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**Round Barns, Circular Formations Greeted the 1946 Guardsman**

Having just completed 31 years of service in the National Guard (Jan 78), I stopped to look back. I thought some of you might like to know what it was like to be a Guardsman back then.

In those days we had a small USFPO office and warehouse workforce, a few employees in eight service centers and a small group performing support maintenance from an old factory store in Newark, Ohio. United States has AST's, CA's, Training Officers or Administrative Assistants. The 17th Division had one state paid employee. The 18th Infantry Training at a Guardsman way back then.

The 37th Division did have one state paid employee. A Guardsman back in now Rickenbacker Air Force Base.

In 1918 the secretary of the War Department had a Guardsman back in those days. We no longer have Rickenbacker Air Force Base.

In a round barn and formations were made to be a Guardsman way back then. Small plant, supply, limited drill time, full-time employees and administration, why can't we do it? Could it be we are individuals not meeting the same personal standards set for ourselves in the post World War II period? Are we still observing the principles of dedication, hard work, professional knowledge, interest and concern to our membership, personal recruiting effort, pride and a willingness to give freely of our time and talents without thought of compensation?

The start of a New Year is always a good time to look back and say, "What have I done poorly and what can I do better?" We all have areas in which we can improve. I personally resolve to strive for this improvement. I hope you will make a similar resolution and join me in working to make 1978 the best year ever for the Ohio National Guard.

**Old Problems Follow us into the New Year***

A new year has begun and it appears that some problems of our organization will not be resolved. We've made a great deal of progress in many respects and if we may have gone backwords. In this issue I would like to address a few things which concern the guardsmen of the Ohio National Guard.

First, there is a lack of concern leadership. In most instances, there is usually a lack of effective leadership and a general desire for the leadership exists at an altitude in the chain of command, desire, availability and acceptance of this responsibility that makes the chain of command. Authority alone never works and never will bring about an effective change of command but is used in combination with assumption and understanding of responsibility. Things will begin to happen. We're facing in the next three months, a tremendous potential loss of people. In January, February and March, a total of 1,997 individuals are scheduled for ETS. When we add unreported losses to this, the figure could and will probably eclipse 2,500. This is a potential disaster for the Ohio National Guard.

**FOCUS ON RETENTION**

Our focus and effort for the first three months completed our national planning principles to retain the individual. We're all responsible for retention and must make a genuine effort to do something about this.

Many individuals have told me, "No one has ever asked me before. Let me say that if no one else has asked, I'm particularly making that point because we need everyone that we now have in the Ohio National Guard. Everyone of you is vital to the needs of our country and state and if no one else has asked, it's because we don't have the very firm conviction that Major General Clem and I both have. General Hearn the Adjutant General for the Air Guard shows us the way."

Let's now turn to recruiting. If every member of the Ohio National Guard just talks to someone, when you have the opportunity, it will help our educational program. When you have the opportunity, tell them why you are in the National Guard and how you can make a difference. This is the time you must think hard and recruit for the National Guard. This is the time you must think hard and think hard and think hard about the National Guard.

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Notes from the Asst. AG-Army (Continued from Page 2)

**Promotion Requirements**

Ohio National Guard Regulation 36-04 outlines the requirements for promotion based on educational achievement. Remember again, the earlier the commission, the better the ranks you receive. This is the time you must think hard and think hard and think hard about the National Guard.

We have not been able to complete the National Guard Regulation 33-81 provides excellent guidelines for a progressive military educational program. Remember again, the earlier the commission, the better the ranks you receive. This is the time you must think hard and think hard and think hard about the National Guard.

Even more so, to the officer ranks, we must continue our efforts in developing educational programs, which enhances an officer's military proficiency, and must be documented. In the past, individuals have been promoted based solely on grade, no promotion based on educational achievements. Again we state, know your requirements and get them completed at the earliest opportunity. We must continue to stress that your educational achievements must be documented. When you have the opportunity, tell them why you are in the National Guard and how you can make a difference.
To the Editor:

What earthly good is the PX branch located in the Gibr. Armory? It was put there to serve the troops. However, that is the last thing it does. Unless some fed on supplying cigarettes, beer, food and magazines plus a few clothing items is really a service. Let's examine that service on just two points: PX and PX?

First, the place is closed on Sunday. That's when most Guardsmen and women drill. So if one doesn't get what is needed on Saturday they are out of luck for another month.

Secondly, the motivation for this letter came from my attempt to buy a bar to hold two cans. All the PX had was a bar of four or five rows of bottles. The only Guardsmen I know with that many are state generals. I have asked PX personnel in the past to offer such small bars so that the specialists in my unit can display their two or three bottles properly rather than wearing them in a row on single bars.

