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AG declares war on FAT

Physical fitness is the heart and lifeblood of our preparedness as an armed force. We live today in a world experiencing a broad range of tensions, conflicts, and threats against which we must be prepared. Secretary of the Army, John O. Marsh, Jr., and Army Chief of Staff, General E. C. Meyer, recently commented before the House Armed Services Committee: "Our ability to win wars in the future if deterrence fails will not be decided by how big our Army is — but by how good it is."

Our current overall strength posture in the Ohio National Guard is commendable. While maintaining this 102.3% level, however we now need to improve the physical fitness of individuals within units. The readiness of our units is only as good as the readiness of every person within the unit. A person who is overweight or not in good physical condition is not prepared should mobilization occur tomorrow — always a reality.

Responsibility

Physical fitness has always been an integral part of both individual and unit training. Closely allied to physical fitness is weight control. Unfortunately, the subject of physical fitness readiness over the years was placed in a category of less important training priorities. This concept has changed.

The responsibility for physical fitness and proper weight control is not solely a unit training responsibility which can be accomplished within 16 hours each month. Physical fitness, including weight control, is also the personal responsibility of every soldier, noncommissioned officer and officer in the Ohio National Guard.

Yes, I have heard all the excuses, and they are easy to offer, but excuses can no longer be tolerated. I recognize that proper weight control and physical fitness are difficult to attain and maintain for many individuals. Physical fitness, including proper weight control, must become a year-round way of life.

Mobilization

The Army National Guard is heavily depended upon in the event of mobilization. Thirty percent of the total U.S. Army's strength and 46% of the combat units are provided by the Army National Guard. Of the 24 divisions in the Army's structure, eight are National Guard, seven are Active Army, and nine are a combination.

This illustrates the importance of Ohio National Guardmembers who are physically and emotionally fit to withstand the rigors and hardships of combat any-

where in the world they may be assigned.

Physical fitness should become a personal goal. A person at the proper weight and in good physical condition is an asset to a civilian employer, to their family and to their friends. Overall fitness increases stamina — strength and endurance — to complete a job, play with the children, or to accomplish a combat mission.

Engaging in a program of physical fitness contributes to personal discipline and creates a positive attitude. Again, these attributes of a physically-fit person are well received in our civilian lifestyle and they are a necessary part of our military readiness.

I have already placed emphasis upon adherence to the height-weight control standards established in AR 600-9. A new regulation on this subject becomes effective on July 15, 1983. The standards and changes in that new regulation are presented in a separate article in this issue.

Staff informed

I have already directed my state staff to examine themselves and personnel in their offices to begin this effort at this level. Next, I expect each major, intermediate, and unit commander and their noncommissioned officers to set further examples and to implement this program.

This effort will receive *equal emphasis* in all commands and *equal application* to all personnel.

Again, I have heard all the excuses: "Yes sir, I know my key individual is overweight by 35 pounds and cannot meet the three-item physical fitness test, but he is the best communications person with whom I have ever worked."

All that may be true, but the real test of prompt mobilization could find that person incapable of performing under combat conditions. At that time, the lives of other soldiers could be jeopardized. We cannot afford to train for readiness and yet overlook the weakest link in the chain — an overweight or physically unfit person.

I do not want individuals either advanced in years or who have not been regularly exercising to suddenly embark on a rigorous program of physical fitness. On the contrary, we expect them to follow medical guidance in implementing the program themselves and for those they lead. I am, however, directing that each of you accept this personal and mission readiness responsibility.

Do not test my resolve!

We will be ready!

MG Raymond R. Galloway

Assistant AG Army: UPARs are important

BY BRIG. GEN. THOMAS SCHULTE

Assistant AG-Army

"No organization in American society can take public opinion for granted. No one can assume that good performance and strength alone will bring public recognition, understanding, and support. In a modern complex society it is necessary for every organization, seeking public support, to establish and maintain information programs in order to create a common ground of understanding with the public." These statements not only summarize the views of the Defense Information school, but they also express my feelings.

These statements are indeed applicable to the Ohio National Guard. Just as we have a responsibility to provide internal or command information to guardmembers, we also have an equally important obligation to inform, promote, and maintain friendly relations with the general public. Remember, the Ohio National Guard belongs to the Ohio citizenry and to the American people.

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Sgt. Dale Taylor, far right, accepts an award for top unit newspaper from, left, SFC Nancy Clevenger, Col. Robert E. Preston and Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Schulte (Photo by Robert Schuster)

Letters to the editor

Editor:

I retired from the Ohio National Guard in December 1980 with 32½ years service. I was 1SGT of the 323rd Military Police Co. in Toledo.

I always received the BUCKEYE GUARD magazine while with the unit and enjoyed it very much. It kept me informed about the benefits and changes in my retirement.

It also kept me informed about my former unit and other units and personnel I have associated with over the years.

I have not received the magazine since I retired, and going through some old BUCKEYE GUARD's and in the letter section of Vol. 7, No. 3, June 1981, the first letter is from a man who was retired from the Guard for six years and still receives the magazine.

How do some retired personnel receive the magazine and some do not?

If its a case of not having money to offer the magazine to retirees, I would be willing to buy a subscription if I knew

the cost, or maybe after you retire it's just out the door and forget about you. The Guard got what they wanted, your body, sweat and blood, now the heck with you.

I would appreciate hearing from you if you feel you would like to.

I remain respectfully yours and still a Guard supporter.

1SGT. Thomas R. Calverd (Ret.)

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You should be in receipt of a letter from me, along with past issues of the *Buckeye Guard* Magazine. You have now been added to our list of recipients for the magazine. Thank you for writing. This gives me the chance to remind all retirees that if they are not receiving the *Buckeye Guard*, all they need do is send me their name and address and they will also be added to the mailing list. Write to: AGOH-IO, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, OH 43085.

We thank all retirees for their service to the Guard and are proud of each and every one.

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On the Cover:

A member of the 73rd Infantry Brigade in winter training at Camp Ripley, Minn. See story on Page 4. (Photo by Davida Matthews)

Correction

In the February issue of *Buckeye Guard* the story on Pg. 3 "Guard helps feed its community" I inadvertently used Maj. Steven Schaeffer's name, in place of Maj. Guy W. Gullifer, as the company commander of the 26th Engineer Company. Sorry Maj. Schaeffer, you weren't put in command while you were in Germany. Sincere apologies to Maj. Gullifer.

Editor



Members of the 73rd Brigade prepare to leave a trail for cross-country skiing. (Photo by Davida Matthews)

Snow Soldiers

73rd 'task force' learns to survive in frigid environment

BY DAVIDA MATTHEWS

Co. A, 237th Spt Bn
and
DAVID WILSON
Battery A, 1/136th FA

The term "summer camp" has a whole new meaning for 650 Guardmembers from the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate). The group, made up of Brigade members from units across the state and designated as Task Force 148, recently returned from two weeks of sub-zero temperatures at Fort Ripley, Minn. where they underwent winter operations training.

The Minnesota National Guard operates the camp and offers its facilities and training areas to all active military and reserve component units. Instructors from Camp Ripley first train a cadre from the unit, and the cadre, in turn, train their fellow troops.

The location of the reservation in cen-

tral Minnesota makes Camp Ripley the ideal setting for cold weather training. A large part of the training is simply preparing soldiers to survive, move and fight in extreme cold weather. Winter operations training included five days of downhill and cross-country skiing and

'We've put another feather in our cap and increased our versatility'

Brig Gen. Andrew G. Skalkos

snow-shoe techniques, familiarization firing of weapons, a three-day bivouac and live firing of M-102 howitzers.

"It was truly an experience," said 1st Sgt. Frank Cappel, a member of the Brigade cadre. Cappel, from the 1/147th Infantry Battalion, "A" Company, in Cin-

cinnati, was one of 17 Brigade instructors who qualified as cadre and who took on the task of training the 600 soldiers. "Many of the troops had never been on skis before and most of us have never been exposed to such extreme cold for long periods of time," he said. "Everyone had sore muscles in the beginning but the enthusiasm for the training was so high, we had to practically hold them back to make sure they didn't overdo at first."

The winter operations training stressed safety, including a "buddy-system" for all outside activities and close observations of the troops by the cadre. The task force commander, Lt. Col. Leland Predmore, whose regular duty is commander of the 1/148th Infantry Battalion in Lima, attributed the low injury rate to the skill of cadre members in spotting potential problems and the dedication of the

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guardmembers who supported the task force.

In the gray of pre-dawn, the students fell into formation and received their instructions for the day. With the command, "Right shoulder, skis," they slowly moved over the packed snow to the training area.

"It's important to warm up slowly so that we don't have problems with pulled muscles," Cappel said. "When it's so cold that the moisture in your breath forms icicles on your ski mask, you know it's important to take things easy and not to over-exert."

By the second week, the troops were comfortable enough on skis and snowshoes to pack up their arctic tents and head for the field. For three days, they practiced improvising emergency shelters, setting up "Yukon" stoves, camouflage techniques, land navigation, winter movement formations and winter combat operations, all in temperatures well below zero.

The training all fell together for the troops by the end of the week when they competed in a biathlon, an Olympic event that combines cross-country skiing skills with rifle marksmanship. Both the first and second place five-member winning teams were from Co. B, 1/166th Infantry Battalion, Delaware. A team from Headquarters Company, 1/148th took third place.

