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Since I was three
I knew I wanted to be
a paratrooper

SSgt. Rodger Jones,
B Co., 3/166th Infantry

McHugh
All-Ohio, Again

HQ STARC
Member Is
Soldier of Year

Several years ago Dan McHugh was a young athlete convinced that baseball was going to let him realize his dreams. Now, as the Ohio National Guard's 1988 Soldier of the Year, Sp4 McHugh's secondary youthful passion, the military, has made the biggest difference in his life.

"The military was always something I wanted to experience, I had a romantic image about it," the 28-year old assigned to Headquarters, State Area Command, in Worthington, said. "I was convinced baseball was going to carry me through life, though. In high school everybody was planning on how to get to college, not joining the Army."

McHugh's abilities as an all-Ohio centerfielder for St. Edwards High School in Cleveland earned him a full scholarship to Bowling Green. After playing two years there, he transferred to Ohio State for better exposure to major league scouts.

"It was hard to realize that the odds of making the majors were against me, mainly because of my (lack of) speed and size," McHugh said.

He left OSU but not Columbus, working full time before reviving his military ambition. "The tuition grant program helped me decide on the National Guard. Baseball letting me down, though, had to be the biggest reason for enlisting," McHugh said. Getting back in school was important because of his undistinguished studies while playing baseball.

"College meant more to me going back because of the discipline I learned in the Guard. I worked harder because I felt I had to answer to them. It was to my advantage having the Guard sponsor me attending college."

By representing Ohio as the state's best soldier, McHugh has given something back to the Guard. He feels it's been a mutually beneficial relationship. "The Ohio National Guard has made a difference in my life. The experience from the work, the great people I've been associated with and now this award," he said. "It's all meant a lot to me."

After graduating this summer with a degree in Organizational Communications, McHugh plans to job hunt and decide whether to stay in the Guard as an enlisted man.

When he received the Soldier of the Year honor during his February drill, McHugh was asked his opinion on improving the Guard for the junior enlisted.

"It's important for enlisted soldiers to know everything about the National Guard; our mission, soldier skills, and all the other details," he said. "The Guard needs to educate the soldiers about all of that information."

"How can you be motivated, excited about being in the National Guard without knowing the purpose of it, how we fit into the national defense, what the Guard's mission really is?"
Ashes To Ashes, Dusters To Hawks

A Time For Change:
The 2/174th Air Defense Artillery Makes Transition
To Hawk Battalion

BY DAVE BIROS
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For 45 years, the 2nd battalion of the 174th Air Defense Artillery has served Ohio proudly, ready to protect America from enemy air assaults if needed. From World War II, through Korea and Vietnam, the unit has stood ready for combat. Today, the 2nd of the 174th stands ready for change.

A tremendous transition is taking place in the 174th. For two decades, the unit has trained on and maintained the M42 Duster anti-aircraft weapon, whose dual 40-millimeter cannons have served successfully on gunboats, armored tracks and more. But times have changed. Modern aircraft speeds and missile systems have rendered the Dusters considerably less effective as an aircraft deterrent. And while the Duster fares better in ground fire, the mission of the 174th is clear; to protect American airspace from attack.

Acks-Acks

The growing sophistication of air power in combat during World War II necessitated the development of air defense artillery. The Duster, in one form or another, has been in existence since the 1950s, originally mounted on hand-drawn carts. Affectionately known as "Acks-Acks," they have seen service in every war involving the U.S. since their development.

In fact, many of same guns have survived until today. "Some of the Dusters we use in Ohio were built in the 1950s and are still running," said Lt. Bruce M. Webb of 174th's B-Battery. "This reflects well upon the Army maintenance program." A key member of this maintenance program is CW4 Ray Kiskaden. Kiskaden has been in the Ohio National Guard since 1963 as a maintenance officer at Camp Perry, servicing Dusters as well as other equipment. He says he's sorry to see the guns go after his 18 years associated with them.

"The Dusters have been around for a long time. They were a pretty reliable weapon," Kiskaden says. "I doubt that there is any other piece of military equipment that's still around and doing the job like they are."

Nevertheless, continued maintenance on the aging tracks is a concern. Radio operators in the 174th say they are constantly calling for mechanics, announcing break-downs of the tracks.

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The 2nd battalion of the 174th ADA finds its roots in 1944 as the 180th Coast Artillery Battalion. The battalion was activated at Fort Ruger, Hawaii, and remained in the Western Pacific Theater until Dec. 1945, when it returned to inactive status in the Mariana Islands.

In 1951, the 180th Coast Artillery Battalion was assigned to the Ohio Army National Guard as the 180th Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion. Federal recognition was granted that year, and headquarters formed in Dayton.

The battalion became the 174th Artillery in 1959, and eventually emerged as the 2/174th ADA Battalion in 1968. A maintenance battalion in Zanesville, a supply and transportation platoon in Cambridge and an antiaircraft battery in Steubenville were added to the existing battalion locations in Athens, Zanesville, Logan, New Lexington, Caldwell and Marietta. The unit eventually covered the whole southeast quadrant of the state.

Training for the 174th has always been diverse and intense. AT-88 began at Camp Atterbury, Indiana for a week of field training that included Basic Rifle Marksmanship, Nuclear-Biological-Chemical training, tactical movements and — as the prime mission — ground fire for the Dusters.

Training continued at Camp Perry, where the troops conducted aerial fire with the 210th Detachment out of Dayton, which flies RCAT training planes as targets for the tracks.