Steven C. Stone
194th Public Affairs Det.
Worthington

Too Much Army?

To the Editor:

After paying through the latest issue of BUCKEYE GUARD I felt compelled to write. Our Guardsmen's Department is good, not even one full page was devoted to the Air Guard. Perhaps if you could bring my attention by several Guardsmen and Technicians. Most of the issues sent to Air Guardsmen find their way to the trash can in short order because of this.

I feel that publicizing the big recruiting and retention program. Guardsmen are like anyone else, they like to see their pictures and names in print. I find it hard to believe that the Air Guard never does anything worthwhile enough to print. Our unit's activities alone would fill 35 pages each month.

I feel that the ball is being dropped somewhere along the line on this. If the Information Office and Photo Lab can't provide the material, let me know and I'll try to contribute something myself.

Otherwise, if you should resume the publication THE BUCKEYE GUARD.

Tigio Harman
179th TAG
Mansfield

Thanks From Grayling

EDITORS NOTE: Lt. Daniel Eisass, commander of Det. 1, 237th Maint. C., Clyde, recently received this letter from the City of Grayling, Michigan. He'd like to share it with you and your men for a job well done in repairing our s x 6 fire truck.

Dear Lt. Eisass:

On behalf of the Grayling City and Township Fire Department, I would like to thank you and your men for a job well done in repairing our s x 6 fire truck.

I leave.

With gratitude,

[Sign Name]

Medicopter Thanks

EDITORS NOTE: Specialist Fifth Class Mike Roberson, an Ohio National Guard paramedic with Det. 1, 238th Maint. Co., 229th Air Cav., recently received this letter from a family aided by one of our medics.

Dear Mr. Roberson,

I am writing this letter to you to let you know how much we appreciate you for what you did for us.

If it hadn't been for you and your helicopter, our baby may not have been alive today. It isn't improving very much but he is home now. We wouldn't have survived the car crash from Marietta to Columbus.

Well, that's about all I have to say. I just wanted you to know how we felt toward you. You are appreciated enough. Keep up your good work. I think is the best thing that the Ohio National Guard has come up with. It is very much needed.

[Sign Name]

State of Ohio
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 43215

January 4, 1978

Major General James C. Ewen
The Adjutant General
2825 West Granville Road
Worthington, Ohio 43085

Dear General Ewen:

I received the Annual Report of the Adjutant General for Fiscal Year 1977, submitted to me pursuant to Sections 149.01 and 5031.01, Ohio Revised Code.

The Annual Report is informative and reflects the important services of the Adjutant General's Office during the past fiscal year.

Please convey my appreciation to your staff and to all under your command who participated in aiding Ohio citizens during the last winter's snow emergency and other natural disasters occurring in 1977.

Sincerely,

[A. J. Ridges]
Governor

The Governor Salutes Us!

Next Deadline is Feb. 28

Copy and photo deadline for the April, 1978 issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is Feb. 28, 1978. No story or photos will be accepted after this date.

All submissions must be typewritten and double-spaced and should be sent to: SSG Bob DeVoe, Editor, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 3025 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085. Photographs should be accompanied by complete captions with proper identification of all individuals involved.

Those individuals credited with having a major article or photo-feature in the magazine will receive a handsome Certificate of Appreciation signed by the Adjutant General.

Articles and photos not used in a current issue of the magazine will automatically be considered for the following issue. Keep those stories and photos coming!

ONGA Offers Special Scholarships

The Ohio National Guard Association has announced that they are setting up a special scholarship program for all members of the ONGA to include dependents. (This should not be confused with the present four-year Tuition Grant Program. Applicants interested in the program should write to: Major William LaPrise, 3165 Swiglet Road, Kenting, Ohio, 44440.)

Applications for the scholarship program must be received no later than March 15, 1978.

The amount of the scholarship will vary from year to year according to Major William LaPrise, Scholarship Committee Chairman for the program.

"It's our intent to honor several deserving recipients rather than allocate all funding to one recipient," said LaPrise.

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Ombudsman Service Established

A limited ombudsman service for Reservists and Guardsmen has been established by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, according to the Pentagon.

The ombudsman service is designed to help Reservists or Guardsmen who are having difficulty getting military leave or who feel they are not getting a "fair shake" from the employer because of their Reserve or Guard status.

Guardsmen with employer problems pertaining to their Guard service may write: Employer Support, 1117 North 18th St., Arlington, VA 22209. The phone number is (202) 690-4600.

The group will not handle recruiting cases, inspector general matters, or any problem not connected with the employer-Guard relationship (ARMY TIMES).

