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New Year is Opportunity

I know what you’re saying, “There he goes again, never satisfied, always applying a little more pressure.” Well, that’s how it is folks. You know the old saying, “Do a little more each day than everyone expects, and pretty soon everyone will expect more.”

In the past year, “You Done Good!” Air Guard strength is over 100%, Army side is up from 82% to 92% and heading for a 100%. There are more NCO’s attending schools, more officers graduating from OCS and ROTC, more members attending college, more minority participation, more minority officers, higher C ratings, fewer unsatisfactory ratings on inspections, fewer failures in basic and advanced individual training, and fewer ghosts on the rosters.

All in all, 1980 was quite a year, one that every member can take pride in since each of you contributed in some manner to our success.

So you want to know what’s my beef? How can you do better? What’s the problem? Well, I’ll tell you — we are still letting a few things fall through the cracks.

First, there’s training. There are still a lot of dull spots in weekend drills and people standing around. We have all kinds of bright people in the Guard who would make good instructors, but they aren’t being used. Result, a few instructors are overloaded and don’t have time to prepare adequately; let’s spread the load and do better. This is the Number 1 Priority.

Second, there’s administration. Have you looked at efficiency reports and your other records lately? With 20 Year Boards working on all ranks now, it’s unfair to your personnel not to work on counseling. Make sure that the efficiency reports accurately reflect the individual’s true value to the Guard and his records are correct including all accomplishments and citations.

Third, there’s supply, safety and maintenance. We are losing too much clothing and equipment and having too many accidents and injury claims. Explain to new recruits their responsibilities for equipment; inventory constantly; check state driver’s licenses for points before issuing military driver’s licenses and remind drivers to be cautious when you pass out log books. Supply and safety offers an area in which we can save over $500,000 this year over last year’s experience. With dollars hard to come by, we need everyone’s help.

More importantly, no one wants to be responsible for someone’s injury or death.

Fourth, personal appearance and health. We need to continue to work for further improvements in physical conditioning, personal appearance, military courtesy and observance of height and weight standards. Fat files, aren’t being maintained and that’s not fair to your people. Recording their progress monthly may be the basis for their retention and will serve to let them know you care. Overweight personnel need their commander’s encouragement.

Fifth and finally, public information and community involvement is being forgotten in some units. The community is the lifeblood of the National Guard. Your public information program can keep the community informed and involved in your activities. When they are proud of you and your unit, your recruiting problems will ease.

So now you know where the challenges are for 1981. All are things to which each of us can contribute to the overall improvement. Check your appearance and performance; volunteer to teach a subject you like; ask to see your personnel records and to discuss your efficiency report; let someone know if your pay doesn’t come on time; take a look at your equipment; drive that military truck as if it were your personal Cadillac; get in shape; and most important of all, let people know you are in the Ohio National Guard prepared to serve your state and nation and damn proud of it!

Like I said, “1981 — Another Opportunity in which to Excel.” Rise to the occasion.

Benefits 1981

Introducing the 1981 Buckeye Guard Blue Book, MG Robert Teater writes in his article that real benefits include patriotism, pride, sacrifice, hard work and responsibility. We agree with General Teater. There is nothing more important than the defense of our freedom, and nothing more rewarding than being a part of that defense through service in the Ohio National Guard.
Responsibility is Rent for House of Freedom

It's difficult to believe that another year has gone by and that it is again time for our annual benefits issue of THE BUCKEYE GUARD. This issue has become one of the most valuable informational items we have published. We find that it is used a great deal and has become a fine reference throughout the Ohio National Guard. It has prompted other states and reserve components to do the same.

Each year, I have commented on the value of knowing what benefits are available to members of the National Guard and, in emphatic terms, that there are other benefits besides bonuses, retirement privileges, etc. which we need to consider. This year will be no different.

One of the greatest benefits to me has been, and still is, the psychological boost I get when I realize that service of any kind to our country helps discharge the responsibility we all have toward the maintenance of the heritage of freedom, rights and liberties that we enjoy in this great country of ours. To put it another way, RESPONSIBILITY IS THE RENT WE OWE FOR OUR HOUSE OF FREEDOM.

Let's reverse the concept of individual benefits and look at it from another aspect. What are the benefits that a nation receives from its citizens? This must be considered in terms of what should be accomplished or what are the objectives of the benefits provided a nation by its citizenry? The goal, of course, is that the republic will survive. In a society such as ours, imbued in the dignity of the individual and the rights and freedom of its citizens, it has to be the maintenance of that philosophy which results in the perpetuation of the heritage I referred to earlier.

Our country remains strong and will endure as long as we American citizens recognize our responsibility and our importance in the heritage of our nation and its continuation. After all, the question should be, what is our responsibility in keeping us free men and women? It seems to me that we have to recognize three basic fundamental concepts. One is that the entire philosophy of freedom as we know it hinges on the willingness of our citizens, or the citizen-soldier concept if you will, to act when threats to our nation occur. We must be willing to sacrifice the time and effort necessary to serve our nation. This is the heritage of the Minuteman. Second, we as American citizens must project through our elected and appointed leaders a visible willingness to defend our nation. This is the identity of the Minuteman. Third, as visible support for this concept of our will, we must maintain an active armed force well trained and well equipped to respond to threats to our freedom in any way they might occur. The active force however, only enjoys world and national credibility when it is backed up by the citizen-soldier.

This, to me, is the only workable formula that has any chance of preventing war and keeping our nation at peace. The satisfaction of being an American citizen and a member of the Ohio National Guard provides us with the ultimate privilege of exercising our responsibility as Citizens. This helps pay the rent that we owe for the house of freedom. This concept will sustain us in times of stress when all the material benefits will not seem so important.

Air Guard is Haven

"Blue Bolt" finds Safe Home

BY SRA LORI DONIERE

Through the cooperation of the State Highway Patrol and the Ohio Army National Guard, the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, Toledo Express Airport, is presently the new home site for the military emergency communications van "Blue Bolt".

"Blue Bolt" is a 40 foot long blue trailer. It is to be used as the on-site communications center for emergency-type situations such as blizzards or tornados. "Blue Bolt" belonged to the State Highway Patrol. The Patrol purchased a motor home to replace "Blue Bolt" and the trailer sat abandoned for almost ten years. The Ohio Army Guard found out about the trailer, realized its military potential, and the Patrol donated the trailer to the Army Guard.

But, the Army Guard had a shortage of qualified men to operate "Blue Bolt", and maintain its sophisticated electronic communications equipment. So, "Blue Bolt" was entrusted into the safe and able hands of the Air Guard.

TSgt. Rick Shoemaker of the 180th TFG Communications Flight prepares to receive a message at the communications center of the "Blue Bolt." The "Blue Bolt" is a forty-foot trailer housing sophisticated communications equipment and is used as the on-site communications center for the National Guard for emergency situations. (PHOTO BY SRA LORI DONIERE.)

The Buckeye Guard
Capt. Brian Rott.

Twenty-three cadets visited the Akron-Canton Flight Facility recently and received a briefing from Air Troop 1 Membership Participant, 135th Military Police Company, Fairview Park and Christopher Service.

BY MSGT. DON LUNDY

Major General Robert W. Teater, Commander of the Ohio Area Command, recently received a Meritorious Service Award for his service as a member of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee (ARFPC).

General Teater served on the ARFPC from 1977 to December 31, 1980. He was initially appointed to serve three years as a member-at-large on the committee. In December 1979, he was asked by Secretary of the Army Clifford L. Alexander Jr., to serve an additional year as a principal member from Fifth Army, which includes Ohio.

The ARFPC, established by the Defense Act of 1916, is the principal advisory body in Washington, D.C. to both the Secretary and the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army.

The committee, comprised of 15 members, considers policy matters affecting all Army reserve components.

In a citation which accompanied the Meritorious Service Award, General Teater was recognized for "outstanding military leadership and professional acumen which greatly enhanced Committee decisions affecting the highest levels of Army policy. His interest, enthusiasm, and wholehearted participation in all aspects of Committee endeavors have earned him the highest respect and regard . . ." The citation also noted that General Teater's "extensive military experience and analytical skills resulted in perceptive and meaningful contributions to Committee work group discussions and decisions . . .".

General Teater, 53, served in the U.S. Army Infantry in both the U.S. and Korea between 1951 and 1953. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star and Commendation Medal.

General Teater's civilian occupation is Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, a position he has held since his appointment by Governor James A. Rhodes in 1973.

The Buckeye Guard
Uniforms Have Changed in Color and Style

BY SFC DANNY FLAUGHER

A dashing cavalry officer takes the field. Wearing long, snowy white ostrich and heron plumes, a gold collar and belt, pink riding breeches, canary yellow boots and gilded stirrups, Prince Joachim Murat fights for Napoleon in the 1812 invasion of Russia. He rides a horse with sky-blue saddle cloth as a cloak of leopard fur hung with crimson tassels streams behind him.

Different armies during different wars wore different styles. For example, King George II of England 1683-1760 insisted that his soldiers wear their hair powdered and in pigtailed. Each pigtail was encased in a small black bag to prevent the hair grease from staining the back of the uniform. The pigtails were abolished around 1805; the Royal Welsh Fusiliers British Infantry Regiment was the last to wear them.