The training was capped with the presentation of Army Achievement Medals to each of the 17 cadre members. According to Brigade Commander, Brig. Gen. Andrew G. Skalkos, receiving the training mission and completing the

course was an achievement for the entire Brigade.

"We've put another feather in our cap and increased our versatility," he said. "Since the troops who completed this training can train those who didn't, our entire readiness picture is enhanced."

"With a group this size undergoing rigorous training in adverse weather conditions, we expected injuries," Predmore said. "Other than a few minor injuries, we had no significant problems. The instructors watched over the troops like so many mother hens. And no matter where the training area was or what the weather was like, the cooks and the support people made sure the troops got a soup break at mid-morning and mid-afternoon in the field."

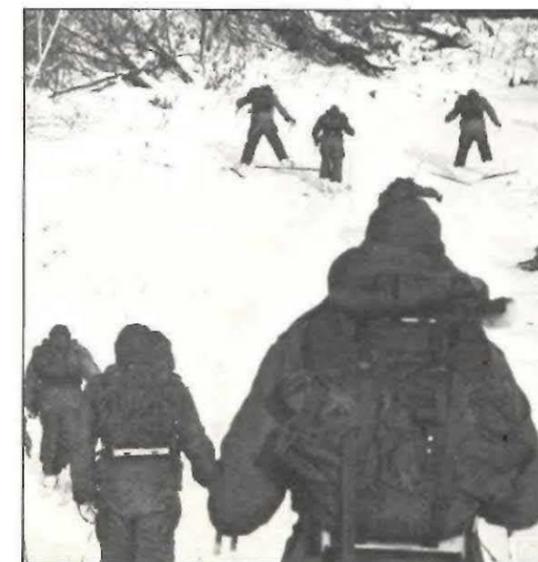
When temperatures hit the 20 degrees below zero mark, maintaining all the vehicles needed to keep the task force operational was a major undertaking in itself. Predmore once again credits the support people assigned to the task force for the smooth annual training period. "It was that extra effort on everyone's part that made the training the success that it was," he said.

The day began early for the troops with a hot breakfast and a careful donning of the protective winter gear. Most notable of the equipment was arctic boots, which were inflated to provide an insulating cushion of air around the entire foot.

"The boots took some getting used to at first because they make your feet so big and you feel so clumsy," laughed one student. "But the first day we were out in the field, we realized that you just can't beat them for keeping your feet warm."



A brigade instructor offers encouragement on a skiing trail. (Photo by Davida Matthews)



Students await their turn to ascend a hill during winter training at Camp Ripley, Minn. (Photo by Davida Matthews)



Veteran Robert E. Richter of Chillicothe, center, talks with Brig. Gen. Thomas Schulte, left, and Col. John Siemer. (Photo by Calvin Taylor)

ONG pays vets Valentine's Day salute

BY CALVIN TAYLOR

HHD, Worthington

Each year on February 14, since its beginning centuries ago, children and adults have recognized their friendships and endearment through the exchange of cards and other expressions of affection. For the tenth consecutive year, the Veterans Administration has also organized Feb. 14 as a national day of tribute honoring all hospitalized veterans for their service and sacrifices.

In a letter of resolution, Gov. Richard F. Celeste returned a salute to Ohio's nearly one-half million veterans by proclaiming February 14 in Ohio as "National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Day". The letter read in part:

"Whereas, millions of America's Veterans have served this nation in times of war and peace, thereby ensuring the freedom and prosperity of her people . . . therefore I call upon all our citizens to observe the occasion in fitting ways and to pay tribute to hospitalized veterans on this day and each day of the year."

The nearly 300 patients in the Cincinnati Veterans Administration Medical Center were visited by members of the Ohio National Guard, Brig. Gen. Thomas Schulte, Assistant Adjutant General for Army and Col. John Siemer, Chief of the Division of Soldiers' Claims-Veterans' Affairs, and other Guardmembers joined with

military service organizations and the VA Medical Center staff in saluting the many veterans. According to VA Center Director, Raymond Sullivan, about 118,000 veterans are also treated through the Outpatient Clinic each year and another 194 are served in the Fort Thomas, Kentucky nursing facility.

"This was indeed a touching and uplifting visit in which we saw optimism and continued patriotism in veterans who have personally sacrificed in their service," expressed Schulte as he was reviewing the day's visit.

Ohio National Guardmembers echoed in unison that this visit was a memorable occasion for visitors and visited alike.

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command. Military commanders at all levels are responsible for informing military and civilian personnel. Although the commander retains the ultimate responsibility for public affairs, commanders normally delegate authority for these responsibilities to a Unit Public Affairs Representative (UPAR) as an additional duty.

On February 27, I had the honor of recognizing the outstanding 1982 efforts of civilian media and UPAR's at the Sixth Annual Public Affairs Conference. Many of our units have excellent overall public affairs programs. Other units, however, have been remiss in areas such as command emphasis, appointment of interested and qualified UPAR's, and support to provide both an effective internal and external program.

Development, implementation, train-

ing and overall responsibility will remain within the commands. There are a number of support assistance services available, but each command and each unit must seize the initiative.

This common concern embodied in concept today by organizations in both the private and public sectors was best expressed by President Abraham Lincoln: "Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed . . ." We cannot afford to fail. We will succeed!

In tune 555th band members are Ohio Guard envoys

BY FRED DAIS

180th Tactical Fighter Group

As you walk through a shopping mall in the Toledo area at Christmas time, watch a July 4th parade in northwest Ohio, or attend an event such as the German-American Ethnic Festival in Toledo, the chances are that you will see and hear the 555th Air Force Band, Ohio ANG. Since its inception in 1948, the "Triple Nickle" Band has been entertaining the people with music at concerts, parades, and dances.

The 555th is one of 12 Air National Guard bands stationed in the United States and one of only three in the Midwest. The popularity of the group is evidenced in its schedule which is consistently filled up to a year in advance. "Thirty-five years of age this year and better than ever," said the new band commander 2nd Lt. Robert Krichbaum. "And we are looking forward to another 35 years of serving the public."

The band is stationed in Toledo ANG Base with the 180th TFG but travels far and wide to spread the musical message of good will to a wide variety of audiences. Trips to West Virginia, Tennessee, Michigan and other states on weekends help to take the band nationwide. During its 15 days annual training, the band has twice visited Europe, performing in Germany, France and Spain. The "Triple Nickle" has also replaced Active Duty bands by spending tours at McGuire, Keesler, Langley and Chanute Air Force Bases while those bands were on leave.

The members of the 555th take a great deal of pride in their work and have established a goal of providing the best quality music possible to their many audiences. Their many commendations include the National Guard Bureau Meritorious Service Award in 1973, the Ohio Commendation Medal for all members in 1978, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award in 1982.

Retention in the "Triple Nickle" has always been very high with one half the present membership having 10 or more years service. Long time band superintendent and trombonist SMSgt. James A. Bayes has served under four different commanders in his 30 years with the band and saw the oldest member of the band, MSGt. Julius A. Rakos, retire this past summer after being with the organization since 1948 and with the military since 1942.

Said Bayes, "The 555th AF Band performs an important military and community relations function and has truly been a musical ambassador of good will."



2nd Lt. Robert L. Krichbaum leads the group in concert.



A1C Timothy McDaniel plays a tenor sax solo.



MSgt. Walter Zilka plays the trumpet.

Photos by Jim Knapp

Waisting away

It's trim up or move out under new Ohio Flab fight

BY D.S. DANKWORTH
196th Public Affairs Detachment

The Ohio Army National Guard plays taps on fat.

The AR 600-9 takes effect July 15, 1983. The regulation will use the soldier's percent of body fat content as a standard to determine whether a person is overweight or not. This regulation will cause soldiers who won't lose their excess weight to be denied any chance to extend their enlistments, be promoted, attend service school, be recommended for awards and decorations, or have any other favorable personnel actions completed.

Failure to lose the weight will eventually cause the fat troops to be separated

from the Guard, according to Sgt. Maj. Fay Morton, physical fitness representative for the Ohio Army Guard.

"I think this is a good development," Morton said. "The thing about the new regulation is, how much a soldier weighs is not the only information used to determine whether he is overweight or not. The percentage of body fat is what counts."

With the new regulation the old height/weight tables will not change much, and those whose weights are within those standards will not be measured for body fat content.

But if a soldier's weight exceeds the standards set by the weight table, Guard

medical personnel will determine the soldier's body fat content by measuring various parts of the body using calipers.

"Those who exceed the weight table but have a low body fat percentage will not be considered overweight. This will pertain to many people," Morton predicted, particularly the athlete, weight lifter or other muscular types.

The body fat percentage standards vary by age and sex.

Maximum allowable percentages for males is 20 percent for those 17-20, 22 percent for those 21-27, 24 percent for those 28-39, and 26 percent for those 40 and older.

Maximum percentages for females are

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28 percent for those 17-20, 30 percent for those 21-27, 32 percent for those 28-39, and 34 percent for those 40 and older.

Although Morton did not have exact starting dates for the weigh-ins he said, "Everyone will be weighed every six months. For the first time and the first time only, everyone will be screened using the weight table standards for 40-year-olds."

