To All the Members of the
Ohio Army and Air National Guard
Christmas 1985

Christmas is the traditional time of the year when our thoughts turn to family, love, peace, and goodwill towards our friends and neighbors. It is also the time to end an old year and begin to plan and live a new year.

This past year has been a very busy year for each of us in the Ohio National Guard. Both the Army and the Air National Guard are at the highest level of mission readiness in their history, truly fulfilling their role as peacekeepers.

As we plan for a new year of National Guard activity, Christmas is a time for each of us to give thanks for all of the blessings of this great nation and to pray that the New Year will bring peace for all nations and all people of the world.

To each of you as Ohio National Guard members, thank you for your contributions to the Ohio National Guard and to world peace. And to each of you and your loved ones, a joyous holiday season, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Richard F. Celeste
Commander-in-Chief
Governor

Raymond R. Galloway
Major General
The Adjutant General

Thomas D. Schultz
Brig. Gen. (Ohio)
Asst. Adj. Gen. for Army

Robert E. Breston
Brig. Gen.
Asst. Adj. Gen. for Air
20-Year Tradition Continues

Guardmembers Bring Cheer

BY KEN WHITE
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Christmas, 1985. The season to be merry is upon us. With it comes many fond childhood memories. Christmas cookies and building a snowman. Singing carols and decorating the tree. It's a time for family unity, and giving, and waiting for Santa Claus. It's a time to rejoice, and a time to reflect. It's a time for giving.

Christmas is also a unique time for the Ohio Army and Air National Guard members. Friendships grow closer. Old friends are remembered and new friends are made. Christmas is a time when Guardmembers can bring happiness to others, without having to be activated during a state emergency. It's a time when Guardmembers can give the greatest gift of all, the gift of love.

Many guard units around the state mark the holiday with a special Christmas dinner during the December drill, in which family and friends are invited to share. Other units provide formal Christmas celebrations after hours during the drill weekend and some units have small informal gatherings at a unit member's home. Gifts are exchanged and carols are sung. A closeness, is shared.

This gift of love and giving for the community will be demonstrated again this year throughout the state.

This Christmas marks the 20th Annual Special Children's Christmas party at Beightler Armory, state headquarters for the Adjutant General's Department. There will be 160 students from the West Central Mental Retardation Center attending this year's Christmas party, all waiting for a personal visit by old St. Nick himself. The party on Dec. 20 will feature lots of clowns, Christmas carolers, music by the 122nd Army Band, cartoons, and lunch.

The children, accompanied by counselors from their school, are chaperoned by about 100 Guardmembers and Adjutant General's Department employees.

The biggest star of the party, at least from the children's point of view, is Santa Claus, who will arrive on a dog sled and present each child with a personalized Christmas gift.

Combined Army and Air Guard members and A.G. employees from Beightler Armory sponsor and organize the annual Christmas party for special children from the Columbus area. Expenses for the party come from donations by the A.G. employees and Guardmembers, and from raffle ticket sales.

This year's party also marks the 20th anniversary of the Gen. Robert S. Beightler Armory. This double celebration should prove to be a festive occasion. This is one example of how Ohio Army and Air National Guard people help the community they serve.
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Each Ohio National Guardmember who helped produce a successful and safe Annual Training in 1985 is to be commended. The individual and collective efforts exceeded established training standards. The high state of training preparedness, degree of mobilization readiness and the quality of people were recognized by evaluators using Army standards and rigorous evaluation procedures.

A key group of evaluators from the Fourth United States Army were impressed as noted in the following letter.

You, commissioned officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, guardmembers were all responsible for making the Ohio National Guard what it is today - a professional organization in a high degree of readiness.

I thank each of you, and your families and employers who support your involvement, for the professionalism and untiring dedication which you demonstrate in providing for our common defense. 1985 was an excellent year on which we can build an even better year in 1986.

Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway
Adjutant General of Ohio

Dear Governor Celeste:

Now that the annual summer training period for your Army National Guard units is over, I wanted to let you know how pleased I am with their performance. I personally observed their training and was very impressed with the leadership provided by General Galloway, your Adjutant General. The comments from numerous active Army evaluators support my own observations. Your commitment to excellence, for example, was clearly evident in our accreditation of the Ohio Officer Candidate School Academy. General Galloway's planning for tough, meaningful and realistic training exceeded the standard we set for this year. The citizen soldiers from Ohio clearly demonstrated their ability to perform under conditions that, as closely as possible, followed a war time scenario.

There is no doubt in my mind that the National Guard units in Ohio are preparing efficiently for their mobilization mission, should that day ever come. The training that you and General Galloway are providing your soldiers will save many lives if their units are ever called to combat. We pray to God that day will never come, however, you can take great satisfaction in realizing that the military leadership in your state and the Ohio soldiers are treating mobilization as a distinct possibility that must be taken seriously.

I must also mention that during the recent Fourth U.S. Army Five Year Training Plan Conference, General Galloway's people clearly demonstrated through their intense effort, the desire to develop meaningful, realistic training programs for your units. It is this type of forward planning that not only prepares our units for eventual mobilization in the long term, but also saves the taxpayer money in the near term by efficiently using the resources available to us.

I thank you for all the support that you and General Galloway have provided to the Fourth U.S. Army. Be assured that I am prepared to assist you or your Adjutant General as he continues his efforts in this vital mission of providing for the defense of our country.

Edward C. Peter
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Commander, Fourth U.S. Army

(Note: Fourth U.S. Army includes all active Army, U.S. Army Reserves, and Army National Guard units in Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.)
VIEWPOINTS

MILITARY RETIREMENT SECURE

In the past few months, there has been considerable speculation about potential changes to the Military Retirement System. The speculation, often well intentioned but ill-informed, has been based on criticism from both the public and private sectors about the perceived generosity of the system. The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I have steadfastly maintained that any recommendation for change must take account of — first, the unique, dangerous, and vital contribution to the safety of all of us that is made by our service men and women; and the effect on combat readiness of tampering with the retirement system. Concurrently, we must honor the absolute commitments that have been made to retirees and those currently serving. We remain committed to these principles.

Notwithstanding our opposition, the Congress in its recent action on the pending defense authorization bill, has mandated a reduction of $2.9 billion to the military retirement fund. At the same time, the Congress has directed the Department of Defense to submit options to make changes in the retirement system for futureentrants to achieve this mandated reduction. Nonetheless, we will continue to insist that whatever changes the Congress finally makes must not adversely affect the combat readiness of our forces, or violate our firm pledges.

I want to emphasize to you again, in the strongest terms, that the dedicated men and women now serving, and those who have retired before them, will be fully protected in any options we are required to submit to the Congress. Our proposals will affect future entrants only. You can be assured that our efforts on this issue will not falter.

CASPER W. WEINBERGER
Secretary of Defense

Liked Guard Training

Dear Editor:

Thank you, for the great time at Ohio National Guard training at Camp Grayling. I learned many new and interesting facts about the Ohio National Guard, that I will be able to pass on, as I come in contact with different people. I hope to be invited back soon; really enjoyed my time there.

JAMES F. YOUNG
Massillon, Ohio

‘The Grunt’

Every true-blooded American that has had any interest in the military has a concept of the word “infantryman,” or “grunt.” I have over 16 years in the Ohio Army National Guard, but have had the experience of spending time in that unique role and backbone of the Army for the last four years.

One has to become actively involved and volunteer his services to get the true appreciation of the infantryman and his “five W’s: Who, What, When, Where, and Why.” If that means digging fox holes, going on patrols, setting up platoon perimeters, ambushes, etc., then that is what will be done.

I was a welcomed FIST team forward observer with Charlie Company, 1/147th and Bravo Company, 1/147th, knowing that there was much fire support that I could provide them, and that they in return could provide support for me.

I was impressed with the discipline and professionalism that the 1/147th Infantry Company had, not just in the field, but with the 81mm mortar crews as well. The fire protection center also exemplified themselves when it came time to show their stuff.

The common soldier known just as a “Grunt,” should be proud of that name that has been given to him and should never allow himself to feel otherwise.

SSgt. C. FRED MASLYK
C Battery
1/136th Field Artillery

Miniature Medals Are Available

Ohio miniature medals are now available for purchase by members of the Ohio National Guard who are authorized the medals. Miniature medals are worn on the Army dress blue and dress mess and the Air Service dress uniforms.

The medals and price of each are: Ohio Faithful Service Medal ($6); Ohio Distinguished Service Medal ($5); and Ohio Commendation Medal ($4), plus applicable postage and handling costs.

For information on how to place orders for the miniature medals, contact your unit administrator, or CW2 Luaine Lindsey at state headquarters, telephone: (614) 889-7207.

AR 670-1 covers the proper wearing of miniature medals. AGO Reg 672-1 covers the wearing of state medals and the order of precedence for them.