Space Available Flights O.K.

National Guarnments can take space available flights on any military aircraft.

To qualify, you need a valid and current DD Form 2A (Red) Reserve identification card. In addition, you must have a DD Form 183, Authentication of Reserve Status for Travel Approval, on file at your nearest command verifying your reserve status.

You are allowed to fly space available flights anywhere in the Continental United States. You cannot fly space available flights to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands or Guam.

On the scheduled flight day, you should report to the base operations counter of the Air Force Base or station you plan to depart from at least two hours before flight time.

A word of caution, you should carry enough money to cover any expenses resulting from aircraft delays. Unlike the commercial airlines, the military cannot provide overnight accommodations if any delays occur. (FORSCOM)

VA Benefits Without Documents

The VA reminds veterans and their dependents not to lose items of value needed for claims because of their Reserve of Guard service.

An identification card is not needed to use any of the VA's programs or services. The group said the service is designed to help Reservists and Guardsmen having difficulty with VA claims.

The past year has been a busy one for the enlisted association and from all indications, there is no relief in sight for the coming year. The association is currently working on many benefits designed to provide incentives both to benefit retention and recruiting. In order to make a strong association and to achieve these goals, support is needed from each enlisted member of the Ohio National Guard. Each unit has membership applications, so if you are not a member, become one and become involved in your association.

This year's state conference will be held April 22-24, in Newark. Information will be forthcoming so plan to attend and give your support.

No ID Needed for Children at PX

Good news for Guardsmen!

Now you can take your dependent children into exchange facilities with you. Children of Guardsmen do not need identification cards to be admitted to these facilities. However, your spouse must still present appropriate identification such as a driver's license or social security card, etc., to gain admission.

Only you, the Guard member, can make the purchases. To make a purchase you are still required to have a valid ID card and a valid Leave Earning Statement (LES). (FORSCOM)
‘Destined to be in the Military’

First Female Band Leader Named For 122nd Army Band

BY BECKY MONEYSMITH

Warrant Officer Mary Jo Gaskalla, the new leader of the 122nd Army Band, is new to the Guard but feels a military career has always been in her future. “I must have been destined to be in the military,” she laughs, “because this is the second time I’ve been asked to lead a military band.”

Gaskalla has the honor of being the first woman warrant bandmaster in the Army National Guard. To date there has never been a female warrant band leader in either the combined active or Reserve Army.

In 1958 or 59,” she explained, “the Army offered me a commission as a second lieutenant to become the band director at Ft. McClellan, Alabama.”

WO Gaskalla said she actually traveled to the post to talk about the job, but eventually turned it down because she was still very interested in teaching.

The Ohio native has been interested in music nearly all her life. After graduating from Linden McKinley High School, she attended Ohio State University, earning a B.S. in education.

The teaching job market was wide open in 1966, the year WO Gaskalla graduated, and she began teaching immediately with the Pickaway County School System.

BAND TO CHOIR

During the nine years she spent teaching in Pickaway County, WO Gaskalla taught everything from high school band to choir.

On her summers off, Ms. Gaskalla attended VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, where she received a Masters Degree in music. She is currently working toward her doctorate in music education at Ohio State University.

In 1965 the young teacher moved to the Franklin County school system, and remained there for nine years.

In 1974, recalls Gaskalla, she felt the need for “a new challenge... a change of pace.” For that reason she applied for and was awarded a job with State Auditor Ferguson’s office as a state examiner.

MUSIC JUDGE

Though no longer teaching, WO Gaskalla retains her interest in music by directing the Worthington Civic Band.

She also serves as judge for the Ohio Music Education Association.

It was the band leader’s job as state examiner that led her to the position of band leader for the 122nd Army Band.

After the past two years Gaskalla had the opportunity to meet several people who worked for the Adjutant General’s Department through her office. One person, who made an impression on WO Gaskalla was Colonel Harold M. Finke, Assistant Quartermaster General.

Recently, he informed Ms. Gaskalla that the Guard was looking for a band director.

“I thought he was going to ask me if I knew of anyone who would want the job,” she explained. Instead he asked her if she would be willing to come to the BeightlerArmony to talk about taking the job herself.

Not long after that discussion, Mary Jo Gaskalla was sworn into the Ohio National Guard as director of the 122nd Army Band.

Although the band leader has only attended a few drills with the 122nd musicians, she has some definite impressions about their strengths and weaknesses.

“NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE

Our weakest group is the concert band”, she said, “because we don’t have all the instrumentation we need.” (The 122nd contains a concert and state band, with the concert band requiring more people and different talents.) “However,” she added with emphasis, “I think the band as a whole is doing as well as they can, considering our problem of not having enough people.”

