The AG Speaks

Accomplishments shared by all

As I complete my service in the Ohio National Guard I pass to review the progress and accomplishments of the Ohio National Guard since 1947 when I first became a member.

In 1947, our membership consisted of about 4,000 Army Guardmen and fewer than 1,000 Air Guardmen, less than 50 percent of authorized strength.

In 1947, many of our units drilled in barns, garages, and other leased facilities, many without heat. Today, while our armories have not had the ideal of maintenance and repair work, most are adequate to meet our needs.

In 1947, pay was minimal (a captain, company commander, received $610 for 12 drills plus $60 administrative pay each quarter); there were no retirement benefits; no survivor benefits; no incapacitation pay; no technicians at unit level; no additional training assemblies; and very little equipment.

I believe all of you are aware of the changes in the Guards as we have observed over the past 35 years.

In 1947, there were no officer candidate schools or NCO schools within the state and very limited funds to pay for Guardsmen's attendance at Army and Air Force Schools. In 1983, the Ohio Army and Air National Guard have over $3,000,000 to support such training.

In 1947, both the Army and Air Guard did not have little engineers, and our active counterparts and little equipment.

Today this has changed and we are looked upon as a valuable and most important part of our total national defense force and supported accordingly.

Through the years we have had our highs and lows in the eyes of the public, but as time progressed, we have come to be highly regarded generally throughout the public sector.

As has all this come about? Not through the efforts of any individual, I can assure you. It has resulted from each of your personal efforts, dedication and pride in your contribution to the organization. Working through our various state and national organizations, your efforts toward obtaining your present state of readiness and professionalism have finally achieved the recognition and support you so richly deserve.

Your contribution and that of your family, friends, relatives and employers who have supported you, combined with the efforts of your fellow Guardmen, has gained the Ohio National Guard recognition throughout the nation.

I wish to commend you and thank each and everyone of you for your service to your state and nation, and for your support of our total state program. It has made my tenure as The Adjutant General a pleasant and rewarding experience. I am extremely proud to be able to share in your accomplishments and I hope each of you share that pride.

May you and your families enjoy a beautiful Holiday Season and continue success in the future.

JAMES C. CLEM

Major General

The Adjutant General

Letters

Hidden rank

Editor:

Sooner or later every Guardman will don the new battle dress uniform (BDU). The Department of Defense is worthy of praise for the spectacular color palette that opens up new opportunities and, to some, excitement.

In service, the new uniforms are so designed that it is very difficult to distinguish between officers and enlisted or to identify rank hidden within the background pattern.

According to the Soldier's Manual, an enlisted member commences the salute six paces from an approaching officer. The SOP should be modified to read six feet from an advancing officer wearing the BDU.

Even with 20/20 vision and a pair of binoculars, it is possible to locate the saluted rank of fellow Guardmen. Officers will have to be mindful of this malady and get under the radar if not saluted when spotting the new BDU at AT's.

Honesty, it's not out of disrespect.

Sgt. Herman Casey

Co C, 112th Inf Grp.

Abraham remembered

Editor:

I have just completed reading Guard writer Abraham's commentary in your October Issue of The Buckeye Guard re: "Accepting Responsibility for your position." The article was a scholarly, in-depth article which to many our general population is an extremely difficult objective and seems to represent the endorsement of General Abraham's expressed personal philosophy of his service to the Ohio National Guard.

My experience with General Abraham's service predates his assignment as Adj. AG Army ONG; however, all previous personal association with him was particularly impressive in regard to his willingness to accept responsibility and leadership positions and to perform in them in a superb manner.

My warmest regards and appreciation is extended to him for his exemplary service to his country and state.

Charles Lee

COL (Ret.)

Sorry

The life for me

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The National Guard is the life for me. It's a place to meet new friends. One has the job security, but the work load never ends.

Many stories have been told, about back with satisfaction on our accomplishments. However, we cannot do the mistake of forgetting that "success" is only temporary. Or we can profit from the past and use success as a springboard to go even higher.

Nothing would give me more satisfaction than to see our future leadership reach such heights of success that the "good old days" look like the "bad old days.

I have always enjoyed what I call the "Joy of Leadership" from my days as a buck private to my present position. If I could leave one lasting wish, it would be that this privilege be experienced by all, as I feel it is one of the great opportunities the Ohio Guard has.

My wishes go with you and your families for a most Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year filled with joy and Success. My thoughts will be with you as you take up the challenges of the future.

Brig. Gen. James M. Abraham

Re: retentio

BY SFSC CALVIN MEADOWS

I often think retention is like a door, that opens into a soldier's life where I should have been before.

A Private or a Sergeant may lift the latch for me many wonder when I knock, what welcome there will be. If I find a soldier that is dead, I do not often stay; but when I find one full of life I often spend the day.

I never know what sort of soldiers will be within you, that's why retention is always so interesting to me.
Personnel reporting system now in use

BY Sgt REBECCA SLYH
TOMAH AIR NATIONAL GUARD CENTER

The Guard knows more about their members than most people. In fact, there are 283 bits of information available to them which can be obtained from either written or verbal consent by an individual.

With the use of the Standard Installation Division Personnel Information System (SIDPERS), personal and military information is recorded in a computer by authorized personnel. This program is basically the same in the Army yet goes beyond mechanics of the operation by updating information for the Guard.

