People Will Make The ONG America's Best

BY MAJ. GEN GALLOWAY
Adjutant General

Get Your Guard Up, Be All You Can Be, and now, National Guard: America At Its Best are mottos we have adopted over the years as we moved toward 100% strength, obtained quality personnel, and acquired modern equipment. The Ohio National Guard has been a leader within this positive national trend.

Given these foundation blocks we must now produce and sustain an Ohio National Guard which is unequalled. We are a very important part of a large military family with a variety of requirements, needs and diverse interests, but with a single focus: deter if we can, win if we must. We must now excel, through leadership, training, and individual achievement, to produce the best soldiers in the world. There is no patent upon how to achieve this goal, but there are some values and guiding principles which can help ensure our success.

Today's Ohio National Guard members consist of dedicated, energetic, intelligent men and women who desire to excel. We must ensure that each member is clearly aware of our national and state missions, the unit's mission, and the important role of the individual in contributing to the success of fulfilling these missions. No matter how insignificant the job may seem, it is a job that must be done, and done by a professional. With this knowledge the soldier develops a sense of pride that can only increase self-confidence, initiative, and motivation to further achievement.

Training activities must be challenging. Many of our guard members perform exciting, challenging jobs in their civilian occupation. What could be worse than coming into an armory one weekend a month to a poorly planned, non-meaningful, and unexciting training? Here is a test measure: If you were a private employer paying for the quality of training which your unit received on a weekend, would you feel that you were getting your money's worth? Challenging, well-developed, well-executed training provides skill development and promotes self respect, self-satisfaction, and self-confidence.

Each Ohio National Guard unit and member must become effective and efficient in their jobs. We must use limited resources wisely by seeking new ways, managing an exception, automating where possible, doing things right the first time, and evaluating the results against the established objectives. People are one of our best resources—people are the national guard. We must approach each person with a realistic attitude that they can complete a job given the objectives, importance, and guidelines at the start; success rates are high.

We each set an example to others—military and civilian—regardless of our military rank, regardless of our civilian position in life, the respect and leadership which a person possesses transcends their rank or position. Each Guard member must be honest, ethical, fair, and impartial in their interactions with others.

This year has been designated as the "Year of Excellence" for the military. Building excellence is a long-range task, but it is a goal which needs to begin today. Excellence is the pinnacle of the pyramid which began building in 1786 when the Ohio National Guard began; excellence is the hallmark of our heritage. We will build an Ohio National Guard which will match our stature as a great state and a great nation. Indeed, working together by applying these values and principles, we will make the Ohio National Guard: America's Best.

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Full-Time Commitments to Part-Time Jobs

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I have long held a strong belief that the best part-time job in Ohio is held by the more than 20,000 Ohio National Guard members who help Ohio attract millions of federal dollars for a National Guard which is available to Ohio residents in time of need. Ohio receives over 30 federal dollars for every one state appropriated dollar.

Where, on any part-time job, can an individual receive the kinds and number of benefits that we offer to our guardmembers? No where! Just consider having one of our guard members go to the corner sundry store, a service station, a local restaurant, or a local business and apply for a part-time job requesting the same benefits that they receive as guardmembers. Can you imagine the reaction they would receive from that potential employer when our guardmember asks for a part-time job that would:

1. provide all the clothing and equipment required for the employee to perform the job inside, outside, or during the severest of weather conditions.
2. provide an excellent, hot-meal during work hours.
3. pay college tuition and general fees for 12 quarters or eight semesters of undergraduate work at any state-supported school or an equivalent scholarship payment to a private school which is approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.
4. entitle the employee to a $1,500 employment bonus.
5. work one required weekend per month (many guardmembers dedicate additional hours—often without pay—to ensure completion of the job).
6. allow time to pursue other interests such as an education (for which the employer helps pay) or full-time job with another business.
7. pay $76.48 as a beginning salary with every opportunity to advance and receive much higher pay.
8. start a 20-year retirement plan that would begin paying benefits at age 60 and would be transferable to any state in the United States provided the individual went to work for the same type of business.
9. pay for going to leadership and management courses in order to be a better employee.
10. send the employee to 15 days of additional training with full pay and benefits, giving the individual the opportunity to develop more leadership and employment skills.

Now, you can believe how a potential employer would feel when confronted with a request for a part-time job that would meet that list of amazing stipulations? The employer would probably throw that potential employee out of the office, and as the individual bounced down the stairs, he would yell “no one has a job like you are looking for!”

That potential employer is wrong! Yes, there are jobs with all those benefits and they are in the Ohio National Guard. A person joining and serving in the Ohio National Guard can enjoy these benefits while serving our country and aiding Ohio residents when natural disasters strike.

The guardmember develops leadership skills, manages people and resources and receives a good feeling about what he or she is doing for our state and country.

Retirees May Have To Share Pay With Ex-spouse

Defense Department officials have announced that a new law allows state courts to divide a soldier's military retired pay with a spouse when settling property rights in divorce cases. The law applies to active and reserve component retirees.

Under the law, a percentage of disposable pay may now be divided among one or more ex-spouses, officials say.

In cases of marriages that lasted at least 10 years, the law lets the Defense Department, issue two checks—one to the ex-spouse and one to the retiree.

The two-check procedure must be based on a court order.

Also, an ex-spouse married at least 20 years to a service-member can get medical benefits and commissary and exchange privileges.

These privileges would stop if the former spouse remarries. And this provision applies only to those persons whose divorces are final on or after Feb. 1, 1983, when the new law took effect.

For spouses involved in divorce cases that occurred before the new law became effective, the law allows for the Secretary of Defense and secretaries of the services to provide space-available medical care in military hospitals.

The law applies to the state in which the active or retired service-member has established domicile, has established residence for reasons other than pursuant to military orders, or in which the member consents to legal jurisdiction.

Soldiers seeking more information on the law should contact their local legal assistance officer. (FORSCOM)
Tornado whirls through Weston

BY CALVIN L. TAYLOR

One hundred-year-old trees and 12-inch steel mobile home frames were twisted, broken, upheaved and strewn across the area on a quiet afternoon in the small northwestern Ohio community of Weston.

Residents of Weston, as others, had read newspapers and watched television news accounts of the 1982 tornado which hit Cardington. But on May 2, residents of Weston also became victims of tornado devastation as forceful winds twisted and snapped trees throughout the area, removed siding from homes, and destroyed mobile homes.

Local disaster elements immediately responded according to Bud Dennis, director of the Wood County disaster services agency. Sheriff George Ginter coordinated local law enforcement efforts, including assistance from the Ohio Highway Patrol. Victims were transported to the Wood County Hospital for treatment or admission. The Red Cross and Salvation Army responded with aid stations on the mobile home park site.

While local efforts were in progress, a request was telephoned to Governor Richard Celeste for assistance. Thirty Ohio National Guardmembers from the 323rd Military Police Company were dispatched immediately. These guardmembers directed traffic and provided security for the damaged area throughout the night and the next day. Weston Mayor Jim Lashuay banned sale of alcoholic beverages and ordered a cordon around the most severely affected area.

The next morning, Governor Richard Celeste and Major General Raymond Galloway arrived early to inspect the damage and talked with local officials about the situation. Thirty-five mobile homes were among the early estimated damages; losses could exceed one million dollars.

Next, the governor and adjutant general visited the Wood County Hospital. According to head nurse, Alyce Walden, an elderly man died, 15 people were treated as outpatients and three were admitted. During this visit, Celeste talked with two of those patients including a two-year-old boy.

State and federal damage assessment teams arrived on May 5 in Weston and also in the Cleveland area where damages were reported and also inspected by Celeste after he departed from Weston.


(Photo by Maj. CALVIN TAYLOR)
Ohio Guard answers call

BY CHUCK TRITT
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Ohio Gov. Richard F. Celeste challenged all state agencies to participate in Operation Feed, a volunteer food drive for the needy.

The Ohio National Guard answered the call, donating about 15,000 non-perishable items.

"In every kind of emergency, people have called on us for help and we have answered," said Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway, state adjutant general.

Today's situation is just as serious as a physical disaster, according to Galloway.

"It's serious for the elderly, for the sick, and for the laid-off worker who can't acquire new skills for a job," said Galloway.

