The AG Speaks

Know Thyself

The Nature of Change

It is time to reflect upon the coming holiday season. The spirit of Peace on Earth is felt throughout the world more during the holiday season than any other time of the year. We can enjoy a sense of security in the knowledge that we are at peace along with many other countries throughout the world. At the same time we are aware of the weaknesses of our own people. As the Guard, and the future of humanity,

In a personal world, I want to thank and commend our soldiers and families for the effort they have made in our chapels. Chaplain (LT) Dean Montgomery reminds us that the Group Chaplain for the 37th Support Group, our chaplain for twenty years as pastor to the men and women he has lovingly served.

FREDERICK M. KETENKO
Commander
OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

From the Asst. AG-Air

Concern Needed for Future

During the 1978 Ohio National Guard Conference at Salt Fork, the Association was fortunate to be addressed by LTG Lawson, Commanding General of the 1st Army. He reminded his audience that the Ohio National Guard is in a unique position to provide the backbone of military strength, and an informed group that can come to grips with "Grass Root" support and hopefully, make their desires known to the National Leaders.

I firmly believe that through combined efforts of the Ohio National Guard Association and the Ohio Enlisted Association that the Ohio National Guard's elected and appointed leaders can be made to listen and view these respective concerns of the Association as an imporant part of the Ohio National Guard. (COL), our natural heritage.

The Buckeye Guard

From the Asst. AG-Air

Search for Peace Throughout World

The end of another year is almost here. Time to make a personal evaluation of our accomplishments, contributions and mistakes.

In today's society, we are often reluctant to sit down and counsel someone or be counseled on our strong points and weak points. Efforts report savings in our performance and mistakes which we all know that. Therefore, it becomes important for personal counseling to take place in order that we can correct our errors and strive for improvement.

In many cases, because of geography, conflicting work schedules or for other reasons, counseling by means superior is not possible on a regular basis. However, most of us have the ability. If we are honest with ourselves, to recognize our mistakes as well as our strengths and our weaknesses. I would urge each of you, regardless of grade or rank, to do this and then resolve to retain your strengths, and improve in areas where your performance may be below par.

Strong points of Guardmembers, I have noticed to be almost universal, are loyalty, honesty, dedication, industriousness, willingness, and a positive "can-do" attitude. Weaknesses I have noticed, in more than a few, are lack of pride in unit, uniform and personal appearance, failure to attain and maintain technical competence in assigned duties, failure to accept responsibility for the errors or errors and those made by personnel under them, and finally more importantly a failure to show a personal interest in the success of the individual Guardsman or woman and his or her squad, platoon, detachment or company.

I ask that each of you take five minutes and analyze your performance of the past year. You may find that you will benefit from using the same process in regard to your civilian employment or military service. There is always room for self improvement — another area in which to excel. We need your best possible performance if the Ohio National Guard is to continue to improve.

So much for the heavy stuff.

I do want to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. You have done many good things and made many improvements during the new year. I hope you and your family and friends are as proud of you and the Ohio National Guard as I am.

JAMES C. CIMINO
Major General
The Adjutant General

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The food was delicious and abundant and very professionally prepared and served. To say I enjoyed the day with you would be an understatement and I will do my best to be available to you whenever possible.

I wish each and everyone of you continual achievement in your profession and all the best for you again for the job you are doing. I won’t hesitate to contact you and offer my support of all your endeavors.

MARIE TANSEY
State Representative

Kudos From Tansey

EDITOR’S NOTE: The following letter was sent to SSG Don Nardizzi, Public Information NCO for Norwalk’s Co. C, 6176 Eng Bn., from State Representative Marie Tanssey.

Dear Don and Fellow Guardsmen:

I am returning this morning from my visit with all of you at Camp Grayling, Michigan.

It would be hard for me to describe my emotions for the opportunity to visit with all of you and with your first line command. I was impressed with the efficient performance of all the equipment and fulfilling his duties and obligations. It’s no wonder your group won the highest award in the nation. I’m really proud of all of you and so happy that you are doing such a good job in my district. What an honor for me!

It was revealing to watch the bridge building, the water purification system, the enemy trap in the valley, roadblocks and overall direction from your officers and leaders, it is obvious that you belong to the Guard for a purpose. A purpose of service and of satisfaction knowing that you are contributing to the welfare and safety of our citizens. And we thank you.

The Ohio National Guard’s sharpest troopers are being sought for special honors according to Adjutant General James C. Clerc.

It’s all part of the Outstanding Guardmember Program. Under this u

Sharp Soldiers Solicited

NGS Shepherd Saluted

To the Editor:

In May 1978, MSG Van H. Shepherd, while performing his civilian duties as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, was involved in a serious traffic accident. MSG Shepherd suffered a broken neck which has left him partially paralyzed. MSG Shepherd, of the 222d Army Band, is presently undergoing extensive treatment and therapy at the Veteran’s Administration Hospital complex in Cleveland, Ohio.

MSG Shepherd has had a long history of honorable service to his country and the State of Ohio. His service to his country began as a tuba player with the 9th Cavalry Band during World War II, for his dedication to duty, then T-G Shepherd was awarded four Bronze Stars.

On January 1978, MSG Shepherd, a nationally known jazz string bass and tuba player, played the 222d Army Band in Cleveland, Ohio and for the next 27 years, gained a reputation for musical and leadership excellence. He constantly strived for unit proficiency, harmony and esprit de corps.

