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The AG Speaks
Ohio National Guard Day

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a Proclamation, signed by Governor James A. Rhodes, declaring October 7, 1981 as Ohio National Guard Day. Many other Governors have also signed similar proclamations and the President has been asked by many congressmen to issue similar proclamations.

In the past, we have encouraged units to hold open houses, speak to local civic organizations and otherwise use the day to tell the Guard story to the public and the part our Guard members play in our national defense and service to the state and local community. We hope each unit continues such activities, properly publicized, county by county.

This year, however, we want to add a new gimmick to help make the public aware of what we are and who we are. We are asking each Guard member in Ohio to wear his military uniform to his civilian place of employment on October 7th if permitted by his employer. Most will, if you ask them. Each of you will receive a letter and an Ohio National Guard Day label the first few days in October reminding you of the event. This should be worn on the uniform on October 7th or on your civilian clothing in the event your civilian occupation precludes wearing of the uniform. We are over 18,000 strong and I can assure you we will make an impression upon our communities and our citizens, and the uniform will wear the uniforms and the President will proudly. It will give you an opportunity to tell Guardsmen who don't know about the Guard to register to vote or to show, wear the uniform with your label. You will be surprised at the number of your friends and neighbors who will express their thanks for your service.

Each unit will be given extra supply labels for our civilian supporters to wear. Ask your local TV commentators, mayors, city managers, county commissioners, school superintendents, legislators and high school principals and counselors to wear the Ohio National Guard label also. It gives you one more opportunity to meet those members of your community who are essential to our continued success.

Oh, and one more, let them know who you are. After all, the Militia marched out of Marietta in 1786 into the Ohio Territory in 1787 before Ohio became a state. We have a proud tradition to uphold. Have a happy Ohio National Guard Day.

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Command Responsibility of Tomorrow

Most tests of readiness, training effectiveness, etc., measure how good we are at the time the evaluation is made. This while of constant concern in determining the current status of our unit, I believe there is another aspect that is more important. That is the quality of our future leadership. In such a world one of our most important responsibilities is to insure that trained, effective, knowledgeable leadership is going to be available to take on the command responsibilities of tomorrow. This means that we have to think constantly in terms of recruiting for our future leadership needs. A tremendous start has been made providing for tomorrow's non-commissioned officers through the Ohio Military Academy and the service schools. The school provides the training facilities; remember, however, that the courses are provided by the officers in the field, depending upon how well the commanders do their evaluation and training it is reasonably sure that they have a responsibility for the future.

The commander determines what comes out of that particular unit as input into the various schools. The schools can only educate and train the students. Let's move on to the officer program. For a number of years now we have been short lieutenants throughout the Ohio National Guard. A series of programs which provide our basic methods of producing officers include our State Officer Candidate School, The Simultaneous Membership Program which provides us lieutenants through ROTC, while they are also members of the National Guard, and the Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning.

One of the most important positions in which we can give direct commissions, but that is very much in the minority. As a result of the graduation of the three programs, we have been able to reduce our officer shortages. At this time our next OCS graduates and our next group of SMP cadets are commissioned, we will have come very close to reaching the same shortage that we had statewide at the

Asst. AG-Army

Retirement Benefits
To The Editor:
I have recently joined the Ohio National Guard. While talking to people in my unit and during the OCS in the Reserve; it was in my understanding we had the same benefits, I am most concerned with the retirement after 20 years.

In the June issue of the Buckeye Guard, there was an article on page 23 "Reserve Retirement." The article stated that after 20 years in service the Army Reserve officer retire and draw their money. Why wouldn't this "benefit" be the same for the men and women who served the Ohio National Guard. I would greatly appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sgt. Christopher J. McQuade
Passaic, Ohio

Dear Sergeant Major:
We have carefully reviewed the last page article in the June issue of our Buckeye Guard magazine. The article is correct in its basic content, however, it is in error in referring to "enlisted soldiers in the Army Reserve." It should have said "Army National Guard and Army Reserve." The final paragraph which refers to "reserve soldiers" and "reservist officers" was written in the broad context of reserve component, soldiers and officers. As you know, both the National Guard and Army Reserve are members of the reserve components. Please be assured that under Title 10, the 20 year retirement for active duty federal service is available to members of the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. Sim­ilarly, the Title 23 retirement for 50 years of qualifying service is available to all Ohio members. We have attempted to notify every Guard member of the benefit to him or her.

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Staff Changes for 73D

Award for 37 Years Service

Colonel John Marstall, former Chief Dental Officer for the 121st Tactical Air and Ohio Air National Guard, Rickenbacker (Lockbourne) Air Force Base, recently presented the United States of America Meritorious Service Medal to Lieut. Col. John Marstall at the 37 years of service broken down into six years of active, two years Navy Reserve, eight years Army Reserve, 13 years Air National Guard and eight years in the Air Force Reserve.

The Ohio National Guard wishes Col. John Marstall a pleasant and successful retirement. His years of service are sincerely appreciated.

26th Engs Win Maintenance Award

Congratulations to the officers and men of the 26th Engineering Company, Brook Park winners of the National Guard Bureau's Annual Proficiency in Maintenance Award. This award is presented annually to a unit in each State demonstrating the highest level of efficiency in maintenance operations, management practices, and equipment readiness conditions throughout the year. These areas are measured through inspection reports such as AGC's and COMET's semi-annual unit inspections conducted by the State Maintenance Officer, and by readiness information taken from unit Material Readiness Reports (DA Forms 2406). The award criteria is detailed in NGR 672-1. The award was presented to the 26th Engineers by Col. Billy D. Gibson, State Maintenance Officer, on behalf of the Adjutant General.