Units all over the state participated in the program, according to Maj. John Spoff, state Operation Feed coordinator.

One reason the Guard did so well in the drive was that there was an existing "force", according to Spoff.

"The Guard already had the command structure, the people and the equipment needed to collect the food. Many state agencies did not have our headstart," said Spoff.

The operation was executed at the local level.

Unit commanders appointed unit Operation Feed coordinators. These coordinators then arranged the food distribution with a local service organization, such as the Salvation Army, church groups, or the United Way.

The guard did not distribute any of the food directly. All food collected was distributed locally, according to Spoff.

Unit response varied greatly.

"Response depended on the unit's leadership," said Spoff.

The methods used by the units to collect the food also varied greatly.

"The 174th Field Artillery worked closely with local super markets in collecting food, other units canvassed their neighborhoods," said Spoff.

Not all units have reported their donations yet. Some have been too busy with unit training to complete the collection.

"The operation was not intended to interfere with established, military skill related, unit training," said Spoff.

Operation Feed originated among 30 emergency food pantries in Columbus and Franklin County to serve the unemployed, hungry and needy citizens.

Food Parade held by WBNS-TV

BY REBECCA SLYH
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It was almost as if a circus came to town. Greeted by clowns carrying balloons, jugglers, mimes, and other entertainers, people from all over Franklin County enjoyed entertainment from the comfort of their cars as they donated food to start Operation Food Parade at the studios of WBNS-TV in Columbus on April 9th. The parade was the climax of Operation Feed 1983 in Franklin County.

Members of the 16th Engineer Brigade and Military Police from the 73rd Infantry Brigade helped during the event.

Members of the 16th Engineer Brigade loaded food from cars. They also packed the food in boxes which they transported to a warehouse on East 25th Street in 2½-ton National Guard trucks.

"Although food was the major donation item, money was also collected. Every dollar given paid for two cans of food," said Fran Haskins, president of operation feed and director of material aids of Lutheran Social Services.

The goal for this year's food drive to help the needy is 775,000 food items, up 40 percent from last year's total of 565,000 items. Moments before tallying the last count of food items the total was 1,014,605.

Food items donated were later distributed to 86 food pantries within the state. After dividing the canned and dry goods into 3-day 3-meal supplies for a family of four, food pantries handed out food to the needy.

Sponsors for the parade were: WBNS-TV, United Way, Jack and Kathy Hanna from the Columbus Zoo, J.T. Will karate expert, Columbus Police Department, Davelor Public Relations, Rax Roast Beef, and Ohio State University, Sigma Phi sorority students.
Cavalry went 'home' to Fort Knox

BY D. S. DANKWORTH
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The old Army bus pulled onto the dirt path entrance of the Fort Knox tank range just as an explosion belched from a 105mm tube.

"We're home fellows!" a big sergeant grinned and shouted.

And although the Ohio National Guard tankers were hundreds of miles away from home when they traveled to Kentucky in late March, they felt right at home at the Army's home of Armor.

The Buckeye soldiers were among 350 members of the 107th Armored Cavalry's third squadron who flew to Fort Knox for a long weekend of training March 25 through March 27. Tankers, scouts, mortarmen and combat support soldiers from Troops I, K and L, along with M Company made the trip.

Troop I is from Stow, Troop K is from Ashtabula and Troop L is from Painesville. M Company is from Ravenna.

Since Ohio lacks the ranges for the cavalry to do some of their training, they are forced to travel out of state periodically to prepare for annual training.

But 1st Lt. Chuck Heusinger, commander K Troop, said the Ohio Guard is not in a unique position.

"Most states that have Guard Armor units are in the same boat. Most have to travel out of state to do some training."

During the weekend, the diversity of an armored cavalry unit quickly became apparent.

The calvary, which was a mission to provide security and reconnaissance for advancing troops, is almost an army in itself.

While the armor troops train in M-48 tanks loaned to them from the Kentucky National Guard, the scouts are tackling a cavalry officers' course.

"We’ve had some real good instruction from the armor school," Sgt. Charles Burgard, a scout from K Troop said.

On the other side of the Army reservation the mortarmen fire rounds from the giant 4.2-inch mortars.

"The four-deuce mortar is the most accurate indirect fire weapon in the world," said Sgt. William Horne of L Troop.

And in yet another area, soldiers pull out their 26-ton self-propelled howitzers.

"This is the only time we fire other than summer camp," said 1st Lt. Don Kennett, from the third squadron’s howitzer battery on Green Road in Cleveland.

Kennett shouted over the roar of howitzer engines, "We've got 100 rounds to fire, and we're sure not going to turn them back in."

Since so many tasks must be practiced during the drill, training went on day and night.

For example, the tankers were on their way to a range minutes after the C-130 that carried them to Fort Knox landed. The next day, everyone was out of bed by 5 a.m. When the tankers came back from the ranges at 8 p.m. for their evening meal, the scouts had maps spread out on the World War II vintage barracks floors preparing for a course.

Because of night maneuvers, few of the men got any sleep Saturday night.

"This is a very large operation for a weekend drill," Heusinger said. "But we did everything that we came to do."

And they did it in the rain, too. Rain fell on the soldiers the whole weekend. Rubbing water off his glasses, one soldier grinned and said, "Last year we were at Grayling (Michigan) trying to do this in the snow."

A 3/107th Armored Cavalryman traversing the target at Fort Knox, Ky. (PHOTO BY D.S. DANKWORTH)
Fly space available with 'Buffoon'

BY JAMES KEHRL
179th TAG

The 179th Tactical Airlift Group at Mansfield Lahm Airport, also known as Buffoon Airlines, receives many queries concerning space available travel on scheduled airlift missions.

In order to prevent misunderstanding and last minute disappointment, the following guidelines from DOD, Air Force and ANG must be adhered to:
1. Not all airlift missions can accommodate passengers. The size or type of load may limit the number or prohibit any passengers from boarding.
2. Passengers on PCS, TDY, emergency leave and other space required status have priority over passengers traveling
space available.
3. All military passengers are required to be in uniform. Fatigues or work uniforms are not permitted, except in special circumstances. Be sure you meet AFR 35-10 (or your service) guidelines.
4. You must have your ID card with you.
5. Green ID card holders traveling for more than three days are required to have some kind of orders. For less than three days, no orders are required.
6. Red ID card members must have orders or a DD 1853 signed by their commander.
7. Passengers may sign up for trips 30 days ahead. Each passenger must call in for himself. Names are listed as they are called. No preferential treatment is given.
8. Only 179th TAG personnel can be manifested for the entire trip. All others are manifested to the first stop, and must be remanifested there. (It is possible you could be "bumped" for higher priority passengers, but this doesn't happen very often.)
9. All passengers are on their own for quarters, meals and transportation.
10. Check by phone a day or two prior to the flight to reconfirm status and itinerary. These trips have a nasty habit of changing.
11. Buffoon Airlines is happy to take space available passengers. Call (419) 522-8948 or Autovon 696-6124 for more information.

Don't abuse your feet soldier

BY GRETCHEN NICOL
HHD, Occupational Health Nurse

With Annual Training (AT) just around the corner, thoughts may drift back to last year, the sore feet, the heat, the struggle to keep up with the heartier members of the unit.

Sore feet can make the whole person feel bad. The feet contain one-fourth of the bones in the body. Feet can be the source of leg cramps, backache, fatigue, tight muscles and nervous tension.

Daily foot care should include washing and drying the feet thoroughly, and changing socks.

Toe nails should be trimmed after a bath or shower when they are soft. Nails should be trimmed straight across and never shorter than to the end of the toe. Foot powder can reduce excessive perspiration. Use lanolin-based cream at night for chapped, dry feet.

Foot sizes can change. Before leaving for annual training, make sure your boots fit. Break in new boots gradually, before AT.

Don't abuse your feet—You'll need them for the rest of your life.

Accidents can happen. Foot and leg injuries generally involve unusual turnings or blows to the joints.

First-aid for minor injuries is simple. Immobilize and stabilize the joint, say with an elastic bandage. Ice packs should be applied for the first 24 hours. After that, heat can be applied to reduce discomfort.

Consult a physician if there is excessive pain or if the pain persists, if you heard or felt a "pop" at the time of the injury, or if there is discoloration or excessive swelling in the injured joint.