Anyone who exceeds those requirements will be tested for body fat content.

Again, only for the first six-month weigh-in, everyone tested for body fat will be screened using the standards for 40-year-olds. "At that time, males with 26 percent body fat or lower and females with 34 percent or lower will not have to go on a weight control program," Morton said.

He explained that those who exceed those percentages will be put on weight control and will not be able to extend their enlistments or have other favorable personnel actions until they lose the excess weight.

On the next weighin six months later, everyone will be screened again using the standards for their actual age. Anyone exceeding the standards at that time will also be put on weight control and will be ineligible for re-enlistment or other favorable personnel actions until they lose the weight.

Exceptions to the guidelines will take into account pregnancies and other temporary medical conditions, Morton added.

Under the new rules, if a soldier is put on weight control, Guard medical personnel will also determine how much weight per month the soldier will be required to lose. Under the old regulations, anyone on weight control was required to lose at least three pounds per month.

If a soldier fails to lose the specified amount of weight for two months in a row and there is no medical reason for him not to lose the weight, "he will be separated from the Guard."

"After meeting the standard, if they are found to be overweight again within 12 months, they will be separated and there are no waivers."

If a soldier is found to be overweight from 1-3 years after successfully completing a weight reduction program he will have 90 days to lose the weight or he also will be separated.

"The new standards are no harder than the old standards but they are much more fair," Morton said.



Orville Platte of the "Red Horse" takes aim. (Photo by James Day)

179th takes shooting honors —

BY JAMES DAY
196th Public Affairs Detachment

He took one last deep breath. Slowly letting it out, he commenced firing. This was the rapid fire round of competition and there was no time for mistakes. BRASS, the Army acronym for breath, relax, aim, sight, and squeeze had to be second nature. There was only fifty seconds to shoot ten rounds.

SSgt. Orville Platte of the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard was participating in this year's Ohio National Guard Gallery Championship matches. This year's competition was held at the ROTC Rifle and Pistol Range, on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. The tournament was open to all Army and Air National Guard units throughout the state.

Platte, an electrical lineman for the 200th, got into competitive shooting six years ago. "The first match I shot in, I only got 19 out of 500 possible points," said Platte, "but the next year I took the match. Once you get started in this, you get addicted to the competition. You are always trying to better yourself."

The 179th Tactical Air Group, Mansfield, Ohio won both the precision team match and the combat rifle match. Lawrence Rogers of the 179th was top dog in the individual precision shooting, and Greg Roberts was the aggregate winner.

Winner of the Junior Guardsman Rifle Championship was the 299th Signal Platoon. Team members were Gregory J.

Czarnicki, Richard S. Merz, J. Edmonds, Jr., and R. Stafford, Jr.

In peace time the tournament means friendly competition, good people, and if you are good, an award. In time of war it means the added safety of you and your fellow soldiers. This is important even for those people assigned to the rear elements.

"With the modern airborne and air mobile strength of potential hostile forces, even those people in the rear must be capable of protecting themselves," said Maj. Robert Gabriel, the State Marksmanship Coordinator. "It's important to be efficient with your weapon wherever you are assigned."

The Ohio Guard marksmanship program allows units to reach and maintain the proper level of weapons ability. Unit members can compete individually or in teams of four and can advance through the state level competitions to the national level. Teams must be comprised of 50 percent or more new members, which allows more people to be able to participate.

"It gets new blood into the system," said Gabriel.

Each unit in the Air and Army Guard has a unit marksmanship coordinator. Interested individuals should contact that person to get involved. If a viable program does not exist in your unit, you can contact Maj. Robert Gabriel, State Marksmanship Coordinator, Ohio Army National Guard, 2825 W. Granville Road, Worthington, OH 43085, or call him at 614-889-7005.

New AR-600-9 weight regulations

Height (in inches)	Male				Female			
	Age				Age			
	17-20	21-27	28-39	40 +	17-20	21-27	28-39	40 +
58	—	—	—	—	104	107	110	113
59	—	—	—	—	107	110	114	117
60	132	136	139	141	111	114	117	121
61	136	140	144	146	115	118	121	125
62	141	144	148	150	119	123	126	130
63	145	149	153	155	123	126	130	134
64	150	154	158	160	126	130	134	138
65	155	159	163	165	130	134	138	142
66	160	163	168	170	135	139	143	147
67	165	169	174	176	139	143	148	151
68	170	174	179	181	143	147	151	156
69	175	179	184	186	147	151	155	160
70	180	185	189	192	151	156	160	165
71	185	189	194	197	155	159	164	169
72	190	195	200	203	160	164	169	174
73	195	200	205	208	165	169	174	179
74	201	206	211	214	170	174	180	185
75	206	212	217	220	175	179	184	190
76	212	217	223	226	180	185	190	196
77	218	223	229	232	184	190	195	201
78	223	229	235	238	189	194	200	206
79	229	235	241	244	194	199	205	211
80	234	240	247	250	198	204	210	216

Editor's note: These regulations take effect on July 15. Personnel not meeting these standards will be tested by trained persons to judge body-fat content.

Skipping AT can be a costly (\$\$) error

BY JON JAY FLESHMAN

196th Public Affairs Detachment

The consequences to the individual for not showing up for Annual Training can be severe.

The bottom line, said Maj. Robert D. Doane, (is that) you can take more pay from a man than he'd earn at AT. Doane is a staff judge advocate for the Ohio National Guard.

For example, under the Ohio Code of Military Justice, a man punished under Section 5924.15 (Article 15) could be required to pay in fine or forfeiture (if imposed by a company grade officer) an amount not to exceed seven day's pay, or (if imposed by a field grade officer) an amount not to exceed one-half of one month's pay per month for two months.

In other words, Maj. Doane pointed out, a man punished according to this article could be fined or caused to forfeit an amount equivalent to a full month's pay and be paid at AT only a half-month's pay.

Because Guardmembers are not in

federal service at AT, they are subject to the Ohio Code of Military Justice. The code has basically the same laws and provisions as the federal Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), state judge advocate Col. William B. Shimp said. There are several statutes that could be violated if a Guardmember missed AT, Shimp said.

Articles 86 through 92 of the Ohio Code can all be applied to a case involving a Guardmember absent from AT. Article 86 addresses the familiar absent without leave (AWOL) charge, and article 87 is for missing a movement.

Not showing up for AT is more serious than missing a drill, Shimp said.

A unit's commanding officer has the authority to use Article 15 and impose a non-judicial form of military punishment on the Guardmember in question. Under Article 15, fines up to twice the amount of a person's AT pay can be levied.

If a commanding officer prefers charges and a court-martial is convened, Shimp said the outcome could mean

confinement in a county jail for the guilty Guardmember.

Based on the seriousness of the offense, Shimp said that under a special court-martial the offender could face up to 100 days in jail.

From the moment a Guardmember misses movement he or she is liable to prosecution, Shimp said.

By the large, the vast majority do what they're supposed to do, Shimp was quick to point out. It is not a rampant problem, he said. The Ohio National Guard is a volunteer force.

Shimp encouraged Guardmembers who anticipate scheduling problems to see their commanding officers as soon as possible. But he added, "If no accommodation can be made, they must go. It's their first priority."