While the Dusters aim and fire at banners trailing behind the RCAT, an occasional round will hit the craft itself. The RCAT pops a parachute and falls gently, but falls nevertheless, with cheering from the men in the tracks. For, while they know the banner is the target, the soldiers have proven that they could indeed knock it out of the sky if they had to.

The Command

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Duster to the Hawk

but many stages have yet to be accomplished. This next year will be filled with issues such as identifying leadership, identifying soldier positions and training on the Hawk. Still, there is some anticipation about training on the Hawk, especially among the men who have lived and grown with the Dusters. Sgt. Charles S. Schlacher, a squad leader in D-Battery, summarized many soldiers' feelings about the Dusters: "You have to understand. These are my babies. This is what I trained on. Who knows, I might go with them, wherever they go."

Hartley understands, but stresses the importance of moving ahead. "While there is apprehension about the Hawk, I think the soldiers will welcome the weapon because it presents many opportunities. My goal is to get the majority of the unit school-trained, qualified and maintained at 100 percent status."

Why Ohio?
The addition of the Hawk to the Ohio National Guard is a result of the Pentagon's focus on enhancing the strength of well-trained reserve units. "Formerly, the National Guard got what the Army didn't need," said Maj. Gen. Ronald C. Bowman, Deputy STARC Commander. "But now, the National Guard is a greater percentage of the federal ready force. Without the National Guard, national defense would be seriously depleted."

"Their increased duties are in line with the mission of the National Guard," he said. "We need to move to the Hawk for the defense of the country. It's the finest air defense weapon we've got. It's an honor for Ohio to be selected for the equipment."

Geography and demographics both played roles getting the Hawk to Ohio, but people were the key. "Troop strength was the most important factor," Bowman said. The 174th has proven to be highly trained, highly motivated and truly concerned about state and country, he said. His feelings are echoed by the soldiers. Sgt. Ted Robinette, unit administrator for A-Battery, recalled key past members of the 174th: people who started the unit; people who made it grow. "These guys are heroes," Robinette said. "They qualify as heroes because they spent their whole lives in the Guard and still believe in it."

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"And I know a lot of people who, even if you took their paycheck away, would still come to drill," he added.

Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, the Adjutant General of Ohio, confirmed the reputation of the 174th. "It's a microcosm of the Guard in the best sense of the word," he said. "The people from the 174th are the backbone of their communities, many leaders in their communities." In fact, the unit's outstanding relationship with its host communities has been a plus during plans for Hawk deployment. The new 2/174th will be based entirely in a large, modern facility in McConnelsville, the geographic center of the unit's present territory. Deployment is a year ahead of other states receiving the Hawk because of tremendous community support, according to Alexander.

The whole state will benefit from the new facility. Jobs will be created during its design and construction. And, since the Hawk is so highly technical — and intensely critical to the nation's defense — more than 300 full-time jobs will be added to the unit for support.

"We intend to draw heavily upon the 2/174th to fill these positions," Alexander said. "More than half the unit will have the opportunity to go full-time if they'd like."

Last Round

In 1989, half the unit will perform annual training at Camp Perry while the other half attends Hawk school. The Hawk weapons themselves should arrive at the end of 1990, and the new army should also be completed by then. "That's just enough time to make sure everybody gets a position," Hartley said. The Dusters will be returned to the federal government at the end of 1989, or early 1990.

The service of the M42 Dusters was recognized at AT 88 with appropriate military style and fanfare. Bugle calls, ceremonial music, speeches by top brass and local dignitaries; all culminated in a fantastic display of firing skill. Five selected honor squads — one from each battery — decorated the sky with the familiar "ack-ack" that have kept American soldiers safe for four decades.

"I'm going to miss the Duster," Hartley said. "But this transition has to happen in order to keep the battalion and the state of Ohio on the leading edge."

And a young specialist from Logan, SPA Jack Brown of A-Battery, said as he observed the aging tracks roll away: "The Dusters have served their purpose. We want to be in the new Army. So dust the Dusters and bring on the Hawks."

SFC Jim Inboden

Another Era Draws To Close

It's the end of two eras. SFC Jim Inboden of the 2/174th Air Defense Artillery has been in the military 42 years. He first enlisted in the Naval Reserve, then decided the future was with the active Army. After that, he joined the Army Reserve, and finally settled on the Ohio National Guard. In Korea, he served in the 155th Artillery supporting the 1st Marine Division at Heartbreak Ridge — a battle recently brought to the silver screen with Clint Eastwood in the starring role.

Inboden has been a silent father-to his ward, Maj. Gen. Ronald C. Bowman, who have worked with him. His quiet, yet commanding demeanor garners respect from all who know him. And, they're sorry to see him go.

Inboden is sorry to see the M-42 Dusters go. "I hate to see the Army get rid of the Dusters, because it was a hell of a good gun system." And he knows. He saw them in action in Korea. In fact, a basic training buddy of his was on a Duster. Inboden likes the artillery. He prefers field artillery, but enjoys the Dusters just as well. Well, actually, it's the people he likes. "The men in the unit are great. Most have good morale, and most want to do their job. As long as they're happy, they do their work automatically. And this helps the battalion work well together." This year, Inboden is retiring from that work. But it's not that he didn't like the work. "As a whole, it's been an enjoyment. The friendship with the people outweighs any aggravation," he said.

Inboden leaves with this advice, the key to being a good soldier is to be willing to learn. This is even more important as the unit moves from the Duster to the Hawk, he said. "Over these 42 years, I've learned a great bit. But when Colonel Hartley asked me recently what I knew before last summer camp, I said 'not enough.'"