There has been some confusion about the Ohio Faithful Service Medal. State CSM Bill Oxley notes that individuals are authorized the Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon after completing 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of satisfactory service in the Ohio Guard. The Ohio Faithful Service Medal is only authorized after 20 consecutive years of satisfactory service in the Ohio Guard.

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Within seconds, their civilian life ended. As they stepped off the bus at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base a drill sergeant in a Smokey Bear hat greeted the recruits. “All right you scum bags let’s MOVE IT . . . MOVE IT! I want three lines right here . . . you momma’s boys belong to the Army now.”

Some of the recruits smirked at the sergeant, yet quickly learned what “at ease” and “attention” mean. Although the sergeant noted that the recruits were a little soft, he knew all this would change after their training began, June 24.

In a program called “Pre-Basic Buddy Platoon Training,” the recruits learned how to do countless push-ups, drill and ceremony, and were processed for medical and personal matters.

Buddy Platoons were first tested in New Mexico and several other states in 1981. “In 1982, Ohio’s involvement in the program proved successful as recruits from around the state began training together,” said SFC John Hite of the full-time recruiting force. They are a chain, training as one. If one guy quits, each recruit takes it personally.

Hite, non-commissioned officer in charge of the program, has worked with the Buddy Platoon for four years. Cramming for basic training and keeping recruits together throughout their initial training is the concept of this program.

Recruiters have found that the Buddy Platoons have helped recruiting. “Knowing people from the same home town puts the recruits at ease,” Hite said.

The three Buckeye Buddy Platoons included members from the three infantry battalions and one cavalry squadron. The 37 recruits in this particular group headed for training at Fort Benning, Ga.

After returning from basic training and advanced individual training, they will go to separate units.

Included in the training were lessons in personal hygiene, first aid, and the Universal Code of Military Justice. In addition, the recruits were briefed about the mission of the National Guard on the federal, state and unit levels.

During the pre-basic training, the strongest and weakest recruits were often placed into team push-up groups. This method involved a recruit proficient in doing push-ups teaching others the correct way to do them. According to officials involved in the program, this procedure is a motivation factor for the recruits. Recruits not only receive support from one another, they also develop confidence in doing push-ups.

CHEWING OUT — Recruit James Wiggins from Chesterland, receives his first taste of military life as SSgt. Richard Knapp, OMA, chews him out because he was late for formation.

HURRY UP AND WAIT — Ohio Army National Guard recruits wait in line for room assignments at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. Through the Buddy Platoon Training Program the recruits train together throughout Basic and Advanced Individual Training.
Marathon Draws A Crowd

BY DONALD R. LUNDY
Managing Editor, Buckeye Guard Magazine

Phil Bronsdon makes his mark when he runs a marathon. In his first ever 26.2-mile race, the 22-year-old Bronsdon bested all comers to win the 1985 Ohio National Guard Marathon.

It was the first ever such event for the Guard and was held in conjunction with the sixth annual Port Clinton Marathon on Sunday, September 22.

A total of 189 Army and Air Guard runners entered the competition, including 14 full marathoners and 35 relay teams.

Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway, Ohio's Adjutant General, initiated the event as a way to emphasize physical fitness in the Ohio National Guard.

"I was very pleased with the Guard participation," Galloway said. "Everybody comes out a winner in something like this. The community won because the proceeds benefit a good cause, and our guardmembers because of the exercise. We're not paying lip service to physical fitness in Ohio anymore."

Galloway said he was particularly pleased with the relay teams, consisting of five runners each. "Not everyone can run a 26.2-mile race, but most of us can make five miles," he said. In the relays, the first four runners go five miles each and the last one, or the anchor, goes 6.2 miles.

Bronsdon, a second lieutenant with the Guard's 166th Infantry Battalion, finished the race in two hours, 52 minutes and 45.9 seconds to place first among 63 civilian and military marathoners.

Second-place finisher Don Gjurasin was officially timed in 2:57:10.9. Gjurasin took a wrong turn at the 24-mile mark and was off course for an undetermined amount of time. During the race Bronsdon had no idea of his competitor's misfortune. "It's too bad," he said. "It takes an awful lot of work to prepare for a marathon."

The Guard participated in cooperation with the Port Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce and McDonald's restaurants. Proceeds benefitted the Ronald McDonald House of Northwestern Ohio. Guard members helped raise more than half the $3,690 collected for the Toledo facility which is operated by Home Away from Home, Inc., a local non-profit corporation made up of individuals concerned with the needs of seriously ill children.

Galloway was scheduled to run as a member of a Guard relay team, but could not due to an injury suffered in a boating

(Marathon Winner — 2nd Lt. Phillip Bronsdon of Company A, 1/166th Infantry Battalion proudly displays his winning trophy and plaque after finishing first overall in the Ohio National Guard Marathon. The 26.2-mile run, which Bronsdon finished in a time of 2 hours, 52 minutes and 45 seconds, was held in conjunction with the sixth annual Port Clinton Marathon on Sunday, September 22, 1985. (Photo By Sgt. Ken White)

SSgt. Lindsey Whitehead Anchors Winning 180th TFG Relay Team)

(Continued)
accident at Lake Erie two weeks before the race. He suffered a broken tailbone when rough water caused the boat to shift quickly.

Galloway served as official starter for the race, along with Port Clinton Mayor John Fritz, and read a proclamation prior to the start making Sunday, September 22, 1985, "Physical Fitness Day in Ohio."

Galloway said he is looking forward to next year's event, and that he would like to see every company-sized unit in the Ohio National Guard send a relay team to the race.

The relays were made a much larger part of the marathon event as a result of Guard participation.

There were 53 civilian and military relay teams this year. Last year, there were only seven.

A civilian team, the “Guard Busters,” made up of five runners from the University of Toledo cross country team, posted a time of two hours, 30 minutes and 55.3 seconds to easily win the event.

The team finished five minutes ahead of its nearest competition.

The winning overall National Guard Relay team was from the 180th Tactical Fighter Group with a time of 2:50:46.1. Second in the Guard competition was the 179th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron with a time of 2:52:37.6.

Capt. Gloria Bishop served as race coordinator for the National Guard, with assistance from 1st Lt. Mike Palumbo.

“We had tremendous cooperation, and I sincerely thank all the guardmembers, their families and friends who helped with the event,” Bishop said.

Activities in addition to the racing included a spaghetti dinner for participants at Camp Perry on Saturday night before the race, and an awards presentation ceremony at the Camp Perry post theater on Sunday afternoon.

The 112th Army Band entertained in front of the theater before the awards ceremony, and a party was held on the beach at Camp Perry afterwards.

Plans are already being made for next year's event which is scheduled for September 21, 1986.

Anyone with suggestions on ways to improve the event is invited to write to the Adjutant General's Department, 2825 W. Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085-2712, Attention: either Capt. Gloria Bishop, AGOH-CS-SA, or 1st Lt. Mike Palumbo, AGOH-PA.

Bishop noted that through the efforts of the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron of the Air National Guard, the race course was measured and has been certified by as a qualified for the Boston Marathon. It also is a qualifier for the annual National Guard Marathon held in Lincoln, Nebraska in May.

**CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER —** Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway (left), Ohio's Adjutant General, offers congratulations to Col. Richard Alexander (right) during the awards ceremony held following the first Ohio National Guard Marathon on September 22, 1985. The awards ceremony was held at the Camp Perry Post Theater. Col. Alexander and Col. Robert Green (center) were members of the “Ancient Age” team which placed first in the 200 and over age category for relay teams. Other team members were Col. James Sangster, Col. Richard Lawson, and 1st Lt. Michael Palumbo. Maj. Gen. Galloway was scheduled to run as a member of that relay team, but could not participate due to an injury suffered in a Lake Erie boating mishap. (Photo By Sg t. Ken White)

**Relay Races Spirited**

**BY DONALD R. LUNDY**
Managing Editor, Buckeye Guard Magazine

More than 400 runners converged on Port Clinton on Sunday, September 22, 1985, to compete in marathon racing. Race day was a runner's delight for the novice, but to the experienced runner it was a little too warm.

Sunny skies and temperatures in the high 70s greeted the 400-plus runners entered in the Port Clinton and Ohio National Guard Marathon.

"It was pretty warm, but I had some water at the end... That was good," said Maj. Kermit Deem, a 34-year-old veteran Guard marathoner. Deem finished in a time of 4:10:23.9, some 33 minutes better than any of his previous marathons.

The relay races created the most excitement throughout the day as teammates cheered their fellow runners at various exchange points along the route.

Relay teams are made up of five members. Teams can be all male, all female, or co-ed. The teams are further broken down by age, using the combined age of the team members: under 100, 101-150, 151-200, and over 200.

The winning National Guard relay team was from the 180th Tactical Fighter Group with a time of 2:50:46.1.

