Don’t Let ‘Ouchy’ People Discourage You

Last month in Letters to the Editor, one writer offered some constructive criticism. Based on the answer, our editor, Dr. Nancy Cleaver, the Adjutant General (AKA the commander) and myself, have lost a contributor. Camp Grayling continues to hassle SFC Derstandable. Weeks are closer to time when filing news releases in the field.

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CSM Comments

Another successful annual training year has been partially completed. Long hours and hard work prevailed and morale was at an all-time high. It is now time to concentrate on armory training.

Our young soldiers indicate many improvements are needed in home station training (or lack thereof). Our troops are making armory training both interesting and challenging. Above all, wasted time must be eliminated.

As we all know, there is nothing more frustrating than knowing you are supposed to drill and have little or nothing planned for the week or even the month. If identical training is programmed and has been accomplished many times before. It hooves each of the training planners to come up with unique, interesting, and challenging training. The individual who enjoys coming to drill is a satisfied individual, will continue coming, and will remain one of those individuals who were enlisted or appointed to do what we were enlisted or appointed to do.

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It’s Your View

Are We Doing Our Thing?

Editor’s Note: The following article was written by Colonel Pasquale A. Gicalf, effort. He has also had some success in individual areas of leadership, but overall, he has not achieved the “A” ranking in this competition.

By the time this issue of the BUCKEYE GUARD is printed, annual training will be only a memory. This year’s training has been excellent. We’ve learned a lot from our mistakes, and the commander has released a lot of forgotten ones. The most important thing that should have been recognized by everyone is the importance of leadership. As I’ve said many times before, success is dependent on the leadership and managerial abilities of the commander. We must not make the mistake of how the two functions toward success. Commanders and adjutants have a big role to play in the organization, the logistical support, the administration, etc., so that units are able to fight. Only good leadership will win the battle.

I want to talk briefly about leadership and the responsibility that goes with it. Leadership, defined in its simplest terms, is motivating. This means getting people to do things that they ordinarily might not want to do.

This all boils down to a couple of very simple fundamentals. Number one and always number one, is “Take care of your troops!” Unfortunately, we don’t all understand the need for this basic concept.

KNOW YOUR TROOPS

Many of us think we’re doing the right things, and we’re not. Take the squad leader, for example, who thinks he’s doing a good job but is quite sure his platoon sergeant isn’t. While he is totally involved in these thoughts, he has forgotten that he is responsible for the personal and equipment of the people in his squad, responsible for the fit, the health, the welfare, the morale of everyone else that goes into troop needs. Don’t forget—that it isn’t restricted to just material things such as the ones already mentioned along with chow, uniforms, etc., but also those of a personal nature which affect the ability to perform.

A good leader knows his troops and knows them well. He or she knows them as individuals and realizes that there are people needs. That leader, doing the proper job, has the respect and dependability of those who are being led and even more important, their confidence. Whatever the problem, they have no hesitation in going to their leader. Confidence in leadership makes one feel sure that at least an attempt to help solve the problem is going to be made. Probably the thing that came out loudest and clearest at annual training was who were most effective at being leaders. Those who came back with the respect and confidence of well-motivated people must have unfortunately, those coming back with less, obviously did not.

Many will assume that all was well. Those who do are making the biggest mistake of all because you can’t make assumptions with people; you’ve got to know them and they’ve got to know you.

Those who came back satisfied with the satisfaction of knowing what I call “the joy of leadership.” You’re still the person that comes from seeing well motivated people who jump in and do the things they have to do because you have done as a leader has gotten charged up. For those you don’t know this feeling you are missing the greatest satisfaction on earth. Worse than that, you are not fulfilling your responsibility as a leader.

You’re not getting your troops trained so they can make you feel good about yourself. You’re surviving the first 24 hours of combat. You have left a hole in your place in the chain of command and you’re a failure at that job. It’s now, the next time you were your troops, wherever you might be, ask yourself, “Am I fulfilling my position as a leader?” Have I accepted the trust that has been placed in me and am I responsible to my troops? Do I have their respect, their confidence? Do I motivate them?

If the answers are yes, your troops will take care of you better than you’ve ever going to take care of them. If you’re not, then you’re part of a humdrum syndrome and have no business being assigned in a leadership position.

There is no more satisfaction in any job, regardless of what it is, than being a successful leader.

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Obviously, if these conditions persist, our PIOs are not on-track and there is absolutely essential that we re-group to solve these differences—with honesty, fairness and objectivity. As human beings, we have tendencies to want to satisfy our personal desires, even at the expense of our subordinates, peers and higher authorities; however, if a team is to function effectively, individuals must constantly strive to be open-minded and sincere in their viewpoints.

In conclusion, even if we believe that the OVC was an excellent example of standing mechanical job, it might not be a bad idea to re-write our interpersonal attitudes. Are weegotistical? How do we affect others? Why did we enlist? Why did we stay? Why are we here? These are questions that should always strive for refinement and growth. However, when a team will have healthier, happier outlooks and our organization will become stronger.

For more information, please refer to the Army National Guard "Life Cycle" manual. Eventually, the team will be back home and much more aware of the Buckeye Guard's role at AT this year. An effective unit-level PIO program helps instill unit pride and positively enhances the overall recruiting and retention program. We personally urge each and every one of you to support our statewide PIO effort.

Our Cover...

