With the celebration of Christmas, the observance of
the Birth of the Prince of Peace, we also look forward to
the New Year. The rebirth of another year, especially to
those of us who stand ready to serve, rekindles our hopes
for Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward all.

It is within this Spirit of Christmas that Ohio
National Guard members, spouses, families, and friends maintain
their eternal vigilance for Peace. This spirit, along with
the dedication and sacrifice of the Minuteman, are a profound
manifestation of the world peace we all desire and are working
toward through our active participation in the Ohio National
Guard.

It is also within this spirit of Peace that we wish
to each and every one of you and all of your loved ones a
very Merry Christmas and a most Joyous New Year.

May the blessing of Peace be with you.

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Matters of Concern To Us

Several things concerning the operation of the National Guard have been bugging me lately. I believe they are your concern too, so I want to mention them and possibly working together we can do better in the coming year. You know a bugged General is not easy to live with.

First: Appearance of our personnel. You have heard me speak of first impressions and how we look to the public often causes people to form a bad opinion not only of the National Guard but also of the Active Army and Air Force. After all, the average Ohioan sees more National Guard members than those of the active forces. If we expect public support, we must have all our elected officials, civic leaders, neighbors and others believe we are worthy of such support and a worthwhile investment for their tax dollars. Officers and NCO's must set the example and make the corrections required. Personal appearance to include weight, consideration of others, friendliness and courtesy will do much to improve our public image.

Second: Strength. While the Ohio Air Guard continues to maintain 100% strength and the largest actual strength in the country, the Ohio Army Guard is still at only 96% strength. If 13 other states can reach and maintain 100%, we can do it too. Commanders at all levels must analyze their unit and determine where the problem lies. How you manage your unit, how you and your NCO's treat members and how you train all may be factors contributing to low strength.

The goal - 100% by January 1, 1982. Some units have a long way to go, but must only need 4 or 5 people. One hundred twenty-five members looking for 5 new members! Don't tell me this can't be done.

Third: Officer Candidates. A new class reports in May 1982. I am looking for at least one candidate from each unit instead of 40 from the entire state that started in the last class. It is my belief that NCO's should pick these potential officers and convince the enlisted person to make application. After all, you NCO's know them the best. You live with them, work with them and spend your free time with them. Look at your unit. Which person has the smarts, the motivation, the enthusiasm, the attitudes and personality to become an officer with whom you would like to serve? After all, you are going to be in your unit a long time, while the commander will be moving on to a staff job.

It's time you NCO's start to make recommendations to the commander about OCS candidates and encourage your nominees to attend. If you don't have top notch lieutenants and commanders in the future, it may be your fault.

Fourth: Reports of Survey, property losses and claims against the state. We are careless, we lose too much and it is costly both to individuals, to the Guard and to the State. Remember, even when people pay, the money goes back to the Government, not back into our appropriations. Therefore, we must buy the replacement item rather than buying items short which we need for training, or for our combat missions. Stress careful driving and safekeeping and care of our clothing and equipment. The current $15 per man, per year loss rate can be reduced to less than $5 per man, per year if we all do our part.

Fifth: Training - Remember, that is the purpose of our drills, to train for our state and federal missions. Use your time well and the additional drills and full time trainers to prepare your instructors. You are doing better, but there is still room for improvement.

Finally, a word of praise. I have observed improvements in every unit of both the Army and Air Guard during the past year. You can all be proud of your accomplishments both as individuals and as units. You have worked hard and your family and friends have contributed also by making it possible for you to participate. Take time during the approaching holiday season to reflect on and take pride in your accomplishments and your contribution to our state and national security. Thank those who support you and encourage others to do likewise.

In Memory Of

Mrs. Erskine Stewart, a former outstanding employee of the State Adjutant General's Dept., and wife of Chief Warrant Officer Four (Ret) Orlyn E. Stewart, has passed away. Her passing is received with deepest regret and sorrow. She was a long-time loyal and dedicated employee of the Ohio National Guard.

Colonel Cecil J. Davis (Ret.), Kenton, Ohio, died the last of October. He was a member of the 148th Infantry and had commanded the 4th Infantry Regiment, Company E. 148th Col. Davis was 81 years old. Sincere regrets to his family and friends.
We Have the Right and the Freedom

Time after time the Ohio National Guard has been called to act in violent situations. It has been asked, in fact tasked, to always be 100% perfect in every situation no matter how unfamiliar. This exposure, in a sense, puts the Guard in jeopardy as inasmuch as there is no way to practice the real thing. You can only try to come as close as possible.

The Ohio National Guard has never shirked the responsibility which has been placed upon us. Accepting that responsibility has been one thing, attempting to carry it out to perfection under extreme conditions is something else.

When one considers these responsibilities and the duty, the moral urge, one can begin to understand why the development of a good training program, and more importantly, why the instilling of both military discipline and self-discipline become so important. These are the ingredients which allow us to get through situations which many times are strange and which we only do once. What we don't think of so often though is whether it is in federal or state service, we are dramatically supporting the constitution of both the state and the nation.

These instruments can only exist if they are defended and supported by people, even while we engage in involvements that jeopardize our ability to remain free. I said this once before and I think it is worth repeating. "The greatest tragedy that could occur to this country is that we allow our sense of freedom to carry us to a point when one day, the price of freedom costs us our freedom." As always in our history, the ultimate price of freedom is measured in American lives, whether that occurs on the battlefields of France, Okinawa, the Philippines or the streets of our cities and the campuses of our universities.

The lessons we have learned are not going to change our way of thinking because lessons only apply to one generation and are forgotten by the next. This is the nature of the type of society in which we live and ultimately has a vital effect on the maintenance of that society.

Each generation forgets quickly and the responsibility that has been passed on to us as well as the price those who came before us paid in order for us to enjoy the privileges of a free society are soon forgotten. Nor do we seem to sense any responsibility for those who come after us. Here again, those who have served in the Ohio National Guard, who have voluntarily given of their time and effort, are visible proof that there are some who take that responsibility very seriously.

Recently a very astute individual made a comment that we have always been willing to let them defend us. The syndrome of a we/they society hardly supports the concept of a Democratic form of government. In fact it implies that there is little justification for its existence. I happen to believe that this is not true, that freedom is worth every life that has been given. The incidents in our history which test sorely our ability to remain a free people to maintain our objectivity and to retain our sense of responsibility are always there as a somber reminder of those responsibilities.

During the time of the year when peace is our primary concern, the thought and the horror of war seems totally alien to the enjoyment of this blessed season. It is difficult to understand that we have the right and the freedom to enjoy this season because of the lives and sacrifices of many in the past. For those who may wonder why we wear and even need uniforms, it is because the world has not yet reached a point where we know how to live at peace. In fact, in order to remain at peace, we have to be prepared for war. We should all take a great deal of comfort in realizing that what we do, the sacrifices that we make and the uniform that we wear helps preserve, not only our heritage of freedom, but also the peace we so earnestly seek. My best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God bless you all.

BG JAMES M. ABRAHAM
Asst. Adj. Gen. for Army

Letters

Code of Conduct

To the Editor:

"Buckeye Guard", you had an article on the soldier's Code of Conduct. The fifth article was printed as, "When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give my name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause."

On Nov. 3, 1977, President James A. Carter changed the word bound to required in the fifth article of the Code of Conduct. He did this to lessen the guilt feelings of those who broke under prisoner of war torture and encampment.

I hope that you will note this change so that our younger soldiers will realize that the Code of Conduct isn't just another military document, but laws set forth which we all must strive to maintain as soldiers.

LT. LARRY L. SHEPHERD
371st Support Group

Thank you for letting me and the members of the Guard know of this change.

Editor

Feeling Cheated

To the Editor:

This is to inform you that I feel cheated by both you, and the personnel who were in charge of the Third Annual ONGEA bowling tournament, held last April in Columbus. I won first place in all events, fourth place in singles, and my partner and I finished eighth place in doubles. Somehow you managed to print the names of all the first place winners EXCEPT mine.

SSG CALVIN E. BANKHEAD
Co C, 112th Eng BN

Dear SSgt. Bankhead,

At the time I was given the list of winners there were several that needed scores and handicaps verified before making official announcements of the actual winners. The last paragraph of the article on pg. 16, June issue of Buckeye Guard mentioned this. We certainly did not mean to omit you and sincerely congratulate you and your team members for your outstanding bowling accomplishments.