First place in the male overall relay went to the 179th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron from Mansfield, with a time of 2:52:37.6. Second place went to the 180th Civil Engineering Squadron from Toledo with a time of 2:55:05. TC & The Cats placed third in the male overall relay category at 3:02:33.

In the female overall relay event, first place went to the 180th Tactical Fighter Group of Toledo with a time of 3:54:50. Placing second were the "Ramboettes" of HQ STARC with a time of 4:16:53. The HQ STARC Streakers finished third in the female overall relay category at 5:00:55.

The co-ed overall relay was won by the 237th Support Battalion Roadrunners with a time of 3:24:27. The 112th Medical Brigade Wonders placed second at 3:38:24, followed by the 684th Medical Company team at 3:40:18.

In the Age Division Relay (Male), first place in the 100-150 category went to the 180th Civil Engineering Squadron with a time of 2:55:05. Second place in that category went to TC & The Cats at 3:02:33, and the 179th Civil Engineering Squadron placed third at 3:05:22.

The 151-200 category was won by the 180th Tactical Fighter Group NCO Sprinters with a time of 3:06:15. The Safety Ed All-Stars placed second at 3:37:10, and The Engineers were third at 3:37:48.

In the 200 and over age category, the "Ancient Age" team from state headquarters placed first with a time of 3:33:23. Camp Perry was second at 3:45:38, and the "Aging" team was third at 3:48:28.
MARATHON READY — Sgt. David Thompson, Service Battery, 136th Field Artillery, does last minute preparations on marathon race day. His relay team finished with a time of 3 hours, 37 minutes and 46.2 seconds.

(Photo By SSgt. Ken White)

MARATHON EFFORT — Debbie Poling, a 25-year-old cerebral palsy victim from Toledo, put in a marathon effort in the sixth annual Port Clinton Marathon, completing five miles of the 26.2-mile course around Catawba Island. Her escorts were Sgt. Darrel Adkins (left), of the 136th Field Artillery, and Col. Richard Alexander, Chief of Staff at state headquarters.

(Photograph courtesy of Sandusky Register, Natalie Parsons)

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE CLUB

The following individuals are participating in the "Run for Your Life" program and have received the certificates indicated.

160th Claims ‘Air Tattoo’ Title

**Brothers Three**

Family Day festivities at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base brought together the Barnhart brothers, John, Pete and Jim, all officers in the U.S. Air Force. Nothing spectacular, except that is just the beginning.

The three brothers are graduates of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. All were commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps and they were all Distinguished Graduates. Each received a regular commission. Each holds a masters degree and each is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College as well as the Air War College.

Today, John, the eldest, is a colonel and director of resources, Headquarters, Ohio Air National Guard. Pete, a lieutenant colonel, is commander of the 121st Combat Support Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard. Jim, a major and the youngest, is an F-15 Eagle pilot and Tactical Air Command systems officer at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He will report to the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, Kadena AB, Japan later this year.

John is Senior Vice President and chief financial officer of American Health Holding Corporation in Columbus. Pete is Vice President and Division Manager, Banc Ohio National Bank in Columbus.

**160TH ROYALLY GREETED —** His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan meets the winning crew. The King also brought his Commander-In-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces, Gen. Zeid Bin Shaker, to meet the Ohio contingent. (Photo by Tsgt. Steve Wilson)

**BY WILLIAM R. BOWER**

160th Air Refueling Group

The doubters can now be quieted. The bragger and the complainers need not apply. The comparisons have been made and the judges have spoken. The 160th ARG has the plane of planes and the trophy to prove it. The prize is known as the “Concours D’ Elegance.”

The contest, called “International Air Tattoo,” was held in RAF, Fairford, England July 10-14, bringing with it the best airplanes and crews from more than 33 countries.

Sky Tanker ’85 was the main theme, with KC-135 aircrafts entering the competition from both the Reserve and Active forces. It was obvious from the start that ANG KCs would be the top competitors. The 160th, with tail number 56-3611, was the second KC-135 to arrive at RAF, Fairford, but the first to be parked for viewing. All other 135s lined up using ‘611 as their guide.

As events unfolded throughout the five-day event, it was clear that International Air Tattoo ’85 (IAT ’85) was highly organized, with more than 3,000 volunteers to ensure that all went well. Headed by Air Chief Marshall Sir Alasdair Steedman, IAT ’85 provided activities that kept all participants busy from day to night.

Friday was the day of reckoning. Judges began their review in the morning, with winners selected and announced the same day. Tsgt. Foley was more than ready to compete. Not only was ‘611 looking good, but the crew chief loaded up some special effects. SKY TANKER ’85 was boldly printed on the tail stand. A British favorite, the “Refueling Drogue” was attached to the tail of the aircraft. Static displays, including British and American flags, and a model KC-135 interior were assembled in front of the aircraft. Tsgt. Foley did not miss a thing. He knew he couldn’t afford to. Pittsburgh ANG won Air Tattoo in 1983, and they were back again, expecting another win.

There were 12 awards given, all which led to the highest award, the Concours D’ Elegance. The winners . . . Lt. Col. Donald W. Easley and his crew of the 160th ARG. Formal atmosphere gave way to cheers of victory. The full-length, mounted sword was presented by Howard Phelps, Director of Operations, British Airways. Valued at $3,500, the trophy respectfully and fully represents the efforts of all involved in IAT ’85.

The weekend ended with an airshow, another presentation, and a farewell dinner. Upon return to Rickenbacker ANGB in Columbus, the 160th was greeted by prominent Central Ohio business leaders and sportsman, John Galbreath, retired General Edward Power, past 160th commander; and Brig. Gen. Karl K. Kramer, commander of the co-located 121st TFW. Easley received a personal letter of thanks and congratulations from Ohio Governor Richard Celeste.

What’s in store for the 160th Air Refueling Group? International Air Tattoo ’87, of course.

**AIR FAMILY TRIO —** Col. John H. Barnhart (left), Ohio Air National Guard; Maj. James Barnhart, USAF; and Lt. Col. Peter W. C. Barnhart (right), Ohio Air National Guard, have lots in common besides being brothers. (Photo By Tsgt. Terry Mehler)
SAFETY EMPHASIS — CMSgt. James Wood (left), NCOIC of Life Support for the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, briefs Gen. Robert D. Russ, commander of the Tactical Air Command, on the safety procedures related to the cockpit of the A-7D Corsair II attack aircraft. (Photo By Ssgt. Teresa Kinter.)

TAC Commander At 178th

BY THOMAS E. BAINES
178th Tactical Fighter Group

Gen. Robert D. Russ, commander of Tactical Air Command (TAC), visited the 178th Tactical Fighter Group on Aug. 30. The four-star general was the first TAC commander to ever visit Springfield. This was his third visit to an Air National Guard Base since he assumed command of TAC in May 1985.

TAC is the gaining command for 46,000 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel, if they are mobilized for Federal active duty. TAC includes more than 114,000 military and civilian personnel, stationed at 18 locations in the U.S., Panama, Okinawa and Iceland.


Col. Richard E. Higgins, 178th commander, briefed the general on the mission readiness of the unit. Gen. Russ noted that he was well aware of the excellent reputation of the 178th. He recalled that in 1978 the unit's "Ready Team" conversion from F-1000 Super Sabres to the A-7D Corsair IIs was accomplished in less than half the time authorized.

During a visit to Howard AFB, Panama, a few days earlier, Gen. Russ said he heard many compliments about the 178th. The Springfield unit has made nine deployments to Panama — more than any other Air National Guard unit.

Bowman Gets Red Cross Merit Award

BY DAVE TAYLOR
178th Tactical Fighter Group

SSgt. Bob Bowman, Base Photo Lab, 178th Combat Support Squadron has been awarded the American Red Cross Certificate of Merit for saving the life of a cardiac arrest victim.

Bowman was a member of the Enon Mad River Township Rescue Squad. On April 25, 1984, he administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a 47-year-old female victim of cardiac arrest and was able to save her life.

The award, signed by President Reagan, is the highest honor given by the American Red Cross. It is given to a person who saves or sustains a life by using skills and knowledge learned in a volunteer training program offered by the Red Cross.

"I'm just happy she's alive," Bowman said.

Bowman is employed full time at WTTIC, TV-26, in Springfield where he is stage manager and stage photographer. TV-26 Station Manager, Marvin Sparks, told Bowman that "God pulled two Christians together in a time of need." Bowman is very grateful he had that opportunity.

Pilot Remembered

A memorial service for Capt. Michael E. Moynahan of Enon was conducted Friday, Sept. 13, 1985 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Capt. Moynahan, 28, was killed Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Indiantown Gap, Pa., when the A-7D Corsair II attack aircraft he was flying crashed on an air-to-surface training mission.

Capt. Moynahan was attached to the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, Springfield.

His active duty Air Force unit of assignment was the 2750th Air Base Wing, 363rd Combat Support Group, Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Capt. Moynahan is survived by his wife, Marion, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Moynahan of Ukiah, Calif.

