Crowds Flock To Rickenbacker Exhibition

’84 AIR SHOW HUGE SUCCESS

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Scores of rainbow-hued hot-air balloons rising with the sun heralded the start of the 1984 Rickenbacker Memorial Airshow and “Fly Ohio” Balloon Rally.

Thousands of early risers covered the damp morning grass between the runways to follow the balloons’ gentle progress towards a game of “Hares n’ Hounds.” Hundreds of shutterbugs caught the nylon bags with wicker gondolas on film to take home as special souvenirs.

The crowd’s numbers rose with the sun and when the Total Force Air and Ground Assault demonstration began at noon, showgoers pressed three and four deep against the fence in a line that stretched half-a-mile.

Rickenbacker Air National Guard mission units and members of the Army National Guard, U.S. Army and Reserve never gave the aggressors a chance. The combined forces’ task was to rescue a pilot whose plane had been “shot down” by an anti-aircraft artillery barrage near enemy lines.

Three hostile troops in a jeep mounted with an M-60 machine gun cruised up and down the edge of the runway in front of the crowd hoping to capture the disabled flier. The grim-looking aggressors were played by guardmembers Sgts. Richard A. Burnham, Sp4 Darryl A. Stumbo and PFC Michael T. Gomes, all of Company C (Det 1), 166th Infantry, 1st Battalion, stationed in Urbana.

A-7Ds and F-4Ds were called in by the Forward Air Controller to silence the anti-aircraft gunners and to protect the rescue helicopters from the khaki-clad trio firing from their jeep. A loud and colorful pyrotechnic display by guardmembers of Company D, 216th Engineer Battalion, Tarlton, added an exciting touch of realism to the simulated attack.

EARLY RISERS — Spectators and participants were up early to catch the opening of the Fly-Ohio Balloon Rally held in conjunction with this year’s Rickenbacker Memorial Airshow. [Photo by Sp5 Jon J. Fleshman]

Ohio Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopters of the 1416th Transportation Company, Akron, hovered above the hot zone while troops zipped down rappel lines to join the fray.

Reinforcements parachuted from C-130s and, to add to the aggressors’ discomfort, Scout and Cobra helicopters from the Armored Cavalry, 107th Attack Helicopter Troop, Worthington, discharged Rangers for a direct assault.

“I thought it was pretty neat,” said Sterling M. Clark, 11 of Stryker, Ohio. Sterling was just one of the many boys and girls at the airshow Saturday.

Besides the sunrise to sunset schedule of civilian and military flying demonstrations, stunts and races, there were 40 static displays to view close-up. They ranged in size and shape from a replica of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker’s compact WW I SPAD biplane to the imposing Air Force KC-10.

Valerie Brown, 6, of Columbus, took her turn to sit at the controls of an Air National Guard KC-135 “E” Stratotanker on loan from the 160th Air Refueling Group.

In one word she described the cockpit with its switches, buttons and knobs. “Fun!”

Among the aircraft and fliers dotting Rickenbacker’s airfield was one display that at first glance seemed out of place. Fifteen Ohio guardmembers of Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion, 136th Artillery, were attracting plenty of attention with their 105mm howitzer attached to a 2½ ton truck. A line of spectators formed behind the panoramic telescope the gunners use in sighting the hefty piece.

While civilians took their turns putting an eye to the scope, members of Charlie Battery took turns explaining the instrument’s purpose.

The gun crew and communications specialists of Charlie Battery, who drill in Piqua, were flown with their equipment from Dayton in a C-130. Before moving into position as part of the static displays, the guardmembers and their howitzers had joined the midday mock battle.

Sunday, the crowd was even bigger and the list of events included precision aerobatics by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team.

When the sun set the second day, who would be surprised if hundreds of young admirers were not thinking what 11-year-old Sterling Clark confided the first afternoon, “I might become a pilot.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BY MAJ. JAMES M. CHUBB
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On May 7, 1984 the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment and Troop A, 237th Cavalry celebrated their 107th birthdays. These cavalry organizations date their origins to three separate troops of cavalry: Troop A, Cincinatti; Troop B, Hillsboro; and Troop C, Shelby. In 1866 we see the first solid vestiges of the current 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment with the formation of the First Cleveland Troop on April 28th. The 237th Cavalry came into existence as a result of a redesignation of the 2nd Battalion 107th Armored Cavalry to the 2nd Reconnaissance Squadron, 137th Armor in 1959 and later redesignated as the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, 237th Cavalry, 37th Infantry Division. The 1st Squadron, 237th Cavalry lives on today as Troop A, 237th Cavalry. The Ohio National Guard Salutes both the 107th and 237th on their 107th birthdays.

Cover Photo

SSgt. Ken White took this photo of an Air Guardsman working on a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft while on assignment in the Virgin Islands with the 179th Tactical Airlift Group. See related photos and story on pages 12 & 13.
A.T. ’84 Benchmark For ’85 Training

Our Annual Training provides an opportunity upon which we can build improved future success by learning from our mistakes and deficiencies. Annual Training, which constitutes a significant 40% of the minimum guard training time, is to each of us an experience: it influences our lives; it leaves memories; and it impacts upon our willingness to continue service.

The 1984 Annual Training was a successful, positive experience. I continue to witness the high caliber of dedicated, professional and enthusiastic guard members we attract today. Equally, I am encouraged by how some of our leaders utilize and care for their subordinates. The following personal observations are sighted for your use in planning an even better 1985 Annual Training.

A successful Annual Training consists of proper planning and implementation by commanders, staff and other leaders in three phases: movement to the training site; conduct while on site; and return movement to home station. In movement phases, there was a definite lack of commanders and first sergeants in the convoys. There is a need for better planning and execution in several areas of convoy movements: training of drivers; selection and operation of fuel points; switching of driver and assistant drivers; and communication within convoy elements. The personal involvement and presence of leaders may have avoided some of the difficulties. We must be able to move safely and on time.

Once at the training site, there needs to be a return to the fundamental concept of “care and concern” for the individual. Actually, this begins much earlier in the planning steps, but the results are obvious during the training and later in the retention of quality people. As military leaders, we are not expected to carry people on a silk pillow, but I do advocate a return to common sense in the treatment of subordinates in accomplishing the mission. Some examples will illustrate.

Annual training is just that — a time for training. We cannot expect to reinforce learning when people are tired, dirty or hungry; leaders have always learned that basic needs of subordinates must be fulfilled first. Yet I observed guard members expected to train while sustaining long work hours over several days without showers or clean clothes — conditions often more severe than in combat. The use of rotating work shifts could easily have remedied this type situation while encouraging training. Being dirty, sweaty and hungry is not “macho” and does not “build character” — it is miserable and causes attrition. Again, common sense suspension of training to shuttle people to field showers or contention areas on a scheduled basis could have been used effectively. Maintenance of equipment is a fully acceptable training activity, but it was performed by people in their very limited personal “off time”, or not at all.

If we see these things happening, you know others can see it too, especially the people to whom it is happening. We can live in a field environment and become reasonably comfortable, but it requires planning, supervision and proper leadership emphasis. The poet, Emerson, aptly expressed the situation: “This time, like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it.” I believe we know, so we need to do it!

RAYMOND R. GALLOWAY
MAJ. GEN.
The Adjutant General
LEADERSHIP

By Maj. Wayne L. Dandridge

Leadership is taking the point position when your unit is expecting contact with the enemy. Leadership is flying a crippled aircraft to the ground when one of your wounded crewmembers cannot bail out. Leadership is keeping young soldiers alive and never leaving your wounded behind.

Leadership is writing a dead trooper's family a personal letter immediately after the battle.

Leadership is not glorifying war. Leadership is not doing "anything" to get promoted. Leadership is not winning the battle at all costs, nor is it losing a war to avoid casualties. Leadership is not found in the security of a well-fortified command bunker, nor is it found in a plush officer's field mess.

Leadership is rewarding a soldier, or civilian with the appropriate motivational device immediately after an exceptional deed or service. Leadership is commanding and managing.

Leadership is humanistic. Leadership is believing in God, family and country in that order. Leadership is treating men and women equally without regard to race, color, creed, religion, age or custom. Leadership is knowing and living by the Constitution, the Code of Conduct, the Geneva Convention and the basic human rights of all mankind. Leadership is assertive but not aggressive.