There are two types of heat injuries possible during AT.

The most serious is heat stroke. The signs of heat stroke include a flushed face, hot, dry skin, headache and confusion. Heat stroke can be fatal, so help should be sought at once if any of the symptoms appear.

Less serious, but still grave, is heat exhaustion. Signs of heat exhaustion include pale, cool and moist skin, and weakness. Treatment is simple. Rest in a cool place and drink some water.

To avoid heat exhaustion drink plenty of water, try for at least one glass an hour and eat a regular diet.

Begin your pre-AT fitness program now, so you'll be in shape when you ship-out. Your persistence will payoff at AT.

Start by walking 15 minutes a day. Slowly increase the speed, distance, and time. Start those sit-ups and push-ups now, too.

Inform your commander now of any physical problems you have, so that any necessary arrangements can be made before AT.
MILES
Training to save more lives

BY NANCY M. CLEVENGER
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The men scampered down the muddy hill heading for the woods, when a shot rang out in the cold morning air. The sound of a shrill buzzer was heard as one man yelled, “He got me, I’ve had it.”

The scenario involved the men from Company C 1/166th Infantry having realistic training on their recently issued MILES (Multiple Inegrated Laser Engagement System) equipment.

These pieces of equipment are a combination of lowpower, eye safe lasers and laser detectors for all direct fire infantry and armor weapons systems. The men of the 166th had the equipment mounted on torso and helmet harnesses. There are transmitters attached to them and when fired upon and hit, a loud shrill buzzer will go off.

In order to deactivate the buzzer, a controller has a control gun with a key that shuts it off.

Before the training was conducted in the field, all members of the unit had to become familiar with the MILES devices, to include installation, boresighting, troubleshooting, safety and proper operations. Sgt. John Coy is heavily involved in this training for the troops. “MILES gives you the impression that if you die you can be reincarnated to do better next time. In war you’re dead for keeps, but with MILES you have another opportunity to learn by your mistakes,” he said.

Once the members are familiar with the equipment, they are taken to a training area to practice tactical engagement simulations. The primary purpose for this training is to effectively train every member in the unit, so that he will know exactly what to do and how to do it to save his own life.

They practice weapons firing, count weapons kills and enforce the rules of engagement so that the least amount of men during a conflict will be sacrificed.

Students liked the training. Said Sp4 Billy Gillenwater, “It’s more proficient and will keep me from getting killed. It teaches you to look for good cover, to keep your head down and it’s more realistic training and actually more accurate than bullets. The laser has a straight beam. It gives you feelings of real death when you hear that buzzer go off and you’re not expecting it.”

Coy, a Vietnam veteran said, “They should have implemented MILES a long time ago. If they could have had it before Vietnam, some of the names on the long black wall (Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial) in Washington, D.C., wouldn’t be there.”

Soldier makes way through trees in hopes of not getting ‘shot’.
Air Guard plane becomes model

BY STEVE FRIED
160th Air Refueling Group

MSgt. Kenneth Reed, 160th CAM, has wanted to build a model KC-135 for 8 years—ever since the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio, converted to the "Stratotanker" from KC-97s—but the model wasn't being manufactured.

Imagine Reed's surprise when he found Revell's recently reissued KC-135. The model not only came with Ohio Air Guard decals, but was, in fact, a replica of the very plane for which he is crew chief.

"I had no idea! I couldn't believe it," said Reed, who has been responsible for all maintenance on the plane since it arrived at the 160th in 1975. "Why, even our emblem is there," he said, referring to the 160th's distinctive unit patch found on the starboard side of the plane.

"The KC-135 was originally produced in 1953 but hasn't been available for sale for more than 20 years," said Lloyd Jones, a former research analyst for Revell and now their marketing consultant.

"Now," said Jones, "with renewed interest in aerial refueling and with the Air National Guard flying the latest type of aircraft, Revell decided to reissue the KC-135 in an Air Guard version.

"Sean Day, Revell's manager of the design concept group, asked me to recommend a -135 that would look good and would make a good model. Since I knew that Al Lloyd, at Boeing, was writing a book about the history of the KC-135, I decided to call him," he said. Al Lloyd, a full-time engineer for Boeing Aircraft and a part-time aviation historian, had just completed a series of articles about the KC-135 for Air International magazine. "As part of the research, I wrote to many Air Force and Air Guard units asking for pictures of their aircraft," Lloyd said.

"I remember the photo the 160th sent me," said Lloyd, "because its plane look-ed distinctive. The stripe along the fuse-lage made it unique and I liked it."

Consequently, Lloyd not only used the picture in his November, 1980, Air International article, but also sent it to Jones suggesting he submit it to Revell for their consideration as the KC-135 model.

Jones did just that. At Revell, Day looked at various pictures of KC-135s. "In the end, I really liked the Ohio Air Guard stripe," Day concluded.

Since its issue, according to Revell, sales of the KC-135 have been good and they intend to come out with more Air Guard planes.

Letters

EDITOR:

In April I had the pleasure of attending the 12th Annual State Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association Conference in Dayton.

This was my first ONGEA conference. Of the approximately 100 members in attendance, I was the only person in the rank of E-3 and below and one of two in the grade of E-4 and below. The vast majority of those at the conference were master sergeants, first sergeants, sergeants major and command sergeants major. All with at least 12 years in the Guard. What further surprised me was the attention, support, and the willingness to listen to my suggestions that these senior NCOs showed me.

The decision to have next year's conference at Camp Perry will make available a large number of free or very low-cost sleeping quarters for those attending the conference.

Another major item was a change in the Association's bylaws. Now any member of the Association may register for the business meetings and vote at these meetings at no charge.

Also discussed was the staggering of conference fees for those wishing to attend the social as well as the business activities. This would shift the cost from the junior to the senior personnel.

The idea of a unit or members of a unit sponsoring a younger member of the unit to enable him to attend the conference is being considered.

These ideas were initiated by the senior NCOs in attendance—those who would end up paying for most of the proposals, not the people who would benefit from them.

Guardmembers who are full-time students and say they do not have the money to join and participate in the Association's activities, should consider this. The student/guardmember will receive approximately $8,000 to $10,000 through the National Guard Tuition Assistance Program, which was passed through the state legislation primarily by the efforts of the Association.

It is strange that those of us who have received the most from the Association are unwilling to put back into it the $3 or $4 a year membership fee, or the $20 or $40 expense of a conference, and the three or four days to participate in the conferences.

Becoming a member does not only benefit us on the state level. As a member of ONGEA you are also a member of EANGUS (Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States). A show of force will compel our legislators to take notice.

Anyone wanting further information on membership on the National Conference should see their unit representatives.

Sincerely,

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AG/Finance Joint Exercise

BY DAVIDA MATTHEWS
Co. A, 237th Support Battalion

It was only a paper battle in a war that didn't exist, but for members of Company A, 237th Support Battalion in Worthington, their March drill proved that they could fight that battle and win.

The unit, an element of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (SEP), participated in a joint Adjutant General (AG)/Finance Section exercise that tested its ability to function in an active Army environment—the same environment the company would face if mobilized.

This joint exercise, conducted by a 16-member team from Readiness Group Knox and Fort Knox Finance and Accounting Office, is the first such exercise in Readiness Region VI.

"In the past, exercises with just the AG section have proved to be valuable in terms of training," said Maj. Edward W. Reich, brigade finance officer. "We decided to expand to include the Finance Section so that they, too, could profit from the experience."

Reich, a revenue officer for the Cleveland office of the Internal Revenue Service, said the exercise was made as realistic as possible by allowing the Finance Section members to work with active Army personnel financial records from Fort Knox.

"The team brought along actual records that needed changing or updating. Under the supervision of members of the Fort Knox Finance and Accounting office, our people completed all the actions required right up to paying out any monies involved," Reich said. "We stopped short of using real cash. Instead, we used bogus checks and play money. So even our cashier got a work-out."

Capt. Jerold Lee, team leader, said that the joint exercise was so successful that it could prove to be a pilot for similar exercises in other states. Lee, who was the team leader for an AG exercise last year, also commented on the improvement in the AG section.

"In the last exercise, the unit completed about 70 percent of the "plays" we had devised for them, which is still better than average. This year they completed 90 percent. That's quite a jump," Lee said.