Everyone in the Guard who had the opportunity to meet and know MSG Van “Shep” Shepherd, misses his booming bass voice echoing around the armory, his sense organs, radar, sound, heat perception and other “sense organs” used to defend the nation.

The objective is to reach this target. Such machines must “know” the target they are shooting for. They must have some sort of propulsion system which propels them forward in the general direction of the target. They must be equipped with “sense organs” (radar, sonar, heat perception, etc ...) which can provide information about the target. These “sense organs” keep the machine informed when it is on the correct course. The machine does not respond to positive feedback, it is doing the correct thing and “just keeps on doing what it is doing.”

There must be a corrective device, however, which will respond to negative feedback. When negative feedback informs the mechanism that it has gone too far to the right, then it will store the mistake and modify the current action. If it is in overcorrects and heads too far left, this mistake is made known through negative feedback. The control system moves the rudder so it will steer the machine making errors, and continually correcting them. By a series of zig-zags it literally gropes its way to the target. Your unit must get feedback and correct its actions continually.

Your unit should re-evaluate its priorities and how they relate to overall unit goals, at least quarterly. Are they still relevant? Are they needed? This re-evaluation should review unit readiness goals, unit training programs, unit recruiting programs, unit retention programs, and unit Public Affairs programs.

Never hesitate to adjust priorities and drop a project and replace it with another one that will better meet your unit goals. It is not poor planning to reset goals as progress is checked. Goals may be modified, revised, deleted, or kept as is, just as long as they properly reflect progress to date.

Caution: Don’t use the re-evaluation as a “cop-out.” Take a realistic look at the readiness objectives to see if changes are necessary. Don’t change just for the sake of the change. At the same time, don’t ignore a change desired by unit personnel.

“A sensible person watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simpleton never looks, and suffers the consequences.”

Be sure your unit is operating like the sensible person by constantly monitoring and re-evaluating goals and methods. The beginning of the new year is an excellent time to establish your goals and objectives for the next year.

Covington’s 1485th TC Keeps on Trucking

Annual training wasn’t the old “ash and trash” runs that seem to be common to transportation companies, according to Maj. Charles E. L.Lean, MA, Engineer officer for the 1485th Transportation Company headquartered in Covington.

According to the lieutenant, the company was one of the first missions that covered over 19,000 accident-free miles in annual training this year. The mission, “This year the runs were over-the-road line hauling missions,” 1Lt Leanne said. “This is the type of mission we would have if we were called into an active situation.”

The missions were run to parts of Ohio, along with points in Michigan, Wisconsin and Kentucky.

The mission, “This was the first mission of the first week it was commanded by SFC Eugene Lewis, who explained the run was to Boston Mills, Ohio. The mission was a routine one, hauling equipment. It was routine.”
There’s A Serious Side to 179th’s ‘Buffoon Airlines’

BY MG T RUSSELL LEADBEATER
179th Tac Airlift Group

The Buckeye Guard

AB. One of our men tried to climb in the cockpit of the M109, but he could say he was the only man to fly a German fighter back across the United States at 25,000 feet. The man couldn’t figure how to get in the cockpit.

On the plane load of Army troops whose Commander asked to be flown to a defense post, the pilot willing to please, that is where we dropped them, only to discover on return to some states, the Army troops and their command were at the same point. The Commander’s liaison officer gave our crew the name of the airport and his face was a little red when the error was discovered.

And then there was the time that Capt. Howard... but enough of that.

ENGLISH JOIN BUFFOON

How far has Buffoon gone? Well, the English RAF just sent cash for 10 Buffo­

ines and tagg­

gages to another person who has been Buffoon.

Add a couple of earthquakes, a dam breaking, and movement of troops and material throughout the world and you have an idea of the type of missions and missions that the 179th is supporting on a regular basis.

It takes another ingredient to make the team jell. Our support personnel—maintenance, communications, administra­tion, supply, medical, etc.—you name it. They make up the team that makes or breaks a flying outfit. You can see one-taking place and the reason a plane is always ready for the unexpected emergency can be directly attributed to our support personnel.

UNISEX HANDS

When the plane lifts off, it’s the crew’s job to get the mission accomplished. In the 179th Group, there are 700 sets of unsexed hands in the 179th Group which help our planes lift and ac­cordingly, if they fail, and their importance cannot be overstated.

Now you know a little more about Buffoon from the serious side. Let’s take a look at it from a different side—Buffoon.

Like the mission when we flew a Ger­man M109 fighter in the 130 to Robins Mountainous Job: ‘Blue Ash Units Dig In

BY CPL. J. A. CONING
123rd Tac Con. Flt.

The members of the Ohio Air Guard’s 123rd Tac Con. Flt. and 124th Tac Con. Flt. at Blue Ash in Cincinnati recently did a mountain of a job.

The basic operation at Blue Ash is control of aircraft by use of radar. Unfortunately, the radar coverage is difficult to provide unless the radar antenna is on a tower. Since Buffoons have to provide radar control anywhere they are sent, the mounting and dismounting of the antenna was time consuming and difficult.

The mountain of dirt was built to allow the radar antenna to be driven to the top and provide maximum radar coverage and the quickest means of dismounting.

For the building of the mountain were almost all volunteers. The dirt was provided by several civilian contractors in the area who were building an office complex or homes.