"One of the most important benefits is that the active Army and the Guard can obtain the same type of information needed for mobilization purposes," said Clyde E. Gadzukes, state personnel officer for the Army Guard.

Although SIDPERS is new to the Ohio Guard, effective January 1, 1983, the program will take a six-month time period before it is adapted correctly.

Split up into two phases, the program will set goals to achieve within a certain time period. Phase one will involve information about civilian occupations and military education.

Right now, retirement credits are kept manually yet with the implementation of phase two, personnel will have this information on pay documents.

Nine full time people are to man these computers, but at the present time the Ohio Guard has only seven members. This means four openings are available since 11 members are allowed. To qualify, members must be in 711 or 755 military occupational specialties and must also complete a two week school in Little Rock, Ark.

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I want to see if we can get back the discipline we have lost over the years.

Ohio gets new CSM

BY Capt D.S. DANKWORTH

The Ohio National Guard's new commander major says the line is not as "handcuffed" as it was when he joined the Army in 1942. But soldiers can bet they are not the only slack off.

CSM Nathan B. McGloen was chosen in March to be Ohio's highest ranking non-commissioned officer. The "old hand knock Army anymo, it's an honor," he said when asked about the WW II veteran.

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Reserves are important to total defense

NATO nation spending for conventional weapons should be increased, even if it means sacrificing social programs, delegates attending the Congress of the Inter-allied Confederation of Reserve (CIR) Officers agreed recently.

More than 1,200 officers from 12 NATO nations supported the proposal in London. The United Kingdom delegation, which said it was frustrated at taking official positions, refrained from voting but added that the position was the consensus of its membership.

The need for CIR to take a more active role in delivering these messages to the public was sounded by Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, at the beginning of the Congress. He said that the defense of NATO has been mortgaged to a nuclear response because nations have not been willing to pay the cost of a credible conventional force.

He added that elected leaders often find it politically unfeasible or expedient to speak forthrightly on such issues as the need to increase defense expenditures by reducing other public programs or increasing taxes.

Rogers, Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger, deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Dr. Edward J. Phillin and other officials who spoke to the delegates throughout the week agreed on the importance of the reserves in NATO's defense.

"We cannot afford to think of reserve forces as just forces in reserve," Weinberger said. "It is important to develop and improve and blend our reserve forces with our active forces," he added.

Stress on the strength of the total strength which would likely be involved during the initial phases of a NATO defense in its reserve components," Rogers said.

STARS

BY Capt, of Army

A new acronym is being branded around the headquarters which has the commander's attention. The acronym is STARS, which stands for State/Army Reserve Schools.

According to Maj. Michael Dunegan, training management officer, ARMY VI, the program is an attempt to take the maximum use of all training opportunities available to reserve component personnel without violating their IDT periods.

Twice each year commanders meet with their unit commanders to review their reserve headquarters, ARMY VI, the Ohio Military Academy, and the commanding officer of the Ohio Guard which support their unit. They jointly discuss training requirements and options available for meeting those needs.

The company commander submits a roster of names and MOS requirements to the USAR School Commandant which organizes his curriculum to meet the commander's individual training requirements. When these requirements cannot be satisfied by USAR Schools, other options are explored. These options include the Active Component schools, Army National Guard academies, contract training, structured-on-the-job training (SOJ), and the use of mobile training teams.

The MOS qualification of the reservists, priority for training assets, much is being done to improve MOS qualification. All of the USAR schools and state National Guard Battalions have NCO courses. In several states, USAR schools are teaching NCO courses for Army National Guard units in the reserve battalions. Conversely, many reservists find NCO courses located in ABNGE State Academy NCO courses and officer candidate schools.

Cooperation among the Reserve, Guard and Active Component is saving the Army time, energy and money as in improving the Army's training posture due to in-service training. In addition, courses which have a mix of personnel from each element are found to produce higher quality training for all personnel.

Another ancillary benefit has been the development of professional relationships between components. In the future, STARS will receive additional emphasis because it dovetails with the planning phase of the Battalion Training Management System (BTMS) and the Command Operating Budget (COB).

13th CPX adds realism to training mission

BY SFC DAVID MEUER

In the early hours of the morning, the 13th Recon Battalion without warning, loaded the weapons and protective gear into our convoy to leave for Plumbrook, and finally we were ready to move out.

While in convoy it was the first time I had seen any of the 1942 Rusty's. The first thing I looked for upon arriving at Plumbrook was SFC Maxwell of Ashtabula and his advance party had set the tents we needed for the CPX. Great! All tents were up. It's no fun trying to pitch tents at night when someone could get injured. Next, I checked the room that the soldiers in my section to ensure that they had their equipment and a place to sleep. About then, 1st Sgt. Lewis called the NCOs together for a briefing, after which I sprayed myself with mosquito repellent for a Jake's not eligible to go. Everyone bedded down and we woke up at zero dark thirty.

Waking up, I didn't have any clothes on, I was, until breakfast tasted so good, even thought I had to look at Stig; Ojimah, our food service sergeant, smiling for the second cup of coffee he handed me for the logistical Operations tent.

The combat mission of the Support and Service Battalion is to keep the battlefield supplied with the highest possible percentage of fully operational weapons systems and personal supplies. This battalion commands and controls from two to six direct support or general support supply and service companies. These supplies include everything from medical and ammunition. It is responsible for the clothing, feeding, housing of all combat troops in areas of control, as well as the troops in its command.

