Medical Brigade Meets Challenge

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Calloway, Ohio Adjutant General, has requested that each General Officer of major Ohio National Guard commands contribute a guest column to Buckeye Guard. This column is by Brig. Gen. Aaron K. Warren, commander of the 112th Medical Brigade.)

The Adjutant General invited the various General Officer Commanders to write an article for the Buckeye Guard, and I gladly take this opportunity to share with the Ohio Army National Guard members and their families a brief look at the 112th Medical Brigade and our missions and goals.

The Medical Brigade was first organized July 1, 1975 and our missions and responsibilities have expanded greatly since then. Our mission in time of peace differs greatly from our mission in time of war. The peacetime missions of the Medical Brigade are: first, to function as the senior medical command within the Ohio Army National Guard providing training, administrative and logistical support to our assigned Medical Units and assisting the Adjutant General's Department by providing medical, dental, veterinarian support as required. Our second mission is a National Guard Bureau directed one which is to act as the senior Army National Guard medical headquarters in the Fourth & Fifth Continental United States Army areas providing technical medical guidance and coordination for the ARNG medical units. In contrast, our wartime, CAPSTONE mission, is to provide corps level medical support within the theater of operations and command all non-disional medical units in the designated Corps. In our case, that would involve the Brigade having assigned 121 subordinate units with a troop strength of approximately 12,000 medics.

We work to accomplish these missions in a variety of ways. First, we firmly believe that trained personnel are the key to success and we plan our training to integrate individual medical skills throughout all the Brigade units. This includes training of the soldiers which are especially essential to our mission like qualified lab technicians, field medics, pharmacists, dentists, veterinary service personnel, surgeons, optometrists, nurses, health service managers, sanitary engineers, and health service managers, and Aerospace Medical Evacuation Officers.

For years the various OHARNG companies and some medical sections have been providing physical examination station, immunization, ambulance, and other types of medical support to the Ohio Army National Guard. Mostly, the support of these types of missions do not provide much in the way of training to individual medic or allow that individual to participate in the types of team or section training which fosters better unit readiness.

In the medical business teamwork is essential, and failure to achieve the required level could have fatal results (not unlike the training cooperation and coordination required by a tank crew, an infantry squad or some other military 'team' which must work together applying their individual skills in a common effort to successfully get the job done). Our physicians, nurses and medical specialists must learn to work as a team, each member being capable of and trusted to do, her or his part. This is reasonably difficult to accomplish at civilian medical facilities where the people are fulltime and receive the latest medical training as it becomes available. The task becomes extremely difficult as "part-time" medics working basically 16 hours per month and with many hours devoted to non-medical training requirements, which, we recog-
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OUR COVER
February is Black History Month in America. Our cover this issue is a reproduction of a poster distributed in December by the Department of the Army. It depicts a black soldier defending the American Flag. This is DA Poster 600-50-2 (1 of 10). It and the other posters in the series are being distributed in accordance with DA Form 12-4 requirements for Center Bulletin, Baltimore, USA, AG Publication Center (2 copies per account).
Guardmember Averts Tragedy

It was one of those quiet days when I left home and headed for the Company D, 216th Engineer Battalion armory, located in the small community of Tarlton, OH.

Shortly after I arrived at the armory, and was talking with the training NCO and mechanics from OMS #21 located in Portsmouth, someone looked out the window and noticed that a large tank truck was stopped in front of the armory and was attempting to turn around in the driveway.

The truck, which was fully loaded with 3,000 gallons of Propane, had caught fire and the flames were coming from under the chassis of the truck, burning toward the tank.

The driver of the truck was not aware of the fire until SFC Gary L. Nichols, a mechanic from OMS #21, ran to the truck, alerted him, and told him to get out of the truck. The driver quietly went on with his duties at the armory.

SFC Nichols returned to the armory, grabbed the fire extinguisher, made his way through the smoke, and extinguished the fire before it reached the 3,000 gallon tank of propane.

What could have been a disaster for this small town of 800 people, was quickly turned around in the driveway.

Attached is my mileage log which documents the required distance for the 200-mile award. I trust you have already received my other logs, through my unit, for the 50 and 100-mile awards.

In December of 1983, I weighed over 200 lbs. and was not really in any kind of shape. I decided that as someone nearing 40 years of age, with a history of cardio-vascular problems in his heredity I needed to do something. After a checkup, I entered an 8 week Aerobics class. That got me started and as it was then early spring, I started a modest running program. By August of 1984, I was able to run 2 consecutive sub 9 minute miles, and in April of 1985, with the urging of some running companions in my neighborhood, began road racing.

My first race was a 2.5 mile event for Novice runners which I finished in 18:03. I became really addicted to running and road racing after that. I have averaged more than 1 race a month ever since, including a 36:59 5 mile leg in the Marathon Relay at Port Clinton. Just last Sunday, I won my age class in a 2.5 mile event in Cincinnati with a time of 16:40. The bottom line is that I feel great, my weight is down to 155 lbs., and I've discovered a healthier lifestyle. Two months ago my wife joined me on my 0500 jaunts around the neighborhood, and she hopes to compete in that same 2.5 mile race next April.

Running means a lot to me and is a big part of my life. The Ohio Army National Guard has been a big part of my life for a long time also, and it's really nice to be able to combine and receive recognition for, two activities I enjoy so much. I hope this program will inspire others to try and change to a healthier, happier life style.

SFC ROGER D. BURNETT
Area Retention NCO

Running Is Big Part Of His Life

(Editors note: The following letter concerning the Ohio National Guard's "Run For Your Life" Program was sent to Lt. Col. Albert Sands, program coordinator.)

Any Ohio Army National Guardmember experiencing problems with pay, travel reimbursement vouchers or clothing and equipment, may request assistance by contacting the following offices:

- Military Pay — (614) 889-7221
- Military Travel Vouchers — (614) 889-7238
- Clothing & Equipment — (614) 889-7231

According to LTC John E. Mutchler, Administrative Officer, these points of contact are not intended to preclude the resolution of problems with the organizational command structure of the Ohio ARNG, but rather are designed to assist them. Individuals should attempt to resolve problems with their unit before contacting the above offices at state headquarters.

ARNG Help On Call

AMVETS Seek State Growth

The national veteran's organization, American Veterans of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam (AMVETS), is a congressionally chartered non-profit group. It provides claims assistance for veterans, fights for effective veterans legislation and participates in community service projects.

Anyone who served in the Armed Forces after Sept. 15, 1940 and received an honorable discharge is eligible to join. Also eligible are those military personnel on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States.

AMVETS is the only congressionally chartered veterans group to have such wide open eligibility.

AMVETS national headquarters is at 4647 Forbes Blvd., Lanham, MD 20706. For information about AMVETS in Ohio contact: AMVETS, Department of Ohio, Mr. George Onduk, Executive and Service Director; 65 S. Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, telephone (614) 221-1527.
TAX TIME!

BY DONALD R. LUNDY
Managing Editor, Buckeye Guard Magazine

It is that time again! Time to think about filing those federal, state and local income tax returns. Remember, that April 15 deadline rolls around pretty fast.

There are some provisions for tax deductions that members of the Ohio National Guard should be aware of as they prepare to file their 1985 tax returns.

Lt. Col. Edward Reich, formerly the finance officer for the 73rd Infantry Brigade, and now a logistics officer on the post-mobilization staff of the State Assistant Quartermaster General’s Office, has some helpful tips to make tax time a little less taxing, literally as well as figuratively. As a civilian, Reich is a Revenue Officer for the Internal Revenue Service in Cleveland.

Guardmembers should be aware that their basic monthly pay, and pay for Annual Training and other active duty training is included in taxable income for the year.

Subsistence pay, basic allowances for quarters, and uniform allowances are not taxable. Mileage and per diem allowances may be taxable if they exceeded actual out-of-pocket expenses.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

You may deduct travel expenses, including food and lodging, if you are on orders, and, with or without compensation, and you are required to remain away from your principal place of business or residence overnight in the performance of authorized training.