Sir John Moore introduced dark green coats into British infantry regiments in 1803 so the skirmishers could conceal themselves in the woods or underbrush. The coats bore the word “Rifle” because Moore had also introduced the rifle into the British army.

No longer does military dress have the garish splendor that it did in the Napoleonic era. Bright colors and the polished metal insignia disappeared from the soldier’s service dress right after World War I. In most armies today there is a field or service uniform of non-assertive color (olive drab, dull green, gray or khaki) and a dress or garrison uniform which preserves traditional values by retaining the colors and ornamentation of former times, at least to some degree.

YESTERYEAR’S GUARDSMAN — George Elmer Green poses in his Ohio National Guard dress uniform in the early 1900s.

Annual Family Day

54th Support Involves Family

BY 2ND LT. DEBORAH GREEN

Santa Claus, Magic and Information were all part of the 54th Support Center’s first Annual Family Day.

Husbands and wives joined their Guardmember’s spouses in December for an afternoon and evening of information and fun.

While parents were receiving their annual legal briefing and being reminded of the many benefits of Buckeye Guard membership, the children were being entertained and amazed by Duncan the Magician.

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The afternoon was capped off by reuniting parents and children for a delicious potluck dinner. Following dinner, the parents were entertained by the 54th Support Center Dependent Children’s Choir under the direction of Sgt. Ray Dalrymple.

The eventful day was brought to a close by a surprise visit from Santa who had a gift in his duffle bag for every child.

The Family Day left every member and his family a little more conscious of the duties and the rewards of being a part of America at its best.

Governors Use Guard 25 Times in October

During the month of Oct, the Governors of 11 states used their National Guard 25 times to assist civil authorities on preservation of life, protection of property, and to maintain order. This involved the call-up to State Active Duty of 165 Guard personnel. During fiscal year 1980 (Jan 1-Oct 31) over 23,233 Guard personnel have been placed on State Active Duty to assist civil authorities during 364 emergency conditions. This involved the use of 200,149 man-days.
Clergy are Guests of 178th TFG

BY SSgt DAVID TAYLOR

Twenty-five clergymen from the Dayton-Springfield area were guests of the Springfield based 178th Tactical Fighter Group in December for "Clergy Day."

The clergymen, representing nine different denominations, were greeted by the chaplain of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Chaplain (1st. Lt.) John Ellington. Their day started with a time of devotion followed by the introduction and official welcome by Lt. Col. Richard Higgins, Base Commander, and Lt. Col. Richard Markley, Commander of the 178th Combat Support Squadron.

The purpose of the event was to help build a closer relationship between the clergy who serve the Guardmember in civilian life and the chaplain who serves the Guardmember in his military capacity.

Following briefings on the various missions of the Guard and on the A-7D Corsair II attack aircraft, which the unit flies, the clergymen were given an orientation flight in a C-130 Hercules aircraft. This was the first time a group of clergymen has been given an orientation ride in a C-130.

The clergymen also had the opportunity to share lunch with their respective Guardmember followed by an individual tour of the base and their work area.

Chaplain Ellington said the day was a great success and for him, "the most exciting day I have had in the Air National Guard."

Engineer Units are Superior

National Guard bureau Superior Unit Awards for Training Year 1979 were garnered by two companies for the 216th Engineer Battalion and a company for the 612th Engineer Battalion.

Headquarters Company and Company C, 216th Engineers, of Portsmouth and Felicity respectively, and Company A, 612th Engineers, Walbridge, were the only 3 Ohio Army Guard units that qualified for the Award.

To achieve the Superior Unit Award, units must maintain an average 95% of their authorized strength throughout the training year, have at least 95% of assigned strength MOS qualified at the end of the training year, have a monthly unit training assembly attendance average of 95% of assigned strength and have at least a 95% consecutive attendance rate at annual training.

Units must also have a C-2 or higher rating, have 95% of its personnel qualified on assigned weapons and be recommended by the next higher headquarters.

A Satisfactory on the Annual General Inspection is also a prerequisite as is an effective maintenance program.

Woody is First

BY SSgt DEAN WEHNEMAN

Sergeant First Class Edward "Woody" recently became the First Sergeant of Battery C, 1/136th Field Artillery.

Woody has 10 years National Guard experience in the field artillery, serving as gunner, chief of section and, most recently, gunnery sergeant.

Woody replaced First Sergeant Edward Dawson, who had been the First Sergeant since January 1977.

Dawson, a twenty-eight year veteran of active and National Guard service, has become a Master Sergeant and is the maintenance shop supervisor of the battery. Dawson also recently extended his enlistment.
Top Ohio Army, Air Shooters Compete

BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS and PFC RON CAPANIRO

Ohio’s top Army and Air National Guard shooters competed in the Winston P. Wilson Rifle/Pistol Championships held in September at Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark.

According to Col. Leslie Pletcher, State Marksmanship coordinator, of the four teams that participated, three will continue on to the next level of competition — the FORSCOM Regional Matches.

The four teams that competed in the Wilson Matches included: Combined Composite Rifle, Combat Rifle, Combined Composite Pistol and Combat Pistol.

Pletcher feels the competition at the Wilson Matches this year was stiffer than in previous years. “Next year we intend to place more emphasis at the unit level through gallery matches,” he said.

Gallery matches are conducted in two phases. The first phase pits the unit members against each other and members of other units. Phase II combines the four top shooters in a unit to compete in the annual Governors Trophy Match.

Pletcher says that some of the units will be switching to .22 caliber adapters which will help. “In the past, some of our units have had to curtail practice shooting sessions because ammunition was hard to come by or facilities were inadequate to handle the larger calibers,” he said. “The conversion to .22 adapters will solve both of these problems and we should see quite an increase in the quality of our shooters.”

COMBINED COMPOSITE RIFLE TEAM

The combined composite rifle team finished tenth overall, competing against 40 other state teams. In one phase of the competition — the Infantry Trophy Team Match — Ohio’s team took first place. Team members who competed in the trophy match were: Sp4 Raymond H. Schramm, HHD, 137th Sup & Svc Bn.; Sgt. Marvin E. Cox, Co. A, 216th Engineers; T Sgt. Terry L. Martino, 121st CAM Sqdn.; SSgt. James L. Sayre, 121st CAM Sqdn.; SSgt. David L. Beveridge, Btry B, 2/174th ADA and Capt. Richard E. Martin, 123rd TAC Control Flight. Martino was the overall top Ohio shooter.

COMBAT RIFLE TEAM

The team from 200th Civil Engineers Sqdn., Port Clinton, finished in the top

You Have To Advertise

It may not be the most unique way of selling the Ohio National Guard, but it does get the attention of his Amherst neighbors.

Major Jerry Brove, the S-3 of the 112th Engineer Battalion, may have the largest Ohio National Guard logo in the State.

If you’re interested in letting your neighbors know you are in the Ohio National Guard, and have a blank garage door, a print with dimensions and tips can be obtained by writing Brove. His address is: 936 Sharondale Drive, Amherst, Ohio 44001.
OMA News

NCO School Graduates 78

BY SP4 CHUCK TRITT

The 78 members of the Advanced Class of the NCO Education System of the Ohio Military Academy (OMA) graduated Sunday, December 14. The ceremony was held at the Beightler Armory, home of the OMA, and was followed by an open house at the armory. COL John Siemer (Ret.), past commander of the 50th MP Group, was the guest speaker at the graduation.

The class members, who came from all around the state, are mostly E-6’s and E-7’s with a few E-5’s. The graduates have successfully completed 60 hours of training including personnel management, leadership and conducting of military skills training. They will now return to their home units to work as platoon or section sergeants.

The Color Guard at the ceremony was provided by the 612th Engineer Bn.

Members of the current Officers Candidates School (OCS) are about to become Senior Candidates. The change in status brings with it many privileges the candidates have been denied during the past year. The class is also preparing for an upcoming trip to Ft. Benning to train with the Ranger Department. The training at Ft. Benning involves tactical skills that the candidates will apply at their summer camp later this year.

An NCO Senior Course will be held for E-8’s and E-9’s in February. Classes will be conducted during the week of February 23 and consist of 50 hours of training. Enrollment is limited to 25-30 people.

The next Officers Candidate Course will start April 25. Applications for this two year program that leads to commissioning must be in by March 15.

Staff Sergeant Roy Adams, of HHD, 237th Spt Bn in Springfield, was the Outstanding Graduate of Class II Advance NCO Course. Adams is being congratulated by Col. John Siemer (left). Siemer gave the keynote address at the graduation ceremonies. (PHOTO BY 1LT VICTOR DUBINA.)

Shible is First To be Qualified

An Ohio National Guardmember is the first woman in the history of the University of Toledo to become parachute jump qualified.

ROTC cadet Beverly Shible went through three weeks of rigorous training last summer at Ft. Benning, Ga. Cadet Shible serves as a “third lieutenant” in the Guard’s 416th Engineer Group through the Simultaneous Membership Program.

Cadet Shible’s military activities took up most of her summer. First, she attended a six-week ROTC Advanced Camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash., where she completed the Army’s physical training test fourth out of 120 women. Then she and 11 other women (out of more than 350 enlisted, officers and cadets from all branches of service, completed the airborne training. From there she went to her National Guard annual training.