"A new person needs to learn. You learn every day. And you're never too old to learn. The Guard is giving the people in this unit an opportunity to learn the new Hawk system. Now whether they learn it is up to them," he said.

"But I hope they do."

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Hawks aren't the only newcomers to the 2/174th ADA. The Guard is allowing women in this unit for the first time ever. "Frankly, I expected to have some problems - not because I'm a female, but because I'm new," said 2LT Cathy Cameron, the new chemical officer for the unit. "I haven't had any problems, though. In fact, we've been warmly welcomed."

"We are six women - two officers, one cadet and three enlisted - who are now part of the 2/174th. And there will be more, according to Lt Col David T. Harlty, battalion commander. "The women have been accepted very well. They've set the tone of what will happen in the future. Our two female lieutenants have already earned the respect of their peers and supervisors."

"And the enlisted women have set hold like they're officers. There is no doubt in my mind that the female soldier will play a large role in the Hawk battalion," he said.

Cadet Julie Ward, formerly with the 54th RAOC, will train soon on the Hawk and will become an officer with the ADA. She sees this as an excellent opportunity for personal growth. "I was in the Guard five years as an enlisted person. I reached a point where I had to make a career decision with the Guard, and I decided there were many opportunities to be had as an officer."

"And while I'm enjoying the 174th, and looking forward to becoming an officer, I'm definitely glad I was enlisted for five years, because that will help me be a better officer." The women are confident that they will continue to thrive in the military. "The 'good old boy' system will never go away," Cameron conjectured. "But you don't ignore it. Rather, you become a part of it. It's human nature to form such alliances."

"The 'good old boy system, I think, really means teamwork," Ward offered. "If people are comfortable in that setting, then things should run more smoothly. And that's OK."

"All we want is a chance to be a success. We all want to be successes. We are driven, and the military helps direct that drive," Cameron said. "I want to succeed by helping other people succeed," Ward added. "In this case, it means helping this unit move to the Hawks."
Medical COI’s Tour Elgin AFB

BY STEPHEN J. BUTCHER, SR.,
Air Guard Recruiter

To see what professional aspects are available in the Air National Guard, 27 medical professionals visited Elgin Air Force Base, Florida, October 7-9. The group of physicians, dentists, hospital administrators and medical educators participated in a welcome briefing and toured the medical facilities there. The tour was the first of its kind to represent several areas of expertise in the medical profession. In the past, tours were organized specifically for nurses or physicians. The tour was coordinated by the 180th ARG, 180th TFG, and the 352nd U.S. Air Force Recruiting Squadron.

Because the joint tour in Florida was such a success, the Ohio Air National Guard believes if it were to develop a similar program, the Guard would move closer toward reaching 100 percent manning in its medical area.

180th DAY IN TOLEDO

Toledo Mayor Donna Owens presents to Lt. Col. Lawrence Huckels, 180th Deputy Commander for Support, and Col. John Smith, 180th Group Commander, a proclamation declaring February 3, 1989, 180th Tactical Fighter Group Day in Toledo. The proclamation recognizes the support the 180th has given to the city of Toledo. (Photo by SSgt. Bob Baker)

MARTY MARTINEZ, from the Order of Daedalus, presents a special recognition award to SSgt. Susan Bozarth of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group. SSgt. Bozarth is the aircraft maintenance crew chief for Capt. D.J. Shaw, who won the recent Turkey Shoot between Ohio's tactical fighter units. The Order of Daedalus recognizes significant achievements in aviation. SSgt. Bozarth is the first female crew chief in the 180th. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ric McGinn)

Helping Hand From The Guard

BY THEODORE THEOPOLOS
251st Combat Communications Group

Four members of the Ohio Air National Guard’s 251st Combat Communications Squadron of Springfield-Beckley Airport lent a helping hand to the Clark County Chapter Tecumseh Boy Scouts who collected food for the needy November 19.

Maj. Steve Ebanks, Maj. Ron White, Tech. Sgts. David Croatia and Tech. Sgt. Alan Henry started at the Springfield Airport where each man drove a military troop truck to the Catholic Social Services located on Mulberry Street, received their assignments and proceeded to different parts of the city. The boy scouts went door to door asking for non-perishable goods and distributed the goods to one of several central locations. The guardsmen then loaded the food and returned to the social services to sort and prepare for delivery.

The Springfield Guard continued to spread holiday cheer by donating 35 dinners to the residents of the F.F. Muller Residential Center which is operated by the Clark County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities.

Toledo Pilot Wins “Top Gun” Honors in Ohio

BY LON MITCHELL
180th Tactical Fighter Group

For the second consecutive year, the Toledo Air Guard has the “top gun” in Ohio. Captain Dean J. Shaw won “top gun” honors in the recently completed Turkey Shoot competition waged between Ohio’s three tactical fighter units.

The “top gun” honor was won last year by Maj. Jeff Davoll. Other winners from the 180th were Maj. Denny Gill in 1983 and L. Col. James White in 1976.

The annual two-day event measures the combat readiness of the unit. Pilots are tested in navigation, timing, low-level attacks on moving targets, bombing runs from various tactical patterns and 20mm cannon attacks.

“Toledo unit can be very proud of its record,” said General Raymond D. Weber, Ohio Air Guard Chief of Staff. In addition to Capt. Shaw, the Toledo unit placed three other pilots in the top ten: Lt. Col. James Robertson, Lt. Col. Robert Ackerman, and Capt. James Ensminger.

The Toledo pilots flew crisp patterns on the range,” said Gen. Weber. “Their performance shows strong command supervision and dedication to the mission of defending the U.S.A.”