Leadership is not ruthless or mindless discipline, but it is the ability to do the right thing at the right time by putting the whole before the part. Leadership is not a good efficiency report, nor is it paper readiness. Leadership is not a court martial for every offense or punishment for every mistake. Leadership is fair, predictable, and consistent.

Giving sound, professional advice to a superior when you know he does not want to hear it is leadership. Learning the language and customs of the host country is leadership. Staying in top physical condition is leadership.

Leadership is not forgetting that the past is our heritage, the present is our challenge, and the future is our responsibility. Leadership is not being overweight, not smoking or drinking alcohol. Leadership is not being right all the time and is certainly not being wrong most of the time.

Leadership is a general who knows the friendly and the enemy situation, the immediate action for the M-16 rifle, his driver's first name and family, and the Lord's Prayer. Leadership is a private who knows he is in the chain of command and may have to take over when he is senior in rank.

Leadership is knowing why there are air, land, and sea forces: why there are cavalry, infantry, armor, artillery, aviation and logistical forces; and why combined arms and concentration of combat power are important. Leadership knows about defense in-depth and how to use it.

"Leadership is honesty, loyalty, courage and wisdom."

No compromise of the integrity of one's word, deed, or signature is leadership. Setting high standards and seeing that they are met is leadership. Intelligence, dedication, creativity, and selflessness is leadership. Stamina, vigor and commitment is leadership. Spontaneous, contagious enthusiasm is leadership. Initiative, self-improvement and professionalism is leadership.

Leadership is adaptability, appearance, cooperation and decisiveness. Ingenuity, sociability, tact and tenacity is leadership. Leadership displays knowledge, manages resources efficiently and plans beyond the immediate requirement of assigned duties. Delegating authority, commanding confidence and respect, and accepting full responsibility for your actions is leadership.
Leadership can be good or bad, centralized or decentralized, warm or cold, offensive or defensive, macro or micro, expensive or free. Leadership can be Protestant or Catholic, Jewish or Moslem, Hindu or Mormon, atheist or agnostic.

Leadership is guiding. Leadership is legendary. Leadership is foresight. Leadership is absorbent, abstinent, and unfortunately—at times—abominable. Leadership is baccalaureate, balanced, basic and too frequently backward and barbaric. Leadership saved lives, killed, stopped wars, started wars, voted and dictated. Leadership has walked softly and carried a big stick but it has also been loud and non-violent.

Leadership is honesty, enthusiasm, loyalty, courage and wisdom. Taking care of your soldier's family is leadership. Leadership includes being a good boss and friend, father or mother, son or daughter, sister or brother, and husband or wife. Knowing that the profession of arms is more than just a job is leadership.

Leadership is helping, training, encouraging, understanding, motivating, disciplining, crying, laughing, standing firm, giving way, counseling, correcting, giving a second chance, and trying again and again. Leadership is optimizing, minimizing, memorizing and mesmerizing.

Leadership is tall, short, thin, heavy, male, female, black, brown, white, yellow, old, young, naturalized and unnaturalized. Leadership is from the city and the country. Leadership is from the North, South, East and West. Leadership looks you in the eye, kicks you in the ass, covers your flank and takes your place on the most dangerous mission.

Leadership comes from experience, but experience comes from mistakes. Leadership changes the odds and knows the risks. Leadership develops teamwork. The tides, the channels, the seasons, the winds, the weather and the best forecast are all known by leadership. Leadership often makes good grades in school and numerous years of formal education with many important degrees; but it also has been known to fail math, English and other subjects.

Leadership comes from family, friends, teachers, coaches and pastors. Simple, easy-to-understand orders come from leadership. Complex tasks are changed into short accurate plans by leadership. Leadership can be learned and taught, but not forgotten or bought. Leadership can be seen, tasted, smelled, felt and heard; but it can be a life that is willing to die to insure that other's lives will go on.

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Army’s PA Program Is Restructured

Two major additions have been made in the Army’s Physician Assistant (PA) Training Program at the Academy of Health Sciences (AHS) at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The first change will result in Bachelor of Science Degrees for all graduates of the PA Course at the academy. The second expands the Army’s PA Course to include National Guard members. PA’s are used in many civilian and military medical treatment facilities to help treat patient’s routine medical needs. The Academy of Health Sciences has 15 regular Army and two Army Reserve student positions open each six months for qualified military medical non-commissioned officers, said AHS registrar Oliva Lazzeri. The number of National Guard positions open will be determined in the future.

All service members who feel they meet the criteria outlined in DA Circular 601-84-1 (Military PA Procurement Program, FY 1984-85) are strongly encouraged to apply,” the registrar said.

PA students who begin the Academy’s two-year course this August and graduate from it will earn a Bachelor of Science Degree as a physician associate, said Lazzeri. The Army’s PA Program is associated with the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, which awards the degrees. Since 1982, PA students at AHS have had the option to earn a Bachelor’s degree from the University but weren’t required to do so.

Army PA’s can already take the national certifying examination when they complete their two-year course. By adding the degree requirement, Lazzeri said, the Army can be sure its PA’s have the same educational background as their civilian counterparts. “The change won’t affect the AHS teaching program because we’ve taught as if this were the case all along. Receiving the ability to grant a BS shows that the quality of instruction has been excellent.”

Guardmembers may apply through their normal military educational channels. Academic prerequisites and course requirements are the same for members of the National Guard, Army Reserve and Regular Army.

Further information on admission to the Academy of Health Sciences Physician Assistant Course is available by calling SFC Dewaine Dew, Commercial (512) 221-2424.

FIRE MISSION! FIRE MISSION!

BY KELLI D. MOORE
HO STARC (DMH T) CHARRNC

Leaning against a fallen log the artillerymen of Battery C, 1/136th Field Artillery, Piqua, eat a late lunch, talk about family back home or make wishful plans for the weekend.

Their noon lull is ended suddenly when a nearby radio jolts the calm, blaring, “Fire mission!”

The assistant gunner, radio receiver in hand, awaits further instructions from the fire direction center.

“Base piece. One round.”

A cannonneer in the howitzer gun truck to the rear of the tube prepares the 55-pound round by adjusting the time on the fuse and cutting the powder charges in the casing.

The assistant gunner relays to the gun chief deflection and quadrant readings. Proper adjustments are made with the aid of the gunner’s panoramic telescope.

After the readied round is passed through three pairs of hands and loaded into the howitzer, the safety officer determines whether or not the round is to be fired.

Base piece safe and ready,” commands the gun chief.

The air stills, tension builds, ears plugged—“FIRE!”

The assistant gunner pulls the lanyard and the howitzer sends the round skyrocketing over the distant hills and trees.

Some of the “cannon cockers” see the onlookers and laugh, “Don’t worry, after a few days, you get used to it!”

PEEPING... Pvt. 2 Jim Rietman, a member of Battery C, 1/136th Field Artillery adjusts the deflection on the 105mm howitzer. [Photo by SSgt. Dave Swavel]
PROUD PARENTS — 1st Lt. Kermit Butcher and wife Maureen pose with their new son, Kristopher Edwards, in their room at Ashtabula County Medical Center. [Photo by Martin Deutsch]

Couple Delivers Own Baby At Home

"It was just something that had to be done and you learn not to panic, just do it," Butcher said. "I panicked just once when I saw the head coming out, but I just settled myself down and my wife did too, and we just did it," he said.

At about 5 a.m. Wednesday, Mrs. Butcher awoke and was feeling a lot of pressure. She didn't think much of it and sat down to watch TV. Just after 5:30, however, she screamed to her husband to call the hospital and then come to help her.

Butcher called Ashtabula County Medical Center and said his wife was having the baby. After he hung up, his wife yelled that the contractions were getting much stronger.

As Butcher was making preparations to leave for the hospital, his wife called him again. This time she said that the baby was already coming.

When he got to the bedroom, the baby's head was already visible. Butcher said he pulled the head gently and told his wife to push harder.

A few moments later the baby's shoulders were visible, and then he "just shot right out," Butcher said.

"I held the baby upside down, you know, like they do on TV, and gave it a little slap, and he was breathing," he said.

ACMC had meanwhile dispatched a Saybrook Township Rescue unit to the Butcher home. ACMC personnel advised Butcher to get some string, tie the umbilical chord and cut it with scissors.

They also asked Butcher for a box to put the child in for transport. The box was from Edward's Food Warehouse, and it was decided that Edward was to be Krystopher Butcher's middle name.

