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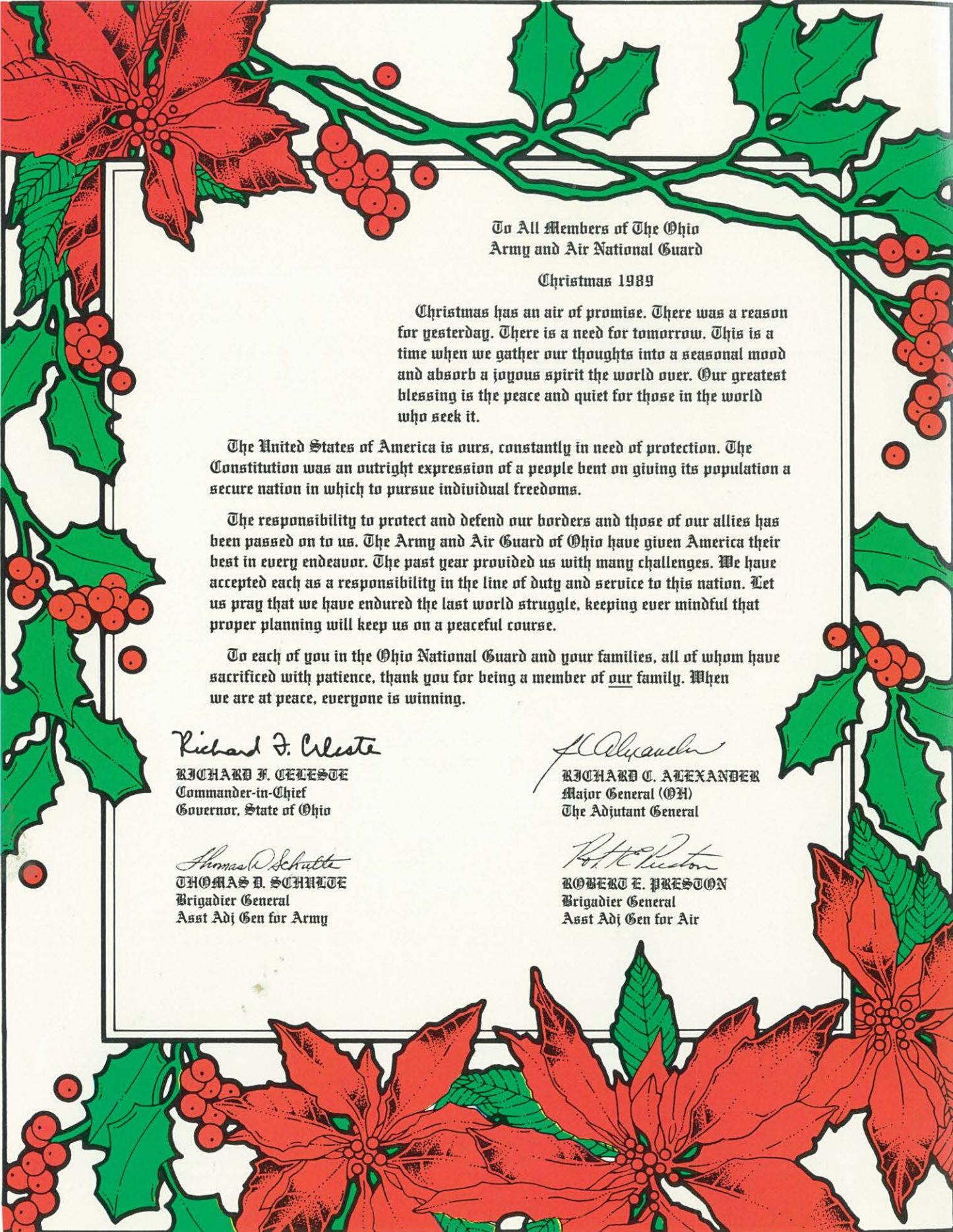
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...the shooters draw deep breaths, steady their weapons and prepare to fire. The range is still; silence settles over the tense firing line. . .

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**OHIO NATIONAL GUARD MARKSMANSHIP  
PROGRAM**



To All Members of The Ohio  
Army and Air National Guard

Christmas 1989

Christmas has an air of promise. There was a reason for yesterday. There is a need for tomorrow. This is a time when we gather our thoughts into a seasonal mood and absorb a joyous spirit the world over. Our greatest blessing is the peace and quiet for those in the world who seek it.

The United States of America is ours, constantly in need of protection. The Constitution was an outright expression of a people bent on giving its population a secure nation in which to pursue individual freedoms.

The responsibility to protect and defend our borders and those of our allies has been passed on to us. The Army and Air Guard of Ohio have given America their best in every endeavor. The past year provided us with many challenges. We have accepted each as a responsibility in the line of duty and service to this nation. Let us pray that we have endured the last world struggle, keeping ever mindful that proper planning will keep us on a peaceful course.

To each of you in the Ohio National Guard and your families, all of whom have sacrificed with patience, thank you for being a member of our family. When we are at peace, everyone is winning.

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## FINAL FORMATION

Dear Editor:

Retired 1st Sgt. James Gray passed away on September 27, 1989 after a sudden heart attack. His obituary stated he was born in Martins Ferry, Ohio in 1934 and had served in the Ohio National Guard for 40 years and six months. If you examine this time frame, you quickly see that 1st Sgt. Gray joined the Guard at age 15. To say that he served in the Guard is not an accurate statement, He lived it!