Capt. Shaw and his crew chief, Ssgt. Susan Bozarth, were given special recognition awards by the Order of Daedalus, Flight 9. The Order of Daedalus, organized by World War I era aviators, recognized significant achievements in aviation.
EN LA COOPERACION ES EL PROGRESIVO

BY J. D. BIROS
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HONDURAS -- EN LA COOPERACION ES EL PROGRESIVO ... In cooperation is progress. With the emblazoned red words on a yellow background is a picture -- a portrait of two distinct cultures working side by side -- joining forces to build a wall painted with the flags of their countries. A bonding of nations. The United States of America and Honduras -- together.

For the bilingual non-commissioned officer in charge of civil affairs for Exercise Fuerzas Caminios '89 (Strong Roads), Sgt. 1st Class Morris Lara, 84th Division (Training), Milwaukee, Wisc., it's his fourth year in the Honduras province of Yoro.

This year he is working with Task Force 16, a joint American-Honduran road construction engineering exercise.

"The U.S. and Honduran soldiers are functioning together," he said. "We want to help the people of Honduras and we want to get the Honduran soldiers involved."

Teamwork between Honduran and American soldiers is widespread throughout Honduras.

Honduran soldiers and engineers from 120th Civil Engineer Squadron (CES), Air National Guard, Great Falls, Mont., completed installation of a flush toilet for a school in Compasaguas. The 120th CES is one of many Guard and Reserve units who donated clothing to the people of Honduras.

Sgt. Pan Higgins, administrative specialist for 120th CES, is thrilled with what the unit is doing.

"I have an all around good feeling about it," she said. "It was excellent."

In past years, a larger assistance program was operating for the people of Honduras, Lara said.

"It was a good program," he said. "It had statewide involvement, but now the program doesn't exist."

"We now use our funds and buy the supplies within Honduras, but our coverage of schools is very small," he added.

Before Task Force 16 began operations out of Camp Castle, an initial survey team was sent down to the Yoro province.

"When they returned, they told us about the people down there and about a school outside of Altracruz," said 1st Lt. Gary L. Grand, construction operations officer, 16th Engineer Brigade, Army National Guard, Columbus, Ohio. He is one of a small corps of soldiers who participate in a six-month tour at Camp Castle.

The Ohio Guard engineers gathered old computer paper and paper with printing on one side. And recruiters pitched in with paper and pens for the engineers to give the school children, Grand said.

"Instead of giving money, we gave supplies that can be used," he said.

As more engineers arrive at Camp Castle for their two week annual training, more supplies will be brought down, according to Grand.

The civil affairs office has been busy working with the Honduran military at Camp Castle.

"We want to help out," Lara said, "and we want to get the Honduran soldiers involved." When giving school supplies to children, the Honduran soldiers hand out the items.

Other combined efforts between the two nations' forces involve security for the U.S. task forces.

"None of the land we occupy is ours," said 1st Lt. Daniel J. Gray, 337th Military Police Company, Army National Guard, Cincinnati, Ohio. "We're visitors here."

Towers built on the perimeter of Camp Castle are manned by shifts of Honduran soldiers, while U.S. military police patrol the interior of the base camp and the munition points, Gray said.

"The system is well established and is working great."

The Honduran soldiers, members of the 4th Infantry, also provide protection for the engineers of Task Force 16 involved in road construction, Gray said.

Additionally, engineering units are building a foot bridge spanning a river so children can go to school during the rainy season. They are also upgrading a school and hospital, Grand said.

Honduras and America -- building roads, building trust, building a future.
A View From the Inside.

Troop E 2/107th ACR Visits the Lima Army Tank Plant (LATP)

By Cadet Kevin Morris
Troop E, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Ten personnel of Troop E 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Canton, Ohio, enjoyed a rare opportunity to tour the Lima Army Tank Plant (LATP) on October 14, 1988. "Tours of the plant are not an everyday occurrence here," Capt. Tom Voss, Contracting Officer for LATP, and tour guide for the special group said.

It is this plant, where all M1 Abrams tanks in the Army originate, two hulls per day are shipped to the Army's facility in Detroit, for machining and then returned for final assembly.

LATP had its roots in Lima prior to World War II when it was originally built to manufacture cannons for the Army. Shortly before the outbreak of the war in 1941, the plant was converted to a tank factory and remained in production throughout WW II, turning out various models of tanks, including the Sherman.

"The facility is tremendous, Platoon Sergeant Scott Snedden said. "There are more than 30 acres just under one roof!"

LATP produces two complete M1A1 tanks per day with an upgrade in the planning stages to increase this to four. Despite the busy schedule of the plant workers, all seemed more than willing to explain equipment or functions to an audience who knew and worked on the completed tanks.

"The employees at LATP have a terrific attitude," Capt. Jerry Williams said, "They realize that men's lives depend on the quality of their work. They put a lot of pride into the work that they do and you can see it in the tanks as they roll off the assembly line. When I first heard that the M1 may be coming to the Squadron, I called the unit commander and suggested the tour. I wanted the NCOs to see the production of the tank from the ground up. The workers went out of their way to ensure that we understood every process."

A n additional advantage to the M1 is easier operator maintenance. According to SFC Robert Roberson, Troop E Motor Sergeant, "They made the PAMCS much easier. The drivers can now check all the fluid levels by simply looking at gauges. Also the track construction is basically the same as the M48A5 so we can use many of the parts we already have and we will be able to cross-train our men very quickly."