The original due date for the baby was July 12, but the couple said they're glad the baby didn't wait until then.
Ohio’s Toledo Air National Guard unit proved in a simulated combat situation recently its ability to deploy to a combat zone, withstand hostile conditions, and deliver the necessary firepower required of a Tactical Air Command. The unit received one of the highest possible evaluations from the 9th Air Force Evaluation Team.

“The overall excellence demonstrated by the unit in the recent Operational Readiness Inspection proved the Toledo unit is the best in the business,” said Col. Boris Evanno, commander of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group stationed at Toledo Express Airport.

Approximately 600 Toledo Air Guard members participated in the exercise which was conducted at Phelps-Collins Air National Guard Base, Alpena, Mich.

Under the nation’s total military concept, 40 percent of the nation’s military force is in the reserve components. Members of the Air Guard have a dual mission—to act as a ready reserve for the Air Force and also as the state militia which can be called up by the governor in the event of a natural disaster or a civil disturbance. Therefore, the Guard must demonstrate continually a readiness equal to, if not greater than, the regular active duty forces.

The Toledo Guard members were subjected to simulated attacks by enemy invaders, sabotage, chemical agents and other war-time situations while their responses were being evaluated by inspectors from the 9th Air Force. During all this simulated hostility the Guard members flew over 50 missions a day against the enemy.

During the simulated chemical assault, the Guard members were required to perform their normal duty functions while dressed in protective clothing that included gas mask, special gloves and boots, jacket and trousers. The Guard members, once alerted to the possibility of a chemical attack, had only minutes to outfit themselves in the special protective gear or face the threat of being contaminated.

Col. Evanno appeared at the out-briefing following the exercise to say he was a “very happy man.” In comments to the unit the commander extended his personnel appreciation to the effort, attitude, and enthusiasm displayed by the members of the unit.”

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BY LON MITCHELL
180th Tactical Fighter Group

Toledo is privileged to be the home of one of the very few Air National Guard bands in the country. The 555th Air Force Band has just returned from a concert tour in the Tuscon, Arizona area. In recent years the band has performed in almost a dozen states, twice been to Europe, and won praise for performances in the Toledo area.

It is not just a love for music that binds the members of “The Triple Nickel” into the professional and dedicated unit it is, but also a firm belief in the military mission of the band. One member said, “The best way I can serve my country is play my horn.”

The 555th is commanded by 2nd Lt. Robert Krichbaum, who praises the band members as “highly motivated and talented musicians who are also very competent airmen.”

Being a band member is not an easy job; it takes energy, dedication and a true love for music. Band members are not only required to rehearse and perform, but must also load and unload the various cases of equipment and instruments, string microphone cables, mount speakers and unfold chairs. This physically exhausting task may be performed several times a day. For example: in the recently completed tour at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tuscon, the band was scheduled for three performances one day. The day began at 6:30 in the morning, loading the bus for a retirement ceremony parade at 7:30. Then it was back onto the bus to head for the location of an outdoor concert at 11:30. Later that evening, the band performed at one of the large shopping malls in Tuscon in support of Air Force recruiting.

The band is capable of offering several different types of performances. Within the band are five ensembles: The Marching Band, Stage Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and the Four-Piece Combo. Each ensemble has its own distinct repertoire and style—from the dynamic strains of “Stars and Stripes” by the Wind Ensemble to the toe tapping beat of “In the Mood” by the Stage Band.

The band is “top notch,” winning accolades wherever it performs. It is to the band’s credit that members get together only two days a month and 15 days during the summer to fulfill National Guard training requirements. So it is not hard to see that it is definitely hard work and esprit de corps that keeps the band “tight.”

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555th AF Band
“Top Notch”
Musical Unit

The second annual U.S. Army Infantry 26.2 mile marathon and half-marathon will be conducted Saturday, January 26, 1985, at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Last year’s event drew 967 participants. Entries are expected from double that number of runners, civilian and military, for the 1985 marathon.

The race is certified and sanctioned by The Athletic Congress and is an official qualifier for the Boston Marathon. Entry fees are $10 a person and must be in by Dec. 27, 1984.

Trophies and awards are given in several age categories, ranging from 9 and under to 50 and over.

For information about the marathon at Fort Benning, contact Capt. Robert Borja at P.O. Box 1817, Fort Benning, Ga., 31905, or call (404) 544-7149 or Autovon 784-7149.
One item that was new to Annual Training 84 was the MRE (Meals Ready-to-Eat).

You know, those little brown envelopes that were harder to open than a child-proof cap on a medicine bottle.

Well, to make your life easier, we have decided to give you some information on the MRE. There are 12 different meals, each containing one of five accessory packets.

They are:
1. Dehydrated pork patties, sauce, cheese spread, cookies, crackers, accessory pack A.
2. Ham and Chicken loaf, pineapple nut cake, strawberries, peanut butter, crackers, accessory pack A.
3. Dehydrated beef patties, beans with tomato sauce, cheese spread, brownies, crackers, accessory pack B.
4. Beef slices in barbecue sauce, peaches, peanut butter, chocolate-covered cookies, crackers, accessory pack C.
5. Beef stew, cherry nut cake, fruit mix, peanut butter, cocoa powder, crackers, accessory pack A.
6. Frankfurters, beans with tomato sauce, apple jelly, cocoa powder, crackers, accessory pack A.
7. Turkey, diced, with gravy, potato patties, maple nut cake, apple jelly, cocoa powder, crackers, accessory pack A.
8. Diced beef with gravy, beans with tomato sauce, cheese spread, chocolate-covered brownie, crackers, accessory pack A.
9. Cooked beef, fruit cake, cheese spread, cocoa powder, crackers, accessory pack A.
10. Meatballs in barbecue sauce, potato patties, chocolate nut cake, apple jelly, cocoa powder, crackers, accessory pack A.
11. Ham slices, orange nut cake, cheese spread, cocoa powder, crackers, accessory pack A.
12. Chicken loaf, strawberries, peanut butter, chocolate cookies, crackers, accessory pack C.

The accessory packets include:

- Coffee, cream, sugar, salt, toilet paper, matches and gum
- Soup and candy, plus above
- Catsup, plus above
- Catsup and candy, plus above

Now that you know what is in these "banquets-in-a-bag," here are some ideas on how to prepare them for more enjoyable eating.

For reconstitution foods, reconstitute food in envelope. It takes meat about five minutes. Potatoes take up to 10 minutes. Peaches reconstitute unevenly. It is better to add a little water at a time and knead the package. Foods reconstitute equally well with hot or cold water.

To heat the food, drop the package in water between 135 and 200 degrees. For beans and beef slices, it takes about five minutes. All hot foods are edible cold, but do not taste as good. Remember, do not use water used for heating envelopes for any other purpose.

Following are some comments on the MRE:

Sp4 David Lask, 383rd Medical Company: "I like them. I think they have less grease and less fat than the C Rations."

They are OK, but they taste better spit-shined.

SFC Arnold Fee, Company C, 372nd Engineer Battalion: "I think a lot of soldiers do not like the reconstitution, however, it is convenient for the cooks in the field."

SFC Ralph Parker, HHC 134th Engineer Group: "I eat them because they make me big and strong."

SSgt. Barry Wilson, HHC 134th Engineer Group: "I am still waiting for an MRE that has black-eyed peas and chitlins."

SFC George Dixon, Company C, 372nd Engineer Battalion: "I think a lot of soldiers miss certain foods in the C Rations, boned chicken particularly."

Sp4 Gary Jordan, HHC 134th Engineer Group: "MRE's really make it difficult for me. It is such a hassle to open them for everyone and have receipt them at the same time."

Capt. Dean Griffith, Chaplain, 134th Engineer Group: "I remember saying grace before eating an MRE when a loud voice from the heavens commented, "I can't help you with that."

Cpl. Dan Good, Company C, 372nd Engineer Battalion: "I like the MRE's better than the C's, but it still comes down to personal taste. When offered a choice, half of Company C took the C Rations, and the others took MRE's."

PFC Ken Weir, HHC 134th Engineer Group: "They are OK, but they taste better spit-shined."
Gutzwiller Takes Command Of 73rd Brigade

BY BECKY ANN HADEN
Staff Writer

In a ceremony on July 22, 1984, at the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) Headquarters in Columbus, Brig. Gen. Andrew C. Skalkos presented Col. Clyde E. Gutzwiller with the organizational colors, indicating the passing of control from one commander to another. Gutzwiller, former Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel and Administration for the Adjutant General’s Department, succeeded Skalkos who retired after 41 years of service.