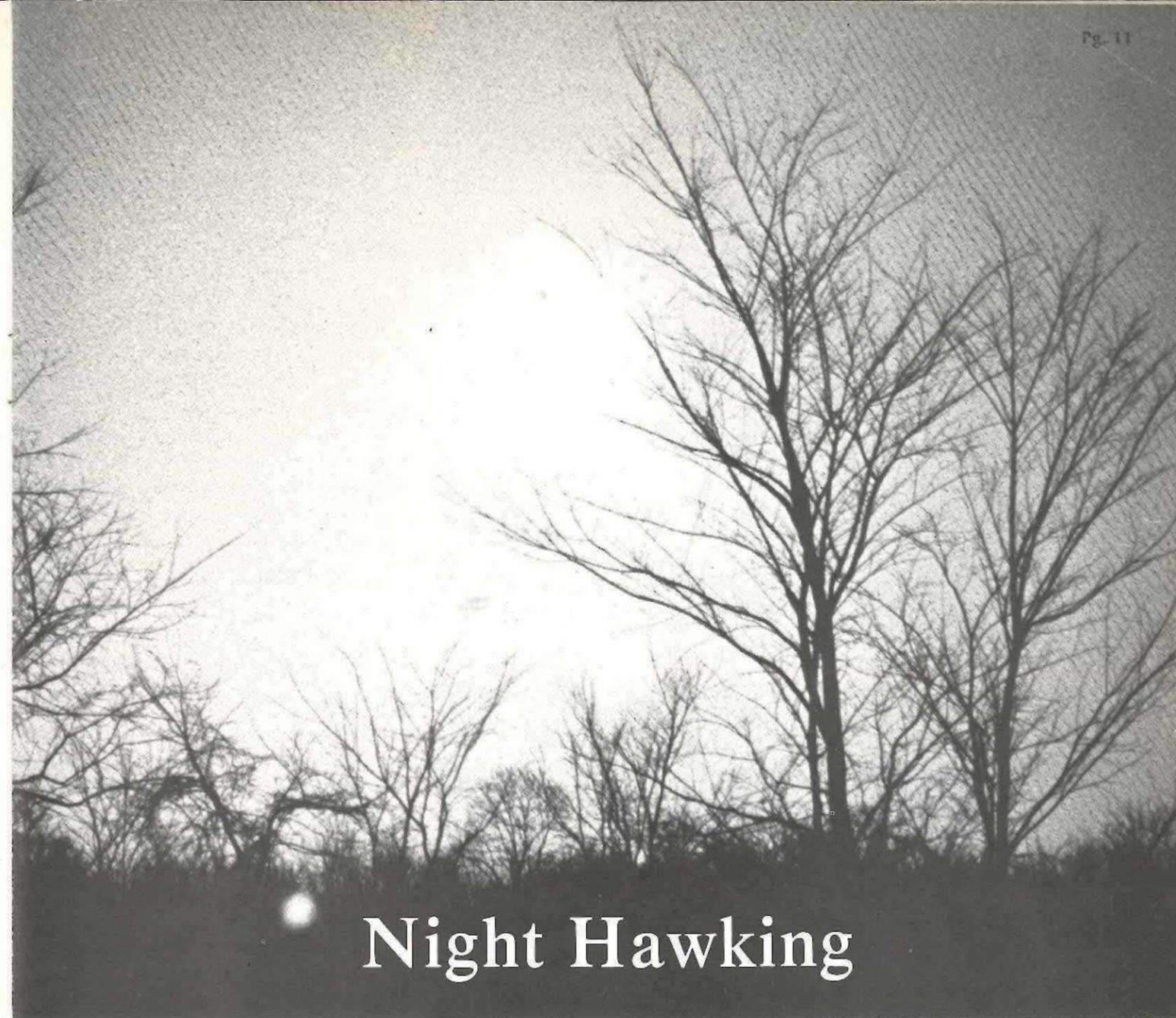
Like weekend drills once a month, Annual Training is an integral part of a Guardmember's duty and an important aspect of the ongoing process of military preparedness.

See you at AT.



Greeting the boss

SFC Clyde Bowman salutes Gov. Celeste on his arrival for a visit to the Beightler Armory. (Photo by Nancy Clevenger)



Night Hawking

Attack chopper group sharpen skills in darkness

BY D.S. DANKWORTH

196th Public Affairs Detachment

The sun is a dark red ball bleeding low into the western sky. Footsteps of the Ohio Army National Guard pilots crack the silence of the still and crisp March air. Sunlight dances on the rotor blades of 30 helicopters aligned in formation, casting an eerie metallic web or glare over the deserted tarmac.

This is a strange and different world. All the soldiers who work in the day have gone home. This is a world of

moonlit shadows. A dark, lonely world 2,000 feet above the sleeping Earth. This is the world of night flight training for the 107th Armored Cavalry's Attack Helicopter Troop.

Although most of the pilots and crew members who fly these attack and scout helicopters are on part-time Guard status, they are required to put in the same

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amount of training in the air — 110 hours each year — as their full-time Army counterparts. Part of that training must be at night.

CW2 Jeffrey E. Richeson is a flight instructor with the Guard who is piloting one of the UH1 "Mike model" choppers on this particular night. He explains that his crew will make a half-hour flight from operations in

'White lights twinkle on and off from residential areas, while yellow street lamps trace endless parallel paths deep into the darkness ...'

Worthington to Delaware Lake. There the crew will conduct "night hawk" training: "a series of landing, taking off, and low-level flying maneuvers with minimum lighting." Richeson said the crew will also test night vision goggles recently issued by the Army.

Having flown for more than 15 years, Richeson briefs the four crews on the weather conditions.

"It's the same deal as last night only the weather is better. The winds are out of the north at 10 . . ."

The men casually walk to the metal birds that look thin and fragile. The sun has now disappeared over the horizon, but Richeson's crew, including CW3 Ken Dolan (the copilot) and Sgt. Brad Anspaugh (the crew chief), ignore the cold weather, going through the tedious pre-flight checks with calm precision.

At full strength, the attack helicopter troop has 200 people, including about 50 gunship pilots and a dozen scout pilots.

Flying to the training site under a ghostly full moon, the crew seems as detached from the normal world as the Vietnam-era copter is detached from the ground far below. White lights twinkle on and off from residential areas, while yellow street lamps trace endless parallel paths deep into the darkness.

The unarmed gunship, which is capable of carrying three different weapon systems, reaches the narrow clearing next to the state park lake. The sinister shadow of the chopper slinks on the ground and gets larger and

larger as it reaches up to touch the landing aircraft. The rotor blades continue to whirl and a violent rush of air blasts the nearby brush.

Without a word, the crew chief slides open the side hatch and places battery operated lights on the ground, forming temporary landing lights.

Now, the reason the crew is here.

Skimming over the treetops at more than 100 mph. Hard banks that make looking to the side now looking straight down. Dives that put the novice's stomach into his throat.

But the only emotion the crew members show are smiles of approval when they put on the night vision goggles. At almost \$7,000 per pair, the goggles transform a sea of pitch-black darkness on the ground into a vivid, although grainy, scene of daylight.

"We're just now getting under way with this goggle training," Richeson said later. "In April we will be running an extensive 2-week program."

A couple of hours later, it's back to flight operations to run emergency procedures and simulated engine failures. A large amount of tedious work is mixed in with the thrill, the rush of excitement in flying.

In fact, the crews seem so unemotional, as if they are bored with the work.

But later someone explains that Richeson gave up his rank of major so he could follow Guard time-in-grade regulations and keep flying.

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Richeson then explained how the new, two-man Cobra helicopters would soon be replacing the three-man Hueys now used. That eliminates the crew chiefs from the flying part of the job. "A lot of the crew chiefs now want to go to flight school," somebody said.

They have tasted this other world, and, evidently, when that chopper takes off, they don't want to be left behind.

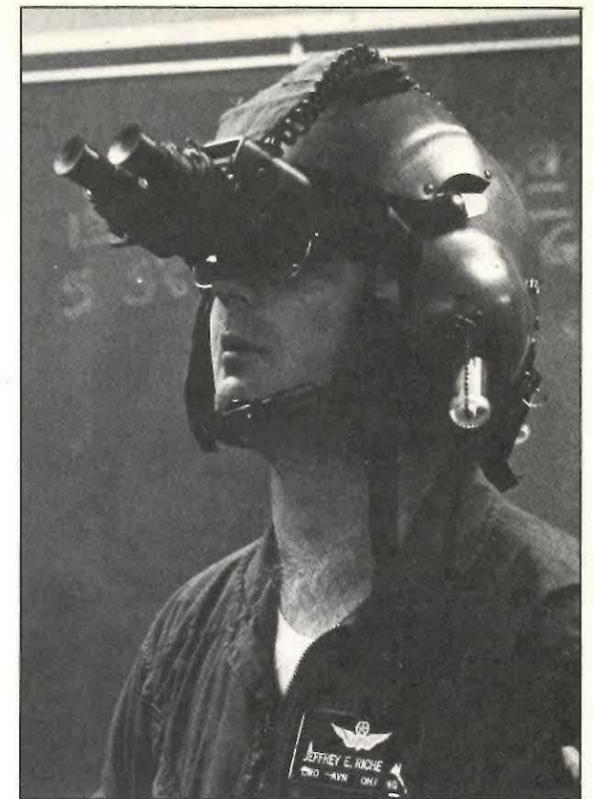


City lights provide a night-flying guide.

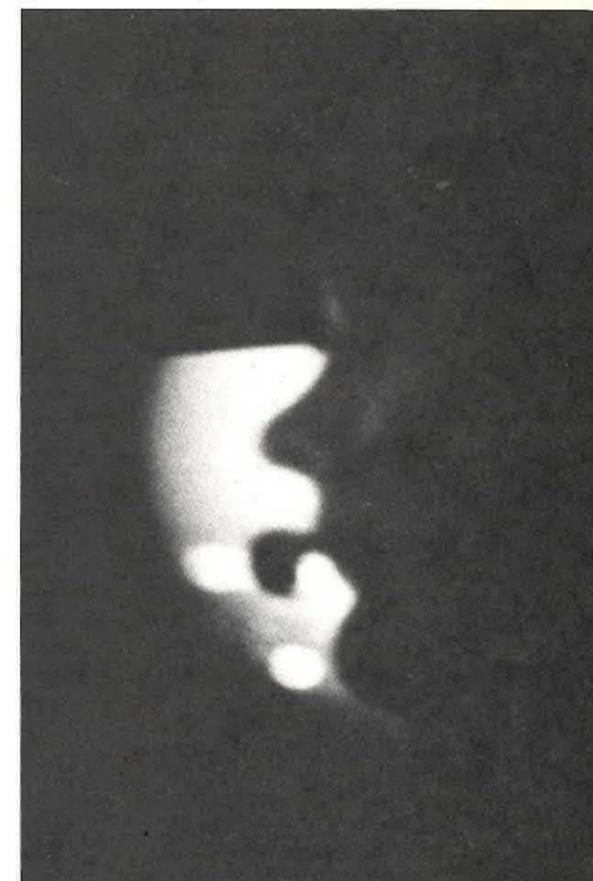


The UH-1H helicopter hits the night landing zone.

