Bicentennial of Constitution Commemorative Dates

The following is a brief description of events of national significance. Traditional 4th of July activities are excluded.

May 25, 1987—Two hundredth anniversary of the opening of the Constitutional Convention. On May 25, 1787, a quorum of delegates from seven states had arrived in Philadelphia in response to the call from the Annapolis Convention. Eventually, representatives from all states attended, with the exception of Rhode Island. The delegates included George Washington, who was elected president of the Convention, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, George Mason, John Dickinson, Gouverneur Morris, James Wilson, Roger Sherman, and Elbridge Gerry.

September 17, 1987—Two hundredth anniversary of the formal signing of the Constitution and the adjournment of the Constitutional Convention. Delegates of all 12 states represented in Philadelphia voted to approve the Constitution. Thirty-nine of the 42 delegates present signed the engrossed copy, and a letter of transmittal to the Continental Congress was drafted.

June 21, 1988—Two hundredth anniversary of the ratification of the Constitution. On June 21, 1788, New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the Constitution, nine states being the number sufficient to bring the Constitution into effect. This is obviously an appropriate date for commemorating the democratic process whereby the American people approved the Constitution.

March 4, 1989—Two hundredth anniversary of the day the First Congress under the Constitution met in New York City. Only eight Senators and 13 Congressmen convened on this date, and the House of Representatives would not achieve its first quorum until April 1, with the Senate following five days later.

April 30, 1989—Two hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States and Commander-in-Chief under the Constitution.

August 7, 1989—Two hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the War Department.


Bicentennial of Constitution & Signing of Northwest Ordinance

Dear Fellow Citizen:

In 1987 we will celebrate the bicentennials of the signing of the Northwest Ordinance and the United States Constitution, farsighted documents which placed Ohio squarely in the mainstream of American history.

As one of the four main documents of the original American Union, the Northwest Ordinance reflected the American dedication to freedom and justice and insisted on the prohibition of slavery, freedom of worship, and public education—ideals which have held their place in Ohio for two centuries. With Marietta and Cincinnati as the first settlements and Ohio University as the first public university in the old Northwest, the Northwest Ordinance had a special significance to Ohioans.

The United States Constitution reflects the dreams and hopes of scholars of government—a product of reflection and choice. It has been called the guardian of liberties for all Americans.

The state of Ohio is planning major celebrations of these historic events as these documents are hallmarks for Ohioans and Americans—a precious part of our heritage. When we celebrate their 200th anniversaries in 1987, we have an opportunity that will not be repeated again in our lifetime—an opportunity to share these history lessons with enthusiasm and pride.

Please join me as we re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals which are written in these documents, and together become part of Ohio's living history.

Best Regards,
Richard F. Celeste
Governor
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Central to the Department of Defense Bicentennial of the United States Constitution Logo is the triquetra (try'kwee tra). Traditionally, the triquetra represents equality, unity and eternity. The triquetra of the Department of Defense design symbolizes the executive, legislative and judicial branches of our representative government "of the people." The Pentagon is symbolic of the Department of Defense support to our government and the American people.

"To provide for the Common Defense"

The official theme of the Department of Defense for the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution reflects the mission of the Department of Defense as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution.

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OUR COVER

PFC Scott Riggle mans the TOW (tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided) anti-tank missile mounted on the HMMWV (hum-vee), the Army's newest tactical field vehicle. Riggle and driver Cpl. Kenneth Davis of the Combat Support Company, 1/166th Infantry Battalion, 73d Infantry Brigade, conducted "tracking exercises" as part of their unit's weekend drill training recently at Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton. (Photo by Sp4 Tom Grandy)
GROWTH occurs in cycles

By DAVE HERMAN 
State Retention NCO

Have you ever felt like a "short-timer"? Have you thought or said "This is becoming a waste of my time." How about "This is no longer worth my time." Or the popular "I can do better things with my time."

If you've been there, join the club. There are few people who haven't felt this way at one time or another. And yes, even lifers can feel this way from time to time. 

Sgt. Normal has been in the National Guard for almost five years. At first it had been exciting. Lately, though, it seemed like just a lot of the same old stuff. There wasn't much new or interesting going on. Sgt. Normal hadn't been promoted just a year or so ago, but it already felt like forever. It just didn't seem to be worth the effort anymore.

An article by Buck Blessing entitled Career Planning: Five Fatal Assumptions appearing in the September 1986 issue of the Training and Development Journal, describes career growth as resembling "a set of uneven stairs; it is episodic." For example, you start a job. After a few years, you begin to become bored, and start to wonder if it's all worth the trouble. Suddenly the situation changes, and you enter a new episode. You're in a new job, with different or greater responsibilities. You discover you've become a more capable and confident person. Then the new challenge slowly begins to lose its luster, and you begin to become "unchallenged" all over again.

Lt. Standard had been a platoon leader forever, or so it seemed. Work, work, and more work. Master one task, and up pops another. As if forty soldiers weren't enough, there's additional-duty this and additional-duty that: Safety Officer, Range Officer, Maintenance Officer, convoys, inspections, MOBEX, FIX, ARTEP, instep, route step, watch your step. Lt. Standard begins to wonder "Is that all there is?"

Depressing? Far from it! It is quite positive, normal and natural to grow through our jobs—in one end and out the other. We begin challenged and unsure; become experienced, capable, and confident; and then begin to wonder if there shouldn't be more. It's as normal and natural to experience this cycle in the National Guard as it would be to experience it in the Active Component or in a civilian career.

Completing the cycle, even reaching the point of growing dissatisfaction, is evidence that you've grown, whether as a soldier or employee; or as a commander, supervisor, or executive. Without episodes of challenge, growth, and impatience, it all becomes rather dull, just a way to earn a few dollars. The cycle gives it meaning. It's a sign of your changing, a cause for celebration.

Sgt. Normal and Lt. Standard are at the tail end of their growth cycles. Both feel they are ready for something more. Both wonder if anyone has noticed that they've changed. And both are becoming impatient. They're ready to swear that they'll be stuck exactly where they are, doing exactly what they are doing, forever. Both wonder if it isn't time to quit.

Recognize it? Been there before? Are you there now? If surviving the cycle is evidence of growth, quitting just doesn't seem to be the right way to celebrate. There can be more; more challenges, more learning, more growth. But you can't sit and wait for it to happen. You have to take an active role.

Rule Number 1: When you start to get bored, don't sit quietly. Don't brood, sulk, or otherwise suffer in silence. It leads to poor decisions.

Rule Number 2: Actively seek advice on how to find new challenges, excitement, and satisfaction in your work, whether it's military or civilian. Ask the people who seem to have the knack, that special talent, of getting through one job and into another. We all know a few like that.

Rule Number 3: Speak up. Let your leaders know that you feel you're ready for more—to be more, do more, handle more. Recognize that you'll probably want it before they feel you're ready, but don't let that discourage you. If you don't let your leaders know, you may get overlooked.

On our advice, Sgt. Normal spoke up. It was too soon for promotion, but Sample was moved to a key technical position which proved quite a different challenge from his old squad. One friend of his who spoke up now has a larger squad. Another is in Officer Candidate School. Lt. Standard spoke up, too. Too early for a command, it proved time for a change of unit and mission. It was like making the National Guard brand new and alive again.

Master your position. Prove you know your stuff. Then speak up when you think you're ready for more. Talk to your senior NCOs, unit commander, and Full-Time Area Retention NCO. The next growth episode may not start immediately, but it will start sooner with your help.

