a constant flow of supplies and equipment during combat," Jones said. "Our purpose in conducting exercises like these mock war is to test our ability to serve the front-line units in action. Imagine a battlefield commander who is faced with the enemy and finds he has no ammunition. Or the doctor without medical supplies, or the foot soldier without food and books."

"It's best to learn...

"Instances like this have really happened, so our job is to do everything we can to train our units to do their job right. If we are mobilized, it'll be too late to learn."

Exercise participants began arriving in large numbers Friday afternoon. By that night a small tent city had sprung up in

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RICK LEWIS

The Buckeye Eye

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RUNAMUCK... A bulldozer was used to extract a wrecker and truck out of the mire at Ravenna during field exercises. Driver of dozer is Sgt Berrie Mahare, 214th Maint. Co.

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Stage Control planning, the operations section, which publishes operational policy, and a liaison section for coordinating with supporting units.

"The ROAC does not command all the units assigned rear area support roles. Command remains with each unit's parent organization. The ROAC serves as the nerve center, creating alternative plans, gathering intelligence, and sending out execution orders to units under its operational control for the time required to accomplish particular tasks."

"We've had an occasional problem," Schramm said. "In addition to learning new military doctrine, several of our key section heads are new, so we've had a little more 'communicating' than otherwise. But the controllers have been outstanding and everyone in the ROAC has put out a little extra effort to get the job done. This CPX is one hell of a training vehicle."

"Somewhere on a fictional battlefield some ammunition got where it was supposed to get; food was delivered on time, and a washed-out bridge was replaced. A paper war... but someday perhaps all too real.

PHOTOS BY RICK LEWIS

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179th Assists Girl
Shawnee Moore, a 13-year old Mansfield girl, has an open spine. The young lady has a wheel chair and is to stay out of a wheel chair. Swimming is what the doctors have said. Her parents did not have the money to purchase her a swimming membership. At the local pool the 179th Tactical Air Group at Mansfield Lahn Airport was asked to help. The Guard members gladly contributed more than enough to cover the cost of the membership plus they provided Shawnee with a free tour of the base facilities.

Governor Signs Lease
Ohio Governor JAMES A. RHODES has signed a 40-year lease for Ohio Army National Guard aviation facilities at Akron-Canton Airport. The present lease expires on June 30, 1980. The new lease would be effective from July 1, 1980 through June 30, 2020. The lease agreement is with the Summit and Stark County Commissioners, who own the Akron-Canton Regional Airport Authority.

2107th Hosts Children
The 2nd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry, recently hosted children from the Northeast Ohio Easter Seals Association to a day at Sea World Amusement Park in Aurora. This is the third consecutive year the squadron has conducted the program and, again, it was a success. Each Guardian family sponsored a child of the Easter Seals to help them to see and enjoy the many attractions of the park and hosting them to a noon picnic. According to Maj. Jack McKinney, “the tired but happy faces of both children and adults indicated this was a rewarding and worthwhile endeavor.”

Th e We Goofed
In the last issue of BUCKYE GUARD the historical article on the 160th Infantry Company K in 1980 indicated Herbert B. Allen Sr. was a former State Adjutant General. This information was incorrect because Herbert B. Allen Sr. is the former Deputy Commander of the famed "Buckye" 30th Div. of Ohio Guards. Yet story in that same issue failed to mention the 50 Guardsmen who, as Lakewood high school honor guard in 1949, took part in the annual Columbus, Ohio parade. We also regret omitting MSG Ted Frost of the 126th Eng. Brn., Wadsworth, from our story on the Outstanding Guardian Program. Thanks to our readers for pointing out these reporting errors.

LETTERS
National Guard has and will continue to serve, helping the needy, building civic pride, acting as law enforcement backup, and it is especially important, giving off to war bravely. A flag wave? You're darned right, I am. I still get choked up when "Old Glory" comes into view. I know all the words to the "Star Spangled Banner" and, I'm still proud of America. This is the land of the free and the land of opportunity. Old time patriotism can never be forgotten as long as young people believe in our way of life and support and wear the uniform proudly. My time for retirement is getting closer each day, now my fondest wish is that my son and daughter will feel the same emotions and pride I feel. You can really experience the wonderful feeling of patriotism.