BOWMAN AT WORK — SSgt. Bob Bowman, 178th Tactical Fighter Group media specialist, video tapes civil engineering training at Caesar's Creek State Park. (Photo By MSgt. Ron Raso)
BY STU SEARS
196th Public Affairs Detachment

The first weekend of the month, I shine along with my boots. That's when I put on the uniform and glow with pride in serving in the Ohio National Guard.

Having served half a world away during the Vietnam War, it's good to know that I can now serve my community. Drill days bring the team together, sharpening old skills and learning new ones. We meld together as a team to accomplish our mission. On Sunday, closing formation rolls around before we know it. By that time, I'm ready to return home and get back to my regular job.

Those Sunday homecomings have always been special. I make sure I am well armed with detailed accounts and descriptions of what I did, in anticipation of the forthcoming interrogation that my young son will put me through. His advance party, the family blog, greets me at the curb and the barefoot interrogator himself is on me before I make the front door.

With a quick bribe of a stick of gum, I convince him that Dad could better field the rapid strings of questions he fires at me after I'm sitting in my easy chair in the den, with my boots off. "After all son, these boots need a rest, too," I explain.

In the den, I slide out of my boots and into my easy chair. The interrogator, now seated on my knee, begins. "Daddy, why are your boots so big?"

In their simplicity, children ask some tough questions, and I have to think about it for a minute, I could tell him it's because I have big feet, but I know his question deserves more than that.

"Well, son, these boots are so big because they have a big job to do," I begin.

"Boots have been a part of the uniform as long as the National Guard has been around.

"It all started in Marietta, Ohio, back in July of 1788," I continue. He suddenly lights up and says, "We've been to Marietta, Dad. That's where we saw the riverboat Becky Thatcher."

"That's right, son, and that's where the Ohio National Guard was born. Back then, we were called the Militia, and our job was to protect the Northwest Territory from the Indians and the British."

"In the early 1800s, we defended the American fort at Detroit. We defeated the British and the Indians again at the Battle of Fallen Timbers, and by the mid-1800s, furnished more than 8,000 men for the war with Mexico.

"Those were brave men, son, General Hammer told the governor of Ohio that he was sure the governor would have been proud of them. They walked into the most galling and murderous crossfire the enemy could throw at them with the coolness of regular soldiers, and not one of them flinched."

"Not long after that, the Civil War broke out. And in 1861, President Lincoln asked Ohio for 13,000 troops. We responded with 30,000. Two of those early volunteers, James Garfield and Rutherford B. Hayes, later became president."

"We fought down in Virginia, capturing the first Rebel cannon and the first Rebel stronghold of the Civil War. More than 350,000 Ohio men served in the Civil War in places like Gettysburg, Chattanooga, Fredericksburg and many others."

"On March 31, 1864, the new Militia was given the name, the National Guard of Ohio."

"Back in 1898, Ohio was asked to get soldiers for the Spanish American War. We got 15,000 men together and marched off to war again."

"Later, in 1916, the majority of Ohio's National Guard units were ordered into service in Mexico. And, it wasn't long after we got home from Mexico, that the United States declared war on Germany, and we shipped out to fight in World War I. Back then, Ohio was the fourth largest state, and we made the fourth largest contribution of men, about 225,000. A lot of those men were members of our famous 37th Buckeye Division."
A puzzled look came across the interrogator’s face and he asked, “Where did all those men go, Dad?”

“Well, son, the 37th Buckeye Division served bravely in places like Montfaucon, the Meuse-Argonne Drive, the Saint Mihiel sector and Belgium. The Buckeyes were so good that the German General Staff rated them among the five best American divisions.

The other Ohio National Guard unit in the war was the 166th Infantry Regiment of the famous Rainbow Division. They served in defense of Campayne and the Quercy River, and the offensives of Saint Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Sedan.

“After the war, our Ohio Guard units came home to frequent calls for help during disasters.”

“What kind of disasters, Dad?”

“Natural disasters, son, like floods and tornadoes. The worst was the great tornado of 1924. It struck the Lorain and Sandusky areas up in northern Ohio. Down south, along the Ohio River Valley, the Guard was out fighting the floods that hit nearly every year.

“In 1939, World War II was underway in Europe. By the summer of 1940, America was calling up troops. The Ohio National Guard sent 9,000 men to Camp Shelby, Miss., for training and, in 1941, the famous 37th Division had more than 10,000 Ohioans ready to join the fight.

“Ohioans served bravely again during World War II, just as they always had. In fact, seven of 17 Medals of Honor awarded to Guard members during the war, went to members of the 37th Division.

“At the close of the war, the Guard was brought home and reorganized. For the first time, we had a separate Air National Guard.

“In the early 1950s, fighting broke out in Korea. And, in 1952, the 37th Division was called into federal service again to organize training at Camp Polk, La.

“In 1959, we were reorganized into five battle groups. At that time, our anti-aircraft artillery battalions were redesignated as missile battalions and, in 1961, they took charge of the missile sites around Cleveland.

“That same year, President Kennedy called for a reserve strength build-up to prevent, not fight, a war. It was called ‘The Berlin Build-Up,’ and was considered the best mobilization in the current history of the National Guard.

“Later, in the 60s, the United States became more active in South Vietnam. And in 1968, 14,000 reservists were called up. They included the Ohio Guard’s 121st Tactical Fighter Group. They served on active duty for a year and a half at Lockbourne Air Force Base. Lockbourne is now Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.”

The interrogator beamed and added, “That’s where we went to see the air show, Dad.”

“Right, son and, during the late 60s and early 70s, these boots got scuffed up pretty badly. It was a time of unrest, and many people were angry about the United States being in Vietnam. There were campus riots that caused the Guard to be called out 13 times in 12 months.

“It looked like these boots were going to lose a lot of their shine. But, during the years that followed, the Guard helped many communities with projects that helped the local people, and the shine started to come back.

“As always, son, the Guard was there to help out during the natural disasters, like the tornado that hit Xenia in 1974. And, in 1978, Ohio was virtually brought to its knees by a severe blizzard. More than 5,000 Guard members helped to get the state back on its feet.

“The winters of 1984 and 1985 were hard on us, too, and we were back out helping again.

“Then, last May, a tornado hit Niles and Newton Falls. Again, we were out helping our neighbors get their lives back together.

“So, you see, son, these boots have got to stand tall. Their job of helping and protecting the people of Ohio and the nation is a big job. We have to keep that shine on these boots by being always ready to step in and help anytime and anywhere we can. We also have to keep that shine to carry on the proud tradition of those who served before us.

“But you know, son, the most important reason to keep these boots looking good is our respect for those who died with their boots on. They gave everything that we might have a better life, and we must never forget them.

“Well, son, you’d better go and get the polish, so we can get these boots ready, just in case we have to go again.”
Annual Reunion Held Sept. 7-8

Retirees Return To Camp Perry

A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

STATE NBC OFFICER IS SERIOUS.

SIEMER & LADD AT IT AGAIN.

SCRAPBOOK BRINGS MEMORIES.

(Photos by MSgt. Bob Barker)
Camp Perry, located near Port Clinton, is fast becoming an ultra-modern training facility. Many changes to the post have occurred over the past two years in an attempt to make Perry both an effective and comfortable place for Ohio National Guard members to train.

"When I first came here in 1948 there were small tar-paper huts and mess halls that cooked on wood-burning stoves," said CWO 3 James E. Eriksen, Det. 1, Troop Command. "It wasn't a very pleasant experience to come to Camp Perry for Annual Training or Range-Fire. After spending a long day on the ranges pulling targets, the huts weren't anything to go back to. There just wasn't anything to attract people."

Today, when guardmembers come to Perry for training there is a variety of facilities to make their stay more comfortable. There is a Post Exchange, a barber shop, a snack bar, a video game room, a laundromat, a consolidated dining facility, and four modern 200-person barracks.

Another change to Perry is some modular housing units that were completed this past spring. "There are 160 rooms completed sleeping two to a room," said CWO 4 William J. Wilson, National Match Coordinator. "The State of Ohio built the modulars and the matching shower units. For two months of the year they are leased out to the National Matches, but for the other 10 months they are used to house students of various schools being conducted at Camp Perry."

In the past year, 21 schools have been conducted at Camp Perry. The list includes such schools as Food Service, Wheel Vehicle, Winter Survival, Petroleum Operator, and several others.

Another side to Camp Perry is known as "Squaw Valley". Guardmembers and their dependents can rent a hotel or motel room, cottage, or an RV hook-up with rates ranging from $4 for a recreational vehicle space to $25 for a cottage that sleeps up to five people.

These rooms are available for next year, but reservations should be made before January 31. According to Eriksen, guardmember requests are always filled first. These facilities are also available for use by the public.

For those guardmembers who don't know when they will be training at Camp Perry, ask your unit training NCO. Next year's range fire schedules have already been established.