“...As a woman in the military, sometimes you have to go overboard to show you are equal,” she explains.

Cadet Shible said she doubts she will receive further airborne training because women cannot serve in combat situations. She said she might take the Canadian airborne course if the opportunity were offered.

Cadet Shible is a junior majoring in accounting in the University of Toledo College of Business Administration. She also works part-time in the university’s Veteran Affairs Office.

Clubhouse Open For Winter Fun

The Clubhouse Personnel at Camp Perry are putting a pilot program into operation for winter fun. They are keeping seven inner-circle cottages open this winter as rental units.

All cottages are heated with full bath, kitchen facilities and sleeping accommodations. All you need to bring with you are your groceries and clothing.

There will be ice skating available on Lake Erie, snowmobile routes will be marked for you to follow and you may also rent ice shanties for fishing at modest daily or weekly rates.

Your reservations will be accepted by calling (419) 635-2519 or writing to Camp Perry Clubhouse, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452. Office hours are 7:30 to 4:00 daily during the winter months. Remember, Guardmembers get a discount of approximately 25 percent.

So, come to Camp Perry for your winter vacation.
1981 Buckeye Guard
"Blue Book"
A Guide to Your Benefits
Real Benefits are Patriotism, Pride

BY MG ROBERT TEATER

The term “benefits” is a common buzz word today. It is heralded from the Pentagon to Podunk, through electronic media and over the backyard fence, to attract young people into military service. More broadly, “benefit packages” have become a standard part of our broad societal achievement goals. “Benefits” has almost become synonymous with “security”. This is very dangerous!

There is nothing wrong with benefits in the right context. Benefits are valuable tools for commanders and recruiters to build unit strength. Bonus money in the pocket, paid education, and monthly paychecks all add up to make National Guard service the best part-time job around.

But true security lies beyond the benefits of money in the pocket or a training trip to Europe. Security relates to our ability to preserve individual freedom, to protect our homes and families against natural disaster or human intrusion, to defend our communities or states, to avert war with other countries through strength—or to win a war if necessary.

Security also relates to mental resolve and physical strength, national defense and military readiness, and a sense of purpose and commitment to causes beyond our own short-term personal goals. These elements of true security are the real benefits from our service and our contribution to the National Guard.

Why don’t we as officers and NCOs talk more about the real benefits? Are we too timid to mention patriotism, pride, sacrifice, hard work or responsibility? Or do we believe that young people do not want to hear these things anymore?

Young people today are not different from other generations, except perhaps they are smarter and speak up more. This is good! I believe it is our responsibility — those of us in the Guard — to talk straight about the real threats to our freedom and the real benefits of national defense. We should talk to our potential recruits, to our young soldiers, our elected officials, and our friends and neighbors. We should tell them there is nothing more important than defense of our freedom, and nothing more rewarding than being a proud part of that defense through service in the Guard.

Let me end with two personal experiences. There was a time, not long ago, when we were uneasy about traveling or appearing in public in uniform. On a recent one-day trip to and from the Pentagon, I traveled in uniform by commercial air. Everyone along the way was outwardly interested and most courteous. You could even detect a certain degree of shared pride and enthusiasm in their inquisitiveness. That made me feel good. (A beautiful stewardess on the plane even offered me a drink on the house. I politely declined, but that really made me feel good!)

Secondly, while talking recently to a young (17 years old) potential recruit, I naturally mentioned our Ohio scholarship assistance as an enticing benefit. Mike, without hesitation, said, “Thank you, Mr. Teater, but the main reason I want to enlist is that I love this country and I want to do my share to serve it.” That also made me feel good! And it reminded me again of the real benefits of the National Guard.

Credit Union Serves Army and Air Guard

The Ohio Military Federal Credit Union, at 1A Avenue and Third Street, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, has announced Saturday hours from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to better serve the Ohio Army and Air National Guard.

A full range of financial services are available starting with its Share Saving Programs, including money market and share certificates, offering flexibility plus high yields. Its Basic Share Account pays a healthy 6 percent quarterly dividend. “SUPER SAVERS” (money market and share certificates) with terms from six months to six years, and rates from 6.5 percent up to the wildly fluctuating money market rates which have paid as high as 15.7 percent this past year, are also available. Whatever your needs or saving goals, OMFCU has a plan designed to help you.

OMFCU offers a Share Draft (checking) Account Program which works exactly like an ordinary checking account but with one major difference — instead of eating away your deposits with service charges and transaction fees, it pays you a full 5½ percent quarterly dividend on your low balance. No service charge; no minimum balance. You pay only for check printing. Many military members have their pay-checks sent directly to the Credit Union for deposit. Their pay is safe and secure, immediately available to them, and earning dividends from the moment it is received.

Loans of all types with varying terms and rates are also available. These include Signature, Share-Secured, Collateral (vehicle and recreational), First and Second Mortgages, and Line-of-Credit Loan Accounts. And, for those members who need immediate transactions and are unable to visit the Credit Union main office (Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and now on Saturday), deposits, withdrawals, and loans can be handled through a 24-hour direct telephone and mail service.

These are benefits that you as a member of the Ohio National Guard should be aware of, plus the fact that as a full-service Credit Union, OMFCU offers additional “money saving - money making” services, all computerized through its “in house” data processing system; providing up-dated, minute-by-minute information for its members. Any way you look at it, your military Credit Union is a good friend and a good deal.

Commissary is Open At Rickenbacker

Commissary privileges were recently extended to National Guard members on a year round basis at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

Instead of closing the commissary completely, as was originally planned, the Commissary was transferred to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (PX) management. Now all Guard members may shop at the Commissary as they would at the PX with the allowance of only two days per month.

As in the PX, Guard members will not be required to show their ID’s until the checkout counter is reached. At the counter Guard members will be required to show their National Guard Identification and their latest Leave and Earning Statement.

Since the Commissary is under AAFES management, it will be operated as a profit-making business. The 4 percent surcharge will not be added, but most prices have been raised to cover the current expenses.

The Commissary will be open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.
VA/FHA HOME LOANS

A minimum down payment schedule initiated by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) makes buying a home much easier for eligible Guardmembers. Guardmembers with 90 days or more continuous active duty are eligible for this program.

Known as the “FHA-VA Home Loan Insurance Program,” this plan requires a $200 down payment on a home costing $25,000 or less, and a five percent down payment on homes costing more than $25,000 but less than $67,500. This down payment does not include closing costs that are also sometimes paid by the buyer.

Interested Guardmembers should submit a copy of their DD214 along with VA Form 26-848a to: Veteran’s Administration, Veteran’s Service Division, 1240 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44119, along with a letter stating that you are applying for the “FHA-VA Home Insurance Program.”

The Ohio National Guard State Public Affairs Office has produced a booklet titled “VA-FHA Home Loan Information Packet.”

Booklets can be obtained from any of the five Ohio Army Guard’s regional recruiting offices, or by writing to: State Public Affairs Office, 825 W. Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

Because of the dual role most of us play as citizens and soldiers, much confusion has arisen concerning the rights and responsibilities of civilian employment.

To help clarify the situation, the U.S. Department of Labor has produced a series of questions and answers covering common problems faced by Guardmembers.

Q. Is an employer required to excuse a worker for military training duty?
A. Yes.
Q. May an employer discharge an employee because of his or her military membership?
A. No.
Q. How about an employee’s pay for time lost at work because of military training?
A. Employers are not required to pay for lost time because of training. Some do as a matter of policy or contract; others do not.
Q. Are any other employment rights or benefits protected by law?
A. Yes, the employee cannot be denied promotion or any other benefits or advantages of employment because of his or her reserve obligations.
Q. Are all employees in all kinds of employment covered by this Federal law?
A. Yes, except for those in temporary positions.
Q. What is the employee’s responsibility?
A. To report back to the employer as soon as the training has ended.
Q. Is the employee required to inform the employer about his or her military duty?
A. Yes, the employee must request leave for the training period.
Q. May the employer deny the request for leave?
A. No.
Q. How about vacation time? Can the military leave be charged against it?
A. No, whatever vacation rights an employee has are not diminished because of training time.
Q. If an employee has accrued paid vacation time of so many days when he or she begins training, is that same amount still to his or her credit upon returning?
A. Yes, at least that many days.
Q. Is it possible that accrual of vacation time may continue even during an employee’s absence?
A. Yes, the employee is entitled to such vacation as he or she would have had if the employment continued without interruption by military training. However, the military training does not necessarily count as essential work on the job if actual work is a factor in accruing additional vacation time.
Q. Suppose there is no regular shift or schedule of work, as in the case of a sales worker?
A. Since reporting for work is the normal way of ending leave of all kinds, it is enough that the employee notify the employer and begin work on the day that would be his or her normal working day.
Q. Does the trainee lose the right to return to work if he or she delays reporting beyond the time prescribed under the law?
A. No, but the trainee will be subject to the conduct rules of the employer pertaining to explanations and discipline with respect to absence from scheduled work.

If Guardmembers feel their rights have been violated, or have further questions, they should contact the State Race Relations/Equal Opportunities Office at (614) 889-7121, or The Ohio Committee on Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve at (614) 889-7072.