Photos by Charles Tritt



CWO Jeffrey Richeson peers through night-vision goggles before going up for training.



SSgt. Floyd Hindman as seen through the night-vision goggles.



The triplets Piero — from left, George, Harry and William. (Photo by Jim Himes)

Ohio gains triple threat

BY DOUG DANKWORTH
196th Public Affairs Detachment

The Ohio Army National Guard has a new three-pronged attack strategy. Well, that's exaggerating, but the triplets that recently joined the 112th Engineer Battalion, Brook Park, have added some extra spark to the combat unit.

George, Harry and William Piero, 19-year-old privates first class from Hinkley, Ohio, joined the headquarters unit last summer and since then the look-alikes have caused some minor problems.

"They're fine troops," said Maj. Stephen Schaeffer, public affairs officer of the unit. But, he added, people in the 112th sometimes get confused as to who is whom with the triplets.

"At first, they were always getting us confused," George, who acted as spokesman for the three, said smiling. "If one of us did something wrong, we all looked bad."

George recalled one overnight drill at Camp Perry when a sergeant walked into the barracks and noticed each of the triplets curled up in his bed in identical positions.

"They even sleep the same way!" the sergeant had exclaimed.

George and his brothers moved to Ohio from Tennessee last summer when their father transferred jobs. George and Harry are photographic typesetters.

William is attending college on the Tuition Scholarship Program.

Although George said the resemblance he and his brothers share has caused some identity problems in the Guard, the trouble was doubled, in fact tripled, at basic training.

The three, each infantrymen, attended training together at Fort Benning, Ga. They were all in the same company and all were squad leaders.

George remembered how popular the three were on post.

"Every range we went to they would say 'we want to see the triplets,' and, just to be joking, if one of us would mess up, the drill sergeants would make us all drop and do pushups," he said.

But the three successfully completed the training and George explained how the boot camp was beneficial for their high school wrestling careers.

Since they attended basic training during the summer between their junior and senior years they returned to school in Tennessee in good condition.

"Our coach couldn't believe how physically ready we were for wrestling season."

William wrestled in the 126-pound division, George in the 138-pound division, and Harry in the 145-pound class.

George added that Harry placed in the state finals.

SQTs in Ohio take '82 leap

BY CHUCK TRITT

196th Public Affairs Detachment

The Skills Qualification Test (SQT) program in Ohio picked up momentum during training year 1982, according to a report issued by the state training office.

*The number of military occupational specialties (MOSs) tested in 1982 increased nearly five fold over 1981 results.

*The number of soldiers tested doubled, reaching nearly 3,000.

*The verification rate, the percentage of soldiers who take the SQT's that pass, almost tripled, reaching 73 percent.

Still only 34 percent of the eligible soldiers in the state have been tested. The major reason for this low rate is the lack of testing for so called low density MOSs. These are the MOSs that are held only by a few people in a given unit such as, communications specialists, and administrative specialists in an infantry company.

However, these jobs can be extremely important, according to SFC Clyde Bowman, the state SQT coordinator. Without communications a unit will not be effective on the battlefield. Without good administration soldier's pay and benefits may be confused.

During the next year the Ohio Guard will emphasize testing for all types of low density MOSs, according to Bowman.

"There is no way to really ever get all the eligible soldiers in the state tested, because new people join units and others change jobs," said Bowman. "However, the highest percentage possible will be tested, and get everyone to at least complete the hands-on portion of the test in a priority," he said.

112th rates SQT tops

The 112th Transportation Battalion, Middletown, was rated number one for SQT performance in a recent report released by the state training office. The ranking was based on areas of percent tested and percent verified in each unit reporting data.

The success of the 112th is primarily a result of good troops and effective use of the Battalion Training Management System, according to 1st Lt. Greg Wayt, assistant S-3, and the units full-time training officer.

Training works best in small groups. Here platoon leaders train squad leaders and squad leaders train their squads, according to Wayt.

Even PT training in the unit is done within the sections.

Legislative Listing

Invite your elected officials to visit your armory or Annual Training. They are interested in their local Guard units.

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96 — Tom Johnson (R-New Concord)
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98 — Arthur Bowers (D-Steubenville)
99 — Jack Cera (D-Bellaire)



Sgt. Richard Niehe

Ohio recruiter excels again

BY NANCY CLEVINGER
HHD, Worthington

The first Ohio Army National Guard recruiter to ever win two Chief's 50 awards is Sgt. Richard E. Niehe from the Cincinnati recruiting office.

The award is presented by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to the recruiter who effects the most enlistments within the state each fiscal year. It is the highest honor a recruiter can receive from the National Guard Bureau.

Niehe received his first Chief's 50 Award just nine months after coming on active duty. His total of 137 enlistments was the greatest number of enlistments in FY-81.

The highest number of enlistments, 169, were again credited to Niehe in FY-82.

Niehe, prior to coming on the full-time recruiting force, was a member of the 1/147th Infantry Battalion, as an infantry scout.

He graduated from Cincinnati Technical College in 1974 with an Associate's Degree in Computer Science. He is now working on a BS degree.

When asked his reason for his success, Niehe said, "My success as a recruiter comes from confidence in the Recruiting/Retention program, and using the Blue Streak program, emphasizing 'Stripes for Buddies.'" He added, "My Regional NCOIC, SFC Nick Kurlas, continues to give me professional guidance which helps me to grow as a recruiter. Also, I couldn't have gotten this far without the support of my wife Nancy and my family."

Among the awards Niehe has received are: the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and distinguished graduate from the basic NCO Academy.

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121st taps top NCOs

The 121st Tactical Clinic recently announced the first winners of the MSgt. Richard Albrecht Outstanding NCO award and the MSgt. Earl Sturgell Outstanding Airman award.

Col. (Dr.) Wilbur C. Blount, clinic commander, presented the Albrecht award to TSgt. Geoffrey Jones and the Sturgell award to TSgt. Daniel Dehart for their outstanding duty performance at the clinic last year.

The Albrecht award is named in honor of deceased MSgt. Richard Albrecht, former first sergeant of the 121st TAC Hospital. The outstanding airman award is named in honor of retired MSgt. Earl Sturgell, former NCOIC for the hospital nursing service.

This was the first year for the awards. The clinic plans to award them annually.

180th wins safety honor

The 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo Air National Guard unit, was named as the winner of the 1982 Tactical Fighter Flying Safety Trophy for the third consecutive year. All three Air National Guard tactical fighter units in Ohio are in competition for this award.

A rotating trophy and a permanent plaque are awarded annually at the com-

pletion of the fiscal year. The criteria upon which the award is based include the total number of accident-free flying hours during the year, operational limitations such as weather and airfield limitations, results of safety inspections, exercises and deployments, and transition and training programs conducted during the year.

Competition and achievement was so close in this year's evaluation to select the winning unit, that the awards panel gave significant weight to the unit with the longest safety record. The active safety program in all flying units resulted in another accident-free record for all Ohio units in FY 1982.

Engineers hold ball

The 112th Combat Engineer Battalion held its 5th annual Military Ball Feb. 12 at the Middleburg Heights Holiday Inn.

Distinguished guests included Brig. Gen. and Mrs. David W. Wayt, commander of the 16th Engineer Brigade; Col. Richard Hertzner, quartermaster general for Ohio; and the battalion's previous commanders over the past several years: Lt. Col. (Ret.) Dale Carte, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gene Arndt and Lt. Col. Charles Schaub.

During the awards ceremony, Company A of Wooster, Ohio, received a

trophy for the battalion's best overall unit for 1982.

Company C of Youngstown was recognized for its selection as having the best unit mess section in the state.

Individual awards were made to Lt. Col. Schaub, the battalion's previous commander, and to CWO 2 Elmer Cummins (Ret.), the battalion's previous military technician. Cummins was also presented the Department of the Army's Award of Merit for his outstanding service between Sept. 1971 and his retirement in Feb. 1982.

Battalion Commander Lt. Col. John Jenkins, in his state of the battalion speech said, "Strength is at 103 percent — the first time it has been at or over 100 percent in 20 years."

Sandra Darvas

NCO Academy grads

Eight members of the 213th Maintenance Company, Camp Perry, Port Clinton, were recent graduates of the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer course. The school was conducted by the 2087th USAR school in Milan, Ohio.

Members were Sgts. Mike Sears, Scott Stager, Mike Botti, Sp5 Cynthia Weasner, Sp4s Robert Mumford, Cynthia Rathbun, Steve Wott and Randy Sherck.

Cynthia Rathbun

107th open house

The Flight facility at Beightler Armory was filled to capacity with people instead of helicopters in December when the Attack Helicopter Troop of the 107th Armored Cavalry held their first family day. The special day was held in order "... to show family members and friends what the troops are doing at drill and to recognize our guardmembers for the work they have done, along with thanking the family members and friends for their support," according to Maj. William C. Fox, commander.

The fun filled day was planned by the members of the Attack Helicopter Troop and included static displays, a visit from Santa, a Christmas dinner with an awards presentation immediately after. Many past members of the unit attended this gala affair to include: CWO3 Dale Taylor, CWO 3 Dale Glassburn and Lt. Col. Lynn Coriell. The guest speakers were the 107th's Regiment commander, Col. Richard Lander, and the regimental executive officer Lt. Col. Robert Bruce.