Both Sgt. Normal and Lt. Standard had friends who didn't speak up. They just sat there on the tail ends of old growth cycles. In the privacy of their own minds, they decided they had no futures. Some quit at the end of their enlistments, requested early discharges, or just stopped showing up altogether; some of the officers resigned. Some moved on to better things, but quite a few moved on to something of far less value. They now attempt to grow by watching more television on the weekends. What are the odds of that happening? And do the networks provide a pension after twenty years of weekend viewing?

Next time you feel like a short-timer, think it through. Talk about it with people who can do something to change the feeling.

Quitting is an answer, but it may not be the answer.

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GRATITUDE TRAIN DEDICATION

By KELLI BLACKWELL
HQ STARC (~DET 1)

On Veterans Day we honor those who have fought in wars for the peace that our country experiences today.

At Camp Perry on November 11, 1986, a unique war veteran was honored: a 4-wheel, 12-ton boxcar that carried thousands of American soldiers and their equipment off to battle during World Wars I and II; the Gratitude Train, better known as the Forty and Eight.

In 1949, it, along with 48 other cars, was given to Ohio and every state, as a thank you gift from France for America's support in their reconstruction after World War II.

Each car was filled with gifts and decorated with wooden plaques, each representing one of France's 40 Provinces, and red, white and blue banners with wording "Train de la Reconnaissance Francise" on one side and "Gratitude Train" on the other.

Ohio's boxcar spent its first year on tour, visiting museums, shows and parades. It was then stored for two years at the Ohio State Fairgrounds where it became weather-beaten and decayed. In 1951 the car was transferred to Camp Perry. For 25 years the Gratitude Train was pretty much forgotten.

This year, during the spring, a few students of Port Clinton High School devoted their time and energy in rebuilding; refinishing; restoring the Forty and Eight to its original beauty.

During the dedication ceremony keynote speaker Lt.Col. Manuel Conley, of the U.S. Army told of the boxcars' significance and history. In closing he said, "France gave the boxcars to us as a way of saying, 'Thank you.' And from the people who restored the Gratitude Train, it is their way of saying, 'You're welcome.'"

MOWER AID

By SP4 THOMAS D. GRANDY
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Part of the mission of the Ohio National Guard is to come to the aid of its citizens in the event of a major disaster. These disasters come in many different forms be it a tornado, drought, flood, or blizzard. But, more often, disaster strikes on a smaller scale: the individual.

For the most part, the National Guard is unable to attend to such individual crises, but for five members of Battery B, 1/136th Field Artillery, their chance to help did come.

It was the afternoon of April 27th, members of B-Battery were performing preventative maintenance and securing equipment after having just returned from a live-fire training mission at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Across the street from the armory, Walter Hill, a local high-school student was mowing the family's front lawn.

While trying to mow down the yard's slope, Hill lost his footing and began to slip under the mower. In an attempt to clear himself of the danger, he twisted the mower's handles only to have the blades fall back onto his foot and lower leg.

As he lay bleeding on the slope, five of B-Battery's soldiers came running to his aid.

SSgt. Mel Landis, a certified Emergency Medical Technician, who works part time with his local fire department, led the effort to attend to Hill's wounds. His actions were instrumental in stabilizing Hill's condition prior to the arrival of the ambulance.

SSgt. Tom Miller and Sgt. Forest Frizzel worked to keep the boy from entering shock. While initially, there was little pain, as it increased and began to give Hill some hint of the seriousness of his injury he began to struggle to see the wound. It became necessary for Frizzel to sit on the boy's chest to restrain him while both he and Miller continuously spoke to him to keep his mind from the accident.

Miller and Sgt.'s Carl and Caris King assisted Landis in administering the first aid and ran back and forth to the armory acquiring the dressing and first aid items required by Landis.

The King brothers also helped comfort Hill's teen sister who was at home when the accident occurred.

The ambulance arrived twenty minutes after the accident and Landis informed the Bucyrus EMT of the status of both the wounds and patient and what actions he had taken in stabilizing Hill.

Satisfied with the actions Landis had taken, the emergency technicians did not attempt to remove the original dressings and observe the wound themselves.

Walter Hill spent a week in the hospital and though severely traumatized, with the help of the Ohio National Guardsmen the physicians were able to save each of his five toes.

AWARD FOR VALOR

Sgt. Michael D. Jackson, 637th Field Service Co., Akron, received an Ohio Fire Service Award for Valor and was inducted into the Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame for courage and heroism displayed during a fire last spring.

Jackson and two other members of the Akron Fire Department were injured last March 3 while attempting to rescue a woman from a fire in an apartment building.

Jackson was burned on the face and hand, and was later treated and released from the Akron Children's Hospital burn unit.

A 68-year-old woman died in the fire and a firefighter lieutenant had to be pulled from the building after a blast of fire and smoke erupted as the firefighters were climbing a stairwell to try and rescue the woman.

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"Hell Fighters from Harlem." "Men of Bronze." "Black Watch."

These are names earned by some of the most celebrated Americans to fight in World War I. The soldiers were National Guardsmen whose own War Department wouldn't include them in the Allied Expeditionary Forces, but who were welcomed with open arms as augments to the French Army.

For their valor, the French honored the men of the all-black 369th Infantry with the Croix de Guerre, France's highest military honor.

This tradition of valor among America's black citizen-soldiers stems back to the American Revolution. Black Minute men fought for American independence side by side with white patriots during the battles of Lexington and Concord. They served in the Continental Army and in the militia units of Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia.

Black citizen-soldiers have earned a place in American military history, often overcoming discrimination to demonstrate their capabilities.

The 1792 Militia Act prohibited blacks from serving in the militia. But that didn't stop the Battalion of Free Men of Color, a Louisiana militia unit, from taking part in a surprise attack on British lines during the War of 1812. The unit later fought in the battle of New Orleans.

In 1861, Massachusetts became the first state to change its laws to allow blacks to serve in the organized militia. At the onset of the Civil War, thousands of blacks signed up to serve in other state volunteer regiments as well.

In fact, four black Regular Army regiments were organized, and National Guard units were organized in Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

At war's end, many former slaves joined the militia units formed during Reconstruction.

Black guardsmen continued to serve with distinction during World War I, World War II and the Korean War in segregated units.

It wasn't until the early 1950s that Reserve and National Guard units began to integrate.

Today, more than 271,000 black Americans serve as citizen-soldiers in the Reserve components. These men and women, as members of a total defense team that recognizes no racial differences, continue a distinguished record of service to the nation.

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**Flowers Retires**

By JIM DAY

CoA, 216th Engineer Battalion

After 38 years of service, 1st Sgt. Boyd Flowers, Company A, 216th Engineer Battalion, Chillicothe, has retired from the Ohio National Guard. Since 1948, Flowers has seen many people come and go and has seen many changes take place in the Ohio National Guard.

When Flowers was in high school, guardmembers and WWII veterans would visit schools to inform students of the importance of the military.

"I joined the 216th when I was 20 years old," Flowers said. "A Company was then Company L, 166th Regimental Combat Team (Infantry). Before I joined, it was a heavy machine gun company. The unit changed to engineers in 1965."

Flowers was involved in many training activities throughout the years, but the event that sticks out in his mind the most was the Bay of Pigs incident during the administration of President John F. Kennedy.

"The National Guard didn't get involved, but the president talked of guard involvement. Of course after the Russians agreed to move their missiles out of Cuba the threat ended," Flowers said.

"Guard training is critical, Flowers says. "Training is limited only by the imagination of the trainer. Our sergeants have led excellent field training exercises and drills."

New recruits in the Guard should be ready to train hard and be ready to adapt to changes, Flowers said. They should welcome the challenges and be ready to work with other people. "We're a people-oriented society, and the Guard is people," he said.