"In fact, it is our feeling that quite a few of these Guard members could walk into any Active Army office and perform the same duties as their counterparts."

Cappel Soldier of Year for '83

Ohio National Guardsman 1st Sgt. Frank A Cappel of Cincinnati has been chosen as Fifth Army's Soldier of the Year for 1983. Forces Command is Fifth Army's higher headquarters at Fort McPherson, Ga.

Cappel is first sergeant of Company A, 1st Battalion, 147th Infantry, Cincinnati. Cappel has been with the unit since 1966. He also has four year's active duty.

As Fifth Army winner, Cappel won a week-long vacation in Hawaii. He will take his wife, Kathy, on the trip.

Cappel was nominated by Maj. Gen. Robert C. Forman, commander of Army Readiness and Mobilization Region VI, Fort Knox, Ky.

Forman said of Cappel, "He is an outstanding soldier...His pleasing personality, sincere interest in his job, and his total commitment to his responsibilities make him a highly effective and productive member of the One Army team...."
Disaster!

Mass casualty ‘nightmare’ in Tiffin

BY JON J. FLESHMAN

Three barrels of toxic chemicals fall from a passing train and smash into a school bus waiting at a railroad crossing. The driver is killed and 60 children suffer severe burns and respiratory injuries.

A witness telephones the sheriff, who dispatches civilian emergency units to the disaster site. It is immediately apparent that the civilian resources are inadequate.

Enter the Ohio National Guard.

The 385th Medical Company (Ambulance), Tiffin, Ohio, responded to such a call for assistance during a “Mass Casualty” exercise in April.

The 385th supplied 27 ambulances, three jeeps, two 2½-ton trucks, Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) suits and 102 guard members to aid the civilian and government agencies.

To further test the preparedness of the 385th, a second mass-casualty disaster was simulated and reported just an hour after the toxic chemical incident.

A second school bus carrying 60 children was involved in a simulated accident with a 2½-ton truck. The number of casualties doubled and the injuries included cuts, broken limbs and amputations.

A single triage (medical sorting) site was established upwind of the toxic chemicals to which casualties from both disasters were brought. Maj. Claude Beitler and Capt. Brooks Mick, attached to the 385th as dentist and physician, respectively, manned the site to evaluate the arriving casualties. Beitler and Mick determined the severity of each victim’s injury and the priority in which they would be treated.

Ambulances from the 385th then helped deliver the injured to area hospitals participating in the exercise.


The committee began secretly planning the exercise last December, Bailey said.

“We didn’t actually use a manual,” Bailey said. “It was more or less a buildup from the past three years.”

This is the fourth consecutive year the 385th has held a Mass Casualty exercise.

Members of the 385th knew such a drill was scheduled, but the locations and types of disasters they would have to respond to were kept secret until they arrived at the disaster sites.

Preparation on the day of the exercise included applying the moulage makeup to the boys and girls who would act as casualties. Realistic cuts, gashes and bloody amputations were applied to some of the 180 Boy and Girl scouts and Explorers who volunteered to be victims. Sp4 Marilyn Johnson led the team of makeup artists.

The staging of the disasters were as realistic as possible, said Capt. James Sears, the 385th’s commanding officer.

“The moulage that was done was excellent,” Sears said. He also commended the planning committee and Sgt. Link in particular for their efforts.

The operation was over by noon and Sears said guard members were given a summary evaluation on the spot before the unit ate lunch in the field.

“Wont say there weren’t problems,” Sears said. “But that’s what this was designed to do — work out bugs ahead of time.”

Too many vehicles on the scene at one time caused congestion and made it difficult to move people out, Sears said. He added that overall the 385th performed well and are better prepared to provide relief should a real disaster strike.

Evaluators from the Ohio National Guard, the 7th Army and the Environmental Protection Agency attended the Mass Casualty exercise and will send a formal evaluation to the unit. For each of the last three years, the 385th has received a rating of excellent.

Video recording units were used for the first time to provide the 385th with instant replay footage of their performance.

Lt. Bailey has already seen the video tape and said he was impressed with the results. “There’s some real good, real clear shots,” he said.

Jim Melick of Channel One Video Service, and Eric Lubluck of ITT Abrasive, both from Tiffin, Ohio, volunteered their equipment and services for the taping.

Bailey said one cameraman followed a casualty through all stages of the exercise — from the scene of the disaster to the triage site to the hospital.

The video cassette will be a valuable training and evaluating tool, Bailey said.
Boy and Girl scout and Explorer volunteers wait to be transported to the triage site during the 385th's Mass Casualty exercise.
Sp4 Kyong Kim (in the ambulance) and Sgt. Charles Dodge of the 385th direct the loading of another "victim" during the Mass Casualty exercise.

Photos by Sp4 Ray Ebner

Members of 385th Medical Company, Tiffin, perform duties during disaster.
New Vice President Speaks

BY JOHN C. MURPHY
Vice Pres., ONGEA

It is with a deep sense of pride and humility that I accept the position of vice president (Army) of our Association.

Our Association and it's mission, like the National Guard, is a serious business. But it need not always be conducted in a somber and restrictive fashion. The Association supports the mission, needs and desires of the Ohio National Guard and it's members.

Recently I was gratified to see PFC James Lohr, Jr. attend our state conference in Dayton. He wanted to see first hand what the Association was - the Association who helped get the Tuition Grant Program he uses.

Too often we let our accomplishments go unnoticed. We need to make some noise at home and within our circle of friends and fellow guardmembers. We need to talk positively about what we accomplish in the Guard and what the Enlisted Association has accomplished as well, and why we need to belong to the Enlisted Association.

As your vice president I will do everything in my power to live by my duties as outlined in our bylaws and by the oath I took.

I ask that each of you join the Association and attend it's activities and see what the Association is first hand. I sincerely appreciate this opportunity to serve our Association, and YOU the Ohio National Guard member.

Auxiliary

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary held it's annual conference on April 8-10 at the Dayton Holiday Inn.

The newly elected officers are: President: Sondra Monastra, N. Canton; Vice President: Vi Stenger, Cincinnati; Secretary: Maria Brown, Toledo; Treasurer: Luella "Cookie" Schramm, Perrysburg.

New Area Directors are: June Ohler, Area I; Carolyn Vasko and Thelma Scherer, Area II; Nancy McDowell, Area III; Vi Stenger, Area IV; and Lois Goodson and Barbara Palmer, Area V.

Highlights included a raffle of Raggedy Ann and Andy Dolls made by Delores Hines. The winner of these exquisite dolls was Edwin Ohler from Bradner, Ohio. Frank Chatto from Cleveland won the second place prize.

$420 was made by the raffle. Proceeds will go to auxiliary functions for the 1983 National Conference held in Columbus, Ohio on Aug. 28 to Sept. 1.

The Auxiliary needs donations of door prizes for the upcoming National Conference. Any craft item is welcome.

We need you to bring your ideas and talents to one of the pre-conference meetings. Perhaps you can contact one of the officers or area directors.

As your president, my No. 1 goal is to promote membership. Dues are only $3 per year.

If your first question is "What does this Association do?" Ask your husband or wife if they have adequate equipment with which to train? Do they feel they are getting those things for which they joined the Guard? These are just two of several areas both Associations get involved in. We need the Guard. We need your membership.

Please contact the secretary, Maria Brown at 518 Continental Blvd., Toledo, OH 43607 to join. Try applying our National Motto here in Ohio - "Side By Side We Stand With Pride."

Plan now for the National Conference in Columbus, Ohio, August 28 to September 1, 1983.

Sondra Monastra
Auxiliary President

Think Safety While Traveling

BY DANNY F. FLAUGHTER and TOM WOOTEN
HHG, 138th Field Artillery

Soon Guardmembers will be traveling hundreds of miles to get to annual training. Safety should be a primary concern.

What environmental conditions are most statistically ideal for accidents? If a poll was taken the average driver would probably say, slick, rain covered highways coupled with high speed during darkness. Actually, most accidents occur during the day light hours, clear weather and on dry highways.

Example: A drivers attention wanders from the highway for a moment, his right front wheel catches in a rut alongside the highway and before he realizes it he is about to smash into a large bridge abutment or a tree. This is a common story that often ends in tragedy. A death trap for a motorist who lost concentration for only an instant.