Before the M1 works its way down the bureaucratic line to the Ohio Army National Guard it is inspected by Department of the Army. Despite this rigorous testing, inspectors find an average of only two defects per tank. This test and acceptance phase takes approximately one-and-a-half days, Capt. Swart explained. "This was truly a remarkable experience for all of us, Capt. Edward Jones, Troop Commander said. "As armored cavalrymen, we are keenly aware of the value of the tank on the modern battlefield. We have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of the M1 Abrams, now more than ever. It will go well with the new M901 Improved TOW Vehicles that we are now seeing in the Regiment."

Child Care Tax Credit Overlooked By RC Soldiers

According to Internal Revenue Service officials, one tax deduction often overlooked by members of the National Guard and Army Reserve is child care credit. This applies to you if you have to pay someone to care for your children so you can drill or go to annual training.

If married, your spouse must be working or a full-time student during your drill or annual training period, and your dependent children must be younger than 15 or disabled. A disabled spouse may also qualify for this deduction.

Did you overlook this on your tax return? If you did, it's not too late to get a refund. You may file an amended Federal or state income tax return for up to three years after the regular due date of that return. For example, you have until April 15, 1991 to file an amended return for your taxes that were due on April 15, 1988.

For more information, contact your local IRS office or your unit's legal assistance officer.

Marathon At Port Clinton Raises $2,000

By Brian LePlat

An annual tradition was renewed in Port Clinton earlier this fall as the Ohio National Guard and the Port Clinton Marathon raised $2,000 for the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio.

This was the fourth year the Guard co-sponsored the race. A unique feature of this marathon is the relay competition in which a team of five people split the 26.2 mile course.

"This allows more people to participate, people who aren't ready to run 26 miles but want to participate and realize the fitness effects from running five miles," said MSGT Kermit Deem.

The relay brought out the Guard runners accounting for 18 of the 29 teams. With five marathons from the Guard, Ohio's citizen soldiers accounted for more than half of the marathon's participants.

Tom Kopp was the top finisher for the Guard and third overall with a time of 2:56:31. John Barber was fifth in the race, placing second for the Guard at 3:01:43. Guard member Sue Miller was the first female across the finish line at 3:46:58. Her brother, Jack Schlembach, finished third for the Guard at 3:30:51.

The 148th Transportation Company took the relay event with a 2:40:46, six minutes ahead of the first individual winner. The 179th Tactical Airlift Group was second at 2:44:38.

The first co-ed relay team for the Guard was from Detachment 1, Company D, 137th Aviation, finishing with a time of 3:25:21.

Sue Miller In Marine Marathon

Sue Miller, a Sergeant with the State Headquarters Detachment in Columbus, was one of 42 runners representing the Army and Air National Guard at the 17th Annual Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C., Nov. 6. Miller, the only national team member from Ohio, was one of 1219 participants in the race.

This was the fifth year the National Guard sent its running team to compete with some of the best runners in the military, as well as thousands of civilian runners.

Sue Miller was the fifth woman to cross the finish line, her time was 3:31:40. The 26 mile course known as the marathon of the monuments because the course passes some of the country's most famous monuments.

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Ohio Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander

"We depend heavily upon our strong noncommissioned officer corps in the Ohio National Guard. As a former NCO, I am aware of the opportunities and challenges in leadership at the NCO level. I urge each of our NCOs to continue to set the example and be role models for our younger soldiers.

The Ohio National Guard is big business! The Ohio Army and Air Guard force is comprised of nearly 22,000 men and women. Millions of dollars are spent each year to ensure that the Guard is well trained and ready, both as a combat fighting force in its federal mission and a valuable asset to civilian authorities and communities throughout the State of Ohio. Never before have our enlisted soldiers been charged with the responsibilities they have today. Our success depends upon their ability to operate highly sophisticated equipment. Our young soldiers look to their NCO leaders to keep them prepared and to show them ways to improve their skills.

I know our Guard leadership, officers as well as NCOs, are dedicated to making the Ohio National Guard the best organization in the country. I thank all of our leaders for their professionalism, and their patriotic service to their soldiers, their state and their country."

State CSM Richard L. Wehling:

"As the reserve components continue to grow and become an even more vital part of the total military force, we in the National Guard are meeting the challenges that come with accepting more responsibility.

It is critical that our noncommissioned officers lead the way. Let no one doubt it, it is the NCO who will determine whether we win or lose our next conflict. That is why it is important that each of our NCOs be a mentor for and train the next two subordinate levels of NCOs.

For an organization to be successful, it must have people who plan, lead, organize and control (PLOC) all available resources. The real challenge in Implementing PLOC comes at the level directing masses of soldiers. Who directs the masses of soldiers? NCOs! PLOC applies to officers also, of course, but their challenges are program-oriented.

Our NCOs must know the mission, understand soldier and unit capabilities, train them for improvement, and lead, lead, lead them into success! Let us in the Ohio National Guard observe "The Year of the NCO" by doing what we have been doing, being the "Best We Can Be!"

The NCO is the Army Theme for 1989.

Soldiers who wear NCO's Chevrons on their sleeves represent unique army strength upon which this year's theme will focus. Previous yearly themes of Spirit of Victory, Physical Fitness, Excellence, Families, Leadership, Values, The Constitution, and Training all have a special bearing on NCO's, who have key responsibilities in accomplishing the army's missions.

Throughout the history of our army, the NCO has played an indispensable role in the warfighting readiness of our force.

Baron Von Steuben, in writing our first Army Manual, known as the "Blue Book," acknowledged the importance of selecting the right soldiers as NCOs: "The order and discipline of a regiment depends so much upon their behavior, that too much care cannot be taken in preferring none to that trust but those who by their merit and good conduct are entitled to it."