Congratulations are also in order for the 1483rd Transportation Company (176th, Easton, Ohio) and the 66th Material Command (CLR), Westerville, Ohio, who ran a close second and third, respectively.

A Tough, Challenging Experience

As the Sergeant Major of the Ohio Military Academy, I have been asked many times what it "takes" to go to NCO School. What it "takes" includes many things. The material things, such as uniforms, field equipment or meeting the requirements can cause some problems, but nothing that can't be resolved. What it really "takes" to complete the course is initiative -- the desire and will to lead and succeed. This you must furnish.

First, let me give you an insight into how to enroll, what to expect and what is expected of you.

We conduct three separate courses; a basic course for squad and section leaders (OS-4); an advance course for platoon sergeants (OS-6) and a senior course for E-5's and E-6's. All courses are inducted in AGO letters accompanied by appropriate flyers for your unit administrators to post. To apply for the course, you should acquire AGO Form 351-3 using the information on the latest update form. Send the form to your first sergeant, making sure that all the information is correct and complete. The most current form is dated 1 Jul 85.

The first sergeant will complete the form and forward one copy through your battalion command sergeant major, who will send it to the Academy. OMMA will review the application and if there are no complications, you will receive an acceptance letter mailed directly to you. This letter will include reporting dates, locations, and a list of equipment to bring with you. It is important that these directions be followed.

Upon arrival at the training site, you will be inspected to ensure compliance with Army Regulation 670-1 concerning appearance and wear of the uniform. This means a haircut, trimmed mustache (if applicable), shiny shoes, polished brass and all name tape and insignia properly worn. A leader must set the example in appearance and conduct and we enforce that logic from the first day.

After inspection, you will sign-in, be issued study materials and be weighed. If you do not meet the weight standards of AR 608-9, you will be returned to your home station. It would behoove you to make sure you are within standards before report.

There are provisions in the regulation that allow the exceeding of the weight limit based on body build, but this waiver must be processed by your unit administrator before you report to OMA. Also, if you are on a weight program and are within 3 pounds of your maximum allowable weight, bring your weight program certification with you.

The next step is orientation where you will be briefed on school policy and introduced to the facility. At this time, course information is discussed.

The academy will teach you drill and ceremony, leadership, communication, BTMS, equipment maintenance and leadership on a GO or NO GO basis. You must demonstrate the ability to perform certain tasks, either by answering questions or actual performance, or if the evaluation shows that performance is satisfactory. After graduation, you will return to your unit and hopefully apply the principals of leadership learned at the Academy.

It is a tough, challenging and educational experience. It is tough because leadership is not easy. We provide the training, guidance and principles for you, the soldier, to develop. We cannot promise that you will make a good leader, nor will we promise that you will be a leader. We can promise you that with the proper training you will have the ability to lead.

What you do with your training determines what type of leader you will become. If you have questions or want more information, call the NCO School at (614) 897-7108.

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121st TFW Winners of 'Gunsmoke '81

121st WINNERS -- Lieutenant Colonel Conrad Martinez (left), fleet member of the Order of Dancers, presents the Frank P. Lathem Flight 9 first place award to the airmen of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing for their victory in the 9th Air Force Shoot-off for Gunsmoke '81. Team members are (from left) Major Loran Mayor and Captains Owen Coghlan, Tom Pape and David Miller. Pape was "Top Gun" in the Shoot-off. (UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PHOTO)

BY MAJ. STEVEN M. KOPER

121st Tactical Fighter Wing

A select group of Ohio Air Guardmen from the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base represented 9th Air Force at the tactical gunnery and bombing competition, Gunsmoke '81. The team is made up of airmen from the wing's 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron and maintenance and munitions crews from the 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

This is the first such tactical aircraft competition since a similar meet was held in 1962. The competition was conducted at Nellis AFB, Nev., September 3-11 and included teams from United States Air Force Europe, Pacific Air Forces, Alaskan Air Command, the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. The 121st entry had to qualify for the final competition by winning a shoot-off among 8th Air Force command. A-7D equipped fighter units.

The "Shoot-off" was conducted at Camp Atterbury, Ind., among the following tactical fighter groups: 158th of Albuquerque, N. M.; 178th of Perthfield, Ohio; 190th of Toledo, Ohio; and the 121st TFW of Rickenbacker ANGB. Following the first place team standing of the Rickenbacker Wing were the Air Groups from Albuquerque, N. M.

The variety of events and aircraft in the meet will provide the Air Force with a realistic picture of tactical aircraft capabilities in the air-to-ground role. The competition is divided into three different gunnery events. First, basic weapons delivery patterns, i.e. dive bombs, low angle and strafing; second, tactical bomb delivery such as pop-up and low level; finally, navigation and attack to measure precise navigation and target strike.

The airmen from the 148th TFS were fight leaders, Maj. Lance Meyer, and Captains Owen Coghlan, Tom Pape, and David Miller. It is purely coincidental that all the pilots are from Prickenbacker, Ohio.

Maintenance and munitions crews will also score points in the Gunsmoke competition. The maintenance personnel are subjected to a maintenance effectiveness evaluation throughout the competition period. Munitions crews compete in a "loader", a munitions loading exercise where precision, technical expertise, safety and speed are graded. The maintenance team from the 121st is led by Organizational Maintenance Superintendent, CMSgt. Gene Killibys, of Grove City. The munitions crews are under the direction of Munitions Maintenance Branch Chief, Sgt. Jack Bishop, also of Grove City.

Results of Gunsmoke '81 were just received prior to going to press.