The Buckeye Guard
Scholarship Applications Skyrocket

After just three years the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program is alive and well, and growing. Computer statistics indicate that over 2900 Army and Air Guard members enlisted in the Ohio Guard for the Scholarship. Currently 1800 Guardmembers are using the program to help defer the rising cost of a college education.

For those not familiar with the Guard Scholarship Program, it had its beginning on Nov. 2, 1977, when Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes signed educational House Bill 228. The bill had earlier passed the Ohio House and Senate by nearly unanimous votes.

The bill enables enlisted members of the Ohio National Guard who have enlisted, extended their current enlistment or reenlisted for a period of six years after Sept. 1, 1977, to receive up to eight semesters or 12 quarters of tuition assistance.

The Scholarship provides full tuition at a state assisted university or college. If the Guardmember chooses a private college, the scholarship provides the equivalent of the average state university tuition ($330 per quarter, $495 per semester). In both cases, the school must be recognized by the Ohio Board of Regents.

Recipients must be Ohio residents and full-time (12 hours) undergraduate students.

The reference for the ONG Scholarship Program is AGOR 621-1 (Army) and 35-1 (Air).

Grant Responsibilities Listed

Individuals participating in the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Grant Program have certain responsibilities to fulfill if aid is to continue. Foremost of these responsibilities is to satisfactorily participate in Guard training. This means attending regularly scheduled weekend drills and annual training, Drills and AT must be attended with the unit the individual belongs to, unless the individual's commanding officer authorizes otherwise.

Satisfactory participation also means conforming to appearance standards and other standards that are established by regulations. If an individual's academic status changes, he must notify his unit commander. At all times, enlistment obligations are of primary importance.

If there are any questions, further information is required, contact: 2nd Lt. George Kinney at (614) 889-7032.

Applying for ONG Grant

Guardmembers qualifying for the ONG Scholarship Program must submit that year's application form and a statement of understanding, AGO Form 621-2.

Application documents should be submitted to the Adjutant General's Dept., Attn: AGOH-PA not later than November 15, 1981 for the winter term; and February 15, 1982 for the spring term.

According to MG James C. Clem, the Adjutant General, "These悬enue dates must be honored to ensure the applicant will receive the grant for the term of enrollment."

Applications received after these dates could result in the individual not receiving the benefit for that quarter.

ONGA Scholarships Available

The Ohio National Guard Association annually awards scholarships to members of the Ohio National Guard or to any person who is the son, daughter, spouse or legal dependent of an active or retired member of the Ohio National Guard.

This year 6 awards will be given, two $1000 scholarships and four $500 scholarships.

Application forms are available in all Guard units. If you need help, contact the Public Affairs office.

Applications should be postmarked no later than March 15 and should be mailed to: The Ohio National Guard Association, 2825 W. Granville Road; Worthington, Ohio 43085. Mark the envelope: Attention: Scholarship Committee.

Announcement of the award recipients is made at the Annual Ohio National Guard Conference.

College Spells Extra Rank

Everyone knows education is an investment in the future. Education can also mean extra pay for those enlisting in the Ohio Army National Guard, according to Lt. Col. Jack McKenny, state recruiting manager.

An applicant with three or more years of a four year college program (135 quarters or 90 semester hours) can be enlisted as an E-3 with accelerated promotion to E-4 upon completion of six months service.

College graduates can join as an E-3 and will be promoted to E-4 upon return from basic training or in four months.

Participation for two or more years in the Junior ROTC Program, or completion of one or more years in the Senior ROTC Program can also mean extra stripes for those joining the Ohio Guard.

HS Juniors Can Join

Seventeen-year-old high school juniors who are mentally, physically and morally qualified are now eligible for enlistment in the Ohio Army National Guard. It is now possible to enlist up to 90 days prior to completion of your junior year in high school.

Under the unique high school junior program the individual is guaranteed two summer jobs, additional income during the senior year in high school, and all of the other benefits of Ohio National Guard membership.

Military Schools

While attendance at qualifying Active Army service schools has been mandatory for officers over a number of years, the Ohio Army National Guard is now placing great emphasis on enlisted service schools.

These schools are available at no cost to the enlisted member. While attending these schools, Guardmembers receive regular active duty pay and benefits.

Information on these service schools and the proper application forms, are available from any local Guard unit.

"Ohio Guardmembers are urged to take a few moments to look at what is available and to avail themselves of this opportunity for education and self improvement," said BG James M. Abraham, assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio Army Guard.

If you're unable to obtain help at the local level, additional information is available from CSM Carl Arn (614) 889-7104.

The Buckeye Guard
Here's how you can Compute Your Retirement Pay

What are your Ohio National Guard retirement benefits worth? Just how is retirement pay computed?

As an example, BUCKEYE GUARD will use the retirement benefits available to an E-8, with over 22 years service, at age 60:

TOTAL POINTS
His retirement points total 4734 for both active duty and National Guard service. That number when divided by 360 equals 13.15; represents the total years service for retirement purposes. Retirement pay is computed at 2.5 percent of base pay for each year of service. The monthly base pay rate for an E-8 over 22 is $1223.70. This amount multiplied by .3288 gives the monthly retirement pay for this individual at age 60 — $402.35.

You would have to invest $1344 annually for 20 years to have a paid up life insurance policy that would pay you a monthly income of $150 at age 60.

FAMILY PROTECTION
By joining or remaining in the Ohio National Guard you protect yourself and your family's future by working toward your 20 year retirement.

To be eligible for National Guard retirement, your last eight years must have been spent as a member of the Reserve Components.

Whoever Heard of a Pension?

Chances are retirement is about the last thing on your mind right now.

But now's the time to realize that you will be entitled to a government pension and retirement plan if you've completed 20 years of creditable service in the Ohio National Guard.

Moreover, your retirement benefits are completely "portable." Regardless of how often you move or switch units, you can still earn retirement credits . . . just try switching jobs and see if your new employer allows you retirement credits earned with your last employer!

It's hard enough to believe that a retirement program for a part-time job even exists. One so flexible that offers so much security — as much as $30,000 in cash value alone. And our premiums are the lowest you can pay.

None.

But that's only the beginning. Here's a brief summary of all your retirement benefits:

Before age 60 you will receive:
Officer and NCO Club Membership eligibility.

Space available travel (in uniform) within the U.S. including Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

Indefinite retention of Commissions.
Wearing of uniform on appropriate occasions.
Post and Base Exchange Privileges (while on Drill or Other Official Training Duty Status).

After age 60 you will receive:
Retirement Pay.
Medical treatment and hospitalization for yourself and dependents (space available basis).
Dental treatment. Dependents are authorized routine dental care outside the U.S. and at installations within the U.S. where adequate civilian facilities are not available. Emergency dental care and treatment are authorized for dependents worldwide.

Care at VA Facilities (retired only).

Post and Base Exchange and Commissary privileges.
Officer and NCO Club membership.

Space available travel, including overseas.

Use of Military Clothing Sales facilities.
Legal and veterinary services.

Use of Post, Camp, Station, and Base facilities.

If you're thinking about giving up the Guard, think about all you're giving up. Keep the most important part-time job in America!

New Burial Sites

The opening of five new national cemeteries was recently announced by the Veterans Administration.

According to a VA spokesman, the definite need for the expansion exists in the national cemetery system because of the large veteran population and the limited space available in the 55 cemeteries currently open for internments.

Burial in one of these cemeteries is available to reservists and Guardmembers who die while performing active duty for training and veterans who have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

Law Affects Retirees

Under a new benefit option for Reserve Component personnel — to include members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard — retirees may now provide death benefits to their survivors, payable even if they die before age 60.

This change in the Military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) provides three options; two of them brand new.

Retirement-eligible Guardmembers may elect:

(A) No change from the old plan. The Guardmember may decline to make a selection for or against SBP coverage until he or she reaches age 60. If this option is chosen, no survivor coverage will be available during the years between attaining retirement eligibility and reaching age 60.

(B) Under the second new option, the Guardmember may elect to provide a survivor benefit annuity, payable on the date he or she would have reached age 60, if death occurs before that time.

(C) Under the second new option, the Guardmember may choose to have the survivor annuity made payable on the date of death, regardless of whether death occurs before or after age 60.
Federal College Assistance

The Federal Education Assistance Program for the Army National Guard was recently increased to $4000 from the previous $2000 and expanded to the same military occupational specialties now open to the $1500 Enlistment Bonus. The Federal Education Assistance Program, like the $1500 Enlistment Bonus, is open only to high school seniors or nonprior service high school graduates. New recruits can only opt for one of the federal programs, either the $1500 enlistment bonus or the federal education assistance.

The education option will pay $1000 a year for a maximum of $4000 for the period of enlistment. The program will pay, on a reimbursement basis, for laboratory fees and shop fees. The federal program can be used only at Ohio colleges and universities but also at trade, technical or vocational schools that provide education at the post secondary level and are accredited by the Veterans Administration.

Affiliation Bonus

The Federal Affiliation Bonus recently went into effect for honorably discharged prior service Army individuals who still have time remaining on their military service obligation. Anyone enlisting in the military service, by federal statute, incurs a six-year obligation. Those enlisting in the Active Components usually serve 2 or 3 years active duty with the balance in an inactive status before being totally discharged from their service obligation.