Today, we continue to expect of our NCOs the highest professional standards and a diversity of knowledge in order to lead their soldiers in ensuring our army is trained and ready. Tomorrow we shall expect no less. NCOs provide the day-to-day tactical and technical competence, and knowing how to lead and care for soldiers. As leaders, NCOs must satisfy the imperatives of mission accomplishment and the needs of their soldiers, and place both ahead of their own personal welfare.

NCOs have a long history of dedicated service to soldiers, units, the army, and our nation. We acknowledge their unique contributions, past, present, and future. In declaring this special army strength the 1989 Army Theme, "The Year of the NCO."
107th Scouts Sharpen Combat Response Skills

BY RONALD BACKOS
HHT, 3/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Intensive training in a variety of combat scenarios and battlefield conditions enable scouts of Troop I, Third Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment to sharpen their combat skills during a 10-day Tactical Training Exercise conducted in Camp Grayling, Mich.

Each phase of the exercise is closely supervised by Third Squadron trainers and Active Army evaluation who observe a platoon’s combat response to controlled attacks, said LTC Ralph G. Tucker, commander of the Third Squadron.

“Training for scouts consists of maneuvering through a ‘lane matrix’, which is a series of diverse combat scenarios,” Tucker said.

- It is highly organized and repetitive training, not only for the determination of the various battlefield conditions under which the platoon might fight, but also an easily conducted evaluation, he said.

After attacking an enemy force in one lane, the platoon moves to another lane for reconnaissance training, and then to another lane for removal of an obstacle blocking the scouts’ movement. Guardsmen train in other lanes taking care of the wounded, controlling prisoners of war and responding to repeated attacks from helicopters.

“Continued upgrading of our skill proficiency through practice will better ensure a greater survival rate for our men on the battlefield,” Tucker said.

Upon completion of their intensive combat training, Third Squadron guardsmen move in their tracked vehicles from the battle site to the Reconstitution Area. The area is not only for the maintenance of vehicles, but more importantly, for the maintenance of the men.

“It is extremely important that we provide a kind of home-like environment for our guardsmen,” said CSM Raymond L. Duke. “This environment provides the needed physical and mental rest before continuing intensive training. Guardsmen respond with their original vigor and perform their training more safely,” he said.

The services provided to Guardsmen of the Third Squadron are many and varied. The men in the Reconstitution Area are provided with cots and tents. Volleyball and horseshoes are daytime recreational activities. In the evening, the men can socialize in lighted tents. Hot showers and access to a telephone are also enjoyed by the soldiers. A chaplain provides moral support and a medical team attends to injuries. A PX is also available to the scouts, Duke said.

Through the combined use of intensive training and short periods of rest, the scouts of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment train energetically for their wartime mission.

HIREPOWER — Following a tactical training exercise, scouts of Troop I, Third Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, discuss methods of improving their ability to hit more targets. From left are Position Track Commander, Sgt. Steven P. Mackanaw; Driver, Sp4 Arthur L. Glayas; Gunner, Sp4 Dudley W. Wilson II, and Assistant Gunner, PFC Bernard J. Evans. (Photo by Sgt. Ann Bacosa)

Loans Available Through ONG Associations

The Ohio National Guard Officer and Enlisted associations have announced the sponsorship of home mortgage loans through Statesman Mortgage Company, an affiliate of Statesman Group, provider of the term life insurance program for the associations.

Mortgage loans are designed specifically for National Guard members, active and retired.

Features of the program include:
- No-cost prequalification and counseling to determine the loan program that suits individual needs.
- Refinancing of existing home loans.
- Long-term commitments for construction loans.
- Loans for second homes.

The program offers competitive rates, popular mortgage programs and fast, personal service. For additional information, contact your First Sergeant or call toll-free 1-800-999-2962, or (614) 535-2962.

Tomorrow’s Jobs

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — A booklet from the U.S. Department of Labor can help students prepare themselves for the rapidly changing job market.

“Tomorrow’s jobs” (item T117, $1.25) considers population growth and change, new technologies, and the current availability of certain skills to predict where job opportunities will be in the next 10 to 15 years.

TROOP COMMAND SUPPORTS BEIGHTLER CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN — The officers and men of Troop Command donated $500 to the Annual Christmas Party for Handicapped Children held at Beightler Armory in Columbus each December. Participating in the check presentation were (from left) Col. Dwight Norris, Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, Ohio’s Adjutant General, CSM Delroy Schramm and Maj. Gen. Ronald Bowman, deputy STARC Commander. (Photo by PFC Donn Swann)
Secret Santa Gift Shop

BY FRED MASLYK
Battery C 1/136th Field Artillery

Charlie Battery 1/136th Field Artillery had its first Christmas Secret Santa Gift Shop. Approximately 200 people attended, with many children eager to tell Santa Claus all of their Christmas wishes. The children agreed to be good from that night, December 2, until the big morning of Christmas. No guarantees were made past that point.

The Piqua armory was festively decorated with two Christmas trees, lots of food and beverages, and tables filled with gifts the children could purchase ranging in price from 75 cents to $5.00. Children shopped in an organized setting with the assistance of many parents who volunteered their time.

Mrs. Melody Voisnet originated the idea of the Secret Santa Gift Shop, and many members of the Family Support Group volunteered their time and energies. In all, a total of 2,400 flyers were distributed to the schools of Piqua, Ohio and Troy, Ohio. The flyers were also sent to the Community sections. The day was termed a "success."

372nd Engineers Host Families At Holiday Dinner

BY EDWARD E. JONES

Amid a Command Readiness Inspection (CRI) and Mobilization Deployment Readiness (MODRE) Charlie Company, 372nd Engineer Combat Battalion, Lebanon still found the time, resources and manpower to host a Christmas feast.