Drivers just aren't getting the message. Studies by the AAA Foundation for traffic safety show that many drivers do not understand the highway traffic controls they encounter daily. In a test of 19 traffic situations, involving the use of various signs, signals and markings, the foundation found that no control device was understood by all drivers tested.

Less than half of the drivers tested correctly understood the meaning of the yield sign and only half comprehended the "exit only" sign on freeways. Correct responses to the different traffic control devices ranged from a low of 7 percent to a high of 97 percent.

Driving and drinking: There is an increased public awareness focused on the role alcohol-impaired drivers play in our nations fatal highway accidents. In spite of alarms sounded by the media and the government, the alcohol driving problem is not a new phenomenon. Special studies indicate that between 30 percent and 60 percent of drivers injured in accidents have been drinking.

The American public has become more concerned about the seriousness of driving while under the influence of alcohol and many people are working toward legislation to restrict and discipline the drunken driver. Each state has it's own rules for testing for blood alcohol content as well as its own procedures.

Ohio's performance ranks among the most dramatic anywhere. Ohio's safety record over the two-year span from 1979 to 1981 (a reduction of 501 deaths) has been far and away the best recorded by any U.S. state.

Although the statistical news is good, 1,780 persons died on the highways in Ohio and 90 percent of these deaths were the direct results of some needless, preventable driver mistakes.

As Guardmembers approach driving to and from annual training through Ohio and other states, think safety.
Annual Conference a success

BY VICTOR DUBINA

The 1983 Ohio National Guard Association Annual Conference was held recently in the Cincinnati Stouffer's Towers. Dr. John T. Bonner, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Southern Ohio reminded Guardmembers that they wear two hats, as did many before them in American history. Bonner stressed that the Guard was important and that "...you are important."

Major General Raymond Galloway, the Adjutant General for Ohio, stressed "Excellence in 1983." He challenged all Guardmembers to establish objectives and goals. Galloway also remarked that the Association "needs to take a look at ourselves." Galloway also set the tone for his tenure as AG: "We won't do anything unless we do it the best."

Major Robert Doane, in his Constitution and By-Laws Committee report, recommended that a committee be formed to study the insurance program vis a vis the ONGA's "not for profit" status.

Sergeant First Class Frank Cartwright, president elect of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association outlined the ONGEA's plan to increase 1984 annual conference attendance. Cartwright stated that plans called for the 1984 enlisted conference to be held on Memorial Day weekend at Camp Perry. There would be no registration and a "messhall" would be operated 24 hours a day, Cartwright stated.

As in previous conferences, Time and Place of future ONGA conferences caused a heated floor debate. The debate, as in previous years was triggered by the cost of attending the conferences, especially the costs for junior officers. Many debaters felt these costs were keeping the junior officers away.

The 1984 Annual Conference is planned for Deer Creek State Park, May 4-5; the 1985 conference is scheduled for April 19-20 at the Cleveland Stouffer's Inn-on-the-Square; and the 1986 Conference returns to Deer Creek May 16-17.

Ten ONGA Scholarships of $400 each were awarded to Mike Bushway, Ann Dietrich, Jennifer Ellridge, Mark Smith, Richard Wenger, Madonna Kane, Marcella Kane, Lisa Kohioach, Shelly Percival and Keith Stolz.

Several resolutions passed the Conference floor, including two that asked for new Air Defense weapons systems for the National Guard and asked the Governor to petition Congress to support Guard training.

Colonel Robert Pettit, in his president's report highlighted the achievements of the past year. Pettit stated that the insurance program had dramatically improved, the congressional liaison effort had been expanded and that an effort had begun to find and write the history of the Ohio National Guard. Pettit also stated that an immediate future challenge was the need to protect the technicians retirement program.

Wives Club News

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

As the song says, "June is busting out all over." School is out. The schedule is chaotic, with kids in, out, and all about. Travel plans are in full swing and the white summer duds are still crisp and bright. The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club is taking the annual summer break, recessing until September.

The 1982-1983 season wound up with two lively meetings, which combined business and fun. On April 26, the group met at the DCSC for a busy afternoon. Included were the election of officers and a needlework workshop.

In May, the club repeated it's visit to the Ohio Village, lunching at the charming Colonel Crawford Inn. It is a lovely way to wind up the year and the attendance was good. Touring the village is enjoyable and the food is excellent.

Installation of officers was held in May and the new board began it's year of service. On deck for next year are; Joan Thomas, president; Katin Easley, vice president and program chairman; Lisa Allen, secretary; and Barbara Bythewood, treasurer. The wives of OCS graduates, as well as female OCS candidates, were invited to attend this luncheon.

The outgoing Board presented a gift to immediate past president, Rita Dura. Rita has worked very hard this season to insure OWC programming which would pique the interest of all members. A large bouquet goes to Rita and to Joan Thomas, Margie Doone, and Barb Bythewood, as well as all OWC members.

Always in demand are ladies to serve on committees and as hostesses. Everyone is busy, that goes without saying. However, none of these responsibilities is very time consuming. The group is small and every member is needed.

Plans in Progress

Planning sessions are part of the summer activity for the incoming OWC board. Meetings are being held to formulate policy and firm up programming for 1983-1984. Programs are always a challenge, the goal being to have a variety of speakers and sites for the meeting.

Conference Notes

Dress uniforms and formal dresses looked great at the ONG Conference in Cincinnati on May 30 and May 31. The meeting was at Stouffer's downtown.

Officers, if you are reading this, and we hope you are, please hand the article to your wife. This little corner of the magazine is for her. It is the only vehicle the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club has for recruiting interested members.

Get her on our mailing list by contacting Nita Elliott, 3623 Grafton Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43220, phone (614) 451-8588.
New Mess Uniform
New optional-purchase blue and white mess uniforms will be made available for female soldiers. Jackets will be dark-blue and white. Officers’ jackets will have branch colored lapel facing (blue jacket only), sleeve trefoil and shoulder knots. Enlisted jackets will have a black lapel facing (blue jacket only), a modified trefoil without shoulder knots. The current knee- or full-length, dark blue skirt will be worn with the new dark blue jacket. Current mess dress uniforms are authorized for wear as long as the uniforms are serviceable.

No More Scarf Issue
Issue of the white scarf for enlisted women will be discontinued. Only the black scarf will be authorized for optional purchase and wear with the black all-weather coat by all soldiers.

Bogus Jackets
Army supply officials are warning soldiers that not all camouflage field jackets are the same. Some woodland camouflage field jackets sold by “Army/Navy surplus stores” located near Army installations contain labels that closely resemble the government specified labels, to include contract identification data.

As with many garments sold through “military surplus” outlets, these items have not been government approved and may not meet specific requirements. Officials also warn that the reported retail price is significantly greater than the standard price at military clothing sales stores.

Farewell
June 3, 1983, is the magic date for me, after 38 years service to the Army and to the Ohio Army National Guard. I now hang up my stripes. The past years have been very enjoyable to me, I have made a lot of friends (enemies too, I am sure) and have always tried to do the job assigned me. The Ohio Army National Guard is a fine organization, with good troops, units, training and morale. I have visited many units during the past 15 months and have gotten to know many of you. I am going to miss being a member of the Ohio Army National Guard. I would like to quote the former Adjutant General (MG James Clem), “You are good, but you can be better.” I have been privileged to serve with you and for you, and wish all members of the Ohio National Guard much success and good training.

CSM Nathan McGlone
State Sergeant Major

Wearing the Cord

Enlisted infantrymen will be authorized to wear the blue shoulder cord and disk if they are assigned to infantry units, as recruiters, advisers, ROTC instructors or assigned to initial entry training at brigade or lower level. Infantrymen assigned to an infantry squad or section within other than infantry units may wear the disk and cord when authorized by commanders of battalion or higher level. Only officers assigned to these portions are authorized to wear the shoulder cord. Soldiers must meet all the following criteria: (1) completion of individual infantry training or award of combat or expert infantryman badge; (2) possession of an infantry MOS; (3) assigned to an infantry duty position and is recommended by the commander.

AF Uniform Regs

Two major changes to Air Force Regulation 35-10, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, are longer pants for both men and women and tuck-in blouses.