Our cover photograph, taken by CPT. Steven Stone, Commander of the 654th Engineer Battalion, was taken at Camp Grayling, Michigan recently. This issue of BUCKEYE GUARD features a special AT section. Another special section, also dedicated to Army National Guard, will appear in the October issue.

CSM Comments...

It was also evident at summer camp that many PIOs do not make the decision to take charge of this important job—possibly because of fear of not doing the job correctly. This fear must not hold us back from taking a leadership role in propagating the Army National Guard. The purpose of our training is to learn and correct mistakes—if we did not take that step, we would be little need to conduct training.

UNIT PIO'S SALUTED

While at Grayling this year I had the opportunity to observe the performance of our unit-level PIO's. Those who were allowed to do their job performed in an outstanding manner, and the back home were much more aware of the Ohio Guard's role at AT this year. An effective unit-level PIO program helps instill unit pride and positively enhances the overall recruiting and retention program. We personally urge each and every one of you to support our statewide PIO effort.

WANTED: Techs With Problems

Technicians, do you have a problem that is affecting your performance?

A few answers to this question is "yes," contact LTC Paul Kereckes, your Technician Assistance Coordinator, by phone (614) 689-7001. Or you may contact Employeer Assistance Counselor at the following locations.

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EISENHOWER-VIL VAN
The Ohio National Guard's 148th Transportation Company (Medium Towing and Recovery) is named in honor of the 1977 winner of the Eisenhower Trophy. The trophy is named in honor of former General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower and is awarded to the National Guard unit that maintains the most outstanding during the calendar year.

The Eisenhower Winner Award will be on display by the winning unit.
Ohio's Oldest Vet Sought at State Fair August 19

Guardmembers and veterans from across the state are being invited to attend a Veteran's Day celebration at the Ohio State Fair on Saturday, Aug. 19. The celebration, jointly sponsored by the Ohio National Guard and the Ohio State Fair, will begin at 10:30 a.m., in front of the Arts and Crafts Building. During the gathering, Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes is expected to present an award to the oldest veteran attending the fair.

Applications for the oldest Vet Award are available by writing to: Becky Moneymith, Public Affairs Office, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, OH 43085. Deadline for mail applications is Aug. 9. Three veterans and Guard members wishing to participate in the ceremony should be in front of the Arts and Crafts Building on Aug. 19.

The public is also invited to attend. Free refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Blizzard Rescue Nets Award

As dozens of fellow guardsmen looked on in Saturday's sizzling sun, SSG William J. Roberts was thinking of a breezy mile and a half journey through blinding snow. Roberts rescued a husband and wife and their three-month-old baby at the height of January's blizzard. They never learned his name and more than four months later they still did not know the identity of the three trapped for most of a day in a stranded automobile.

But his efforts did not go unrecognized. At Saturday's ceremony, attended by the Headquarters Command of Springfield's 227th Ohio Army National Guard Support Battalion, the 27-year-old professional medical technician received the highest honor the Ohio Guard can bestow—the Distinguished Service Medal for Valor.

After the bronze medal was pinned to his green fatigues and a letter from Governor Rhodes read aloud, Roberts wiped his brow in the sun and reflected on winter.

"We didn't get their names. It's one of those things," the U.S. Army veteran commented. "We company searched about 265 people. We'll never know who they all were."

With visibility at zero, Roberts trudged a mile and a half through snow somewhere on I-70 between the South Vienna and London exits to find the family.

He and another guardsmen led them to a helicopter which whisked them safely to the local hospital.

"It's really not all that easy to remember them now," Roberts said.

Next Deadline August 31

Copy and photo deadline for the October issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine is August 31, 1978. No articles or photos can be accepted after this date for the October issue.

All submissions must be typewritten and double-spaced (not in all capital letters please). Photos should be accompanied by complete captions and identification of all individuals concerned.

Articles should be mailed to SFC Bob DeVose, Editor, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, OH 43085.
Army Aviators Train Flyers in Chopper Airlift Techniques

BY SSG NANCY CLEVenger

When blue uniforms of the Ohio Air National Guard went to annual training in June, they had some Army "green" with them.

Ohio Army Guard members Captain Bill Cavin, Chief Warrant Officer Brian Michael and Specialist Jim Evans took off in a chopper to train the Air National Guard in rescue mission involving airlifts.

When a chopper goes out on a rescue mission it not only is accompanied by qualified paramedics, but also has the necessary equipment on board to take care of almost any type rescue operation.

This equipment includes a Stokes litter, rescue basket, medications, water and fire rescue articles.

A hoist containing 216 feet of cable and capable of lifting up to 600 pounds is lowered in the area of rescue.

Depending on the type of emergency, a device is attached to the hoist and a man will actually ride down on the hoist if necessary to treat injured persons.

In Ohio alone, a total of 52 persons have been rescued by this air lift hoist method.

It involves a great deal of individualized training for the personnel manning the hoist, as well as for the pilot who must keep the helicopter literally "frozen" in the air.

Specialist Five Mike Robecco is the instructor for the air lift rescue team and has been on many of the actual rescues throughout the state.

The Ohio Army National Guard was proud to be a part of the Air National Guard's summer training in Alpena, Michigan, and to be able to assist them in learning the highly technical art of airlift rescue.

Morale 'Exceptional' As 5,000 Ohio Guardmembers Train At Chilly Camp Grayling, Mich.