Those enlisting in the Reserve Components serve their 6-year obligation in an active reserve status. The Affiliation Bonus, directed primarily toward Army individuals just ending their active duty obligation, is awarded on the basis of $25 per month for each month of remaining military service obligation. A person with less than 18 months remaining on his/her obligation is eligible for the full amount on his/her bonus on the effective date of enlistment with the Army Guard.

A person with more than 18 months remaining is eligible for one-half of their bonus on the effective date of their enlistment and eligible for the remaining half when they begin the sixth year of their military obligation. Payment can usually be expected from 4 to 6 weeks from the effective dates.

To receive the bonus these prior service individuals must enlist into an Army Guard vacancy calling for a Military Occupational Specialty for which they were qualified while on active duty.

Blue Streak Referrals

The Ohio National Guard proudly announces its Blue Streak Program, the hottest recruiting tool in the country.

The program puts an extra $25 in Guardmembers pockets for every senior, non-prior service high school graduate, or veteran they convince to enlist in the Guard for six years.

The procedure for the Blue Streak Program is simple. If you know a prospective Guardmember, just complete and mail a Blue Streak Referral Card. These cards are available from the nearest Ohio Guard recruiter.

When the local ONG recruiter receives the card, he will contact this person and, if enlistment occurs, your check should arrive by mail, usually within 45 working days.

The only Guardmembers not authorized to participate in this bonus program are officers, warrant officers, full-time recruiters, and technicians whose job descriptions include recruiting duties.

References for the Blue Streak Program are AGO Circular 601-201 (Army) and 33-4 (Air). Additional information on this exciting program is available by calling your nearest Ohio Army or Air recruiter.

Stripes for Buddies

Under a special Federal program the Ohio Army National Guard can offer you a promotion even before attending basic training.

If you persuade two of your friends to join the Ohio Army Guard, you’ll be promoted to E-2. This can mean an additional $130 during your initial active duty training.

If you persuade four of your friends to join the Buckeye Guard, you’ll be promoted to private first class, and you’ll receive an additional $200 for your initial training.

Previously this program was available only until an individual departed for training. Current regulations now permit an individual to be promoted through this program until completion of advanced individual training. For members taking advantage of the Split Training Option this can allow up to 18 months to meet the requirements.
Veterans Opportunities

Veterans with existing military skills are needed by the Ohio Army National Guard. You can retain rank last held while on active duty and therefore qualify for a higher rate of pay on your monthly drill and annual training checks.

Qualified veterans have the opportunity to receive college tuition assistance plus any federal GI bill benefits to which they are entitled.

Split Training Option

Students who are interested in college, whether they're taking advantage of the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program or not, can take basic combat training (BCT) for eight weeks during one summer and take their advanced individual training (AIT) the following summer without interruption of the normal academic year.

The Split Training Option is available not only for students but is also available to anyone involved in seasonal employment (construction workers, farmers, etc.). However, this option is not available for MOS's offered through One Station Unit Training.

OCS Slots Available

Enlisted Guardmembers are being asked to “accept the challenge” of leadership by enrolling in the next officer candidate school (OCS).

The course, which lasts one year, begins in April and will include topics of study designed to improve leadership, physical conditioning and readiness.

Some of the qualifications for OCS are a high school diploma or equivalent degree, a GT score of 110 or higher and a score of 115 or better on the officer candidate test. Applicants must also meet all physical requirements and be between ages 18 and 30 at the time of commissioning.

Soldiers interested in more information should contact their company commander or call the Military Academy at (614) 889-7106.

Flight School

There is always a need for Ohio Guard men and women interested in going to flight school, according to COL Robert P. Orr, State Aviation Officer.

According to Orr, there are 184 aviation slots in Ohio, and because pilots in general are a young and mobile group there is about a 10 percent turnover each year.

Applicants must meet the physical and mental criteria before they can go to flight school. Details are contained in AR 611-85, for enlisted personnel, and AR 116-110, for officers.

Accepted applicants attend a 10 month school at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. The school is very tough, according to Orr, but successful students receive their flight wings on graduation.

Interested Guardmembers should contact their unit AST for information about how to apply.

Medical Training

Enlisted medical personnel can now take advantage of a program which would provide them with licensed practical nurse's training at civilian schools.

Under this program, soldiers would receive full pay and allowances for the duration of the course, along with full tuition. Books for the course are paid for by the Army National Guard.

According to COL Robert Green, Command Administrative Assistant of the 112th Medical Brigade, many medical positions in the Guard provide for military training which can also be used in the civilian health care industry.

NCO Schools

Three new NCO courses are being offered this year by the Ohio Military Academy in an effort to better develop Ohio's NCO leadership potential.

For E-4s and E-5s, a Basic NCO Course will be offered this fall. Those participating in the program will attend training during one weekend in May and spend both weeks of annual training with the school's cadre at Camp Perry.

An advanced course for E-6s and E-7s will be offered beginning in August. The program will be conducted one weekend a month at the military academy in Worthington, and will last for five months.

Also offered is a senior NCO school for E-8s and E-9s. This school will also begin in August and be conducted one weekend a month. It will last for four months.

The final school to be offered this year will be another Basic NCO Course. This one, though, will last six months and will be taught only one weekend a month at OMA. It will begin in December.

Meals and housing are provided by the academy for anyone not able to commute. Deadlines for each of the schools is 60 days prior to the starting date of the classes.

Official starting dates for each of the classes will be announced both through letter and in BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine.

Top Soldiers Sought

The Ohio National Guard's top troops are being sought for special honors in the Outstanding Guardmembers Program.

Under this unique program, the top enlisted members of both the Ohio Army and Air Guard receive a vacation package worth at least $300 and some very special treatment at Camp Perry.

Each Outstanding Guardmember is selected from among the states E-3s through E-5s. Each receives five days of state active duty pay, free use of a family housing unit at Camp Perry, a Certificate of Achievement, and some planned activities for the Guardmember and family including free tickets to Cedar Point, fishing, water skiing, swimming, golf and a buffet dinner.

Those selected also attend 16 hours of leadership training. The training is from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday. The course will not include any type of testing or examinations.

For additional information on the Outstanding Guardmembers Program see your unit AST or First Sergeant or see AGO Cir 672-3 (Army) or 900-4 (Air).

Army Guard unit commanders should submit their nominees to battalion or squadron level by April 30, 1981. Battalion and squadron commanders must submit their nominees to their command headquarters by May 15, 1981. Air Guard nominees must be at state headquarters by May 31, 1981.

Discounts

Ohio National Guardmembers are entitled to discounts at several private businesses and attractions. Avis Car Rental provides discounts to Guardmembers anywhere in the world. The amount of the discounts depends upon where the car is rented. An Avis discount card is required for the discount and should be available from unit AST’s.

Guardmembers are also members of Sea World's Dolphin Club. Dolphin Club members receive a 15 percent discount on admission to any of the three Sea World Parks. Club Cards are available from unit AST’s.

America at its Best
Emergency SAD Brings More Dollars

Under House Bill 1104, Guardmembers will receive a minimum of $50 per day while serving in a state of emergency declared by Governor James A. Rhodes.

In addition, Ohio Guardmembers working on emergency duties, who are injured, are eligible for Ohio Workers’ Compensation. Guardmembers killed in the line of duty receive $20,000 in death benefits from the State of Ohio (this is the same amount as SGLI). This coverage is above their regular SGLI policy.

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The Buckeye Guard
The ONGEA fills specific needs in many members’ lives. This could run from purchasing insurance, bowling in the State tournament to just being a member, yet regardless of what their reason for joining ... or staying on as members ... they contribute to the members that constitute our Strength in Unity. It’s this strength that will enable us to be effective in the state House in Columbus.

If we had just 50 percent of ONG enlisted membership we would have over 8600 members. We could be much more effective in developing additional programs for new and existing members. In short, what I’m trying to say is that each individual must also work to help themselves and the ONGEA. What I’m proposing is that existing members, introduce the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association to fellow Guardmembers. The prize will be the increased benefits they will realize from their efforts.

We need the support of every individual if we are to make the great leap forward we envision in 1981. Our current membership drives, with the aid of only a relative handful of our members ... when you consider our membership ... is holding our strength at approximately 2200 (Army & Air). What I’m proposing is going one step further. It’s additional membership recruiting from an area traditionally given over to renewal membership only. If the NCOs believe in the National Guard and if the members believe strongly enough to renew, they should believe strongly enough to recruit at least one new member. I challenge each NCO in the Army and Air NG, if not a member, to join the ONGEA and for each member to recruit at least one new member.

Carl Bicanovsky discussed the License Plate issue at the State House with a member of the House and will try to have a bill introduced in April 1981. Your membership in the Association will really tell me that the time is right.

Remember, Your decision today will affect us forever.

### Glick Earns Two Coveted Honors

Specialist 4th Class David P. Glick of the 837th Engineer Company, Lima, recently achieved dual military honors rarely gained by any soldier.

Having achieved the highest academic standing in his Advanced Individual Training course for Engineers at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Glick was selected the Honor Graduate. This is the highest honor the U.S. Army Training Center can give during Advanced training.

Glick was also chosen from among 3000 candidates comprising three training brigades as the Distinguished Graduate.

Selection was made by the prestigious Society of American Military Engineers. The award was presented “... for demonstrating the highest standards of knowledge in military engineering combined with exemplary traits of leadership and physical endurance.”