Also, regs have changed for lengthening trousers and pants for men and women. The bottom of the trousers may rest on the front of the shoe with a slight break in the crease and the back of the trousers should be approximately seven-eighths of an inch longer than the front. All trousers and pants should be this length by Aug. 1, 1985. Women can opt to tuck in the light blue longer length overblouse when wearing any of the service uniforms.

And officers and senior noncommissioned officers may now wear shoulder mark insignia on the men’s combination 3 dark blue shirt. Epaulet stitching may be removed to permit wearing of the shoulder mark insignia. Neither collar grade insignia nor shoulder mark insignia should be worn if the shirt is worn with the pullover sweater.

What is a draft?

There seems to be some misunderstanding among the public regarding the difference between “draft registration” and a “draft.”

The term “draft registration” is misleading. The proper terminology is “selective service registration.” Selective Service officials have defined “registration” as the compilation of names and addresses of men who might be called in an emergency mobilization if Congress authorizes a return to a draft.

A “draft” is the process by which men are inducted for service. The Congressional authority to draft men expired in 1973; thus, only action by Congress can re-establish it. The present presidential administration remains firmly committed to the peacetime all volunteer force and is not asking Congress for authority to induct.

Questions pertaining to registration should be referred to the Selective Service System, an independent agency under the president. Questions pertaining to the prosecution of men who fail to register should be referred to the Department of Justice.

(Reprinted from the Courier)

Thunderbirds

The United States Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstrations will be featured along with many other Air and Army National Guard demonstrations at the Mansfield-LaHm Airport on Wednesday, August 17. The 179th Tactical Airlift Group will host an open house from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; the Thunderbirds will perform at 7:00 p.m. All Ohio National Guard members, families, and guests are invited. There is no entrance fee. Inquiries should be directed to Lt. Col. Everett Morris, AV 699-6116 or (419) 522-9355, extension 116.
Getting a Range

It seemed to be a hopeless dream, but today the Toledo Air National Guard’s rifle range is 60 percent completed.

For three years, Maj. Donald Houk has been developing a plan to construct a unit firing range, but for whatever reason, usually funding, the plans backfired. Finally, he and Capt. Steve Drake, 180th civil engineer officer, dug up some old blueprints. They realized that by using pea gravel instead of metal to construct the facility, along with a self-help program the needed firing range could be assembled with fewer dollars than originally thought possible.

In the past, 180th personnel had to travel to Camp Perry for Combat Arms training. By having a range, the unit will save the government money normally spent on travel time and taking each Guardmember out of normal duties for a half-day to accomplish their rifle training.

Houk hopes a 180th marksmanship team can be organized.

Lori Doniere

Colonel Honored

Col. Donald E. Lynd of Columbus, Ohio has completed a one-year tour of duty as Automated Office Systems Consultant to the Office of Administrative Services at the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C. For his work at the National Guard Bureau, Lynd was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Force Commendation Medal by Lt. Gen. Emmett H. Walker, Jr., Chief, National Guard Bureau and Col. Jesse Quisenberry, Assistant to the Director, Air National Guard.

Jack Arien

Check the Records

"Every soldier is responsible for his/her own career." (Anonymous) This quote includes the individual’s responsibility to ensure that personnel records are accurate and up to date. Everyone is required to audit their records annually and should take a few minutes to make sure that they are correct.

At this review (and when applying for favorable personnel actions) items checked should include: DA Form 201 (MPR)—that all authorized documents are filed; DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record)—that all entries are up to date, with emphasis on Items 6 (MOS), 8 and 10 (Scores), 9 (Awards), 17 (Education and Schools), and 35 (Record of Assignments). Other entries and forms are no less important, but these items are especially critical when one is being considered by a board for qualitative retention, promotion, separation and for AGR tour actions. (Personnel Pointers)

Airman On the Run

While some Guardmembers are fishing or playing golf on their weekends off from the Guard, Ssgt. Carl Surtman of the 137th Support and Service Battalion in Toledo, is running in some major road races.

Surtman, 40, has completed his sixth half marathon (13.1 miles), Churchill’s half marathon held at Fort Meigs, Perrysburg. He has also run in numerous 10K (6.2 miles) races and four full marathons (26.3 miles). His training consists of running 26 to 30 miles per week, race-walking and bicycle riding.

Lori Schlegel

MPs Help Scouts

Members of HHD, 137th Supply and Service Battalion, 213th Maintenance Company, and 323rd Military Police Company recently completed over 90 hours of good will.

They participated in the Toledo-area Boy Scouts project called “Goodturn for Goodwill” which was collecting furniture and other items for Goodwill Industries. The Boy Scouts collected the items and then left them at area fire stations. The 137th personnel picked them up and delivered them to Goodwill Industries, for rehabilitation by handicapped workers.

John K. Rawlings

Commander Retires

Col. Charles Conner, Jr., commander of the 371st Support Group, was recently honored at a farewell dinner at the University of Dayton Arena.

Conner joined the Ohio Army National Guard in 1947. He served as an enlisted man until 1950. From 1950 to 1954 he had a break in service during which he joined the U.S. Army, completed basic training and Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., where he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant.

During his tenure as commander, Conner was instrumental in the preservation of the 371st Support Group at a time when it was threatened with either re-organization or extinction; attainment of the highest readiness posture possible; the recognition of the Group as one of the most capable organizations in the FORSCOM structure; and had the distinction of serving as commander longer than any Support Group Commander (January 1978 to March 1983).

Among Conner’s many military school credits were the Military Police Advanced Course, the Quartermaster Advanced Course, and Command and General Staff College. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Ohio Award of Merit, Ohio Faithful Service Star and the Ohio Special Service Ribbons.

In civilian life Conner is employed by the Toledo Blade. Conner and his wife Charlotte, reside in Sylvania, Ohio. They have two sons and two daughters.

Audrey Buckley
Why We Salute

Since the beginning of recorded military history, armies have used some form of the hand salute to show respect for their comrades in arms.

Unfortunately, there are many people who misinterpret the meaning of the salute. Although a personal element enters when a soldier or airman salutes an officer, it represents a sign of respect for the rank.

Military members in uniform are required to exchange salutes, with the junior member saluting an officer first and holding the salute until it is returned under the following conditions:

Outdoors—This applies both on and off military installations. The junior member should begin the salute in time for the officer to return it. If the junior member is carrying articles in both hands, a verbal greeting should be exchanged.

A group of enlisted members not in formation is called to attention by the first person who notices the approach of an officer. All members of the group come to attention, face the officer and salute.

Military pedestrians are required to salute officers in marked staff cars.

Jon F. Stiers

Ohio Team Takes Honors

The 1st Battalion 166th Infantry's Combat Pistol Team won a decisive victory at the FORSCOM Replacement matches, recently held at Camp Robinson, Ark. The matches were held to determine the reserve component team which would represent Fifth Army at the All-Army Championships.

The 166th team defeated competition from all National Guard and Reserve units, with a comfortable margin of 61 points over the 2nd place team. In addition to winning all three team events, the 166th shooters captured 16 individual awards.

Team captain, SFC Steve Paver, became individual champion by shooting a score of 2620 out of a possible 2700 points. Sp4 Bob Graham and Sgt. Ron Cordial won individual awards in the Open and Novice categories respectively. Other team members competing included: SSgt. Ray Gillenwater, 2nd Lt. Stoney Brooks, Sp4 Terry McGowan and Sp4 Bill Graham.

This team practiced once a week plus several weekends for the last year in preparing for this and other matches. Sgt. Mike Murray and SSgt. Joe Petty of the state MTU have helped train the shooters. Now that the team has won the privilege of competing in the All-Army Championship, their practice schedule will be intensified even more.

Stephen D. Paver

A Real Pieface

Who says the editor of BUCKEYE GUARD can't take it in the face? SFC Nancy Clevenger took a pie in the face as she visited the members of Company C, 1/166th Infantry in Urbana recently. She was asked to help build their unit fund by letting the unit members buy tickets to see her get a pie in the face. The unit is now $53 richer and Sgt. Rodney Harrington, with the winning ticket, said he felt great as he came at her with the pie.

Nancy Clevenger

Ohio National Guard Family "Father's Day" Weekend Celebration at Geauga Lake

Sunday, June 19, 1983
179th Takes Tappan

The winner of the Alan P. Tappan Memorial Trophy, in recognition of Ohio’s outstanding Air National Guard Unit for 1982, was the 179th Tactical Airlift Group of Mansfield, Ohio. The 179th won the award in performance competition with ten Ohio units.