Editor's Note: This is the first of two special sections in BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine highlighting Ohio National Guard men and women at Annual Training this year. We'd like to thank unit public information officers and NCO's for their massive contributions to this special issue.

BY SSG JERRY CONDO

Nearly 5,000 Ohio Army National Guard men and women fought mock battles, trained hard, and lost a lot of sleep during their two weeks annual training at Camp Grayling in June.

The Guardsmen of the Ohio Area Command, the 16th Engineer Brigade, the 112th Medical Brigade, 107th Armored Cavalry, and the 54th Support Center attended the summer camp at Grayling.

Ohio Adjutant General James C. Clem and BG J. M. Abraham, Assistant Adjutant General for Army, visited their troops in the field during the encampment.

Panel bridges were erected during overnight operations; land mines were laid in some simulated training; and tanks and armored personnel carriers were used in field maneuvers.

The training was highlighted when a tank of the 107th Armored Cavalry challenged the best of the Guard's engineers tank trap during the first week - and lost. During the second week the engineers and 107th joined forces for a massive exercise witnessed by the entire 612th Engineer Battalion.

This year's summer camp of nearly 5,000 troopers represented the largest single Ohio contingent to ever attend a single annual training.

The field maneuvers at Grayling represented an unusual challenge. The troops encountered some overnight temperatures in the low 30's.

A review that had been scheduled was cancelled because of rainy weather. The Guardmembers did some cross training. Commanders in the field reported that morale was exceptional; particularly when there was a lot of hands-on training.

One Guard unit improvised a bivouac in the field. Members of Company C of the 216th Engineer Battalion put together a hot shower system. Despite being miles deep into the Grayling post woods, they got hot showers every day.
Family Affair

Like Daughter Like Father

BY SCT DON BECK

Camp Grayling, Mich. — "Instead of like father like son, it’s like daughter like father in our case," says Private First Class Regina Ellis, 19, about her stepfather’s decision to join the Ohio Army National Guard.

Miss Ellis and her father, Sergeant Edward McMorrow, 39, both of Norwalk, are members of the 612th Engineer Battalion.

PTC Ellis joined the Guard about a year ago. Her father decided to join a few months ago. The daughter is with Headquarters Company. He is with Company C.

Miss Ellis, who joined the Guard under its tuition grant program, is a freshman at Ohio University.

She’s no slouch as a troop. The female Guard member qualified as an expert with the M-16 rifle and is the best marksman in the family, according to her father.

How does the petite Miss Ellis feel about spending days in the woods under simulated battle conditions?

“I like it,” says PFC Ellis.

Sgt McMorrow works in the communications section of Norwalk-based Company C. When not with the Guard, he is employed as a locomotive engineer with the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

When asked if his daughter really talked him into joining the Guard, Sgt. McMorrow smiled: “I’ve been thinking about coming back in for men plus a driver and a gunner.

When the hatch is dropped the men scramble out to secure the area, while the gunner provides cover with a 50 caliber machine gun mounted on the APC.

The APC’s are powered by 273 horsepower Chrysler V-8 engines, and the 12-ton vehicles have a top speed of 45 miles per hour. They are made of aluminum ‘so that if a bullet comes in one side it will go out the other instead of bouncing around inside,'" Moore said.

Some of the Company’s unusual equipment includes a armored vehicle launch bridge (an M-49 tank with a 65 foot, 60-ton weight capacity bridge attached to the top of a 30-ton load capacity rough terrain crane, a combat engineers vehicle (an M-69 tank with a 165 demolition gun, a bulldozer blade, and a wrench and tow system), and a 30-ton tractor.

Enemy Action Realistic for Company B

BY SFC JAMES FRAZIER

There was tension in the air as this Ohio Army National Guard unit awaited the attack that was coming. All day helicopter gun ships had been engaged in the battle action had honed the nerves of each guardman to a fine edge.

Now as night approaches, he knows that at any minute the enemy will rush his position, hoping of overrunning his company.

He only hopes that the trip flares, booby traps, barb wire and mine fields he has painstakingly put out all night the night before and all day today will slow the enemy down and light the area enough so he can fire with his rifle on anyone getting through.

A tense scenario, a Viet Nam war scene?

No, it is training, as realistic as possible.

This was the scene at Camp Grayling, Michigan, on a cold, damp night in June. Members of Company B, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Greensville, prepared for the enemy "aggressors" they knew would attack shortly.

The citizen-soldiers of Company B put as much realism into this training as possible to prepare themselves should they have to meet the real enemy in the future.

Enemy action had commenced now and the defensive perimeter has held. Prisoners of war have been taken and will soon be questioned.

However, it is to be a long night and we will be tested again and again.

The purpose of this training is to prepare Company B for whenever or wherever they may be called.

The National Guard makes up over 64 percent of our trained fighting force.

If called to duty in Africa or Europe, in a matter of days the Guard could be in combat.

The citizen-soldier is ready, willing and able to protect you and those free-dom you hold so dear.

The Buckeye Guard
two akron members of the ohio national guard pull up a log from a tarp during annual training at camp grayling. Pvt Clarence Osborne and Pfc Marritt Cheatham are with Co. B, 112th Engineer Bn. (photo by ssg john peter s)

SP4 John Thomas

Dual Uniforms His Bag

BY SSG JOHN PETERS
Ohio National Guard members come from all walks of life, bank presidents and factory workers, college professors and auto mechanics.