When some people degrade the Military or make tasteless jokes about it, it, hold my nose and I am my proudest when I am called "Guardian.”

SFC STANLEY L. FAUGHER
HHC, 216th Eng. Brn.,
Lucaville, Ohio

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Thank You Note: EDITOR’S NOTE: The commander of the 137th S & S B, Toledano recently called me to tell me that he really would like to share with the other members of the unit. Dear Commander, On Friday, Sept. 23, the Lincoln University, PTO and the 133th Maintenance Company of the National Guard Army in Waylabough contacted my unit to tell us that they were coming out. The evening was a complete success and the families and the boys that have been the main attractions of the community on every level. It is also a personal pleasure to see a community that they have done so much good work at the National Guard with respect and pride once again.

A team that we continue to see cooperation between our community and the National Guard. You have a fine organization. Thank you so very much again.

MRS. MARY ANNE STAGG
Lincoln University
Toledo, Ohio

Mystery Guest?
An UNIDENTIFIED AGGRESSOR, captured during a field training exercise at Reenman, was blindfolded prior to being taken to a P.O.W. camp. The exercise was conducted by Coachs' 214h Maint. Co., in October. (PHOTO BY RICK LEEWIS)

TSGT DALE A. SECRTST, an administrative clerk for the 164th Weather Flight, has been honored for an act of heroism he performed in Nov. 1980. MAJ. WALTER B. BAUER, the unit commander presented the Ohio Commendation Medal to Sergeant Secritst for seeing the fire of an auto accident victim through mouth to mouth resuscitation.

On August 19 34 A S RODRIDGE and SSG EARNETH MOXLEY set a new record. They were married on the beach at Camp Grayling. 3rd Brigade Chaplain Maj. JAMES VINCENT performed the ceremony. Both are members of the Ohio Army, 237th Support Brn., Mt. Vernon.

Retired Maj ROBERT S. BRIGHTSTAR, World War II Commander of the Buckeye 37th Division, was honored at the Ohio Veterans Association 59th Reunion recently. He was presented a plaque expressing, "overlasting gratitude and admiration."

Another Ohio Guard couple exchanged vows recently — this time in a firehouse and during their units annual training at Alpena, Michigan. LAURI MCOMB (Peterson) and JAMES S. ACORS, both reenactors, are members of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo. Capt. SHERWIN MOWLER, unit chaplain, performed the ceremony. MRS. KEITH KRAMER, unit commander, gave the benediction.

BG JAMES M. ARRAHAM, Ohio’s Assistant Adjutant General for Air, was a guest speaker for a room sponsored by the American Business Club in Dayton. He was accompanied by Mr. THOMAS L. KRAMER, of Kettering’s 372nd Engineer Group.

2LT DANNY L. WHITE, Trp. E, 217th Maint. Co., in Columbus, Ohio, was decorated with the Honor Graduate citation of the Motor Officer Course for the U.S. Army Armory School at Ft. Knox.

CPT. DAVID CROSSON has been appointed Public Affairs Officer for the Ohio Area Command. He was previously the commander of the 196th Public Information Detachment in Worthington.

Three Guardsmen from Newark’s 217th Maint. Co., in the 1977 Winston P. Wilson Rifle Matches at Camp Atkinson, Arkansas, SFC, HARRY W., GREEN, SFC GARY K. MERRICK, and SSG RICHARD ROBERTS fired in the individual matches with the Mosin-Nagant Sfc. Greene was selected to fire in the team matches. The Ohio Guard Team placed third overall in the matches.

JAMES H. CHISMAN II, currently a member of the 73rd Brigade Infantry, has been awarded the Ohio Army National Guard State Marksmanship Coordinator. "It is the first time an All-Guard team has won the national matches since 1965.”