1ST SGT. BOYD FLOWERS
TAX CHANGES

Guard members should be aware of the following changes in the tax code, effective beginning the 1987 tax year:

- The current 14 bracket system will be replaced with five rates in 1987 and reduced to two rates in 1988.
- The standard deduction is increased from $3,670.00 to $5,000 for joint filers and from $2,480.00 to $3,000.00 for single returns.
- The personal exemption deduction is increased from $1,080.00 to $1,900.00 in 1987, to $1,950.00 in 1988 and $2000.00 in 1989. Thereafter, it will be indexed to inflation but phased out for high income tax payers in 1988.
- There are many changes in the IRA including the loss of deductibility for most individuals in 1987.
- Margin and other investment interest expenses remain deductible to the extent of net investment.
- Interest on mortgages secured by the principle or secondary residence will be deductible on an amount up to the purchase price of the property plus the costs of improvements. Interest on mortgage-based loans used for home improvement, education and medical expenses will be deductible up to the fair market value of the property.
- Interest on consumer debt will be deductible in excess of 7.5% of adjusted gross income.
- Principal residence interest expenses remain deductible.
- Sales tax deductions will no longer be permitted.
- Charitable contributions are only deductible if you itemize.
- Miscellaneous deductions must be reduced by 2% of adjusted gross income.
- Moving expenses become an itemized deduction.
- Business expenses are only deductible if you itemize and they again must be reduced by 2% of the taxpayers adjusted gross income.

Decisions should not be made solely on the information contained here. For further details, you should consult both your tax adviser and your Financial Consultant.

Job-Related Education May Be Deductible Expense

Taxpayers who are enrolled in job-related self-development courses of study may be able to deduct education expenses, the Internal Revenue Service says.

To qualify, the expenses must meet at least one of two specific guidelines. Taking the course of study must be mandatory to remain employed—for example, a teacher required to take a course to retain a teaching position. If not, the course must be helpful in maintaining or improving skills which are required in one’s present position—for instance, a television repairman taking a course to keep up with the latest technologies.

However, the cost of other educational expenses are not deductible. Expenses for education that prepares one for a new trade or business—such as a journalist studying law—may not be deducted, even if the education is required or beneficial to the taxpayer’s present employment. Similarly, the expense for study to help meet the minimum educational requirements for a current position is not an allowable deduction—for example, a full-time engineering student who has a part-time job in a minor engineering capacity.

Educational expenses include amounts spent on tuition, books, supplies, laboratory fees, similar items, and certain travel and transportation costs. Educational expenses other than travel and transportation are itemized deductions and should be listed on Schedule A (Form 1040) as miscellaneous deductions. Travel and transportation are deducted as adjustments to income using Form 2106, Employee Business Expenses.

Additional information on educational expenses appears in free IRS Publication 508, Educational Expenses, available by using the order form in the tax package, or by calling or writing the IRS.

Copies of Tax Returns Are Good Records

Copies of federal income tax returns from prior years not only serve as good financial records, but they can serve as guides for filing out future returns as well, the Internal Revenue Service says.

A good deal of information may be utilized from old copies, especially for those taxpayers whose financial situations stay almost the same from year to year, according to the IRS.

Being able to refer to completed returns could also be helpful to those who might later wish to amend their returns, income average, or who are called in for a tax examination. Taxpayers finding themselves in any of these situations will be glad they retained a copy of their return.

Requesting copies of prior returns can be very time consuming and costly depending on the contents of the documents requested.
New Ohio Room At Academy

By ROBERT C. JONES
HQ 179th Tactical Airlift Group

Brig. Gen. Francis E. Hazard, Commander HQ OHANG, recently rededicated the Ohio Room at the Air Guard NCO Academy in Knoxville, Tenn. Five members of Mansfield's 179th Tactical Airlift Group received the Ohio Commendation Medal for their efforts in refurbishing the room. MSGt. William Dickson Jr., MSGt. Howard Gerhart, MSGt. Mark Kline, TSgt. Courtney Boling, and TSgt. William Kohler received their commendation for outstanding achievement during the redecoration ceremonies.

During his remarks at the medal presentation, Brig. Gen. Hazard had this to say about the academy and the room dedicated in Ohio's honor. "The NCO Academy is where our enlisted leaders are trained and nurtured. These state rooms symbolize the dedication and loyalty of our enlisted. When you look at Ohio's room you see that it says more than just Ohio. The decorations speak of great national and state pride. When you look at the symbols and documents of our nation's founding that decorate the room, you see to the heart of the people in Ohio's Air Guard."

At the NCO Academy each room in Lackford Hall, where academy attendees stay, is decorated by the enlisted personnel in each state. This tradition started about six years ago and Ohio was one of the first states to decorate a room. And, as all involved in the refurbishing agreed, Ohio's room was looking a little worse for the wear. During the summer of 1985 the ball began rolling for the redecoration. At that time CMSgt. Jim Wood, then Senior Enlisted Advisor for the state of Ohio, helped organize a statewide fund drive with the help of local chapters of the Academy Graduates Association. In the months that followed over $3,000 was raised through donations across the state. TSgt. Kohler, then President of Mansfield's Chapter of the Academy Graduates, received the money and organized a team to add new luster to the Ohio Room.

As most members of the decoration team were academy graduates, they knew what was needed to make the room right. Courses for the NCO's are tough and demanding. Leisure time is at a minimum and study along with a good dose of military discipline are the norm. TSgt. Boling put it this way, "We especially wanted a room that was useful, friendly and soft. We looked at the room from the standpoint of the people who use it, they need a good place to study and rest."

Other members of the team from Mansfield's 179th TAG had these thoughts. MSGt. Dickson, "NCO's from all across the country stay in Ohio's room. We were looking pretty bad but not now. It's a good place to escape the pressure and relax. "The job was bigger than we thought but the work was worth it," said MSGt. Gerhart. MSGt. Kline expressed the feelings of all team members when he said, "Those who attend the academy have great pride in it and all that it represents. I was just proud that I was able to do something, to pay back part of the debt I owe."

NCO's are not the only one's who see these state rooms. Officer Candidate School is also in Knoxville and, when possible on graduation day these men and women along with their families tour Lackford Hall. Seeing room after room dedicated to each of the fifty states and four territories these young officers begin to understand the dedication of the Air Guard NCO's. Business and government leaders also come to Knoxville and leave with a new appreciation of the Guard.

It took two trips to Knoxville to complete the Ohio Room project. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and insignia from all the Air Guard units in Ohio are among the room's notable decorations. It's a place Ohio can look to with pride.
Commissary Privileges for Reservists, Guardmembers

HEROISM AWARD—SFC Ed Crew, an Army Guard recruiter, wears his Ohio Distinguished Service Medal (upper right lapel) after the award was pinned on him by Ohio Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway. Crew received the DSM with Valor for rescuing three young men from the Ohio River near Marietta on Aug. 14, 1985.

Dear Editor:

I am a wife of a National Guardsman, member of 3/107th Armored Cavalry. I'm hoping this letter will be published in the Buckeye Guard in honor of CW04 Junior Duke.

Being a part of "Duke's Army" for the past three years has been very special in my heart. Duke has made it feel like a second family.

I feel that if it wasn't for Mr. Duke, my husband wouldn't be where he is today. And there isn't enough that we could ever do for all that he has done for us, but it is guaranteed that we would try.

I'm sure that I speak for all of the wives in "Duke's Army" when I say there could never be another Mr. Duke. And when he leaves us for his retirement, his traditional ways and his right-hand man, SSgt. Delmas Roy (Tink), we (Duke's Army) can and will survive!

Here is a man that could NEVER be forgotten. We'll miss you Mr. Duke. We wish you and Mrs. Duke the best of luck!