For one weekend a month and two weeks during the summer, they wear the familiar Army green or the Air Force blue uniforms.

Specialist John Thomas of D Company, 216th Engineer Battalion, Tarbon, is a citizen-soldier who wears a uniform during the time he does not serve the Ohio National Guard.

Thomas lives in Circleville, and works in Columbus as a corrections officer with the Columbus Correctional Facility. “I was unemployed when I returned from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and I applied for the corrections job,” said Thomas. “After two days on the job, I was ready to quit! I talked it over with my wife and decided that someone had to do the job and that someone was me!”

Thomas is the supply sergeant for D Company, which is the same job he performed while on active duty at Fort Bragg.

Thomas joined the 84 other men and women of D Company for a two week summer camp at Grayling this year.

Cyndee Carroll, 21, of Toledo, Oh., doesn’t grow things out of her head, she is camouflaged for field training exercises. She spent two weeks at Camp Grayling, Mich, with her unit, Headquarters Company 612th Engineer Battalion, for annual training. She is employed by Dana Corp, of Toledo, as an executive secretary. (photo by sp5 dan mercy)

Can you dig it — Soldiering often means a lot of “hands-on” training. For SSG Andrew Surratt, Co. A, 216th Engineer Bn., Chillicothe, it meant some time spent digging a foxhole. The foxhole took him and another trooper three hours to dig. (photo by ssg ray kraft)

Teamwork...

That is what it’s all about — Erecting a double apron barbed wire fence are (left to right) Sergeant Dennis Markett, Private Leroy Thomas, and Staff Sergeant Wayne Shelton. All three men are members of Company D, 112th Engineer Battalion. (photo by captain steven stone)
 Dreams of a Soldier in the Boonies

by Cpt. Steve Stone

What are the dreams of the soldier in the field? His girl friend or wife, a thick steak, a soft bed! For the men of Company C, 216th Engineers, Ohio National Guard, Felicity, a dream stood in the middle of their bivouac area at Camp Grayling. It is a hot shower. More than 10 miles from the nearest running water, to say nothing of hot water, a remote forest camp serves as home for 98 men. After 18 hours of pocketing earth-moving equipment through thick underbrush, washing the grease and grit from one's body ranks very high. Imagine going without a bath for five or six days and one begins to have some appreciation of just how important a bath or shower can become.

In the true spirit of the combat engineer, Staff Sergeant John Schmidt and Sergeant Mike Brill built the world's strangest water heater. It resembles a mashing of Grandpa Hatfield's moonshine still and the municipal water works.

The system starts with a 1,000 gallon water tank donated to the Guard by a southern Ohio farmer. It sits majestically in the back of a dump truck. Both are painted a color-coordinated olive drab green. Schmidt, who operates a heating and plumbing firm in Felicity, Ohio, contributed a water pump and 50 feet of half inch copper tubing.

"You have to have 50 feet or the water won't heat," said Schmidt, proudly.

The tubing is coiled around inside a 30 gallon oil drum. Diesel fuel drips into the bottom while an electric fan heats air into the fire to raise the temperature. The entire operation is powered by a standard Army generator.

After a few attempts at igniting the device, a fire roared hot within the drum. Valves were turned on and water began to flow. Within two minutes, five shower heads spewed hot water to wash away the day's collection of dirt and sweat.

Of course the water was not too hot. A special valve has been designed to feed cold water into the system to keep the shower at just the correct temperature. Schmidt, the plumber, designed the system for easy construction in the field. Brill did all of the machine work and welding to make everything fit together. While such a miracle may seem complex, Schmidt and Brill put the entire thing together in just one day.

Of all the engineer units, Company "C" seemed to be the most remote. Perhaps they were trying to keep their water works a secret. Who knows what might happen should other units in the field discover such a clean operation.

Desert Heat
Greets 121st

Canteens, C-ration, tents and hot, desert heat were waiting on nine 121st Tactical Fighter Wing firefighters when they deplaned to start their two weeks of annual training.

The location was Rock U. landing zone in the Mojave Desert near the California-Nevada border. The job was to support the U.S. Army in Brave Shield 17, a joint readiness training exercise. The operation was conducted to train unit commanders in the planning and execution of joint operations. Their units had to jointly defend against an integrated air defense system and conduct joint air and ground operations.

Participating from the 121st were Master Sergeant Gerald Robinson, Technical Sergeant John Campbell and Robert Bloom, Staff Sergeant Stanley Teater, Robert Wentzel, Ralph Burns, and Thomas Swoyer, Airman First Class Douglas Barger and Airman Basic Cecil Seaman.

Huffing and Puffing
4 Mile Run Presents Challenge

STORY AND PHOTOS
BY STAFF SGT. STEVE JABLONSKI

Don't ever let anyone tell you that Ohio Guard persons are out of shape. The men and women of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 612th Engineer Battalion, Toledo, accepted the challenge of a four mile walk/run during this year's AT at Camp Grayling, Michigan, and passed the physical training test with flying colors.

According to company commander Captain Barry Jonas, the four mile run was a newly-instituted part of AT designed to evaluate the company readiness of Guard troops, who were required to complete the rec-tangular course within an hour. Unit members unable to finish the four miles were to be given two additional opportunities to fulfill the requirement, but the make-up runs were unnecessary in most cases.