The Army units of HHC, 134th Eng. Co., 372d Eng. Br., mounted the mountain of dirt were almost exclusively every National Guard unit in the state of Ohio has at least one individual who is an outstanding soldier. This soldier usually gets good examples by being on time to drills with hair always neat, boots shined and uniform clean. But primarily the outstanding soldier is a good soldier.

Pvt. Joseph R. Prephan is Headquarters Co., 412th Engineer Battalion’s soldier. He is the son of Attorney Michael Prephan Sr., Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio, and is a 1977 graduate of Bowsher High School, Toledo.

Pvt. Prephan is an ambitious young man who sought the means to satisfy his drive for excellence. The Ohio National Guard provided him with such an opportunity through its College Scholarship Program, and at the same time enhanced his skills as a well-rounded Guardman.

As a tactical airlift unit, the 179th must be ready to airlift paratroopers and equipment. The unit must also be ready to land and take off in support of ground troops.

At the 123rd training mission of the Mansfield unit, a drop zone is located on the base, and the unit was populated than the Mansfield area, enabling aircraft to be flown on realistic low level training flights.

Pvt. Prephan missed winning trainer of the cycle by just one-half a point on the final general knowledge test given by the drill instructors at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

During Aviation Individual Training (AIT) for the Carpenters Course, Pvt. Prephan did not let that honor elude him again. Upon graduation from AIT Pvt. Prephan had won every type of honor that could have been bestowed upon a trainee.

While in AIT, Pvt. Prephan was named the Distinguished Brigade Graduate by the Society for American Military Engineers. He also received a Letter of Commendation from the brigade commander of the 4th AIT Brigade, a Certificate of Training for the completion of the carpenters course, a commander’s certificate for being honor graduate of the carpenters course, a commander’s level 12 Baseline Fitness Certificate from the battalion commander of the 3rd Bn 4th AIT Bde, and a Certificate of Achievement for the highest Baseline Physical Fitness test.

Pvt. Prephan accomplished all of this within a two month time frame.

When the private returned to his Guard unit, he had to decide if he would stay in the Guard or go on active duty.

“I’m here now,” he said, “and I want to stay here and better my education, my unit, and the National Guard of Ohio by working hard and making the Guard a better place for everyone else.”
LTC Ladd’s Leadership Produced Top National Guard Shooting Program

By SGT. MARK BRACKEY

For twenty-eight years the Ohio National Guard marksmanship teams did not rank nationally, but that changed when the reigns of the marksmanship program were given to Maj. Gen. (Ret.) State Marksmanship Coordinator. In 1966 Ladd, then a staff training assistant, was assigned the additional task of marksmanship coordinator. By 1974, when he retired, the marksmanship program was so strong that a state-paid job was created which Ladd has held since. Ladd’s leadership has produced one of the most outstanding marksmanship programs in the nation. Under his guidance, individual shooters and teams are ranked with the best in the nation and the trophy case at the Beighler Armory in Columbus can hold only part of the many trophies his teams have won.

Ladd, who retired Oct. 5 from his present job, said that up until 1966 the marksmanship program in Ohio had little monetary as well as moral support at the state level.

“When I took over, I was able to get additional funding to support the shooter and also the assignment of a fulltime person,” he said.

He added that support consists of paying for the shooters’ individual travel expenses, match entry fees, and all ammunition. He said shooters used to pay for most of these expenses out of their personal funds.

“Ohio’s program is more successful than most because it is the only program placed on it by the State Adjutant General,” Ladd said.

Ladd said one of the unique parts of his job is the requirement to be present at group practices and at the competitions, which indicates his interest and provides necessary support for the shooters.

“You have to be there,” he continued. “You must be there ready to fire and there is no ammo to shoot. It’s part of my job to see that it is there.”

“Whoever my replacement is when I leave, I hope they realize they will have to be there for the program to continue successfully,” he said.

Another major factor in the success of Ladd’s marksmanship program is the selection and training of the leaders as well as the recruiting of good shooters.

Over the years Ladd has chosen his coaches from among the top line shooters and developed them into instructors. At present, the experience of the three marksmanship coaches for the Ohio National Guard’s team totals over 55 years.

Shooters are acquired for the marksmanship program either through recruiting efforts or from the state’s annual tryouts which will be held this year September 29 and 30 at Camp Perry, O. Ladd said a marksmanship program is an excellent recruiting device and that he has been able to enlist about five members per year through it.

SSG Joseph Pascarella, formerly of HHD, Worthington, was recruited from civilian life and SSG James Lenardson, HHD, 137th Supply and Service Bn., Toledo, was formerly in the Navy. Both were two of Ohio’s top shooters and were enlisted by Ladd.

There are additional requirements a shooter must have besides their keen eye, said the state coordinator. He said that he interviews all shooters who are recruited or selected from annual tryouts to determine if they have the time, interest and personality to be a valuable asset to the team.

In addition, the interested shooter must have enough time left in the National Guard to make it worth the funds that it will cost to develop their potential.

Ladd said that it takes an average of three years to train a new member to where they have the competitive abilities needed in our class of competition.

Ladd said that he demands that his shooters show improvement in their proficiency.

Competitive shooting is no different than bowling or golf — it requires the maximum effort in practice, he said.

Ladd said that a shooter must practice as often as his time permits, and added that often shooting must come first and personal pleasures second.

Physical conditioning is another aspect that is emphasized by Ladd. He expects team members to stay in good shape because marksmanship takes its toll in both physical and mental energy.