If you train outside of your city or the general area in which you work, you can deduct the cost of the round trip between your home and the location of the training.

If your training is within your city or the area in which you work, you can deduct the cost of transportation when traveling directly from your regular job to the armory.

For example, if you belong to HHD, 237th Support Battalion in Springfield, you live in Springfield, and attend drills only on weekends, then you cannot deduct any transportation expenses.

If, however, you live and work in Columbus and belong to the unit in Springfield, the full cost of traveling from the armory is deductible. You may either itemize your actual transportation expenses or use the optional rate of 21 cents a mile for the first 15,000 miles of business use and 11 cents a mile after that.

You may deduct meals and lodging when on temporary active duty or at annual training provided you retained your regular employment, returned to it after released, and were stationed away from the general area of that job or business. Expenses such as these are deductible only if you pay for your meals and lodging at your official military post, and only to the extent that they exceed quarters, subsistence and TDY allowances.

The meals and lodging expenses are deductible as employee business expenses on line 25, Form 1040. They may be claimed in addition to the standard deduction. You should file Form 2106 with the return to justify your deductions claimed on line 25, Form 1040.

ITEMIZED MISCELLANEOUS DEDUCTIONS

Part-time guardmembers may deduct the cost of purchasing, altering and maintaining their uniforms. The cost of patches and rank insignia may also be deducted.

If you receive a uniform allowance, it must be offset from the total cost of military uniform purchases and maintenance. The difference is your deductible expense. If the allowance is greater than the expense, you have no deduction.

Professional dues paid to the Ohio and United States National Guard Associations, and the Enlisted Association, and the Association of the United States Army, may be deducted. You may not deduct dues paid, even though they may be paid on a non-voluntary basis, to social military organizations, such as Officer, NCO, or EM clubs.

The expenses of long distance telephone calls made in connection with your duties as a guardmember are deductible.

Experts advise that you maintain a travel expense book in which you record the starting point, destination, beginning and ending mileage, and total miles driven and the purpose of the trip. Also, list amounts spent for food and lodging and keep the receipts.

Reich noted that many municipalities in Ohio do not require guardmembers to pay city income tax on military pay.

“It is a good idea to check with your local city income tax office to determine local tax regulations,” Reich said.

He noted that in order to deduct employee business (travel) expenses and authorized miscellaneous deductions, individuals must file Form 1040, the long form.

In addition to the “Instructions for Preparing the Form 1040,” guardmembers may want to refer to Publication 463 (Travel, Entertainment and Gift Expenses), Publication 529 (Miscellaneous Deductions), and Publication 17 (Your Federal Income Tax). These explain in detail authorized taxable deductions. They are available upon request from the Internal Revenue Service.

If you have a question on any deduction, consult a tax professional or the local office of the Internal Revenue Service for clarification of your particular situation.
Contributions Far Reaching

Black Americans Vital To Military

BY ROBERT W. LORD

It was warmer at lower altitude and the big bomber became easier to handle. Normally graceful in flight, she now was sluggish, barely able to stay in the air. Two engines were feathered, blasted into junk by the fierce attacks made by the 109s. The wind whistled through gaping holes in the radio operator’s compartment, left there by exploding cannon shells.

Three were dead, including the pilot, and four were wounded. That’s the price one paid for being tail-end Charlie in the low squadron. The attack had been over in seconds, then the fall toward earth, the recovery, and suddenly the bomber was alone, a straggler, the formation disappearing in the distance. Frantic calls were made for an escort, but chances were slim, the bomber was still too far away from the briefed escort pick-up point.

Suddenly the tail gunner reports fighters closing from above and behind. Those left man the guns for their last fight. Then happy relief as the fighters are identified as American Mustangs, P-51s, the Red Tails from the 332nd Fighter Group. Swiftly they slide into position around the battered bomber and one more B-17 returns with her crew from the gates of Hell.

The narrative above, while shortened, did happen. The fighter escort had picked up a weak distress signal from the crippled bomber and flown over 100 miles back into German controlled skies to protect the bomber and her crew. These pilots were part of the 99th Fighter Squadron, a unit of black Americans, flying from fields in Italy.

Their story and that of the 100th Fighter Squadron, 332nd Fighter Group, is well documented in the history of air warfare during World War II. Led by Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., these men had to endure not only the rigors of training, but that of bigotry and prejudice, to win their wings. Their story is but one example of the outstanding contributions and sacrifices made by black men and women to the United States and to the preservation of freedom in our world.

Black Americans have made significant military contributions in all of America’s wars, even before we became a nation. In 1641, blacks helped to defend the Dutch West India Company in the Colony of New Amsterdam, from Indian attacks. The year 1711 saw blacks fighting in the Tuscarora War in North Carolina. And in 1715, 400 black men fought along with 600 whites to defeat another group of Indians in the Yamasee War.

The early dawn of American Independence, that April day in 1775, saw black minutemen pouring volley after volley into the massed ranks of the British Regulars, at both Lexington and Concord. At the Battle of Rhode Island in 1778, an untrained black unit held the line against four hours of British-Hessian assaults, enabling the entire American army to escape to safety. Over 106,000 black troops saw service in the Union Armies of the American Civil War, fighting at such battles as Port Hudson, Milliken’s Bend, Fort Wagner, and Petersburg, Va. Sixteen black veterans were awarded the Medal of Honor for valor on the field of battle. In the Indian Wars of 1866-1890, the mud-filled trenches of World War I, the bloody skies of Europe during World War II, the freezing cold of Korea in 1952, and in the steamy, infested jungles of Vietnam, black Americans fought and died to defend the freedom of all Americans.

Leadership and example are keys to success. Leadership provided by men such as Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, the first black American to work his way through the ranks to become a general officer. His son, Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., was promoted to general officer rank in 1954 and retired in 1970 after serving as Deputy Commander in Chief, U.S. Strike Command and Commander in Chief, Middle East, Southern Asia, and Africa. During the Vietnam era, a number of black officers achieved general or flag rank. Perhaps the most well known was General Daniel "Chappie" James, USAF, who became the highest ranking black American when he achieved four-star rank in 1975 and served as Commander in Chief, North American Air Defense/Air Defense Command.

General James was well known for his speeches on Americanism and patriotism. And in that spirit, let us not forget the men who gave their lives that others might live. From the Civil War to Vietnam, 68 black Americans were awarded their country’s highest medal for valor on the field of battle. Most were posthumously. Let us all have a better understanding and appreciation for these contributions, and the contributions that all Americans have made to defend these shores and freedom.

Perhaps Martin Luther King Jr., stated it best when he said: “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in the moment of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at the time of challenge and controversy.”
By PEG HANLEY

A TWA airliner in Beirut, an Italian cruise ship in the Mediterranean, an EgyptAir jetliner in Malta and a maximum security prison in rural Ohio all shared news headlines in 1985: HOSTAGES TAKEN! Each of these incidents involved the politics of terror—demands and threats, violence and grief.

Daily the media reported on the hostages' plight and the captors' demands. Amidst all the tragedy and occasional triumph, a few unsung heroes worked relentlessly. A highly trained cadre of men and women known as hostage negotiators shunned TV cameras and media fanfare to work more successfully behind the scenes.

One such negotiator is SFC Ronald Edwards, enlisted bandleader for the 122nd Ohio Army National Guard band. During a 13-hour siege last October at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, Edwards helped negotiate the safe release of two prison guards in exchange for sandwiches and soft drinks.

Four inmates in J-Block where trouble-making prisoners are housed, overpowered the guards about 1 p.m. Three of the men are on death row and the fourth is serving up to 80 years for combinations of offenses.

Adrenaline aflow, the 122nd first sergeant didn't leave time to ponder the danger of the mission on his five-minute drive to the prison. "Fear didn't enter my mind. I had attended the department's hostage-negotiating course in 1984 and felt prepared for any scenario," he said.