First across the finish line was Lieutenant Colonel Karl Obert, commander of the 612th Engineer Battalion, and Specialist Fifth Class Patricia Clark. They completed the run in 45 minutes, after starting out ahead of the rest of the company. The 5 fastest runners in the company were Private Donald Alexander, Private Jeffrey Alexander, and Private First Class Michael Dubois, who all finished in 22 minutes. Staff Sergeant William Terry, who completed the course in 38 minutes, and Private First Class Mark Rosi, who crossed the finish line in 39 minutes.

The company members were part of a 5,000 man contingent of Ohio Guard troops participating in AT at Camp Grayling. All troops were required to complete the run, and, for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, it was a challenge accepted and met.
**Their Cooks Have It Together**

**Troops Love To Dine With HHC, 416th Engineer Group**

Many Guardmembers gripe about chow at Annual Training each year. Matter of fact, it's somewhat of a tradition.

There's one dining facility in the Ohio Army National Guard that hasn't had a complaint for sometime; and it belongs to HHC, 416th Engineer Group, Toledo.

Five cooks and one mess steward from this unit produce each meal with the professionalism and concern of high paid gourmet chefs.

Troops love to eat at the 416th facility where they're offered extraives like omelets to order for breakfast and garnished dishes that are pleasing to both the eye and the taste buds.

CJ3 Russell Wanamacher speaks of this particular mess hall with a great deal of pride. "We try to make every meal look more appetizing," he said. "Cleanliness is very important here."

Wanamacher also emphasized, "We also insist our staff use Army recipe cards. The Army spent a lot of money to develop these recipes and they're really very good if followed to the letter!"

Both SP6 Jerry Smith and SP5 Danny Caywood, cooks for this superb dining facility, say they have no major problems after nearly five years on the job. Matter of fact, they've received countless compliments.

**PRIDE EVIDENT**

Both take pride in their work and credit SFC Richard Simon, the Mess Steward, with insuring the unit has pleased customers.

Smith, who as a civilian lives in Toledo and is an inspector for Chrysler Corp., commented on the difference between his dining facility and some others in the Guard.

"You can throw the food together and put it out as is, or you can garnish it and make it look nice!"

Dick Simon credits his men with the excellent food they serve. "The dining facility has compiled, 'We've got a upkeep group of guys.' He added, "We take pride in preparing a good meal for our troops ... even in the field.'"

Working 19 hours a day to support a field operation is not unusual to Sergeant Simon and his staff. Despite the long hours, they still find time to prepare eggs to order in the field.

"The unit has been out for many hours of their own time making extra equipment like a unique portable steam table and a homemade grill for trying foods like hamburgers and steak. The steam table is also used in the field to insure hot meals for the troops."

This same dynamic crew saw duty during the Blizzard of '78 when they served 9,866 meals to military and civilians alike in just five days.

Matter of fact, they received a letter of commendation from the Commander of the U.S. Army Airborne troops who were dispatched to the Toledo area during the Blizzard.

The HHC, 416th Dining Facility has also been nominated for the Phillip J. Connolly Award this year in the 16th Engineer Bde. This is the top mess award given by Dept. of Army.

Other members of this fine dining facility crew include SPS Mark Tuchoski, PFC Michael Thornton, and PFC Michael Willoughby.

As this writer walked out of the 416th Dining Hall I happened to hear a comment from a private about that evening's meal. It was what a cook would consider his greatest reward ... "Damn fine meal," he said.

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**Putting Muscle in the Guard**

_Willie Johnson 'Builds' A Career_**

BY SFC RONALD V. REGAN

"You can't imagine the amount of excitement and the thrill you get from competition. Hey! There I was on this raised platform, bright spotlights blinding me, standing there, posing and pumping up my muscles with two other great finalists for the title of Mr. Appollo. The form and enthusiastic cheering from the crowd actually raised goosebumps all over my body! Man, it was a great feeling... it was worth all the sacrifices," Sergeant Willie Johnson said.

Since the physical fitness program has become the byword of the Ohio National Guard, it was indeed a pleasure to have met a man who is so far up the spectrum of personal conditioning, that it hurts your manly ego just to look at a picture of him.

Sergeant Willie Johnson is presently an Ohio National Guard member assigned to Troop N, 2/107th Armored Cavalry at the Akron/Canton Army Flight Facility. Willie recently related to his younger days as being a somewhat 'scrummy' 140 pound Marine stationed on the Pacific Island of Okinawa and his eventual dedication to a sport he loves. He said he saw a chance in that sport to gain recognition and possible fame.

**EXERCISE AND PROTEIN**

"I worked hard," Willie said, "I started working out a year before I was discharged from the Marines. In just the first year I gained 50 pounds! Exercise and a high protein diet was the reason."

Willie Johnson worked six years to perfect his body. He worked out two hours each day in the beginning and now works out three to four hours each day just to stay in shape.

At 34, Willie is looking forward to competing again. After winning first place in the "Mr. Appollo" contest in 1974, he slackled off the competition trail for a few years. The lack of financial backing was one factor, and his prime reason for joining the Ohio National Guard was to earn extra money to pay for expenses at competitions. "You know, food, transportation and a place to sleep costs money," he said. "I sure would like to get a sponsor to back me."

All I can afford now are a few trips a year to various regional competitions. It takes a lot of money to get to contests in New York, Dallas and places on the west coast."