About 450 people enjoyed the yearly event hosted at the armory for the Guardsmen, their families, and approximately 60 other guests, some of whom came from the Mary Haven Youth Center.

All were treated to the special dinner, and had the opportunity to hear Mr. Gordon Roberts, Congressional Medal of Honor Winner, as the guest speaker.

Kinderklaus Market Nets $90,000

BY J. D. BIROS
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Netting over $90,000 for Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati, the Kindervelt Kinderklaus Market assisted by National Guard members held its 13th annual charity event Nov. 19, 1988 at the Reading Road Armory in Cincinnati.

The armory provided its facilities for the third year, free of charge, for the week long construction of a mock-German village and a one day public shopping spree.

"We couldn't afford to move anywhere else," said Debbie Boehm, Kinderklaus Market chairperson. "It would cost $10,000 to rent a hall. By using the armory, it allows us to give that much more money.

"And the women who paint and make the decorations and toys to be sold, like the money made to go directly to the Children's Hospital," she added.

Along with the armory building, Guard members also volunteered their time to setting up the market. "They (the Guard) were kind and very nice," Boehm said. "There was a person always there to help."

Boehm especially commented on the time rendered by Sgt. Dennis Rumple, 383rd Medical Company.

"He was a tremendous help," she said. Rumple aided with the construction of the village and various other tasks.

"He even climbed up on the roof and hung the wreaths," Boehm said. In return for the Guard's assistance and generosity, the Kinderklaus Market committee attended the armory Christmas party and "brought the pizzas," Boehm said.
Ohio Has 15 Selected For SGA Academy

BY LORETTA AVERNA YEATS M.P.S."

A historical first for the Ohio National Guard! Fifteen soldiers submitted and 15 soldiers selected by National Guard Bureau to attend the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss Texas.

The selected soldiers, notified last August, will attend the Non-commissioned Officer Education System course either in resident or non-resident mode.

The two-year course prepares sergeants for high level leadership, resource management, military studies and national security. The successful completion of the course also earns 18 college semester hours.

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An obstacle course was next, with the drivers negotiating seven obstacles and being judged on activities such as parallel parking, dimension clearing and stopping line. A written test on vehicle operations, safety and maintenance was the final portion.

Five companies and one detachment comprise the 112th. The unit award for the rodeo was captured by the 1487th Transportation Co. from Eaton. Sgt. Phil Bush, from the 1407th, was first in the 12-ton truck category with Sgt. Randall Lawrence, a member of the 1484th Trns Co., second. Sgt. Gary Sindelar, from the 1485th Co., was first in 5-ton vehicles with Sp4 Patrick Homan, a member of the 1484th Trns Co., second. Also from the 1484th was Sp4 Brian Edgar, winner in the 2-ton, Sp4 Dexter Hicks, a member of the 1487th, was second.

BUSH A WINNER! Sgt. Phillip Bush of the 1407th Transportation Company, receives his first-place 12-ton truck driving trophy from Maj. Robert Carlson, commander of the 112th Transportation Battalion. (Photo by Stu Green)

CHAMPUS Home Health Care Test Continues

CHAMPUS headquarters has continued its home health care test project for active-duty family members and for the survivors of deceased active-duty service members.

The project began July 1, 1986, and was originally intended to last two years. It will continue to provide individualized management of a patient's health care, and to offer home health care as a less expensive alternative to inpatient hospital care.

Home health care under the award will have been approved in advance (and before the patient is discharged from the hospital) by the Project CARE Branch at CHAMPUS headquarters.

Typical cases may involve caring for premature infants with complex health care needs, patients who require antibiotic intravenous therapy, and patients who need intravenous chemotherapy.

For more information about the home health care test project, call the Project CARE Branch at CHAMPUS HQ, 330-361-4439.

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Mount Vernon Unit Wins Connelly Award

BY BRIAN LEPLEY

Soldiers of many specialties comprise the 237th Support Battalion. Ordinarily, it would be hard for a certain specialty to stand out in such a diverse unit, but the 94B's have done so recently.

Company D, in Mount Vernon, has seven 94Bs assigned, commonly known as cooks. The mess section was awarded the 1988 Ohio National Guard Connelly Award for having the best field mess operation in the state. Company C won the 1987 honor, making it two in a row for the 237th.

"There's always been competition between the mess sections in the battalion," Co. D's Sgt. Kon Hart said. "We all know each other from Annual Training. We trade methods and discover work.

The crew combined the elements of any successful squad: Experience, teamwork and a healthy work ethic.

"Their attitude was the number one factor in winning the state Connelly award," SFC Stephen Swihart, section NCOIC, said. "During the judging they weren't nervous. Their team-work showed."

The section has stability. Swihart has been with the unit over nine years. SSGT. Have Peelman and Sgt. Charles Bowers have five years each in the unit and Hart and Reed have been there three years.

Cooks have plenty of time to get used to working with each other. They arguably keep the hottest hours of any MOS, from before dawn until after dark.

"Every year before summer camp, I tell them the word 'break' does not exist, in the dictionary, in the vocabulary," Swihart said. His cooks know he's not kidding.

They put in week-night hours to get ready and set up outside of town for the next level of judging.

"It was a different level of competition, they seemed to be concentrating on different areas," Peel-man said of the Fourth Army judges. "We were comfortable with them."

Swihart, for one, was grateful to get the regional competition over with.

"It was better for us not to wait because the mistakes we made at Perry were fresh in our mind and we could make immediate corrections," he said.