This unit also performs grade reservation functions, decontamination facilities, replacements parts for just about every piece of equipment; along with the major repair of much of a combat unit's equipment on a 24-hour basis. In other words, the unit must be ready to respond quickly to any combat critical supply and essential maintenance.

When noon Sunday rolled around we had been going nonstop since early Saturday morning. I went through six cans of mo­ quito repellent, and felt like "hell." We headed back to Toledo, reflecting on the training, and even though you have some forms to report on that could be improved, you feel like you have accomplished a great deal and that the next CPX will go more smoothly.

In the early hours of the morning, the 13th Recon Battalion ... Dear God, I hope it never happens, but it does if we are not a little better prepared.

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Personal View

I see people out of uniform and needing haircuts, I see a lack of discipline.

CSM McGloen

I also want to get the NCOS out from behind their desks and get them training soldiers.

CSM McGloen went on to add that, "Today's soldiers need more highly educated, or many new or modern training methods to contend with than the 'hard knock' soldier. This requires the CSM to be even more prepared to train the soldier in the best, most efficient way possible.

Combining his time on active and reserve duty, McGloen, who lives with his family in Cincinnati, has been with the military for 37 years. He was the sergeant major of the NCO academy at Fort Hood, Texas, when he was discharged from the Army in 1953.

McGloen was also battalion sergeant of the 512th Engineer Battalion in Cincinnati from 1957 to 1982. As command sergeant major for the Ohio National Guard his office is located at Beighley Armory in Worthington.
World War I vets honored

BY Cadet D.S. DANKWORTH
19th Public Affairs Detachment

In 1918 George Williams of the Ohio National Guard rounded his bugle which led a unit of his black comrades into the bloody storms of World War I. Many soldiers in that segregated unit failed to survive the war, but even fewer lived long enough to receive recognition for their service to their state and country.

On Nov. 6, Buckeye Guard officers presented the 102-year-old Williams and each of his four fellow surviving war veterans with the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal during the opening of the Ohio National Guard Museum. The ceremony was held at the Columbus Cultural Arts Center, which houses the museum.

The five old soldiers were the only men from the World War I contingent of the 372nd Infantry — an all-black unit mobilized in both world wars and decorated by the French in World War I — that the Guard could locate for the presentation.

Honored along with Williams, who lives at the Dayton Veterans Administration Center, were William Drew of Columbus, and Maceo Burns, the Rev. William Gilmore and Freeman Lee, all of Springfield.

Lee, 84, said he was in Springfield when he and his black friends heard about the start of the infamous war. "We all volunteered. I remember some of the feelings had, but I don't like to talk about them all the time. We got treated pretty bad at times."

Maj. James M. Chubb, commander at headquarters detachment, Bexley Armory in Worthington, told the audience at the ceremony about the unit's gallant actions in France with the 157th "Red Hand" division. The French awarded the unit the coveted Croix de Guerre after it gained "the reputation of, once on the battlefield, they refused to give even an inch to the enemy," Chubb said.

Brig. Gen. Michel de Noray, French military attaché to the United States, also attended the presentation to testify to France's gratitude to the "tuy-eux-droits" unit. He noted that during the war's Champagne offensive, French officers said, "The 372nd regiment's achievements were equal to those of any in their division. On behalf of France I am happy to thank the Ohio National Guard and especially the 372nd."

After Sp4 Steven L. Trant from the Ohio Guard's band blew taps to honor the unit's dead, Williams spoke. "I am extremely proud to be with you. God bless everyone here and to come in the future."

Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, the adjutant general of Ohio, pinned the decorations on the honored veterans. Representing the Department of the Army at the presentation was Brig. Gen. Richard D. Dean, deputy director of the Army National Guard of the United States.

CRI's locate deficiencies prior to mobilization

BY Sp4 CHARLES TRITT
19th Public Affairs Detachment

With the first round of Command Readiness Inspections (CRI) over unit commanders, NCOs and enlisted can now breathe a sigh of relief and begin preparing for the next round of CRIs in about 18 months.

That's the whole idea behind the CRIs: to prepare units for mobilization by pointing out deficiencies so that they can be corrected, according to Col. Richard R. Bowman, the State Inspector General.

The CRI program was begun in early 1981 when Fifth Army made significant revisions in inspection policies. The objective was to make the inspections reflect a unit's ability to function if it were mobilized.

"The CRI emphasized readiness posture. The senior inspector explained its results were to be used as a tool for the identification of problem areas," said 2nd Lt. Christine M. Harmon, commander of the Headquarters Detachment of the 137th Supply and Service Battalion. Harmon's unit was recently inspected.

The thoroughness of CRIs has been noted by many Guardsmen.

"The kinds of questions asked of me by the senior inspector allowed him to assess my knowledge of my unit and its internal functioning," said Harmon.

There are 21 areas covered during a CRI. Each area is rated either as satisfactory or unsatisfactory during an inspection.

Problem areas for Ohio Guard units during this cycle's inspection were: unequal enforcement of the weight program, problems in conduct of training and failure to discharge service members with an excessive number of AWOLs, according to Bowman.