Yours truly,
Janet Bergdorf

PLDC
Commandant's List

Sp4 Michael L. Burlingame, Detachment 1, Company C, 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry, Defiance, was named to the Commandant's List and designated an Honor Graduate at the Primary Leadership Development Course conducted at the Region 1 Noncommissioned Officers School, Annville, Penn., Sept. 13-27, 1986.

BY DONNA BOLINGER
American Forces Information Service

Good news for reservists and National Guardsmen: The newly passed Defense Authorization Act entitles you to as many as 14 days of military commissary use each year.

Limited commissary use for members of the Reserve components is nothing new. For years, they've been entitled to shop in commissaries, but only during their two week annual training periods...and that time could not be accrued.

But the new measure gives reservists and guardsmen an opportunity to accrue up to 14 days of commissary privileges and to use them at their convenience for up to one year.

The Department of Defense is establishing guidelines and could implement the new ruling as soon as Jan. 1, 1987.

DoD officials aren't sure how much increase in commissary usage the new ruling will create.

During a one-year test in 1984 members of the Reserve components in New England, Los Angeles, and San Antonio, Texas accrued commissary privileges based on military duty.

While most reservists were glad to receive the privileges, many did no use them—probably because they didn't live close enough to a commissary to use it conveniently. However, in areas where a large number of reservists lived near military installations, more than one-fourth of the eligible reservists took advantage of the commissary benefit.

Those who used the commissaries were found to outspend their active duty counterparts considerably, probably to get the largest benefit from limited visits. The average Reserve member spent $140 per commissary trip; the average active duty member spent $40.

In a letter to then-Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Deputy Secretary of Defense William H. Taft IV said the test demonstrated a relatively low impact on the commissary system. However, he pointed out, the impact could be higher in some areas, particularly as reservists and guardsmen become more aware of the commissary benefit.

The change has no effect on commissary access by reservists who serve 30 or more days of additional duty during which they are issued a green identification card. Reservists and guardsmen will continue to be eligible for commissary privileges during that time. However, those privileges will not accrue and will terminate at the completion of duty.
The 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment recently completed a major reorganization that significantly changes the look of this huge Army National Guard force. The 107th, with its unique new organization, is one of only four of its kind in the force structure, and one of two in the Army National Guard. Future issues of THE BUCKEYE GUARD will have articles discussing the role of the 107th and its mobilization mission.

Tomcik Back With 107th Cavalry

By SP4 THOMAS D. GRANDY
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One of the most decorated soldiers in the Ohio Army National Guard, Tomcik has had an impressive military career. Among his awards and decorations, he has two Distinguished Service Crosses, nine bronze stars (four for valor), one purple heart, and Army Commendation Medal for valor and two Air Medals.

After graduation from the Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Ga. in 1967, Tomcik was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam with Company B, 3/47th Infantry Battalion. He earned his two Distinguished Service Crosses, one of our nation's highest wartime decorations.

He was awarded his first DSC for his actions in October 13, 1968. Then a first lieutenant, Tomcik was a platoon leader in an air assault action against an enemy company. With his unit pinned down from enemy fire, Tomcik moved forward and single-handedly destroyed two enemy positions.

Still under heavy fire, he returned to his men to obtain a machine gun, then set up return fire forward of the main body of the platoon while directing in gunship fire within 25 meters of his position.

Later, with a 5-man squad under his leadership, Tomcik and his men overran and destroyed six more enemy bunkers.

Less than three months later, Tomcik earned his second DSC while leading an 8-man reconnaissance-in-force mission into enemy territory. He and one other soldier moved ahead to investigate a deserted village. As they were exiting a hut, they came face-to-face with three heavily armed soldiers, the advance for a company-size unit.

With Tomcik providing cover fire, both men attempted to withdraw. They reached a deep, swift-running stream where Tomcik set up a defensive position while the other soldier attempted to cross. When his partner began to flounder, Tomcik saved the man from drowning despite heavy enemy fire.

When he returned to the U.S., Tomcik was assigned as the Leadership Instructor at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning. He applied for and was accepted to attend airborne training, then volunteered for a second tour in Vietnam.

After his return and a four year break in service, Tomcik joined the Ohio Army National Guard, first serving with the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment then, later with the 73rd Infantry Brigade as Operations Officer.
Todd Breitmann recently joined the student flight of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group. That may not seem important to you but he is already receiving the pay of an E-3 and next summer when he graduates from basic student training and enters the 179th TAG he'll have two stripes on his sleeve. How is he different? He's a Civil Air Patrol member and a graduate of the Cadet program.

What is the Civil Air Patrol? CAP is an official auxiliary of the Air Force. It is a highly motivated group that, among other things, performs search and rescue missions credited with saving 425 people in the last five years alone. It is an organization aimed at developing young men and women into dynamic American citizens.

"The cadet program teaches leadership, discipline and exposes these young people to a lot of aerospace education," according to SSgt. Jerry Fork, recruiter for the 179th TAG and a senior member of Mansfield's CAP. SSgt. Fork went on to relate the differences he sees in those with and without CAP training. "The people from CAP definitely have a step or two on those around them in basic and technical schools. Even for those who don't go into the military, CAP is a maturing experience."

SMSgt. Breitmann from CAM Squadron is particularly proud of the newest member of the 179th TAG. Todd is his son and he sees nothing but a bright future for the former Cadet Commander of Mansfield's CAP. As a past member of CAP, SMSgt. Breitmann knows the benefits the organization gave him. "The summer encampments, educational courses similar to our CDC's and all the other experience broaden a person preparing them for life in general."
Combat support elements of the 73rd Infantry Brigade have received the U.S. Army's newest tactical field vehicle, the HMMWV (hum-vee).

The HMMWV, officially known as the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle, replaces the Army jeep and two other 1/4-ton vehicles.

First units in the Ohio National Guard to receive the new vehicles are Combat Support Company, 1/48th Infantry, Findlay; Combat Support Company, 1/66th Infantry, London; Combat Support Company, 1/147th Infantry, Shadybrook.

The HMMWV stands 69 inches high with a 16-inch ground clearance for maneuverability in many terrain environments. It is powered by a 6.2 litre, diesel V-8 engine (manufactured in Ohio) and has an automatic transmission that powers all four wheels in either low or high range.
It can ford up to 60 inches of water and can climb a 60 percent grade. Special rims on the HMMWV tires allow it to run on flat tires at 30 miles an hour for 30 minutes.

The capabilities of the HMMWV as an anti-tank vehicle, after being armed with TOW’s (tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided missiles) make it a very important infantry vehicle.

Driver and maintenance training for crews and mechanics was conducted in January at the Guard’s Newark Maintenance Facility under the auspices of the State Maintenance Office.

NEW EQUIPMENT—Pit. Sgt. Martie Ray Yount of Combat Support Company, 1/166th Infantry Battalion, 73d Infantry Brigade, accepts the keys to a HMMWV (hum-vee) from Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Schulte, Assistant Adjutant General for the Ohio Army National Guard. The ceremony took place at the Guard’s Maintenance Facility in Newark on January 14, 1987. Brig. Gen. Clyde Gutzwiller (right), Commander of the 73d Infantry Brigade, asked Yount to accept the keys on behalf of the brigad. (Photo By SFC Donald R. Lundy)

INITIATION—MSgt. Francis W. Steffee, HHD, 237th Maintenance Battalion, Newark, prepares to take a test drive in one of the Ohio Army National Guard’s new HMMWV’s prior to turning the vehicles over to units of the 73d Infantry Brigade. (Photo By SFC Donald R. Lundy)

SIGHTING—A member of Combat Support Company, 1/166th Infantry eyes a target during field training with the TOW missile mounted on the new HMMWV. (Photo By Sp4 Tom Grandy.)
Food Basket Program
By DONALD R. LUNGY
Executive Editor

Ohio's Christmas Basket Program shined bright for many people in 1986, but nowhere was the warmth of the holiday spirit felt more than in the household of Mrs. Becky Mitchell of Columbus. For Mrs. Mitchell, whose husband was off work and handicapped to the point he couldn't walk, the prospects were bleak for even a decent Christmas dinner for her and her two children.