When I joined the Guard in 1970, 1st Sgt. Gray already had enough time in to retire. For as long as I can remember, he was the National Guard. At annual training and on field exercises he was the last man to bed and the first man up. He greeted us every morning, prodding us out of our bags and on with the day's duties! He was a crusty old NCO right out of the FM.

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First Sgt. Gray cared about the Guard, his men, and his country and he made no apologies to anyone for his beliefs. Some people who knew him (or thought they did) said his time in the Guard had come and gone.

They thought he was too blunt, too loud, too overbearing. . . and at times, he probably was. But this I can tell you for certain, he only did what he had to do to accomplish the mission, period!

First Sgt. James J. Gray may have passed away on September 27th, but his spirit will keep the National Guard alive and well for many years to come as long as we remember his dedication and devotion to duty.

With Fond Memories,

**SSgt. Terry Van Houten**  
Platoon Sergeant  
Co. B (-) 237th Spt Bn

## BENEFIT IDEAS

Dear Editor:

This is my viewpoint on how to keep key NCO's in the National Guard.

First of all I would like to say, I am a member of the Ohio National Guard with 24 years of service. As a member with over six years of service I would like to see some type of benefit that would keep NCO's like myself interested in the Guard.

It seems everytime that benefits are available, they are always for the college or high school student coming into the guard.

I know in the past they have tried to get license plates, fishing and hunting licenses for the Guard. Why not drop the license plate idea and just ask for the fishing and hunting licenses for us which would be a lot less costly?

A lot of your senior Guardmembers are key NCO's like myself, and are the core of the Guard, and it is up to us to train and teach these youngsters the way of the military. I would think our government would like to try and keep us in the Guard by having benefits that would be more suitable for us now instead of having to wait until retirement to get them.

I hope this letter doesn't offend anyone, it is just my opinion on how to help key NCO's, like myself, who are interested in staying in the National Guard.

**A Concerned Guardsman,**

**ROBERT E. HITTLE**  
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## GUARD RETIREES NOTE:

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# 142 Guard Runners In Marathon

BY BRIAN LEPLEY  
HQ STARC

Like an enduring marriage, the partnership of the Ohio National Guard and the Port Clinton Marathon grows more successful with age.

The race raised \$3,545 for the Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio, located in Toledo. This was the fifth year the Guard contributed logistical support for the race as well as 142 of the 314 runners who participated.

"I think the biggest support the National Guard brings us is increasing interest in teams for the relay event," John Galati, race director, said. "We couldn't continue the race if not for the teams."

Forty-five teams ran the marathon; 27 of them were from the Guard. The five-man teams split the marathon route and compete in a number of categories.

"That way we get more people to participate, increasing the money we raise," Galati said. "We only had 94 marathoners run the entire course but had 220 people on team relays. This was the first year we had more civilians than Guard runners participate."

Tom Knopp of HHC, 16th Engineer Brigade was the first Guard marathon finisher for the second year in a row, coming in seventh overall with a time of 2:59:36.5. Other individual finishers for the Guard, in order, were Andrew Wickiser, of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, 12th overall at 3:12:29.3, Lindsey White, also a member of the 179th, 15th overall at 3:14:24.1, and Michael Gresko, HHC, 612th Engineer Battalion, 62nd overall at 4:19:54.4. Knopp was the winner (and only entrant) in his age group of 24-under, while Wickisher was third in his age group, 25-29.

The Air National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group, from Springfield, was the first Guard relay team to finish at 2:41:58.1, six minutes behind the second overall relay team. The Guard was first in three of the eight relay categories. Adjutant General Richard C. Alexander's team won the 220-over age group, the 251 Flashes captured the coed 121-170 age group and the 641st Water Rats won the 120-under coed category. Overall, the Guard had 11 of the top 20 teams in all age groups.



**RUNNERS AT START OF PORT CLINTON EVENT**

(Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dave Swavel)

Doug Gaston, a member of the 178th's team, said running has been a favorite activity since his youth.

"We were running in my family way before it was fashionable. My dad got us into it as kids," he said.

Another Air Guard runner, Scott Maddox, from the 179th Tactical Airlift Group relay team, was in his first Port Clinton race.



**DOUG GASTON**, from the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, was on his unit's relay team.

(Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dave Swavel)

"I had always wanted to run in it before but something always came up. I usually run three to five miles regularly so I don't think this will be a problem," he said. "I did eat breakfast, though. That might have been a mistake."

For as long as the Guard has been with the marathon, it has provided more than runners. Logistical support included tents for the finish line and buses and drivers ferrying runners to exchange points for the relay teams. This year personnel from Toledo's 416th Engineers came to Port Clinton a day early to set up the exchange points and assist police with traffic control during the race.

Two runners from the 416th were trying to keep warm at the second exchange point.

"I run quite a bit on my own so I'm not worried about five miles, as long as it doesn't get any colder than this," said Charles Jackson from Headquarters Co., 416th.

"The company checked PT scores so we could put together a good team," Jackson continued. "We want to perform the best we can. These kind of events are good for promoting competition within the Guard."

Darryl Verret, also from HHC, thought there was another motive for the Guard to participate.

"Events like this are good for the Guard because the community can see us, see that we just don't sit around doing paperwork," he said. "It means something to get out and help civilian causes like this charity."