Editor

Chanukah December 21
The pilot of the Boeing 747 pulled back on the jet’s throttle and taxied to the tarmac at Rein Mein airport in West Germany. Thirty hours after they left Beightler Armory in Worthington, members of the 196th Public Affairs Detachment stepped off the huge aircraft to begin their annual two-week training, participating in NATO’s massive Certain Encounter exercise. The 15-member unit chosen to participate in the 70,000-troop exercise apprehensively undertook the unique mission, and quickly realized the onerous complexity of gathering and disseminating news in a realistic combat situation.

The men and women of the unit, many of whom draw their skills from years of civilian media experience, found themselves confronted with a great challenge and at times even doubted their ability to overcome it. General George Patton once said that fixed fortifications in combat were a monument to man’s stupidity. And, although it’s essential for the operation of modern aircraft to begin their annual two-week training, participating in NATO’s massive Certain Encounter exercise also presented a great challenge and at times even doubted their ability to overcome it.

For example, a civilian journalist goes to the county courthouse to obtain information for a story. Obviously, the courthouse is not going to move. It’s always going to be in the same location. But, the military reporter assigned to cover the movements of crack armored cavalry troops attempting to quickly outflank their opponents rapidly realizes his first concern is to avoid getting run over by a tank.

It’s also easy to understand the problems that the unit’s electronic news gathering team encounters in transporting cumbersome audio-visual cameras into the field. Under the adverse conditions, it’s amazing the unit was able to complete any assignments. However, it was repeatedly complimented on the quality of work produced throughout the exercise.

Besides gaining invaluable experience on wartime journalism, the detachment played a major role in covering the actions of National Guard units in the exercise that may have been overlooked without the presence of the civilian-soldier media.

The arduous mission also seemed to build the character of the unit, particularly the younger members who may never have been in a situation where the work really began when they returned from eight to 10 hours of news gathering in the field.

Although not one member of the unit seemed to be disappointed about the completion of training and the return to the United States, it was easy to see that everyone had grown in one way or another from their short stay in Germany.
684th Med Station

Soldiers Have Feelings Too

BY Sp4 CHUCK TRITT
196th P.A.D.

"When a person comes to our unit for a physical it is probably the first contact they have with the Army other than their recruiter so we try to make it a good contact," says Maj. Dick Belt, commander of the 684th Med. Co. (Cir).

As a part of their drill one platoon of the 684th operates an exam station at their armory in Westerville. On weekends that the 684th is not drilling other units use the exam station to give physicals.

Along with providing physicals the exam station operation provides an on-the-spot training experience for unit members, according to 1Lt. Ruth Wilcox, a nurse with the 112th Med Bde., who is attached to the 684th. "When we find a patient with an unusual condition, after getting the patients permission, we conduct training for our unit members," says Wilcox. The unit also stresses cross training so everyone is qualified for many jobs, says SSGt. Mickey Cochran, a Section Sergeant in the 3rd Platoon.

The physical given at the exam station includes an eye exam, hearing test, blood test, urinalysis, a check of the patients vital signs, an EKG for patients over 40 years old, and an interview with a physician. Everything but the interview with the physician is done by unit members, according to Wilcox.

As part of the unit's effort to make the physical a pleasant experience Wilcox stresses to the unit members that just because their patients are soldiers they do not have feelings.

Another part of the unit's effort includes elimination of the Army's proverbial "hurry up and wait" method. "We try to get the soldiers out of here as quickly as possible while still doing a thorough job," stated Cochran.

Apparently the 684th is accomplishing its goal. "I haven't had to wait very long and all the people have been friendly," says Sp5 Jo Jennings of the 325th Adjutant General Co, Finance Section, 83rd ARCOM, who recently had a physical at the 684th.

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Get Ready for Santa

BY SSgt. JOHN J. SIMES
HHD, 512th Engr Bn

Tradition will have its part in the annual Christmas dinner to be held at HHD, 512th Engineer Battalion (Maint), Cincinnati, this Christmas.

The cooks will prepare a meal of turkey, venison, and wild pheasant with all the trimmings.

After the delicious meal, Santa Claus will arrive with gifts for all the children. Santa will arrive with a different twist than the eight reindeer and a sleigh . . . he will arrive on a 1957 Harley Davidson with a sidecar full of toys.

Santa's real name is Glenn C. Hammond, Jr. He is the father of Capt. Glen C. Hammond III, Commander of HHD, 512th Engr Bn (Maint). Glenn has brought smiles of joy to little faces by being Santa every year for the past five years. He served during World War II to defend our country in its time of need.

Hammond was drafted February 22, 1943 and was assigned to the 80th Cav Recon, 80th Inf Div, 3rd U. S. Army, as an armored car driver. The 80th Inf Div's nickname was "Blue Ridge Division" and their motto was "The 80th Only Moves Forward". This was evident by the fact that the Division never failed to seize their objective. The fiery battle at Argentan, fighting into besieged Bastogne, and twice shattering the Siegfied Line briefly relates some of the accomplishments of the 80th Inf Div.

Upon Hammond's discharge from active duty on December 15, 1945, he immediately enlisted in the 814th Heavy Tank Battalion, USAF, at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. He subsequently served two three-year extensions and was held for a one-year extension during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged in November 1952 as a Master Sergeant.

During his overseas duty, Hammond was awarded the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, the European Theatre Ribbon with two campaign stars, and the Africa/Middle East Ribbon with two campaign stars.

Hammond's contribution to the annual family Christmas dinner has long been deserving of recognition. As a result, he was made an honorary Guardsman and a member of the 512th Engineer Battalion. Last year he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and an Engraved Plaque by Lt. Col. Jack D. Arnett, former commander of the 512th Engineer Battalion (Maint).

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1981 Championships

Ohio Does Good At Nationals

Three Ohio National Guard sharpshooting teams represented the state in the 1981 National Guard Rifle, Pistol and Machinegun Championships at Camp Robinson, Ark., Aug. 31-Sept. 12.

Competition was divided into two week-long phases. The first, composite, involved M14 rifles and .22, .45, centerfire and service pistols. The second week, combat, featured competition with the individual TOE weapons — M16 rifles, service pistols and M60 light machineguns. Ohio entered teams in the composite rifle, composite pistol and combat pistol events.


The Ohio composite pistol team fared better, placing ninth out of 45 teams in the championship and winning one of the team matches — the prestigious General George S. Patton, Jr. Trophy Pistol Team Match — in the process. Members of the team included SFC George Bergholz, Groveport; SSgt. Ronald Benge, Fairfield; SFC Charles Kwiatkowski, Toledo; SSgt. Ronald Groening, Cleveland; Sgt. Gregory Czarnecki, Dayton; Sgt. John Zika, Norwalk; Sgt. James Fall, Toledo; and SSgt. Larry Titus, Blanchester. A Connecticut pistol team won the championship.

Competition was even keener for the combat pistol shooters; Ohio’s team placed 18th out of 38 participating teams. Representing the 73rd Infantry Brigade were Capt. Robert Rote, Westerville; SSgt. Leo Morgan, Ostrander; SSgt. Joseph Edwards, Cardington; Sgt. Dennis Speakman, Columbus; Sgt. Robert Willhite, Dayton; Sp4 Ronald Capaniro, Columbus; PFC Carl Flier, Columbus; and Sgt. Rick Merz, Kettering. Last year’s winner, a Louisiana battalion team, captured the 1981 championship as well.

The National Guard Rifle, Pistol and Machinegun Championships are held annually in September at Camp Robinson. For information on becoming involved in the Ohio National Guard’s marksmanship program, or guidance on starting unit teams, contact the state marksmanship coordinator, Lieutenant Colonel Clark, at state headquarters for the Ohio National Guard.
The men are veterans who joined the Ohio National Guard in the late 1930s or in 1940. They are straight-talking people, proud of their service, and proud of their World War II unit, the 112th Combat Engineers.

On June 6, 1944 they were among the first wave to hit Omaha Beach on D-Day.

One of them pulls out a huge captured Nazi flag. He lettered in the campaigns of the 112th on it, and the names of the people in his unit.

These men were Guard members who knew what they fought for. Their heritage is deeply rooted in the history of militia.

Niccolò Machiavelli, a theorist on the nature and practice of statecraft and governance, explored the meaning of military forces for society. In his *Art of War* he made the following observation:

"Since war is not an occupation by which a man can at all times make an honorable living, it ought not to be followed . . . Indeed, no good man ever did, for surely no one can be called a good man who, in order to support himself, takes up a profession that obliges him at all times to be rapacious, fraudulent, and cruel."

Machiavelli argued that a large standing professional Army was dangerous to the liberties of the people. Instead, he endorsed the idea of militia: citizens protecting themselves, and the best way of accomplishing this was through a loyal force of citizens who voluntarily chose to protect the state in time of danger. The militia concept, the citizen-soldier concept, was in effect a "part-time" Army which avoided mercenaries and the potential dangers of a large standing Army.