The personnel shortage problem won’t last long, however, if WO Gaskalla has anything to say about it.

“Recruiting for the band should be a breeze,” she smiled, “I know all the high school bandmasters, and I should be able to get some talented recruits from the high schools. After all,” she added, “there must be some musicians out there who are willing to join the Guard to get a free education.”

Some changes are in store for band members, according to Gaskalla, one of which will be a new rehearsal room. WO Gaskalla said she is working on getting a new room for the musicians, and hopes to see results soon.

196th PAD Named Top NG Unit

The Ohio Army Guard’s 196th Public Affairs Detachment, Worthington, has been selected by National Guard Bureau as one of the nation’s top 26 public affairs detachments in the Army National Guard.

In a letter from Colonel Andrew G. Wolf Jr., Chief, Office of Public Affairs, NGC, it was emphasized “to be considered one of the best is indeed a high tribute.”

The criteria upon which the annual evaluations are made are personnel strength, MOS qualification, training, equipment status, professional products and past performance.

Capt. Steven Stone is the current detachment commander.

‘Seize it if We Will’

‘I Believe We Stand on the Threshold of a Tremendous Destiny’

This issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is dedicated to one of our nation’s great military leaders, Major General Robert S. Beightler.

John W. Bricker, former Ohio Senator and Governor, summed up General Beightler’s countless contributions to the state and nation in a recent article appearing in the 37th DIVISION VETERANS NEWS:

“When I was in Washington and often did go to New York, I never failed to go into the rooms of former President Hoover and General Douglas MacArthur. One time in a conversation with General MacArthur, of which I had several, asked him if I could have a picture of his. He replied ‘General Beightler! You can be sure I do. He was the finest field general I have ever had in my command’.”

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Finally, a buddy joked Beightler in the ruts and said, "Hey, the captain is calling for you!"

"Oh, here he comes," was Beightler's response as the captain arrived. "Captain, I was just wondering if you could sign these documents.

The officer, it seems, was so impressed with Beightler's performance that he asked "Sellers" if he would be interested in trying out for the regimental rifle team.

"Hey, you're a good shot, Beightler," Sellers said. "Why not give it a try?"

Beightler knew he couldn't go on being the only person that the captain was interested in, so he agreed to the captain's request, and quickly joined Company E of the 4th Ohio Infantry, this time using his own name.

QUARTER PER DRILL

As the years passed, Private Beightler was rapidly promoted. In three years he was serving as his unit's first sergeant, a move up not only in rank but in pay as well. (In 1911 when Beightler first joined Company E, privates were paid 25 cents per drill.)

The commander of Co. E thought Beightler was good officer material, so in 1913, he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant following a unanimous vote by the company, as was customary in those days. He also received a pay jump to almost $2 per drill.

But even with his pay hike, Second Lieutenant Beightler was still not interested in trying out for the regimental rifle range, he asked Sellers to become his unit's first sergeant. Beightler's second lieutenant followed a unanimous vote by the company, as was customary in those days. He also received a pay jump to almost $2 per drill.

After being promoted to the rank of first lieutenant following a unanimous vote by the company, Second Lieutenant Beightler learned that he had been selected to "try-out" in a school for the regular Army at Ft. Bliss, Texas. By doing this the Army could select the best of the soldiers, and the soldiers could in turn evaluate what the Army had to offer.

Soon after Beightler returned to Ohio from this active duty tour, the Army notified him he had been selected to serve as a second lieutenant in the Regular Army, and within a matter of months would report to Ft. Thomas, Kentucky. Beightler accepted their offer, and began making arrangements for the trip.

Before the young man could make his move, however, it became apparent that the U.S. was going to become involved in World War I. As the U.S. jumped into the fight, the Army immediately promoted all second lieutenants to first. If Beightler decided to stick with his course of action and become a member of the Regular Army, he would enjoy a promotion and be safely out of action for at least a few months.

Beightler faltered. He didn't want to be safely out of action for at least a few months. So, he decided to try. The woman, Claire Springer, said, "No," after that, they began sharing a table and eventually a home. Beightler later said his business aide to serve as the Ohio State Highway Director.

PALMIST PREDICTION

One evening, Beightler and his wife were enjoying dinner at the Neil House when Mrs. Beightler said, "Hey, you're a good shot, Beightler," Sellers said. "Why not give it a try?" And soon the reader was telling Beightler what the future might hold.

"Next year, Beightler said, so he asked the War Department for reconsideration of his acceptance of a regular Army Commission in order to serve with the Ohio 166th Infantry. The request was approved and soon he was overseas, as a second lieutenant, fighting alongside his friends.