Mr. George Williams, 102-years-old, salutes as he enters the Columbus Cultural Arts Center where he was honored, along with five other veterans. (PHOTO BY Sgt. JAMES DAY)
The flying chaplain

During the Group's recent deployment to Alpena, Mich., the Chaplain had to return to Springfield for an emergency. His trip to Springfield and the return trip to Alpena were made in the back-seat of the A-7K. The aircraft was piloted by Col. Richard L. Higgin, commander of the 178th.

The Chaplain has been with the unit for three and one-half years. He described flying in an A-7K as "an experience of a lifetime, fantastic, really something, just unbelievable. It wasn't for the fact I am too old," the Chaplain said, "I think they should send me to flight school. I love to fly." The Chaplain hopes to be able to pilot an airplane someday, but because he is too old for U.S. Air Force pilot training, he hopes to qualify with a civilian license.

The Chaplain's only military flight outside the continental United States was on the Group's deployment to Panama in 1981. He has flown "once available" several times, including a recent trip to his churches' conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Although Chaplain Ellington can't pilot an aircraft, he wants to fly at every opportunity and who wouldn't like having the Chaplain fly with them. After all, look who's flying with the Chaplain.

251st continues to excell

BY 1st LT. MARK L. STOUT
251st Combat Comm. Group

This has been a banner year for the 251st Combat Communications Group.

The group headquarters at the Municipal Airport, Springfield, Ohio, and its units located in six states has been the recipient of the Major General Harold M. McClendon Award, the National Guard Bureau Communications-Electronics Trophy and now the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The 251st was cited for the high degree of initiative, competence, enthusiasm and dedication displayed by members of the group in support of Air Force, Air National Guard, and community requirements, and the exceptional training programs and inspections which produced outstanding results in the pursuit of mission objectives.

PHOTO BY 1st LT. MARK STOUT

Special Benefits Issue

December, 1982
57 Reasons to stay Guard

While most members of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard know they have a benefit package most would be hard pressed to name even a fraction of the benefits available to them.

BUCKEY GUARD magazine firmly believes all members of the Ohio Guard should know about the benefits available and take full advantage of each and every benefit applied to both them and their dependents as a member of the Ohio National Guard.

In addition to the obvious financial reasons for being a Guardmember, there are many intangible reasons for staying Guard. We'll explore some of these reasons in this issue.

Let's start by saying why you're here!

2. Free遭到修改。
3. Space Available flights on military aircraft.
4. Pt benefits (day to day).
5. Promotions/personal and professional recognition.
6. Stay at Visiting Quarters (VEQ/VQG) at all military bases while traveling.
7. Monthly pay checks.
8. Work clothes provided for Guard duties.
10. Craft shops at military installations.
11. Free attitude training.
12. Free physical exams.
13. SGL $5,000 full coverage for $5.25 per year. ONGA and ONGA insurance coverage also available.
14. Military education may enhance the Guardmember's civilian position through service schools and extension courses.
15. Free college tuition — up to 4 years — through the Ohio Guard's unique Scholarship Program. The program also covers most two-year vocational schools and extension courses.
17. Free meals at meetings.
18. On the job disability coverage medical costs and full military pay and allowances with approved line of duty.
19. Commissary use during Annual Training and for each period of three or more consecutive active duty training periods.
20. Source for reserve referrals may be found in association with other unit members.
22. Skill training.
23. College credit for State Active Duty under emergency situations.
24. $20,000 free life insurance from State of Ohio if killed while on State Active Duty status for an emergency situation. Also, Workers Compensation is available to Guardmembers injured in the line of duty.
25. A break from the norm (adventure excitement).
26. The life of a retired soldier or airman (Pt, Commissary, Medical, Club Participation, etc.).
27. Patriotism.

Let's look at the program — at slightly higher rates. For retired Guardmembers with 20 years service under age 60, the cost is $10.50 per month. For those between 40 and 49, it is $14. And for those 50 and over, it is $17.50 monthly.

In addition to the above programs offered by the military Guard organization, there are many more programs offered by the various enlisted and officer organizations which make it a simple and inexpensive matter for Guardmembers to insure their families.

Ohio National Guard officials stress the importance of the insurance program. They cite the ultimate goal of Guardmembers during the program as early as possible.

The improved benefits were the result of long and intense lobbying by Congress and organizations representing Guard and other Reserve component members. Until 1974, SGLI benefits were only afforded Guard members when they were on drill and annual training status, but Public Law 93-289 extended that coverage to 24 hours a day, as long as the member was on the rolls in an active participant in the Guard or Reserve.

Another important factor in the bill is that it was extended to retired Guardmembers under the age of 60. Then, in December 1981, Congress increased the maximum insurable life from $12,000 to $35,000. Guardmembers on inactive status training (not active duty) should apply for SGLI through their unit. Retired Guardmembers should apply through the veterans administration.

SGLI coverage ends, by law, at age 60.

ONGEA Insurance

BY Cadet D.S. DANKWORTH

Attempts to add an auto insurance policy for Guardmembers have been met with negative responses from the membership.

Since 1930, Guardmembers have not paid much attention when they were told about the ONGA/ONGEA insurance plan. Young thinks they are missing a great opportunity.

"No other company can touch what the plan does," Young told a student at his office in the Ohio Military Federal Credit Union at Richland to the National Guard base.

"Our 15 months in this program, we experienced 13 claims (deaths) of Guardmembers who went on leave and had their claims paid within a week."