Jack E. Taylor



Sgt. Brian J. Gallagher explains helicopter operations to a group at the 107th AC Attack Helicopter Group's open house. (Photo by Jack Taylor)

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179th 'top crew'

The 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Ohio Air National Guard, has selected the following crew members for the Top Crew award: Pilot - Capt. Rick Brown; Co-pilot - Capt. Jim Ballard; Navigator - Maj. Jim Kitts; Flight Engineer - TSgt. Robby Robinson; Load Master - MSgt. Mike Cyphert.

There are five categories graded throughout the year for this top honor. They include annual written exams, 36 additional flying training periods, a minimum of 15 days annual training, MACR 55-130 training requirements and the best overall average of the yearly drop scores.

Crews of the 179th also finished the year with their annual Buffoon Turkey Shoot.

The winners were: Capt. Rob Schmidt, Capt. Jim Ballard, Maj. Jim Kitts, TSgt. Robby Robinson and MSgt. Mike Cyphert.

Hanging up his boots

MSgt. Carl Haager will be retiring after 20 years with the Ohio Army National Guard. Haager enlisted in February 1963 into the 137th Signal Battalion. In 1967, he transferred to HHD, Ohio Army National Guard as an operations sergeant for the Ohio Military Academy until October 1978 when Haager transferred to the 54th Support Center.

His awards include the Army Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Ohio Commendation Medal, the Ohio Special Service Ribbon, the Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon, and the Ohio Award of Merit. In addition to these awards, he was selected as honor trainee during Basic Combat Training at Fort Knox and has received many, many letters of commendation and appreciation during his year's of service.

Toledo airmen in CZ

Toledo Air National Guardmembers joined U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Army units and the Panama National Guard for a major test of the defense posture of the Canal Zone Feb. 11 to Feb. 17.

Kindle Liberty '83 is the U.S. Southern Command's major training exercise for the year. Under provisions of the 1977 Panama Canal Treaty, the United States has primary defense responsibility until the treaty expires at the end of the century.

During the exercise officials evaluated ground and harbor defense of the canal and surveillance operations. The deployment of U.S. Readiness Command and U.S. Atlantic Command forces to Panama and procedures for the defense of the canal by U.S. and Panamanian forces was also tested.

The 180th Tactical Fighter Group of Toledo is presently conducting its annual month-long deployment to Panama. Since the United States began returning control of the Canal Zone to Panama, most active duty forces have been replaced by Air Guard units on annual training assignments.

Ed Kopp

M Co. aids food drive

Members of M Company 3/107th Armored Cavalry, Ravenna, recently participated in a food drive by picking up and distributing canned goods and staple items to various organizations throughout their community. They were asked to help out by Food Issues Con-

sortium director Don Finn, and Jim Hammer, director of the North East Portage Food Shelf. The Consortium is responsible for obtaining certification of the various groups to distribute unclaimed food from the Federal Court-ordered reimbursement program in Northeast Ohio.

Jim O'Connor

555th band in W. Va.

Members of the 555th Air Force Band from the Toledo Air National Guard Base traveled to Clarksburg, W. Va., in February to provide music for a dance to benefit the Erin Brummage Foundation Fund.

Erin, 3, has been in a coma for the past 20 months as a result of a swimming pool accident. The benefit will help insure that she will continue to receive the care so vital to her recovery.

The 555th AF Band became involved in the project as a result of a request to bandmember TSgt. James Coulson, a native of Clarksburg.

Ed Kopp



Top loaders

The first Coty T. Hurst Award is presented by 180th Tactical Fighter Group commander Lt. Col. Gordon Campbell for load team of the year to, from left, TSgt. John Husted, A1C Ray Cotton and SrA Bob Thaxton. At far right is Lt. Col. Thomas Crozier. The award is a tribute to A1C Coty T. Hurst, a member of the 180th who died in a private plane crash in August 1981. (Photo by Jim Knapp)

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107th nabs Draper

The Draper Award was presented to the Attack Helicopter Troop 107th AC for its "professional proficiency and leadership" during the troop's 1982 Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Mich.

The purpose of the Draper Award is to promote and perpetuate leadership in armor and cavalry units. It recognizes the small unit leader as the man who makes the difference in a combat unit.

Symbolized by the Goodrich Riding Trophy, the Draper is awarded to outstanding units selected from each Army Readiness Region throughout the United States.

Dave Swavel



37th Vets reunion

The 37th Division Veterans Association is holding its 65th annual reunion for World War I, World War II and Korean Conflict veterans Sept. 2 to Sept. 4 at the Middleburg Heights Holiday Inn.

For details contact: Doris Wander, 65 S. Front Street, Rm. 707, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Phone 614-228-3788.

Frisby named top troop

Cadet Daniel K. Frisby, of Company D, has been selected Soldier of the Year of the 372nd Engineer Battalion.

Qualifications for this honor are: you must have qualified as sharpshooter or expert with the M161A1 Rifle, attended

annual training 1982, have attended all drills in the past year and must be an outstanding individual in military knowledge and bearing.

Frisby is in the ROTC program at the University of Cincinnati, majoring in Criminal Justice.

Frisby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frisby, Middletown.

220th picks best airmen

Three members of the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron have been selected Outstanding Airmen of the Quarter for the 220th. The three will represent the 220th for competition in the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year competition.

A1C Beth Shaffer selected as outstand-

ing Airman is a 2-year member of the 220th and is assigned to the Material Control Section of the unit. She is a sophomore at Ohio University in Lancaster majoring in Physical Therapy.

TSgt. Dale T. Williams has been selected to represent the 220th as outstanding NCO. Williams, a team chief, assigned to the Cable Splicing Section is a 6-year veteran of the 220th. Dale is an employee of Newark Air Force Station, where he works in the production control section. He resides in Newark with his wife, Carolyn, and two children.

MSgt. Gary L. Smith, the 220th pick in the Senior NCO category is the NCOIC of outside wire. He is an 8-year veteran of the 220th, and a 16-year veteran of the military. He works in a civilian capacity at Kardon Inc. as a shipping clerk. He resides in Urbana with his wife, Keisti, and four children.

Outstanding airmen tapped

MSgt. Robert A. Mercer and SSgt. David R. Tussey were selected to represent Ohio in the national selection of the 12 Outstanding Airman of 1982.

Mercer, a recruiter assigned to the 160th Air Refueling Group at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, was chosen in the Senior Sergeant class. Tussey, NCOIC of training for the 160th Security Police Flight, was chosen in the E-4 to E-6 class.

Each state sends three representatives: senior sergeant, E-4 to E-6 and E-1 to E-3 to the national selection by the National Guard Bureau.

The 12 individuals are selected on the basis of their service to country, unit and community; job knowledge; self-improvement; and leadership qualities displayed throughout their Air Force career.

Nancy Free



MSgt. Robert Mercer



SSgt. David R. Tussey

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Rickenbacker update

(Editor's note: In the Benefits issue of the December 1982 Buckeye Guard, some errors were made in our story on facilities at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, which is south of Columbus. Here is the corrected version of that story.)

Just south of Columbus, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base houses a multitude of services available to Ohio National Guard members.

Among them:

*The former commissary is now called the BX Food Exchange and is open to active and reserve members. For Guardmembers, the same rules apply here as do for PX visits. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The exchange is closed on Mondays.

*The Rickenbacker Base Exchange Main store in Building 812 is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. It, too, is closed on Mondays.

*The dry cleaning store, also in Building 812, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

*The billeting office located in Building 92, has rooms available on a first-come, first-served basis (excluding reservations made by units drilling at Rickenbacker) on drill weekends for out-of-town Guardmembers. The cost is \$4 per night.

The First Service Credit Union (formerly the Ohio Military Federal Credit Union), in building 20, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Also, the base has a consolidated open mess, open to all ranks. There are many activities at the club, ranging from dinner to special dances. For more information, call 491-5501.

Robinson a winner

SR A Debra S. Robinson was selected from more than 800 members of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group at Mansfield Lahm Airport to be the Outstanding Airman for the period July through December 1982.

Robinson is a financial services specialist in the 179th Resource Management Squadron. She is full time technician for the Mansfield unit, and her husband, George A. Robinson III, is also a member of the unit.

Martin Metzger



WEDDING BELLS — Sgt. Jacqueline Collette is led down the aisle by SFC Harold Leone in her wedding to SSgt. Herbert J. Kenyon Jr. The 107th Armored Cav members were wed by Cav Chaplin (Capt.) William Sanders at the Faith Chapel Open Bible Church in Youngstown. (Photo by Mrs. Ron Edwards)

'Patriot' makes debut

FORT McPHERSON, Ga.—The Patriot, the Army's sophisticated new missile system, becomes fully operational mid-summer 1983.

The 1st Battalion (Patriot), 43rd Air Defense Artillery at Fort Bliss, Texas is the first U.S. Army Forces Command

(FORSCOM) unit to field the Patriot missile system.

The Patriot, a new high- and medium-altitude anti-aircraft missile system, is designed to simultaneously attack and destroy several enemy aircraft while tracking many more.

It employs a radically new concept called Track-Via-Missile guidance.