The 148th Tactical Fighter Wing (A-7), ANG Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colorado, finished first in the overall competition. Our own 121st Tactical Fighter Wing (A-7), ANG Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio finished 6th in the overall competition of 12 units. Ohio however, walked off with top honors in the A-7 competition with the excellent performance of their Load Crews and Maintenance Crevices. A tremendous competition and our hats off to the fine performance of Ohio's 121st TFW.
BUCKEYE GIRL'S STATE — Members of the State Adjutant General's staff and staff advisors took time out during their visit to the 179th TAC Airlift Group. (L to r.) Brig. Gen. Edward Power, Julie Pierko, Elena Mondini, Linda Marcantonio, Sharon Roncone, and Lori Bauer and LTC Jack Arnold. Bottom row, (L to r.) 2nd Lt. Margaret Bates, LTC John McKinney and SFC Judy Cublin.

With the students still in full battle dress and camouflage face paint, Brig. Gen. Andrew G. Skaklos presents certificates of completion for the Primary Non Commissioned Officer Course. (PHOTO BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS)

Governor Declares Emergency

BY SGT. NANCY CLEVENGER

The State House came crumbling down as the earthquake moved across Ashland College Campus. The bridge collapsed and the flooding began.

It was all part of an exercise to teach the participants at Buckeye Girl's State, acting as the Adjutant General's Department, to put into effect the training they worked for the entire semester, a drill in emergency and preparedness, professional and enthusiastic manner.

Buckeye Girl's State is sponsored by the Ohio American Legion and girls from all over the state participate in a seven-day government-in-action leadership training workshop. The girls are assigned to a political party, either Nationalist or Federalist, and are then assigned to one of 28 cities, all named for famous Ohio-born women and to one of seven counties.

The Buckeye Girl's State Adjutant General's staff was made up of Brig. Gen. James Power, Asst. Asst. Air and Lt. Col. Daniel G. Arnold, 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, for lunch and a tour of the air facility. They also visited the 112th Engineer Battalion Company A in Wooster, SFC John Ratliff, full time recruiter for the unit was the tour guide.

Brig. Gen. Power presented certificates of appreciation to the Adjutant General and her staff.

Miss Roncone, Adjutant General, stated, "The training we received was invaluable. We enjoyed it very much and have a much better understanding of the Ohio National Guard and how the staff at the top operates."

Unique Graduation For PNOC

BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS

An unusual graduation ceremony at Camp Grayling, Mich., July 26, marked the end of a unique course for members of the 730th Infantry Brigade (Separate).

On the parade field before a crowd of over 300 well-wishers and special guests, students of the Primary Non Commissioned Officer Course for Reserve Components (PNOC/RCOC) demonstrated skills they had learned in the course.

First, in a maneuver called an air insertion, four members rappelled on the field from a helicopter hovering at 100 feet, and established a landing zone. The men then guided two helicopters carrying two squads in for a landing. The students departed the aircraft using defensive skills they had learned in the course.

Meanwhile, from the other side of the parade field, the rest of the students — about 40 — demonstrated various types of overland squad formations a soldier might use in a combat-related situation.

PNOC is the first of its kind in the state and perhaps the nation, unique because it is conducted by a cadre of 20 instructors selected from within the brigade, and because it is aimed specifically at increasing leadership skills of enlisted men in combat-related specialties.

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The cadre was trained and accredited by the Ohio Military Academy, which also provided assistance when needed throughout the 175-hour course.

The students came to the graduation ceremony directly from the field where they had just completed a 44-hour exercise in patrolling. The entire week of July 18-26 had been spent in and out of the field, sharpening skills in areas such as land navigation, installing and recovering rifles and tactics. Still in full battle dress complete with camouflage face paint, the 104 students and cadre eagerly accepted their certificates of completion from Brigade commander Brig. Gen. Andrew G. Skaklos.

Five students were singled out for their exceptional performance in the course. Honor Graduate was Spec. 4 Robert L. McPherson. Other outstanding graduates were: Most Improved — Spec. 4 Jones A. Denicard; Best Land Navigation Phase — Ssgt. Darryl R. Trace; Best Tactic Phase — Spec. 4 Kenneth L. Post; Best Patroling Phase — Spec. 4 Philip C. Shockey.

For the occasion was Command Sergeant Major Jack Barker from the U.S. Army Mobilization Readiness Region VI. Lt. Col. Ky. Also attending the ceremony in addition to other dignitaries was Major General James C. Clem, Ohio's Adjutant General.

Many new members of the Ohio National Guard (and maybe some not so new) are unaware of the Military Code of Conduct. The following is for those who have not seen or heard it before and to refresh the memories of the "old timers."

MILITARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Article I

I AM AN AMERICAN FIGHTING MAN. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

Article II

I WILL NEVER SURRENDER OF MY OWN WILL. If I command and I will never surrender my men while they still have the means to resist.

Article III

If I AM CAPTURED I WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST BY ALL MEANS AVAILABLE. I will make no effort to escape and will lose all privileges of a prisoner of war. I will give no information nor take part in any action that might be harmful to my comrades.

Article IV

If I BECOME A PRISONER OF WAR, I WILL KEEP FAITH WITH MY FELLOW PRISONERS. I will give no information nor take part in any action that might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior I will take command. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and will take them up in every way.

Article V

When questioned, SHOULDbECOME A PRISONER OF WAR, I AM ROUND TO GIVE ONLY 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.

Article VI

I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT I AM AN AMERICAN FIGHTING MAN, RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS, AND DEDICATED TO THE PRINCIPLES WHICH MADE MY COUNTRY FREE. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

Remember Ohio National Guard Day

October 7, 1981
Logex '81 — 112th Med Bde

BY SCC REGAN

Chief Warrant Officer JCO/02 George Helm is a Cavalry Scout for the 107th Ar-

cav Royal. He is a dedicated Scout and a man of integrity who despises

be an extremely elusive machine. But a Scout scout must fly over dangerous

top altitudes at speeds in excess of 70 mph! When the aggro comes into contact

be a Scout, he must be able to maneuver his

craft, descend and hover below the tree line.