A retired full-time member of the Guard who now works for the Guard Carter, one of the Guard headquarters, Young has been traveling to counties since June 1981, start of the program telling soldiers and airmen about the program.
Insurance

The plan is not intended to compete with the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance program. It is in addition to your SGLI. SGLI is available only to active duty military personnel. The association's plan has cheaper conversion rates and "You bring your family in on this," Young said.

Guardmembers can have both plans and the association will join the association's program once they are discharged from service.

Benefits are based on rank and length of service.

The claim is paid in the event of death from any cause.

The plan also carries no suicide or war clause, no aviation exclusion, and no hazardous duty or civilian occupation risk exclusion.

But Young said what really makes the plan worthwhile is the Guardmembers' option to retain the insurance after leaving the Guard, regardless of their or her health. "The average cost of a Guardian and his family member is running about 30 cents per $1,000 per month."

Survivor benefit plan

BY SP 5 CHUCK TRITT
1988 Public Affairs Detachment

One of the important features of National Guard retirement is the Survivor Benefit Plan. The plan is designed to give retired National Guard members a low cost way to leave a portion of their retirement pay to their survivors, in the form of annuity.

The annuity provides monthly payments to the family.

SBP can be thought of as a type of life insurance for the guard members retirement pay. The "premium" for SBP are deducted from the retiree's gross retirement pay. Like all insurance the more you elect the more it costs.

Under the basic plan guard members elect to participate in the program when they are 60 years of age. They die before that time their dependents receive no benefits under the SBP. The SBP annuity is always 55 percent of what is known as the base amount. The maximum base amount is the gross monthly retirement pay, but the minimum is $300. Only if the retirement pay is less than $300 a month, the base amount is the gross retirement pay.

Compounding the cost of this type of program is simply the spouse of the retiree is the only beneficiary. In this case of the death of the first $300 of the annuity base is 2/2 percent. The remainder is at the rate of 10 percent.

Under this plan the spouse of the retiree receives the annuity payments. 55 percent of the base amount each month after the retiree dies until the spouse dies or remarries.

The retiree can also elect spouse and children coverage, children only coverage, or person "insurance interest" coverage under the SBP.

If both spouse and children coverage is elected, on the retiree's death annuity payments are made to the surviving spouse and to the children.

If the spouse becomes ineligible through remarriage or the children coverage is not elected, then the annuity payments are split among the retiree's eligible beneficiaries.

If the retiree has no children or is under 18 years old, under age 22 in school, or any age if incapacitated. Payable to the spouse and any eligible beneficiaries.

The additional cost for children is based on the ages of the youngest child, spouse, and retirer. Additional deductions for children coverage stop when there are no longer any eligible children.

Military Credit Union

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

A full range of services are available through the institution.

The basic share accounts now pay up to 7 percent. There are six high yield plans available including money market certificates. Certificates of deposit are issued for one, two, or three years.

An Individual Retirement Account plan is also offered. The interest rate of this new plan is tied to the rate of treasure notes and interest rates.

Loans of all types and varying terms and rates are also available.

These include signature, secured, collateral (vehicle and recreational), first and second mortgage, and line of credit type accounts.

The credit union is also open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For those unable to visit the facility in person, telephone and mail service is offered at (614) 497-0390.

Retirement pay—Medical benefits

BY SP5 CHUCK TRITT
1988 Public Affairs Detachment

Not all guardNEERS are entitled to receive retirement benefits, but the National Guard does. The law on retirement pay pays off to overseas international space- available flights.

Their pay is based on the service you provide, however, you must have served 20 "satisfactory" years to qualify for military service and be over 60 years old.

One of the most valuable retirement benefits is a flat rate of retirement pay. This monthly pay begins on your 60th birthday, but you must have served 20 years at retirement.

Eligibility for retirement pay is based on 30 years of "satisfactory" service federal military service.

To be eligible to receive retirement benefits guardmembers must meet the following requirements: (1) have completed 20 years of "satisfactory" military service, of which at least the last eight were served in a guard or reserve status, (2) must have reached age 60 and (3) must not be entitled to receive any other military retirement pay.

The amount of retirement pay depends on the length of service and the definition of a "satisfactory" year is based on a "basis of pay." Points are awarded in the following ways:

(1) You receive one point per day for any active duty you have served when it was served. This includes time served during all military service schools and annual training.

(2) You receive 50 points a year for every year of inactive duty served before July 1, 1949. You receive fractional credit for any fraction of a year.

(3) You receive 150 points for each year of inactive service since July 1, 1949. In addition to these points you receive one point for each military unit training attendance you completed while in the Guard to the total of 40 days.

Points are added to your retirement pay over a period of 12 years and are then divided into the total of 12 years.

To receive your retirement pay however, you must have served 20 years of "satisfactory" service and your retirement pay will be at least $20 a month.

If in addition to these benefits you have served more than 20 years, then you will receive your retirement pay several months before the 62th birthday. Air Guard members should apply through their Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO), if still on duty when the person is over 60 years and is signed to the Reserve, upon reaching age 59.

Guard members should request application forms and assistance from the Reserve Personnel Center (ARP), Denver, CO.

Army Guard members should complete Form DD 108, the application for retirement benefits, available from the state Adjutant General's Department. If the guard member is still in an active status, the forms should be submitted through National Guard channels, otherwise it should be mailed directly to the Army Reserve Command and Administration Center, St. Louis, Mo., 63132.