For security reasons, Edwards could not discuss details as to how he and co-negotiators Steve Dillon and Jack Bendolph secured the release of the two guards. "It's very possible that if inmates read about what we did or said during the ordeal, it could be attempted again," he noted.

While inmates complained about living conditions in the disciplinary unit and demanded radios, newspapers and free deodorant and cologne, Edwards and team set up their command post.

Talking "mouth to ear" through a door and by telephone in the cellblock, Edwards and his colleagues practiced sound communication principles throughout the night. "Once set up, we began negotiating the release of the two officers, and the inmates who did not want to participate," he said.

For the 32-year-old Edwards, good communication means listening to inmates and hearing what they have to say. While the negotiating course may have honed his listening skills, it seems he already has a finely tuned ear when it comes to people.

According to SSgt. Renea Hushour, band platoon sergeant, Edwards is one of the finest first sergeants she's worked with during her 10-year military career: "He deals well with his troops and the higher command, always listening to them."

Edwards who has played drums in the 122nd band for 10 years began his career in corrections as a prison guard in 1974. With the aid of the Tuition Assistance program, he earned an associate and bachelor's degree in corrections and criminal justice. He attributes part of his steady career rise to the Guard scholarship which allowed him to continue working while attending school.

Ever modest, the slender first sergeant didn't want to beat his own drum when asked what qualifications make for an effective hostage negotiator.

But Reginald Wilkinson, superintendent of the Corrections Training Academy that Edwards attended, cited some traits of a good negotiator: "We're talking about a responsible person who thinks rapidly and above all else is calm, fair and objective.

"We're talking about Ron Edwards, a professional who is the best at whatever he does."
Teater Retires

“Soldiers General”
Recounts Career

BY STU SEARS

With 31 years of service in the Ohio National Guard, Maj. Gen. Robert W. Teater has retired, bringing to an end a distinguished military career.

Known as the “Soldier’s General” because of his concern and respect for enlisted Guard members, Teater spoke of his career in the “Guard.”

Q. Are we in the Ohio Army National Guard prepared to respond to a national threat?

Teater: I think the Guard is very strong today. It’s capable of performing its mission, and ready to go to war. Obviously we could always use a few more days to brush up on training, but if an emergency came we could go to war and win. I’m confident in the Guard, and in the quality of the people we have. I feel that our equipment is much improved, and more importantly, we’ve had a chance to train in our wartime missions. We can fall right into combat, and we can fight and win.

Our strength is good. Right now, we are at 98 percent statewide, and we’re getting highly-qualified, motivated guardmembers. These people are there because they want to be. They’re there because they are committed. Even though we are not over 100 percent in all units, I feel that we are at fighting strength.

Q. How important is the National Guard in today’s defense, and how have you seen this change over the years?

Teater: My career in the Guard goes back 31 years. I transferred to the Guard in 1954. I think we have to realize that at that time, the 37th Division was just coming off federal active duty from the Korean War, and was reorganizing. The strength was down and we had very little equipment. When we first started going to Camp Breckenridge for annual training, we didn’t have field clothing; we didn’t have field gear; and we went to camp in Khaki uniforms.

Our equipment level was very low. We worked mostly in the buildings, and went outside and trained some. We just weren’t the combat field soldiers that we are today - capable of living and fighting in the field, and having the equipment to do it. We worked hard and trained hard. We recruited and, over the 31 years I’ve been in the Guard, I’ve seen gradual improvements in our capabilities.

As I recall, we used to drill on Monday evenings for two hours at Fort Hayes. We would have a class or Officers Call, and that was it. Just two hours one night a week.

We couldn’t train in the field. We couldn’t perform as combat, combat support, or combat service support units, because we just weren’t out in the field where you have to fight.

We moved a few years after that to weekend training. This enabled us to go to the field, stay all night and train tactically for two days in a unit configuration.

Q. What do you think of the quality of the soldier in today’s Ohio National Guard - are we prepared as part of the “One Army Policy”?

Teater: “We’re much more prepared than we were 10 years ago. Obviously these major changes take time, adaptation and indoctrination. Frankly, we still run into senior officers and NCO’s in the active force that don’t fully realize the capability and professionalism that we have in the reserve forces today.

The One Army Policy is well-advanced, and people are trying to make it work.

The affiliation programs we have between reserve units and active units; the CAPSTONE concept, where we train along with active units for a wartime mission; the interrelationships and interdependence between the active forces and reserve forces is much stronger today. I would say it’s generally solidified. It’s been very productive to us because we have something to train for. We have an objective in mind, and it’s much easier to train soldiers if we know what our wartime mission is, than if we’re just training for a football game that isn’t scheduled. From that standpoint, the One Army Policy has worked, and we’ve made a lot of progress.

We’re a part of the fighting strength of this country. Someone said, “We’re prepared to go to battle the day it starts.”

One of the indirect benefits of the “One Army Policy” has been the opportunity to train together, and to be equipped along with our counterparts. We’ve shown them our professionalism, and I think there’s a lot more confidence among the active forces in the ability of the reserve forces to go to war with them, to support them, or in many cases, to get support from them. I think that’s healthy - very healthy for all of us.

Q. How have you seen the equipment change over your career?

Teater: “When I first came in the Guard, our equipment was either old, outdated, or surplus to the active forces. It left us with the feeling of being a second class force, and it was more or less accepted that this was all the Guard deserved.

In all fairness, we didn’t have wartime missions assigned to us in those days. In fact, had we been called, we may have been called as individual fillers. I say that with some hesitation because during the Korean War, there were Guard divisions called to active duty.

We didn’t have the equipment we have today. Today’s Ohio Army National Guard member can take pride knowing he is being trained on and working with the latest, most up-to-date equipment available.

Now that he’s retired from the Guard, General Teater plans to spend more time at his company, Robert W. Teater and Associates, working around his newly-purchased farm, and of course, keeping in touch with the Ohio Army National Guard.
‘Buddies’ Train Hard

BY REBECCA SLYH
196th Public Affairs Detachment

When most “Buckeye” guardmembers get to basic training they know they won’t be seeing their fellow guardmembers for several months, but that wasn’t the case for 37 “Buckeye” Buddy Platoon recruits going through basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga. last summer.

The Assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio Army National Guard, Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Schulte, accompanied recruiters and members of the pre-basic training staff to initial entry training, August 27, 1985. During a two day visit they learned of the accomplishments of the “Buckeye” Buddy Platoon recruits.

According to 1st Lt. Steven Holcomb of the State Recruiting and Retention Office, the purpose of the visit was to see how well Ohio’s pre-basic training got the recruits ready for initial entry training. Holcomb, a visitor during the trip, checked with the recruits about their training.

“Many of the recruits already knew what was being taught at Basic and were used as assistant instructors,” Holcomb said.

According to a Regular Army drill sergeant, the Ohio recruits were one of the most motivated groups he’s seen in a long time.

The successes of the Buddy Platoon doesn’t end here. One of the recruits, Pvt. James Wiggins, 107th Armored Cav, Trp. L, 3rd Sqdn, Painesville, scored expert on the mortar gunnery test. In addition, Holcomb recalls how Wiggins couldn’t do one pushup at pre-basic, yet during Basic he was doing more than 50.

While at Ft. Benning, the visiting guardmembers expressed their interest in the troops. Not only did they evaluate the recruits training, they also let the recruits know people back home were thinking of them.

The Buddy Platoon graduated from initial entry training and advanced individual training Sept. 26th. After graduation it was back to the “Buckeye” State, and their various units as fully trained Ohio Army National Guardsmen.

Buckeye Guard A Winner

Buckeye Guard Magazine claimed top honors in the Department of the Army’s 1985 Keith L. Ware Military Journalism competition. The Ohio National Guard publication achieved first place in the news/feature magazine category.