Then he must maneuver above the protective cover and quickly seize the enemy.

"However", Mr. Helm quickly added, "a Scout must never expose his craft for

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Co. B, Medics
Learn Rappelling

By Sp4 Jane Kagy
Nov. 27, 1980

Not content to perform only normal duties, several medics of Company B, 237th Spt. Bn. spent time during the first week of Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Mich., learning to rappel. This rappelling class was the first of a series of classes in special rescue techniques being conducted by SFC David Peters and SFC William Roberts of Company B.

Rappelling is an important skill for medics, since it is sometimes the only way to get competent life-saving care to a victim who is otherwise inaccessible.

The purpose of the training was to build self-confidence in each soldier, and to familiarize him or her with the special rescue equipment and its use.

The medics were briefed on the equipment and various rappelling procedures, including tying the Swiss seat used in rappelling. This included the use of hooks and lines and proper hand techniques in controlling descent. The volunteers practiced their skills in rappelling, at first from a low platform, then later from a confidence-building 50 foot tower.

SFC David Peters said, "These newly acquired skills should help Co. B to deliver medical care in the field in an even more effective and timely manner than before."

During the second week of training, the medics had rough terrain rescue exercises.

Recruiting/Retention Facts

Treat Our Soldiers Right

By SGM William Pewther

Today's Soldiers are, in many respects, no different from the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War. The Minuteman, then as now, has been called a part-time Soldier. We challenge the idea that they are "just a little bit" Soldier.

As are any good Soldiers, they are resourceful when the situation requires creativity in order to get the job done. They are often faced with the task of working with the equipment they have. They are often faced with the task of working with the equipment they have. They are often faced with the task of working with the equipment they have. They are often faced with the task of working with the equipment they have.

Getting Involved

An Ohio Air National Guardman, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Melton Mutchnick, while visiting the Academy recently, helped revive a civil service employee who was experiencing breathing difficulties.

The Air Force Academy, located just north of Colorado Springs, offers a four-year program of instruction and experience that provides cadets with the knowledge, leadership, character and the motivation essential to become career Air Force officers.
Oldest Vet Day

Buckeye Guard Honors 92-year-old

Entering the U.S. Army in 1910, at the age of 21, H. W. Kendall served proudly until 1913. Kendall, now living in Millersburg, Ohio, was once again recognized by the military when he was recently selected as this year's "Oldest Vet Yet," at the Ohio State Fair.

Kendall, still very spry and patriotic at the age of 92, said he is supportive and proud of the military. He said, "It was a real pleasure to be honored by the Ohio National Guard."

The Ohio State Fair "Oldest Vet Yet" program is an annual event jointly sponsored by the Ohio State Fair and the Ohio National Guard. The program is for the specific purpose of honoring all veterans, from all wars, with special recognition given to the oldest veterans in attendance.

Walter Faber, of Chillicothe, Ohio, was the first runner-up, at the young age of 91. Tied for second runners-up were: Maxwell Seltzer, from Columbus, Ohio; and Joseph Lupitis, from Marion, Ohio, both age 89. E. F. Rittman, from Springfield, Ohio (last year's winner), and Erwin Young, from Columbus, Ohio each 88 years of age, have attended the special program for the past five years.

There were 18 additional "oldest" vets participating, ranging in ages from 82 to 87, with many spectators and dignitaries in attendance. The 1223rd Army National Guard Band, under the direction of Maj. Shelly Saunders, played patriotic selections during the program, while overhead the 107th Armored Cavalry, Attack Helicopter Troop, did a very impressive flyover in formation.

Members of HHC 731st Infantry Brigade (Pro) military police platoon provided the color guard for the ceremony, while medics from HHC were providing good will to the veterans attending the affair.

Sgt. Earl Nicholas, Btry C 2/174th ADA, Cambridge, played the part of the Revolutionary Soldier as he has been doing since the inception of the program.

The main speaker for this day of recognition to our veterans was Maj. Gen. Robert Toler, Commander of the Ohio Area Command.

At the close of the program, all were honored by the presence of Governor James A. Rhodes, as he personally recognized the veterans, both prior service, and present, for their dedication to their state and nation.
SFC Ronald V. Regan
21st Field Artillery

There's a Military Policeman supposed to be big, tough and ugly! Well, that old myth is destroyed after one look at 5-foot 7-inch, 130 lb Specialist 4 Kathy Mac Morris of the 838th Military Police Company located at Youngstown, Ohio.

Kathleen Morris, a lifelong resident of Ohio, and a graduate from Jackson-Milton High School, is not only a dedicated soldier, but a very attractive and intelligent young woman.

“An Ohio National Guardsmember,” says Kathy, “my job is to enforce the laws of the Ohio Revised Code or the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). A good M.P. learns how to use these laws; he must see that the persons are protected under the law. We provide a service and we don’t want to hassle anybody.”

Morris received her training at the Army Military Police Academy, Fort Gordon, Georgia. Out of an initial enrollment of 44 females, Kathy was one of the females to graduate from the rigorous course.

“It was a real challenge to me, and I just had to work harder to finish it so I could prove to myself I could do it,” she said. “If it wasn’t for the excellent training and continuous supervison given to me here at the Victoria Road Armory, I don’t think I would be as good a Military Policewoman.”

Her most unusual assignment so far was

**BY SFC RONALD V. REGAN**

**BY SFC KATHY MORRIS**

when the 838th Military Police Company was federalized into active Army duty to guard Cuban refugees at an encampment in Wisconsin. The M.P.s were sent there to in

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**By Sgt. STEVE SWALEW**

ONE Bucyrus family, the Howard family, has made the Ohio National Guard a family affair for over 51 years. SFC Frank Howard, 82, retired, could start his own company as four members of his family have been members of the Buckeye Brigade.