This idea was transmitted to England in the tumultuous Seventeenth century, as many English thinkers feared that a large standing Army was destructive of civil liberties and posed a potential force to be used by a tyrant. These thinkers were called Commonwealthmen, or Libertarians. They feared arbitrary concentration of power in King, Parliament, or a "Protector" such as Cromwell.

Libertarians in England believed that there was only one source of power which could be trusted: the people in general. Americans later called this popular sovereignty, and incorporated this idea in the Constitution of the United States, which begins with "We the people . . ." Although the political situation in England eventually played down the militia concept of an armed people, this idea was implanted in the minds of English immigrants who found a new home in America.

They knew that the English political experience didn't fare well under standing armies. The Americans' heritage stemming from the English Libertarian ideas became the basis of our political Republic. Importantly, the attitudes against standing armies became a tradition rooted in American historical circumstance and experience. The American Libertarians who feared arbitrary power argued that "there can be but two ways in nature to govern a nation. One is by their own consent, the other by force. One gains their hearts; the other holds their hands." Americans in the colonial period decided on government by consent, and the militia was part of that consent.

British North American colonies needed defense forces, and from Jamestown and Massachusetts Bay the American military experience developed into local bands of armed citizens, mainly farmers, described as "intrepid sons of freedom." In summary, the best defense was not from professional soldiers, but rather from citizens whose roots were deep in their own community. Attachment to community meant a zealous commitment to protect family, farm, and township.

(This historical account of the militia will continue in the February issue of *Buckeye Guard*).
Air Show

Brigade Units ‘Star’ In Air Show

BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS

Units of the 1/166th Infantry Battalion and 1/136th Field Artillery, and members of the 77th Pathfinder Detachment delighted more than 50,000 visitors during the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base Open House and Air Show, held Sept. 12, 1981, in Columbus.

Over 100 73D Brigade members took part in the air show by putting on a total military assault operation with the assistance of Air National Guard and Army and Air Force Reserve units, who provided some of the aircraft for the assault.

The operation began with strafing runs by A-7D jet fighters, then an airdrop by C-123s, which included the Pathfinders, Army paratroopers and supply bundles.

Pathfinders Sgt. Harley Rittenhouse, Spec. 5 Mark Pelphrey and Sgt. Steven Bank then set up a landing zone and guided in ten UH-1 helicopters bearing troops from 1/166th units. The helicopters swooped in to discharge the troops, who remained tactical the entire operation. Later the helicopters would land again to pick up the soldiers, delivering them to a staging area at Bolton Field, on Columbus’ west side.

The next scenario involved two C-130s from Mansfield, additional troops, and a 105MM howitzer from the artillery battalion.

Both aircraft landed, demonstrating what is known as a short field landing. The first plane discharged troops who set up a perimeter. The second offloaded the cannon and crew, who fired several blank rounds to demonstrate to the crowd the speed in which they could set up their firepower. With a roar, the howitzer signaled the end of the day’s activities.

Major Paul L. Cox, 1/166th Commander, narrated the air assault action for the audience. Project coordinator was Capt. Larry M. Hott, also of the 1/166th.

Other units who participated in the Air Show were the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, the 160th Air Refueling Group, the Attack Helicopter Company 107th Armored Cavalry, the 1416th Transportation Company, the 220th Electronic Installation Squadron, the 355th and 356th Tactical Airlift Squadrons, the 251st Combat Communications Squadron, the 110th Tactical Air Support Group and the 2/11th Special Forces Battalion.

The open house and air show have been an annual event for many years. This year marked the first time the event was held without the Air Force. Last year, Air Force units pulled out of Rickenbacker which was then redesignated as Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

Spectacular – That was the opinion of the spectators as they watched the action in the skies and on the ground at the Annual Air Show held at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. PHOTO BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS)
Guard Support to “Bank One” and “Run for Fun”

BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS
Co A, 237th Spt Bn

Members of the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate) were on hand for both the Bank One Marathon and a local “Run For Your Life” in support of the Central Ohio Adolescence Center.

Troops from the 1/136th Field Artillery supplied water for runners in the prestigious Bank One Marathon. This annual event, the second to be held in Columbus, attracted top seeded runners from all over the world. The 73D Infantry Brigade (Sep) members set up and manned water stations at three-mile intervals over the more than 26 mile course.

Volunteers from the Brigade headquarters Company served as timekeepers, course coordinators and registrators for a “Run For Fun” held in September at Rose Park, Columbus. The run covered a five-mile course through hilly terrain.

166th Tackles Civil Disturbance Training

BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS
Co A, 237th Spt Bn

Over 300 members of the 1/166th Infantry Battalion, 73D Infantry Brigade (Sep), took part in a two-day civil disturbance training exercise, Sept. 26-27, topped by a simulated riot at the Franklin County Fairgrounds near Columbus' west side.

According to Maj. Paul L. Cox, the battalion commander, the training covered all aspects of civil disturbance from the history and causes of unrest to the role of the National Guard as a controlling agent.

“The troops need to know more than just how to handle a riot baton or how to form up a riot control formation,” Cox explained. “We felt that if we gave them a basic understanding of the overall picture, we were bound to get better results through the training.”

Cox said the civil disturbance training prepares the men for any type of situation.

“One of the points we tried to get across was the need for a disciplined force,” Cox said. “I think the exercise in the field applying the techniques they had learned the day before really brought the lesson home.”

Members of the Combat Support Company, London, played the part of rioters for the training exercise.


164th Wins ‘Turkey Drop’

BY COL. JOSEPH VOGEL

Once again the crew of Capt. Morris, last year’s winners of this coveted award, were challenged by nine other highly trained and motivated crews for all the "Turkeys" in the 164th TAS annual “Turkey Drop” competition. This illustrious crew demonstrated again why they are entitled to be the "Number One" team.

The overall competition consists of flying a 300 ft. low level mission to the Mansfield Drop Line (on time), actual drop of CDS equipment, maneuver to the Landing Zone (on time), and touchdown within a 400 ft. touchdown zone. The winners touchdown point, a mere 8 ft. from “Perfecto” was truly instrumental in winning this highly competitive event. Their combined times for both the airdrop and landing was a mere 13 seconds, an incredible accomplishment. This scoring criteria requires the coordination of all the crew members aboard, and this is what separates the “winners” from the “non-winners”.

The competition was fierce and the scoring extremely close. A mere 27 points separated the top three crews. The winners scored 1699 points out of a possible 1860 total. A “12 lb. turkey” was awarded to each of the winners.

This once again demonstrated the professionalism and dedication of all the crew members of the 179th TAG. Also “maintenance” was tasked to support 10 sorties for this event and scored a perfect “10”. Outstanding Gentlemen! All the crew members of the 164th TAS express their appreciation to all the maintenance personnel for this outstanding support.

3/107th Wins Draper Award

The Ohio National Guard’s Troop K, 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment located in Youngstown, was honored during the last day of its annual training with the Armor Leadership Award, also called the Draper Award.

Adjutant General James C. Clem, the Ohio Guard’s top ranking officer, presented the trophy to Troop K Commander, Capt. Ralph Mongenel.

The award, which was given for leadership and all-round excellence in cavalry units, is awarded to only one unit in the Fifth Army area, which encompasses the northeastern section of the United States.

Troop K was chosen as the winner of the honor after reviewing general inspection reports, training evaluations, training tests and disciplinary reports.
An Experience to be Savored

BY Sp4 SCOTT SHERRY
13th P.A.D.

Captain James Ashenhurst is back where he started — the Regular Army. The arrangements are special, and Ashenhurst’s enthusiasm makes it immediately evident that he and his wife are going to take advantage of this opportunity — to the max.

Up until July 1st, Ashenhurst served with the Ohio Army National Guard as a signal officer with the 54th RAO Support Center. It was a job he enjoyed. The institution of the ‘Captains to Europe’ program, and his discovery that he was eligible for a 30-month tour, however, seemed like a bigger challenge.

“You’ve got to realize that this is completely different,” Ashenhurst said.

Some of the differences, though Ashenhurst doesn’t say so, have a distinctly unpleasant ring to them. Right now, and for possibly as long as six months, the Ashenhurst’s will be living in temporary quarters.

It’s a form of initiation that is common for both officers and enlisted persons serving in Europe. But it’s not an experience that is simply endured. It is savored — building comradery among the personnel who have been thrown together under these particularly trying circumstances.

Those same rigorous circumstances can be seen in the European training exercises that are day-to-day reality. Recently, Ashenhurst participated in the two-week long, combined NATO exercise “Operation Reforger.”