CHIEF ENGINEER

As the war ended and Beightler, now a captain, returned to Ohio to take a job with the State Highway Department as a Division Engineer. In later years Beightler also served as Chief Engineer for the Bureau of Construction and later Chief Engineer of the State Highway Department.

In 1930 Beightler decided it was time to quit his state job and begin his own contract engineering firm. After taking on a partner, his dream saw realization, and the firm of Steinhorn and Beightler was formed.

As his business began to flourish, the Army began offering him selected short tours. He turned down the offers several times until he learned there was a six month tour overseas with the War Plans Division.
Gen. Beightler . . .
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Balate Pass and the Cagayan Valley. Beightler jokes that his doctor is keeping him together with "bailing wire and hooks."

But the inner visions and strength of Robert Sprague Beightler have not diminished.

In a report given in 1945 on the activities of the 37th Infantry Division after WW II, Beightler wrote, "I believe we stand on the threshold of a tremendous change in the pattern of the activities of the 37th Infantry Division."

Perry . . .

The Buckeye Guard

By DAVE GALLAGHER

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper about 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches in size. It is no intrinsic worth; not a bond, not a check, nor a receipt for valuables. Yet, it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association.

My membership fee is $5.00 per year. A copy of the membership fee receipt is my membership card in the Enlisted Association. The workshop's purpose is for state committee chairmen to assemble their committees prior to the state convention and organize their committee reports for presentation. The workshop will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A Board of Directors meeting will be held Saturday afternoon at the Armory at 3 p.m.

Triple Nickle

The Northwestern Ohio Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation sponsored the Golden Harvest Charity Ball to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation recently. The 555th United States Air Force Band of the Toledo Express Airport-based Ohio Air National Guard provided the music for the benefit dance which netted over $1,700.

Buckeye Bits

Few people in Ohio realize the Ohio National Guard boasts some of the top rifle and pistol marksmen in the nation.

Top Ohio Guard shooters were honored during the Annual Shooters Dinner recently at the Jai Lai Restaurant, Columbus.

Guard Shooters Honored

Ohio shooters, both individually and as members of national teams, have captured three national championships in 106 gunning alone including the National Rifle Championship, Camp Perry, the U.S. Army Rifle Championship (for the first time since 1938) and the U.S. Individual Championship (Rifle) for the first time in history. An Ohio marksman was also a member of the 1976 champion U.S. Army Rifle Team.

According to LTC Frank Ladd, State Marksmanship Coordinator for the Guard, the Buckeye Guard currently holds both the National Guard Rifle and Pistol Championships for the nation; and has smashed nearly 19 individual records this year.

A Grand Couple

GENERAL BEIGHTLER met his wife Claire at an inn, which was one of his favorite eating places in Washington. "She was always reading those TIME Magazines or a HAWARD CLASSICS," he said. He asked her if she always read while she ate. She said "No." Soon after that they began sharing a table and eventually a home. They were apart for 52 months while the general trained and served overseas during the war. They enjoy their flower gardens and spacious home in Worthington, within a stone's throw of the Ohio National Guard Armory that bears his name.

(Photography by BOB DEVOE)
RECRUITING ROUND-UP

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

Canton Cinema Connection

DURING THE SHOWING of the film MacArthur at the Imperial Cinema in Canton recently, a Volunteer unit wi ll have a theatre. Recruiters from HHT, Troops and C. and Company H, and the Howitzer Battery marked the test on a roasting basis, according to TLT Timothy Phillips. LSG Gay Gennett, Station Commander for the Akron-Canton Recruiting Office, coordinated the event.

CONSOLIDATION

In case you haven't noticed, there's a site new concept of recruiting for the Ohio Army National Guard called "Regionalized Recruiting." Essentially, it involves two key concepts: first, consolidating our recruiting assets in the major population centers where we have a high troop concentration; and secondly, training unit-level recruiters so each unit will have a professional, year-round recruiting program.

All full-time CETA recruiters fall under the direct jurisdiction of the State Recruiting and Retention Manager, Captain Dennis M. Jankowski through five locations in Ohio, including Ellwood City, Dalton and Youngstown.

Recruiting is about building a relationship with potential recruits and understanding their personal circumstances. We must be able to establish trust and credibility to earn their trust and commitment.

KUDOS!

Hat's off to SSG GARY GOSLIN from the ACRON-CANTON area, the October FTID recruiter of the month. SSG Goslin brought in six non-prior and seven prior enlistees for a total of 64 points (1 point per enlistee). He's been recruited a whopping 29 points over quota!