Stories and photos used in the magazine are written and produced by members of Headquarters, Ohio Army National Guard, 196th Public Affairs Detachment, Army Unit Public Affairs Representatives, Air National Guard Public Affairs personnel and other guardmembers from throughout the state. Congratulations to all the individuals who have provided an award winning magazine.

Finishing second to Buckeye Guard Magazine was the “Arctic Soldier,” published by the 172nd Infantry Brigade, Fort Richardson, Alaska. Third place went to “Evergreen,” published by the 122nd Public Affairs Detachment, Washington National Guard.

The Keith L. Ware Competition is named in memory of Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware, former Army Chief of Public Affairs. Ware, a Medal of Honor recipient during World War II, was killed in Vietnam in 1968 while commanding the 1st Infantry Division.

The DA competition includes all Active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard publications worldwide.

Buckeye Guard Magazine is published by the State Public Affairs Office at Beightler Armory, state headquarters for the Ohio National Guard.
220th EIS: AF Outstanding Unit

BY GREGG A. MEADOWS
220th Engineering Installation Squadron

The 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville, recently was selected for the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

The 220th EIS, an Air Force Communications Command (AFCC) unit, is one of 19 Air National Guard Engineering Installation Squadrons in the United States.

This was the first time the squadron has been recognized as an Air Force Outstanding Unit, although it was nominated by AFCC in 1984. The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award was established by the Secretary of the Air Force in 1954. It is awarded for exceptionally meritorious service or exceptionally outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units.

Lt. Col. Jack McMahon, commander of the 220th, claimed that “the big events, like the AFCC Engineering Installation Division Shootout (a wartime skills competition which was won by the 220th in 1984) and the mobility exercise Healthy Comet (which saw the unit deploy 52 personnel to Germany for simulated wartime workload) gave us visibility.”

“But I’m equally proud of the grass roots things,” McMahon said. “Accomplishments like 100% unit strength and a 73% reenlistment rate; or a 100% Career Development Course Volume Review Exercise completion rate with an average score of 93.3%, and a new 2nd Lt. who graduated first in a class of 84. These are the things we did which really won this award, and I’m immensely proud to be the commander of this outstanding unit.”

The award was to be formally presented by the Commander of AFCC.

Lewis ANG Honor Grad; Felt Obligated To Give It His All

BY GREGG MEADOWS
220th Engineering Installation Squadron

It’s a dream that many enlisted personnel fancy at least a time or two in their military careers. Imagine the feeling one experiences when the golden bars of a second lieutenant are pinned on. And just imagine how “busting-at-the-seams” proud one would be if they were pinned on you as the honor graduate of your class!

“It was one of the greatest days of my life; a day I’ll never forget.” Those were the words of newly-commissioned 2nd Lt. Jeff Lewis, of the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville, Ohio, who accomplished his dream in a big way, graduating as the No. 1 student in a class of 84 at the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science graduation ceremonies recently.

Lewis, a member of AMS Class 0-85-6 at McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, set modest goals for himself before the start of the six-week officer school.

“Honor graduate wasn’t something that I was shooting for, I simply wanted to represent the Ohio Air National Guard and the 220th EIS to the best of my abilities,” Lewis said. “The ANG gave me an opportunity to educate myself through tuition assistance, so I felt obligated to give back all that I could. I felt that I could serve my unit and the Ohio ANG better as an officer. In fact, that was one of my goals when I enlisted in the Air Guard in 1977. However, my experience as an enlisted will no doubt prove invaluable.”

On the school itself, Lewis said, “it’s an excellent school, which among other things, made me more aware of the ANG mission and the different elements that make up that mission.”

Lewis is a 1978 graduate of Zanesville Rosecrans High School and a 1982 graduate of the Ohio State University, where he received his Bachelors Degree in Computer Science. He is employed by the Marathon Oil Company of Findlay, Ohio, as a systems analyst. He and his wife, Mary Joan, who is employed as an elementary teacher, reside in Findlay.

Lewis returns to the 220th as the new Administrative Officer-in-Charge.

Super Trooper

BY TERRY KIGGINS
HQ 371st Support Group

PFC Laura J. Meinschein, 72E10, Combat Telecommunication Center Operation for HHC 371st Support Group, Kettering, is by anyone’s standards “A Super trooper”.

While at Basic and Advanced Individual Training, PFC Meinschein maintained a “Can Do” attitude which enabled her to accomplish numerous tasks that would make even the most important of soldiers humble. The accomplishments were: National Guard Soldier of the Cycle, Sergeant Majors Award, two Marksmanship awards (expert and golden shooters award), two max scores of 300 on the Army Physical Readiness Test, first time go’s on all tasks tested on the End of Cycle Comprehensive Test.
"Silent Supporter"

When I hear the story of the early Guardwives, I wish I could be up on the patriotic pedestal with them. But, sometimes, I doubt that I qualify for such honors because unlike my forestresses I complain — not always, but often enough. I know that my whining is counterproductive to my husband's military performance, but doggone it, I'm only human.

You know, it really irks me when someone asks, "Is John playing Boy Scouts this weekend?" It's usually the beer-bellied males who ask that question. Well, if those jokers think it's such a picnic, why don't they join up?

Recently, as I read the unit newsletter, I came across an announcement that the guys would be spending three weeks in Europe in 1986. "That's it!" I cried, shaking the newsletter at my husband. "You get out of that stupid Guard — now! I've put up with those weekend drills (once a month? Ha!), weeknight training meetings, NCO schools, annual trainings and call-ups."

"All alone I've handled household catastrophes like broken water pipes, sick or injured kids and bad weather. All alone, I've attended weddings, funerals, and other gatherings because you were away with the Guard. I've shed silent, jealous tears over your devotion to the unit and your enthusiasm for your duties there. Part-time duty? You might as well be in the regular Army!"

Then I dramatically ran upstairs, slammed the door and flopped onto the bed. I've been sulking for days now and beginning to feel a little guilty. Sure, he's giving up his own time and actually risking danger, all for state and country. But, hey, he likes it! What fun do I have? It's hard to be-all-that-you-can-be with four kids bouncing each other off the walls. Then again, he does work hard.

I saw that myself in 1981 when the kids and I stayed at Ft. McCoy during annual training. Eighteen hour workdays were not uncommon; the higher the rank, the longer the day.

You know, it really irks me when someone asks, "Is John playing Boy Scouts this weekend?" It's usually the beer-bellied males who ask that question. Well, if those jokers think it's such a picnic, why don't they join up? Hey, listen to me now, I'm actually defending the Guard. The National Guard is doing a necessary job. What right would I have to keep my mate conveniently at home and let someone else do all the work? If a tornado leveled my town, or an enemy attacked America, I'd certainly be hollering for someone to help me, and that's what the National Guard does: help!

I think I'll tell John that I hope he freezes his buns off next winter overseas. He'll know that that's my stubborn way of saying that I'll be there at the airport to see him off and again to welcome him home. I'll be there along with all the other families who may complain about a military life's injustices, but who in the end realize their responsibilities and unite for a safe Wisconsin and a safe America.

Yep, we stick together. After all, we are the Guard.
Biathlon Is ‘Soldiering To The Max’

BY CHRISTOPHER CLINE
312th Medical Brigade

It is late November, 1985, and I am outside Yellowstone National Park in lower Montana. It is just below 0 degrees farenheit and I am at the starting gate for my second biathlon competition of the season. On my feet are skinny cross country racing skis weighing only 500 grams apiece and on my back in a special harness is an Anschutz precision biathlon rifle, weighing about nine pounds. In a few moments, my teammate skiing the first leg of the relay will tag me and I will be out on the hilly trails already populated with 70 other biathletes, including virtually all of the United States National team which includes six guardsmen and two former Olympians. I am excited, but inwardly calm, for I know all too well what will be demanded of my body in the next half hour.

Biathlon is a purely military sport. That is not to say that civilians cannot practice it, but it is basically everything that soldiering is about. It is sound logistical planning for the movement to the event with the necessary gear, meticulous preparation of the rifles, clothing and skiing equipment, all out movement over difficult terrain in demanding climatic conditions, and, without transition time, immediate precision marksmanship followed by continued movement. It is, quite simply, a winter infantry operation.