Located on a tree-covered ridge in eastern West Germany, the retreating aggressor forces, including the 317th Engineering Battalion where Ashenhurst is currently signal officer, were intent on making the best of a bad situation. Ashenhurst had ensconced himself comfortably, and his signal personnel, even while retreating, were living just as well.

In fact, a sergeant major, when asked if Ashenhurst were a member of the camouflaged unit responded by saying he was easily identifiable as the only officer wearing shower shoes in the woods. Though the NCO was joking, it’s obvious that Ashenhurst has been warmly received in his new unit. The acceptance isn’t unique to Ashenhurst.

“When we came here, we were flat out told that National Guard officers would not be assigned to command slots,” Ashenhurst said.

Everything in the Army is subject to change, and the experience of Kenny Robinson, a captain from the Missouri National Guard and Ashenhurst’s tentmate during the Reforger exercise, reflects this reality. Following the completion of this training, Robinson will be taking command of a company in the engineering battalion. And, if current, informal plans work out, Ashenhurst will probably end up commanding a company, too.

The command experience, though unscheduled, will benefit National Guard units across the country. The original intentions of the ‘Captains to Europe’ program were more modest in scope.

Two-hundred captains would have the opportunity to serve a 30-month tour with a matching active duty unit in Europe. This program bolstered the Army’s sagging junior officer ranks while giving National Guard officers new skills and polish.

It sounds easy, but the adjustments have been enormous for some of the captains.

“Most of these individuals have never served in the Regular Army,” Ashenhurst said, analyzing the realities of the current situation, “and the adjustment to Regular Army life has taken a little time for almost everyone.”

Ashenhurst’s previous four-year stint has served him well. By his second day in Germany, he was already out with the battalion on a field problem... jet lag or no jet lag.

The ‘Captains to Europe’ program has also worked to benefit the National Guard in another way. As nearly everyone is aware, quite a few NCO’s with from 8 to 12 years of active service, have been leaving the military in the recent past.

Ashenhurst, working in conjunction with the National Guard recruiter stationed in Frankfort, has been steering former Ohioans to matching Guard units at home. The effort, according to Ashenhurst’s brief experience, has been paying off.

“These NCO’s are really the cream of the crop, and if I can steer them to an individual in Ohio at an armory, it’s going to make it mighty tough for these people to throw away their retirement benefits,” Ashenhurst said.

Ashenhurst is concerned about other matters. One is the comparison of National Guard and regular Army personnel, and it’s one of the questions he’s asked most frequently. And his answer is enthusiastic.

“I’d stack up similar National Guard units man-for-man, and with our limited training and the other drawbacks we face, I’d expect the Guard unit to come out on top in terms of preparedness,” he said.

Preparedness, however, in Germany means a great deal more than it does in the States, and these newly assigned captains are getting a taste of the difference.

“When we train, we train at the site we would actually occupy if a war were to break out in Europe,” he noted.

Training includes preparing the site for this unpleasant and unwanted possibility. Currently, as the battalion signal officer, Ashenhurst has been responsible for developing resources under the evolving doctrine of ‘interoperability’, a key word in the changing NATO world.

‘Interoperability,’ in one sense, is concerned with the ability of various NATO troops to have weapons and equipment systems that can be closely coordinated, even interchanged, in the combat environment.

‘Interoperability’ also has a larger, more complex meaning. This is the capability of military units to take full advantage of all the resources existing in the battlefield. A current example is Ashenhurst’s deployment of German public telephone lines in his unit’s operational area.

“This will let us plug right into the civil system if we ever need to,” Ashenhurst said.

As a recently married captain and transfer to Germany, not all of Ashenhurst’s concerns have been military. The recent arrival of the family’s household furnishings — in good condition — was cause for jubilation.

“We’ve already made up our minds not to be totally committed to living in the ‘American ghetto,’” Ashenhurst said.

So, a portion of the weekly shopping is done ‘on the economy’. According to Ashenhurst, it gives them a chance to get out, see the country and meet with native Germans.

In fact, when the engineering season ends in late October, both Ashenhurst and his wife are planning on taking the University of Maryland’s German language course.

The engineering season, though, starts again in March, and Ashenhurst will be back in the field until October. That, in its own way, the work, the long hours and the difficult training truly characterizes the ‘Captains to Europe’ program, and Captain Ashenhurst is enjoying the whole nine yards.
Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve

We recognize the National Guard and Reserve as essential to the strength of our nation and the maintenance of world peace. They require and deserve the interest and support of the American business community, as well as every segment of our society.

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If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, a broader public understanding is required of the total force policy of national security — and the essential role of the Guard and Reserve within it.

The Guard and Reserve need the patriotic cooperation of American employers in facilitating the participation of their eligible employees in Guard and Reserve programs, without impediment or penalty.

We therefore join members of the American business community in agreement that:

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3. This agreement and the resultant policies will be made known throughout the organization and announced in publications and through other existing means of communication.

Harold Brown
Secretary of Defense

Chairman
National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

Title: _______________________

Employer: ____________________

The Buckeye Guard
Letter of Appreciation To My Boss

Dear Boss,

I want to take this opportunity to inform you about a program that I am involved with, that makes me feel very proud.

The National Guard, both Army and Air, is a trained, equipped and ready Military resource of their respective branch. We are primarily responsive to the State of Ohio and are at the call of the Governor for local emergency requirements in the event of Natural Disasters or Civil Disorders. When mobilized by the President or Congress however, we become part of the National Military Force.

For you and I as tax-payers, it is more economical to support a full strength, well trained, and sufficiently equipped Reserve Force, as opposed to a large standing military force. Even though the National Guard and the Reserves of all of the various branches of the military account for approximately 56% of our total defense, we use only 8% of the total military budget.

My training obligations are normally one weekend per month (occasionally as training requirements dictate the weekend may commence on Friday), and two weeks annual training, usually during the summer months. I will continue to inform you about my Military Training obligation as far in advance as possible. I am very appreciative of your past and continuing support in this very worthwhile endeavor.

Please feel free to visit our Armory and observe what takes place on a “Drill” weekend. We are very cognizant of our role in our Nation’s Defense, and regard it as a public trust to be discharged to the best of our ability.

People in my Unit have joined the National Guard for many reasons. Some prior service people wanted to continue their military affiliation, others who hadn’t been in the Active Forces wanted the Extra Technical Skill Training, Leadership Training, and the feeling of belonging, and the Patriotic pride that comes from being a member of an organization that is so dedicated to the service of our community and to the preservation of our National Freedom.

Sincerely,
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The purpose of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is to develop better public understanding of the National Guard and Reserve Forces and to enlist the support of American employers in developing personnel policies and practices to encourage employee participation in Guard and Reserve programs.

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Employers can pledge their support by signing a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. They can insure their company adopts and implements personnel policies and practices which permit and encourage employees to participate in Reserve Training Programs. Also, they can insure these policies are understood and followed by all management personnel, including the first-line supervisors.

Employer support is a two-way street. Employers should support civilian-military employees and the Guard and Reserve must cooperate as much as possible with employers. Every unit commander has a responsibility to seek and encourage support. All members need to maintain a positive relationship with his employer. If an employer or supervisor understands and approves Guard or Reserve participation, the employee will encounter fewer problems.

Here are a few suggestions to promote positive employer support: Keep employers and supervisors posted on drill dates; tell the employer about the productive things being learned and accomplished in uniform; thank the employer and supervisor for their cooperation at least annually; iron out problems personally, and tell the employers about their employees' achievements.

Frequently Asked Questions About Employer Support

Q. Why do we need the National Guard and Reserve?
A. The National Guard and Reserve are vital elements of the nation's defense structure, ready to back up the active forces in time of national need. In addition, the Army National Guard and Air National Guard have missions to respond in their own states during natural disasters or other emergency situations.

Q. Is there a law concerning employer support?
A. Chapter 43 of Part III of Title 38, U.S. Code, places responsibilities on both the employee and the employer — one must attend training and the other must grant the necessary leave. Further, it says that an employer cannot fire an employee solely because of his or her reserve participation. The law states that a reservist's job security and promotion opportunities may not be limited by military participation and that military leaves of absence must be granted without sacrificing earned vacation time.

Q. Who is affected by the law?
A. The law applies to all employees, full-time or part-time, except those who hold temporary positions. It extends to reservists of all branches of the service who work in private industry and federal, state and local government.

Q. What are the training obligations of members of the Guard and Reserve?
A. Usually, after initial training, members of the Guard and Reserve serve one weekend a month and two weeks during the year for annual training. Further, in order to maintain proficiency in technical skills, often they must attend additional, specialized training. Normally, the two-week duty occurs during the summer, however, that is not always the case. Military units try to minimize conflicts and maximize cooperation by keeping employers informed of training dates well in advance.