**LEGION OF MERIT** — Col. William LaPrise awards Command Sgt. Maj. Norm Danes the Legion of Merit Medal honoring his service with the 371st Support Group, Kettering, and his 32 years in the Army National Guard. Danes was also presented plaques and a ceremonial sword at his retirement dinner.

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Dan Darragh, 371st Support Group)

## *An Uncle, a Teacher, a First Sergeant*

# Danes Ends 32-Year Career

**BY DAN DARRAGH**  
371st Support Group

Norm Danes credits an uncle, a seventh grade teacher and a crusty first sergeant with his decision to spend 32 years in the Army National Guard.

And during that time, the brick mason from Englewood, Ohio, rose to the top of his part-time profession.

Danes was honored at a formal retirement dinner in July, at which time he was presented the Legion of Merit Medal by Col. William LaPrise, commander of the 371st Support Group, Kettering. Danes has served as the group's command sergeant major since 1985.

Danes was also presented plaques from subordinate units of the 371st and a ceremonial sword from the non-commissioned officers of the support group.

Addressing the guests at the dinner, Danes recalled an uncle returning from World War II with diseases and injuries he had incurred overseas, and his seventh grade teacher who still bore the scars of war.

"It was then that I decided war was a terrible thing and I vowed to do everything I could to prevent another one. That's why I joined the Guard," he said.

After enlistment, Danes received motivation to obtain higher positions when his first sergeant, in a moment of exasperation, told the young private, "You'll never make Spec. 4!"

Danes went on to prove his mentor wrong.

He joined the Guard in 1957 in Dayton as a member of the 103rd Operations Detachment. He served in the air defense artillery unit as a radar plotter and worked himself up to radar section leader. The unit was reorganized and absorbed into the headquarters of the 371st Air Defense Artillery, which later became the 371st Support Group.

Danes served nine years as the support group's first sergeant, beginning in 1972. He held the position of command sergeant major of the 112th Transportation Battalion before returning to the 371st in the top enlisted post in 1985. Danes is a graduate of the Sergeants Majors Academy in Texas.

What will he miss about the Guard?

"Of course, the people. I'll miss the fellowship and all the camaraderie," he said.

And at the retirement dinner, the troops, from privates to colonels, let him know they would miss him too.

## Spouses Important To 837th

**BY MICHAEL BURRIS**  
Det 1 237th Support Battalion

"I guess the main thing that being married to a soldier has taught me is independence; that things will go wrong when he's away and I must deal with the problems and get myself and our children through the crisis," said Sandy Spencer, whose husband, Robert, is an Ohio National Guard member.

Spencer echoed a sentiment shared by many spouses of guardmembers. While soldiers are recognized and rewarded for their sacrifices and efforts, it often seems the spouses are left behind to handle the flooded basements, sick children and cars that refuse to start.

One Ohio National Guard unit hasn't forgotten the importance of family members in the National Guard organization. For the last five years, the 837th Engineer Company, from St. Marys, has organized a family get together to recognize spouses and help them learn more about the vital mission of the National Guard.

According to Sgt. Bradley G. Hesson, Career Counselor for the St. Marys area, "It is tremendously important to the soldier's family members to be aware of what soldiers are doing. Activities such as the dinner dance are essential to retain good soldiers." It is Hesson's hope that "spouses will realize that they are important too."

Family members of the soldiers were quick to point out that they had become more independent and more industrious as a result of being married to a soldier.

"It makes me feel good to know that my wife could keep our family together even if I wasn't around," said Spec. Robert R. Spencer. "I'm proud of her."



STAFF SGT. RODGER JONES

## 166th NCO Honored Nationally

BY BOB D. MULLINS  
HQ STARC

Dedication to the Ohio Army National Guard and country has led Staff Sgt. Rodger M. Jones, Detachment 1, Company B, 1st Battalion, 166th Infantry, Ohio Army National Guard to the most coveted award among Non-Commissioned Officer ranks.

In July 1989, Jones was presented with the United States Army National Guard NCO of the Year Award and a \$500.00 U.S. Savings Bond. Ceremonies in Washington D.C. highlighted the final step in the multi-level competition.

Jones, who has been awarded the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal and the Army Meritorious Service Medal said, "I do not place limitations on my abilities. I believe that good efforts will be rewarded."

Command Sgt. Maj. Richard L. Wehling, State Command Sergeant Major for Ohio said, "Staff Sergeant Jones has accomplished the ultimate feat in NCO of the Year competition, from company to full National Guard world honors. He is young, but very knowledgeable of military duty performances. He is the type of youthful leader that our youngest soldiers desire to associate with and emulate. We all, young and old, can learn much from Staff Sgt. Jones—in turn we should be able to do a much better job at training, communicating and caring for our troops. I find it to be a privilege to serve with Staff Sergeant Jones."

# A COMMENTARY: NCO's MUST BE DEDICATED

BY LARRY L. RINEHART  
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Have you ever felt insignificant? At the end of a training event you felt as though your time could have been better spent elsewhere? Have you thought about getting out because you didn't enjoy the organization the way you once did?

At one time or another most non-commissioned officers experience the above mentioned emotions.

Being a NCO in the National Guard is a challenging and often thankless job which seems to become more demanding with each drill. However, don't despair. If you find yourself in a slump, there are a few things that you should consider prior to hanging up your stripes.