Martin is assigned to the Ohio Air National Guard’s 131st Cam Squadron at Rickenbacker AFB, Columbus.
211th Open House Draws Hundreds

By BOB DEVOR

The 211th Maintenance Company in Newark held a highly successful Open House recently at the local armory. Plenty of activities were on hand for those attending the affair including an Ohio National Guard modualr recruiter display; continuous showings of the film "Voices of Freedom"; and free barbecued chicken and other refreshments.

For the kids there were free ponies and armed-personnel-carrier rides and even an opportunity to operate the controls on a large, heavy duty Guard tanker/truck.

The Newark maintenance shop was also open for public inspection and unit personnel were on hand to answer questions.

1LT Larry Loftis, Unit Executive Officer, indicated the Open House "gives the public an idea of what the unit does."

A lot of credit for the success of the Open House goes to SPR Rod Herring who was personally responsible for soliciting a great deal of support from local businesses.

Among those local business donating everything from fried chicken to salad, hot dogs and charcoal were: Marketplace: Famous Recipes, Ponderosa, Newmark Meat; Mar Cell's: At's Meat Market; Kentucky Fried Chicken; Maitach Dist.: Wonder Bread; Pepsi Cola; Fitches Hebron; Brown's Dist.: file and Drum; Gardner's Food; and Kemper's Pizza, John I. Carroll Department Store even loaned the unit a male mannequin for the display of Guard uniforms and equipment.

At the same time the unit was conducting its Open House, Sergeant Ron Jenkins, and several other Guardmen from the unit, were working on a community action project at the local YMCA. The unit was assisting the "YW" with removing levels, grading and leveling a field which will be used for soccer.

Company Commander Captain Joseph Campbell indicated the Guard saved the community nearly $17,000 by performing this work.

According to recruiter SSG Leroy Cark, the project was very successful and the domestic action project was a worthwhile effort.

Both proved, beyond a doubt, the 211th Maintenance Company is important to the community.

Buckeye Guard

Magazine

Nation's Best

The Ohio National Guard's Buckeye Guard Magazine was selected the nation's best during recent judging for the Seventh Annual Newspaper Contest conducted by the National Guard Association of the United States, Washington.

According to Lt. Bruce Hargreaves, association spokesman, Buckeye Guard placed first in the commercially printed magazine category. The Ohio Guard publication was selected on the basis of writing quality; story selection; balance of editorial content; utilization of space available; layout; proofreading; and overall appeal.

CSM Comments

From

CSM CAR. ARN

State Sergeant Major

To the Non-Combatant:

In my view, the most important asset in today's military is the non-commissioned officer. He's the leader closest to the young soldier...the first line manager best able to train and motivate him.

An experienced leader knows his own skills and responsibilities and how to transfer these qualities to the junior enlisted Guardsman.

Today's non-commissioned officer is required to be more mission-oriented than ever before. Through him we continue to shape the fine edge of combat effectiveness which is essential to any successful unit mission. The non-commissioned officer is no occasional soldier. He is definitely the member of today's non-commissioned officer corps.

So what we're saying is take the bull and run with it. You're the key man in your unit...your junior enlisted personnel that you care enough to make training and drill interesting and challenging.

Physical fitness will be the name of the game in 1978. I urge each of you to get yourself familiar with L/C/ G/66. The requirements of this regulation will be in full force by July of next year.

Battered Wives...

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...they've literally had the hell beaten out of them by their husbands or boyfriends. Phoenix House provides that kind of help.

"Anyway that you look at it, a battered woman needs help," she said.

...because of all concerned musicians, volunteers, and a great deal of work, Phoenix House is now a lifeline for women in distress.

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The New Pay Scale

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The news is good from the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club this holiday season. As of this writing, it can be expected that the response to OWC and fraternal club efforts has been very heartening. From all over Ohio, members are eagerly joining in the fellowship of other Guard wives, each monthly meeting bringing new faces into the group. President Jo Ellen Griffin has been most interested in enlarging the active membership, and her enthusiasm and effort are paying off in larger attendance at the meetings. Special credit should be given to those people who drive to Columbus from out of town. Car pooling by members is also saving, and information is available from the telephone contact ladies, about sharing rides.