Q. Must employers pay reserve employees while they attend military training?
A. Private employers are encouraged to make up the difference between military and civilian salaries. Many do this or keep employees on full pay so they do not suffer a financial loss while serving a patriotic duty, but no pay is required by law. Public employers are bound by the rules and regulations of their jurisdictions.

Q. How does the employer benefit from employee participation in the Guard or Reserve?
A. Your benefits will be both direct and indirect. There'll be pride in supporting the people who are helping defend the country. Employees learn and practice technical skills which can result in better job performance. Leadership and discipline learned in the military will help make your employees better, more responsible workers. They tend to be more-stable and less-likely to leave their jobs. Also, they contribute to local security at times of need and help keep the tax dollar down because they cost only a fraction of the money required to maintain equivalent active forces.

Q. What does it mean when an employer signs a Statement of Support?
A. In signing and displaying a Statement of Support, an employer indicates that he understands the important role of the National Guard and Reserve in the total force and supports employee participation. The Statement makes clear to employees and supervisors that reserve participation is encouraged by company policy. Signers also pledge to make these policies known to all levels of their organizations.

Q. What if the employer has no Guard or Reserve employees? Should a Statement of Support still be signed?
A. By all means. A signature demonstrates support for the Guard and Reserve and for future employees who desire to participate in the programs. If you have questions relating to Employer Support please write to: Dept. of Labor, 1240 E. 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44199.

Our 'Heritage of Freedom' can only exist as long as the 'Citizen Soldier' continues to be willing to accept the responsibility for our collective defense. In this, we do not all bear a musket or wear a uniform.

Brig. Gen. Abraham
First Lieutenant Franklin Webster is welcomed into the Staff Specialist Branch by Lt. Col. Samuel Durban, the Ohio Guard State Chaplain.

Staff Specialist Branch
Recruits Chaplain Trainee

BY Sp4 FRANK DOUGLAS
196th P.A.D.

The Ohio National Guard recently recruited its first member of the Staff Specialist Branch — the newest military branch of service in the Guard nationwide.

First Lieutenant Franklin E. Webster transferred to the Guard after serving 18 months as a staff specialist with the U.S. Army Reserve.

"The Army Reserve has had this program for several years," explained Lt. Col. Samuel Durban, the Ohio Guard's state chaplain.

"The branch is for seminary students who can be commissioned as a second lieutenant. The members of the branch then become chaplains upon becoming ministers."

He added that Webster would be assigned to the state headquarters to be trained by state chaplain's office personnel.

"He'll be doing all kinds of things — giving services, going out to meet chaplains in the field to get a feel for a chaplain's work," Durban said.

Webster already has a good idea of what being a chaplain means. He served three years with the active Army working as a chaplain's assistant.

After graduating from Toledo University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a commission through ROTC, he joined the headquarters detachment of the Ohio National Guard and worked as an assistant to its state chaplain.

Webster left to join the Army Reserve when he heard of the Staff Specialist Branch but rejoined the state militia when the same program was offered through the Guard.

"I transferred back mainly because the Guard is a tightly knit group, and I like the comradery," said Webster, who will soon be graduating as a Lutheran minister from Trinity Seminary of Capital University.

Durban said others will soon take advantage of the chaplain training program.

"There's another person about ready to join and I have a third person inquiring," he said, adding he hopes the program helps in the recruiting of chaplains because of the large number of openings throughout the state.

Beitzel Gives 37 yrs

Master Sergeant Calvin E. Beitzel (left), motor pool supervisor, was recently honored with a retirement and commemoration gift from Lieutenant Colonel Frank L. Horsfall, Commander of the Second Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Canton, Ohio.

Sgt. Beitzel has completed over 37 years combined active Army and Ohio National Guard service. During World War II he spent 56 months in the South Pacific with various field artillery units.

MSGt. Beitzel, who resides in Canton with his family, said, "I have always enjoyed my time in the military and especially with the people who work in this Headquarters Troop. They really are Second to None."

Planes
From 1918-1981

BY MAJ. ROBERT BACHMAN, JR.

Lt. Col. Jeff Traub, Chief of Safety for the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker ANG Base Ohio, spent over 620 hours assembling his model of a 1918 Nieuport World War I Fighter like the one actually flown by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker.

The model is an authentic copy of the original containing every piece of wood, wire, and fabric in 1/4 inch scale. According to Col. Traub, the model contains over 7,000 parts including 32 turnbuckles to adjust wire tensions. It has a 90 inch wingspan, a Gemini 4 cycle twin cylinder engine, and an elaborate remote control system. Col. Traub has flown his model 54 times and has shown it in numerous shows. In addition to flying his Nieuport, Col. Traub also flies a real A-7D Corsair II Jet Fighter. (OFFICIAL USAF PHOTO)

(See Below)
For Your Information

NCOES Graduations

Graduation ceremonies were conducted at the Ohio Historical Society auditorium on November 22 for 33 Senior Noncommissioned officer students. Classes conducted on four weekends over the August-November time period covered such subjects as BTMS, effective writing, effective speaking, The Threat, Total Force, duty rosters, counseling, drill and ceremony, NBC, Enlisted Evaluation Reports, and Property Accountability. The graduates from Senior Class V were: SGM Anthony Loguidice, SGM William Pewther, MSG Edward Washington, MSG Richard Bugoci, MSG Robert Evener, MSG Guy Gennett, SFC Robert Hudson, SFC Nicholas Kurlas and SFC Dale O'Flaherty of HHB Ohio ARNG; SFC Michael Cline and SFC John Paul of CAC; MSG Roger Kuhn of HHB (-) 2/174th ADA; MSG William Cartwright of Co M 3/107th AC; MSG Stanley Grewe of HHC 372nd Spt Gp; MSG Richard Weissner of Det 1, 213th Maint Co.; MSG Reynold Large of Spt Co 1/147th Inf; MSG Frank Cappel of Co A (-) 1/147th Inf; MSG Joseph Smith of 200th Med Co; MSG Timothy Curtis and MSG Robert Starn of HHC 16th Engr Bde; SFC George Siebert of HHC 512th Engr Bn; SFC Frank Miller, SFC Eugene Seiker and MSG Donald Stowe of HHC 372nd Engr Bn; PSG Dean Eby of Co B 372nd Engr Bn; MSG Albert Spiller of Co C 216th Engr Bn; MSG David Koehler of Co D 612th Engr Bn; SFC Jonathan Chorpenning and MSG Gary Wiley of HHB 2/11th SFGA; MSG Daniel Hughes and SFC David Wilhelmus of Co C 2/11th SFGA; SGM Stephen Santha and MSG Patrick Strange of Co B 2/11th SFGA.

Advanced Class III will graduate on December 20 at the Ohio Historical Society auditorium. Guest speaker for the graduation will be Brig. Gen. David A. Wayt, Commander of the 16th Engr Bde. Class III has been meeting since August. Subjects include leadership, drill and ceremony, land navigation, BTMS, communications, maintenance, supply economy, inspections, and personnel management. All interested persons are invited to attend.

ONGA Insurance

Each active member of the Ohio National Guard Association is presently covered by a $2,000 life insurance policy. This insurance program took effect January 9, 1981 and is provided by the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Kansas City, Missouri.

This policy includes provision for each individual member of the ONGA, since the program took effect, to continue the coverage when they either retire or separate from the National Guard by submitting the premium to the Association at the same rate. The current rate is 52 cents per month or $6.24 per year. For each member insured who has not attained the age of 70, the amount of insurance shall be $2,000.

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Col. Roger Truax, Secretary ONGA

Family Members Can Shop

Family members may now shop at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base Exchange and Food Store without being accompanied by their sponsor. The RANG Army and Air Force Exchange management felt it was only fair that a spouse could shop during the week, said Col. Wickline. The family member doing the shopping may be anyone 16 years of age or older with a valid driver's license or proper identification showing that they are married to or the child of the person shown on the Leave and Earnings Statement. The Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) of the soldier or airman must still be shown to the person checking ID's when entering the exchanges.

The Base Exchange building location has been changed from 5th Street to the former Bowling Alley building. It is located next to the base gymnasium just south of the base consolidated club. The Food Store (Food Exchange) will continue to be operated from the former commissary building located on C Avenue. This applies to Rickenbacker only.

Co's Select Ohio's Best

BY SFC NANCY CLEVENER
HHD, Worthington

Twenty-three Outstanding Guardmembers and their families were honored for their dedication and contributions to the Ohio National Guard. The Outstanding Guardmember program provides the commanders a chance to recognize the E-1 through E-5 soldier that has the best military bearing in the unit and who performs above and beyond his regular military duties.