During December, the FTID recruiter of the month was SGT LAWRENCE JONES from the CLEVELAND area. Larry recruited a total of 20 points for 65 points. Leading the way in December was SGT James McCune from the Cleveland area with 12 enlistments for 77 points.

Shooter Recruiter

SSG JOSEPH PASCARELLA, a qualified recruiter and one of the top pistol shooters in the entire nation, is now heading a special Ohio National Guard marksmanship-recruiting project called "Operation MatchUp." Interested units, or any junior marksmanship club in Ohio interested in working with SSG Pascarella should call toll-free 1-800-282-7219 and the message will be relayed to him.

By Timothy Phillips

It was a cold, snowy morning in Canton. The church services were canceled due to the slick and icy highways with caution. But the 2/107th Armored Cavalry found a better way to come in for an average of 3.7 years. This not only helps us today, but also for the next few years to come as well," he added.

"Unfortunately, our losses are still exceeding our recruiting gains," he continued, "and losses and retention are the nuts and bolts of the commander's job." He said, "We find that those units with the higher retention rates are doing three key things: first, they view retention as a year-round concern and not relegated to a particular time of the year, second, they have a strong commitment to their unit, and third, they have the best recruiters in the country."
Now there I was again, a ground-loving armor soldier, placing myself at the mercy of complete strangers. This time it was a KC-135 refueling tanker pilot and his crew instead of a doctor; but the implications were the same; they were both able to put me into a situation over which I had no control.

It all started simply enough with a cup of coffee and a mission briefing at the headquarters of the 140th Air Refueling Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard. There were to be two aircraft on this mission. They were to release a B-52 bomber somewhere out over the western states. Both crews and I sat down for the standard flight briefing. Everything sounded just the way I imagined it should. There was a lot of airplane talk designed to inspire a proper state of awe and reverence from lowly mortals confined to a lifetime of shuffling about on the ground. Then came the part about emergency procedures.

**"SHARP PAINS"**

"If the plane should lose cabin pressure you will pass out from the lack of oxygen . . . you'll feel sharp pains in your stomach," the briefed stated matter of factly.

Hey, I never heard any of that stuff on TWA or United! He went on with the briefing.

"If we have to abort the flight for any reason," he said, "you'll hear an alarm bell . . . that will be the signal to exit the airplane. The exits are located . . . ."

Wait a minute. Doesn't abort mean crash? Yeah, something like that. Anyone who watches the six o'clock news knows that no one ever exits from a crashed airplane; in one piece anyway.

"Parachutes are located . . . ."

Hold it! Not being an airborne troop I told one of the crew members that I would need some instruction on how to jump out and how to wear a parachute.

"Don't worry about it," he said with a smile. "There's no way you can jump out of one of these planes and survive anyway."

In a short while I found myself strapped into my seat and at the end of the runway. The plane started forward at an ever-increasing rate of speed. Suddenly a strange thing happened. I'd been here before. I'd had the same feeling. Was it a psychic phenomenon?

Then I remembered. I'd had the same queasy feeling going up the first hill of the Buckeye Guard

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the most recent member of the unit to be honored at the Air National Guard's NCO Academy by being named a Distinguished Student for academic and leadership excellence.

DENIS M. MEHIGAN of Akron, Ohio, very recently promoted from 2LT to lieutenant colonel at Fifth Army headquarters, Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. Col. James B. Reed, Fifth Army public affairs officer, pinned the silver oak leaf to Mehigan's uniform signifying his new rank. Recently named chief of the command information section in the public affairs office, Mehigan had served as chief of the community relations section of that office the last 10 months.

DAVID L. DUNAWAY, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Dunaway, 737 Gardenwood Drive, Greenville, has been awarded a four year scholarship at Ohio University upon completing in the Ohio National Guard's Company B, 372nd Engineer Bn., Greenville.

SIG WILBUR F. JOHNSON Jr., a member of Det 1, Btry Bc) 2/174th ADA, Zanesville, was presented the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding performance while serving the Ohio National Guard unit in his local unit. The award was presented by MAJOR JAMES LEE of HQ 2/174th ADA Staifen, Athens.

Recently the graduating class of Officers, Executives, and Guardsmen, has been elected president of the Black Broadcasting Coalition.

MSTG. JERRY E. STEEL, 176th Communications Flight, Mansfield Lahm Airport, is part of the Adjutant General's Department. The coordination accompanying the award cited Colonel Siemer for his outstanding efforts on behalf of House Bill 228 which provides tuition assistance to members of the Ohio National Guard; and for his work as a legislative liaison with the Ohio General Assembly. COLONEL SIEMER is currently Chief of the Soldiers' Claims Division for the Adjutant General's Department.