As an incentive for the shooters, Ladd has in the past few years bought with his own money a match rifle or pistol for any team member that won a major match. Pascarella, who broke the old record and (Continued on Page 22)

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Company Clerk Receives Presidential Recognition

By SSG M. G. ZICCAFOSE
HHC 1/148 Infantry

PCF Charles D. Dyar, Company Clerk of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry, Lima, recently was awarded a Presidential Certificate for excellence in journalism.

The FRONT PAGE is a unique publication designed to assist ONG unit-level Public Affairs personnel in developing and implementing effective unit-level Public Affairs Programs.

The FRONT PAGE Award is presented to the top publications worldwide in competition between the active Army, Reserves and National Guard.

The Ohio National Guard has won several other Community Awards for its statewide magazine, BUCKEYE GUARD, radio Public Service Announcements, and a video tape documentary.

SFC Bob DeVoe is the editor of the FRONT PAGE and SSG Nancy Clevenger serves as production assistant. The Buckeye Guard was judged best in the nation by Department of the Army.

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Deadline For Next Issue is Dec. 27
Groundbreaking Held For Hamilton Armory

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new million dollar Ohio National Guard Armory in Hamilton were held on October 16.

The new 300-person multi-unit armory will be built just south of Hamilton on the corner of Symmes and Gilmore Roads in Fairfield Township according to Colonel Robert Copeland, Assistant Quartermaster General for the Adjutant General for Ohio. The facility is being constructed to replace two outdated armories in Blue Ash and Hamilton. Both Headquarters, 134th Engineer Group, and B Company, 1st Battalion, 147th Infantry, will share the new building.

According to Adjutant General James C. Clem, construction of this new armory will help alleviate crowded and outmoded conditions both at the Hamilton and Blue Ash armories. Total cost of both land and building is over $1 million with the cost financed through 30 percent state funds and 70 percent federal dollars.

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Operation Minuteman Successful

Joint Ohio Army/Air Exercise at Mansfield

"Two days ago, aggressor forces crossed the geopolitical border separating Ohioana and Kentuckiana. The mission of Task Force 79-2 is to secure a forward airfield in support of future operations against this aggressor force. Ground forces participating will include elements of the 73d Infantry Brigade (Separate), 170th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the 2nd Battalion, 174th Air Defense Artillery. These forces will be supported by elements of the 179th Tactical Airlift, and the 180th Tactical Fighter Group. This operation will commence at 1000 hours.

No, this is not a scenario out of some service school Command Post Exercise. It is the beginning of a joint tactical operation between the Ohio Army and Air National Guard. The goal of such joint operations is to increase the cooperative spirit between these two service arms and to refine those combat skills necessary to win on the modern battlefield.

This exercise, called "Operation Minuteman," was conducted at the Mansfield-Yahn Airport in Mansfield.

The concept was to incorporate as many facets of tactical operations from the initial preparation of the objective by ground forces to the completion of airport security by ground forces. This operation was conducted in September as the Northern portion of the continuing joint mobilization training exercise in Ohioana known as "Buckeye Flag."

Key to the sustainability of aerial operations is the KC-135 tanker aircraft. These aircraft ensure that airborne tactical aircraft availability is maximized to the highest degree possible. As the initial point of the operations, a formation flight of aircraft simulating mid-air refueling was conducted. After a mid-air "drink" from the thermos, the fighters went to work.

A-A Corsair, an aircraft now flown by the fighter units within the Ohio Air Guard is rated as the best dive bomber in the world today. Its on-board computer makes its bombing and navigational capability unsurpassed. As it streaked at low levels over the ground, the steady roar of the engines were accentuated by the pulsating punch of machinegun fire as the ground rent in a cloud of dust from the aerial assault. Simulation of heavier ordinance delivery was accomplished with pinpoint accuracy. Initial preparation complete, the C-130 with fighter escort lumbered toward the objective. Tension was rising among the members of the 77th Infantry Detachment (Patrick Air) as the order "Strategic landing in the door" was given. Soon after, the air was filled with the majestics of the airborne fighter aircraft, continuing the orbit of the objective area, insured the continual security of the airborne troops until they were able to accomplish their own security. Gunships of the 179th Attack Helicopter Troop arrived on the scene and relieved the fighter aircraft.

The new arrivais continued the maintenance of aerial security as the flights of combat troops were air assaulted into the objective to join up with the paras and continue the operation.

Minor skirmishes broke out as the aggressors were dislodged from their hold on this terrain.

A call for additional firepower capability brought the landing of a gun section from the 1st Battalion, 136th Field Artillery, by C-130 aircraft in a short field tactical landing. This weapon continued to assure our superiority on the airfield, additional manpower and equipment were also brought in by C-130 aircraft to complete airfield security and complete the mission. The sustainability of this forward base of operation has insured the success in the repulsing of the aggressor from Ohioana.

During the course of the few short hours that this operation was conducted, several training missions were undertaken by members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard with one objective in mind — the further enhancement of mobilization readiness.

The Guard must be prepared to answer the call of the National Command Authority to meet the emergencies that may threaten this Nation's position within the free world. The Guard must also be capable of not only accomplishing its own inherent tactical and administrative missions, air or ground, but to insure total success, they must be able to totally integrate the efforts of the air forces and ground forces into a total cohesive team.