Becky Mitchell's concern prompted her to direct a plea for help to Ohio Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway. Gen. Galloway asked Col. Ken Pelfrey, who has headed up holiday food collections in the Adjutant General's Department for the last two years, to see how the family might be helped.

Through the efforts of Pelfrey and Lt. Paola Ward, who works with him in the State Tuition Grant Office, the Mitchell family received two large baskets of food and a complete Christmas dinner. The donated items were delivered to the Mitchell home on Dec. 5 by Col. Pelfrey, his wife Patti and their daughter Lori.

"We had a darn good response to our program in the Adjutant General's Department," Pelfrey said. He had particular praise for Lt. Ward and Lt. Col. John Mitchel of the department's U.S. Property and Fiscal Office (USP&FO). "Again this year, Col. Mitchler and his staff donated money for the purchase of food items for the needy," Pelfrey said.

"And Lt. Ward was extremely helpful to me in making up the baskets for the Mitchell family and collecting items in the Beightler Armory." Col. Pelfrey also had kind words for Suzanne Brown, of the Ohio Industrial Commission's Rehabilitation Division. "In the course of a phone conversation about the plight of the Mitchell family, Suzanne mentioned that her department's collection program had yielded a fresh ham which they had stored in a refrigerator. She noted that the State of Ohio's Food Basket Program was not geared to take perishables, and suggested to Pelfrey that he take the ham to the Mitchell family. She also put together a box of food for the family.

Through the efforts of Col. Pelfrey and the Columbus Community Free Job List Program, Mrs. Mitchell is now in a training program to become a beautician.

"I'm just glad we could help," Pelfrey said. "Being poor certainly isn't fun."

Food Service
By CHARLES REITZ
HQ STARC (-DET 1)

The State Army Guard Food Management Assistance Team is being reorganized and expanded to help units throughout the state with their food service operations. Visits to units are being scheduled. Any unit that needs help in the food service area can get it by contacting either Maj. Charles Reitz, P.O. Box 181, Uhrichsville, Ohio 44683, telephone: (614) 922-4472; or MSgt. Harold Houck, 7469 SR 95, Route 2, Fredericktown, Ohio 43109, telephone: (419) 768-3985.

Units from the major commands nominated and in the running for the prestigious Connelly Award which goes to the top food service section are:
- Company C, 237th Support Battalion
- Troop L, 3/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment
- Company B, 612th Engineer Battalion

The units were to be visited in January by the Food Service Advisor and Food Service NCO so the final selection could be made.

Cavalry Artillery Donates Food

Members of Howitzer Battery, 3rd Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry, Cleveland, in the true spirit of St. Barbara, patron saint of artillery, donated food to the needy in their community.

Battery Commander Capt. Donald Kennett encouraged unit members to donate the food, which was given to the Cleveland office of the Salvation Army for distribution. (Article submitted by MSgt. Dan Geary)
TURKEY SHOOT

By WALTER S. STASHKIW
HQ, Ohio Air National Guard

Competition among the Ohio Air National Guard Tactical Fighter units has been in existence for a number of years. Each year the Headquarters, Ohio Air National Guard conducts an annual "Turkey Shoot" to determine the best unit and individual aircrews within the state. Ohio has three Tactical Fighter units that fly the A-7D aircraft: The 162nd Tactical Fighter Squadron at Springfield; the 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base; and the 112th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Toledo. All are part of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker ANGB, Columbus. The 1986 "Turkey Shoot" was the 14th Annual Competition sponsored by the State Headquarters Headquarters since 1972.

The purpose of the competition is to increase the proficiency of the tactical aircrews of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, as well as create interest and enhance a competitive spirit among the units. The proficiency contributes to the ANG's part in the Total Force Policy of the USAF. The success of these units is measured by their ability to deliver conventional weapons on specifically designated targets, with prescribed accuracy and within predetermined times.

Col. Ray Moorman, State Headquarters' Director of Operations, organized the competition and headed the State Staff Team that conducted the annual event. Members of the Headquarters' staff performed scoring and evaluation of the competition at the air-to-ground range complex of the Jefferson Proving Grounds, Madison, Ind., as well as various navigational checkpoints along the low level navigational route. Judges for the event included; Col. Ray Weber, Assistant Chief of Staff, Col. Charles Porter, Lt. Col. Walter Stashkiw, CMSgt. Joe Hinnant, CMSgt. Dick Weimer, MSgt. Jim Green, SMSgt. Argel Tanner, and MSgt. Harold Fulton.

Missions were flown from each of the units' home station along a prescribed route to the Jefferson Proving Ground. Each unit was tasked according to the number of pilots and aircraft assigned to each. The 178th Tactical Fighter Group from Springfield and the 180th Tactical Fighter Group from Toledo were each tasked to fly 19 sorties using a minimum of 10 aircraft. The 121st Tactical Fighter Wing from Rickenbacker ANG Base was tasked to fly 24 sorties with a minimum of 14 aircraft. Due to weather conditions 52 sorties were flown involving the same number of ANG pilots. This gave a measure of the overall breadth and depth of the pilots within each unit as well as a measure of the maintenance and support elements.

After the pilots readied each aircraft, they were required to fly a specified low level route to the range area. They were required to fly over designated "check points" and make radio contact with ground judges. Each check point was scored by the accuracy to meet a predetermined time. Maximum points were awarded for an accuracy of plus or minus 5 seconds of meeting the predetermined time. Pilots were not aware of which check points were being judged during the day-long competition.

Upon reaching the target area each pilot was required to complete a single-ship visual laydown bomb delivery under a simulated inclement weather ceiling of 500' AGL. Scoring was determined on both delivery accuracy and meeting a time over target of plus or minus 2 seconds. This event was followed by the delivery of five more conventional weapons deliveries from tactical pop-up patterns and two low angle strafe passes with 125 rounds of 20 mm ammunition. In addition to being judged on accuracy of delivery, each pilot was also scored on exposure time over the target simulating an enemy high threat environment.

The competition was monitored by ground and tower personnel for safety, time factors and altitude limits, as well as accuracy of weapons delivery. Exposure time, speed and altitude were also scored on each delivery. A total score was computed for each participating pilot. The scores for all pilots within each unit were totaled and divided by the number of pilots participating from that unit. The winning unit was determined by the highest average score.

Winning unit for the 1986 "Turkey Shoot" Competition was the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker ANG Base. Second place went to the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield, and third to the 180th Tactical Fighter Group at Toledo.

The "Top Gun" individual winner was Maj. Dan Wilson of the 121st TFW.


TOP GUN—Individual winner for the 1986 Ohio "Turkey Shoot" is Major Dan Wilson of the 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron. The 166th is a unit of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio. (Photo By MSgt. Bob Good)

Second place went to Lt. Col. A.J. Feucht from the 121st TFW, and third to Maj. Tom Pape of the 121st TFW. A significant achievement of the winning unit was the average score of just 3/4 inches in the low angle bomb event, a superb demonstration of weapons delivery accuracy.

Col. Moorman was extremely pleased with the results of the competition and the safe manner in which it was carried out without incident. "The Ohio Air National Guard 'can-do' attitude was displayed again in this year's competition."