At Squaw Valley, there is a variety of recreational facilities available to include volleyball, shuffleboard, tennis, and a Lake Erie beach area.

Training sites at Camp Perry include the world's largest rifle range, two grenade launcher ranges, a shotgun range, 10 machine gun lanes, a confidence course, and a field medical litter course. Also, there is an excellent field sanitation display that anyone who spends any time in the field should see. Here you can view examples on how to build different types of field showers, toilets, bathing troughs, and other temporary field structures.

"This is the end of the first five-year plan," said CWO 4 Dennis E. St. Clair, facilities manager for Camp Perry. "The second five-year plan will be even more impressive and effective. We are dedicated to improving the human quality of life and training here at Camp Perry."
State government assistance to local communities works in a number of ways, but perhaps no way works as quickly as when the Governor declares a state of emergency.

On Thursday, Sept. 12, 1985, the community of Greenfield in Highland County issued a plea for assistance. The community water supply had nearly run dry.

The Office of Governor Richard F. Celeste immediately notified Ohio Adjutant General Raymond R. Galloway that the Governor had declared a state of emergency in the community.

Under Major General Galloway's direction, the Ohio Disaster Services Agency quickly responded to help the community. The Ohio DSA coordinated with the Ohio National Guard's Military Support Section to see that 6,000 feet of pipe, fittings and pumps were transported to Greenfield from Camp Perry by noon the next day.

Eleven guardmembers from the 1486th Transportation Company used five vehicles to get the material to the city of 5,000. Thanks to the coordination efforts of the Ohio DSA, the National Guard, Greenfield officials and two critically affected businesses, 50 volunteer workers were ready to go to work when the needed material arrived.

More than a mile of emergency pipeline was installed from Mill Dam to Hoover Universal's Greenfield plant. This alleviated a large part of the drain on the community's dwindling water supply, since it allowed industrial use of the nearby water source.

**WOEC A Must For WO Hopefuls**

**BY BRIAN ARMENTROUT**

Due to Interim Change to National Guard Regulation 600-101 effective Oct. 1, 1985, future warrant officer applicants must be a graduate of the Warrant Officer Entry Course (WOEC), and also be certified in the warrant officer military occupational specialty (MOS) they are seeking. These must be completed prior to application for appointment.

Previously, correspondence courses alone were an accepted way to obtain an appointment to warrant officer. The Reserve Component Warrant Officer Entry Course (RC-WOEC) consists of:

- A nonresident preparation phase of approximately 158 credit hours. (This will be required of all candidates.)
- Certification.

Each control branch, such as administration, supply and maintenance, will run its own certification program to qualify warrant officers in that particular specialty.

Commissioned officers and warrant officers requesting reappointment will not have to complete the above requirements.

Another addition to the regulation requires all warrant officers to earn an associate degree by their 15th year of warrant officer service. Before Oct. 1985, only physicians' assistants and warrant officer criminal investigators were required to have an associate degree.

Point of contact for questions about the new warrant officer requirements is AGOH-PA-MP-O, CWO 4 Richard Cline, telephone, commercial (614) 889-7042, Autovon 3467042.

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Guardmembers Richly Blessed

It is significant that the national holiday of Thanksgiving is succeeded by the great religious holidays in December.

While not all Americans share the religious convictions that go with Christmas and Hanukkah, almost all of us can feel thankful for family, friends, and food, shared in a nation that allows us a wide choice of religious belief and practices.

As we gather around our overloaded tables during these holidays, we can offer our prayers of thanks to God for all these benefits and include in our sharing those who are not so richly blessed.

May God continue to bless you and yours and may you continue to thank HIM.
State IG Has Tips For Leaders

BY THEODORE STULTZ
HQ STARC (Det 1) OHARNG

I have now been in this assignment for a little over a year, and would like to share with you some of my observations, which I hope will be beneficial to all our Guard personnel, from the newest recruit to leaders at all levels.

We in the National Guard are fortunate to have more avenues of redress for injustices, than many civilians. Through the Inspector General channels, Judge Advocate, Equal Opportunity, Chaplain network in each command, and the various appeal boards dealing with promotions, commissions, retention, etc., the Guard provides a variety of solutions to assure that rights are not violated.

Unfortunately, in many of our requests for assistance we are asked to deal with situations where an individual perceives to have been treated "unfairly." It is unfortunate that fairness cannot be reduced to black and white by regulation or proclamation. For fairness is a perception that clouds issues and makes decisions more difficult. An example of this is occurring in many units of the Ohio National Guard, with the advent of the AGR Program. It is believed by many as unfair that key positions now being filled by AGR personnel are stifling the upward mobility of IDT soldiers. On the other hand it is fair that National Guard units take advantage of every policy that is established to improve the capabilities and combat readiness of the units. In fact it is a duty of all commanders to see that this occurs.

In any transitional time, such as this, there will always be individuals who are adversely affected by such a decision. It is no different than what occurs in the civilian world when a corporation decides to close down an operation, change locations, or sell out to another company which will bring its own employees to fill key positions. Life is full of hard knocks that require us to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and continue the march.

Leaders Challenged

It is during this time that leaders at all levels should be aware of how these structural changes will affect the morale, operations and retention within the unit. It is indeed unfortunate when an IDT soldier who has worked hard for a promotion and may have waited patiently for a vacancy, finds the way now blocked by insertion of Active Guard Reserve (AGR) personnel into the system. It is at this time that a leader's real ability shows. This is when the leader must be prepared to become counselor, advisor and confidant to the now possibly disheartened soldier.

It is not enough to just say, "Sorry, I can't do anything about it." (Although maybe you can.) This is the time when you go out of your way to help confirm the individual's worth to the unit; to help in trying to find another slot for the individual, even if it is outside your unit and is ultimately a loss to you of an exceptional Guardmember. I have always found that assisting qualified personnel to greater heights, even though I lose their services, has, in the long run, meant overall gain, for our paths are sure to cross again.

Although promotion and pay increase are probably of prime importance to the individual who finds his or her way blocked, I still believe that the pride of our people's desire is to feel needed, appreciated, and to be part of "the family." The use of special assignments and special recognition will go a long way in making sure these individuals understand their value and worth to the leaders and to the unit.

Performance Is Key

Along with the necessity to recognize achievements, it is a responsibility and duty of leaders to counsel personnel in their unit when their performance is unsatisfactory or sub-standard. Do not allow the new AGR requirements to be an "excuse" for not promoting someone when in reality it has been their performance that is unacceptable. Every individual has the right to know what is expected of them and what they need to do to meet your standards. The problem with not demanding top performance from subordinates and then approving their promotion and advancement, is that somewhere along the way, a new leader may discover their performance to be totally unacceptable and suddenly the person (who was under the impression that he or she was doing just fine) is removed, replaced, reduced or barred from re-enlistment. The fairness doctrine is really strained in this case. It is unfair to the individual to be removed from the position if they really were under the impression that they were doing an acceptable job. It is equally unfair to the rest of the personnel in the unit to retain an unqualified or non-performing member in that position. When all is said and done, the betterment of the unit takes precedence.

Guidelines Provided

Leaders can preclude many problems in Guard units by following certain common sense guidelines:

1. Be "tight" with promises. Do not make promises you can not keep. Be honest with your personnel even if it means you may lose them.

2. Follow up on problems - if your people have problems; pay, medical, or otherwise, make sure you follow up and see that the problems are corrected. Too many times I hear the individual was told, "I can't do anything, see the IG." When it gets to the IG, it is all going to come back to the leader anyway, so why not follow up on it the first time?

3. Place the correct people in the correct positions. We all know that friendships flourish in the Guard because of the cohort nature of the system. It is still a commander's prerogative to place his NCO, or staff. There is nothing wrong with having people with which you have worked long and well in key positions. I know that if I have three equally qualified applicants for a position, one of which I have worked satisfactorily with on several occasions, I am going to go with the person with which I have built an association of trust. The key here is to be honest with yourself, you subordinates and superiors by making sure that your "friend" is truly the person for the job. In a unit where a leader is noted as being fair with his subordinates this will be accepted. If your "friend" is not the best person for the job, then be honest, and tell him or her that you must pick a more qualified individual. This is one of the hard decisions of command that must be made.

High Standards Expected

4. Conduct yourself by the highest standards and expect none less from your subordinates. A leader that does this can never be faulted for having a "double standard" and will certainly be respected by his or her troops.

5. Keep your people informed. Historically, the American Soldier has performed well when he knows the reasons for his actions. This also becomes important when a selection of an individual for promotion or retention is made. In cases where many people are competing for one position, the personnel not selected are left with a feeling of frustration, inadequacy and loss of worth. These people must recognize that not everyone that is qualified and capable can rise to the top positions. They must be made aware that within the selection process a great deal of subjective judgement comes into play. It may be a good point for you to counsel these people as to what they need to do to be better prepared for the next available vacancy. This should include praising their strong points as well as critiquing their weaknesses. In any case, an honest appraisal and evaluation is a necessity. This is no time to make excuses or pull punches. In most instances your troops will give you their all, knowing that you will treat them fairly.