Is this type of operation unique? To the casual observer, maybe not. But, before you pass judgment, ask the opinion of the over 700 military participants. More importantly, don't pass judgment on our accomplishments until you ask the more than 25,000 civilian personnel who observed their National Guard in action and said, "We're lucky to have the National Guard."

Our Cover...

Our cover photograph was taken by SPS Ken White, Photo Section Chief for the 196th Public Affairs Detachment, Worthington, during Operation Minuteman.

Ohio Army National Guard helicopters were utilized to unload assault troops during the Joint Army/Air exercise.

Story By MAJ. James Chubb
State Training Office

THE C-130 is a highly versatile aircraft capable of moving both troops and supplies far forward and landing on unimproved airfields to insure continued support. Troops and equipment of Copt. B, 1st Bn., 146th Infantry are landed in support of Operation Minuteman. (PHOTO BY MSGT ZANE ZIMMERMAN.)

OHIO AIR GUARD fighter and airlift units supported ground operations during Operation Minuteman at Mansfield. (PHOTO BY MSGT ZANE ZIMMERMAN.)

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[END OF ROPE! This is one time you don't want to come to the end of your rope. Members of the Aerial Rifle Platoon, Air Troop, 196th ACR, demonstrate a means of entering the objective via helicopter. (PHOTO BY SPS KEN WHITE).]
Beefing It Up
Food Survey Reveals Chow Preferences
BY PVI FRANK DOUGLAS

Have a beef about the beef you find on your tray at your weekend drill? If you do, you’re not alone.

A food survey and a couple of interviews done at the 73rd Brigade Head- quarters Detachment show that at least some Guard members don’t like Chow cook.
The Army’s 14-day meal plan has been the target of much of the unfavorable comments and survey results. This plan, which many believe unchangeable, contains the menu and all of the recipes for the Ohio National Guard.

“The 14-day meal plan can be changed,” said Maj. Douglas E. Wilson, state food advisor, and he opened the doors to those who might want to try to bring about that change.

If the modification is not too drastic, the process is rather simple. There are a few adjustments the dining facility manager can make, Wilson said.

“If (the plan) is asking for baked chicken and his (the dining facility manager’s) unit won’t eat baked chicken but fried chicken, all he has to do is remember the next time chicken is on the menu to order a bag of flour so he can fry it,” he said.

“We have ethnic groups that would like certain things, and they like it prepared differently. They are allowed to do that,” he said.

SPAGHETTI SEDOM

However, if you aren’t happy with the selection (for example, according to the survey, the favorite of the troops of the 73rd is spaghetti which they said is seldom served) things can be a little more complicated.

“If you change an entire product, this has to be approved by your state menu board,” Wilson said.

“The big reason for that is we have to stay within what we call our Basic Daily Allowance,” he said.

“The menu board meets twice a year, and they (anyone with a complaint) would have to go, preferably, to their brigade level food advisor,” he said. “I don’t think they have to, they can submit a letter to the USPDG (United States Property and Fiscal Office).

“Every recommendation is not going to be on the menu,” Wilson said. “Some will be allowed; some won’t.

If the change desired is simply in the way the food looks, things can be done, “Limits have paprika and other garnishes at their disposal,” Wilson added.

FREPIT DE CORPS

“The real difference between an average meal and a superb meal, though, is the expertise of the people who prepare it,” said Sergeant George Hensley, state headquarters department food service sergeant.

He urged the troops to express their opinions, good, as well as their bad. He thought about what comes out of the kitchen, and mentioned that morale is hard to build if you have to look in the garbage to see how well the troops like the food.

So if the sponges on your plate torque your tongue, there are things that can be done about it. Talk to the folks working in the kitchen, especially your dining facility manager.

If there is nothing they can do for you, get the word to the state menu board, Maj. Wilson, or Sgt. Hensley.

They can be contacted at USPDG Logistics Dept., Brighter Armory, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

“Don’t guarantee we’ll change anything,” Wilson said. “But we’ll discuss it.”

C Rations Now in Soft Packs

The next time you are lucky enough to be issued C-rations you might find a slight change in what you are given.
The Army has changed the packaging of the combat food from the well known olive-drab can to a soft pack.

The move was made to make the C-rations, officially called meal, combat individuals (MCI’s), more portable. The packaging will also be unchangeable and can be opened by need.

Specialist Lori Erhman commented that the containers resemble potato chip bags.

“Don’t worry, though,” she said. “They’ll taste the same as the old C-rations.”

Barberton Unit Hosts Community

Members of Company H, 2/166th Air Cav in Barberton decided town members should know what’s going on in the Ohio National Guard.
The unit planned and held an open house recently, in addition, they picked up some publicity from a local newspaper article that outlined three ways to join the Guard.

Greensburg AASF Adds Special Touch

BY SSG REBECCA MONEYSMITH

For a child, an emergency trip to the hospital can be a frightening experience.

For a concerned parent, it can be devastating.

In some cases, Ohio National Guard members have the opportunity to make that experience less threatening. For example, the Ohio Army Aviation Support Facility in Greensburg often provide emergency transportation to Children’s Hospital.

But, according to unit commander COL Raymonde L. Wilson, “There is no way one can be prepared for what the child goes through.”

We have invited the fire department to send a representative to our next drill to teach the men CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation),” said COL Robert S. Genteman, battalion commander.