Brig. Gen. Francis Hazard, Chief of Staff, added, "The 'Turkey Shoot' was an excellent competitive event that achieved our objectives in a safe and professional manner. Our Tactical Fighter units of the Ohio Air National Guard make a significant and important contribution to the defense of our great country."

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From A Leadership Standpoint, What Person Has Had The Major Impact On Your Life?

(SP4 Krista Kiskaden
HQ 213th Maintenance Company
"My father has a strong character. He's a full-time National Guard member and that's been a way of life with me. His sense of self-discipline carried over to me. It's taught me how to deal with life."

Tech Sgt. Mike S. Baur
200th Civil Eng. Squadron
"I think John F. Kennedy was a great leader. He didn't let anyone push the United States around. When the Cuban Missile Crisis happened, he put his foot down. He called up the troops and told them to get the missiles out. That's the kind of leadership we need."

Airman Daniel J. Whipple
200th Civil Eng. Squadron
"My basic training Technical Instructor changed everybody through his leadership. He introduced us to military life and made a good impression on everybody. He stressed teamwork, neatness and the need to help each other out."

PFC. David A. Fields
Co. B, 1-166th Infantry
"I admire Patton. By what I've read, he was controversial because he wasn't afraid to speak his mind. Also, he wouldn't tell anyone to do anything that he wouldn't do himself. He led by example."
Trio Treks To Training

Story and Photo By DAVE SWAVEL

When the time comes to head north to Camp Grayling, Mich. for two weeks of Annual Training, three members of 1st Battalion 136th Field Artillery bypass the “normal” modes of transportation and took a different approach.

The trio, SFC Steven J. Howard and PFC Scott A. Cooper both members of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Columbus, and SSgt. Thomas W. Miller a member of Battery B located in Bucyrus left Tiffin July 23, 1986 for a two and one half day bicycle ride to AT.

The 346-mile bike tour, the second AT trek for Miller and Howard, was ridden in “pretty good time” last year, Miller said. “We averaged 17 miles per hour on the road and for the most part the weather was great.”

“It only rained about the last 20 miles of the trip,” Howard said. However, they did have to contend with 90-degree heat for the first two days. “We adapted pretty well,” he added. “We ate food high in carbohydrates and drank lots of fluids. You have to drink more than your body demands or you will become weak and tired.”

The artillerymen cycled from dawn to dusk daily, riding 280 miles the first two days and 66 miles the last day. Each rider carried about 20 to 30 pounds of gear, including a one-man tent and a tiny mattress.

Cooper, a member of the HHB Fire Support Team, said, “You meet a lot of very nice people when you’re traveling. I was very impressed with their friendliness.”

The route was mapped out to avoid the super highways, using more scenic secondary roads. “It’s just beautiful from the Houghton Lake area into Grayling. Besides, it’s all downhill,” Miller chuckled.

“You see things you don’t notice from the window of a car or a jeep,” Howard added. “In my 17 years in the Guard I never had as much fun going to AT.”

Although it may be “fun” to these guardmembers they really do train for the ride. “I’m not getting any younger and I’ve finally realized that I’m going to have to stay in shape in order to stay in the Guard,” Howard said. “I try to run about 25 miles a week and ride whenever I can. Riding is something my whole family enjoys and we’ve become a lot closer since we started to ride. We have the opportunity to relax and talk with one another.”

Miller, a member of the Guard for 11 years and B Battery’s communication sergeant, had already logged more than 2,700 miles on the road before AT last year. “I’m a morning person and I usually get up four or five times a week and ride 25 miles before work. Riding relaxes me and I find I can handle my civilian job as a relay technician easier.”

“I guess you could say I train a bit differently,” Cooper said, as he tried to hold back a smile. The youngest member of this trio spends most of the day training to compete in triathalons. The Ohio State University senior said he had competed in only five last year but plans to participate in a dozen next year.

“I love the competition but the training is rigorous,” he added. “Since I work evenings I have lots of time to train. I try to ride 20 miles, run nine miles and swim 5,000 meters daily. I guess I’m just another crazy person—but I love it.”

If you’re interested in taking a spin to AT 87 in Grayling, Mich., contact: SFC Steven J. Howard, 863 Arrowhead Drive, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820.
Family Affair

The Chapman family of Massillon, Ohio is making the National Guard a family affair. Michael and Thomas Chapman joined the Guard in 1984 and 1985 to further their education through the Tuition Grant Program.

Michael and Thomas, members of Troop F, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Massillon, entered the regiment's Combat Soldier's Competition, and wound up taking individual and top overall awards. The combat course consisted of four phases: land navigation, combat obstacle, weapon utilization and physical readiness.

On hand to congratulate the brothers for their efforts in the competition, was their sister Kimberly, who recently joined the Guard and is assigned to HHT, 2/107th in Canton.

All three members of the Chapman family are using the tuition grant program to further their education.

The Chapmans come from a civic-minded family. Their father is a 17-year veteran of the Massillon police force, and their mother is a probation officer and the first woman bailiff in Massillon.

Co. D, 216th Engrs Gets New Sign

Company D, 216th Engineer Battalion, has a new sign outside the Tarlton armory which reflects the attitude and character of the company. Sgt. George Portier created the sign, and it was constructed by the members of the unit's second platoon.

Special thanks for their efforts on the project were directed to Sgts. Ron Williams, Michael Javorina, Craig Chaffins, Anthony Thimmes, and Pvt. Kevin Welch.

The "Home of the Delta Demons" sign reflects the pride of this Ohio National Guard unit.

Edgell recognized by Dept. of Defense

Larry Edgell of M.C. Sporting Goods, 3355 Secor Rd., received a Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation for support of the National Guard during a ceremony Dec. 6, at the Toledo Air National Guard Base.

Mr. Edgell was nominated for the award by Craig Bechtel, an employee and a sergeant in the Toledo Air Guard. The award is part of a national program to recognize supportive employers of Guardmembers and Reservists.

More than 1.4 million men and women serve in the Guard and Reserve, and support by employers is critical to their ability to respond to a national emergency. Unless allowed time off for training, Guardmembers and Reservists cannot meet the demanding readiness requirements imposed by high technology equipment and new missions.

Today, more than 40 percent of the nation's Total Force is Guard and Reserve. Reserve component units are assigned critical mobilization missions in partnership with active duty military forces. Department of Defense research shows that positive employer attitudes and personnel policies are critical to the Guardmember or Reservist making a decision about continued service.

The Toledo Air National Guard is stationed at Toledo Express Airport and has approximately 1,300 members. The unit contributes nearly $9 million annually to the local economy in payrolls and service contracts.

SMP Program

ROTC cadets in the Ohio National Guard's Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) do not lose their tuition grant benefits, according to Capt. Michael Palumbo, education services officer at state headquarters.

In a news bulletin from Palumbo's office dated Dec. 8, 1986, it was also noted that an SMP cadet does not take an officer slot from a unit. All companies are authorized and encouraged to have at least four SMP cadets, while detachments are authorized two.

The bulletin also stated that approval for an individual to participate in the SMP program is done at the organizational level that has E-5 promotion authority. The individual is to be promoted to E-5 when the ROTC contract (DA Form 597) is received from the proper ROTC battalion.

Body Builder

Sp4 Jeff Frey of the 2/107th Armored Cavalry, Canton, recently took third place in the Northeast Ohio Bodybuilders Competition. Jeff has been a competitor in body building for some time, according to Lt. Col. Denny Tomcik who forwarded this picture and information along to the BUCKEYE GUARD.

Good luck to Jeff in future events.