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BY NEAL POWERS

Company A, 112th Engineer Battalion

Selflessness is a many splendored trait. In a world that seemingly revolves on an axis of self gratification, it is refreshing to find an outstanding example of a team player.

Company A, 112th Engineer Battalion in Wooster, Ohio had the benefit of example by 1st Sgt. Edward J. Fox from the company's inception to August of this year when he retired after 37 years of service.

A 1944 draft volunteer, Fox served 27 months in the Navy as a fireman on a light cruiser. After the Navy Fox joined with Company H, 145th Infantry of the Ohio National Guard in Shreve, Ohio.

During the Korean Conflict, Fox's unit was prepared for war, but was not needed. The unit split its manpower into two locations in 1954, and Fox made Wooster his Ohio National Guard "home" for the next 30 years.

During that period he saw 12 changes of command and he nurtured the unit through five reorganizations.

When Fox joined the Guard in 1949, its main emphasis was preparedness for war. Although Fox entered no war zone, his high standards of leadership never relaxed.

BY RUSS TORBET

837th Engineer Company

A rousing performance by the Ohio National Guard's 122nd Army Band capped three days of displays, and demonstrations by the 837th Engineer Company in the annual St. Mary's Summerfest, August 16, 17 and 18.

In addition to seeing the band concert, St. Mary's area residents saw demonstrations of the Armored Vehicle Launch Bridge (AVLB), combat engineer vehicle, and other engineer equipment.

Six units of heavy equipment, including the engineer company's newly acquired ribbon bridge, were featured in a parade on Saturday, August 17.

National Guard recruiters were on hand to distribute literature and answer questions.

According to 1st Sgt. Leonard Pyles Jr., the 837th has vowed to be a "good neighbor" to the people of St. Mary's and vicinity. The Summerfest gave the engineers a chance to put their good neighbor policy to work for the community.


(Photo by Sgt. Neal Powers)

BY DAVE SWAEL

HQ STARC

Most golfers will agree that golf is a game of ups and downs. The Third Annual Adjutant General's Golf Tournament held Sept. 9 at the Lyons Den Golf Course near Canal Fulton was no exception.

"We had a great response this year with 78 golfers participating," said 55th Bruce A. Bevete, tournament director and a member of the 1416th Transportation Company, Detachment 1, at the Guard's Akron-Canton flight facility.

Sgt. Earnest Johnson Jr., Company B, 112th Engineer Battalion, Stow, fired a 68 to claim both the low gross and low net trophies.


Since Green had more birdies than Ault the tournament committee, comprised of members of Army Aviation Support Facility #1, decided that Green should receive the second-place trophy.

Sp5 William D. Axtine of Detachment 1, HHT 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, carded a 70 to take the second-place net trophy. Ohio's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway, finished with a net of 71 to take third place. Lieutenant Al Faber won a $700 set of golf clubs in a drawing after the tourney.
SLRP Benefits Guard Students

BY GARY MELICK
HQ STARC (Oct. 1)

On Oct. 1, 1980 the Department of Defense implemented the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) for eligible members of the Selective Reserve (Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve).


These loans include Guaranteed Student Loans (GSL), Federally Insured Student Loans (FISL), PLUS/ALAS Loans, and National Direct Student Loans (NDSL).

Due to the federal budget, the SLRP was suspended on Sept. 30, 1981 and not reimplemented until Oct. 1, 1982. The eligibility criteria, repayment entitlements, suspension/termination/recoupment reasons have not changed since Oct. 1, 1982.

The Student Loan Repayment Program may be combined with any other Federal Incentive Program. However, when combined, the eligibility criteria for both programs must be met. Selection of this program must be made at the time of enlistment or extension and is eligible to service members without regard to the number of years of service.

The following eligibility criteria must be met by the service member at the time of enlistment/extension:

a. Current active members must extend for a minimum of three years, in either an eligible critical skill Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) or a bonus eligible unit.

b. Non-current active members must enlist/reenlist for six to eight years in either a critical skill MOS or a bonus eligible unit.

c. Member must be classified in Mental Category I, II or IIIA (Armed Forces Qualification Test Score of 50 or higher).

d. Member must be a graduate of a secondary school and is expected to become a secondary school graduate.

e. Member must not be enlisting or extending to become a permanent civilian technician where membership in the Selective Reserve is a condition of employment. Full-Time Manning/Active Guard Reserve-Converted members may extend for the program.

f. Member must be MOS qualified in the MOS for which extending or immediately reenlisting in.

g. The member must be assigned to a positive vacancy, not assigned excess.

Repayment Entitlements/Schedules:

a. Initial entitlement to the first repayment of a loan is not earned until the member has served at least one year of satisfactory service from the date of the loan. All calculations and payments are based upon the yearly service anniversary of the member. Any loan that has not been in effect for a full 12 months at the member's anniversary is not entitled to a partial year at that time. Partial year repayments will be made and added to the next yearly anniversary payment.

b. Each yearly payment will be composed of 15% of the original principal amount or $500, whichever is greater, plus all accrued related interest not paid by the Department of Education or the service member. At no time will the repayment amount exceed the amount required to liquidate the loan.

c. All payments are made directly to the lender. All previous individual loan repayments made by the member to the lender and defaul ted student loans are not eligible for repayment.

d. The minimum amount of loans which the 15% is calculated against is $10,000. This equates to a maximum annual payment of $1500 plus interest. If the amount established for repayment is less than $500, then $500 becomes the calculated amount of repayment.

e. The minimum of $500 is earned against all outstanding loans. Each lender receives a share of the $500 equal to that lender's share of the outstanding principal for repayment in the year plus all related interest.

SLRP Conditions Outlined

The following actions will result in suspension of the Student Loan Repayment Program:

• Assignment to the Inactive National Guard.

• Entry on the weight control program.

• MOS changes resulting in Non-qualification.

The following actions will cause entitlement to the Student Loan Repayment Program to be terminated:

• Unsatisfactory participation.

• Acceptance of a permanent civilian position where membership in the National Guard is a condition of employment.

• Non-extension of enlistment following maximum one-year assignment to the Inactive National Guard, or exceeding the one-year maximum.

• Becoming a participant in Advanced Reserve Officer Training Corps/Simultaneous Membership Program.

• Separation as an enlisted member (appointed as an officer) (Discharge).

• Completion of the Student Loan Repayment Program contract period.

Termination of the SLRP will be upon total payment of the loan or when the individual meets one of the six termination reasons listed above. Recoupment of monies paid will not normally be required, except in cases of erroneous certification, in which case the total amount paid for that year will be recouped.

Examples of a typical repayment schedule is shown below.

Situation: A single loan from one lender, secured prior to the date of enlistment/extension.

Action: The total outstanding balance at the time of Enlistment/Extension will be reduced by 15% or $500 (whichever is greater) for each year of satisfactory service completed. Entitlement will be calculated on the anniversary date of the service members contract, plus all related interest.

Calculations:

Oct. 1, 1983: Service member borrows $2500 (Guaranteed Student Loans)
Nov. 1, 1983: Service member enlists in the ARNG for 6 years.
Nov. 1, 1984: First enlistment anniversary date.

For the period Nov. 1, 1983 - Nov. 1, 1984:

15% of $500 (whichever is greater)
15% of $2500 = $375. $500 is paid, plus all related interest.

Each yearly anniversary date thereafter $500, plus interest, will be paid, thus at the end of the service member's fifth satisfactory year of service, the entire $2500 will be repaid.

Service members with any questions regarding this program should first contact their unit of assignment to verify their eligibility to the program.

Adjutant General of Ohio Regulation (AGOR 600-17) and National Guard Bureau Pamphlet (NGB Pam 600-15) give complete details regarding this program.

Any further questions or problems the service members unit cannot answer may be directed to the State Incentive Manager, at the General Robert S. Beightler Armory in Worthington, CW02 Gary Melick, telephone (614) 889-7283.
ONGA

BY STEVE KOPER
Ohio National Guard Officer's Association

The 107th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) met at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky., Sept. 23-25. The conference theme, "Total Force - the Partnership that is Working", provided the keynote for thousands of Guardmembers from across the country.

The NGAUS annual conference provides a forum for the exchange of information between the Guard leadership, the active forces and the defense civilian workers. 1985 marks the fifteenth anniversary of the issuance of then-Secretary of Defense, Melvin Laird's memorandum announcing "... a total force concept."