While the first detachment was training in Xenia, the rest of Company A was preparing to go to Washington County Common Pleas Court. Walker knows the value of learning, but notes that the IG must do more than just listen. The IG is the eyes and ears of the commander. He is required to conduct investigations and, of course, inspections. All of the IG’s work must be done overtly, with nothing done undercover, says Walker.

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Meet the IG:

Col. Robert D. Walker

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Infantry Officer Course Scheduled

An Infantry Officer Candidate Course for Reserve Components has been scheduled at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., from June 19 to August 25, 1980.

Individuals who have demonstrated outstanding capacity for leadership and who possess those qualifications desired in a commissioned officer, are encouraged to apply.

Those who are being considered for candidacy should be screened thoroughly to insure the applicant meets the administrative and other prerequisites of the course.

Application for School Training, NGB Form 64 and AGOH Form 37-1, accompanied by related documents listed in NGR 351-5 and NGR 600-100, must be submitted through normal channels to AGOH-SC no later than February 25, 1980.
Over hill, over dale, we will hit ... poison ivy?" It may never be sung in cadence, but it’s music to the ears of members of the 385th Medical Company (AMC). During their two week stay at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, the medics of that unit were responsible for the medical care of the Ohio Military Academy cadets. This care could include anything from field treatment to ground evacuation.

Thankfully, most of the work given to the medics involved poison ivy and rashes, according to 1LT James Lendavia, company commander.

"Some people just can’t take the cold like others can," he said. "The life of a medic isn’t all camalane lotion, however. Some services might be required at any time. At Atterbury, academy cadets had positioned themselves on a hill which was nearly impassable, even with a jeep. When one ambulance driver was asked how he maneuvered his vehicle up the tough terrain, he shrugged with the confidence of a pro and replied, ‘It wasn’t too tough.’"

Tourney competition is open to members of the 385th Medical Company (AMC) and the 385th Medics Association has announced it is sponsoring its Second Annual Bowling Tournament in April, 1989, according to President Wes Stenger.

The tournament will be held on two separate weekends, April 14-15 and April 26-27 — to circumspect scheduled unit training assemblies and allow more individuals to participate. Tourney competition is open to members of the Ohio Guard (Army and Air officer and enlisted), retired NG members, civilians employees of the ONG, advisors, members of the ONGA Auxiliary, and members of the Officers Wives Club.

The Enlisted Association members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing and the 160th Air Refueling Wing will be the hosts of this tournament, with Mr. Robert Bachman, a retired member of the 121st, serving as chairman.

BY PFC CHUCK TRITT
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We're the Best
77th Pathfinders Enjoy Jumping From Airplanes
BY PFC CHUCK TRITT
Staff Writer

If you are looking for a job that is a little different, the Ohio Army Guard may have just the unit for you. Ohio is one of a few states that have airborne National Guard troops. Ohio's unit is the 77th Infantry Detachment (Pathfinder) Airborne which drills in Columbus.

"Anyone who wants to jump from an airplane is probably the question most often asked when the subject of airborne troops comes up among non-jumpers," explained Sgt. Chuck Martin of the 77th Ist. Det. "I had been with the ranger brigade in Savannah, Georgia, and wanted to stay with the infantry when I got off active duty," said Cpl. Mark Pelphey who now lives in Mansfield.

"I came to Ohio because my parents had moved here from Maryland where I grew up, and because Ohio has the College Scholarship program to supplement my G.I. Bill assistance," Pelphey added. "I find the troops have more self-motivated and easier to work with than any other unit I've ever been with, said SSG Paul Tuth the unit's NCOIC, and a police officer in Oxford.

"This unit is smaller and more closely knit than most," Tuth continued.

"About the jumping out of planes Tuth said, "Nothing beats stepping out of a plane, there you really have to know what you're doing." Although the unit already has the highest percentage strength of any unit in the Ohio Army Guard it is always looking for more members, according to CPT John R. Basehart, the unit jump master.

"Regardless of the strength of a unit, a man can still enlist for it," said 1LT Gregg H. Shaw, unit training officer.

"We're hoping to get the detachment's table of organization and equipment (TOE) changed so that there will be more slots," Shaw added.

Shaw is proud of his men and noted that most have already attended college or are attending now under the scholarship program. The spirit of the members of the 77th Ist. Det. was summoned up best by Sgt. Martin, "We're the best troops in the state."

NEW IMAGE—Although they aren't required to participate in field training, members of the 385th chose to get involved. Lt. James M. Lendavia used the mirror of an ambulance to check the application of camouflage paint before a night exercise. (PHOTO BY PFC CHUCK TRITT)

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The Dreaded COMET Can Be Painless

Some soldiers feel that being hit by a COMET can be deadly, but according to LTC James Feasley, assistant state maintenance officer, the encounters can be quite painless.

COMET, or command maintenance evaluation team, "hits" each unit once a year. Its primary concern, according to the colonel, is maintenance, which includes management, training and safety. The reason units have trouble with COMET inspections, according to LTC Feasley, is because all the officers in the unit are certain how to prepare for the event, or even know it's coming.

The pain-killer prescribed by the maintenance officer is a healthy dose of MAIT. The maintenance instruction team is available to help all units with problem areas. Members of the MAIT are not inspectors, the colonel stressed, nor are they sent to the units to do the preparatory work. "The advantage," Feasley said, "is that MAIT members know what is required for the COMET inspection. To obtain help from a MAIT team, write a letter or request to the appropriate maintenance support unit specifying the area in which assistance is needed. The colonel added that the requesting unit should allow plenty of time for the scheduling of MAIT assistance.