### Consider Why You Joined

First of all, you should consider the reasons that you joined the organization. Even though the money is important, income very seldom is the reason for staying. I believe that most of us have a basic sense of conviction for this country and our flag. Most of us are very proud to wear the uniform even only a couple days a month. The bottom line is that we are soldiers serving in the greatest Army in the world.

This organization is full of opportunity, but it doesn't always come to you. Sometimes you have to look for it. This may mean changing positions within your unit or maybe even changing units within your battalion or squadron. The key to this is goal setting. Establish what it is that you do well, and then go for it. One soldier may want to be the best squad leader or platoon sergeant in Troop Command, while another individual might desire to be the best tuba player in the Army band.

### Try New Approaches

Of course, there is always the possibility that you would stay right where you are if only you could get that old "good feeling" back again. If this is the

case, there are a few things you should try:

a. **Get involved.** Become a part of the action. Don't shy away from an activity, but aggressively pursue it. You'll find that time goes faster and you will feel better about the time spent.

b. **Strive to be the "total soldier."** It works. Strive to be tactically and technically proficient. If you are eligible to attend a school, do it. If not, get involved in the Army Correspondence Course Program. The more knowledgeable you become, the better you feel about the time you spend with the unit.

c. **Act the part.** Picture in your mind the perfect NCO and model yourself after the picture. Even when things aren't going your way, carry yourself as though you are on top of the world. Your superiors will recognize this in you, and doors will open.

d. **Show the way.** Remember the NCO mainstay, "Lead by Example!" Don't avoid training, but aggressively pursue it. Sometimes, senior NCOs will avoid individual soldiers' training because they fear looking bad in front of the troops. The troops pick up this attitude. Don't get caught in the trap.

e. **Don't be too critical.** Realize that good quality training is a very serious business, however, don't forget that people make mistakes and this is a learning environment. The trick is to learn by our mistakes and carry on. Cardinal Newman summed it up with the following:

Nothing would be done at all if a man waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault with it.

The National Guard needs top quality NCOs and you wouldn't be wearing the stripes if somebody hadn't recognized that potential in you. You owe it to your convictions to try and pick yourself up by the bootlaces, before you throw in the towel . . .

# SGM Academy Intense, Rewarding

BY J. D. BIROS  
196th Public Affairs Detachment



In six months, or two years of correspondence, it can be done...

Dedication is the key and hard work is self-evident...

The goal is rewarding both professionally and individually...

The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy.

This summer, 10 Ohio National Guardmembers graduated from the academy located at Fort Bliss, Texas. Two soldiers graduated with Class 33, July 6, as six-month resident students while the rest finished their schooling with Class 14, July 21, after two years of correspondence and two weeks of instruction at the academy.

Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Fitzgerald, resident student, said the course was "very intense" and learned that National Guard senior noncommissioned officers are as capable of performing the standards as their active duty components.

"I was intimidated when I first got there, but I quickly learned that they (active duty personnel) have the same problems we do, like in management and sending people to school," Fitzgerald, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment Support Squadron, said. "The only difference is that they deal with it every day and we only get to deal with it on a weekend basis."

## Course Is In Phases

The Sergeants Major course is designed to instruct through different phases. For resident students, the phases are four to five weeks long, while for non-residents (correspondents), the phases could be stretched over a period of months.

Each phase deals with separate aspects of the responsibilities of a senior NCO. The phases involve military studies, resource management, leadership, national security affairs and for correspondence students a two week resident phase at Fort Bliss.

Master Sgt. Dale O'Flaherty, SIDPERS, Class 14, spent the last two years working on the correspondence course while also dealing with his professional and family affairs. "It's unlike regular sub-courses," he said. "You can't just read over the material, you have to know it. It takes a lot of hours."

## Commitment Is Key

O'Flaherty and other members of his class said the course took many nights and weekends to complete. Some even spent their vacations reviewing materials.

"There were three reasons why I did it," said Master Sgt. Robert Whalen, Recruiting and Retention. "One, because it was demanding. Two, because of the pride and prestige of the academy. Three, because of the vast wealth of knowledge."

## United States Army Sergeants Major Academy Coat of Arms

### CREST

The torch is flamed to indicate zeal and, together with the book, signifies conveyance of knowledge and instruction in professional leadership. The sword and quill represent the combat and administrative services from which the Academy's students are drawn.

### SHIELD

The chevrons are associated with the basic device for a noncommissioned officer's insignia of grade. The chain links represent the role of the sergeant major as a link between the soldiers and commander. The star, which signifies command, also indicates the high qualifications required of senior noncommissioned officers for advanced education at the Academy. The laurel wreath, signifying past meritorious performance needed for selection, and the star and chevrons are all emblems suggested by the highest insignia of grade for noncommissioned officers. These symbols denote the Academy's continuing endeavors in preparing senior noncommissioned officers for the highest in personal and professional achievement.

### MOTTO

"Ultima" (the Ultimate)

"Ultima" was selected as the motto to signify that the Academy is dedicated to preparing senior noncommissioned officers for the ultimate enlisted assignments throughout the defense establishment. The motto was conceived in July 1972 by Command Sgt. Maj. Arnold E. Orr.

Whalen also wondered how the National Guard and Reserves would interact with the active duty personnel. He was amazed how everyone pulled together. "The main thing was that we were all soldiers and that we were all working toward a common goal. It was refreshing to be with people all striving for the same goal."