Although Gutzwiller was appointed commander as a colonel, he was recently federally recognized as a brigadier general. A Cincinnati native, he enlisted as a private in August 1951, in the Ohio Army National Guard. He entered active duty on Oct. 2, 1951, serving in both personnel and administration and logistical non-commissioned officer positions until September 1953. Remaining in enlisted assignments in the Guard and achieving the rank of master sergeant, he received his commission as a second lieutenant, Infantry, by direct appointment on Sept. 18, 1954. His first assignment was Platoon Leader, Service Company, 147th Infantry Regiment.

Gutzwiller, 53, has attended 14 different military schools in a 33-year career, including the Command and General Staff Officer Course and the National Defense University. His military decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Hourglass Devices, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Ohio Award of Merit, Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon, Ohio Special Service Ribbon and Ohio Recruiter Achievement Award.

In addition to membership in the National Guard Association of the United States, Ohio National Guard Association, Association of the United States Army and the Catholic Order of Foresters, Gutzwiller is an avid racing enthusiast and belongs to the United States Auto Club. He lives in Dublin, Ohio.

Alexander Becomes Personnel Director

BY BARBARA EASTON-MOORE
Ohio State University Intern

Whether it be running a 26-mile marathon, or taking charge in an administrative position in the Ohio Army National Guard, Lt. Col. Richard C. Alexander seems to do it with the precision of a finely tuned instrument.

Evidence of this is seen in his ability in the past 29 years to move up through the ranks from specialist four, working as a technician on an air defense missile site, to his recently appointed position as Director of Personnel and Administration at state headquarters, replacing Col. Clyde E. Gutzwiller.

Alexander, also a senior member of the Ohio National Guard marathon team, runs about 50 miles a week and often can be seen running at the Beightler Armory complex, in Worthington. He plans to run in the Columbus Bank One Marathon, and recently ran in the first National Guard Marathon in Nebraska.

Alexander began his military career from 1954-1958 as an electronics instructor in the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1959 he became a member of the Ohio Army National Guard.

He graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1962 and received his commission in 1966. In 1971 he became an Examiner with the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office and held the position for four years. In 1975 he was named Equal Opportunity Officer and served until 1977 when he became the Training Administrator of the Ohio Military Academy. And in 1978 he served for one year as Labor Relations Specialist.

Prior to his new position, Alexander served five years as Administrative Officer of the 16th Engineer Brigade.

Chief of Staff, Col. Robert L. Lawson, who has known and worked with Alexander for 12 years, said a factor enabling the new personnel director to enhance his military career is his “outstanding leadership ability.” Lawson added, “He has the ability to analyze situations or problems and the conclusions that he normally comes to are for the best for the situation.”

Alexander, the first black colonel to serve on the senior staff of the Ohio Army National Guard, says he will strive to maintain a good working relationship between the personnel office and field units. He hopes the units will become more involved with the quality and timeliness of personnel administration. He also hopes to improve the career guidance of both officers and enlisted personnel.

Evidence of his ability to convince others of these opportunities is seen in the membership of the guard of several relatives, including his son Jeff, a lieutenant.

A native of Cleveland, Alexander has been married for 29 years. He and his wife, LaVera, also have a son Ronald, and a daughter, Gail.
Pleiss Wins ROTC Award

BY REBECCA SLYH
196th Public Affairs Detachment

The highest honor Army ROTC cadets can get is to be named the outstanding senior cadet of their university’s ROTC detachment.

Ohio Guardmember Phillip J. Pleiss of Tipp City was this year’s honor graduate at Wright State University near Dayton.

Pleiss is one of 315 Army ROTC cadets nationwide to win the prestigious George C. Marshall Award, presented annually to top seniors in ROTC detachments of colleges and universities throughout the country.

“I am honored to receive this award and I am proud to be a graduate from Wright State University’s ROTC program,” said Pleiss.

Pleiss, who has been commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Ohio Guard, is a member of B Company, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Greenville.

ROTC Cadet Philip J. Pleiss of Tipp City receives congratulations from Gen. John A. Wickham Jr., Army Chief of Staff, during award ceremonies at the George C. Marshall Award Conference, Lexington, VA. [U.S. Army Photo by Spec. 4 Lupe Hernandez]

Computer Strategy Games Sharpen Combat Skills

BY TOM CONDON
American Forces Information Service

The genesis of many games has been based on martial techniques and skills. Jousting, chess, the Oriental game of “Go” and even “cowboys and indians,” sharpen the reaction and thinking of the players. Computers have brought a new sophistication to games for training military officers and troops.

The greatest advantages seem to be the compression of space and time. Using the Tactical Warfare Simulation, Evaluation and Analysis System (TWSEAS), Marine Commanders can practice on the computers simulating a battlefield three times the size of California and a force of 50,000 troops. Officers and enlisted staffs playing the game from computers at Camp Lejeune, Pendleton and Quantico can wage battles, move forces, issue orders, and react to situations.

“The great thing about it,” a Marine Spokesman said, “is that the players can learn their weaknesses and develop their strengths.”

Since the results can be quickly evaluated and analyzed, learning is immediate. “It’s not like playing a game alone,” according to a Marine spokesman. “If you make a mistake and casualties are taken, for example, it’s personally embarrassing.” Fortunately, on the computer battlefield, the casualties are not real and the game can be replayed so mistakes can be corrected.

The Army has developed computer war games for strategic and tactical training. Since 1981, the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania has had computer games as part of the standard curriculum. Students compress a 30-day battle into two days, practicing the operational and logistical elements of large-scale battles. Future battalion commanders and staff officers hone their techniques on computer games at the Army’s Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. An impressive array of electronic aids assist the complex training of battalion-size units at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California.

The Air Force used an electronic blackboard to teach a variety of courses. One instructor can teach classes at 18 different centers. “It’s clear that students learn just as well when they can’t see the instructor as when they can,” according to an Air Force spokesman. Computers also reduce training costs. Flight simulators are used to train pilots of various aircraft and build skills in less time and at less expense.

Computers are helpful in training mechanics as well. For example, a computer can induce 294 faults, any three at one time, into an Army Chinook helicopter. Mechanics, crew chiefs, and flight crews must analyze the problems and correct them.
WING WALKING — The flight engineer inspects the skin of the C-130 for anything unusual. He also checks fuel tanks.

EYES AND EARS — Load master, MSgt. Ronald A. White, provides the external eyes and ears for the aircraft during engine start-up by maintaining constant communications with the pilot.

INSPECTION TIME — Crew chief, A1C Timothy G. Korbas [left] locks up the landing gear cover prior to his inspection of the tires and brakes. Flight engineer SSGt. Steven R. DeBarr, later conducts a separate inspection of the landing gear components.
Island Wings

STORY AND PHOTOS BY KEN WHITE

Perched atop the wing of a C-130 Hercules and silhouetted against the warm early morning Caribbean sky stands a lone figure. Inspecting one of the fuel cells built into the wing, the flight engineer walks from wing tip to wing tip. His task, along with the other members of the flight crew, is to prepare the colossal aircraft for the day's mission.

Arriving two hours before flight time, the crewmembers scurry about the massive airplane, inspecting every inch, inside and out. The systematic preflight inspection includes monitoring all systems, including the hydraulic, electrical, mechanical, fuel, and flight control system. Attention to detail is critical. Lives depend on professionalism and expertise of the crew.

This crew is from the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Ohio Air National Guard, Mansfield-Lahm Airport. Their mission includes flying two C-130 Hercules transport aircraft 1,800 miles to transport 270 U.S. Virgin Island National Guard troops from St. Thomas to St. Croix for training. (The U.S. Virgin Islands are southeast of Puerto Rico).

Flying to exotic locations is routine business for the 179th. Having a worldwide commitment, the crews fly to such places as South America, Spain, Norway, Israel, and the Philippines.

Their cargo comes in many forms. In addition to military troops, they have transported torpedos, fire trucks, a World War II German fighter plane, a miniature experimental research submarine, and a 2,500 pound fork lift.

The 179th, operating eight C-130s and consisting of 900 members, has a primary tactical mission of transporting combat troops into a field environment.

The C-130 is an important military aircraft for several reasons. It has a range of 2,700 miles, depending on the cargo. It can haul a payload of up to 40,000 pounds. And it can land and take off on relatively short runways. Every flight is a collective training mission for the pilots, navigators and crewmembers of the 179th. Teamwork is the byword.