The awards were capped by a Letter of Commendation from the Training Brigades’ commanding officers and a special presentation at the Lima National Guard Armory.

Glick is a graduate of Shawnee High School and is currently attending courses at the Ohio State University Lima Campus majoring in engineering design. He is an employee of the Excellon Corporation.

### Top Army, Air Shooters Compete (From Pg. 7)

50 percent in the Wilson Matches and were invited to the FORSCOM Matches.

**COMPOSITE PISTOL TEAM**


**COMBAT PISTOL TEAM**

The combat pistol team from HHC, 73d Inf. Bde. (Sep), did not place in the top 50 percent in the Wilson Matches. However, the team, made up of the 73d Military Police Platoon, combined with members of the 299th Signal Platoon to take top honors in the National Guard State Championships held recently, assuring them of a chance at the Wilson

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**Attorney Seeks Witness**

Columbus attorney Harry Paulino is searching for a potential witness to a fatal traffic accident that occurred on June 10, 1979 on State Route 16 between Newark and Coshocton.

The accident, involving an orange Datsun pickup and a blue Chrysler, occurred where St. Rt. 16 turns into a four lane road.

State Highway Patrol photos show an Army jeep and a male dressed in Khakis directing traffic.

Paulino is attempting to find this individual to get a statement. There is no stigma of guilt or possible fault involved. Paulino is trying to determine if the individual saw the accident.

Paulino asks the possible witness to call him collect at (614) 885-3365 or (614) 885-6881.

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**ONGEA Bowling Tourney**

April 25-26, 1981
Happy New Year from the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club! Each New Year's Eve seems to bring with it a ritual dragging out some of the same tired resolutions. Not that they aren't noble goals — but, really — every year? Let's see, number one is, "Lose ten pounds". What good is that when the self-same ten pounds is lost at least twice each year? Next is, "Exercise faithfully. That one's just impossible when the full-length mirror is a pathological liar and there is an ugly run in your leotard! Talk about a toughie, number three is almost always, "Get organized". Translated, that means to clean out the junk drawer and, at least, widen the path through the laundry area. Well, we all know that going through a ten year stack of magazines for recipes takes time! Then there's the laundry basket, filled with baby shirts and National Guard fatigues — for the same kid. It's a lost cause, of course. Why not discard those old resolutions? You aren't going to keep them anyway. Substitute, instead the following, easy to keep, list.

**OWC RESOLUTIONS**

The first, and simplest, resolution is to activate your membership in Guard Wives. Now, there's a very worthy goal! Nineteen eighty one could be the year that you broaden your range of interests, through the programs offered monthly. Why not resolve to attend every meeting possible? Resolve to meet, at least, two new Guard wives, and learn their names, each month. Resolve to become a more interested, active, and informed partner to your Ohio Guardsman. Keeping in mind that the Guard is a family lifestyle, resolve to be supportive and understanding when duty seems to take the higher priority. Resolve to affirm your pride in our ONG with your time, talent, attendance, and good words.

**C, 1/148 Has Top Field Kitchen**

**BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS**

When Company C of the 1/148th Infantry Battalion in Van Wert, takes to the field for training, there is one thing the troops can be sure of — at lunch time they will be eating food produced by the best Army National Guard mess section in Ohio. For three consecutive years, the company has taken top honors in the Ohio National Guard Best Field Kitchen awards.

The mess section is headed up by First Sergeant Michael Stanley, who is a patrolman with the Van Wert Police Department in his civilian life. Stanley's senior cook, Staff Sergeant John Wortman, is a Lieutenant in the same police department — a role reversal that causes lots of teasing but very little problems. Other members of the award-winning section include Specialist 5 Gary Stittsworth, Sergeant Randall Pollock and Private First Class Gerald Mitchell.

Each National Guard unit receives supplies, guidelines and a meal plan that it must follow. But according to Stanley there is room for flexibility. "We know what our troops like and what they don't like. We cater to their taste." This flexibility allows them to become creative. "Out in the field we are limited in our experimenting but in the armory kitchen we are always trying to come up with something different or better," Stanley said.

Their most successful dishes were born out of necessity. During one meal they ran out of commercially purchased salad dressing. The cooks concocted a celery seed dressing that their troops now prefer over any other type. The recipe for Tomato Pudding came about as a method to use up perishable bread. It, too, became one of the men's favorites.

**Celery Seed Salad Dressing**

- 1 tsp. celery seed
- 1 tsp. ground mustard
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp ground dehydrated onions
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 12 ounces vegetable oil

Combine all ingredients except vegetable oil in blender at high speed. When thoroughly mixed, slowly add oil while blender is still on high speed.

**Tomato Pudding**

1 no. 21/2 cans of tomatoes, mashed
1 cup brown sugar
3 1/2 stick margarine (5 1/2 tbsp.)
3 cups bread, broken into small pieces
Heat tomatoes and brown sugar. In separate pan melt margarine and pour over bread pieces placed in 1 1/2 to 2 quart casserole. Stir thoroughly. Add hot tomatoes/sugar mixture and stir again. Bake 350° for 50 minutes. Serves six.

The OWC has a lot to offer this winter and spring, with programs on cooking, fashion, flowers and our dreams. Of most immediate interest is the luncheon of February 24, at the DCSC in Columbus. Featured speaker will be Dr. Marlene Kocan, of Harding Hospital, discussing, "Dream Interpretation". This should fascinate us all! Come and take a peek into the subconscious mind.

**MAGIC SHOW**

On March 24, again at the DCSC, Sue Helmreich, home economist from Sun TV, will perform magic for us, microwave magic, that is. Those microwaves will do lots of tricks, such as drying flowers, or cooking in a jiffy. For the ladies who own microwave ovens, as well as those considering the purchase of one, this program is a must. Remember, when meetings are at the DCSC, the social hour is at 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m., and a nursery is provided.

The last two get-togethers of the season will be at new locations for the club. In April, we meet in Columbus at the Lazarus, downtown store. After lunch we will have a fashion presentation, then on to the shopping! May's meeting is again in Columbus at the Franklin Park Conservatory. There will be time to tour the exhibits, as well as to have lunch and to participate in a short course on flower arranging.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

In closing, thanks go to two gentle­men. Mr. Bob Shoemaker, who served generously without fee as our auctioneer in November, was most enter­taining, a "Boo Bargain" auction. Mr. George Williamson gave us so many excellent profes­sional decorating ideas when Glick's hosted the OWCT in January. With speakers like these it is very easy to under­stand the increase in attendance. So ladies, make a reservation and join your fellow ONG wives for the next luncheon. Remember, you resolved to do it!
SGT. LAWRENCE D. MIX, Atk Hel Trp, was selected as the Soldier of the Month for November. Congratulations. SSgt. RICK HALL from Atk Hel Trp, has been selected as Honor Graduate of his OCS Class at Fort Benning, GA. SSgt. JAMES D. SMOOTHERS has extended for three years; a welcome is extended to CWO3 RICHARD W. SAUM, who transferred from the Indiana NG into the Atk Hel Trp unit. Members of the unit who were recently promoted are: GARY VANDERBOSCH to CWO 2 and DANNY D. HARRIS to PFC.

ILT GERALD D. SHIELDS, has been designated commander of G Troop, 2/107th Armored Cavalry; ILT CHARLES E. LONG JR., an ROTC Scholarship Graduate of Kemper Military College, is their new training officer and third platoon leader, and SPC JAMES A. RICHARDS JR., is their new training NCO.

MAJ. KEITH SAVIDGE, 416th Engineer Group, has received his Federal recognition effective August 1980. CSM CARL BICANOFSKY has received his certification by DA Command Sergeant Major’s Selection Board.

MSGT. WILLARD JOSEPH AITCHISON has recently retired with 30 years of honorable service to the military. Good luck Sergeant Aitchison.

Recent promotions for members of HHC, 372nd Engineers are BRYAN MOBLEY, MICHAEL PRINCE, and MARK TOOD to Sp4 and TERRY SMITH to PFC. JOHN JOHNSON, 220th E. I. Squadron, was promoted to master sergeant.

SGT. DOUGLAS ANDERSON, 178th Combat Support Sq., has been selected as the recipient of the group Airman of the Quarter Award, and SSgt. CASAUNDA CHANNELS has been selected as the 178th Tactical Fighter Group’s Safety Person of the Quarter.

Promotions received by the 178th are as follows: To Master Sergeant, LEWENZIO S. MUTERSPAW, 178th CAMS; to Technical Sergeant, TIMOTHY T. BROOKS and DAVID F. GREEN, 178th CAMS; to Staff Sergeant, ROBERT L. BOWMAN, 178th CEF, THEODORE GROVATT, 162nd TFS, TERRY L. LAMBERT, 178th CSS and DAVE MILLER, 178th CAMS; to Senior Airman, JAMES DAVIS, 178th CAMS, DARLENE HOHENSTEIN, 162nd TFS, MARILYN MUTERSPAW, 178th CSS, BARTON SMITH, 178th CEF and MARY WIEDMAN, 178th CEF; to Airman First Class, STEPHEN BABIAK, 178th CEF, LARRY BUSSARD, ROBERT ELLIOTT and STEVEN NEAL, 178th CAMS, LEROY WILSON JR., 178th Tac Clinic and TIMOTHY ZIMMER, 178th CAMS.