The chain of command was as unique as the Academy, said Sgt. Maj. David Herman, Recruiting and Retention. There was only one officer who was the Academy commandant. The company commander, executive officer and platoon leaders were all senior NCOs. "The academy is run by NCOs because it's basically the home of NCO business."

"It was different for the 400 plus NCOs at the school. They're used to standing in front of a formation, not in one," he added.

Resident and non-resident students were exposed to guest lectures and given assignments that covered various topics like public speaking and writing techniques. Most of the assignments were handled through smaller groups mixed with active duty, Guard and Reserve soldiers.

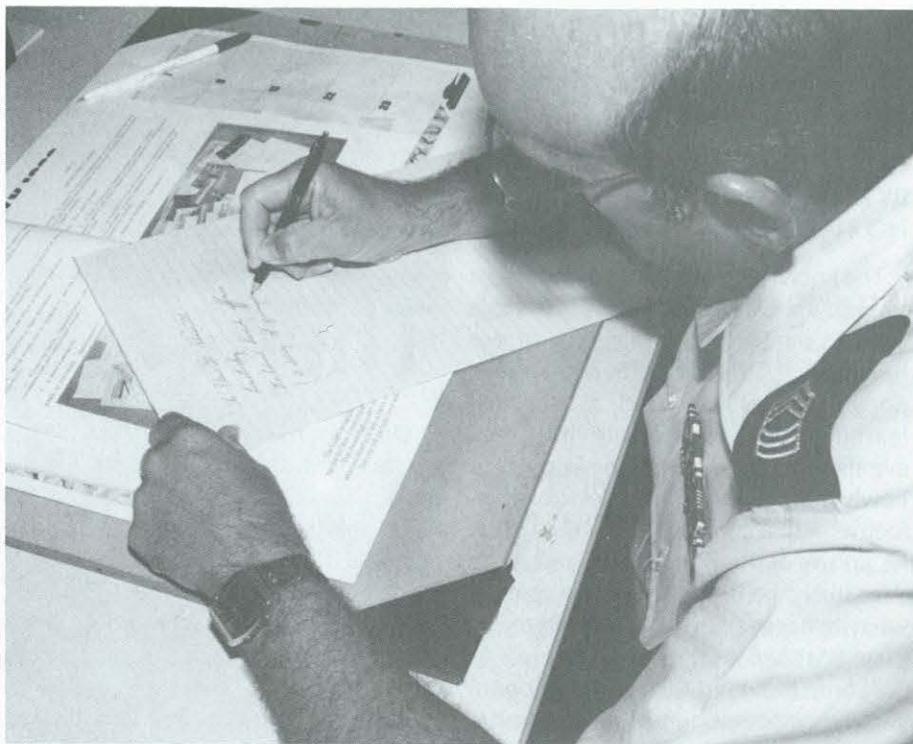
### Everyone Gets Involved

"The small groups allowed everyone to get involved," Herman said. "It was also the time we learned about each other's branch of the Army."

**"It was the most rewarding thing I've ever done. It wasn't easy. It wasn't a course just handed to you. You had to work for it."**

### Master Sergeant Dale O'Flaherty

At the end of each phase, a test was given over the material covered. For correspondence students, they reported to a proctor for their examinations and would have it sent to the academy for grading.



**MASTER SGT. DALE O'FLAHERTY MAKES REFERENCE NOTES**

(Photo by Pfc J.D. Biros)

"I remember walking out of my first test with my ego deflated. It was tough. But I passed it and it encouraged me to continue on," O'Flaherty said.

"After the first phase, I was seeing how the studies applied to my position," Whalen said. Having the right mind set to sit down and stay ahead was worth every minute of the course, he added.

But at the end of the numerous hours of studying and strong devotion to the course comes the privilege and pride of completion.

Herman recalls the auditorium filled with 460 "extremely proud" senior NCOs about to graduate. "When they started playing the song 'When we were needed, we were there,' there wasn't a dry eye in the whole place."

"It was the most rewarding thing I've ever done," O'Flaherty said. "It wasn't easy. It wasn't a course just handed to you. You had to work for it."

Whalen said, "The course took a lot of time and effort, but you just had to drive on."

Each of the graduates highly recommended the Sergeants Major course, suggesting that those thinking about it should prepare themselves for extensive studying, long hours and self-satisfaction of completing the course.

"You have to go after it as a goal," Herman said.

Other graduates of Class 14 include Master Sgt. Nick Kurlas, Recruiting and Retention; Master Sgt. Stephen Paver, 997th Ordinance Company (HAWK) and Master Sgt. George Sams, Recruiting and Retention, who both graduated a year ahead of schedule; Master Sgt. Jack Yorkovich, 437th Military Police Battalion; and Command Sgt. Maj. John Paul, 1/137th Aviation Battalion, who served as class vice-president.

Graduating with Fitzgerald, Master Sgt. Charles Gilbert, 372nd Engineer Battalion was also a member of resident Class 33.

# M\*A\*S\*H:

BY KELLI BLACKWELL  
HQ STARC

The knowledge of American history, its triumphs and its losses, is the knowledge of our country; the knowledge of our heritage. Often, television and documentaries are used as effective learning tools to recreate historical events, offering different viewpoints or newly discovered truths. Television is effective. Ask a common individual what he knows of the Korean war, and more than likely, he'll give some examples of what he has seen on the syndicated program "M\*A\*S\*H."