After a frantic two months of many eyes monitoring them, the holiday meal of December's drill was set.

The section had little wasted motion in preparing and serving their fellow soldiers.

"After all that, this is easy," Hart said. "We're just waiting to hear about our Fourth Army chances. We're thinking positive; it's not if we win, but when."

A clitch older than the National Guard is that an army moves on its stomach. Company D's award, following the effort of Company C, gives the 237th a distinct advantage in that area.

"The 237th takes great pride in taking care of the soldiers and mess operations are the first place you start," Brig. Gen. James Williams, commander of the 73rd Infantry Brigade said. "It's great to keep tradition alive in the 237th."

The Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association needs to recruit younger NCOs to keep issues concerning Guardmembers in the public consciousness, according to Ohio Army National Guard State Command Sergeant Major Richard Wehling.

"It is our responsibility as senior NCOs to continually improve the Enlisted Association," Wehling said. "We must concentrate on getting memberships from NCOs in grades E6 and E7, because this level of NCO is the bedrock of retention and leadership."

Wehling noted that membership in the enlisted association is strictly voluntary. However, he added, being a member and actively participating in the association is just another avenue that senior NCOs have of seeing that their soldiers get the benefits and equipment they need and deserve.

Since 1972, the association has supported legislative initiatives to strengthen the Guard. Wehling believes there has been mixed success, but he has been encouraged by the recent aggressive attitude of the organization.

"Enlisted Association members must do better to publicize our fine achievements by word of mouth," he said. "No other method is as successful as personal contact."

Last August, all soldiers in the Ohio Army Guard of I9 rank became active members of the Association.

Wehling sees this as proof the senior NCOs are committed to the Enlisted Association. Now he would like to see more involvement by other NCO grades.

"We senior NCOs must encourage soldiers and air personnel to join the Enlisted Association," he said. "The more members we have the more we learn about what is going on in the Guard and then we keep in touch with personnel issues, the more energy we have to spend on achieving goals."

Among the association's efforts that have become realities are: State Active Duty pay raised to $50 a day; distinctive license plates for former POWs; survivor benefits that take effect before age 60; increased exchange/commissary privileges; an insurance plan for the state; SGLI increased to $50,000; a pharmacy prescription benefit; a cooperative purchase program; eye care benefits; scholarships co-sponsored by the ONGEA and the ONGEA Auxiliary; and a group hospitalization plan. The ONGEA also played a major role in getting legislative approval for the Guard's State Tuition Assistance program.

"Forgotten Widows"

The National Guard Association of the United States is helping a House subcommittee locate Guard survivors known as "Forgotten Widows".

The subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee plans to hold hearings soon concerning survivor benefits for these spouses. The NGUSA is currently trying to determine an approximate number of these survivors through its Retiree Task Force.

Spouses who died after completing 20 years of qualifying service but who had not turned 60 and did not draw retirement pay between the period Sept. 21, 1972 and Sept. 30, 1978 are the specific group targeted. Surviving spouses of these Guard members described above should contact George Spuhler, Chairman, NGAUS Retiree Task Force, 1 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.
179TH TACTICAL AIRLIFT GROUP

Tsgt.: Jay Fohes, Duane Folk, Marilyn Flanagan
Ssgt.: Jerald Story, David Miller, Kay Gates, Donald Miller, Lori Murphy, Woodrow Myers
Ann.: Michael Ousley

180TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP

Ssgt.: Duane Meller, SrA: Kurt Ohlirch
ATC: Jeffrey Beller, Walter Christopher, Suzette Brazier, Michael Thiemann Jr.
Ann.: Karen Heidberg

COMBAT SERVICE COMPANY
1/147TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Ssgt.: Randall Payne
Sp4: Ernest Kidd
PFC: Roberto Williams, Anthony Wend, Ronald Rankin
Pvt. 2: Mark Baker, Ronald Rother

684TH MEDICAL COMPANY

Ssgt.: Edward Layton, Teresa Swank
Sgt.: Chad Heidman, Randall Gunther, Tamara Guzzo, Richard Miller, David Seelenbinder

148TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Ssgt.: Joseph Koontz, Ricky Fields
Awards
Army Commendation Medal: Sgt. Robert Brinkman

BATTERY "C", 1/136TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Promotions
Ssgt.: Russell Hall, David Via, Kenneth Ross
Sgt.: Shawn Barker, David McGowan, Alan Monnin, Jeffrey Roberts

Schulte Honored By ROTC Group

By Don Lundy

Eastern Kentucky University’s Reserve Officer Training Corps has dedicated a classroom in the university’s Begley Building to Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Schulte, Ohio’s Adjutant General for Army.

Schulte graduated from EKU in 1958 and received his initial commission as a second lieutenant from the school’s ROTC program.

“General Schulte is one of five individuals from Eastern Kentucky University to achieve the rank of general,” said Lt. Col. David L. Reynolds, professor of military science.

“He represents the high ideals we seek to instill in our future officers.”

A plaque presented to Schulte on Dec. 9, 1988, at the ROTC “Dining In” ceremony will be displayed at the entrance to the classroom. The plaque was presented on behalf of the ROTC staff and Military Science III cadets at the university.

These Guatemalan youngsters were encountered by 1st Lt. Pam Nelson-Higgs of the Ohio National Guard’s 19th Public Affairs Detachment during her recent assignment here in support of the U.S. Army’s Southern Command.

Read more about the unusual adventures of the public affairs detachment in the next issue of BUCKEYE GUARD Magazine.
# National Guard Pay Chart

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