CAPTAIN PETER COLLINS spends some time doing research preparing for a trial. (PHOTO BY TSgt TOM FOLEY)

BY PFC CHUCK TRITT

Cpt. Peter Collins Provides Dual Service to Area

Stepping out of his A-7D Corsair II fighter following one of the many missions he flies with the 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron, CPT Peter Collins steps into the world of law in his civilian occupation as an attorney on the staff of Franklin County Prosecutor George C. Smith.

The 166th is a unit of the 251st Tactical Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, stationed at Rickenbacker Air Force Base.

CPT Collins joined the prosecutor's staff after serving two years of internship with them. His job is to present cases to the grand jury for indictments and prepare cases for trial. He is also working his way into the criminal trial staff. Following graduation from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., Collins served in the Air Force before joining the Guard. He entered Ohio State University School of Law and received his degree in 1979.

BY PFC CHUCK TRITT

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Cpt. Peter Collins Provides Dual Service to Area
Ken Amos Thrives on Schooling

BY SGT MARTY METZLER
179TH TAG, Mansfield

Unlike the old cliché "back of all trades and master of none," Lt. Ken F. Amos seems to have adjusted to a variety of jobs and has done each very well.

Presently the Budget Officer in Finance for Mansfield's 179th Tactical Air Lift Group, Ken began his career as a Highway Patrolman working the Ohio Turnpike for two years. He joined the Mansfield unit in March of 1964 and later became a full-time technician.

While in the unit, the lieutenant has worked in life Support (five years), Operations (five years), Finance (three years). Maintenance (one year), and is now back in Finance.

To be fully qualified to hold all of these jobs, Lt. Amos has gone through extensive training and schooling.

First, he attended the University of Akron's evening college while working days as a full-time Air National Guard Technician. He received his BA degree in Sociology.

Next, he attended Maintenance Analysis School, a 60 day course, which he finished as honor graduate in just nine days. Most recently Amos attended the Accounting and Finance School for 12 weeks at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas, again as an honor graduate.

Lt. Amos and his wife, Mary Ann, have two children and reside in Mansfield, Ohio, where Ken is active in local organizations.

Austie Guest

DSA VISITOR – Inspector H. George Hanison, of the Australian Capital Terri
tory Police, Canberra City, Australia, (left) recently paid a visit to the Ohio Disaster Services Agency in the Beighler Armory, Washington, D.C. discussed disaster and emergency procedures with MAJ Curtis Griffeth, Deputy Director of Ohio DSA. (PHOTO BY SFC BOB BOVE)

Ohio's Auxiliary Top in Nation

Ohio won the AR '79 Awards Program. This was truly a great accomplishment to be the top state of all the states that belong to the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary. It is a thrill for me to be able to present the First Place Trophy and Certificate to Ilo Marvin, Ohio treasurer, who chaired the Ohio Delegation to the 79th Phoenix Conference.

Ohio also had the largest delegation of any state present. Those attending and serving in various capacities were Ilo Marvin, chairman, chairman's assistant, delegates Dolores Hines, Norma Zelnik, Thelma Scherzey, Rhonda Spees and Evelyn Hillisook. The alternates were Andy Budle, Judy Morrissey and Virginia Harmon. Ruth Morover served on the nomination committee, Carolyn Vasko served on resolutions. June Young served on area veech. There were three new members, Sandra Monastara, Aidna Mansfield and Ilo Marvin who gave the opening address. This was a truly a great time to be at the Phoenix City Park. The food was delicious and the entertainment was super. We renewed the 1979 National Conference behind us, we are looking forward to the upcoming events of our association.

Information will be forthcoming for the Annual Ohio National Guard Softball Tournament which will be hosted by District 4/Air, Springfield, Ohio.

We are really proud of the membership drive and would like to encourage all members to sign up at least one soldier. The more members we have, the more we can do for all. The Voice is a magazine published every three months for informational purposes or note of interest that you would like to see in coming issues please send them to the Editor, Ohio National Guard Auxiliary, P.O. Box 215, Dublin, OH 43017.

The next All State Conference will be November 25, 1979. Information about this will be released later. All members and guests are welcome.
Flight School

Guard men and women are currently being selected to apply for flight training according to COL Robert P. Orr, state aviation officer. According to the colonel, the field is wide open to those who meet the physical and mental requirements. Guard applicants who are eligible will attend a 10-month school at FT. Rucker, Alabama. The school, which is considered “very tough,” includes officer training as well as flight training. But successful students graduate as warrant officers with flight wings. Soldiers interested in the program should contact their unit ASTI for information on initial qualifications criteria.

Telemark Help

Company C, 146th Infantry, Van Wert, participated in the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon in September. Company members were present to answer telephones and man the “bitch bowl” from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Haines Cow Winner

Airman Basic Jeff Haines recently proved the unpredictability plays off. AMM Haines, an Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE) specialist with the Ohio Air Guard’s 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, has been entering his heifers in the Greene County Fair for the last nine years. For the fourth year in a row this year his cow took home the blue ribbon. A 1978 Xenia High School graduate and current RTE member, Jeff joined the Air National Guard to take advantage of the college funding effort were PSG John L. Marshall and TSGD Clouse.