"Some things in MASH did happen: you did perform hours of surgery under less-than-adequate lighting and you didn't always have the right instruments to work with," said Dr. John M. Howard, former Army captain who served from 1951 to 1953 in Korea as a surgeon with the 8076th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital. "Television's MASH wasn't real; it was a comedy. There wasn't all that joking. It was a real war. It was no comedy."

Dr. Howard, 69, is a professor of the Department of Surgery for the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo.

## Producers Consult Doctors

Producers of the 1970 movie "MASH" talked with Dr. Howard and other Korean war veterans, noted their experiences, and created characters based from the veterans. Dr. Howard's character was "Trapper John."

"I don't know how I got that nickname," he said with a chuckle. "I was called 'Captain John' in Korea." Dr. Howard said he was nothing like the character Trapper John.

"My job was to try to improve the standard of care for soldiers," he said. "In 1951 there weren't many fully trained surgeons available. I had finished surgical training in 1951." Dr. Howard said physicians who were in their residency were called to active service.

"Our (medical) peers matured immediately after World War II. All of my peers were involved in the military in some way. We accepted it as our responsibility."



## Then . . .

Dr. Howard's MASH unit was located six to eight miles behind the fighting lines. "Occasionally the battalion and surgeons may get calls about activity on the field. But usually when fighting was initiated, we had no warning."

He said helicopters flew casualties to the MASH site only during daylight hours. The most severely injured were treated first. One of his most vivid experiences was having to amputate all four extremities of a Korean soldier. "It was the only way we could try to save his life."

## Dr. Howard Directs Team

While the surgeon was stationed in Korea, he organized and directed the U.S. Army Surgical Research Team.

"Much of my time was in research: the study of wound infections, blood transfusions and blood substitutes, and the reconstruction of arteries."

Dr. Howard is most noted for assisting in the first combat application of the artificial kidney. He said during that period of time, only Cleveland, Ohio and Boston, Massachusetts were using artificial kidneys. Dr. Howard was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work.

After the war, Dr. Howard returned to the U.S. to continue his life with his wife and three children. He said it was at first difficult to readjust. "When I came back to the States I was afraid of stepping off the roads for fear of stepping on mines. That fear lasted for months."

Since 1954, Dr. Howard has devoted his time to teaching research and surgical care.

With his medical contributions during the Korean war, Dr. Howard is a part of our American history. He said that years from now he would like to be remembered as having been "...influential in the advancement in medical treatments of combat casualties."



## Now . . .

The 145th MASH located at Camp Perry training site, Port Clinton is one of the newest Ohio Army National Guard facilities which provides training and experience to medical professionals statewide.

Still under organization, the 145th will consist of 239 Guardmembers, to include 16 physicians and 40 nurses.

First Sergeant David Santuomo of the 145th said the MASH is working as a carrier unit with 78 personnel on board. According to an information sheet printed by the 112th Med. Bde. September 1988, the 145th MASH is scheduled to come on line officially, September 1, 1990.

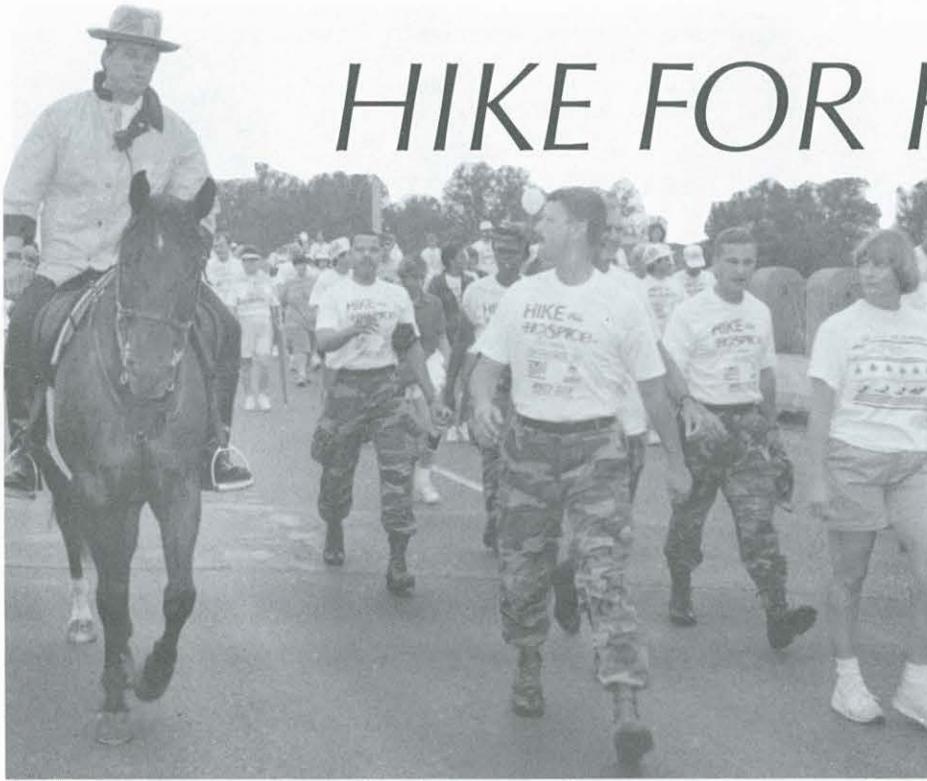
Maj. Mary Mathis, Army Medical Department Recruiting Officer, said the 145th does not act as a functional hospital. "It would become functional during war time or if civilian facilities were to overflow." She said some of the same medical professionals who work in civilian hospitals would be called to active duty to work in the MASH.