Howard enlisted in May, 1917, joining Company A Old 8th Ohio ANG, which was later reorganized into Company A 146th Infantry. He was discharged Aug. 19 after serving in WWI. He re-enlisted in the Ohio National Guard in 1921, serving as Administrative Supply Technician at the Bucyrus Armory. Howard retired as a Sergeant First Class in 1955 after 34 years of service.

Howard served as WWII Veteran’s Department Commander for Ohio and is presently Deputy Chief of Staff of the National WWII veterans.

The second generation of Howard to serve in the Ohio Guard, is 56-year-old James E. Howard. He enlisted in 1947 and was discharged in 1953 as Sgt. of Battery B 1st Battalion, 174th Field Artillery, located in Bucyrus. His son, Steven L. 31, entered the Ohio Guard in May, 1969, and is currently the Gunner Sergeant with Battery B 1st Battalion, 106th Field Artillery in Bucyrus. Another son, Douglas E. Howard, was a Battery B 1/16th F.A. before relocating to Nevada.

Howard Company - SFC Frank Howard - (retired Ohio National Guardsmember, left), with his son, former 1st Sgt. James Howard, grandson SSG. Steven Howard and great grandson James, attend an open house. Another grandson, Douglas, is a former member of the Ohio National Guard, and presently a member of the Nevada National Guard. (PHOTO BY SFC. DAVE SWALEW)

If tradition continues great grandson James should be signing up in the Ohio Guard any year now.

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**By SGt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS**

Little by little, the firing of a live TOW missile and a visit by Governor James A. Rhodes at Camp Grayling, Michigan, tapped a successful summer camp and a year of progress and change for the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate), headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.

During annual training (July 25-Aug. 8), evaluators gave the Buckeye Brigade overall high marks in nearly every area of training. They were particularly impressed with the Brigade’s efforts to improve by making full use of the skills and enthusiasm of its members.

For example, a week before AT B1, 104 members arrived to take part in a course unique to Ohio and the National Guard - the Primary Non Commissioned Officer Course for Reserve Components (PNCOC-RC).

The course makes use of a cadre of instructors selected from within the Brigade. (See related story, Page 9.)

Also, the Brigade-sponsored an impromptu course for members of the 77th Pathfinder Detachment, completed during the first eight days of camp. (See related story, Page 9.)

Specialist Kathy Morris, along with three of her male counterparts, recently received a letter of appreciation from the Ohio Provost Marshall, for their professional manner in the investigation and apprehension of a suspect in an aggravated assault case while they were training at Camp Grayling, Michigan.

**Sp4 KATHY MORRIS**

**The Howard Family**

**WHAT'S THE UGLY M.P. ?**

**KEEP ON MOVING! - Tanks from 237th Cav Tp A Cincinnati, Ohio, troop on mov**

**At '81 Success For 73D Bde**

**NGAUS Conference**

Billoxi, Miss.
Oct. 5-7, 1981
Civil War Medal

Who Was Charles E. Austin?

BY SFC RONALD V. REGAN

In 1944, a young American Infantry soldier from Omaha, Neb., nervously removed a shiny bronze military medal from the chest of a recently captured German Soldier. The American put the medal in his pocket and at that moment a mystery began to unfold.

It wasn't until the next day that Corporal Frank Martincik really took a good look at his latest WWII souvenir. To his surprise he found that the medal was a beautiful and well kept Ohio volunteer Civil War medal dated 1861-1865. The reverse side of the medal is inscribed as follows:

THE STATE OF OHIO
TO
CHARLES E. AUSTIN
VETERAN
148th IND. BATTALION
OHIO VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY

Who was Charles E. Austin? What did he do before he joined the Ohio military? Where did he come from? Did he have a family? But, the biggest mystery of all seems to be how this American Civil War medal fell into the hands of a German soldier and Corporal Martincik could never identify Charles Austin from the thousands of prisoners who were daily being captured, processed and confined to numerous German prisoner-of-war camps.

The possibilities for questions are endless. The answers, however, are less attainable. Little research through old volumes of Civil War history has revealed some vivid clues. Soon after the Civil War of 1861 began, the then Ohio Governor Chase, officially asked for 8,000 volunteers to join the Ohio militia. To Governor Chase's and everyone's joy ... 35,000 farmers, tradesmen and laborers showed up to fight.

They all became known as the "Cornstalk" militia, and later under the leadership of Governor Tod, the "Squared Hunters." The Ohio militia fought bravely in many campaigns during the long war.

This beautiful and unique medal now proudly resides in the Ohio National Guard mobile museum (See associated story, page 17), and is believed to be the only such medal in existence!

If any of our "Buckeye Guard" readers can add any information to this puzzle, please choose Sgt. Gnett, Curator, at (216) 812-4328 or write to him at "T" Troop, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 1923 Hardie Ave. SE, Massillon, Ohio 44644.

Black Panther Anyone?

BY SFC ARVEL HALL

Col. D.C. 32nd Engineer Bn.

Collecting the faded grinnin' isn't the neasi- thing to do, but Sgt. Allen Mead, a supply clerk with Company A, 3/2nd Engineer Battalion, Middletown, considers it just another part of his hobby.

All he prefers to be called has collected 265 such oddities since he began his hobby. He is a collector of Army and Army National Guard Unit Patches.

"I first became interested in the patches while stationed with a support detachment at Camp Perry, Ohio, in August 1964. Our detachment was providing assistance to the various units attending the National Rifle Association (NRA) Matches being held there. It was really surprised at all the units from throughout the United States that had come to compete," recounted Allen.