Commanded by Col. Daniel G. Arnold, the 179th Tactical Airlift Group also won the award in 1978.

The revolving trophy was presented by Maj. Gen. Harry L. Cochran, Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Ohio Air National Guard, at a ceremonial dinner held at the Westbrook Country Club in Mansfield.

The trophy was created in honor of the late Col. Alan P. Tappan under auspices of the Mansfield Aviation Commission and the State Headquarters of the Ohio Air National Guard.

The trophy is awarded based upon a criteria and point system designed to make it possible for any unit, flying or non-flying, to win regardless of its size or mission. The criteria included factors which have the most impact upon a unit’s ability to perform its mission, including manning, training, accomplishments, professional military education by officers and airmen, safety, and performance of the unit during higher headquarters inspections.

Consideration is given to adverse or limiting factors that may have an impact on a unit’s ability to carry out its mission and to outstanding accomplishments of the unit during the previous year.

179th Wins ‘Rodeo’

The 179th Tactical Airlift Group of Mansfield took top honors at the Air National Guard Air Drop competition held in April at Pope AFB, N.C.

The 179th TAG received the Maj. Gen. Stanley F. H. Newman Trophy for their overall first place finish. As the winner, they will represent the National Guard tactical airlift forces at the Air Tattoo Exhibition which is held in July in England.

The units that participated this year were: 146th TAW of Van Nuys, Calif.; 130th TAG of Charleston, W. Va.; 164th TAG of Memphis, Tenn.; 136th TAW of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and the 179th TAG of Mansfield, Ohio. All five of the wings will compete in Volant Rodeo at Pope AFB in June. The runner-up was the 164th TAG. The 137th TAW took best shortfield landing and the 179th TAG was first in CDS airdrop and heavy equipment airdrops.

Lt. Col. Fred Larson, operations deputy commander for the Mansfield unit, was mission commander. He said, “Our aircrew and maintenance people did an outstanding job. Their teamwork and attitude is indicative of the way the entire unit has performed all year.”

Comprising the 179th winning air crew were Lt. Col. Warren Drouhard, aircraft commander; Lt. Col. Daniel O’Mara, copilot; Lt. Col. David Cotton, navigator; TSgt. Gregory Eyster, flight engineer; SM Sgt. Harold Walters; and MSG T. Tim Bridgeman, loadmasters.

Drouhard said, “The competition was very realistic and challenging.” The major concern for the crew was the high drop winds.

The maintenance crew was led by Lt. Col. Stephen Kramarich. Kramarich voiced a maintenance man’s dream, “It was uneventful. A couple of birds for the other units were not as fortunate. They had one bird strike while another had a starter failure.”


The Drop Zone was tended by SM Sgt. Duane Nauman and SM Sgt. George Robinson.

Martin J. Metzger

Air Guard Wears Green

Every year in Cincinnati the whole town becomes Irish for one day. The city hosts what has become the second largest St. Patrick’s Day parade in the country.

This year among some 200 floats, 50 marching bands and approximately 300,000 onlookers, the 123rd/124th Tactical Control Flights entered a float for the first time. Blue Ash Air National Guard Station’s entry received the John Barry award given to the best non-commercial float in the parade.

For the 123rd/124th, building this float took months of planning, building, and rebuilding. Recruiter MSgt. Larry N. Mallett spearheaded the effort, but this was truly a unit project. Supported fully by commanders Maj. Ray Childers of the 123rd and Maj. Tom Belton of the 124th, everyone pitched in and took the Air National Guard to the public.

Robert McConkey

Cold Weather Cap

An AG-344 trooper cap will be adopted as cold-weather headgear. The cap will be an optional purchase item for both men and women soldiers to wear with the black all-weather coat. It’s expected the cap will be available by November 1983.

(ON GUARD)
214th Maintenance Co.
The Ohio Distinguished Service Medal for heroism at Camp Grayling, Mich. was awarded to: Sp4s DWIGHT E. REYNOLDS of the 214th Maintenance Co. (-Det 1), Coshocton. The Ohio Commendation Medal was awarded to two other members: Sp4s JOHN M. ALAN and ANTHONY C. WHITMER, both from Coshocton. The awards were the direct result of the three Guardsmen saving the life of a drowning victim at an outing at Camp Grayling.

220th Engineers
Tsgt. TRUMAN STONEBURNER, a member of the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville, was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal, by Lt. Col. JON M. McMAHON, Commander, during ceremonies at Zanesville Air Guard Base. 220th EIS, Zanesville recently promoted the following individuals: A1cs STEVE BARROWS, JOSEPH GARLANDO, PAUL GIRTON, ROBERT HARMON, ERIC HUEFNER and RONALD SIGEMAN to SrA; and Ssgt. CARLOS PRESTON to Tsgt.

372nd Engineers
Company D, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Middletown promoted: Sp4s JONATHON PARSLEY, Pfc. DEWEY OWENS, ALAN THOMPSON, GARRY RUTLEDGE, VINCENT PEAK, and WILLIAM BACH.

HHD, 512th Engineers
Congratulations to the following personnel of HHD 512th Engineer Battalion, Cincinnati: Ssgt. GARY HUMPHREY, Sp4s FRANCES BOYLE and LESLIE JOHNSON, Pfc. KENNETH HINKLE and DONALD JACOBS.

1416th Transportation
The 1416th Transportation Company, Worthington recently promoted the following: to Pvt. 2 CHARLES BALL, to Sp4s DOUGLAS HESS, ROBERT KRUEPER II and BARRY VANHOOSE. Soldier of the Month for March was Sp5 YOUELL HAMMOCK, Avionics Section. He is vice president and co-owner of Quick Electric Co., Inc.

213th Maintenance Co.
Recent promotions in the 213th Maintenance Company, Camp Perry, were to Pfc. MATTHEW ANDREW, LEON SHINSKY III, DANA SHOCKLEY, to Sp4s JEFFREY STEVENSON and TRACY TUSING.

214th Air Refueling

Members of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker recently promoted are as follows: Tsgts. CHARLES BRADLEY, THOMAS SHEA and KEITH STEGM OYER; Ssgts. DANA ANDREWS, DAVID BEAR, DAVID BLUM, CHRISTINE BREININGER, MICHAEL FOSTER, ANTHONY MARCHES, KIMBERLY REDMAN, CARL ROYAL, DANIEL VINSON, CHRISTOPHER WADE, ANNA ISAAC, STEVEN PETERSHEIM, JANE PINKLEY and MONTE STOKES; SrAs CHRISTINE BULACH, SHERRY CALDER, JAMES SUMMERS, JOHNNY WELLS, MICHAEL BROWN, PATRICK BUTLER, KAREN MARTIN, WENDY POWERS and MICHAEL ROBINSON; A1cs TAMMY WARD LOW and BARY MURPHY; and Amn. SHELLEY DAVIS and JAY MILLER.

160th Air Refueling

The 160th Air Refueling Group also honored 69 individuals for meritorious service above and beyond their duties. The medals were presented during a ceremony held at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. All of the persons honored were listed in the units' newsletter, TANKER TOPICS, on March 19.

180th TAG

Myst. RICHARD HOEFFEL and Tsgt. TERRI KASMAIER were presented the Air Force Commendation Medal from Lt. Col. LAWRENCE HUCKELS, Resources Management Squadron Commander, 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Swanton. The Air Force Commendation Medal was also presented to two members of the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron: SMSGt. ROBERT MILLEN-BAUGH and MSGt. WILLIAM FLOWERS. Tsgt. FREDERICK ROST received the 1982 Supply Airmen-of-the-Year Award from Lt. Col. ROBERT CLARK, Chief of Base Supply. Rost is employed as a Computer Programmer Analyst with the Defense Logistics Agency Systems Automation Center in Columbus.