The 145th MASH is an extension of the 112th Medical Brigade in Columbus, and provides medical support to Guardmembers. Santuomo said the 145th performs physical examinations and conducts medical training in war scenario.

The purpose of a MASH unit is to provide resuscitative surgery and medical treatment to critically sick, injured or wounded patients. Once stabilized, the patients would be transported to permanent medical facilities. The 145th will be able to provide intensive care treatment to a maximum of 60 patients.

There are six other MASH units in the Army National Guard. They are in Washington, D.C.; Tennessee; Louisiana; Kentucky; Indiana; and Georgia.

# HIKE FOR HOSPICE



GUARDMEMBERS AT 1989 COLUMBUS HOSPICE EVENT

(Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dave Swavel)

## Guard Supports Community Program For Terminally Ill

BY KRISTIN K. HAMPTON  
196th Public Affairs Detachment

More than 100 Army National Guard members robed in shorts, sweatpants and Hike for Hospice T-shirts gathered downtown Sept. 10th, to give their support to Hospice of Columbus.

Hospice is a program for terminally ill patients and their families. Any Franklin County resident who is terminally ill and wishes to remain at home is eligible for the services offered by Hospice of Columbus.

No one who needs and desires Hospice care is turned away. As a result of this "open door policy," which provides services for little or no cost, Hospice must generate money through fundraisers to meet their annual operating expenses of \$900,000.

Hike for Hospice is one of three fundraising events held each year.

WNCI 97.9, Lennox Industries and the Ohio Army National Guard were sponsors for Hike for Hospice this year.

The National Guard participants seemed to enjoy the opportunity to help the Hospice fundraising effort, which has raised \$8,000 so far this year.

"As long as we're healthy we might as well help other people," said Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy D. Hall, Headquarters STARC supply sergeant.

Janet S. Forest, volunteer coordinator and Hike for Hospice chairperson commended the Guard for their support. "The Guard deserves a lot of the credit for supplying us with the water buffalos, participating in the event and basically helping Hospice raise the money it needs," said Forest.

According to Staff Sgt. James A. Himes, Headquarters STARC, "It's just one of the things the National Guard does in the community, for the community."

## Hillsboro Infantry Unit Enlightens Rocky Fork Campers

BY DAVID RISHER  
HQ, 1st Battalion, 147th Infantry

Hundreds of weekend campers at Rocky Fork State Park were surprised when they woke to the sight and sound of the Ohio National Guard moving in. The local guard units weren't there to fish, swim or picnic though, they were there to perform their monthly training drill. Once a year, the men of Company C, of Hillsboro, and the detachment from Blanchester, incorporate training with a public awareness program.

The troops begin their program by demonstrating how quickly a campsite can be set up and operational when using a team concept. Many spectators were surprised to find out these accomplished soldiers were not fulltime. "They do this like it's something they do every weekend," commented one fisherman, a former soldier himself.

While the children favored the weapons demonstrations and the chance to look through the sights, the

adults were more interested in the "high tech" equipment like the Pneumatic Device for the 81 millimeter mortar.

The highlight of the day was the river crossing. After the lines were aligned and tightened by 2nd Lt. Ellis, who enjoyed a dip in the lake in the process, he climbed back on and led his men across. The crowd applauded Ellis' determination and stamina.

This program is not the first of its kind for Charlie Company. Each year at the Lynchburg Homecoming Pageant, the men participate in the parade and put on two days of Public Awareness programs and displays.

"I really enjoy these programs," said Sgt. Randy Keets. "It gives me a chance to show my friends and family that the Guard is not a weekend vacation, but serious training."

The campers seemed to enjoy the show as well; many of them commenting on the intensity of the training and the quality of the soldiers.



LOU FORREST AND MARC DURDAK OF WSYX TV, COLUMBUS, SPENT SEVERAL DAYS COVERING TASK FORCE 16 ACTIVITIES.



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GUARD ENGINEERS RENOVATE LOCAL SCHOOL HOUSE.



**OX CARTS ARE A COMMON SITE ON THE RURAL ROADS OF HONDURAS.**



**DENTAL CREW FROM 112TH MEDICAL BRIGADE PROVIDES MUCH-NEEDED DENTAL CARE.**

# Honduras

Memories of Honduras will endure for the men and women of the Ohio National Guard who participated in Fuertes Caminos '89.

Task Force 16 involved more than 3,000 Ohio Guardmembers and 900 Army reservists. From January to June 1989, members of the task force rebuilt or improved some 60 kilometers of roadway. Their work was part of a continuing project to provide a navigable route from the northcentral highlands to the Honduran commercial markets.

Guardmembers and reservists from Ohio built more than a roadway. They worked with the Hondurans to improve their quality of life by building new schools, providing medical and dental care, and constructing an assortment of other needed facilities such as day care centers and foot bridges.

Task Force 16 recently closed the books on a highly successful mission that encompassed nearly two years. Congratulations to all who worked on this massive project.