Civic Leaders on KC-135

Civic leaders from Southwest Ohio communities flew the friendly skies to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., in a KC-135 in November as part of a three-day program sponsored by the Air National Guard.

Col. Richard E. Higgins, commanding officer of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, held a briefing for the civic leaders, informing them of the Air National Guard, the 178th TFG and the Total Force. During their stay they attended showings of the F-16 and A-7 aircrafts, and attended various tours of the base and training areas.

"Judging from the attention and interest of the civic leaders during this tour, and their comments and compliments afterwards, I believe this effort was most productive," Higgins said. "They saw the Total Force in action and learned what readiness is all about."

Experts estimate that 83 percent of the deaths from lung cancer could be prevented if the individuals had never taken up smoking.

—American Cancer Society
Bandmember Honored

By JAMES CATO
122nd Army Band

Colleen Nutter of the 122nd Army Band earned a special honor recently when she was named the Most Inspirational Bandmember at the Ohio State University Marching Band's annual Mershon Concert.

Nutter, a specialist four in the Guard, is a senior education major at OSU. She is the first female bandmember ever to receive the award which is determined by peer balloting.

Nutter enlisted in the Guard in 1984 under the Tuition Grant Program. She said the program has allowed her to spend less time working to pay for college and more time practicing to make the OSU band "The Best Damn Band in the Land."

After she graduates, Nutter plans to teach high school music education before pursuing a doctorate degree and teaching at the college level.

"The hands-on musical training I get with the 122nd Army Band gives me valuable experience that will transfer to my future civilian life," she said.

Coming from a family of nine children, Nutter has had plenty of opportunity to develop her mild temperament and diplomatic qualities. These attributes contributed to her selection for the OSU band award. Her dedication to excellence has also contributed to the success of Ohio's 122nd Army Band.

Four OHARNG members named honor grads

Four Ohio Army National Guard members were named Honor Graduates of Class 3-87 of the Region I Non-Commissioned Officers School in Annville, Penn. Sgt. Walter D. Mace, Co. C 216th Engineer Battalion; Sp4 Eric J. Loy, Co. D 216th Engineer Battalion; Sp4 Dean M. Delventhal, Co. B(-) 1st Battalion, 148th Infantry and Sp4 Anita R. Bates, 684th Medical Co., all graduated in the top 20% of their class, and were selected for the Commandant's List and designated Honor Graduates.

Public Affairs Positions

Vacancies exist for qualified and interested individuals in the Ohio Army National Guard in the field of Public Affairs. These are weekend (M-Day) Guardmember positions:

- Maj.—State Historian—State HQ, (Worthington)
- Lt. or Capt.—Public Affairs Officer, State HQ
- Lt. or Capt.—Radio/TV Officer—196th Public Affairs Det. (Worthington)
- Lt. or Capt.—Public Affairs Officer—73 Inf. Bde. (Columbus)
- PFC to SSgt.—Illustrator/Graphic Artist—State HQ

Interested individuals should contact Maj. Calvin L. Taylor, State Public Affairs Officer, (614) 889-7000 or AV 346-7000.
Air Guard to Italy

By DAVID E. CORRY
124th Tactical Control Flight

For the first time, the U.S. Force's Tactical Air Command deployed a complete Forward Air Control Post (FACP) from the Ohio Air National Guard's Blue Ash Station to southern Italy for an annual NATO exercise called "Display Determination" last September. The FACP, made up of members of the 124th Tactical Control Flight, and members of the 123rd, and their equipment, flew to Rimini, Italy to provide tactical control and surveillance for the Italian Air Defense System.

The Tactical Control Flight's goal was to integrate the United States and Italian armed forces and to practice the air and land defense of southern Europe.

Lt. Col. Thomas Belton, a commander of the 124th TCF said, "The exercise was highly successful and a great amount of knowledge was passed between the Italians and us. It gave us the opportunity to fully acclimate our personnel to the Italian air defense system. Not only was technical knowledge exchanged, but the Italians and the Americans made many new friends.

Instructors and TAC Officers Needed

The Ohio Military Academy is preparing for one of the largest Officer Candidate classes in its history. Class XXXV's starting date is scheduled for May 2-3, 1987, with its Annual Training scheduled for June 13-27, 1987 at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Part time associate instructors and training and counsel officers are needed to assist the OMA staff for the duration of class.

Instructors are required to be grade 01 through 05 or W01 through CW4; TAC officers' grade 01 through 02 only.

Interested applicants should submit a short letter or resume identifying their military experience and pertinent personal data to Commandant, Ohio Military Academy, Bldg 870, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio 43217-5001. Applicants for an instructor position should include areas of military expertise for platform and/or field exercise instruction.

ONGA Scholarships

The Ohio National Guard Association will continue its scholarship program in 1987. (This is not the Tuition Assistance Program).

The ONGA will award scholarships totaling $4,000 to deserving applicants. All Ohio National Guard members are eligible, as well as anyone who is the son or daughter, spouse or legal dependent of an active or retired member of the National Guard.

Additional details and an application form can be obtained by contacting Maj. John R. Fenimore, Attn: ONGA Scholarship, 167 S. Columbia Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43209. Completed applications must be received by March 15, 1987.

Marksmanship Team

Two members of the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron (Red Horse) Combat Rifle team have received the National Guard Bureau Chief's 50 Badge. SSgts. Thomas Kwiatkowski and Kenneth Stromh are recipients of the prestigious award, presented annually to the top 10 combat rifle shooters in the National Guard.

They received the awards at the National Guard Winston P. Wilson Rifle, Pistol and Light Machine Gun Championships held in Little Rock,Ark. in September. Stromh was also recognized as the novice aggregate winner.


The team competed against 45 other teams, placing first in the Combat Rifle Precision Team Match; second in the Combat Rifle Infantry Trophy Team Match; second in the Combat Rifle Aggregate Team Championship; third in the Combat Rifle Short Range Team Match; and eighth in the Combat Rifle Long Range Team Match.

Employer Support

The General Motors Plant in Parma, C-P-C Parma, recently received a prestigious Certificate of Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program.

The award went to C-P-C Parma Manufacturing and second shift supervisor Bill Hino. The recommendation for the award was made by Sgt. Wendell Callahan, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Representing the Guard at the presentation were Capt. Jerry Dunn, 1st Lt. Jeff Ziel, Sgt. Maj. Raymond Mitzel, SFC Charles Dade, Sgt. Michael Wright, and SSgt. John Corlett.

Receiving the award for C-P-C Parma were plant manager Dave Sterry, personnel director Richard Brown, and George Hubbard, the general superintendent of the prop shaft plant.

New G.I. Bill

Fort McPherson, GA—The New G.I. Bill is a program designed to increase retention in the Selected Reserve, which includes Troop Program Units, Active Guard Reserve and Individual Mobilization Augmentees.

To be eligible for the New G.I. Bill, National Guardmembers must complete a Statement of Understanding (DA Form 5435-R), serve satisfactorily, and meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a high school graduate or GED holder.
- Have completed 180 calendar days in the Selected Reserve.
- Have completed Initial Active Duty for Training or equivalent.
- Not have received a baccalaureate degree or equivalent.
- Not be qualified for the All-Volunteer Force Education Assistance Program (New G.I Bill or combined active and reserve service).
- Not be receiving an ROTC scholarship.

To use the New G.I Bill, officers must agree to serve in the Selected Reserve for six years (in addition to any other obligation) and enlisted personnel must enlist, reenlist or extend an enlistment in the Selected Reserve for a minimum of six years during July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1988.

Soldiers who meet the eligibility criteria will be issued a DD Form 2354, Notice of Basic Eligibility.