**STRANGE INCIDENT**

During one of these competitions Willie remembers being involved in a strange incident as he left his hotel. "I was walking to a nearby competition when this creep stops me and wants to hold me up! I don't look big in everyday street clothes, but I decided to take off my jacket and shirt right there rather than give that turkey my money, I flexed my muscles a few times and I began to bulge here... and here... and there. The guy's eyeballs nearly fell out of his head. The last time I saw him, he was travellin' south... runnin' like a mad-man!"

Sergeant Willie Johnson is a quiet and very likeable person who doesn't have to prove himself to anyone. All you have to do is look at his gleaming six feet four "Mr. Appollo" trophy standing proudly in his living room. He chuckled and said, "I use it for a coat and hat rack."

Johnson presently works for the Goodyear Corporation in Akron, Ohio. He resides there with his wife Nina and their three children, Dale, Tamra, and Sheri.
From the President's Desk...

The Salt Fork conference is now behind us. I was extremely pleased to observe our Association membership actively participating in the business session and reacting to the issues presented.

There were many new faces at the Conference. Each of those new people have a variety of talents which are sorely needed by the Association and the Guard. Many of those “new” people have already accepted assignments to Association jobs for the coming year.

I would like to encourage all of you to consider serving the Association. Opportunities in a number of areas are available. Our organization operates with a number of committees: Continuous, Resolutions, Insurance, Legislative Action, Constitution and By-laws, Finance, Publications, Enlisted Association, Special Activities, Awards, Scholarship and 1979 NGAUS Cleveland Conference.

Should you desire to serve, drop a note to the Association secretary or call the Association at 814-689-9279. We will be glad to have you.

Tourney Results...

Golf
Closer to the Pin - Bob Springer, Longest Drive — Tom Mulcahy

Tennis

Enlisted Association Report

A report from the Ohio National Guard Officers' Association

Ohio's Commander in Chief, Governor James A. Rhodes, was honored by the Ohio National Guard Officers' Association during their recent state convention at Salt Fork. CPT Steve Koper, Association President, presented a miniature Minuteman to Governor Rhodes in recognition of his contributions to the Ohio National Guard and Guardmembers across the state. (PHOTO BY TSgt BOB BAKERS.)

GOVERNOR RHODES ATTENDS STATE CONFERENCE

Salt Fork State Park near Cambridge was the setting for the Annual Conference of the Ohio National Guard Association May 19-20. The park was beautiful and the weather, for the most part, excellent.

The business session featured a rousing debate on a proposed constitutional amendment which would have provided for a two year term for the Association officers. The amendment was rejected.

Officers elected were: Capt. Stephen Koper, President; LTC Robert Zimmermann, 1st Vice President; Lt. Col. Philip Williams, 2nd Vice President; COI Leslie Fletcher, Secretary; MAJ John Mutrich, Treasurer; and COL John Siemer, Trustee.


NATIONAL GUARD DAY PROPOSED

On May 23, the Association was contacted by Congressman Clarence "Butch" Brown of Urbana with a request for our support of House Joint Resolution 946. The resolution, sponsored by Mr. Brown, designates October 7, 1978, as National Guard Day. The attendant publicity of such a national commemorative day would be important in our recruiting and retention efforts.

In cooperation with the Enlisted Association, a campaign was begun to contact all of the members of the Ohio congressional delegation urging them to co-sponsor H.J.R. 946. As this article is written, Mr. Brown was some 35 co-sponsors short of the 218 required, but his office felt that the balance could be secured on the floor of the House. A large majority of our Ohio legislators had agreed to co-sponsor.

Once again, the positive contribution of your Association to shaping National Guard affairs is readily apparent. Thanks to all of you.

Auxiliary Planning

Many Projects

We are getting closer to count-down for Hawaii and many of us are getting excited. If you haven’t signed up yet, the time is getting short and you will need to do so as soon as possible.

Anyone not going with the Holmes tour and having their registration fees directly to Tom SatO. The registration fee is $35 per person and should be sent to MSGT Thomas Sato, 99-560 Hokes St., Aiea, Hawaii, 96701. Please make checks payable to: HVACRA Hawaii ‘78.

We are planning many events for the upcoming year. As you know, the officers and area representatives will be meeting for three All-State Meetings during the year and we hope this will enable us to keep abreast of all the current legislation and keep you informed.

We have as yet received no copies of letters from anyone written on the issues brought out at the conference in April. We would very much like to have a copy in our files.

We really do need to address the Military Leave issue and above all the Survivor Benefit which can affect all of us sooner or later.

If you need the particulars on these matters, feel free to call or write to your area representatives or any of the officers and they will be more than glad to be of assistance to you.

Ladies — let’s get lethargic and complacent about these issues. They are vital to the Guard as a whole and to each of us as spouses and/or survivors. A few of us can do the job, but many comments from all of us can. Let’s go the extra mile and address these issues as soon as possible, before they are brought up for a final vote, and it is too late.

BEVERLY S. ABY
President, EANGO Auxiliary

Reminder... State Convention May 4-6

in Lima, Ohio

Enlisted Association

A column designed to keep members of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association informed of the latest developments.