The 23 Outstanding Guardmembers selected for 1981 and their family members spent a week at Camp Perry, Ohio vacationing and increasing their leadership abilities. The leadership classes, taught by Col. Doile Lama, Maj. John Donellan And Maj. Warren Payne, were held daily. The soldiers found the classes to be so worthwhile in helping to build their leadership skills that they plan to continue to meet quarterly.

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INSURANCE COMMITTEE
The insurance committee has selected SMSgt. John Young as full time Insurance Administrator. The Insurance Office is located in the Credit Union banking facilities at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Columbus, Ohio. Officers are encouraged to cooperate with SMSgt. Young in scheduling time to discuss the insurance program with Officers and enlisted people.

CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST
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DINNER - DANCE
The Winter Dinner-Dance of the Association will be held at the Riviera Country Club February 27, 1982. Details will be published in the next issue of the Buckeye Guard and information will be mailed to your homes in early January. Warrant Officer Luaine Lindsey is chairperson for this event.

104th GENERAL CONFERENCE
The 104th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico in September 1982.

STATE CONFERENCE
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103rd CONFERENCE
The 103rd Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States was held in Columbus, Ohio in the forefront again, with the largest delegation of junior officers in attendance. This year’s conference was held in Biloxi, Mississippi.

The theme of this year’s conference was “The National Guard as a National Defense Priority.” The theme opened discussions about the Total Force Concept and its growth in the last decade. The NGAUS Position Paper stated that NGAUS... believes that the Army and Air National Guard have the capability for expansion and an increased share of national defense responsibilities in the years ahead... To be able to fulfill the additional responsibilities, NGAUS argues that only can be accomplished by modern combat equipment, full-time unit support, authorization and funding for additional training, beyond the two-week annual training period, incentives to obtain needed manpower, and concrete awareness at the Federal level of the Guard’s requirements for state service.

Speakers at the conference included Senator John Stennis of Mississippi; Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr.; General F. J. Kroesen, Commander-in-Chief, USEUR; General W. L. Creech, Commander TAC; Lieutenant General J. V. Hartinger, Commander-in-Chief NORAD; Lieutenant General C. C. Blanton, DCS, Airforce Programs & Evaluations; Under Secretary of the Air Force E. C. Aldridge, Jr.; and General Donn M. Starry, Commander, U.S. Readiness Command.

Senator Stennis emphasized that all of the reserve components use only 8 cents out of each defense dollar, but in the competition for the military dollar, “...you are earning more than you are getting in return.” Stennis did indicate that this nation needed a new standby to meet the personnel needs of the military. Stennis came out for a new Selective Service Act and a new Draft.

Army Secretary John Marsh solicited support in the campaign to get state education aid and incentive programs for the National Guard to help bolster enlistments. Ohio has been in the forefront in educational incentives. Marsh said that those states that have education programs have found them to be “enormously helpful” in recruiting.

General Kroesen stated that this was the best peacetime Army we have ever had, but that the strength of the Army lies in its leadership.

Next year’s 104th General Conference will be held in Puerto Rico. Details will be in the February Issue.

Criteria for the Hall of Fame

At the Ohio National Guard Association Annual Conference on April 11, 1981, Major General Loren G. Windom (Ret), Chairman of the Awards Committee, outlined the history of the awards program and submitted the following committee recommendations:

1. That the Awards Committee be appointed for a term of at least three years, with appointments staggered so as to ensure continuity within the committee, i.e., the Awards Committee members be placed in this term.

2. That the Awards Committee be a standing committee composed of five senior officers.

3. That the suggested criteria for the Hall of Fame and the Distinguished Service Award be adopted by the Association, and be published in the Buckeye Guard once each year.

4. That the proposed Standing Operating Procedure be adopted to govern the actions of the Awards Committee.

5. That inductions into the Hall of Fame and awards of the Distinguished Service Award be given the widest possible publicity, local, state, and national.

Criteria for the Hall of Fame and the Distinguished Service Award are as follows:

HALL OF FAME

1. Persons eligible: Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel who have served in the Ohio National Guard.

2. When eligible for nomination: A person shall become eligible for nomination in the Hall of Fame three (3) years after retirement from the Armed Services, or three (3) years after death, whichever comes first. A member of the Ohio National Guard who is awarded the Medal of Honor while serving in a National Guard status or on extended active duty from the Ohio National Guard may be inducted into the Hall of Fame at any time.

3. Period of service to be considered: Nominations for the Hall of Fame shall cover the entire military and civilian service of the nominee.

4. Standards for selection: The standard of service rendered and recognition among peers achieved which would justify selection for the Hall of Fame must have been above and beyond that normally considered as outstanding or exemplary. The service must have been such as to have brought great credit to the United States, the State of Ohio and the Ohio National Guard.

Sustained exceptional performance of all duties, the institution of innovative programs which were unique to their time frame, the enhancement of the combat effectiveness of the Ohio National Guard and the enhancement of public support of the Guard are
Hall of Fame

types of service to be considered. Decorations and awards of the United States and the State of Ohio should be included in the statement of service. No person should be nominated or selected for the Hall of Fame solely because that person compares favorably with one or more previous inductees.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

1. Persons eligible: Any person military or civilian.
2. When eligible for nomination: A person is eligible for nomination for the Distinguished Service Award at any time.
3. Period of time considered: The Distinguished Service Award may be given for a single act or for performance over an extended period of time. See paragraph 4.
4. Standards of selection: a. An individual must have accomplished an outstanding achievement on behalf of the Ohio National Guard.
b. Outstanding performance by the individual must have been such as to clearly identify the person as having played a key role in the accomplishment of which the award is to be given. Superior performance of duties normal to the grade, branch, specialty or assignment experience of an individual are not considered adequate basis for this award.
c. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed qualification for this award if it is of sufficient significance and character, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding service on a sustained basis. Personal dedication and self-sacrifice may be regarded as factors deserving consideration.
d. Civilians who assist the Ohio National Guard by their actions and support may be considered for the award.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame or the Distinguished Service award are submitted as follows: Anyone may submit nominations for the awards. Nominations should be submitted in writing, original and one copy, to the Secretary, Ohio National Guard Association, who will forward all nominations to the Awards Committee. Nominations shall be accompanied by a proposed text of the award citation. Nominations which are rejected by the Awards Committee may be resubmitted with additional facts and supporting documents.

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The Awards Committee Standing Operating Procedures are as follows:
1. All deliberations and actions of the Awards Committee are CONFIDENTIAL and should be disclosed to no one except the officers of the Association.
2. The Secretary of the Association will forward nominations for awards to the committee. Nominations should be considered by the committee and approved or rejected within one year after the receipt thereof. Nominations should either be approved as meeting the criteria for the award, or rejected as not meeting the criteria.
3. When a nomination is rejected the chairman of the committee will so advise the Secretary of the Association in writing. The Secretary will advise the proponent of the rejection.
4. In cases where a nomination for the Hall of Fame is inadequate to meet the criteria for that award but is appropriate for the Distinguished Service Award, the committee may, with the concurrence of the proponent, consider the nomination to be for the Distinguished Service Award. Correspondence with the proponent should be conducted through the Secretary of the Association.
5. The awards committee may make such changes in the proposed citation as it deems appropriate.
6. When a nomination for either award is approved by the committee the chairman should so advise the Secretary of the Association in writing, attaching the original copies of the nomination, proposed citation, and any related documents. Such action completes the responsibility of the Awards Committee.

Awards Committee

Col. Raymond E. Trickler, President, Ohio National Guard Association, has appointed the following individuals with terms as indicated, to the Awards Committee:

Term ending 1982
Brig. Gen. Herbert B. Eagon (Ret)
Term ending 1983
Lt. Col. Jack Sandford
Term ending 1984
Col. Clyde E. Gutzwiller
Term ending 1985
Col. Charles G. Lees (Ret)
Term ending 1986

Brigadier General Eagon was designated as chairman of the committee for 1981-82.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service Award should be submitted so as to reach the Secretary, Ohio National Guard Association by January 31, 1982. Send the nominations to Col. Roger Truax, Ohio National Guard Association, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085.

Ohio National Guard Association to Continue Scholarship Program

The Ohio National Guard Association will continue its Scholarship Program in 1982. Tentatively six scholarships totaling $3,000 will be awarded to deserving students who are dependents of Guard personnel or are members of the Guard.

More information will be coming through unit channels in the future, or you can receive an application now by writing to: Lt. Col. Theodore M. Stults, Scholarship Chairman, 5351 St. Andrews N.W., Canton, Ohio 44708.