"One of the defenders and I started comparing notes about our units and before it was over I had one of his patches and a brief history of his unit. After that I started trying to get a patch from everyone there," continued Allen.

By the end of the NRA meet Sgt. Mead had obtained 25 different patches and had promised his mother that she said they would mail him patches when they returned home.

COMPANY A

AND THIS ONE IS -- Sergeant Allen Mead, a supply clerk with Company A, 3/2nd Engineer Bn. (C&O), Middletown, Ohio points out another of the many Army and Army National Guard Unit Patches he has collected since 1961. (PHOTO BY SFC ARVEL HALL)

for further details, He can be reached by phone at (216) 812-4328, or by writing to him at "T" Troop, 2/107th A.C.R., 1924 Harsh Ave SE, Massillon, Ohio 44644. All donations become the property of the State of Ohio.

Guardsmen Honored For Efforts During Disasters

BY SSGT. DAVIDA MATTHEWS

Four Ohio Guardsmen — two Army and two Air — were awarded Ohio Commendation Medals recently for their outstanding efforts during the recent disasters in Northwest Ohio.

These four were singled out because of the exemplary manner in which they conducted themselves and the business of aiding disaster victims. The medals were presented to MSG. Don Lundby, Jr., 196th Public Affairs Detachment; TSgt. Jerry Hefflinger, 180th Tactical Fighter Group; TSgt. Mark Kline, 179th Tactical Airlift Group and Spec. 4 Jane Kacy, Co. B, 237th Support Battalion.

Brig. Gen. Edward Austin, Adjutant General for Ohio Air National Guard, was on hand to pin the medals on the three of the four Hefflinger was unable to attend during awards ceremonies held at the Ohio State Fair grandstand for the 1981 Tomato Safety Poster Contest. The Guardsmen were honored before a crowd of over 30,000 for their efforts during the tornado disaster at Cardington and flooding in the counties of Hancock, Putnam and Wyandot.

Approximately 200 Guardsmen were called out to assist in the disaster relief effort. Cardington officials were aided by members of Headquarters Battery, Battery A and B of the 113th Field Artillery, Findlay and Ottawa, plagued with flood waters, received an assist from members of the Combat Support Company and Headquarters Company of the 114th Infantry Battalion.

In addition to Hefflinger and Kline, other members of their units also were on the scene to lend a hand.

All Guardsmen called out for the disasters will receive Ohio Special Service ribbons through their units.
Try Your Luck

Rifle and Machine Gun Tryouts

BY COL. ROBERT CLARK

The annual Ohio National Guard Outdoor Rifle and Machine Gun "Tryout" Matches will be conducted at Camp Perry, Ohio, October 24-25, 1981.

The National Guard's Marksmanship Program offers individuals and unit teams the opportunity to refine their marksmanship skills with small arms. Firepower, individuals or teams compete for selection as a "New Shooter" for the State Composite Rifle Team and unit teams compete for selection as the Ohio National Guard's representative of the State's Composite Rifle Team or the Machine Gun (M60) Team.

All Ohio National Guard personnel or individual units eligible to participate in the tryouts.

Announcement will be provided, but all units must bring their own weapons to the tryouts.

The Tryouts will be conducted as follows:

Saturday, October 24
0800-0830 Sign In - Breiling
0830-1000 Shooting Clinic
1000-1200 Range Firing
1230-1330 Lunch
1330-1730 Range Firing
1730-1830 Supper

Sunday, October 25
0630-0650 Breakfast
0730-1130 Range Firing
1130-1230 Lunch
1230-1600 Range Firing
1600-1700 Dismissal

Personnel wishing to arrive early can get quarters after 1800 hrs. Friday, October 21, by checking with the CO at Bldg. 3100. Personnel must bring their own sleeping bags.

NAME/RANK: 

UNIT: 

HOME ADDRESS: 

I am interested in trying out for the rifle squad.

My unit has a __ RIFLE __ Machine Gun Team and wish to tryout.

I have __ have not __ previously competed.

Printed Team "Tryouts" will be held in April 1982.

Exercies Takes Ohio Guard Units to Mich.

BY CM. JACK B. AREN

Several Ohio National Guard units participated in the month long "Sentry Buckeye" exercise being staged out of Phillips Collins-ANG Base in Alpina, Mich. The exercise was a joint regular Air Force and Air National Guard training mission designed to provide Ohio National Guard personnel an opportunity to perform their military assignment.

Ohio units involved in the exercise were the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing and the 123rd Tactical Control Flight. The 178th makes its home at the Springfield Municipal Airport and Camp Robinson, N. Littletown. The 123rd is based at the Blue Ash ANG Station, Cincinnati.

These units were replaced by the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing from Rickethaus Air Base in Columbus and the 124th Tactical Control Flight from the Blue Ash ANG Station, during the second half of "Sentry Buckeye." It was a complete exchange of personnel and equipment.

Other units involved in Sentry Buckeye included the 59th Tactical Fighter Squadron from Eglin AFB, Florida. They are a regular Air Force unit flying the F-15 Eagle. Another regular Air Force unit involved is the 178th Fighter Interceptor Squadron flying the F-106 aircraft out of K. I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan.

Additional Air National Guard units included the 191st Fighter Interceptor Group flying F-4 aircraft from Selfridge ANG Base, Michigan and the 110th Tactical Air Support Group, Battle Creek, Michigan and AC-137 aircraft.

The two Ohio units played major roles in the exercise. Sentry Buckeye. The 178th TG was responsible for all base functions at Phillips Collins-ANG Base in Michigan. Their personnel managed the dining halls, security police, supply, maintenance and other facilities on the base for all units participating in the exercise.