107th ATK HEL TRP

SFC RUSS MEKKER has been selected as the recipient of the Commander's Award which is presented each quarter to a Senior NCO (E-6 and above) in recognition of the professionalism and significant contributions to the 107th Attack Helicopter Troop, Worthington. Congratulations to DAVE AICKSON who will soon be a WO1.
HHD Recruiters

Members of HHD's recruiting force recently promoted to their present ranks are: SFCs CHARLES HUNT, RICHARD DANIELS, JOHN HITE III, JAMES SARVEN, CHARLES BROWN, HERBERT KENYON, BONNIE WALTER, SSgts. EUGENE WEST, JAMES LAWSON, RICHARD NIEHE, ROGER KISNER and ROSEMARIE IGNAUT. SFC CHARLES DANIELS, JOHN HITE I11, KENYON, BONNIE recently received the 1st Oak Leaf Cluster for the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal.

Former SFC JUDY CULBERTSON was wed to 1st Lt. THOMAS D. LUTES, both on the full-time recruiting force in Worthington. Congratulations.

134th Engineers

Members of HQ Co., 134th Engineer Group, Hamilton recently promoted are: JOHN BORNTAGGER to Sp4 and ERIC BALLARD to Sp4. JOHN ANDREWS was promoted to PFC.

New Face

Lt. Col. Charles Porter has been assigned as the Comptroller for the Ohio Air National Guard at State Headquarters at the Beighter Armory in Worthington. He replaces Col. Robert Flaherty who is retiring.

Honors

Pvt. HAROLD BROWN, a member of the 1486th Transportation Company, Ashland, has recently received a future farmer's degree in production agriculture.

Brown has been in FFA four years. Only 2 percent of the state membership in FFA receive this award. He plans to attend Ohio State University after completing Basic Training this summer.

More Honors

The National Guard Bureau Award for efficiency in maintenance was presented to the 1486th Transportation Company, Medium Truck, located in Ashland.

Col. JAMES FEISLEY, state maintenance officer, presented the award which is given annually to an Army National Guard unit in each state.

Tnnavsky Dies

With deep regret we wish to announce that SFC John A. Trnavsky has died. Trnavsky recently retired after 33 years of military service. He was an employee of CSMS No.2 for 24 years. Upon retirement, he worked at the Camp Perry Training Site. He was also active in the Lakeside Fire Department.

112th Med Bde

The following members of the 112th Medical Brigade, Worthington, have been recently promoted: SFC HOMER REED, HHC; SSgt. PATRICIA HOWELL, Sp5's THOMAS HUGHES, TERRANCE OBANNON, VALERIE MONTGOMERY, JEFFREY GOODEN and ROSEANN SHORT: 200th Medical Company.

The Soldier of the Month for March was split in HHC 112th Medical Brigade, Worthington. Tied were Sp4 RAYMOND R. PUGH, company headquarters, and PFC DONALD E. HILL, medical regulating section. PFC KAREN WHICHARD and Sp4 ALETA COFFMAN, have been selected to attend Officer Candidate School at the Ohio Military Academy.

112th Engineers

March Soldier of the Month for Company A, 112th Engineer Battalion, Wooster was Sp4 BLAINE KIEFER. Promotions were: Sp4's MARK BENCHOFF and BRIAN SHIFFERLY.

123rd Control Flight

Congratulations to the following personnel: 123rd Tactical Control Flight, Blue Ash; SSgt. PAUL W. HARTKEMEYER to Tsgt.; A1C's TODD WALLACE and DIANE FEICHTNER to Senior Airmen; 124th Tactical Control Flight, Blue Ash; M Sgt. JAMES BOLAND to SMSGt.; Tsgt. ROBERT RIVES to SMSGt.; Sgt DENNIS COWGILL to SSGt.; and A1C RICHARD GREYER to SrA. Ann DEAN M. MALOTT has returned from his initial active duty tour where he attained a 93% grade average in the Ground Radio Maintenance Technical Course at Kessler AFB, Miss.

383rd Med Co.

Capt. JOSEPH RICKETTS, Company Commander of 383rd Medical Company, Cincinnati, was presented the Army Commendation Medal by "Task Force 148" Commander, Lt. Col. LELAND PREDMORE, at the 148th Infantry Annual senior NCO and officers party. Ricketts, a physician's assistant in the 112th Medical Brigade, was awarded for his outstanding dedication to the Lima Physical Exam Station for the past 31/2 years, and the 148th Infantry recruiting efforts. His major contribution at Winter '83 Training at Camp Ripley, Minn. was also commended.

155th Maintenance Det.

The following personnel of Detachment 1, 155th Maintenance Company, Chagrin Falls received letters of appreciation and commendation from the commandant of the Anniston Army Depot, at Anniston, Ala., for outstanding work, cooperation and attitude while on their annual training. SFCs JOHN ABRAMS and LOUIS WOLF; SSGts. ARTHUR HEALAN, JAMES KELCH, TERRENCE KUDRAVY, GERALD RADOVANIC and EUGENE VONASEK; Sgts. RICHARD WARNER, BRUCE SMOLINSKI, RONALD KRZEWSKI, ROBERT GIEL, LESLIE DUNCAN, ROBERT CRANFORD and TERRENCE CARROLL: Sp4s ERNEST WHITE, LEROY KASUNICK and ANN FLYNN.

We need your articles.
Next Buckeye Guard Deadline is June 27, 1983.
Biathlon Held At Camp Ripley

BY DONALD VAUGHN AND MELISSA WHITE
HHC, 148th Infantry

During AT, 83 at Camp Ripley, Minn., the 148th Task Force competed in a biathlon. The biathlon combines the technical skills of cross country skiing with the art of competitive shooting.

An ancient sport that originated in Scandinavia, the biathlon became a modern Olympic event in 1960 and included all three biathlon events for the first time at the 1980 Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid, N.Y.

About 160 soldiers, competing as four-man teams, skied the 3.31 kilometer course. The shooting events were located at points along the three ski loops through the wooded terrain.

Shooting positions were prone and offhand, with targets 50 meters down range.

The competitors skied one loop, shot five rounds, skied down the second loop, shot five rounds, and then finished with the last route through the woods. A competitor who missed a target received a two-minute penalty for each missed shot.

The 5 degree temperature didn't stop team 23, Company B, 166th Infantry, with a time of 2:45:05. The winning team members were: PFC R. Morgan (coach), Pvt. 2 Metzger, PFC Yoder, Cpl. Penhorwood, and PFC Neil. Team 22, consisting of PFC M. Williams (coach), Sp4 See, Sgt. Forrider, Cpl. Wintz, and Cpl. Michael of Company B, 166th Infantry, was second. Third place winners were team 45, Sp5 W. Monroe (coach), Sp4 Kirby, PFC Tinney, PFC Hofstetter, and Pvt. 2 Perrin of HHC 148th.

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President and Mrs. Reagan depart Air Force 1 at Mansfield Air National Guard ramp, enroute to Ashland College to assist in a fund raising dinner for the John Ashbrook Memorial Library at the college. They were greeted by Congressman Michael Oxley, Mansfield's Mayor Meehan, and Col. George Arnold, commander of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group.

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Exchanges in Ohio

Location and hours of operation of post exchange facilities in Ohio.

Coast Guard Exchange (Retail Store), 1240 E. 9th St., 21st Floor, Federal Building, Cleveland, 216-522-3939; Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Exchange - Grocery Section, 703 Eagle Road, Cleveland, 216-522-4436; Monday closed, Tuesday thru Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Defense Construction Supply Center, 3990 E. Broad St., Columbus, 614-231-0976; PX Annex is located adjacent to the Officers Open Mess; Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Newark Air Force Station, Irving and Wick Road, Heath, 614-522-2171; Monday closed, Tuesday thru Friday Noon to 5:15 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Building 812, Columbus, 614-491-8424; Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, 513-879-2105; Monday thru Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 4 p.m.

Beightler Armory, 2825 W. Granville Road, Worthington, 614-889-0258; Monday thru Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location and hours of operation of commissaries in Ohio.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, 513-878-2100; Monday closed, Tuesday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All facilities listed are closed on Sundays, except for Wright-Patterson PX in Dayton.
Scholarship Program Changes Hands

The Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program is being transferred from the Ohio Board of Regents to the Ohio National Guard.

Effective July 1, 1983, all correspondence concerning the Scholarship Program must be directed to the Ohio National Guard.

As of July 1, 1983, all applications, transfers and re-applications must be sent through the unit commander to the Adjutant General’s Department, Attn: AGOH-PA-MP-S.

Persons who correspond directly with the Ohio Board of Regents could jeopardize their tuition payments.