Aloha — Breathtaking views, like this one of Diamond Head and Waikiki Beach on the island of Oahu, are great members of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association planning to attend the National Convention in Hawaii Sept. 25-27. Those planning to attend should make their reservations early. (PHOTO BY SGI BOB DEVOE)

Geauga Lak Picnic Planned

By Sg. NANCY CLEVENGER

AND MSGT WARREN MYERS

At the Seventh Annual Enlisted Association Convention recently a new set of by-laws was adopted and each unit received a copy of these by-laws. The Enlisted Association was reorganized according to the new by-laws and as a result it has brought the Army and Air Guard together with better representation from both sides.

Each unit of the Army and Air National Guard has appointed a unit representative to the association. This unit representative acts as a link between Guard members and the association. The unit representative attends periodic meetings of the association and collects information to pass on to the members. The unit rep also has a copy of the by-laws of the association if you would like to read them.

The association membership is growing steadily. There have been 200 new members signed up since the April issue of the VOICE. Any member not receiving a copy of the VOICE should contact their unit representative or write to the association. The mailing list is now computerized for better accuracy. The new mailing address of the Enlisted Association is P.O. Box 213, Dublin, OH 43017.

Don’t forget the Guardmembers picnic, sponsored by the association, on August 27 at Geauga Lake. Use your Sea World Discount Card and spend two fun filled days at Sea World and Geauga Lake. Anyone not receiving tickets in the VOICE please contact their unit representative or write to the association.

Just a reminder that the National Convention will be held in Hawaii Sept. 25-27. The State Convention for 1979 will be held in Lima, May 4 thru 6, at the Best Western Motel. Make your reservations early.

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Out of the Rut

Some people in Ohio's Ross county were in a rut and it took the help of the Ohio National Guard to get them out.

The counties that had roads in less than perfect shape, but some roads in Huntington Township were so bad that they were impassable.

Township trustees recognized the problem and turned to Company A of the 261st Engineer Battalion in Chillicothe and Company D, 261st for help.

Over 1,000 tons of gravel was hauled over a period of three weeks, with the result being a smoother ride for the residents of Huntington Township; according to 1SG Boyd Flowers.

Troop K Saluted

The Ohio Army National Guard's Troop K, 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Ashville was recently honored by the March of Dimes for its contributions to the community.

251st 'Successful'

The Ohio Air Guard's 251st Combat Communications Group at Springfield recently participated in Exercise Bold Eagle 78 at Elgin Air Force Base in Florida.

According to Maj. Edward Morley, the unit was responsible for installing equipment to provide communication between various reservation locations within a 20 mile radius.

In addition, food service was provided by the cooks of the 203rd Combat Communications Flight, Springfield.

The exercise was considered a "complete success" despite some communication problems.

178th Passes MEI

The Ohio National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group at the Springfield Municipal Airport passed its Management Effectiveness Inspection, announced U. S. Air Force Colonel Ronald K. Oakley.

Col. Oakley was team chief of a 31-member inspection delegation from Ninth Air Force Headquarters, Shaw AFB, South Carolina.

The team spent five days evaluating the Springfield base.

One of the significant points was on the men and women going on to the national competition.

According to Unit PIO, SFC Joe Felch.

March of Dimes representative Sally Steinfort presented an inspection plaque to Command Sergeant Major William T. Osele for K Troop's "fine support of the local March of Dimes Walk" this year.

Miss Steinfort stressed the Guardianmembers freely gave their own time to insure a successful fund raising event for the March of Dimes.

Local Guardianmembers furnished water for the walkers and road guards along the route for the walk.

55th at Fair

The Toledo-based 555th Air Force Band, Ohio Air National Guard, will perform at the Ohio State Fair this year.

According to a spokesman for the Ohio National Guard, the "Triple Nickel" will provide music for Veteran's Day on August 19.

The band will play their first concert from the Arts and Crafts Building beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the 19th. Other concerts are planned for the afternoons of the 19th and the morning of August 20th.

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Leonard Wood was selected the outstanding soldier of the cycle. To cap off his honors David was selected as the outstanding soldier for his unit during the Annual Training at Camp Grayling in June.


Col. Richard E. Bennett, Deputy Commandant of the Ohio Air Guard's 251st Combat Communications Group, recently received U. S. Senate confirmation to join his present service as Chief of Staff for the Ohio National Guard.

SFC LOE E. OCKER JR. has been selected to attend the Army National Guard's Physician's Assistant Program at Sheppard AFB, Tex. He is a member of the 586th Medical Co. in Westerville.

SSG卢ANEY LINDSAY and MS. LUCILE REDMAN, both accountants with the U. S. Postal Service Office for C. O. W. Worthington, received a Federal Visitor Certificates from the "Order of the Walrus" recently from COL ROGER SCHELL, Chief of Staff for the Army National Guard for their assistance in the accounting section of USPFO for Alaska.

The two were on temporary duty assignments from their home state.

LTC DERRALL E. PLTON, executive officer of the Ohio Air Force's 4th Infantary Brigade headquartered in Kenton, Ohio, is the new president of the ODC officers Association.

SSG TOM CABLE and SPS JAN MURRAY, of Headquarters Co., 251st Eng. Bn., received an annual award for outstanding emergency medical technicians for the past year.

Christ Church was honored for its long-term humanitarian program, co-sponsored by the National Farmers Union and the National Endowment for the Humanities, will engage farmers and humanitarians in examination of the history, values and future life in rural America.

Worthington is a history professor at Kenyon College.