Ohio's biathletes have come a long way in the two years of the team's existence to even be competing in the Western Race Series, a trio of events in Montana and Wyoming. We labor against the obvious obstacles of lack of snow and training opportunities. But, constant year round training has produced Ohioans with strong conditioning and shooting skills, and skiing technique that is steadily improving.

Back now to the race: At the treeline on one side are snow covered pine trees nestled in about four feet of snow while to my left high peaks show in nearly
every direction. The beauty of this setting is lost on me, for the only important fact of the scenery is that where you have mountains, you have elevation, and the nearly 7,000 feet above sea level was a cruel opponent to me yesterday in the 10-kilometer race, keeping me from using strength I thought I had hoarded through long summer training months.

As my teammate, Washington Guardsman Kevin Davis comes into the tag area and touches me, I sprint off on my leg of the relay. I am strong today, and feel satisfaction that I have begun to adjust to the altitude. I push, but not too hard, for there are 7.5 kilometers to this race, and my body must last the distance. I pass three skiers in my first loop, and though my lungs are laboring and my heart pounding, I know that my body has settled down to a hard morning’s exertion. Soon I have climbed the last hill, and know that about half a “K” ahead is the range. I skate (the new skiing technique that has swept the cross country ski racing world in less than a year) as fast as I can without wiping myself out and start thinking about shooting.

Soon, I know the range is only 100 meters ahead. I slow and think intently of my shooting position — how the sight picture will look and what the stock will feel like next to my cheek. I think of the range procedure, and the requirement that I declare my three extra rounds before firing the first shot in my five-round clip.

As I enter the range, I take off my ski poles and glide to my position. I remove my rifle from my back and drop to the prone position. I declare my extra rounds and load my magazine, taking care to open the snow covers on my sights. I secure my sling to the keeper on my left arm, and with a deep breath sight in on the first of my five targets, saucer sized discs 50 meters away. I must hit a silver dollar-sized spot in the middle to cause the target to fall.

My heart pounds and my chest heaves. My first shot is a miss, as is the second. I reassess my shooting position, going over each component in my mind. I decide that I am not carrying enough of the rifle’s load to my left shoulder through the sling. I relax my left hand and feel the load pass to the back of my left hand. My hold has steadied minutely. My next three shots are hits, and I see the targets fall through the hooded front metal sight. I now have three rounds to knock down the two remaining targets, but I must load them singly. The first is a hit, and likewise the second. I’m off, boosted by the fact that I’ve shot “clean”. Had I left any targets, I would have had a 150 meter penalty loop to ski for each target left.
Nurses Go Where Troops Train

BY PEG HANLEY
196th Public Affairs Detachment

For the nine members of the 112th Medical Brigade’s Health Services Liaison Detachment (HSLD), working together as a unit during a recent two-day seminar in Columbus could be termed a “homecoming.”

As members of a detachment, these nine nurses are assigned, usually individually, to various units throughout the state to provide medical training and support.

Working primarily with line units and medical clearing companies, detachment nurses go where troops train and tackle a multitude of tasks that would have given the “Lady with the Lamp,” Florence Nightingale, a run for her money. Typical duties include conducting mass casualty exercises in the field; certifying medics in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and helping set up nuclear, biological and chemical decontamination procedures.

Although characterizing nurses as self-starters and people who take the initiative, Maj. Bethany Dusenberry, army medical department recruiter, believes that nurses benefit from working together as a group once or twice a year.

“Up until a year ago our nurses were alone, out there with units and not brought into the brigade very much,” she said. “By bringing them together as a unit we can give them further assistance on helping and training others, as well as provide them with information regarding professional development.”

Dusenberry feels that giving nurses support and information in a seminar format is highly motivating and definitely makes for a positive job performance when nurses return to their units.

During the seminar, nurses were briefed regarding Capstone missions, educational and GI benefits and the Army Training Management System. They also viewed a documentary about the role of nurses during the Vietnam War. In addition, each nurse spoke at length concerning his or her respective assignments during Training Year ’85.

Capt. Gloria Bishop, state occupational health nurse, found the seminar beneficial.

“Since we nurses are scattered throughout the state, I found the weekend activities particularly uneventful. ‘The biggest difference in being a second lieutenant is that I get chewed out if there is a problem; when I was a platoon sergeant there were 30 troops I could blame,’” she said laughingly.

According to SFC Thomas Stepanovsky, who replaced Glier as platoon sergeant with the 684th, the bantam-weight lieutenant is an understanding, dedicated individual with a wry sense of humor. Glier also is an avowed General Patton nut.

Standing 5’7” and weighing 115 pounds, the wry lieutenant often directions his witticisms inward. During annual training he kiddingly told his troops to tie him to a tree if the wind got too strong, so he would not blow away.

Using a little levity to lighten tense situations is something Glier picked up from his civilian job as a psychiatric nurse. He works with 11- to 17-year-old disturbed youths at the Central Ohio Adolescent Center. Although work is at times stressful and demanding, he prefers it to working as a nurse on a 40-bed hospital ward because he gets more individualized contact.

His need for close, meaningful contact with patients helps Glier respond to stereotypic questions. In a profession where males number less than ten percent, nurse Glier is often asked why he is not a doctor. Responding that he is more interested in them as whole persons and not just removing their spleens or setting their hips, he moves on to the business at hand — NURSING.

Contact and care of soldiers in the 684th ranks high with Glier and co-nurse Capt. Nerina Montgomery in the training they provide for medical personnel in the clearing company. The intense and often grueling training, at times, can even get the best medic a little down.

During annual training, the soft-spoken Glier willingly takes on the unofficial duty of morale officer and helps a disgruntled troop or two put the exercise in perspective. A history buff, Glier remembered that Julius Caesar allowed his soldiers little gripe sessions after battles, believing that as long as troops had the desire to complain, their morale was still intact.

Married six years to a nurse whose specialty is critical care, Glier is awed by her work because of its intensity and all the machines and medications she deals with daily.

But wife Jan also is in awe of her husband’s job in the Guard, noting, “It’s his life-blood!”

Seems the 32-year-old mustang, up from the ranks, has managed to blend a Guard and civilian career together with a happy marriage.
1986 ONG Marathon Is Sept. 21

It is time to start training for the 1986 Ohio National Guard Marathon.

The event will again in 1986 be held in conjunction with and as a part of the Port Clinton Marathon/Relay Marathon.

This year's races will be on Sunday, Sept. 21, 1986.

All Army and Air National Guard units are strongly encouraged to enter a five-person team in the competition. Teams compete in the relay marathon in which four members run a 5-mile leg and one runner completes the final 6.2 miles.

Individual guard members have the option to compete in the full 26.2-mile marathon.

There is an entry fee of $10 a person before Sept. 1, 1986, and $15 a person after that date. The fees, along with other proceeds from the event, go to the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio. The nonprofit facility assists in providing lodging for parents whose children are hospitalized with long-term illnesses.

Entry forms for the marathon are being forwarded through command channels to each unit in the Ohio National Guard.

Points of contact for information about the event are 1st Lt. Mike Palumbo at (614) 889-7024, or Capt. Gloria Bishop at (614) 889-7033.

Four Conflicts Represented at Reunion

BY ROBERT E. ALBRIGHT

The first Reunion of Veterans of the 148th Infantry Regiment was held in 1982. The 148th was part of Ohio's, 37th Infantry (Buckeye) Division, which served during three combat periods.

The 1985 Reunion proved successful in all respects. The 139 Veterans who registered represented the three combat periods, with Col. Henry Donnell, (Ret.) of Defiance, representing World War I. Eighteen states were represented, with Donald Leaser from Luma, Ariz. traveling the farthest.

A total of 67 cities, towns and villages of Ohio were represented, with Keith Floro traveling the least distance from Lacawone, Ohio.