Applications must be received by March 15, 1982.

THEY DESERVE TO BE REMEMBERED

Finally, a memorial to those who served in Vietnam is being built. It will stand in the national park in Washington, D.C. close to the Lincoln Memorial. It will make no political statement. The names of all 57,692 Americans who died there will be inscribed on it. But we need your money to make it possible. All contributions are tax-deductible. Remember the Vietnam Veterans, they deserve it.

Give to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

Virginia Veterans Memorial Fund
P.O. Box 37240
Washington, D.C. 20013

Enclosed is $100.00. $50.00, or $20.00 for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Name:
Address:
City State Zip

All donations are tax-deductible. Please send your personal check today.

The Buckeye Guard
BUSY FALL
It can’t be December! The leaves still aren’t raked and the winter coat isn’t altered yet. Let’s see, is it shorter or longer this year? Where did the fall season go?
Ohio National Guard Officer’s Wives’ Club had a very busy fall, with three terrific meetings in a row. Following the tea in September, October’s get-together was at the Chalet Herb Farm in Delaware. Marny Dilts, Guard wife, herb expert, and super lady, served the OWC quite an elegant luncheon, based upon special herb recipes which she had devised. The menu was extensive, but featured a spinach quiche, herb bread and spreads, and herb beverages. The gals also enjoyed touring the Dilts gardens and craft shop. Very special thanks to Marny for being such a wonderful hostess.

HOLIDAY AUCTION
On November 24, at the DCSC, the Holiday Auction was held, with Mary Radcliffie once again managing everything so beautifully. Hand crafts change each year and Guard wives try them all, it seems! This makes the array of goodies for sale more intriguing all the time. The bidding was brisk, as always, and there were lots of laughs. But best of all, some very lovely items were bought for holiday giving or decorating. The treasury, used for Guard charity, was much healthier after the day’s sale.

NEW YEARS’ PLANS
There is no meeting in December, to give Santa’s helpers lots of time to do their thing. However, the New Year’s programs surely sound worth marking on your calendars!
The OCS dining room at Beightler Armory will be the setting for January’s luncheon. The group will enjoy the annual Salad Smorgasbord and a program on YOUR Ohio National Guard. So, whip up your favorite salad, bring your own place setting, and join us at the armory at twelve o’clock on January 26.
If you’re fortunate enough to live near a Marhe Boutique, as is this writer, you know what simply great taste and flair go into their fashion selections. These people really know how to put clothes together with that extra touch! Make a point to be at the DCSC on February 23 for lunch and a Spring Fashion Show by Marhe. You will get an accurate preview of style trends for 1982.

IS IT LOST?
The holidays are upon us with the myriad of activities involved. It seems that in September the pace starts to quicken. It becomes absolutely frenzied until, finally, the jolly old elf comes down the chimney, the house is strewn with torn wrappings, and the last of the egg nog is gone. Perspective goes down the drain, bills go up. Somewhere in the middle of baking, wrapping, decorating, long lists and short tempers — we lose it! We lose sight of the one greatest gift of all, the Babe whose birth we are supposed to be celebrating. This holiday season, please, lay aside a bit of the tinsel and bring the meaning back to the season. It really isn’t so hard. Make and light an advent wreath with your family. Worship together, if you can. Share some warm, loving time with good friends. Love is the message, and messages are for spreading!
Happy holidays, with love, from your wives’ club.
Buckeye Bits

Shaner Employee of Year

Mrs. Freda S. Shaner, Military Personnel Clerk, in the Officer Personnel Section, was presented a plaque for her selection as winner of the Federal Employee of the Year Awards Program. Mrs. Shaner won the clerical/service/trades award.

Her notable achievements that won her the top award were due to her performing duties and responsibilities at a GS-08 level when her section chief, CWO 3 Richard Cline was ill for seven months. In doing so, the necessity to hire a temporary employee at the GS-08 level was avoided and saved the Ohio National Guard and the Federal Government approximately $12,000 in technician salary.

Mrs. Alice Hoffman, personnel clerk in the Technician Personnel Section, was a runner up in the awards program and was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Selection as a nominee for any of the categories is significant honor and the Ohio National Guard congratulates these two truly deserving individuals.

Marathon Man hits 1,000 miles

It’s official. Master Sergeant Thomas L. DeWitt, 73rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters Co., hit the 1,000 mile mark in the “Run for your Life Program.”

Since program guidelines limit him to recording only three miles per day, DeWitt exceeded the milestone long ago, because he often runs as much as six miles a day.

But with the “official” status, he receives a certificate and cloth patch to mark the occasion.

For more information on “Run For Your Life” call Maj. Sands at (614) 889-7103.

HOW Btry Best

Annual Training Awards presented at Camp Grayling, MI to How Btry 2/107th AC, Alliance were as follows: Colonel Johnson “Best Unit in 2/107th AC” and Sergeant Majors Award “Best Overall Unit in Squadron for 1980-1981”.

Riviera Club
Winter Dinner-Dance
Feb. 27, 1982
Members of 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville, recently promoted were: GLEN E. STEPHAN to SSGt; and DOUGLAS E. HEIM to SRA; DAVID M. TREMBLEY to MSGt. and MISTY R. HOY to A1C.

Maj. CHARLES A. DOLL, executive officer of the 372nd Engineer Battalion (Cbt) (C), has been selected to serve on the Career Education Subcommittee of the Lay Vocational Advisory Committee for the Dayton Public Schools. The committee was formed to provide input to the school administration on matters concerning vocational education.

Maj. Doll is a full-time administrative officer with the 372nd Engineer Battalion in Kettering, Ohio.

Congratulations are in order for GEORGE RADEBAUGH who was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant. He is a member of HHD, Worthington.

Members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker, recently promoted were: DANIEL R. HOWSER, JACK P. JOHN-SON, and THOMAS L. WOOD to MSGts.; DEMPSEY R. ADKINS, JR., REGINALD L. BETTON, HAROLD D. CARVER, JR., JOHN E. KLEIN, YVONNE E. STEPTER and JEFFREY R. TAYLOR to TSgt.; CHARLES W. WAUGH to SGt.; PAUL D. DORTMUND, JAMES H. HARLESS, JR., MONICA L. MANG, ROBIN L. RACCLIFF, JEFFREY R. RAY, DONALD E. STEWART and PAT YATES-WILLIAMS to SrAs; CATHERINE A. BENDER, DANIEL E. FIELDS, DONALD K. O'BRYANT, ALEXANDER C. RAMEY and DAVID P. SMITH to A1Cs; JAMES C. HAVENS, and WILLIAM J. KilliEa, LORIE N. MORRISON and MARVIN R. BANNELLS to AMs; CHARLES E. HAVENS and LARRY C. MARTIN to TSgt.; KEITH B. DIETZ, KAREN S. FRANCIS, FRANK B. KRAUSE, DAVID M. SPICER and ALLEN B. YOHO to SSgt.; BERNARD J. BANCHE, BRENCHY G. COLLINS, CURTIS D. CRAIG, STEVEN J. GREEN and LISA A. RICHARDS to SrAs; FRANKLIN J. CUNNINGHAM, JR., CLAUDE A. DIXON, JR., JOHN R. GIBSON, JOHN L. MARTINO, JR. and JOHANNA R. MEEHAN to A1Cs; and KEVIN D. WILLIAMS to AMn.

Members of Attack Helicopter Troop 107th AC, Worthington who were selected as Soldier of the Month are: Sp4 BOBBY DAVIS for August and Sp4 LARRY MOSS for July.

Promotions for members of 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker, included: DAVID LYND and CAROLYN WOLFE to TSgt.; JOHN ADDISON, ROBERT CANFIELD, DWIGHT COX, EDDIE GIBSON, ROSEMARIE MOLL, DAVID SCHMITT, DAVID SHIFLET, CHARLES WELLER and CHARLES WILLIAMS to SSGts.; JOHN CARSON, DIANA GREENLEE, JOHN NEASE, HARRY RILEY and MARK STEPHEN to Sgts.; DIANA CRAWFORD, MICHAEL ELY, JERRY GLOYD and KATHY HOWARD to A1Cs; and DAVID GREER to AB; CECIL L. ROBERTSON, RICHARD A. ROWE, JERRY W. SANDFORD and GARY L. VANCE to TSgt.; DAVID J. ARTHUR, ROBERT H. GIBSON, JULIUS GYURCSIC, JOSEPH JONES and STEPHEN PETERSON to SSGts.; JOHN R. SHINE and DEAN F. TOWER to Sgts.; MATTHEW FOSTER, WILLIAM GALBREATH, JACQUELINE HART, TIMOTHY KIRCH- GESSNER and MELFORD A. PEYTON to A1Cs; DEANNE K. GOUGH, KATHY L. HOUCHEINS, KAREN SANFREY and BRUCE E. WEAVER to AMs; and KARL R. WEAVER to AB.