In addition to the pilot, co-pilot and navigator, a crew consists of a flight engineer, loadmaster and two crew chiefs. The nature of a mission determines the crew requirements.

AMAZING — Within the maze of dials, switches and guages, flight engineer, SSgt. Steven R. DeBarr, conducts part of the preflight inspection of the engineer's overhead control panel.
Emergency Data: It’s Not Just A Form, It’s A Form Of Protection

By Barbara Easton-Moore
Ohio State University Intern

“What am I really saying?!”
That is a question guardmembers should be asking themselves when they complete their Record of Emergency Data card.

This little card ranks among the most important documents to the individual in the military personnel file. This applies to guardmembers, particularly if they were activated.

Questions 9, 10 and 11 are very important. They deal with beneficiaries, unpaid pay and allowances and insurance benefits to be paid by the military in the event of death of a service member.

SFC Andrew G. Mays, unit administrator for the 1416th Transportation Company, Worthington, said he continually tries to impress upon the members of his unit the importance of keeping information on the emergency data card current.

“People really need to know what it means when they put down "none" or "by-law" on the card," Mays said.

“When individuals write "by-law" they need to have a counsel statement signed by the commander which means they have been informed of the consequences of those two little words," Mays said.

“By-law” means that in the event of death the property of the service member will be disbursed according to the laws of the state which the individual has listed as the home of record.

This could apply in a situation if the soldier’s parents are divorced and living in different locales or when someone other than a family member is named the beneficiary.

Generally, the sequence of “by-law” is 1) the widow or widower; 2) a child or children in equal shares; 3) a parent or parents in equal shares; 4) an appointed executor, and 5) other next of kin.

“We make every effort to alert individuals that they must review their records and update the emergency data card if they have been recently married, were recently divorced, or if they have had an addition to the family," Mays said.

Mays added that all units are required to have a record review for guardmembers during their birthday month.

Fighting Fat A Way Of Life

By Stuart Sears
786th Public Affairs Detachment

For those guardmembers who have a weight problem, help is available in the form of a Weight Counseling Packet from the 112th Medical Brigade. The military is concerned with the amount of fat on an individual since it is related to an individual’s capacity to perform.

The Army is taking steps to help individuals improve their nutritional status and weight. In the near future, dining facilities will be providing rations with a lower fat content. They also will provide daily rations with caloric totals adjusted to work requirements.

Reduced rations of about 1500 calories per day will be provided for soldiers who need to reduce body fat. This calorie level will help individuals to achieve a moderate rate of weight reduction and still participate in healthy and vigorous training. In addition, the Army will be making an extensive effort to educate the individual soldiers, their families and military units, as a whole, on the importance of nutrition, how to maintain their weight and achieve a healthy nutritious diet.

You can start changing some of your dietary habits by examining your diet to find sources of unnecessary calories. You should also understand that we eat with our eyes. To see food is to desire it. Therefore, try to see food that is appropriate in quantity and preparation.
REGISTER AND VOTE
YOUR VOTE CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

CYCLING FOR FITNESS AND HUNGER — Still smiling, state employee Marty Trietenbach who is Administrative Assistant to Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway, cycles with her brother, Jim Kamerick [representing the Department of Taxation] in Governor Richard F. Celeste's campaign against hunger Bike-A-Thon at the Ohio State Fair. Marty rode 10 miles and collected approximately $1,180 in pledges which were contributed to the Ohio Hunger Task Force by employees of the Adjutant General’s Department. [Photo by Miss Becky Ann Haden]
Cappell Gets 4A Position

BY DON LUNDY
Editor

For 39-year-old Sergeant Major Frank A. Cappell, it is the opportunity of a lifetime. Cappell was selected to be the Operations and Training Sergeant Major for the new 4th Army which became provisional in July and will be officially activated in October.

Cappell was First Sergeant of Company A, 1/47th Infantry Battalion in Cincinnati for 7½ years before accepting his new Active Guard Reserve (AGR) assignment. He also was the unit administrator for Company A.

Cappell was Ohio Guard Soldier of the Year in 1976, 73rd Infantry Brigade NCO of the Year in 1981 and Fifth Army NCO of the Year in 1983. He recently completed the Army Sergeant Major’s Academy. Before that he completed Basic, Advanced and Senior NCO Courses. He also served as a drill sergeant for Basic NCO Course for two years and was school first sergeant for the 73rd Brigade’s Primary NCO Course.

In his capacity as 4th Army Operations and Training Sergeant Major, Cappell is working with trainers in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. He will be involved with Non-commissioned Officer Education System and Non-commissioned Officer Development Program and Military Occupational Skill qualification training and with United States Army Reserve schools and military academies throughout the 4th Army area.

“I thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as first sergeant,” Cappell said. “I saw this as an opportunity I could not pass up and I’m very happy to have been chosen for the position.”

Cappell leaves a legacy that won’t soon be forgotten in the Ohio Guard’s 73rd Infantry Brigade. He designed the brigade patch worn by all members of the brigade.

Air NCO Graduates Group Feted At Seminar

BY ZANE A. ZIMMERMAN
179th Tactical Airlift Group

Chapter 23, NCO Academy Graduates Association, and Chapter 8, Spouse’s Association, from Mansfield’s 179th Tactical Airlift Group again received the top awards at the annual Air National Guard NCO Academy Association Seminar. The seminar was hosted by Jacksonville, Florida’s 125th Fighter Interceptor Group.

The Mansfield Chapter 23 received the coveted Parade of Chapters Trophy given for community involvement activities.

Numerous programs the chapter was involved with during the year included: Special Olympics, Christmas parties for the underprivileged, a unit retirement reunion and a fund-raising program for sending handicapped children to summer camp. The chapter also provided color guard units for area parades and participated in the flag presentation to several groups.

The helping attitude and the comradery, established at the I.G. Brown Professional Military Education Center in Knoxville, have helped add to the 179th's reputation as an integral part of the communities around the Mansfield-Lahm Air National Guard Base.

For the third consecutive year the Chapter 8, Spouse’s Association, claimed the first-place award for its many similar activities.

The two groups, through their actions and contributions, have gained much respect for themselves and the Air National Guard.

MOS TRIVIA

No trivia buff would be content without knowing the Army MOS held by the fewest number of people. Military Personnel Center’s computer reports only nine authorized positions for MOS 26K, aerial electronic warning defense equipment repairer. Only three soldiers hold the MOS.
Soviet GIs Live Hard Life

A harsh whistle is blown early in the morning as the junior sergeant walks down the bay yelling at the newly arrived soldiers. The barracks are quickly cleaned up and all is ready for the inspection. Breakfast may consist of cream of wheat, tea and bread. Classes are next and they will last for over six hours with only small breaks. A soup lunch is next. More classes followed by physical exercises take up the remaining time to supper. After supper of potatoes and fish comes personal time and equipment clean up. The lights go out at 11 o’clock. Does this sound like the typical basic training life that we all remember so well? To many of us it may, but in reality this is the life of a Soviet conscript.

Every year over 1.8 million young men are drafted into the Soviet service. These men do not have a choice in which of the five branches; the Strategic Rocket Forces, the Soviet Army, Air Defense Forces, the Soviet Air Force and the Navy, that they will serve. Since this depends only on their qualifications, young Soviet youths will go through training in advance to being drafted hoping that this will enhance their chances of getting into a certain specialty.

After the young man reports to his local draft office he is sent directly to his new unit. There is no structured basic training for the new recruit unless he has to attend a technical school for the Navy or the Air Force. A new recruit’s training takes place at his unit of assignment. Physical training, political talks and classes take up most of the day. Free time is rare.

Even after the initial basic training, a recruit’s life doesn’t change very much. It starts early and ends late and is filled with sports, drill, political lectures and physical conditioning.

The Soviets strongly believe in exercise and therefore most of its soldiers are above average in physical conditioning. All military people must pass tests consisting of pulling up and crossing the parallel bars, the 100-meter run, the 1- or 3-meter cross country run, the 100-meter free style swim and 10-kilometer ski race or 6-kilometer forced march.

The Soviet living conditions are not the best in the world. There are up to 100 men living in an open bay with bunks stacked two or three high, with as little as eight inches between stacks. Soviet soldiers are also not very concerned with personal hygiene. They may bathe only a couple of times a week and usually with cold water.

A Soviet soldier spends almost every waking moment in some type of organized activity. Political officers watch the soldiers constantly. These officers tell them what they can read, what they can watch and what they can sing. Everything is controlled in the life of a conscript.