The conference business began early on Sunday afternoon when the members of the Resolution Committee met to consider some 140 resolutions submitted to the conference. Before completing their work, the resolutions total had been reduced to 76. These were passed by the conference body and will form the policy positions of NGAUS until the 108th session is held in Nashville in 1986. The resolutions addressed issues ranging from equipment acquisition, construction and training aids to manpower/personnel and policy matters. An upcoming issue of National Guard will carry a complete summary.

Over 40 delegates, including Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway, Ohio Adjutant General and Lt. Col. Dan Snyder, ONGA president, enjoyed a variety of speakers and presentations at the business sessions over a three-day period. A number of first-timers made the presentation at the business sessions over a three-day period. A number of first-timers made the trip to Louisville along with a great many wives and guests. It was perhaps the largest Ohio delegation in recent memory.

The conference concluded on Wednesday evening with the traditional States Dinner. The formal event included the Parade of States and the presentation of the Harry S. Truman Award. This association's highest award was presented to Secretary Laird, author of the Total Force.

Spouses activities deserve a particular mention. They were treated to a choice of interesting trips during the conference. Some visited the Shaker village at Pleasant Hill while others toured the Kentucky Horse Park at Lexington. The ladies enjoyed fine dining at each of the locations.

As the delegations left for home many were already making plans for '86 in Music City U.S.A. - Nashville. The ONGA will be making arrangements soon. Why not include the 108th General Conference in your plans for 1986?

BY PATRICK LOFTUS
National Legislative Liaison

Ohio has the second largest Air National Guard and the sixth largest Army National Guard in the United States. As such, Ohio should receive significant attention and support in Washington, D.C. when it comes to National Guard personnel and equipment decisions. However, until this year, Ohio has not been receiving an adequate level of attention in Washington. This has mainly been due to a need for more information flowing from the Ohio National Guard to Washington.

This year, the Ohio National Guard has met the information challenge and Ohio Congressional members and staff have responded quickly and positively to the needs of Ohio.

This response has always been ready, but has just recently surfaced due to the tremendous exchange of information between Ohio National Guardmembers and their Congressional counterparts.

As a result, visibility into Ohio's needs has been provided to Congress and a positive, but necessarily measured, effort has started to improve the Ohio National Guard's ability to fulfill its wartime missions on the ground and in the air.

Some of the major issues now facing the Ohio National Guard are listed below, along with comments pertaining to their present status and possible future developments. This list is not all-inclusive, but is intended to provide an insight into Ohio's desires for its National Guard.

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<td>Re-engine Rickenbacker C-131 with turboprop engines</td>
<td>Congress approved this modification for two C-131 aircraft in Fiscal Year 1985 ($8 million). However, the Department of Defense did not accomplish the upgrade and does not seem to support the program. Congress has tentatively added another $12 million (approximately 3 more aircraft upgrades) to the Fiscal Year 1986 budget. However, the General Accounting Office must study the program to determine the cost effectiveness and feasibility of the program. This study is presently in progress.</td>
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<td>AH-64A Apache Attack Helicopters for Ohio</td>
<td>Congressional approval has been obtained for the purchase of 18 AH-64A helicopters for the North Carolina Army National Guard and deliveries will occur in mid-calendar year 1987. Congress has tentatively added another 18 AH-64A helicopters to the Fiscal Year 1986 budget. Rumor has it Ohio is not in the running for these aircraft at this time. However, efforts are continuing.</td>
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<td>AH-1S Cobra upgrades for Ohio AH-1G helicopters</td>
<td>Ohio has 7 AH-1G helicopters requiring upgrade to the AH-1S configuration to accomplish their assigned missions. Efforts are under way to upgrade these helicopters to the AH-1S configuration. Additional AH-1S helicopters are required to replace aging UH-1M aircraft now in the Ohio inventory. Ohio's Attack Helicopter Troop, 107th Armored Cavalry, has five AH-1S aircraft (TOW-Cobra). Efforts continue in this area.</td>
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Overall, good communications lines are forming with our Ohio Congressional members and their staff; attitudes are positive. When you talk to your Congressional representatives, tell them you are a part of the Ohio National Guard and thank them for their support.
ONG Must Organize To Mobilize

BY EDWARD REICH
HQ STARC

As required by National Guard Regulation 10-2, the organization structure of State Area Command (STARC), Ohio National Guard, is to be documented in separate pre-mobilization and post-mobilization Tables of Distribution and Allowances (TDA's).

The pre-mobilization TDA document authorizes positions for peacetime support; i.e. MTOE units, augmentations and training requirements necessary to be prepared for mobilization.

The Command Group — Post Mobilization State Headquarters is a required element of the MOB-STARC TDA. The element includes 122 positions which come into existence during full or total mobilization of STARC.

Personnel forming the Post Mobilization State Headquarters will make up a federally recognized State Headquarters commanded by the State Adjutant General. This headquarters will carry out state missions which cannot be performed by personnel being federalized and preparing to proceed to out-of-state mobilization sites. Also, the Post Mobilization Command Group will serve as the staff of the Adjutant General until the State Defense Forces authorized by Title 59 of the Ohio Revised Code (i.e. Ohio Military Reserve, Ohio Naval Militia, Organized Militia) can be trained and equipped to assume state missions normally accomplished by Ohio Guardsmen during peacetime.

The mission of the Command Group — Post Mobilization State Headquarters includes four broad responsibilities: to assist the state in organizing and training a militia, if required; to assist the accountable officer (USP&FO) in the planning for and disposition of non-unit federal property; to perform command and control functions in support of civil authorities as directed by the governor; and to prepare to reconstitute the Army National Guard when units are relieved from federal service.

The Command Group — Post Mobilization State Headquarters must also be prepared to provide the same control, staff supervision and logistical support to non-mobilized National Guard units as is done in a peacetime or non-mobilized status.

Following completion of the transition period from peacetime to mobilization, the Command Group — Post Mobilization Headquarters will be subject to reassignment as required to active duty military missions.

The Post Mobilization State Headquarters is structured to accomplish numerous tasks if federalized. The Director of Post Mobilization for the State of Ohio is the Assistant Quartermaster General, Col. George Hertzer.

FLIGHT FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING—Ohio National Guard officials gathered with local dignitaries on Oct. 4, 1985, to break ground for a $5.3-million hangar, the first phase of the Guard's new Akron-Canton Flight Facility complex. The new hangar, which replaces an aging structure at Akron-Canton, will house maintenance, training and administrative personnel that support Army Guard aviation units. The Akron-Canton Flight Facility has an inventory of 51 aircraft, including two Blackhawks, the Army's newest first-line helicopter. Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony were (from left) Richard Sleight of A.A. Knoch & Sons, the general contractor; Col. George Hertzer, assistant quartermaster general for the Ohio Adjutant General's Department; Mrs. Louise Timken, a member of the airport authority board; Maj. Fred Leistiko, flight facility commander; U.S. Rep. Ralph Regula of Nivarre; and Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway, Ohio's Adjutant General.

(Photo by SFC Donald R. Landy)

ONGEA

BY NANCY McDOWELL
President, EANGUS Auxiliary

One of the largest National Guard conferences ever held took place at Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon, August 26-28.

The 12th Annual Conference of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States Auxiliary (EANGUS) was held in conjunction with the 14th Annual Conference of the EANGUS. The Auxiliary President Nancy McDowell was chairperson of the meetings.

Thirty-three of 37 chartered states were represented at the meeting. Delegates and three non-chartered states were also represented.

The state of Montana received the award for the largest increase in membership in numbers, and Rhode Island received the award for the largest increase in membership in percentage.

Each year the auxiliary awards five $300 scholarships. This year an Ohioan, Sgt. Philip Ruark, son of Donna and Sgt. Walter Ruark of Sciotoville, won a scholarship. Sgt. Ruark is a member of the 216th Engineer Battalion Headquarters in Portsmouth. Scholarships are available to children and spouses of auxiliary members.

Any spouse of a member of the Ohio National Guard can become a member of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association Auxiliary by contacting either Viola Stenger, President at 8468 Monroe, Cincinnati, OH 45236 or Nancy McDowell, EANGUS Auxiliary President, Rt. 5, 817 Franklin Ave., Wheelersburg, OH 45694, for information.

ONGEA MEMBERS

SOW YOUR OATS AT THE QUAKER SQUARE
16, 17, 18 May 1986

The famous Quaker Square Hilton in downtown Akron has been selected as the site of the 1986 State Conference of the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association.

CSM Ron Jones of the 3/107th Armored Cavalry is the conference planning chairperson, with 1st Sgt. Lynn Delncoce of HQ Troop, 3/107th ACR assisting him as co-chairperson.