The following members of 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Mansfield, were promoted recently: DANIEL KRAKENCY AND ANTHONY YOUNCE to MSgt.; JUDY EDWARDS, DAVID KELLY, DENNIS MCDOWELL and ROGER REDD to TSgt.; RONALD GREWELL, JACQUELYN GRODY, DEBORAH MCCARTY and DIANA SCHROER to SSgt.; STEVEN CONKLE, DWAYNE DICKS, CRAIG ELDRIDGE, MARY GATEWOOD, TERESA KINTER, GREGORY UHLER, GEORGE WARMAN, GREGORY WICKHAN and DENISE YANKO to SrAs; TERRY BOWSHIER, SHAWN DOTSON, LYNN KENNEDY, KENNETH OGLETREE, TOYA PORTIS and LEE STAMPER to A1Cs.

MSGt. CALVIN J. FRANK, a member of the 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry, Lima, Ohio, retired in November after serving 27 years with the maintenance platoon. He has performed his service to his country as a maintenance platoon sergeant since 1960. MSGt. Frank was presented a Meritorious Service Medal by Maj. GEN. JAMES C. CLEM, the Adjutant General, at a battalion formation held at Camp Perry, Ohio in October.

Another prestigious award was presented to Capt. THOMAS A. MULCAHY III during the 148th battalion formation. MULCAHY was presented the Army Commendation Medal for his outstanding performance of duty as the battalion 5-4 since October, 1978. Col. JAMES R. WILLIAMS, Deputy Commander of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep) made the presentation to Capt. Mulcahy. MULCAHY is being reassigned as Brigade Support Officer for the 237th Support Battalion in Springfield, after serving since March, 1965, with the 148th.

Members of 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, receiving a new stripe were: JOSEPH HRABAK, JR. and JAMES MYERS, JR. to MSGts.; JACK BLEVINS, JR., ROBERT GREEN, and GLADE HART to TSgt.; CHRISTOPHER UHL to SRA; and MARY CAHILL, CATHY RACER and MARY SCHAFFER to AMn. DREXEL G. YORK to MSGt.; THOMAS PHELPS, BARNEY BROWN and RAYMOND DUNN to TSgt.; JOSEPH WENDLING, JR. to Ssgt.; LARRY BARNHILL, JAMES CHAMBERLIN, JR., TODD CHRISTIE, GARY LKINS, EARNEST MOSIER II, MARGARET NOE, KATHLEEN SCHISKA, TRACEY SPAYDE and DANIEL STAIRS to SRAs; PAUL COLEMAN, LLOYD FORD, THOMAS HEILMAN, RAYMOND KEHOE, CRAIG MCKENZIE and EDWARD STOVER to A1Cs.

The HHC 112th Medical Brigade, Worthington, promoted the following soldiers: TIMOTHY E. MCNEARA to Sgt. and DONALD L. SCHOO NOVER to SFC.

Promotions were received by several members of the 200th Medical Co, Cleveland: ROBERT E. PYKE to SFC; JOHN H. WILLIAMS and LEO M. TIMM to SSgt.; MARGUERITE T. LORD to Sp5; MAURICE WEEKLY, BENNETT TYUS, AARVIS R. EVANS, HALLE O. DIXON and VALERIE F. GOLDY to Sp5s; and LINDA G. HELMINK to Sgt.

Members of 383rd Medical Co (Cln), Cincinnati, recently promoted were: GREGORY A. HINKLE and ARTURO A. TRUJILLO to SFCs; CARL D. SMITH and RESSA C. HINES to SSgt.; VIRGINIA A. MORRISON to Sp5; and GARY E. YEAGER, STEVEN K. WHEELER, HAROLD E. VERRILLION, REBECCA L. VAUGHN, CONNIE J. SMITH, LISA R. SHEVCHIK, DANIEL L. PEPPERS, ERNEST N. JOHNSON, JR., CLIFFORD HARKNESS III, MICHAEL W. FRYE and HERBERT C. BROUGHTON to Sp5).

Promotions were also received by members of 684th Med Co (Cln), Wester-
Greenville. They were: CARL J. FORTNEY to SFC; ROBERT E. SEXTON and JAMES D. DIBERT to Spgs; and BILLY R. REFFIT and ALLEN L. FLIG to Sp5s.

Presentations of the prestigious Army Commendation Medal were made to the following members of HHC 112th Medical Brigade, Worthington: CPT LAWRENCE COOK, CPT DOUG MASER, 1LT JAMES HOLLAND, 1LT RICHARD KEYSER and MAJ WAYNE B. WAGNER.

The Ohio Commendation Medal was presented to the following members of 383rd Medical Co (Cir), Cincinnati, SSG RICHARD GODFREY, SSgt RICHARD A. BONAPPEL, SGT JAMES D. LIVERS and SGT CHARLES D. HANCOCK.

The 372nd Engineer Battalion, Co. B, Greensburg, has promoted the following personnel: BRIAN S. HALL, JOHNIE E. SIMONS, ROBERT D. SCANTLAND, DARRELL P. BAILEY and SCOTT CAMPBELL to PFCs; EDD LEE, JR., STEVE MILLER and DOUGLAS F. CROMWELL to Sp4s; THAD T. TRYON to Sgts.; and FRED E. WATERN to PSgt.

The 1416th Transportation Co, Worthington, recently promoted WILLIAM BOYER, STEVEN HARD, and WILLIAM OTTE to PFCs; ROBERT BRUMFIELD, BRYAN JONES, HOWARD LOCKLEAR and JAMES QUINN to Sp4s; GREGORY K. ST. JOHN to Sp5; KIRT ANDERSON to Sp4; TIMOTHY NEUBERGER, JOHN C. PAPLACZYK, ELIZABETH RADCLIFFE and RONALD J. SHULER to PFCs; MARK A. ACHBERGER and ROBERT L. FLYNT to PV2s.

Members of Company A 216th Engineer Battalion, Chillicothe, recently promoted were: DAVID L. BETHEL and ROBERT L. GAMBILL to SSGs, and their Soldier of the Month for September was SGT STEVEN G. HOLDREN.

The following members of Troop G, 2/107th Armored Cavalry, Cleveland, recently promoted: CARL BROWN, EDWARD CUMMING and LARUE WALKER to Sp4s; ROBINSON CRENSHAW, URIAH D. HERRON, DAVID A. KEYES and RALEIGH SAMUELS to PFCs; RAYMOND CAVER and JOHN KOWALCHIK to SSGTs; JAMES E. DUMAS and OZELL POLK to SGTs; and JAMES WOODALL to Sp5.

1952 Dodge M-37

Restoring Military Vehicles Brings Back Memories

BY SFC J.D. SMITH
2/107th ACR

No, the Army hasn’t gone back 15 years in its equipment; it’s just SFC James D. Smith reporting for duty (2/107th ACR in Barberton).

SFC Smith, who was recently elected President of the Buckeye Chapter of the Military Vehicle Collectors Club, has quite a collection of ‘restored’ military vehicles: a 1952 Dodge M-37, 1/4 ton truck, an M-151 Jeep, and a recently added, 1967 Jeep Ambulance. He also has a 1/4 ton trailer to go along with the M-37.

J.D. has seen many of these vehicles pass through the inventory during his 20+ years with the Ohio National Guard, and isn’t ashamed to admit they bring back a lot of memories.

He, along with another guardsmember, John Ziegler, past president of the Chapter and a member of the 1416th in Greensburg, are both active members of this newly formed Chapter. The Buckeye Chapter of the Military Vehicle Collectors Club is involved in the preservation and restoration of military vehicles, and invites anyone who has the slightest interest in the vehicles to come to their meetings. Meetings are held monthly and during the spring and summer months they conduct picnics and trailrides whenever and wherever possible.

The Chapter currently carries three Ohio Guardmembers on its roster, and hopes to add several more. If anyone is interested, write to SFC J.D. Smith at 2387 Richmond Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221, or through H Company of the 2/107th ACR, Barberton, Ohio 44203.

Smith is presently using his ‘spare time’ to restore an M-20 armored car for a Chapter member and is looking for information and/or pictures of an M-20. Anyone having information on this vehicle and/or a White Scout Car is asked to contact him so he can ‘pick your brain’.

Right - Msgt. Calvin Frank being thanked by Maj. Gen. Clem for his 27 years of service. (PHOTO BY Sp4 BOB CRAIG)