Most conscripts get out of the active service after their initial tour of duty. Only five percent of these conscripts decide to become career soldiers. More than 77 percent of the soldiers in the Soviet service are first timers. For those who do decide to make it a career they are awarded a new status of a junior NCO. A pay raise from $10 a month to $100 a month and better food and quarters greets a newly made sergeant. It is not uncommon for this new sergeant to make master sergeant in two years.

Military life, however, doesn’t end when the conscript’s active duty is over. Everyone serves in the reserves until age 50. Occasionally they are called up for refresher training.

Women in the Soviet military are rare. Only 10,000 of the 4 million persons in the Soviet military are women. Once in the military, women find life not as rough as it is for male’s. They get the same pay, benefits, and privileges as career personnel from day one. Soviet women can not serve aboard ships or planes or enter combat or combat-related specialties. They can be married, but if they become pregnant they must leave the service.

So, how does the Soviet soldier stack up as a fighting man? Most people who keep their eye on the Soviet military agree they are not pushovers. As one observer put it, “Ivan is not a 10 foot tall man, but he is not a drunken midget either.”

186th Engineers
Train At Picket

BY WENDY E. BERNDT
186th Engineer Detachment

Members of the 186th Engineer Detachment (Utility), Walbridge, took to the woods to test their skills in a field environment during Annual Training at Fort Pickett, Va.

In addition to upgrading primary military occupational specialty skills, unit members worked on various post construction projects. Hauling with roofing and block laying seems only natural for facilities engineers who work as carpenters, electricians, plumbers and surveyors.

While at Fort Pickett the unit received high ratings in foxhole construction and setting perimeter defense positions, as well as an excellent rating on tactical movement.

Retirees to Receive Magazine

The BUCKEYE GUARD magazine attempts to constantly search for improved ways in which to inform guardmembers and others, such as retirees, about subjects, units and people in the military family. In response to many inquiries received, starting with the September-October 1984 issue, Ohio National Guard retirees whose addresses are known, will start receiving the magazine. Also starting with the November-December 1984 issue and as often as appropriate, the magazine will prepare a separate page for retiree items: recent retirements, address changes, human interest articles. Submittal of articles is encouraged.

EDITOR
ONGA

BY JAMES PLEASANT
President ONGA

Have you ever wondered or pondered over the main purpose of the Ohio National Guard Association? According to the Constitution, “its main purpose is to promote, foster, encourage and advance the ideals of patriotism, valor, fidelity, military knowledge and soldierly abilities of the individual members of the Ohio Army National Guard.”

The second purpose is to “acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, real estate and to own, rent, improve and hold the same for the accommodation, convenience and entertainment of its members.”

How can we achieve these purposes? For an organization to be strong, every member must feel as if he is part of that organization. There are many ways which you can contribute or be a part of the Ohio National Guard Association.

- Assist in the Legislative Program (Both Federal and State)
- Special Activities (Winter Dinner Dance, State Conference)
- National Conference
- Develop a new Constitution and By-Laws
- Resolution Committee
- Scholarship Awards Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Time and Place Committee

It is our responsibility as members to get involved. We, the National Guard,

are the “Shakers and Movers.” We can get things accomplished if we work together.

During the next year there are several goals which I would like to see accomplished.

- Rewrite a new Constitution and By-Law
- Establish a fund for an ONGA Building
- Develop and maintain a strong “Grass Roots” Legislative Program
- Have a total involvement of all members of the Association and make them feel part of the Association.
- Establish a fund to take care of our own
- Maintain a 100% strength in the ONGA

“We are too great an association to limit ourselves to small dreams. It is time for a new generation of leadership, to cope with new problems and new opportunities. For there are new goals and new opportunities to be reached. During this year I want to attain these goals.”

If you want to be a part in achieving these goals contact: Capt. James Pleasant, 2434 Kewanna Lane, Xenia, Ohio 45385.

Mark Your Calendar

There are many exciting events happening with the ONGA during 1984-1985. As a member of the Association do not miss out.

The first event will be the 106th National Conference at New York. Thirty-nine officers and their spouses will be attending the conference in the Big Apple.

The second event will be the Winter Dinner Dance at Villa Milano’s, Columbus, on February 9, with the Danger Brothers playing 1950s and 1960s music. Lt. Margaret Bates is the Social Chairman.

The third event will be the ONGA Conference in Columbus, Ohio May 3-5, 1985. The Conference will be held at the Stouffer’s Hotel, Dublin. Maj. Michael Harold is arranging a spectacular weekend.

Wives Club News

BY RITA DURA

Thanks to all members of the Officers’ Wives Club who graciously volunteered their time at this year’s Rickenbacker Air Show. The show and open house were a large success. Volunteering to help with such National Guard endeavors is one way we show our support of our husbands and the Ohio National Guard.

We are hardly past the good time we had seeing one another at the September Tea, when we can now look forward to a fantastic day for the October meeting. A bus has been reserved to take us to Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, for lunch at the Officers’ Club and a tour of the Air Force Museum. Look in your program schedule for details.

Our agenda is just full of good “don’t want to miss” programs! The annual auction is scheduled November 27, at the Defense Construction Supply Center. On January 22, we will go to the Beighler Armory for our annual salad luncheon. Gourmet, gourmand or just plain browser? The French Market can accommodate all three! That is the site of our February 26 luncheon and meeting. For another culinary treat, our March 6 luncheon will be held at LaScala restaurant in Dublin, Ohio. Always a favorite, a fashion show for ladies and gentlemen will be given at the DCSC, on April 23. And when April showers bring May flowers, we will be strolling among those blooms in Inniswood Gardens, Westerville, Ohio, on May 28 for our final event of the season.

So many varied and delightful programs! Do make a resolution to mark these dates in your calendars! If you are not being called regularly now, or if you need further information, please call our reservation chairperson, Nita Elliott, at (614) 451-8588.
Sooner or later, many Guardmembers experience some sort of conflict between their military duties and their civilian careers. Most know the value of prevention and practice it. But if a problem arises, it is important to know where to go for help.

The wise ones, who follow the prevention route, go out of their way to let the employer know, as far in advance as possible, exactly what their military participation requires. They also prepare the employer for the possibility of special training requirements.

When insoluble problems arise between military and civilian duties, there are steps that should be followed. First, before looking for help on the outside, talk to your employer. Most problems are resolved through face-to-face communication.

But, some problems cannot be resolved easily and in those cases, the unit commander is the next person to consult. A talk between the employer and the commander can often result in a mutual agreement that meets the needs of both the unit and the employer.

Annual Training 1985 is quickly approaching for many Ohio National Guardmembers. You are reminded of the rights and responsibilities of both guardmembers and employers.

Your Rights

- You must be released from work to attend military training.
- You cannot be fired because of your military status or because you seek time off to go to training.
- You get your vacation. Normally, military training time cannot be charged against vacation.
- You can perform voluntary duty with the same rights as involuntary duty.
- You have no limit on the number of times you can go to training.
- You will get your job back, or the equivalent, when you return from military duty. The length of time you can be away from the job and retain the right to reinstatement varies with the type of duty performed.
- You retain your benefits such as seniority, vacation, pay rate and others, as if you had never been away.

Your Responsibilities

- You must ask for the time off. You cannot simply fail to show up for work and use the excuse that you had military duties to attend to. (Make your request in writing – don’t trust someone’s memory!)
- You must report back to work on the next scheduled workday after completion of duty. A failure to report to work won’t change your reemployment right, but it will subject you to whatever penalties the boss hands out to people who don’t show up without prior approval.
- You must consider your boss’s point of view. Though the law allows Guard members to take time off repeatedly, abusing the law by asking for frequent or unnecessary training tours is in no one’s best interest.

Your Employer’s Rights

- To know their employee’s military training schedule, as far in advance as possible.
- To require paperwork. The boss may ask to be provided copies of orders or other military paperwork.
- Can deny pay or special work scheduling arrangement to Guard or Reserve member employees. Though the Department of Defense urges employers to help their employees make up regular work time, overtime, or pay lost because of military duty, the law does not require them to do so.

Your Employer’s Responsibilities

- Must let employees go to military training.
- Must take employees back when their military training is completed.
- Cannot fire, demote or deny promotion or benefits to employees because of their military duties.
- Must grant employees their earned vacation time in addition to any military leave they require.

Avoid problems by providing your employer with maximum advance notice of your training schedule and your Annual Training dates. Provide this information in writing after you first discuss it with them. Never trust your future to someone’s memory, not even your own!
All About People...