Sgt. Richard H. Graves and his bride Carol (Morone) were treated to a spectacular military wedding recently by members of Headquarters Company, 73rd Infantry Bde. (Sep), Columbus, Mrs. Evelyn Brandt, wife of Sgt. Thomas Brandt, provided organ music for the affair. PFC Sue Westendorf was the Maid of Honor and Sgt. Donald VanGundy was Best Man. Chaplains Major James E. Vincent officiated the ceremony. The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lusignola, were also present, along with the groom's mother, Mrs. Pauline Graves. The bridal party prepared refreshments for the reception.

MRS. PETE GRAVES prepared refreshments for the reception. PFC James E. Rusk, 355th Battalion, was also present.

Recently a telephone celebration was held at Ft. Benning, Georgia, had among the 416th Engineers Commandant's List in the same class was 2LT Michael L. Corsor, also of Ohio.

Sgt. Edward H. Newton was recently promoted to 2LT. Also graduating from the Officer Candidate (Reserve Component) Course 2 were Ohio Guardsmen: 2LT Duane M. Batteiler, 2LT Stephen E. Bobbitt, 2LT Albert E. Maynard, 2LT James McCullar, Jr., 2LT Gregory H. Shaw and 2LT Michael D. Vannatter.

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WCLT Radio Honored

by JAY McCALL of radio station WCLT in Newark, is presented a plaque citing the station for outstanding contributions to the Ohio Air National Guard recruiting by Col. Donald Q. Griffith, deputy commander of the 517th Tactical Fighter Wing, Reickenbacker AB. Looking on is SSgt. Stephen Butcher of the 121st Recruiting Office. The station, ran a wide variety of public service announcement about Guard benefits. PHOTO BY SIGT TOM FOLLY.
M.A.S.H. Presented in Lancaster...

Hawkeye, Hot Lips Aided by Ohio's 684th Medical Company

BY CHRISTINE CLARK

Lancaster High School, Lancaster, was invaded recently by the 684th Medical Company (Cpt), Westerville.

The main courtyard in front of the school was turned into a surgical hospital, equipped and ready to receive its first patient.

No, there was no natural disaster or illness among the students, but just a helping hand for the High School's M.A.S.H. presentation that was to be shown the nights of the 18th and 19th of November.

Students from Lancaster High performed the play in a superb manner, wearing the Army green and showing the sadness and humor of a war situation.

The production of M.A.S.H. is dedicated by the 684th Medical Company because of the men she serves with.

Hawkeye, Hot Lips, and the rest of the rest of the cast played their parts with a great deal of interest and a bundle of questions.

The commander of the Armed Forces.

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Debbie's One of the Gang....

Imagine 100 Big Brothers At Annual Summer Camp!

BY DAVE SCHERFLING

Forty-seven-year-old SFC Paul Miller enjoys his duty with the 68th Military Police Company because of the man he serves with.

His son Eddie, an SSgt with the same company, likes it for the same reason.

"It's a lot of fun," he said. "I stopped in Paul's office this morning, and he was having a good time."

"They're all nice guys," she explained. "It's like having a lot of big brothers around all the time. They're all considerate, have respect and watch their language around me, even though it wouldn't really bother me if they didn't.

The Ohio National Guard has been a family affair for the Millers over the years, Paul points out.

"My father (Joseph) retired now been a couple of years in the Guard," he said. "My uncle Ken retired a couple of years back and I sort of grew up with the Guard all around me. To me, you couldn't do wrong and it didn't make my father just that much more special.

JUST ANOTHER GIRL

"But I didn't get into the guard because of them," she laughed. "To them, I was just another girl. I enlisted because one of my girlfriends talked me into it. She didn't want to go in alone, so I enlisted because of them.

Paul, a 27-year veteran with the Guard and Eddie, in 11 years, lead Debbie about her two-year service, calling her "just a youngster."

"Debbie's not sure if she'll be around as long as the rest of the family though."

"I'll have to decide to re-up or not pretty soon," she said. "My enlistment is up in November, 1978. I don't know if I'll stay in the Guard because of the many gestures bestowed upon Lancaster High School.

No, there was no assistance from different facets of the Armed Forces.

People Programs Rate High

The commander of U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) has provided a list of his areas of special attention. These areas will be given special attention by the FORSCOM Inspector General. They will become areas of special attention for the Fifth Army Inspector General as well: readiness; integrity; people programs and concern for the welfare and well-being of soldiers, officers, civilians and dependents; attitudes, perceptions, job satisfaction and confidence among junior officers; physical training and weight control.
New VHA-FHA Down Payments Can Make Your House Buying Easier

BY DON VAQUERA

Has the high cost of a down payment kept you from buying a home? It shouldn't! A new minimum down payment schedule recently issued by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) makes buying a home much more affordable for eligible Guardians and Reserves.