The 123rd Tactical Control Flight had full responsibility for communication and radar control of the aircraft involved in the exercise. Their personnel also directed the pilots on their various missions.

Members of the 178th Security Police acted as ground aggressors at various areas on the base. Smoke grenades and ground burst simulators added realistic training to these aggressors penetrating an area of the base.

Additional support for the exercise was provided by State Staff personnel from Headquarters, Ohio National Guard. Heading the State Staff personnel was Maj. Harry L. Cochran, Jr., Chief of Staff, and Brig. Gen. Donald T. McGinty, Deputy Chief of Staff.

The Buckeye Guard

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The OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Ohio National Guard's Enlisted Association strength depends on the total number of members in the Ohio Guard which join the ONGEA. There are many regions throughout the Buckeye State which give that added "extra push" toward recruiting members for the Association. But, much more emphasis is needed from the Sergeant's Major, First Sergeant, Senior NCO's, Directors and Unit Representatives to the Guardsmen involved in the ONGEA.

The ONGEA wants to provide the necessary force to bring legislation in favor of the National Guard Membership. It takes many people to have this force which will bring about changes. By joining the Association, the better are the chances of getting legislation passed for such items as purchasing discounts, prescription/vitamin programs, travel programs, license plates for Guardsmen, etc. Increased membership should also bring new ideas from the members to propose which would benefit all Guardsmen. As a result of the ONGEA's past support, the Ohio Guard has gained the Tuition Scholarship Program (H.B. 226, 70's minimum State Active Duty Pay and Credit Union

Please support your Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association by joining today. There are many projects to become involved with the strength in members may gain the legislation necessary to get even greater advantages and/or benefits for the Ohio Guardsmen. See your unit administrator, your unit ONGEA representative, or your first sergeant for an application to join your association.

LEGISLATION

Master Sergeant James Robarge and Staff Sergeant John Murphy are the Association Co-Chairmen. Both would like the membership to know they are planning their sincerest efforts to improve the Association. The legislation committee is getting organized to reach each geographical area in the State. The committee will appoint assistants within each legislative district to represent the membership in that district, who will then advise the state representative. This is the first time a "Legislative Tree" has been set up within the ONGEA to better support the ideas and suggestions of the membership. The Legislation Committee will then be able to write resolutions and/or proposals which can be presented to the legislature.

Remember to talk about your Association and what it is trying to accomplish. Join the ONGEA, attend the meetings when possible, and let Ohio once again take over the leadership with the most members from one state in the National Association. By becoming an Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association member you automatically become a National member. All retirees and former enlisted members, now WO or O, are also invited to join the ONGEA.

383rd Gives A Helping Hand

BY MAJ. WAYNE WAGNER

Not only did the 383rd Personnel Company (IRC) from Cincinnati break into medical teams supporting a five state area during their two-week annual training, but they also had time this summer to work on several community projects.

Staff Sergeant Richard Stewart coordinated the setup of aid stations in Cincinnati for the annual Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Bike-a-Thon. There were over 100 bike riders participating, and the 383rd made $10,000 to be raised for diabetes research. The medics provided assistance for minor cuts and bruises, and emotional support.

The 383rd personnel achieved so much personal satisfaction for helping with the Bike-A-Thon that they volunteered to work at the annual Special Olympics for handicapped Children, also held in Cincinnati. First Sergeant Richard Godfrey has coordinated unit efforts for this project for the past five years. Over 600 handicapped athletes, from Southern Ohio, competed in running, jumping, throwing events. The unit members worked on a one-to-one basis with the children and received great personal satisfaction from this volunteer assignment.
Guardmember Presented Scouter's Award

Sgt. Randy R. Koep, a member of Detachment 1 HHC 216th Engineer Battalion, Ironton, Ohio, was presented the Silver Beaver Award by the Loversdorp District, Scioto Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, for 23 years of service in Pack and Troop 105 of the Ironton First Baptist Church. Randy's mother, Mrs. June Koep, also honored for 23 years of leadership and received the Silver Fawn award, counterpart to the Silver Beaver.

Randy is also a Post Committee Member for Explorer Post 103 which is sponsored by HHC, 216th Engineer Battalion, Ironton. Koep has served with the Ironton unit for ten years.

SQT at OSU Campus

The 148th Infantry Headquarters, 1st Battalion, Lima, recently held their Skill Qualification Tests (SQT) at the Ohio State University - Lima Campus. The skill performance tests included orientation, first aid and First Aid readiness.

Best at Perry

Company A, 216th Engineer Combat Battalion, Corps, Chicliffoute, is the proud recipient of the "Best Unit" award for their annual training performance at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The award is received for overall excellence in infantry tactics, maintenance of equipment, engineer type missions and general support of the unit ARTEP training site missions.

Farewell to "J.C.

Sgt. Jack L. Conner, 179th Civil Engineering Flight Fire Protection Section, Mansfield Lahm Airport, was presented a plaque by Tsgt. David E. Kiefer, Air Technician Fire Chief, on behalf of the Air National Guard Fire Chief's Association. The presentation was in recognition of his 36 years and nine months of outstanding service to the ANG Fire Service.

"J.C." as he was known by many Guardsmen, retired as Air Technician Fire Chief on November 1, 1981. He retired from the Air National Guard on April 10, 1981.

Jack was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Ohio Fire Commendation Medal in Recognition of his meritorious service.

C Company, 372nd No 1

Company C, 372nd Engineer Bn (CT) (IC) Lebanon, Ohio, while at Camp Atterbury, Ind., for their annual training, was the only unit in the battalion to receive a C-1 rating, qualifying them as combat ready. Co. C was rated for their ability to carry out combat missions, morale, logistics, mess, readiness, and other areas necessary to qualify them for a C-1 rating. The unit is commanded by Capt. Ernest R. Ackerman.