HHD STARC [DET 1]

Congratulations are extended to members of the Full-Time Recruiting Force on their recent promotions as follows: SFCs EDWARD CREW, TIMOTHY WOLF, and JAMES MEYER; SSGs JACQUELINE KENYON and CLARK ROBINSON.

SFCs JAMES CLARK, JAMES HUMPHRIES and HAROLD HOUCK were promoted. SFC HOUCK has been appointed as State Food Service Sergeant of HQ STARC [DET 1], he succeeded MSgt. Eugene Johnson who retired.

HHT 3/107TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

Twenty-three enlisted members of HHT 3/107th ACR, Stow, have recently been promoted: Sgt. THOMAS GOOD; Sp4s MARK ANDERSON, GEORGE HOSINGTON, DAVE DIGERALMO, TIM MCSHANE, KEITH THOMAS, WILLIAM YOHO, ERNEST COX, TOM MAGLIONE, JOHN CARVER, JOHN TYSON, JOE EDWARDS, BRUCE COX, RAY LARRICK, TODD NISSON, T.J. SAYRE and TED GEORGE; PFCs NATHANIEL WILLIAMS, WILLIAM VASYLOFF, CRAIG STREET, ERIC EATON, RODNEY COMER and STEVE OWENS.

HHC 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Capt. FREDERICK WIATROWSKI and SSGs DONALD RADOS have recently received the Army Achievement Medal.

Sp5 SANDRA DARVAS received a decorative cup emblazoned with the National Guard Crest for her outstanding efforts in Public Affairs during Annual Training.

MSGs DANIEL GRIFFIN and GERALD DILLINGER; Sp5s WILLIE ADAMS JR., ANN BEEMAN, DOUGLAS HEBERBRAND, TERRANCE MAHER, WILLIAM MCCLEAN and MARTIN MOON; Sp4s WILLIAM CLUTE, JAMES DIXON, JAMES RISTER and PAUL VANVALKENBURGH; L.A. HOLMES JR., BRAD MILAN, KEVIN REYNOLDS and TIMOTHY TABOL have been promoted.

HHC 112TH MEDICAL BRIGADE

The Army Achievement Medal has been presented to Maj. MICHAEL HARAN and Sp5 DONALD HARTMAN.

Congratulations to the Soldier of Annual Training 1984, Sp4 WILLIAM A. BOLZENIUS.

The following members of HHC have been promoted: Sp5 DIANE OYER; Sp4 SUSAN REDKEY; PFC LISA CHALK; PV2s MARIANNE POKRANDT and SUSAN BROWN.

HHD 112TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

Best wishes to the following members who earned another stripe: to SSGs, LARRY CHATT and WALTER ZIMMER; to Sp4 EVELYN EDWARDS; and to PFC, MICHELLE SWEET.

HHC 134TH ENGINEER GROUP

Congratulations to CRAIG CENESKIE on his promotion to Capt.; PAT HASSER to SFC and BERNARD MIESSE to SSG.

CSM JAMES DOUGHERTY and Sp5 JUDY SMITH were awarded the Army Achievement Medal.

HQ 137TH SUPPLY AND SERVICE BATTALION

MSGs RONALD CARMAN, WILLIAM CHAFFIN, DOUGLAS HAMON, DEVIN HOWELLS, FRANK KARSHNER, ANDREW LAWSON, PAUL MILLER, THOMAS MULLANEY, DANA NEAL, FRED PERDUE, TONY POLLINA, BRIAN QUINN, FRANKLIN STANLEY and SCOTT TIGRETT have been promoted.

BATTERY B, 2/174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY

Several members of Battery B have been promoted; they are: SSGs JOHN BOND, MARVIN EBERETT and JOHN FOUCH; Sp4s CHARLES BOGGS, LONNY CLAYPOOL, and RICHARD HYDE; and PFC WILLIAM GROVES.

178TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP

The following awards were received by members of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group. Lt. Col. EDWARD MOLLEY presented the Meritorious Service Medal. MSGs ROBERT BRUCE and MSG Willard SMITH were awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal. SrA ANDREW BAGERT has been selected as the Outstanding Guardmember for Fiscal Year 84. CMSgt BOYD MCCARTY has been selected as the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter.

Thirty one promotions have been announced by the 178th: Lt. Col. EDWARD MECHENBER; Maj. WILLIAM MALARKEY; 2nd Lt. YVONNE MIESSE; SrSGs LEWIS YOUNCE; TSGs GARY POLAND; Sp4s THOMAS BERRY, TOMMY NICHOLDS, JAMES DAVIS, ROBERT ISINGER, CARL STEINBERG, DAVID WORTHINGTON, SCOTT ARNOLD, MICHAEL HARMON, DAVID COBLE, GARY BUCHHEIM, LAUREL POTTS and WILLIAM WOOLUM; SrAs LAWRENCE COOK,
VICTOR MALONE, SHAWN OGLETREE, JOSEPH ROBINSON, STEVEN THOMPSON, KARL SCHWARZ, MARY WHITNEY, WILLIAM BLACK, LISA LLOYD and MARTIN HUGHES; ATCS JOSEPH SETTERS, CHRIS TERRY, KENNETH HOWARD, STEPHEN NORRIS and THOMAS TYE.

179TH TACTICAL AIRLIFT GROUP

Best wishes to the following individuals who have earned a promotion: Lt. Col. THADDEUS D. EVANS; Maj. DANIEL GESWINE and HARVEY MORRIS; 1st Lt. GREGORY CARDIS; CMSgts. DUANE NAUMAN and GEORGE ROBINSON; SMsgts. FALK BREITMANN, WILLIAM CRESWELL, SANDRA FINFGELD, ROBERT GWIRTS, JAMES KREIS and RUSSELL LEADBETTER; Msigs. LARRY M. BROOKS and DANIEL STRICKLER; Tsgts. ROGER ABER, RONALD GROENING and JEFFREY SMITH; Ssgts. MARK CAREY, PATRICIA HARGER, ROD JACKENHEIMER, KAREN LEPP, MICHAEL LOGAN, DAVID SCHAFFER, HAMILTON WARD, KEVIN COOK, CHARLES KOEHLER, TIMOTHY LOCKE, SUSAN SANDERS and PHILIP WARD; SrA MICHAEL BITTER, PAUL DRIGGS, JOHN HARBAUGH, MICHAEL LEBARGER, RICHARD SHENAN, JEFFREY COPELAND, TERESA DELAHUNTY and EVAN OSBUN; ATCs RALPH LEMIEUX, JEFF MILLER, JOHN ULLMAN, CHARLES DESAUSSURE, ERIC FRANKL, NORIEN JONES, CELIA ROBERTS, SANDRA SCHWARTZ and JOSEPH STAHL.

180TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP

Ssgt. FRANK MATYAS received the Air Force Commendation Medal and was cited for "outstanding professional skill, knowledge and leadership."

214TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY [-DET. 1]

Sgts. MARK FORTUNE; Sp4s MARK BAUGHMAN, JOHN CLARK, JAMES MCKNIGHT, BRIAN NAYLOR, WILLIAM WHEELER, ROY WOOD; PFCs TODD LEDBETTER, DAVID MURPHY and ROBERT SHEPHERD have been promoted.

Sp4 MICHAEL E. APPLE was selected as Guardmember of the Month for July.

COMPANY A, 216TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Sp4 THOMAS ROWLAND received Award of Merit Ribbon. Cpls. GREGORY ABBOTT and JAMES CHEADBLY were awarded the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, along with Sgt. RUSSELL SEVER. Sgt. ABRAM WALLACE was issued the five year "V" device for the Award of Merit ribbon and also the Faithful Service Ribbon.

 Pvt. CHARLES ESTEP was promoted.

237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

Mgts. GERALD CARMEN and Sp4 MARIA JONES were honored as Outstanding Soldiers of the 237th. Mgts. CARMEN was presented with the Battalion Senior NCO Award and Sp4 JONES was named Battalion Soldier of the Year and placed second in the competition held for the Brigade level.

Congratulations are in order for the promotions of Ssgts. HEINZ WOODS; Sgts. RANDY PINKERTON and ABBY MCGOWEN; Sp5s VERNON EVANS III, THOMAS TROLLINGER and JUDY IVES.

COMPANY B, 372ND ENGINEER BATTALION

Ssgt. LAWRENCE KUNDA and Sgt. CHRIS REHMERT were promoted.