Medical care

Retirement pay begins on the retiree's 60th birthday, if application is made on time. Even if application is made after age 60, pay is retroactive. However, if application is made more than 6 years after the retiree's 60th birthday, one day of retirement pay is deducted for each additional day of delay.

If a person with "insurable interest" coverage has died, and the retiree's children are made to a relative or other person with an insurable interest, the "insurable interest" coverage is quite a bit different from the spouse only and spouse and children coverage. This coverage is only available to retirees who have not remarried or are widowed and is payable only to a beneficiary having a bonafide financial interest in the retiree.

The cost of this coverage is 5 percent of the total retired pay for each full 5 years the beneficiary is younger than the retiree, to a maximum of 40 percent of the retirement pay. There is no longer any eligible beneficiaries.

There are two ways a retiree can avoid risking their dependents security between the ages of 55 and 60. One option is a annuity that begins payment to the beneficiary on the date the retiree would have reached age 60 if the retiree dies before that date. The second option is a payable amount, payable after reaching age 60 the annuity payments begin the day after the retirement pay.

A second option is an annuity that begins payment on the day the retiree's death. On the day of death the retiree's serving in the military, the coverage the guard member must make an election for writing with the military at the completion of 20 years service. To make it easier for the guard member to elect this option, the notice is sent to the retiree or the retiree's institution immediately before they reach the twenty year goal. The election to participate in this two plans can not be withdrawn as long as there is an eligible beneficiary remaining.

The cost of providing this additional coverage is shared by the retiree who lives beyond age 60 and the potential beneficiary. The cost to the retiree will be an additional deduction above the standard "premium" and the cost to the beneficiary will be a reduction in the 55 percent of the base amount received monthly.

The amounts of these reductions are based on the time that the retiree becomes eligible for the age of receipt, the difference in age and sex of the retiree and the election of the retiree. The percentage of the reduction will be calculated at the time of the members election and paid as a flat rate payable to the beneficiary. The percentage of the eligibility is based on the beneficiaries age at election, the difference in age and sex of the retiree and the election of the retiree. The percentage of the reduction will be calculated at the time of the members election and paid as a flat rate payable to the beneficiary.

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The costs of SBP include cost of living increases similar to those made in ordinary retirement pay and limitations on how much can be borrowed before that the interest and principal will be paid. This reduction is shown in Table XXII of the "Premium" and the "Beneficiary".
Military Academy

The Ohio Military Academy was established 25 years ago to help further the military education of Ohio Army National Guard members. The courses, most of which are offered in drill status, are designed to enhance their careers by meeting military education requirements. In addition, the courses are competitive, military education makes take on new importance.

About a year later, during the middle of the Initial AT period, candidates are commissioned as second lieutenants and receive a week of leadership training. There are four courses for NCOs. The first, named NCO course, is designed for E-4s and E-5s. It is the Basic NCO course. Many junior grade soldiers are finding promotions impossible to obtain without these courses. NCOs are also to fill the vacant positions at the State Command level. An NCO course is offered for E-6s and E-7s. To date, has become a "must" for soldiers looking to advance.

Armed forces in Ohio are often confused with the National Guard, which has an annual training weekend. The Guard, however, is an equal branch of the military armed forces. The National Guard is a part of the Ohio Army National Guard, which is a branch of the United States Army. The Ohio Army National Guard is part of the Ohio Army National Guard Reserve, which is a part of the United States Army Reserve.

Army Schools

Basic and advanced military occupational specialty (WOS) training is a must for any enlisted soldier looking to advance. Perhaps the most attractive benefit to these schools is that a soldier is paid to learn. All Army or Air Guard members are eligible to attend these courses and receive active duty for training with full benefits. Information on Army schools is available at the Ohio Army National Guard headquarters.

For Guard members who can't get away during the weekend, there are Army Correspondence courses. These courses are designed to provide the same education as the classroom courses. The Army Correspondence courses are offered for E-4s and E-5s. This course is designed for junior grade soldiers to prepare them for the next phase of their military education. An Adjutant General course is offered for E-6s and E-7s. It is recommended that soldiers take this course to prepare them for the next phase of their military education.

Guard members are encouraged to enroll in the following courses to enhance their education and advancement opportunities: Communication courses, leadership courses, and professional development courses. All courses are offered on a variety of formats, including online, in-person, and self-paced.

Co-op education available

So you're attending College under the Ohio National Guard Scholarship program (OSG) and you're ready to become part of a future military leader, your National Guard scholarship and salary will not support an efficient, full-time education. In this case, to be eligible for the scholarship, you must be enrolled in the Ohio National Guard Scholarship program. To be eligible for the scholarship, you must be enrolled in a full-time degree program at an accredited college or university. In addition, you must be a resident of Ohio and a citizen of the United States.

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Guard members enjoy the best exchange privileges in history. There was a time when Guard members were limited to visit friends and relatives only. This rule is changing. Now, members of the Ohio Army National Guard can enjoy the same privileges as their counterparts in the Army and Air Force. The Ohio Army National Guard has been granted the right to exchange with all other branches of the military.

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Ohio National Guard members who elect to serve in the military armed forces are eligible for the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program. This program provides tuition assistance to eligible students enrolled in accredited colleges and universities located in Ohio. The program is designed to help Ohio National Guard members finance their college education, and it is available to members who are enrolled in full-time degree programs at accredited colleges and universities in Ohio.