Representing the 148th Infantry Battalion, Ohio Army National Guard, was Lt. Col. Daniel M. Snyder, the Commanding Officer.

Representing the 37th Division Veterans Association were Charles Miller of Akron, James Wallace of Olmsted Falls and Ralph Riley of Mansfield.

Newly elected Officers of the 148th Infantry Veterans are: President, John R. Beck of Bellefontaine; Vice President, Robert Hubbell of Van Wert; Secretary, Robert Lober of Oregon, Ohio. Appointed officers include Rev. Elmer W. Heindl of Rochester, N.Y., as Chaplain; Alvin (Jiggs) Compton of Ottawa, Ohio, as Sergeant of Arms; and Robert E. Albright as Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

Plans for the 1986 Reunion, to be held at The Camp Perry Military Reservation, Aug. 22, 23, are already in progress.

VETERANS OF FOUR CONFLICTS — World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, gathered at Camp Perry for the 1985 reunion of the 148th Infantry Regiment. The regiment was part of Ohio's famed 37th Infantry (Buckeye) Division. The veterans (from left) are: Col. Henry J. Donnell Sr., from Company A, 1st Battalion, representing World War I and II; Warrant Officer Wilbur Lee, from Company H, 2nd Battalion, representing World War II and Korea; Henry K. Donnell Jr., from Company G, 2nd Battalion, representing the Korean Conflict and Vietnam; and Sgt. Maj. Lloyd Marvin from Headquarters, 148th Infantry Battalion Ohio Army National Guard, in Lima. (Photo by Ssgt. Ken White)
Patch Collection A Serious Hobby

BY THOMAS M. GREGORY
HHC, 112th Medical Brigade

Some people enjoy "patching" pieces of our nation's military history together. MSgt. Homer L. Reed, Chemical NCO for the 112th Medical Brigade, has made this study of our nation's military his hobby. Reed collects patches of many of our Army's present and past units.

Hobbies start out by accident many times. "I had picked up a few patches at some gun shows," Reed explained. "I thought collecting these patches might make a nice hobby. I had no idea that many others collected patches. I also had no idea that these first few patches would evolve into a basement full."

Reed started out collecting 15 years ago with only a handful of patches. He now has over 1,800 patches and is still going strong. He also recently started a collection of medical unit crests and military medals.

"I collect all types of patches, World War I, World War II, and many out of the Vietnam Era," Reed said. "I get the patches a variety of ways. Some of these patches come from gun shows; others come from a variety of flea markets. I even trade some of these patches with other people who collect."

Patch-collecting is a very serious hobby for some people. Reed belongs to the American Society of Military Insignia Collectors, which includes over 3,000 people worldwide.

"The nice thing about his hobby is that it is never-ending. You could never collect all the patches because they are always producing more. I am always keeping my eyes open for patches I don't have," Reed said.

"I especially keep my eyes open for 37th Division patches. This is the old Ohio Division," Reed said proudly.

Patches are not just pieces of cloth with neat designs on them. Patches are carefully laid out, and designed patterns which represent the symbols and missions important to that individual unit.

"Behind every patch there is a story," Reed said. "Many times just by looking at an individual patch you can tell something about that unit's history and mission. I always try whenever I find a patch, to look up that patch and unit to find out what that unit did and what the symbols on the patch stand for."

Reed has shown his collection of patches, which are in special cases he made for them, to many people. "Most people's reaction is of total surprise. They can't believe the amount of patches that I actually have," Reed said with pride.

The military patch is an important part of each unit. By collecting these patches Reed is able to 'stitch' some of our nation's military history together.

MILITARY PATCHES—MSgt. Homer L. Reed points out one of over 1800 patches in his collection. Reed started his collection 15 years ago, and now displays it in cases he made. (Photo By Cadet Thomas M. Gregory)

Air Guard Supply Tech Nominated

BY LON MITCHELL
180th Tactical Fighter Group

"I was shocked!" is how SSgt. Mary Jo Perry described her reaction when learning she has been selected to represent the entire Air National Guard in the Air Force-wide competition for Supply Technician of the Year.

She is a member of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group stationed at Toledo Express Airport, and is the first member of the Toledo unit to ever advance that far in the competition.

Maj. Alan Box, Chief of Supply, said Perry's selection is "fantastic" and a great honor for the Ohio Air Guard. She won the state-wide competition and was then selected to represent the entire Air National Guard.

"Mary Jo works hard, loves her job, and is very cooperative, Maj. Box said.

She is NCOIC of the Mission Capable (MICAP) Support Section. The section is responsible for obtaining replacements for defective parts that are grounding aircraft or keeping land vehicles inoperative. "Not Mission Capable Supply" rates for the Toledo unit have consistently been at or below established performance levels of the Tactical Air Command.

The nomination narrative for the award describes SSgt. Perry as having "outstanding technical knowledge, mature judgement, initiative and foresight."

She has been a member of the Air National Guard since 1978. She is also the recipient of the Ohio Commendation Medal.
For Artists, It’s Labor of Love

BY REBECCA SLYH & MARILYN RICE
1961h Public Affairs Detachment

When it comes to manual labor these guardsmembers perform the job and then some. Expressing themselves and others through their creativity, they illustrate military life in the Ohio National Guard. Specialists Margaret C. Puskar and James H. Browning Jr., members of the State Headquarters, combine their talents in art projects for the Guard.

The pair combined talents recently to produce eight historical military paintings depicting the heritage of the National Guard. The paintings are on display at Beightler Armory.

Puskar and Browning do a variety of illustration work for the State Public Affairs Office, such as magazine covers, artwork to accompany feature stories, and military comic strips for BUCKEYE GUARD magazine.

The painting project originated through Maj. James M. Chubb, state historian. “Overall, the paintings represent Ohio guardsmembers in historically significant aspects of Guard history. And because of the paintings, many units are now trying to get information about their roots,” Chubb said.

Throughout the project, Puskar was fascinated by all the information she learned about the Ohio Guard. For example, she enjoyed researching the details of the Guard’s past uniforms.

“The paintings are very important to me because they gave me a chance to combine my artwork as a civilian with my job in the Guard,” Puskar said.

Although she has many favorites among the paintings, she likes one she did of a World War II soldier most of all. “The dog resembles one I used to have and the man resembles someone in my life,” Puskar said.

It is not uncommon for Puskar and Browning to spend days perfecting their skills. For instance, they both do freelance art projects for businesses. Browning does illustrations for the Ohio Historical Society and submits work to the Middletown Journal and the Dayton Daily News. Puskar works on company logos, brochures and illustrations for a children’s book.

“‘I love actually seeing my work enjoyed by others; whether it is published or hung on someone’s wall,’” Puskar said.

Browning is also studying illustration at the Columbus College of Art and Design (CCAD). “You just don’t study your art, you have to live it,” Browning said.

Puskar, a graduate of CCAD, is a graphic designer for the Ohio Department of Aging. Her illustrations and photographs capture the uniqueness of elderly features.

“I enjoy doing portraits of people because no two faces are alike,” Puskar said.

Puskar and Browning would like to be remembered as artists not because they were dedicated to their field, but because their work draws people’s attention.

“Being able to make people laugh and see the humor in things is what I’d like to accomplish in my lifetime,” Browning said.

Puskar says, “I’d like people to remember that I stroved to improve myself as a person, artist and a guardmember.”
BEIGHTLER CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS

The 20th annual Children's Christmas Party at Beightler Armory, state headquarters for the Ohio National Guard, was a rousing success. More than 250 people attended the party, including 179 children from the West Central Mental Retardation Training Center in Franklin County. Special guests this year included (top) Marge Schott, owner of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team (shown here with Sgt. Maj. Robert Osborne of the 112th Medical Brigade), and (bottom) Jimmie Crum, sports director for WCMH-TV in Columbus (shown here with one of the children who attended the party). CWO 2 Andrew Mays of the 1416th Transportation Company served as chairman for this year’s party. Congratulations to Mr. Mays and his dedicated staff of volunteers who worked very hard to make the party on Dec. 20 an event to remember.