More wedding bells

Camp Grayling, Mich., means a lot of things to National Guardsmen — hard work, little sleep and, of course, some good times.

Romance generally isn't on the list.

But for two members of Headquarters and Headquarters Co. of the 134th Engineer Group (CBT), that pine-splashed chunk of land in the north woods brings back romantic memories.

That's because PFC James Harbaum and PFC Sheila Peal met there last summer during annual training.

On Feb. 4, the pair joined forces and became Mr. and Mrs. James Harbaum.

The bride, a supply specialist with HHC, works for the Leshner Corp. in Hamilton, while Harbaum, who is assigned to the S1 section, is a clerk for a Hamilton beverage store.

Dan Darragh



James and Shiela Harbaum

All About People-

Recent promotions in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 134th Engineer Group (CBT) in Hamilton are: to PFCs **JAMES N. BRADLEY**, **JOHN ANDREWS**, **SONJA ROBLES**, and **CARLETTA J. RENFRO**; to Sp4s **JOHN BORNTRAGER**, **CHRIS G. YINGLING**, **DAVID A. JOHNSON**, **JOHN NIEHAUS**, **PAUL C. COWENS** and **ANDREW HUIZING**. Lt. Col. **JACK D. ARNETT**, Elida, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Award. He received the award for exceptional meritorious service while serving as battalion commander of the 512th Engineering Battalion in Cincinnati from Jan., 1979 to Sept., 1981, and as executive officer of the 134th Engineer Group from Oct., 1981 to Dec., 1982.

Lieutenant **VIRGINIA A. MANSFIELD**, has assumed command of Detachment 1, 155th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Members of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker recently promoted were: to TSgts. **RICHARD WILSON**, **WILLIAM WALLS** and **HAROLD WEBER**; to SSgts. **DIANA CRAWFORD**, **TIMOTHY HAMPSON**, **JACQUELINE HART**, **DAVID JIVIDEN**, **WAYNE KRISTEK**, **PHYLLIS PLEAR**, **CHARLES YANCHIK**, **GEORGE HISSONG**, **TERRY FLOWERS**, **JANE MYERS** and **JULIE PRESTON**; to SrAs **GARY BANNER**, **DUANE COVERT**, **MARTIN LARSON**, **MICHAEL MYERS**, **JEFFREY BIGELOW**, **STEVEN ELROD**, **MARK HOBBS** and **BENSON LINDSEY**; to AICs **DAVID CICALA** and **RONALD GOOCH** and to Amns. **PATRICK FEASEL**, **CHRISTINA REED** and **GARY TAYLOR**.

Major **THOMAS NAGEL**, Chief Management and Procedures, 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Swanton, received the Air Force Commendation Medal from Lt. Col. Lawrence Huckels, Commander Resources Management Squadron, during the February UTA.

Col. **MILES C. DURFEY** has been named the Chief of Staff of the Ohio Air National Guard. Col. Durfey was Director of Operations for the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. Durfey is Administrator for the Franklin County Court of Appeals.

Promotions received for the month of February to members of Company A, 216th Engineer Battalion, Chillicothe were: to PFCs **DAVID W. FISHER** and **HAROLD E. SHULTZ** and to Sp4s **MARK A. JACKSON** and **GREGORY W. KIGHT**.

Members of the Battery A 1/136th Field Artillery Battalion, Marion recently promoted were: to Pvs. **DAVID A. CONNER** and **JAMES E. CORNELLY**; to PFCs **JOHN T. PHILLIPS** and **ROGER J. THACKER**; to Sp4 **RUSSELL J. MARVIN**; and to Sp5 **LARRY D. BEIDLER**.



Preparing for his orientation flight in an A-7 Tactical Fighter is Ohio Congressman Edward Weber. Helping the congressman strap-in is SMSgt. Joe Doran, superintendent of life support systems for the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard. (Photo by Bob Barker)

The 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville is proud to announce the promotions of SrA **MICHAEL EMSLIE**, TSgt. **JAY DAY** and A1C **STEVE WHITNEY**.

Congratulations to MSgt. **TOM WILKINS**, on his promotion. He is a member of the 251st Combat Communications Group, Springfield. The past year has been a banner year for the 251st CCG. The group has been the recipient of the Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClelland Award, the National Guard Bureau Communications-Electronics Trophy and now the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Promotions from Company D, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Middletown recently awarded were: PSgt. **LAWRENCE SIMPSON**, SFC **GREGORY DIXON**, SSgt. **DAVID McDANIEL**, Pvt. 2 **GILBERT KYLE**, Sgt. **RODNEY BROWN**, Sp4 **DANA McDANIEL**, PFCs **JEFFAYLER**, **KENNETH PATRICK**, **CARL HANSEN** and **PATRICK**

SCHWEICKART and to Pvt. 2 **GREGORY GEHRING**, **JERRY KIDWELL** and **WALTER MARTIN**.

Sp4s **BRIAN L. BURKETT**, **RICHARD A. HECKEL**, **MICHAEL K. JENKINS**, **RODNEY A. KARR**, **RICHARD L. OVERMYER**, **WAYNE E. STOMBAUGH**, **THOMAS J. WILHELF** and **THOMAS J. YELLSTROM** were awarded promotions from Company B, 612th Engineer Battalion, Fremont.

Sp4s promoted by 1416th Transportation Company, Worthington were **DAVID M. DIXON** and **CHARLES B. HOEPKER**.

Detachment 1, 1416th Transportation Company, Greensburg recently promoted: to Sp4 **ROBERT PERGOLA** and **KURT PETERSON**; to PFC **BRUCE GOLDINGER**. Soldier of the Year was awarded to SSgt. **RALPH CONRAD**.

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National Guard members who have received a 100% Skill Qualification Score recently: Sgt. **DAVID McDANIEL** and CPL **LAWRENCE TUDOR** of Company D, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Middletown; Sp5 **JERRALD CHEADLE**, SFCs **THOMAS WILLARD**, **JOHN ADCOCK** and **WILLIAM GILES**, SSgts. **LAWRENCE DARTT**, **DANNY FORD**, **RODNEY STRADLEY** and **VIRGIL UNTIED** of 211th Maintenance Company, Newark; Cpls. **E.L. KNUTZEN** and **T.L. HARPSTER** of 837th Engineer Company, Lima. Congratulations to all!

PFC **ROBERT HARRISON** has been selected as the Outstanding Guardmember of the Year in the 54th Support Command. He will receive five days State Active Duty to attend a seminar at Camp Perry this summer.

SSgt. **TERRY DRAUDT** has been selected as the Soldier of the Year for the 54th Support Center. Draudt was selected on the basis of attendance, participation in off-duty military education, non-duty contributions to the Ohio National Guard and MOS qualifications among other things. He will go on to represent the 54th in the Command and Control selection.

SFC **DENNIS WALTER** received the Army Achievement Medal from the 54th Support Center for his outstanding recruiting support to them.

HHD, Ohio ARNG, Worthington, congratulates Sgt. **RICK COLLIER** for receiving Soldier of the Month for February 1983. Collier works in the orderly room on weekend drills. The following HHD members were promoted to: Sp4s **SAM BREY** and **DAVID LYON** and SFC **MARSHA TATE**. Congratulations to all!

Command and Control Headquarters, Worthington salutes WO 1 **MICHAEL REINCHELD** for receiving his warrant officer bars. Congratulations to Sp4 **MICHAEL CORBIN** and Sp6 **DWIGHT BILLMAN** on their promotions.

The 54th Support Center, Worthington, is proud to announce the advancement of three Pvt. 2s, **TODD FRIEND**, **NANCY TROTT** and **JOHN WARD**. Also congratulations to **JERRY WADE** on his promotion to MSgt.

Members of Troop K, 3/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Ashtabula recently promoted were: Pvt. 2s **ERIC S. GILL**, **REED BUCKEY** and **ERROL T. JACKSON**; PFCs **RONALD G. FIRESTONE** and **JOHN TREASE** and Sp4 **KEITH G. HINKLEY**.

HHC, 112th Medical Brigade, Worthington, recently promoted the following individuals: to Sp5: **ERNEST P. PITZER**, **DONALD MORROW**, **JOSEF A. GULYAS, JR.**, and **PATRICIA L. BOYKIN**; to Sgt: **KIMBERLY HABACKER** and **ALBERT BOHANAN, JR.**; to SSgt: **MARILYN BYRD**, **BARBARA J. CROCK** and **STEVEN L. FUL-**

TON and to MSgt.: **DONALD S. MONTGOMERY**. Also promoted were SFC **J.C. MURPHY** and Sp4s **PAMELA POWERS** and **RAYMOND PUGH**.

Congratulations to members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker, for their recent promotions: to Amns. **JORG KALTENEGGER**, **JOHN BANCHE** and **STEVEN McELROY**; to AICs **ELLA SULLIVAN** and **JAMES LAMP**; to SrAs **SUSAN STEPHENS**, **JODY FINNEFROCK**, **GREGORY HARBER**, **MARK HARSANYE**, **WILLIAM KILLILEA** and **WILLIAM LEWIS**; to SSgts. **STEVEN GREEN**, **WILLIAM KUHN**, **LINDA WARD**, **SCOTT WILSON**, **PAT YAITES-WILLIAMS**, **LYNN CAMERON**, **MICHAEL KEMPKE** and **JAMES McCARTY**; to TSgts. **DAVID ANDERSON**, **RICHARD WAGNER**, **DEBORAH EVANS** and **RICHARD HOLT-FRETER**.