A number of Ohio Guard homes will be decorating lovely new holiday decorations, as a result of the October program. Mary Snyder gave a fascinating series of demonstrations on putting together decorations with skill and taste. The group was very interested and seemed eager to try creating some really special centerpieces and ornaments. So each of our own gals share their talents with the group! Thanks to all.

Also, at the October meeting, General Clem very graciously took the time to come to headquarters and to share the ladies that it was the anniversary of the founding of OWG. His remarks preceding the craft demonstrations, were certainly appreciated.

"Going once! Going twice! Sold!" echoed through the DCSC Officers' Club on the Fourth Tuesday in November. The annual Auction was, as always, a big success and a lot of fun. Each year the members come up with the most marvelous assortment of handmade crafts, gift items, and baked goods to be sold. And, also each year, Mary Snyder, our very own, very entertaining auctioneer, keeps the sale moving. Somehow, Mary always manages to make us even eager to spend our money! The bidding was lively, and the club treasury profited, as the ladies competed happily. The Auction is the primary fund-raising event for support of the OWC. Thanks to all who came, brought items, and took the items home. Of course, special thanks to Mary Snyder who put in motion. On September 17 our base held an "open house" to celebrate our unit's 60th anniversary. It was this day that LTC McGinley acknowledged our "special person" as an "honorary member" of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group. That person, the newest Coy member to "join" was our dad, Raymond.

Well, we did it—mission completed! Not only is our dad a part of us, but he is now a part of the Ohio National Guard and we don't mind sharing him. Our only hope is that you can be proud of him as we are.

Again, welcome aboard, Pops!

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

CPT. DENNIS HITCH

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Wives Club News

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Saluting Our Best for 1977

State Awards Presented to 140 PIO's

The Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office honored numerous civilian and military personnel November 5th at the Beigler Armory. Approximately 140 Ohio Guard men and women were cited for significant accomplishments in military public relations.

Capt. Dennis Hitch, Shaker Heights, was honored as the outstanding ONG Public Information Officer for 1977. He was responsible for coordinating extensive local and national news coverage for the Ohio Guard during this past winter's snow storm.

Civilian awards were presented to several Ohio news media, Marilyn Singleton, a news reporter for Columbus WBNY-TV, was named Television News Reporter of the year for her "accurate and dramatic broadcast of Ohio Guard activities during this past winter's snow storm."

COLUMBUS DISPATCH reporter Loretta Blaine, Washington C.H. was named Outstanding Photographic of the Year for her photo of an Ohio Guard helicopter rescue mission during the emergency.

Radio personalities Martin Petrosky, Vice-President WMIN, Columbus; and Ms. Leslie Laine, WUBE, Cincinnati, were presented Ohio National Guard appreciation plaques for their outstanding support of the Ohio Guard.

Keeping Fit: (Continued from Page 7)

An individual exercise and fitness program is designed for each member according to their goals. You'll be instructed on the use of the gym equipment in their fitness areas. Ohio's European Health Spas are located in Cincinnati at 8040 Reading Road, and 3827 Westbourne Dr., Cincinnati, (513) 444-1234), and at 135 Royal Oakwood Dr., Reading, PA 15130.

The Buckeye Guard

The Buckeye Guard
Wishing You And Yours
A Blessed Holiday . . .

As we near the end of another year, we find ourselves still at peace and enjoying the many benefits of a democratic nation including the freedoms we have fought to preserve for over 200 years.

We continue to set the example for the rest of the world in government, research, industry and human concern. In our zeal to excel, we overlook too often our attributes and concentrate on our shortcomings. However, this constant self-criticism helps us set new goals and look for new horizons. This is America and the Ohio National Guard is a vital part of it.

We wish for you and your families a most blessed Christmas and a New Year in which all of us will be able to meet every challenge.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM
Asst Adj Gen for Army

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