Receive UK Award

Members of Det. 1, Co. A, 166th Infantry, Xenia, received an award from the United Kingdom recently presented to the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) for the period April 1 to July 31.

Safety Trophy

The United States Air Force’s Tactical Air Command (TAC) Flight Safety Trophy Wing recently received by the Buckeye Color Guard — by BG JAMES ABRAHAM, Asst. Adj. Gen. for Army, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. NOAK, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for National Guard, Ohio. The awards were presented on behalf of the Governor of Ohio for the outstanding media support both have consistently furnished the Ohio Air Guard during Annual Training at Rickenbacker.

TROOP I OPEN HOUSE

Troop I, 3rd Squadron, 107th ACR, Steubenville, recently conducted an Open House.

Visitors were also provided the opportunity to view the National Guard filings — “Voices of Freedom” and “Alway Ready, Always True,” according to recruiter SFC Eugene Grouse.

Next Deadline is Dec. 27

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Dr. John T. Bonner, of Columbus, has received the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal from Secretary of the Army CLIFFORD ALEXANDER for outstanding service as Civilian Aide to Secretary of the Army, the Southern Office of the Office of the Secretary of the Army from March, 1973, to March, 1979. The high award was presented by MG GEN. JAMES L. LINDSAY, Commander of U.S. Army Readiness Region VI, Ft. Knox, during ceremony in recognition of Adjutant General JAMES C. CLIN.

TSGT Christopher Bickel recently received the citation for $1,700 from R. G. HARRY COCHRAN, commander of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, for his superior work at the wing. The award resulted in a $240,000 savings to the Air Force. His suggestion dealt with the fabrication of a counting accelerometer testing facility.

Ohio Army Guardsman John T. TWOGH, a lifetime member of Youngstown AMVETS Post #44, has been named Outstanding AMVET of the Year by the Ohio AMVETS for their state convention in Dayton. TWOGH, a graduate of the Ohio State University’s 107th ACR.

MSGT Adam Talercio has retired from the Ohio Air Guard’s 17th Communications Flight in Mansfield. He completed over 26 years of duty in a variety of fields.

TSGT Charles A. Bauer, a member of the Combat Support Squadron, 179th Tactical Airlifting Group, was recently selected Outstanding Guard Airman of the Year for 1978. Bauer was a senior cook with the unit. A 1976 graduate of The Crawford County Avalanche, Grayling, MI, and Mr. Peter Allen, General Manager for KFMY Radio, Grayling, were recently presented the Ohio National Guard 121st Tactical Fighter Wing’s Buckeye Color Guard — by BG JAMES ABRAHAM, Asst. Adj. Gen. for Army, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth G. NOAK, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for National Guard, Ohio.

JSNEL AIRMAN BARRY BROWN; SFC Chester Porter; and SGT. CLIVE barnes, recently received a Citation for Meritorious Service Medal for their performance at the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker Air Force Base.

TAKING AIM — Staff Sergeant Ernest Holyczas takes aim at an aggressor during the 121st Weapons Systems Security Flight’s annual training at Rickenbacker Air Force Base. (PHOTO BY TSGT Tom FOLLY.)
178th Civil Engineers Rebuild Historic Hut

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AIC VICKI L. TURNER surveys the site for the reconstruction of a World War II Nissen Hut at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB. She is a member of the 178th Civil Engineering Flight, Springfield. (PHOTO BY HUGH JOHN ZULNIK)

LTC Frank Ladd

won the National Center Fire Pistol Championship in 1978 received a center fire pistol. Leonardiorn, who also broke the state record received the same.

Another credit to Ladd's outstanding performance as the state's marksman-ship coordinator is the Junior Marksmanship Program.

According to Ladd, Ohio has always had teams and individuals that placed in the top 10 in the nation. Miss Dena Orth, a popular member of the Buckeye hospitality was liberally dispensed as Ohio's women were running this hospitality room, as well as hosting each table at the Higbee’s luncheon, and every booth on the tour. The special gift for each lady was a wooden cardinal, our Ohio bird, cleverly hand-painted and perching on a branch. These favors were the gift of the Ohio National Guard Officers’ Wives Club. This fact prompted many women from other states to comment upon the fact that Ohio has such an artistic and enthusiastic OWC. Surprisingly, some states have no OWC. However, the Ohio girls got lots of questions about the formation of such groups.

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provides the money for the club’s expenses and for its Guard-related charitable work.

Is it possible that the holiday season is in full swing so soon? In the midst of the baking, shopping, and gift wrapping, it is good to take a break. Take a moment to reflect upon the past year and to look forward to the new year. The Ohio National Guard Officers’ Wives Club has had an excellent year, 1979, and 1980 promises to be even better!

CONFERENCE NOTES

The 1980 OH NG Officers Conference, hosted by Ohio, in October, was widely regarded by the ladies in attendance, as an unequalled success. Marilyn Whitmire, who was the keynote speaker, discussed an array of items to be carried forward in an orderly and pertinent manner. The above conference was an example of the type of program activities for some 500 delegates’ visits. The schedule featured a museum tour and luncheon at beautiful Eton Square, and another luncheon, with style show, at Higbee’s department store. Also offered were three excellent in-house seminars. The large variety of rooms for ladies were open all day, each, with coffee and refreshments.

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Wishing You and Yours
A Blessed Holiday . . .

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

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

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

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Asst Adj Gen for Army

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