The bill doesn't require reservists to make monetary contributions to qualify for the entitlement, which allows a participant to receive a maximum of $5,040 in nontaxable educational benefits when enrolled at a Veteran's Administration approved institution. The rates are $140 monthly (full-time), $105 monthly (3/4 time) and $70 monthly (1/2 time).

Guardmembers should check to see if they qualify for other incentives, such as the Student Loan Repayment Program and enlistment or reenlistment bonuses.
The Reserve Commissary Entitlement, and Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) increased to $50.00. Our most recent accomplishment is the sponsorship of a scholarship program for prospective in-college university students led by two very capable people—Auxiliary President Vi Stenger and Lois Goodson.

Not only has our membership in the Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association increased, but we also are among the most influential of the state organizations at the National Association, due to our large membership. Many of our newer members have volunteered their time and their abilities to make us a significantly more effective organization.

I welcome each and every one of you to write or phone me of your willingness to serve on one of our committees; or if you have just one idea for improving the life of the guardmembers, please write your suggestions to me. My address is 2480 S. Medina Line, Wadsworth, OH 44281 and my telephone number is (216) 334-4281. Our Enlisted Association was formed to serve YOU!

Some of the goals we seek to accomplish are: exemption of Guard pay from state income tax; privileges after retirement before age 60; distinctive license plates for Guardmembers; $5,000 federal income tax exemption; permission for Guardmembers to travel, space available to overseas destinations; and the elimination of administration demotion in the enlisted ranks. With your support we can accomplish these goals and go on to even greater goals. You can make it happen.

The purpose of our Association is to extend our best efforts to develop a strong and patriotic National Guard to better serve our community, our country, and make the world a better place to live, work, and raise our children. I implore you to become actively involved in your Association and I cordially invite each and everyone of you to attend our State Association Meeting in Dayton, April 10-12, 1987. Even if you can only attend one day, it would be a pleasure to have you.
HHD, STARC (-DETACHMENT 1)

Promotions
SFC: Deborah Ball, David Rockow

Awards
Ohio Commendation Medal: SFCs Roger Burnette, William Dague, Floyd Forgy, Robert Hudson, James Meadows, Donald Riede, Robert Singleton, Donald Stow, Steven Wilson; SSgts. David Syme, Clifford Sevier, Joyce Herman, Daniel Grabeman
Army Commendation Medal: Maj. Mary Mathis, MSgt. David Herman, SFCs Eugene Grosjean, Kenneth Fite
Army Achievement Medal: MSGt. Dennis Walter, SFCs John Stricklin, John Hite, SSgt. Chester Cercone

DETACHMENT 1, HHD STARC (TRP CMD)

Promotions
Maj. Gen.: Ronald Bowman
Sgt.: Laurie Lyons
PFC: Jodi Rowland

16th ENGINEER BRIGADE

Promotions
SSgt.: Carol Lalavie, Jonathan Mills
Sgt.: Susan Grant, Gary Rippey
Sp4: Jeffrey Crawley
PFC: Henry Mentrak, Terrance Collins, Russell Howard

26th ENGINEER COMPANY

Promotions
Sp4: Jose Rodriguez

54TH REAR AREA OPERATIONS CENTER

Promotions
SSgt.: Willil Aispatch
Sgt.: Bryan Higley, Christina Pitts, Linda Schrage
Sp4: Stuart Johnson
PFC: Silvio Fina

HQ & HQ TROOP (-), 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

Promotions
Sp4: Andre D. Burris
PFC: Carl L. Roberts, John D. Tremeel

Awards
Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award): MSgt. James Vanas, MSgt. Michael Campbell
Army Achievement Medal: Sgt. Donald Buckley

HOWITZER BATTERY, 2/107TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

Promotions
Sgt.: Richard Teolis
Sp4: David Francis, Dwight Hayes, Gary Hoskins, Michel Honsholder, John Miller, Kenneth Rea, John Rovder, Dominik Simeone, Robert Sweeney, Brian Thompson
PFC: David Klem, Ernest McLendon
Pvt: 2: Thomas Frascone, Tim James, Jeffery Meadows, Walter Myers, David McConville

HOWITZER BATTERY, 3/107TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

Promotions
Cpl.: Donald Kennett
SFC: William Sowik, Rich Zouhar
PFC: Tyler Allen, George Beck, Leon Brown, Rudolph Buffett, Vincent Capka, Richard Kinards, David Morris, Robert Murray, Robert Peterson, Robert Plavney, Jeffrey Roberts, Marley Starkey, Derrick Swoope, Jameel Talley, Earl Wilson
Pvt: 2: Heath Fox, Melvin Franklin, Keith Gamble, Anthony Johnson, Carlton Knox, Derrick Lindsey, Gregory Mesec, Donnie Provitt, Yerger Yarbough II

COMPANY A, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions
SSgt.: Brian Tolliver, Tim Lawrence
Sgt.: Brian Blake, Doug Crites, Kevin Kunkel, Raul Pedrozo, John Terry III, Wallace Weirick, Harley Williams, Robert Zerrer, Richard Kline
Sp4: Eric Cook, Tom Stinson
PFC: James Anderson, Loren Kirchner, Mike Landis, Mike Maxwell

COMPANY D, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions
SSgt.: Robert Ridenour, Timothy Sikora
Sgt.: Edgar Carter, Dale Dewitt, Barry Diedrich
Sp4: Dave Capers, Ted Machnik, Grant Tracey, Jerry Larew, William Woods, William Zirzow, Benjamin Himes, Carl Beam, Dennis Livchak
PFC: John Cassidy, Tony Jackson, Mark Payne, Randy Cromer, Todd Wendt

Awards
Army Achievement Medal: Sgt. Melvin Ramos

121ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

Promotions
TSgt: Robert Smallwood, Jon McIntosh
SSgt: Scott Ackman, Larry Allford, Patricia Correll, Jorg Kalteneger, Jonathan King
SRA: Julius Davis, John Early Jr., Thomas McClary
AIC: Scott Campbell, Lisa Canegali, David Dowdy, Joseph Graham, Richard Greenberg, Kevin Messmer, Charlene Redd, Peter Schumacher, Timothy Woodyard

124TH TACTICAL CONTROL FLIGHT

Promotions
TSgt: Daniel Mack
SrA: Wesley Corey
AIC: Bret Isaac, Donald Peters II, James Polis

BATTERY C, 1/136TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Promotions
SSgt: Donald Ruffner
Sgt: Kent Bundenthal, Christopher Glenn, Russell Hall, Jonathan Westfall
Sp4: Shawn Barker, Vernon Woodward, Jeffrey Roberts, Alan Monnin, Duane Martin, Scott Ebert
PFC: Richard Reier, Donald Murphy

HHC 148TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Promotions
Sp4: Craig Dickman, James Frost, Gerard Hovest
PFC: Kevin Kirkendall

155TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

Promotions
Sp4: Pamela Steele, Doris Ford, Kathleen Gilmore, Dennet Nicholson, Philip Waldren, Michael Parker
PFC: Robin Fryar, Michele Jones, Nioka Graley, Dennis Fraley, Shawn Redd, Christene Primm

160TH AIR REFUELING GROUP

Promotions
TSgt.: Juanita Berg, Don Collins, Michael Ely, Todd Folk, Teresa Grove, John Lazer
SSgt.: Jon Garver, Matthew Link, Deborah Page, Lynn Rericha
SrA: Jonathan Bacon, James Ballenger, Daniel Koah, Henry Tiller
AIC: Kelley Bowersock, Jon Brown, Eric Crouch, Susan Dailey, Timothy Fears, Randall Foster, Natalie Frattin, Trad Frederick, Brett Harmon, Kimberly Valentina, Dustin Valley
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