Smith Back from Ranger School

Capt. Jeff Smith, a member of the 141st Transportation Co., (AVM), Worthington, returned from the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga., completing the course in the top five percent of the class. Smith was awarded the Army ROTC Military Proficiency Award for his exceptional achievements while attending the school. (See story on Smith in Aug. issue of Buckeye Guard, pg. 220.)

FRIENDSHIP TEAM

The DCSC Officers' Club was the setting, on September 22nd, for the Ohio National Guard Officers' Club annual Friendship Dinner. The US Army and the Ohio Air National Guard have had a 50 year friendship. The dinner, to take place on the airfield at DCSC on November 24th, is sure to draw the usual enthusiastic crowd of members and guests. The locating are "may, bake, boil, sow, or grow," or just come, enjoy the fun and perhaps do some November shopping is special, a gift from the club to the members. Warmer and fellowship are the themes of the day. The DCSC provided tasty and attractive hors doeuvres, which were complemented by the delicious array of confections brought in by DCSC club members. Many thanks go to Joyce Duly, a brand new Guard wife and this year's Tea Chairman, who planned a most successful party.

FALL FIELD TRIP

Autumn is perhaps the most beautiful time of the year and no time to stay sequestered indoors. We'll get enough of that snow flies, or so reasoned the planners of the adventure in store for October 27th. Luncheon on that date will be held at the Cheltenham Golf Farm, 4410 Byers Rd., West, near mid southern Delaware. This unique spot features an herb garden of seemingly everlasting variety, a small herb greenhouse, and a barn converted to an herb shop and a fascinating place to view.

Owners, operators, and residents of the farm are Marcy and Bob Ditts, who are also Gardening Techniques teachers at the Ohio State University. The trip is particularly interesting and quite useful. Mandy, a gourmet cook, will prepare and serve a lunch featuring what else unusual herbs. She will also demonstrate some innovative things to be done with herbs and playfully, and give us a tour of the garden and barn shop. This is a meeting not to be missed! We will gather at the Cheltenham Golf Farm at 12:00. Effort will be being made to form car pools. The phone committee has details on this and directions for finding the farm.

COMBAT CONSTRUCTION

The 20 members of HHC 812th Engineer Battalion's Combat Construction Section performed AF-61 at Camp Perry, Ohio. They involved in several projects, including renovating the guest latrines and showers across from the Clubhouse, and the renovation of Bldg. 2600, which will be a new PIO Headquarters and Darkroom facility.

BY CAPT. CHARLES Tritt

The results are now in from the 23rd Annual Ohio National Guard Pistol Ranges Championships. The one-day competition was held in Columbus at The Ohio State University. The individual winner was Sgt. George Withrow of Co B, 612th Engineer Battalion. Other top finishes were: Sgt. Billy White of the 299th Signal Battalion, 1st, Novice: Sgt. Lyle Anderson of Co C, 612th Engr. Bn., 2nd; Pvt. Novice: Sgt. Juan Obregon of the 179th Tac Air Flight Corp., and 3rd Novice:Sp. Martini Boys of HHC 416th Engr. Bn., High Lady. The winner of the team championship was Co B, 612th Eng. Co. OHNG in the championship were, 2nd Place: 181D OHNG and 3rd Place: Co C, 612th Engr. Bn.

The winners will receive engraved belt buckles in honor of their accomplishments. The competition is open to all Guardsmen excepting the Ohio National Guard Pistol Team members who run the event. There is no entry fee required to compete. Every year notices are sent to units to be posted on the unit bulletin board. The notices give details on how to enter the competition.
Ministry/Pastoral Care Courses

The following Hospital Ministry and Pastoral Care Courses will be offered for FY 82:
October 16-30, 1981 Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC 20012
November 8-20, 1981 Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234
March 14-26, 1982 Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC 20012

A related seminar, Health and Hospital, will be offered in accordance with JCO Regulation 351-1, with applications being made in accordance with the recommendation of the March 14-26 workshop, 36, for further information, consult the State Training Office (814) 889-7100.

Survivor Benefit Plan

The Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), which went into effect in June, 1979, now allows Guardmembers to designate a portion of their retired pay for the benefit of designated survivors. This option is available only to those Guardmembers who have completed 20 years of qualifying service for retirement.

The SBP allows for three options: (1) creating a retirement-eligible Survivor Benefit Plan, (2) a non-retirement-eligible Survivor Benefit Plan, or (3) making a selection for or against SBP coverage. Each individual should carefully consider his or her personal situation in making this decision. A change in Closing Change in Closing

TURRETT SCHOLAR HEAVY — Each of these new members of HHT, 2nd Squadron, 107th Armor Crest Unit from Canton, Ohio, recently enlisted in the Ohio National Guard to receive the four-year College Scholarship. Sitting on the turf at a Monday night five on five game in Canton were: Michael McIlhenny, Rick Poles, Vic Vincenzi, Patrick Neer, Brad Davies and Mike Hardgrove. Standing over his new board of94 members in Canton's area recruiter, Sgt. Walt Ownes. (PHOTO BY SFC RON RENG)

Change in Plan

The Rickerbacher National Guard Base Command has a new Saturday closing time of 8 p.m. to give Guardmembers a chance to use the Commissioning office after hours.

The new Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Insurance Update

If you are a newlywed, recently divorced, or have had a new addition to your family, make sure your insurance forms are up to date. A change of address, a new family member, or even the addition of a new pet should be reported to the Adjutant General’s Office to avoid possible misunderstanding of your coverage.

Submissions Wanted

We appreciate receiving articles and/or photos from you. If you have a story to tell please submit your article to: Eileen, BUCKEYE GUARD, Ohio National Guard, RR 25, Waxbordville, Ohio 43085.
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