Correspondence Courses Are Valuable Tools

BY REBECCA SLYH
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Although it is hard to retain all the things we learn the National Guard provides many educational programs to enhance our training. One such program is correspondence courses.

A correspondence course is made up of a number of subcourses. While a subcourse consists of one subject, a correspondence course includes numerous subjects. Examples of courses include management, electronics, maintenance, and leadership. Students can even receive qualification for specific assignments such as military police.

Correspondence courses are free of charge to all U.S. Armed Forces, and authorized federal civilian employees. Enlisted personnel earn one promotion point for every five credit hours of correspondence course.

Also, National Guard officers and enlisted soldiers receive one retirement point for every three credit correspondence course hours. Another benefit is that many colleges award credit for the courses.

Prerequisites for courses may include grade, component and military occupation specialty requirements. Subject matter of the course must also relate to a present or prospective duty assignment.

Students may enroll in more than one subcourse at a time; however, they must complete all the courses or at least 30 credit hours, which ever is less, within each enrollment year. Depending on the course, it takes 6-10 months to complete a course.

Upon successful completion of an entire course the student is sent a certificate or a diploma, depending on the course. Diplomas are issued to those who complete a professional development course.

There are 490 courses and 3,000 subcourses listed in the catalog, Department of the Army Pamphlet 351-20. This publication and other related course catalogues are available at unit training offices, education centers, and military occupational specialty libraries.

If a student is promoted or has a change of address, the appropriate Department of the Army school should be notified. Addresses of the schools are located on the catalogues, and with correspondence courses.

For more information about correspondence courses contact your unit training sergeant.
VETERANS DAY GREETINGS—Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway, Ohio’s Adjutant General, is greeted by Mrs. Dorothy Lind of the American Gold Star Mothers during Veterans Day ceremonies at the Veteran Administration Medical Center at Chillicothe. Mrs. Lind is affiliated with the medical center’s Voluntary Service Program. Gen. Galloway was keynote speaker for the center’s Veterans Day program, and toured the facility to meet with hospitalized veterans on Nov. 17.

(Photo Courtesy of the VA Medical Center, Chillicothe)

Buchanan Top Squad Leader In 2/174th

BY THOMAS GRANDY
HQ STARC

The squad leader’s job is one of the most important jobs in a unit.

A good squad leader is proficient at training the members of his squad at the skills they need to know to be successful at their job.

A great squad leader goes beyond this and tries to get to know each member of his squad personally so he knows what it takes to get that person going; that is to say some people need a pat on the back, while others need a boot...

Some of these “great” squad leaders are honored by their battalions by being chosen Battalion Squad Leader of the Year.

SSgt. Mike E. Buchanan is one of the fortunate people to be chosen for such an honor.

After seven years in the Ohio National Guard, Buchanan, 27, a member of Battery A, 2/174th Air Defense Artillery, Logan, was chosen to represent his unit as their best squad leader. The battalion selection board then interviewed him and representatives from four other batteries and observed their actions in tactical field operation. They also questioned the squad leaders about their knowledge of the M42 Dusters, tactical operations, and military bearing.

“The importance of the men knowing what is going on at all times so they know exactly what they are doing and why, should be one of the top priorities for a squad leader,” said Buchanan.

“When they know what is going on, they can complete their job more professionally. They don’t have to question the motives.”

Buchanan credits any awards he has received to his men. “They have always given me 110%. They are willing to put in extra time away from the guard weekends to brush up on their soldier skills,” said Buchanan.

“The time my men spend on the weekends has to be quality time. By quality time I mean that every available moment should be spent on training.”
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Ohio National Guard Association will continue its scholarship program in 1986 (this is not the National Guard Tuition Assistance Program). Scholarships will be awarded to deserving applicants. All Ohio National Guard members or any person who is the son or daughter, spouse or legal dependent of an active or retired member of the Ohio National Guard is eligible to apply.

More information will be distributed in the future or you can receive details and an application form by writing to Maj. John R. Feni­more, ATTN: ONGA Scholarship, 167 S. Columbia Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43209. Completed applications must be received by March 15, 1986.

**HALL OF FAME**

Once again, nominations are solicited for the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service Awards. Selected persons will be honored at the 1985 ONGA Conference. Criteria for these prestigious awards are as follows:

1. Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel who have served in the Ohio National Guard are eligible.
2. A person shall become eligible for nominations three years after retirement from the Armed Services, or three years after death, whichever comes first. A member of the Ohio National Guard who is awarded the Medal of Honor while serving in a National Guard status or on extended active duty from the Ohio National Guard may be inducted into the Hall of Fame at any time.
3. Nominations for the Hall of Fame shall cover the entire military and civilian service of the nominee.
4. The standard of service rendered and recognition among peers achieved which would justify selection must have been above and beyond that normally considered as outstanding or exemplary. This service must have been such as to have brought great credit to the United States, the State of Ohio and the Ohio National Guard.
5. Sustaining exceptional performance of all duties, the institution of innovative programs which were unique to their time frame, the enhancement of the combat effectiveness of the Ohio National Guard and the enhancement of public support of the Guard are types of service to be considered. Decorations and awards of the United States and the State of Ohio should be included in the statement of service. No person should be nominated or selected solely because that person compares favorably with one or more previous inductees.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

1. Any person, military or civilian, is eligible.
2. A person is eligible for nomination at any time.
3. This award may be given for a single act or for performance over an extended period of time.
4. a. An individual must have accomplished an outstanding achievement on behalf of the Ohio National Guard.
   b. Outstanding performance by the individual must have been such as to clearly identify the person as having played a key role in the accomplishment of which the award is to be given. Superior performance of duties normal to the grade, branch, specialty or assignment experience of an individual are not considered adequate basis.
   c. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed qualification for this award if it is of sufficient significance and character, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding service on a sustained basis. Personal dedication and self-sacrifice may be considered factors deserving consideration.
   d. Civilians who assist the Ohio National Guard by their actions and support may be considered for the award.

**NOMINATIONS**

The proposed citation should not exceed 800 words for the Hall of Fame and not more than 500 words for the Distinguished Service Award. The language used should be such as will be readily understood by news media and the general public. Acronyms and military jargon are to be avoided. Citations used in connection with the awards previously made to the nominee may be quoted. The full text of these and other supporting documents may be attached for the consideration of the Awards Committee. A suggested outline follows:

1. Date and place of birth.
2. Date and circumstance of entry into military service.
3. Chronological listing of career highlights to include:
   - duty assignments and commands
   - promotions
   - noteworthy actions or accomplishments
   - excerpts from previous citations, and
4. Conclusion

Anyone may submit nominations for the awards. Nominations, along with a proposed award citation text, should be submitted to

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The Ohio National Guard Association, Attn: Awards Committee, 2825 W. Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085-2712. All submittals should be received by March 15, 1986. Brig. Gen. Clyde E. Gutzwiller is the chairman.

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Members of the Ohio National Guard ages 17-20 are eligible to apply for the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) which assists selected members of the Armed Forces to qualify for admission to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

The preparatory school is at Fort Monmouth, N.J., about 50 miles south of New York City.

Guardmembers can apply by letter through command channels to the Commandant, USMA Preparatory School, ATTN: Admissions, Fort Monmouth, N.J., 07703-5509, using the format shown in AR 351-12.

Applications must be submitted to USMAPS by March 15 for the applicant to be considered for the class beginning in August.

For additional information about the prep school program, contact the school commandant at the above address.

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**Winter Dance Set February 22**

February 22, 1986 is the date for the Winter Dinner Dance Reunion at Villa Milano's, Columbus. The evening entertainment will feature the Danger Brothers playing music for all to enjoy. Notices about the event were sent out in mid-December. For additional information, contact Maj. James L. Beard at (614) 889-7025.
"The 1986 Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association (ONGEA) State Conference 16-18 May at the Quaker Square Hilton Inn in Akron promises to be one of the best ever," says Conference '86 Chairperson, CSM Ronald E. Jones, 3/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

In addition to the official portion of the conference, many exciting events are planned, Jones said.