COMPANY D, 372ND ENGINEER BATTALION

Sgt. VINCENT HARRISON has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal.

Best wishes to the following individuals who earned another stripe: Sgt. DAVID MCDANIEL; Sp4 DANIEL WALSH; PFCs RICHARD MACK, TERRY MANNS, KENNETH REED and Cpls. BRUCE HOCHWALT and RONALD SMITH JR.

1487TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

The 1487th Transportation Company announced the Most Outstanding Enlisted Member award for Annual Training was earned by GEORGE IHRIG. The Most Outstanding NCO Award was awarded to Ssgt. DANIEL STEBBINS.

684th Goes to ‘Gallant Knight’

BY THOMAS GREGORY AND WAYNE WAGNER
684th Medical Company

For 30 members of the 684th Medical Company of Westerville, it was a new experience. The clearing platoon of the 684th was tasked with providing medical support for Army joint forces during Exercise Gallant Knight ’84 at Fort Bragg, N.C.

This meant the 684th members involved had to become familiar with military airlift requirements such as load and fuel tank requirements, proper distribution of weight and passenger guidelines. Assistance on the airlift requirements was provided by the 438th Airlift Control Element from McGuire Air Force Base.

During the May exercise at Fort Bragg, the platoon operated as part of a Corps support command, providing sick call and treating troops with heat casualties and other injuries.

The 684th contingent at the Gallant Knight Exercise was led by 2nd Lt. Joseph Feschel. Dr. (1st Lt.) Mark Chambers and nurse (1st Lt.) Ruth Wilcox provided professional medical services. NCOIC was Sg5 Tom Stepanovski.

Company C, 216th
Has Memorial Service

BY RICHARD MEADORS
Company C, 216th Engineer Battalion

Members of Company C, 216th Engineer Battalion, held a memorial service earlier this summer for three fellow guardsmen killed in an automobile accident on July 2, 1983. Ssgt. Gary E. Perkins, Sgt. John R. Utter and SFC Colin L. (Pete) Watson, all members of Company C, were killed returning from Annual Training at Camp Perry.

The service was conducted at the National Guard armory in Felicity. A stone monument was dedicated in memory of the men. Family members and friends attended, along with the members of Company C.

Speaking at the ceremony were Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Lynn Coriell; Battalion Chaplain, Capt. Kenneth Daft and Company Commander, Capt. Billy Woodall.
Female Uniform Requirements Listed

The Army Green Female Service Uniform was designed to provide the female a complete service uniform ensemble. This uniform replaces the Army Green Female Uniform (AG344), and the Mint Green Summer Warpknit (AG388) Female Uniform. Every Guardmember should be aware of those uniforms being phased out and the mandatory possession dates for the new Army Green Classic Female Uniform (AG344).

The following female uniform items may not be worn after September 30, 1986:

- Army Green Female Service Uniform (AG344). [See Chapter 16, AR 670-1 for a complete description.]
  (1) Coat, AG344
  (2) Skirt, AG344
- Army Mint Green Warpknit Summer Uniform (AG344). [Note: This Uniform was originally designed to be phased out as of September 30, 1985, but is now extended for wear until September 30, 1986. See Chapter 13, AR 670-1 for a complete description.]
  (1) Jacket, long sleeve AG388
  (2) Jacket, short sleeve AG388
  (3) Skirt, AG388
  (4) Dress, AG388 (Optional purchase only)
  (5) Jacket, Army Green Cardigan, AG388 (Optional purchase only)

The mandatory possession dates for the AG344 Army Green Classic Uniform items for the Active Army (AA), Army National Guard (ARNG) and Army Reserve (AR) [See Chapter 14, AR 670-1 for a complete description.]

The Female White Shirt which was worn with the Army Green Female Uniform and the Army Green Female Pantsuit is authorized for wear until September 30, 1985 at which time only the AG415 Long Sleeve or Short Sleeve Shirt may be worn with these uniforms. When those uniforms or the Army Green Classic Uniforms are worn by enlisted personnel as a dress uniform for semiformal or informal social occasions, or the dress uniform for the female officer and enlisted personnel, the female white shirt will be worn. The female white shirt will remain available at the AAFES Military Clothing Sales stores as an optional purchase item for this purpose.

The tunic worn with the Army Green Pantsuit uniform as an optional item may be worn until September 30, 1985.

837th Moves

BY CHUCK ARNOLD
837th Engineer Company

Ohio's Largest National Guard Engineer Company, the 837th, recently completed its transfer to Auglaize County. Formerly headquartered in Lima, the 837th Engineers moved "lock, stock and barrel" to a larger, more efficient armory in St. Marys.

The last truck's arrival at the newly renovated facilities marked the conclusion of the nine-month phased move aimed at more effective and functional Guard operations. Late last summer the company's Ada Detachment was closed and the move was begun. The unit's Spencerville Detachment remains open and operational.

The 837th Engineer Company has 255 members, making up three line platoons, a bridge-building platoon, armor section, heavy construction section, maintenance platoon and a headquarters and command section. It also includes 70 units of motorized equipment—much of which can be used for emergency community service.

In addition to the men and officers who serve one weekend each month and two weeks of annual summer training, the engineer company has seven full time technician staff members stationed at St. Marys. They are led by 27-year veteran, First Sergeant Leonard L. Pyles Jr., a native of Waynesfield. According to Pyles, "It is our aim and purpose not only to be good neighbors to the people of Auglaize County and surrounding communities, but to be of service however we can. Service is a tradition of the 837th and the Ohio Guard."

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CLOTHING ITEM | COMPONENTS | MEMBER REQUIRED | DATE REQUIRED
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Coat, AG344 | AA | 1 | 1 Oct 86
 | ARNG | 1 | 1 Oct 86
 | AR | 1 | 1 Oct 86
Slacks, AG344 | AA | 1 | 1 Oct 86
 | ARNG | 2 | 1st-1 Oct 86/2nd 1 Oct 87
 | AR | 1 | 1 Oct 86
Skirt, AG344 | AA | 1 | 1 Oct 86
 | ARNG | 1 | 1 Oct 86
 | AR | 1 | 1 Oct 85
Shirt, AG415 Long Sleeve | AA | 1 | 1 Oct 84
 | ARNG | 2 | 1st-1 Oct 84/2nd 1 Oct 85
 | AR | 1 | 1 Oct 85
Shirt, AG415 Short Sleeve | AA | 1 | 1 Oct 85
 | ARNG | 2 | 1 Oct 85
 | AR | 1 | 1 Oct 85

We Need Your Articles!

The BUCKEYE GUARD magazine attempts to give equitable consideration to all submittals, units and activities of both Army and Air National Guard, as well as other elements in the Adjutant General's Department. Space is allocated according to news value of submitted items; specific inches are not reserved on a continuing basis.

Periodically, readers of military publications are asked by survey: What do you like best and what do you like least about the publication? The answers received are very similar. Readers like reading about themselves, their unit and other units. They like least reading about other units and not their own.

One of the best ways to read about yourself and your unit is to ensure that you and your unit submit good articles and quality action-oriented photographs with complete captions. All submittals should be clearly marked: "For BUCKEYE GUARD." If we cannot use a submission we will return it with a letter of explanation and information to help improve future success. Published articles will be recognized by a certificate sent to the submitter through the unit commander.

We try to use all submittals, but we must reserve the right to edit as necessary. We also extract articles and "People" items from unit newsletters received; articles and photos in newsletters should contain credit lines. Letters to the editor are welcomed, but may be edited for length and clarity. Names will be withheld upon request, but anonymous letters will not be published. If we edit wrongly, we hear about it, but if we improve an article we seldom hear a complaint. Keep submitting and read about yourself and your unit.}

EDITOR
Tooth Fairy

At Fort Gordon, GA., we had a boyish-looking soldier in our outfit. He became almost like a son to the older men.

On Saturday morning as we were sitting around the barracks doing odd jobs, an announcement came over the intercom: “Snap inspection in five minutes.” We all jumped up, straightened our bunks and fell out on the company street. In his haste, the young trooper slid his recently pulled tooth under the pillow on his bunk.

The C.O. first inspected us in ranks and then went into the barracks while we waited outside. Afterwards we were dismissed and returned inside. The young soldier went over to his bunk to retrieve his tooth. He reached under the pillow and blushed with embarrassment. “Oh no!” he said, pulling out a shiny 50-cent piece.

GENE LARSON (Pardeeville, Wis.)

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