PFC. DAVID GLICK, 837th Engineers, won the Honor Graduate Award for the Water Treatment Course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. GLICK also won the Distinguished Graduate Award given by the Society of American Military Engineers.

DARREN BASS, was promoted to PFC, ROY WOODRUFF to Sp4, STEVEN SPENCER, DAVID GIBSON and TERRY LAW to Sgts., and ROBERT LYLE to SSgt. All are members of the 837th Engineer Company.

The following members of the 54th Support Center have received promotions: BOBBY GRESHAM to Command Sergeant Major, HARVEY JONES to SFC and CAROL SCHMIDT to Sp5.

Members of Battery A, 1/136th Field Artillery receiving promotions were: LAWRENCE MORGAN and JEFFREY L. HOWE to Staff Sergeants.

Soldier of the Month Award went to PHILIP C. SHOCKLEY, Battery A, 1/136th FA for the month of October and their Soldier of the Month for September was RICHARD D. GRABER. Congratulations to him.

SSgt. SAMUEL A. GUTHRIE and daughter SP4 PAMELA were both awarded the Humitarian Service Ribbon for their participation in the “Blizzard of ’78”. SSgt. GUTHRIE also received the Ohio Award of Merit ribbon.

MAJ. KENNETH A. NORMAND, Air Intelligence Officer for the 160th Air Refueling Group, has recently presented the Air Force Commendation Medal. LT. COL. WILLIAM B. FULLER, Deputy Commander of Maintenance, and LT. COL. DONALD T. MCPHERSON, Base Airfield Management, both of the 160th ARFG, also received the Air Force Commendation Medal. Another member of the group, LT. COL. WILLIAM L. MELON, JR. (Ret.) was presented with the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal because of his professional skill and outstanding leadership during the unit’s historic conversion in which it became the first Air National Guard unit to be placed under Strategic Air Command.

Co D 612th Engineer Battalion, Sandusky, has had many promotions. They are: PHILLIP ALLEGRETTO, KENNETH CHOCHOL, ALBERT THOMAS, BLAINE SCHRIER and MARIO PLOMN to staff sergeants; DALE TINSLEY, JOHN RIEMS, CALVIN WEYER, RODERICK HURAK, and DONALD HENRY to sergeants; KEITH WEYER, CARROLL MELTON, KEITH GROHE, STEVEN PLASMAN, DWAYNE PORT, DAVE STARK, MARK CRAWFORD, PAUL WILLIAMS, MICHAEL HANAY and WILLIAM INGRAM to private first class.

The 216th Engineer Battalion, Portsmouth, promoted two of their members, LEONARD COOPER and ANDREW MILLER, to private first class.

DARYL BROSHIUS of the 1416th Transportation Company, Worthington, was recently promoted to private first class. Extended were SSgt CHARLES DICKMAN, SSgt WILLIE THOMPSON and Sp5 DELOIS YOUNG.

179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, recently promoted the following: JAMES DORION, ROBERT MARTIN, JR., DONALD MAYS to master sergeants; RAYMOND CASSARO, ANTHONY CLINE, RICHARD CROSS, GARLAND HOWELL, MARK KLINE to technical sergeants; JOSEPH BERGER, IV, JUDITH CUSICK, JAY CARROLL and STEPHEN MILGAN to senior airman; FARY MUSIC and TRACEY SPAYDE to airman first class.

The 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker, recently promoted the following: RALPH BURNS, RONALD HUSTED and LARRY TAYLOR to master sergeant; CHRISTINA BRITTEN, EARNEST NELDON, ROBERT WENTZEL, JESSE WILSON and RICHARD WITHROW to technical sergeants; ROBERT ANDERSON, WILLIAM BALZER, DAVID CONLEY, and SHEREE GILMORE to staff sergeants; RANDOLPH BREON, JAMES MILLER, JR., DAVID PUTMAN and CARL ROYAL to sergeant; BENSON LINDSEY, MARK MIESSE and KATHLEEN MORAN to airman first class; DANA ANDREWS, DAVID BEAR, DAVID BLUM, STEPHEN FORD, MICHAEL FOSTER and DEANNE GOUGH to airman.

Congratulations to TSGT. RICHARD SHOEMAKER of the 180th Communications Flight for receiving the Air Force Commendation Medal.
Bridge Replaced

Company C 112th Engineers, Youngstown, removed and replaced the decking of the 177 Board Bridge at the Camp Cheerful Crippled Children's Camp in Strongsville.

The 90 ft. bridge, named the 177 Board Bridge by the children because there are 177 boards (decking), is the only access to and from the camp.

The camp, completely equipped with dining, lodging and recreational facilities, is sponsored by the Society for Crippled Children of the greater Cleveland area. The engineering work was part of an ongoing community service program.

Perfect Score Fired

Private 2 Joseph M. Clark, of HHC, 73rd Infantry Brigade fired a perfect score during weapons qualification while attending Basic Training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

The feat is a very rare accomplishment, according to his Basic Training company commander, Captain William Redell.

Clark is now undergoing helicopter crew training at Ft. Rucker, Ala.

ONG Cadets Tops

National Guardmembers Cadet Second Lieutenant Randy Stephen, of Company B, 1/148th Infantry, Cadet Second Lieutenant Mark Middleton, of Detachment 1, Company B, 1/148th Infantry, and Cadet Second Lieutenant Walt Januszkwicz, of the 323rd MP Company, participated in the first place Pershing Rifle team from Bowling Green State University.

The victory took place at the 11th Regimental Competitive Field Exercise held at Xavier University in Cincinnati in October.

Five teams competed in the contest which measured such skills as land navigation, M-16 rifle proficiency, radio procedures and tactical operations techniques.

Engineers Honored

The 112th Engineer Battalion earned a Resolution of Congratulations from the Cleveland City Council recently on its community assistance to Cleveland's Rapid Recovery, Inc.

Rapid Recovery is a non-profit organization program aimed at clearing up the Cleveland Rapid Transit visual corridor.

Three efforts by the 112th during the year removed almost 150 tons of debris. Besides personnel, the 112th Engineers provided two dump trucks, a bulldozer, two front end loaders and several transport vehicles for the clean-up.

Smith is First

Leslie A. Smith, a member of Company C, 112th Engineer Battalion and a Youngstown State University student, successfully completed the Army's Air Assault school at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. Smith is a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at YSU and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of Warren.

Smith has the distinction of being the first Ohio National Guardmember enrolled in YSU ROTC to graduate from the course.

The air assault course consists of two weeks of intensive training. Students learn airborne and sling loading techniques as well as rappelling from a helicopter. Physical conditioning is stressed and the course culminates with a 10-mile forced march.

Greer Passes Away

Master Sergeant Joseph E. Greer, Sr., well known and respected Guardmember of HHC 372nd Engineer Battalion passed away recently. Greer began his distinguished military career during the Second World War, "Joe," as many knew him, had over 26 years of outstanding service, devoting his life to the service of our country with unselfish loyalty and dedication.

Members of HHC 372nd Engineer Battalion conducted a Military funeral for their fallen comrade. Representatives of the 134th Engineer Group and the 16th Engineer Bde were present, with SSgt. Rossiter Chappell of the 122nd Army Band providing "Taps".

Ingram Commissioned

Among the six cadets recently commissioned through the Youngstown State University ROTC program was Second Lieutenant Lesli L. Ingram, of North Lima.

Ingram majored in physical education and wants to become a helicopter pilot. He is a member of Detachment 1,1416th Transportation Company at the Akron-Canton Airport.

C Battery is First

BY SSgt DEAN WEHNEMAN

The First Annual 1/136th Field Artillery Range Fire Individual and Team Competition Awards were won by Battery C in Piqua.

Individuals and Team participants included Staff Sergeant Mark Kingerly, Staff Sergeant Elmer Swank, Sergeant Bruce Ball, Specialist four Jack Moodell, and Private First Class Kenneth Ross. The three-man team was comprised of Kinergy, Swank, and Moodell, while all five members competed individually.

The individual honors went to Woodell who scored 31 hits, the highest in the battalion. These awards were presented by Lt. Col. Daniel Arnett, commander of the 136th Field Artillery Battalion.

Remember the ONGA Winter Dance
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WLWT-TV5 Asks Troop A, 237th Cav: How Ready?

BY SGT. SHANNON EARLY

Recently there has been an enormous amount of concern about our national security. The question is, "Is America capable to engage and defeat any threat forces on any battlefield in the world?" This question was asked in Newsweek last October in an article entitled, "Is America Strong Enough?" The report primarily dealt with the readiness of our active Armed Forces.

Recently the Cincinnati Enquirer wrote an article about the ability of the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard to provide units to support a national defense effort. Many Readers were surprised to learn that the Army National Guard has global responsibilities to defend our country.

In October, a Cincinnati TV station, WLWT Channel 5 accompanied Troop A, 237th Cavalry to Ft. Knox, Ky, for three days of tactical training. Sheri Norton, reporter, and cameraperson Ron Ling made the trip to learn what the Guard was all about.

Norton and Ling learned early that the Troop's day begins at 4:30 a.m. and continues until 1:00 a.m. the following day.