Military Hops

BY SP4 JON FLESHMAN

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Car rental discounts

Military and Defense of Department of

Vehicle personnel can now take advantage of discounts offered by six car rental companies

The discounts, which were negotiated by the Military Traffic Management Command, are valid for all personnel. But all one company offers this discount for both personal and official use. Contact the following six companies for more information:

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Enlisted Association conferences scheduled

They say Summer is over, but I am beginning to wonder if it ever was really here. It is now time to start thinking about Christmas and snow flurries. The National Conference held in Nashville, Tenn., at the Opryland Hotel was really a great one. The meetings were well attended and the activities planned by Tennessee will certainly be hard to beat when August 28, 1983 comes around and it is our turn, here in Ohio, to welcome some 1500 National Guard families. Now is the time to start making your plans to attend the National Conference for '83 being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 300 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 28 thru Sept. 1, 1983. Since this one is being held in Columbus it is not over a 24 hour drive from any part of the State. The first 500 to register will get an added attraction; free admission to attend the Tecumseh Outdoor Drama in Chillicothe, Ohio.

On the National Auxiliary level, Sonja Mondaite will be serving once again as the Historian and Joanne Foster as Legislative Chairman. I was re-elected to a two-year term as the Secretary and will be serving with Delores Ford, president from the State of Mississippi, Virginia Ercson, Treasurer, Arizona; and Joe Delia, Vice President, Missouri.

Our main purpose is to support the Enlisted Association and one way to do this is to increase our membership. Membership dues are still only $3 a year with $1 going to the National Association for dues. Why not join us now and help promote the National Guard throughout our State. Remember if your spouse is a member of ONGEA then you can become a member of the Auxiliary.

Nancy McDowell
President ONGEA Auxiliary

Volunteers

We need volunteers to help put on one of the best Enlisted Conferences ever. Anyone interested in helping should contact CSM Robert Goodin, Chairman for the National Conference at 614-276-3442.

There will be around 500 enlisted members and their guests coming to Columbus to see how good we are and what the state of Ohio is really like. It is the time when many of our members can get acquainted with members from across the nation, exchange ideas and policies, have some fun, and then attend meetings which are of concern to all of us.

It is at the National Conference meetings that we can decide which resolutions to submit to National Guard Bureau, to further benefit us as a Guardmember. If you want to do your part, meet and enjoy your fellow Guardmembers, and give your input, keep your calendar open to attend the conference from August 28 thru Sept. 1, 1983.

ONGEA STATE CONFERENCE
April 8-9-10, 1983
Holiday Inn, Dayton
Contact Jim Mowery at 513-294-0337 or Jerry Wiggins, 513-256-2800 for more information.

Radio van becomes school

BY Ssgt. RAYMOND KRAFT
19th Engineer Group

When you have a class to teach on a piece of equipment that equipment is too large to be brought into the classroom, what do you do? You take the class to the equipment. Ssgt. Allen Donahue and Michael Crossey of 19th Engineer Group's communication section came up with the solution, after receiving a new radio telegraph unit (AN/GRC-142). Part of the capability of the radio telegraph van include a converter that changes 12 volts to 110 volts, the vintage requirement to operate a Training Extension Course (TEC) tape machine. Now with the aid of TEC tapes, they can conduct classes on the van and its equipment. Donahue and Crossey have made trips to other units within the 134th to make them aware of the portability of giving classes on radio telegraph units, and they also feel that other units around the state might benefit from this.

Change of Command for 112th Medical Brigade

The 112th Medical Brigade held ceremonies to turn over the reins of command from Brig. Gen. James C. Good to Col. Paul J. Koppich.

Good has 35 years of military experience, serving the Ohio National Guard in many command assignments. He commanded the 112th Medical Brigade, and is now assigned as the State Surgeon, where he will continue to serve the advancement of medical policies in the military.

Koppich first entered the military as a col. lege student in 1942. He completed medical school at the Long Island College of Medicine, Brooklyn, N.Y. He interned at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, Ind., and served his residency at the University of Oklahoma Hospital. He completed the Army Dental Service Orientation Course, Army Medical Service Officer Career Course, Nuclear Weapons Employment Course, Drug Education / Prevention Training Course, Command and General Staff Officer Course, and the AMEDD Executive Management Course.

He served as Group Surgeon, 1st Battle Group, 145th Infantry, 37th Division; Staff Surgeon, Emergency Operations Headquarters; Surgeon 54th Support Center (RAC) and Commander 112th Medical Group, Deputy
Campbell new commander

Col. Keith Kramer erases his name from the side of the fuselage of Aircraft No. 180. Lt. Col. Gordon Campbell, the new commander of the 134th Tactical Fighter Group, watches prior to painting his name on the aircraft. (PHOTO BY MSgt. BOB BARKER)

The 383rd Medical Company, Cincinnati, recently promoted and honored seven members. Promoted were 1st Lt. Charles Hancock to Capt.; 2nd Lt. Charles Fink to 1st Lt.; 1st Lt. Charles Conover to Capt.; Capt. Charles Hunter to Maj.; Capt. Charles Smith to Col.; Capt. Charles Graham to Col.; and Capt. Charles Johnson to Col. The upgrade was in recognition of the outstanding performance of the 383rd Medical Company during its duties with Air National Guard units.