Good things come in "threes" for PVT DAVID L. DUNAWAY, a member of Co. B, 327th Eng. Bn. in Groveville. Following his recent enlistment in the Ohio National Guard he was awarded a four year tuition grant to Ohio University. When he attended basic at Ft. Leonard Wood he was selected the outstanding student of his cycle. To cap off his honors David was selected as the outstanding soldier for his unit during the Annual Training at Camp Grayling in June.

Sgt. James D. Johnson was named as the outstanding Guardman of the 55th Field Support Co. D., 216th Eng. Bn., Tilton, during annual training at Grayling recently.

MIKE HAWKINS, News Editor for WGY Radio in Grayling, Michigan, recently received an Ohio National Guard Appreciation Plaque for the station's outstanding support of the Ohio Guard while at Annual Training this year.

JIM STEVE JARLONSKI and SSG DON NARDECCHIA produced a five minute program which was aired twice daily on WGY.

Buckeye Bits

Tryouts Slated

Annual tryouts for the Ohio Guard's Rifle and Pistol Teams, and selection of the Battalioon Combat Rifle, Pistol and MG teams will be held at Camp Perry Sept. 30, 1988. Information on the recent Boy Scout CAMPX, held at Camp Lakota in Defiance was a "smashing success.

The 148th provided two medical surgeons and seven medical attenden to support the affair.

The young Scouts won the admiration and respect of the Guardsmen that Raygetman is a Registered Nurse by profession emphasized, "It's a pleasure to work with these 'professionals' in kids' clothes."

"The day was an example of people in uniform working together to help others. The Guardsmen were ready and the Scouts were prepared," added Sergeant Radabaugh.

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178th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield Lahm Airport, was host to the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Ohio Wing drill competition held during the unit's June training ses­ sion, according to Major Jack Jelen. Dayton's Squadron 704 (above) was the winner in the color guard competition. Squadron 810 from Columbus won the nine man squad drill competition. Both teams now advance to regional competi­ tion with the winners going on to the national competition.

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The Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office and public information personnel from units across the state received the ultimate honor in Houston several weeks ago when the Public Relations Society of America presented its coveted Silver Anvil Award to the Ohio Guard for the most outstanding public relations program during 1977 in the public affairs category. The award was accepted by CPT Dennis Jankowski, Public Affairs Officer and Recruiting and Retention Manager for the ONG, at the PRSA's 34th Annual Silver Anvil Awards banquet at the Houston Oak's Hotel.

The Ohio Guard's winning program was based on successful passage of Ohio House Bill 228 which provided four years of college tuition to all Ohio enlisted Guard members. The document program used an aggressive mixed media public relations program to achieve its goal and to dramatically improve the Buckeye Guard's overall image.

Key contributors to the winning Silver Anvil Program were CPT Dennis Jankowski; CPT Don Vaquera; SFC Bob Devoe; SSgt Donald Devoe, Assistant State Information Officer; and CPT Dennis Jankowski, State Recruiting/Retention Officer and Public Affairs Officer. The Anvil was presented at the Annual Public Relations Society of America Awards Banquet in Houston, Texas. (PHOTO BY PRSA)

Here's a riddle for all Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives: What do you have that is unimportant, automatic, virtually impossible to lose, and everyone on earth has a copy? No, not your Avon lady, nor the three year old toddler from next door! You guessed it, your Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives Club! Yes, you are automatically a member if your husband is an officer in the Ohio National Guard.

You are invited to join, and there are no dues! Unfortunately, many ladies don't realize this, and the membership remains inactive. Make this the year you activate your ONG Wife's Club! Join now, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, for lunch.

FRIENDSHIP TEA

The OWC begins its 1978-79 season with a successful Tea last year and will continue with another successful Friendship Tea. The tea will be on Tuesday, September 26, at the Rickenbacker Air Force Base Officers' Club, from one until three p.m. This event is to be hosted by the officers and members of the OWC board. Jo Ellen Griffith is in charge of plans and arrangements for the tea this year and she's surely hoping for a large attendance of old and new members. It is a very relaxed and informal way to get acquainted with some other Guard wives, if you are new in the group. And the long-time members always enjoy chatting with the new members. So, come on down for this party! So, meet us at Rickenbacker, and be our guests!

Reservations may be made with the telephone contact ladies, or by mail to, Arlene Wayt, 1579 Ramblerwood, Columbus, 43220. It is hard to keep the membership lists completely up to date, so, if you aren't contacted, and would like to come to the tea, or to any of the succeeding meetings, please make contact immediately. She will be happy to make your reservation or add your name to the calling list.

NEW OFFICERS

The new officers, who were installed at the May meeting, are: Susan Button, President; Mary Anne Deane, Vice President; Bonnie Spellman, Secretary; and Joy Smith, Treasurer. The board for that meeting really outdid themselves in putting on an impressive program. entertainment in the form of a large collection of party red, white and blue flowers, favors and decorations. There was even a large "Miniature Cake" as a token of appreciation for a job well done.

Help For Those Who Can't Pass...

The pilot program, which is being conducted at the Cincinnati Job Corps Center, provides an education and trade curriculum which is intended to raise the knowledge and skill level of an individual to a point that will enable him to pass the military examination. The results, hopefully, will result in increased membership in the Guard.

Evaluation of this program is currently being conducted by the Job Corps and the Equal Employment Opportunity Office of the Ohio National Guard in Worthington.
Earnie Shavers Comments on Ohio's College Tuition Assistance Program

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