PLANNED EVENTS:
• Hospitality Room in railroad car
• Hoedown at the Hilton Country Night
• 13-piece orchestra to play at formal banquet
• Win $2,500

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HQ STARC (-DET 1) OHARNG

Promotions
E-7: Donald Stowe, James Cole
E-6: Jack Taylor, Jerry Adkins, Steven Engelhorn, Edward Mundy

54TH REAR AREA OPERATIONS CENTER

Promotions
E-4: Kelly Finney, Jerry Hessler, Julie Wickliff
E-2: Christopher Seelig

AIR TROOP 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

Awards
Army Achievement Medal: E-4 David P. Hull

HHT 3/107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

Promotions
E-4: Joseph Radwany, Steven Casseday, Todd Libby, Joseph Kidwell, Michael Anlicker, Joseph Backer
E-3: Gregory Dumas, Jack Campbell, Kevin Noirot

TROOP I, 3/107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

Promotions
E-5: Jeff Cooper, Robert Crissman, Robert Delagrange, David Fleshman, James Frishgesell, Richard Jordan, Allan Whitartaker, James Girard, Sam Swain
E-4: Keith Abrams, John Zain, Rodney Case, Charles Cromley, James Feldman, Randy Kiser, Eric Klikskey, Tim McCracken, Charles Nash
E-2: Nickolas Discenza, John Dougherty, Ronald Kaplinski, Rod McIauley

HHC 112TH MEDICAL BRIGADE

Promotions
O-6: Guenter Schumacher, Calvin Spencer
O-5: Daniel Runyan

Awards
Ohio Commendation Medal: O-5 Dick I. Belt, O-1 Wayne Rex, E-7 William Cornwell, E-5 Warren Myers

121ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

Promotions
E-9: Robert Noland
E-8: Paul Rarey, Louis Bardi, Ivra Bassett
E-7: Charles Weller, Thomas Derritt
E-6: Philip Pugh, Thomas Kempke, Michael Rippee, Jo Nelson
E-5: Patrick Calvin, Christopher Chrysler, Jimmie Cottrell, Kimberly Neutzling, Paul Schulze, William Smith, Richard Stocker, Ronald Maeder, John Gibson
E-3: Tina Chapman, Yvonne Hunter, Doug Casebolt, Tony Clymer, Kimberly Davis, Jody Deck, William Epperson, Jr., Scott Hibbs, Tohomas McClary, Janice Pierce, Heidi Schwab, Diane Stitt, Lori Bortz, George Megimose, Jr., Gloria Shanahorn, Andrea Shutway, Linda White
E-2: John Barnett, Lewis Fisher, Tamrya Goble, Denise Richardson, Patrick Robertson, John Schmitty, Troy Shoffstall, Mark Boston, Mickey Cooper, I.A. Walcoff, Gregory Cline, Vincent Massara, Robert Moffitt

123RD TACTICAL CONTROL FLIGHT

Promotions
E-3: John Lindemann, Bobby Mason

124TH TACTICAL CONTROL FLIGHT

Promotions
E-3: Richard Block, Ronald Deal, Jr., James Napier

HHC 134TH ENGINEER GROUP

Promotions
E-7: Barry Wilson
E-6: William Pitz, William Lindsley
E-5: Andy Huizing, Doug Schmitt
E-4: Todd Helton, Dan Karshner, William Wilson, Richard Jones

Awards
Army Achievement Medal: O-4 William Hall, E-9 Thomas Weaver

BATTERY C, 1/136TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Promotions
O-3: Phillip Lootens
E-5: Dennis Cox
E-4: William Sayers, David McGowan
E-3: Vernon Woodward, Dennis Sargent, Matthew Gudorf, Gregory Vonderhuvel, John Overman, Scott Ebert, Allan Monnin, Clifford Becher, Steven Kogler, Jeffrey Roberts

Awards
Army Commendation Medal: E-6 Robert Hawk

COMPANY C, 1/147TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Promotions
E-4: David Beck, Robert Bradley II, Henry Fawley, Thomas McDonald, Ricky Perkins, Phillip Porter
E-3: Rodney Rose, Christian Roush

DETACHMENT 1, COMPANY C 1/147TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Promotions
E-3: Jon Fender, Robert Medary, Christopher Miller, Daniel Walker

155TH MAINTENANCE CO (-)

Promotions
E-6: Joan Fenohr, Robert Zoller, Richard Loska, Gary King
E-5: Thomas Nash, John Moore, William Scott
E-4: David Sternad
E-3: Phillip Walden, Michael Parker

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DETACHMENT 1, 155TH MAINTENANCE CO

Promotions
E-6: Leslie Duncan, Frank Orcutt
E-5: Mary Farrow

BATTERY D, 2/174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY

Promotions
E-4: Todd McCutcheon, Frank Kitts, James Merrow
E-3: Daniel Lambert, Patrick Walsh, Bryan Peloquin, Richard Davis
E-2: Rodney Hanson

178TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP

Promotions
O-2: Timothy Cos
O-1: Thomas Moorman
E-7: Ralph Wells
E-6: Paul Meadows, Paul Oda, Willard Wisecup
E-5: Melvin Avery, Christine Dotson, Robert Hibbert, Anne Johnson, Paul Johnson, Lidian McGowen, Scott McKenzie, Kenneth McMahan, Shawn Ogletree, Randall Rice, William Templeton
E-4: Lynn Kennedy, Ralph Ranard, Pamela Yancey, James Lenhoff, Scott Peterson, Thomas Tye, Nancy Yates
E-3: Richard Frye, Martin Saldana, Timothy Sholund, David Strachan

Awards
Air Force Commendation Medal: E-8 Robert Shively, E-6s Janis Gaston, Jerry Salyer, Scott Arnold
Air Force Achievement Medal: E-7s Milford Rowland, John Zelnick

179TH TACTICAL AIRLIFT GROUP

Promotions
E-8: Dale Echelberger, Kenneth Wolf
E-7: Kenneth Bauer, Melvin Hershey, Ronald Kline, Robert Norris
E-6: Paul Alloway, Emanuel Harrison, Jr., Michael Kelly, David Thrams, Philip Wood
E-5: Robert Baldwin, Brian Lampbright, Darwin Lampert, Diana McClain
E-4: Kenneth Floro, Ronald Lautzenhiser, Virginia Miller, Christopher Morehead
E-3: Patricia Barr, Randolph Hamrick, Gary McCue, Stephen Smith

180TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP

Promotions
E-6: Ophelia Thompson
E-5: Gregory Howard, Pamela Schwarzkopf, Gary O'Connor, Wesley Brown, Keven Creek
E-4: Patrick Henry
E-3: Richard Noonan, Jr., Cathleen Coburn

Awards
Air Force Commendation Medal: O-4 Marshall Adams, E-7 David Barker

213TH MAINTENANCE CO

Promotions
O-1: Dana Stockley
E-5: Kenneth Keith
E-4: Stuart Baldwin
E-3: Kimberly Miller, Darin Olmstead

TROOP A, 237TH CAVALRY

Promotions
O-3: George H. New

COMPANY A, 237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

Promotions
E-4: Deborah Barrett, Lois Barrett, Leslie Chabucos
E-3: Joseph Oxidine, Stephen Shumaker

323RD MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

Promotions
E-6: Evan Hess, Douglas Mutchler
E-4: Douglas Elieff, Rex Childers, Anthony Pleiffer, Scott Badyna

HHC 416TH ENGINEER GROUP

Promotions
E-7: Pat Caldwell
E-4: Ken Clemens, Sue Tester

1484TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Promotions
E-4: John Walters
E-3: John Riker, Christine Conner

HHC 612TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions
CWO3: Anthony Posavad, Paul Herman
E-5: James Sedlar, Carl Dielethaler, Gregory Huffman, David James, James Thompson
E-4: Michael Mohler, Nkoki Senghorbandele, Michael Smith, Henry Smith, Jeffery Conner, Robert Feyes, Carl Christman, Eric Corrs, Markus Naylor
E-3: Eric Bruecken, Michael Lijewski, Akrum Youssef, Pete Gilbert

COMPANY B, 612TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions
E-4: Jackie Bartron
E-3: William Berry, Todd Burnett, Anthony Tobin, Dennis Woodruff

COMPANY C, 612TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions
O-3: Charles Poole
E-5: Theodore Grys
E-4: Randall Kraft, Eric Kovacs, Brent Smith
E-3: Stephen Lewis, Gary Weyer

COMPANY D, 612TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions
E-4: Douglas Boyer, Patrick Dinan, Todd Harman
E-3: Ronald Weber

Awards
Army Commendation Medal: CWO2 William Calvert (2nd OLC), 0-3 James Harmon (1st OLC), O-3s Martin Davis, James Gaudiello, E-6 David Daudelin
Army Achievement Medal: CWO2 William Calvert, E-5 Mark Gerken

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Cool, Cool Water . . .

MSgt. Kermit Deem douses himself with a cup of cool water after completing the 26.2-mile Ohio National Guard Marathon in September. Deem, 53, said, "I had some zip at the end . . . I felt good." Deem completed the event in four hours, 10 minutes and 23.9 seconds, knocking 33 minutes off his previous best marathon time. (Photo by SSgt. Kenneth White)