Guardian members with 90 days continuous active duty are eligible for this program known as the "FHA-VA Home Insurance Program." Presently, a new lower down payment program is in effect that simply requires Guarantors to provide a down payment of $2500 on the first $25,000 of a mortgage.

According to Steve Stecklin, Loan Officer for Citizens Mortgage in Columbus, "closing costs will be almost standard from lender to lender."

"These items can be paid by either the buyer or the seller," said Stecklin. "The FHA-VA Home Insurance Program."

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The new year is under way by this time and the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club is well into the 1978 program. The meetings, thus far, have been entertaining, informative, and very well attended. This last is especially gratifying to those who work so hard to keep the programs and acting as hostesses.

Crazy Bridge proved to be quite a lot of fun in January. It is surely a good way to relax, talk with some new people, and just have a good time, three of Guard wives' favorite pastimes!

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Do you know your rights? Are you, as a consumer, sure of yourself? Do you have a complaint of which you know, and to whom to voice a complaint? If the answers to the above are, "no," or even, "sometimes," be sure to attend the OWC meeting February 28. We will have our Honor Trustee for an informative program on "Your Consumer Rights," a subject everyone is concerned in all.

SPRING FASHIONS

March brings thoughts of Spring, and Spring turns our minds to what, else, Spring fashions. We have been most fortunate to secure, for the March 28 program, a lady who has long been involved in the fashion scene in Columbus. Mrs. Neil Scott, owner of House of Fashion in Tremont Center, will be with us to talk about a favorite aspect of her business, "Fabrics and Fashions." She will discuss the newest fabrics and show some of the styles we will be seeing this year. Mrs. Scott is a lady much in demand, and we were so happy that she agreed to join us.

The 160th Strategic Air Command Airbase Officers' Wives Christmas auction

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The 160th Air Refueling Group, Ohio Air National Guard, has implemented a basic program, Youth, civic and educational groups, by making proper arrangements with the 160th Strategic Air Command Airbase Officers' Wives Club, Columbus, during the unit's weekend training drill.

To make arrangements for your group's tour, write to: 160th ARCG, Ohio Air National Guard, Group Tour C, Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio 43217, giving your group's name, the person to contact and phone number.

If you wish, you may contact First Lieutenant Steve Fried, Group Information Officer, at (614) 864-2350 between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

So let's show our appreciation by having a large turnout in March. This is a great time to invite a guest! Remember, meetings, unless otherwise noted, are at the DCS O'C Club, social hour at 11:30 and luncheon at 12:30. Nursery services are available.

SHARING TALENT

As you know, the National Guard is composed of people with many occupations, professions, and interests. Thus, of course, the OW C membership reflects this marvelous blend of interests and abilities.

The club is extraordinarily lucky, this year, that four of the monthly programs are being conducted by members of the group. This speaks very well for the wives of Guardians. Their skills and varied areas of competence are resources which the OW C has been happy to utilize this year, as in preceding years.

In October, Mary Ann Doane gave floral demonstrations. November brought the auction, the most successful auction, ever, with Mary Snyder doing the honors.

February's meeting will feature Dorothy Teeter, speaking on Consumer Rights, as previously mentioned. Finally, in April, Jeremy Abrahall will present a program on "The Total Woman." It goes without saying that OW C is grateful to these ladies for sharing their time and talents. Further, however, some thought should be given to the caliber of an organization which can draw, from within its membership, such a range of ideas and information. There are many Guard wives all over Ohio, who also have much to contribute. OW C again urges any and all eligible ladies to join us this month for lunch.

Base Tours Now Available

The 160th Strategic Air Command Airbase Officers' Wives Club Christmas auction

Blanket Deal

ELYN DURIE, wife of Air Guard LTC Mike Durie, auctioned off a colorful patched comforter at the Annual Officers' Wives Club Christmas auction PHOTO BY DON VAQUERA

"The other half"

BY SUSAN BROWN

The Ohio National Guard's Third Annual Officers' Reunion will be held at Camp Perry this year on Sept. 23 and 24.

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COLLEGE GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE!

Recent passage of Ohio House Bill 228 could mean the difference for you if you’re planning to attend college in Ohio! (or are already in college!)

The grants are now available to enlisted men in the Ohio National Guard or those willing to enlist for a period of six years. You may qualify for this unique tuition assistance program . . .

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