He noted that the conference facility itself is unique. The hotel complex was built using a cluster of 36 huge grain silos originally constructed by the Quaker Oats Company in 1932.

The historic brick structure that was the Quaker Oats Factory is now the site of four unusual restaurants, ranging from elegant to informal, and 35 specialty shops.

"Where else can you sleep in a silo, dine in a depot and shop in a mill?" Jones said.

In attempting to make this a "conference to remember," Jones and his committee are planning a "Hoe-Down at the Hilton Country Night," on Friday. Attendees are urged to bring their country and western outfits for an exciting evening of square dancing.

Rocco Scotti, a noted vocalist, will sing the National Anthem during the opening ceremonies for the conference.

Akron Mayor Thomas Sawyer has been invited to be the guest speaker at the opening ceremonies.

A trip to Stan Hywet Hall, one of the finest examples of English Tudor architecture in the nation, is planned for spouses.

Senator John Glenn has been invited to be guest speaker at the formal dinner on Saturday, and a 12-piece orchestra is planned for the dance following the formal dinner. Conference attendees also will have a chance to win $2,500 in a "reverse raffle."

"I recommend that people make their reservations early," Jones said. "We expect a large turnout."

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Maj. Peter Collins was the principal speaker at the October meeting of the Ohio National Guard Officer's Wives Club held at the Great Southern Hotel.

Collins outlined "Estate Planning for Guard Families" and answered legal questions that families may encounter at the death of a Guardmember, active or retired. Collins is an attorney with Thomas M. Tyack and Associates in Columbus.

Lt. Col. Thomas W. Powers, a vice president with Bank One, Columbus, spoke briefly and answered questions concerning the services and assistance the bank can offer in estate planning. Collins and Powers are A-7 pilots with the 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Rickenbacker ANG Base.

Any member who was not present can obtain a copy of the guideline from Sharon Gross or Lana Powers.

Approximately 60 members and guests braved the extremely rainy and foggy elements to attend the annual charity fundraising luncheon and auction November 26.

Monies raised from November 1984 to October 1985 were disbursed to the American Red Cross and to the Columbus Developmental Center during the business meeting.

Thank-you's to Anita Shaw, Mary Snyder, and the wives of the 166th TFS for making this year's auction a great success!

After the holidays, we are looking forward to touring the Columbus Museum of Art in January, and in seeing the latest in jewelry fashions and accessories at the February luncheon.

Reservations may be made by calling Nita Elliott at 431-6588 or Lana Powers at 889-6031.
### HOWITZER BATTERY 2/107TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

**Promotions**

- SFC: Thomas O'Connor
- Sgt.: Gene Dodson, Mark Metzger
- Sp4: Todd Balsley, Clinton Bibey, Jeffery Church, Timothy Dever, Steve Folger, Richard Lockney, Paul Pawelczyk, Richard Teolis, Joseph Stowell Jr., Edward Springer, Kenneth Morris
- PFC: Gary Dewell, David Francis, David Gologram, Shawn Grandon, Garry Hoskins, John Miller Jr., Kenneth Rea, John Rovder III, Dominik Simeone, Robert Swecker, Brian Thompson, George Weibush IV
- Pvt.: Eric Ohman, Jonathan Popa, Kenneth Weibush

### HHD 137TH SUPPLY & SERVICE BATTALION

**Promotions**

- SFC: Bruce McDonald, Carlton Surtman
- Sgt.: Kathleen Kerr, Wayne Michaelis
- Sp4: Renee Dallas, Darla Damron
- PFC: Veronica Newbold

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### HHC 112TH MEDICAL BRIGADE

**Promotions**

- Capt.: Shelly Broussard, LaDonna Jones
- 1st Lt.: Wayne Rex
- SFC: Wayne Wagner
- SSgt.: Diane Murphy, Kathy Jameson
- Sgt.: Shaye Pendleton

### 121ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

**Promotions**

- TSgt.: Phyllis Plear, David Mark, Joyce Huston
- SSgt.: Donna Palmer, Thomas Holmes, Steven Childers, Linda Brewer
- SrA.: Gracie Adams, Larry Alford, James Havens, Charles Spicer
- AIC.: Victoria Weingardner, Mark Telfer
- AMN.: Patrick McCabe

### COMPANY C, 1/166TH INFANTRY BATTALION

**Promotions**

- SSgt.: Richard Burnham
- Sp4: David Hempler II, James Wagnild, Tolva Osborn, Darrin Ricketts, Ronald Burton, Donald McIntosh, Timerson Downing II, William James
- PFC: Leonard Dubois Jr., Artus Ilse, David Pickering

### BATTERY C (-) 2/174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BATTALION

**Promotions**

- 2nd Lt.: Thomas Greathouse
- SFC: Kenneth Russell
- SSgt.: Robert Keiser
- Sgt.: Wayne Cottle, Greg Freeman, Frank Knott
- Sp4: Philip Buntill
- PFC: Steve Lucas
178TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP

Promotions
MSgt.: Dennis Currier, Michael Dewalt, Paul Ison, John Vance
T Sgt.: Mark Hamilton, Thomas Hohenstein, Wendell Marmon
SSgt.: William Anderson, David Franzen, Carol Gayheart, Arthur Yarbrough
SrA: William Douglas, David Kushner, Raymond Socrates
AIC: Robert Alexander, Timothy Azbill, Douglas Brigner, Steven Carey, Jodi Clark, Stephen Davey, Kelly Freese, Dana Kelly, Jeffrey Shepherd

Awards
Meritorious Service Medal: CMSgt. James Wood
Air Force Achievement Medal: SSgt. Richard Lawrence

214TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

Promotions
Sp4: Robin Speakman, Laura Thimons, Randolph Wadley
PFC: Wade Cashdollar, Donald Wills, Curtis Woleslagle Jr., John Young

DETACHMENT 2, 214TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

Promotions
Sp4: John McMaster

COMPANY B, 237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

Promotions
1st Lt.: Frances Webb
SFC: Nicholas Moran
SSgt.: Jeffrey Smith, Delbert Meek
Sgt.: Mary Comstock, Joanne Dreiss, Victoria England, Philip Webber, Mario Yoli
Sp4: Richard Armoo, Mary Potts, Brent Hawes, Craig Anderson, William Turton, Thomas Baker, Darryl Scott
PFC: Frank Powers, Kevin Chilcote, Joseph Hanlon, Patrick Hall, James Green
Pvt. 2: Craig Geil, Hubert Martin, John Stropki

TOP MECHANIC—SFC Richard W. Cogan, a member of Detachment 1, 1487th Transportation Company, was named Outstanding General Mechanic in Ohio for 1985. Cogan, who is employed by the Ohio National Guard as a general mechanic, was presented his award by Col. James Feisley, state maintenance officer.

COMPANY D, 372ND ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions
SSgt.: Harold Brown, Eric Frazier, John Richardson, Clark Spence
Sgt.: Robert Bramlish, Gregory Gehring, William Hanfelder, Bruce Hochwalt, Kendall McCall, Thomas Watson
Cpl.: Timothy Canty, William Eaton, James Hall
Sp4: Harold Carefoot, Brock Couture, Jeffrey Luebbe, John Philpot

MARATHONER—SFC Carlton J. Surtman, a member of Headquarters Detachment, 137th Supply and Service Battalion, Toledo, recently finished the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., in 2 hours, 58 minutes and 34 seconds. Surtman is a member of the National Guard Marathon Team. His master's team for runners over 40 years old finished third out of seven teams in the Marine Corps Marathon.
### NATIONAL GUARD WEEKEND DRILL PAY EFFECTIVE 1 OCT. 1985

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