Lt. Col. Gordon M. Campbell has been named commander of the 134th Tactical Fighter Group (TFG), Ohio Air National Guard, stationed at the Toledo Express Air National Guard Base. Campbell came to the 100th TFG from the 121st TFW where he was the assistant director of operations. He is employed as an air technician at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

KON RHODUS, DOUGLAS TEULVE and PETE WEAVER to PETE JESSE SCHMIDT.


Company A, 112th Engineer Battalion, Virginia Tech and Ft. Lewis is reporting for duty to Lt. Col. David Royle to Pet. 2 KEVIN KUNKEL to Pet. 1A STEVE WERNER and Pet. 2 GAIL CURRENCE.

Congratulations to the Soldier of the Month for September PFC STEVEN WERNER.

Members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker, recently promoted to Maj. are: Maj. Keith Daniels, Larry Grimm, Richard Sparks and David Myer, to Capt. are: Deborah Aiken, Michael Goldberg and Robert Palian, to Sgts.: Joseph Baker, Vicki Rosene, John Rael, Thomas Camilleri, Jr., Amy Corregan, Donald James, James Markert, Jeffrey Ray and William Underwood, to 2nd Lt. are: Brent Fritsley, Dianne Gaze, Wayne Johnson, Michael Roberts, David Reed, Janet Sargent, Steven Turkelson, Carolyn Voedisch, Timothy Wheeler, Dennis White, Catherine Bender, Anthony Boxer, Eric Masters and David Smith; to 1st Lt. are: Carolyn Black, Michael Farmer, Teresa Fleviel, Monica Flenk, John Hopp, Porter Robinson, III, Paul Schulte, Todd Turnbow and Eric Standish.

Lt. Col. SHELLEY R. SAUNDERS was promoted to Lt. Col. and Lt. Col. SAUNDERS was promoted to Lt. Col. on August 13th.

Lt. Col. A. WYND, HDD 112th Medical Battalion, Worthington was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in August. Best wishes in the coming year.

Congratulations to Lt. Col. TIMOTHY J. DAVIS, MARK GIBERT WHITE to Sp4 KIRK MOORE and PC CURTIS LUCKETT.

PFC WILLIAM WEBER to Sp4 KIRK MOORE.

Division of the 112th Support Group, Kettering, has promoted PFCs: ERIC EVANS, SHARA RYAN, TODD FEHTING, ROGER RAB, GINGER and STEVEN MARSHALL and Sp4 VERNON SIER.

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Captains to Europe

By Cadet James Day

After two years of testing, the Army has decided to continue the "Captains to Europe" program which was recently expanded to provide National Guard captains with active Army experience. The program has also recently expanded to include Panamanian tours. The length of tours in Europe range from 20 to 30 months. Under the Panama program, the Guard currently offers seven tours that vary from 24 to 30 months. The Captains must be trained as Special Forces or Foreign Area Officers and have at least two years of Green Beret unit experience immediately before submitting their applications. The extensions of these tours have been authorized so that the largest number of officers can participate.

To be eligible, the individuals must be captains with less than four years in grade or a promotable first lieutenant. They must have certain combat and combat support specialties. In addition, the applicant must have completed all training and have a relatively complete of name is vital. It also is a good idea to list the location service a data sheet, in the "outside" envelope, listing what you know about your friend's service background, duty stations, schooling, date, etc. This will help the locators to track the individual down faster.

Send your correspondence:
Navy: USN (NMCP-64), Washington, DC 20350.
Air Force: AFMC/DOOC, Randolph AB, TX 78150.
Marine Corps: HQ USMC (MARSD-13), Washington, DC 20380.
Coast Guard: HQ USCG (G-P-5), Washington, DC 20309.
Army: 809-7044, Adjutant Generals Department, Office Personnel.

BDU field jacket

-The camouflage field jacket for the battlesuit uniform (BDU) is expected to enter supply system beginning in March 1984.

The BDU field jacket is made of the same material as the present field jacket. However, the new version has some of the characteristics of the BDUs to reduce the infrared reflective dyes and camouflage patterns. The National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers must have one BDU jacket by October 1983. (DA Scene)
I am the nation's flag.

With no coward's stripe or mark of shame, I have sweated with the country's defenders through the War of 1812, the Revolutionary War and the wars that tried to tear me asunder.

I gave proof, through the rocket's red glare and the bombs bursting in air, that our nation was the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I have flown high and proud through world wars, the depression and the coming and going of presidents. I have helped lay to rest American martyrs like Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, as I draped myself over their coffins in final salute.

My stars recall the history of this nation, from the beginning to the present and the roads traveled in between. Look deep and see their reflections, the symbols of individual states and the men and women they represent.

It shames me that I, the symbol of strength, freedom and the United States, am scorned by the thoughtless and the selfish.

When reveille or retreat is played, too many fail to pause, gaze with respect and give quiet thanks that they are Americans. I have seen people run and hide to avoid me.

Civil War veteran justice Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote of me in 1931... "sixty-nine years ago, the sloop Cumberland was sunk by the Merrimack. The vessel went down with her flag flying and when my regiment arrived to begin the campaign I saw the flag still flying above the waters beneath which the Cumberland lay.

"It was a lifelong text for a young man. Fight to the end and go down with your flag at the peak...."

Words like this make me proud. They reflect what I am and what Americans are.

I am the nation's flag. A person must be cold indeed who can look upon my rippling folds in the breeze without pride in America.