The following members of Det. 1, Co C, 1/166th Infantry, Urbana, were recently promoted: **ROGER D. EVANS** to Sp4; and **BRUCE A. BLACK** to PFC. **MICHAELA. FROST** and **JAMES A. RADER** from Co C (-) 1/166th Infantry, Bellefontaine, were promoted to PFCs. Sgt. **RICHARD BURNHAM** was presented with the Recruiter Achievement ribbon by Cpt. **HERMAN D. PRESLEY**, commander of Co C, 1/166th Infantry. The ribbon was presented because Burnham recruited five new enlistees into the unit.

Wives Club ends year on a busy meeting note

Spring fever is an epidemic at this point! The season of renewal and new life gives everyone a big morale boost. The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club is winding up the 1982-1983 year of meetings with some wonderful programming.

Spring fling with OWC

On April 26, at the DCSC Officers' Club, a spring needlecraft workshop will be the featured event of OWC. Even those of us who can't claim needlework among our skills, will get to try our hands and perhaps to master a new craft. Come join the fun! Election of officers will also be held at the April meeting. The nursery at the DCSC will be available on this date.

Last May, the final luncheon of the year and the installation of officers was held at the Colonel Crawford Inn, in the Ohio Village. This proved to be so popular, the food so good, and the Village so fascinating, that it is being

Wives Club News

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

repeated this year. On May 25, the group will again gather at Ohio Village.

Has it been a while since you visited the Columbus Zoo? If so, be prepared for some surprises. The Zoo has a new look and OWC got a glimpse of it when Mr. Steve Beard, Zoo Horticulturist, visited with us on March 22. Special thanks to Mr. Beard, and also to Mr. Richard Argo, who was with us at the Kahiki in February.

Chain needed — link up!

Remember the old chain letter concept? You receive a letter containing a recipe, prayer, money or other item. You are to pass it along to several persons, with everyone reaping a benefit, until the chain is broken. Wives' Club is solely

in need of a chain of its own!

How many times have you heard a Guard wife say, "My husband has been in the Guard for several years and I never knew there was a wives' club. Nobody ever called me?" It happens all the time. We lose the chance to include someone in our fellowship because we cannot contact her.

Unit commanders, by regulations, may not release rosters. This leaves only word-of-mouth, or a chain of concerned gals, to gather our fellow Guard wives into the groups and make them welcome. So, link up with the chain. Please, take the responsibility and initiative in inviting new members. Pass the word, "Guard Wives is alive and well and needs you!"

Enlisted association plans membership push

How many of you know what your enlisted association is and what it's suppose to do for you?

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association was first begun in 1971 when several members of the senior NCO council decided that there should be an association to represent the Ohio National Guard. The first state conference was held in August 1972 at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard NCO club. At that time Nate Monastra was elected president. Other presidents since 1972 were: Gerald Torre, Frank Cartwright, James Sebetto, Wes Stenger, Tom Foster, and now president Carl Bicanovsky.

When first begun the committee decided that the purpose for the association would be: to promote and maintain adequate state security and to promote and advance the status, welfare and professionalism and genuine Americanism of the National Guard of Ohio.

The policy of the Enlisted Association is: to expend our efforts to develop a strong and patriotic National Guard to better serve our country and make the world a better place to live and bring up our children.

Any retiree or Ohio National Guard enlisted member is eligible to become a member of the Association. Everyone in the Guard should be a member in order to support the above policies.

Our objectives include: growth in membership, effective legislative programs, acquiring distinctive license plates, receiving adequate pay for both state and federal employees, more modern equipment, improved benefits for retirees, improved medical and dental benefits, and many others.

In order to get and maintain our objectives we must build our membership.

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Without quantity of numbers of enlisted members supporting our programs, we cannot show that our own military members are really behind the very programs we desire.

Even though you are not a member, the benefits we reap will be yours. This is another reason we need your support. All of us together can get more things accomplished for the benefit of all. Please join your Association and help to support the policies and procedures that you want for the Guard.

For further information on the Enlisted Association or to apply for membership, see your unit representative or write to:

SSG Mona Breining, Secretary, Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association, P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio 43015.

Dates to remember

ONGEA Bowling Tournament
April 23, 24, 1982
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O'Neill picked as employer rep for Ohio Guard

Henry M. O'Neill, Jr., has been appointed the new chairman of the Ohio Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The Ohio group is one of 54 state-level committees which comprise the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense-sponsored volunteer group. The committee seeks to reinforce good working relationships between the nation's employers and the 1.3 million men and women who serve in the National Guard and Reserve forces.

The committee was formed because as many as a third of Guard and Reserve members who leave military service cite

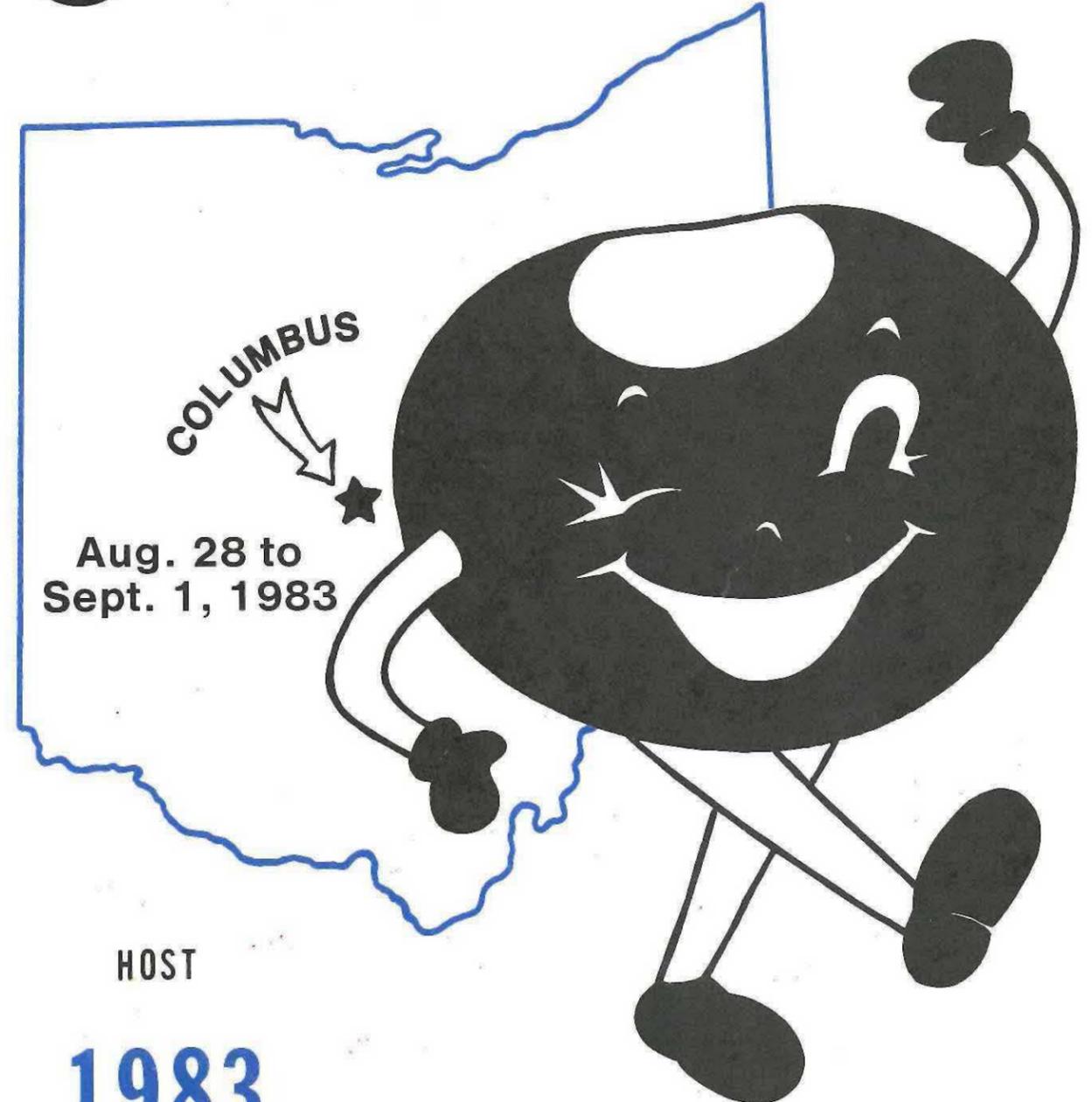
"employment conflict" as the cause of their departures.

O'Neill succeeds former United States Sen. William B. Saxbe, who headed the Ohio committee since March, 1979.

The committee is made up of representatives of major Ohio employers, senior National Guard and Reserve forces' commanders, and senior NCOs within the state. They conduct a number of informational and educational programs designed to convince employers of the need for a strong Guard and Reserve force, and of the need for the employers' enthusiastic cooperation with the military training duties of their employees who serve in the military.

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