Norton and Ling observed and filmed live range fire, tactical scout operations and dismounted reconnaissance.

The film crew also filmed a night time fire operation.

The piece was aired in December and was entitled "Ready or Not."

Once again the Ohio public learned how important the Ohio National Guard is to Ohio and to the United States. And they also learned how ready Troop A, 237th Cav was.

Phillips Volunteers Time For Law Enforcement Training

Civil disturbance training was given a helpful boost during Troop G's December drill with the presence of George Phillips, coordinator of Law Enforcement Training at Case Western Reserve University. Phillips volunteered his time to instruct the troop in civil disturbance methods in the classroom and in the field. "What's one day of my time versus the amount of time the National Guard donates to protecting the state of Ohio," said Phillips when asked why he came to help train the troops.

A ten year veteran of the Ohio Highway Patrol, Phillips also instructed at the Highway Patrol academy for 3 years before becoming the law enforcement training coordinator at Case Western in 1970.

Troop G under the command of Capt. Gerald D. Shields received instruction in legal consideration and policies, collective behavior, civil disturbance management, riot control agents and special equipment and the riot baton.

ABOUT OUR COVER — SSgt. Joseph Edwards, a member of HHC, 73d Inf. Bde. Combat pistol team, covers up the holes in a target as he gets ready to compete in the Wilson Matches. (PHOTO BY SSgt. Davida Matthews)

George Phillips, coordinator of Law Enforcement Training at Case Western Reserve University demonstrates the proper use of the riot baton. Phillips is a ten-year veteran of the Ohio Highway Patrol.
Armstrong is First at Toledo ANGB

BY SRA LORI DONIERE

People entering the recruiting office at the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, Toledo Express Airport, may be surprised to be greeted by a woman! Senior Airman Jamie Armstrong is the first female recruiter at the Toledo Air National Guard Base.

Jamie, 23, joined the Air National Guard in 1978. Before assuming her full-time duties as recruiter, she was a Certified Dental Specialist at the 180th Clinic. In July, Jamie went to recruiting school at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

"I had no idea I would become a full-time recruiter when I returned from school," said Jamie. "But when I returned home, the job was offered to me, and I accepted."

Not only is Jamie the first Toledo ANG female recruiter, but out of the eight Air Guard units in Ohio, Jamie is one of only four assigned female recruiters!

Jamie says she likes her new job. She says it is challenging and rewarding to her. "It's challenging because there is always that opportunity to meet new people. It is rewarding because it helps people help themselves."

Jamie is a graduate of Anthony Wayne High School and presently lives in Perrysburg.

Payne Retires

BY SSG ROBERT RESTMAN

Master Sergeant Kenneth A. Payne, Battery B, 1/136 Field Artillery, recently retired after 32 years of military service.

Kenny, as most people knew him, began his military career in 1947 when he enlisted in the Air Force. Payne joined the Marion unit almost immediately after his discharge from the Air Force in 1953.

Shortly after he joined the Guard, Payne became a full-time technician. His Guard service was continuous until an auto accident in 1978 interrupted his service.

Even though partially disabled, Payne continued to attend drills with the unit until his retirement.

Payne was an honor graduate of Rawinsonde Technical School, Chanute, Illinois; he was the first reservist to be the honor graduate of the Second Army's Non-Commissioned Officer School; and he was an honor graduate of the Administrative Supply Technician Course.

Payne has been awarded the Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon, the Meritorious Service Ribbon and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

According to Payne his greatest personal award and achievement was his promotion to First Sergeant of the Marion unit.

Payne was presented an engraved watch when he retired as a full-time technician.

New Hamilton Armory Dedication set for March 15

In early January, two Ohio National Guard units from Southwest Ohio moved into the new Major General Charles H. Jones Armory. This facility will also be the Command Control Center for the Southwest Sector of Ohio.

Headquarters Company of the 134th Engineer Group, under the command of Captain Scott Telford, will be moving from their Blue Ash site, just outside Cincinnati.

Company B of the 147th Infantry Battalion, under the command of 1st Lieutenant Curtis Hughes, will be moving from their present outdated building in Hamilton.

The dedication of the new Armory is scheduled for March 15.

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For Your Information

Space Available

Ohio National Guardmembers who want to travel on Guard aircraft on a space available basis must have a valid ID card and a DD Form 1853 signed by their commander. The DD Form 1853 is the Authentication of Reserve Status for Travel Eligibility.

Guardmembers should also be in Class A uniform and must meet all applicable military grooming standards.

Meeting these four requirements will get your Space Available trip off the ground on the right foot.

Officers Eligible

National Guard officers are eligible to compete for membership on the six officer teams the United States will enter in the Military Skills Competition to be held in connection with the 34th Annual Congress of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers in Eindhoven, Netherlands July 25 through August 8.

National Guard officers and enlisted personnel are also eligible to compete for membership on the International Military Sports Council Pentathlon team scheduled to compete in Brengarten, Switzerland September 6 through 13.

Competition events include a running obstacle course, a swimming obstacle course, shooting with rifle, pistol and submachine gun, and orienteering. Team selections will be made in June and July with trials to be held at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Prospective applicants must be able to run five miles in less than 31 and 1/2 minutes, swim 50 meters in less than 36 seconds and do at least 10 pull ups.

Further information and applications can be requested through Major Roger Harvey, Reserve Forces Coordinator, US Modern Pentathlon Training Center, Bldg 189, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, 77234.

Applications for the Military Sports Council Pentathlon are due by March 3 and applications for the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers competition is due by March 17.

Applications will be forwarded to arrive at the Adjutant General's Department no later than February 25, 1981.

Appropriation Signed

The president signed the MILCON Authorization and Appropriation Bills. The Appropriation Bill provides $42.3 million for Army National Guard (ARNG) construction, which is 78 percent more than that received in fiscal year 1980, but only 67 percent of that obtained in fiscal year 1976.

Army Guard Grows in Strength

Fiscal Year 1980. With a gain of 21,280 personnel during Fiscal Year 1980 the ARNG increased its assigned strength to 368,254 as of September 1980. The ARNG obtained a total 97,095 enlistments during fiscal year 1980, 102 percent of recruiting objectives for the year. This represents an increase of 12,245 over the number of enlistments obtained during fiscal year 1979. Extension and reenlistment of personnel reaching ETS climbed from 80,107 in fiscal year 1979 to 83,136 in fiscal year 1980, an increase of 3,029. The total All States extension/reenlistment rate for fiscal year 1980 was 68.2 percent compared to a goal of 65.0 percent.

Why Stay in Guard

Reasons as Varied as People

Why stay in the Ohio National Guard? The reasons are as varied as the individuals. Some stay for the Scholarship Program; some for insurance benefits; some for extra cash and some for plain, old-fashioned patriotism.

To learn some of the reasons individuals choose to stay in the Guard, BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine interviewed a cross-section of the Ohio Guard during a recent drill weekend at Beightler Armory.

Here are the results:

SP5 Les Gates, clerk for Headquarters Detachment, Worthington, stays in the Guard for the same reason he served six years of active duty.

"I've always believed in my military," he explained. "I believe it should be strong."

SP5 Bonnie Adams, full-time computer card punch operator, said she hopes to make a career of the Guard.

SP5 Adams began her military career with the Mississippi National Guard as the first woman in the 41st Arm Band. After earning a degree in music from Jackson State College, she returned to her home in Cleveland. She played in the 122nd Arm Band until she went full-time in 1977.

The Guard is a career for CW03 George F. Cline as well. CW03 Cline, the State safety specialist, completed his 30th year of service in November 1980.

"I believe the National Guard is probably the most key factor in our national defense. It is necessary to have a strong National Guard to deter our enemies," he said.

Sgt. Janet Steck, illustrator for the Public Affairs Office, joined the Guard for tuition assistance and is staying in for the same reason.

After her discharge from the Army, Sgt. Steck enrolled in Bowling Green State University as an education major. However, she soon found the GI Bill did not pay enough for tuition and living expenses. The ONG Scholarship Program allowed her to become an elementary education teacher in civilian life.

At the Public Affairs Office Sgt. Steck continues to illustrate as she did while on active duty at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas for four years. She had studied art for three years before joining the Army. Completion of her undergraduate art degree is her next goal, she said.

Sgt. Robert F. Ketchum left the Army in 1975 when he was married. He returned to the military life in 1977 because he "kind of missed it", he said.

"I enjoy doing my part for the community and my country", he said. "Most of the people here are pleasant to work with."

Sgt. Ketchum inspects helicopters after maintenance work has been done on them. He takes advantage of military correspondence courses to sharpen his skills.

Is he staying in? Last April he reenlisted for another three years.

Peacetime Registration

Telephone calls have continued to be received by the Adjutant General's Department, asking whether members of the Ohio National Guard have to register for peacetime Selective Service Registration.

The answer is yes! All male members of the Ohio National Guard, both Army and Air, must register at their nearest United States Post Office during the specified time for the applicable year of birth.

Many members of the Guard thought they were already registered or did not have to register. According to Section 6A of the Military Selective Service, Guardmembers are not exempt citizens.

For further information, call the toll-free number 1-800-282-7310 for 1st. Lt. Victor Dubina or SSGt Nancy Cleveneger.

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