**CHILDREN OUTSIDE NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTED BY OHIO GUARD ENGINEERS.**

(Photos by Sgt. Nancy Connor)

## MONTGOMERY GI BILL

America's part-time fighting force is responding to its own GI Bill with great enthusiasm. National Guard and Reserve soldiers are signing up in unexpected numbers for educational benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill.

"It's an ideal program for a young person in the Guard or reserve," said Cleveland VA Regional Office Director Phillip J. Ross, whose office funds the program in Ohio. "They train and work part-time in the military and get additional money through VA to work on a degree without having to leave their home communities."

He said that over 8,549 Ohio Guard and Reserve members have applied for the educational benefits since the regional office began processing applications in July 1985. He noted that "most of them are going to school right here in Ohio."

To be eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill, a person must be a National Guard or military reserve member who has completed initial active duty training, holds a high school diploma or equivalent, does not have a bachelor's degree, and participated satisfactorily in a Selected Reserve Program.

Selected Reservists are basically those members of the Guard and Reserve who train on weekends and serve two weeks of active duty each year. This includes members of those groups who are serving on active duty.

VA benefits are payable for approved programs leading to an undergraduate (bachelor's) degree and for vocational/technical programs at institutions of higher learning. Eligible full-time students receive \$140 a month. Rates fall to \$105 for three-quarter time schooling, and to \$70 for half-time students. For less than half-time, a benefit of \$35 is paid unless tuition assistance is available through the Guard or Reserve organization. In that case, no benefit is paid. Persons have 10 years from the date basic eligibility begins to use the benefit, but eligibility ceases if they leave the Selected Reserve.

If you are interested in receiving more information about the Montgomery GI Bill, contact your Unit Support Services Specialist, or the Education Office at (614) 889-7293.



**GIRL SCOUTS** from the Columbus area visit with State Senator Richard J. Pfeiffer and recruiter Steve Lane during an Armed Forces Day program sponsored by the 73rd Infantry Brigade at Franklin Park in Columbus.

(Photo By Sgt. 1st. Class Don Lundy)

## 216th Engineers Relocate, Restore Historic Bridge

**BY KELLI BLACKWELL  
HQ STARC**

The melodic *clip-clop, clip-clop* of horse hooves over its wooden boards; the entrancing sound of spring-cool water babbling through a cobblestone brook underneath. The life a little bridge in Crawford County has not had for about 100 years.

Unable to safely hold the legal weight limits of modern traffic, the bow-stringed tress bridge was no longer needed. For years, the facilities office of the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus has been searching and waiting for an antique Ohio bridge to become available. The bridge would be used to link the museum to the Ohio Village, a colonial replica addition which was built in 1972, according to Dellas Harden, Chief of Facilities at the Society.

Because of Crawford County's donation to the museum, the bridge will be able to relive its life of yesteryear.

For the past 1½ years, guardsmen of Company D, 216th Combat Engineers of Tarlton have worked on the Domestic Action Project to relocate and restore the bridge at its new site, according to Staff Sgt. James Withrow, engineer of the 216th. The Ohio National Guard frequently performs duties for non-profit organizations.

"Everything of the bridge is original; even the stones on the abutments," said Sgt. 1st Class David Layne, 216th engineer. Besides replacing some nuts and bolts, the only major alteration was the bridge's width which was shortened by two feet.

Restoration was completed by the engineers in October. Mr. Harden said the bridge will be open for the public in November. Drivers of horse and buggy carriages will await for museum visitors and carry them across the bridge and through the fields to the colonial village.

*Clip-clop, clip-clop*, Ohio's history is an old bridge's salvation.

# 124TH SHOWS ITS CARING SIDE

BY DEBBIE ODOM  
124th Tactical Control Squadron

Members of the 124th Tactical Control Squadron at the Blue Ash Air National Guard Site in Cincinnati know that size means very little if the heart is good. And during their May unit training assembly, the 96-member group proved just that by hosting a local child who suffers from a permanent illness.

Fourteen-year-old Daniel McCarthy has Crohns Disease, a non-transmittable inflammatory affliction of the upper large intestine that tends to affect children. Crohns Disease is usually not fatal. In May, Daniel became the first child to participate in the unit's new program to reach out to seriously ill youngsters from the local community.

The program was sponsored by Lt. Col. Thomas J. Belton, commander of the 124th. Belton got the idea after witnessing a similar program while at a base in South Carolina.

"I was down at the Forward Air Control Post meeting at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base in February and they had started a program at the 73rd Tactical Control

Flight where they brought a young person out to the base who had been having physical problems," explained Belton. "While at the base, the child was given a briefing, a tour, and mementos of his visit. The young person seemed to really enjoy it and I thought it would be a great idea if we gave something like that a try at the 124th."

The squadron began a search for their first visitor by approaching a unit member whose wife worked at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She provided the group with someone she thought would benefit from a visit to the base.

That someone was Daniel, an eighth grader at Amelia Middle School near Cincinnati. According to 2nd Lt. Ric Williams, an air weapons control officer and visit coordinator, Daniel is a special child for several reasons.

"Not only is he beating the disease, but he dreams of someday becoming a military pilot," said Williams. "He knows a lot about the military through his involvement with the Civil Air Patrol."

Daniel's day with the 124th began early in the morning with a ride to the base in a tactical vehicle. Upon arrival, he got

a short briefing explaining the mission of the 124th Tactical Control Squadron and their role in the Air Force picture. According to Williams, the 124th is responsible for training and providing surveillance and control capabilities for military aircraft.

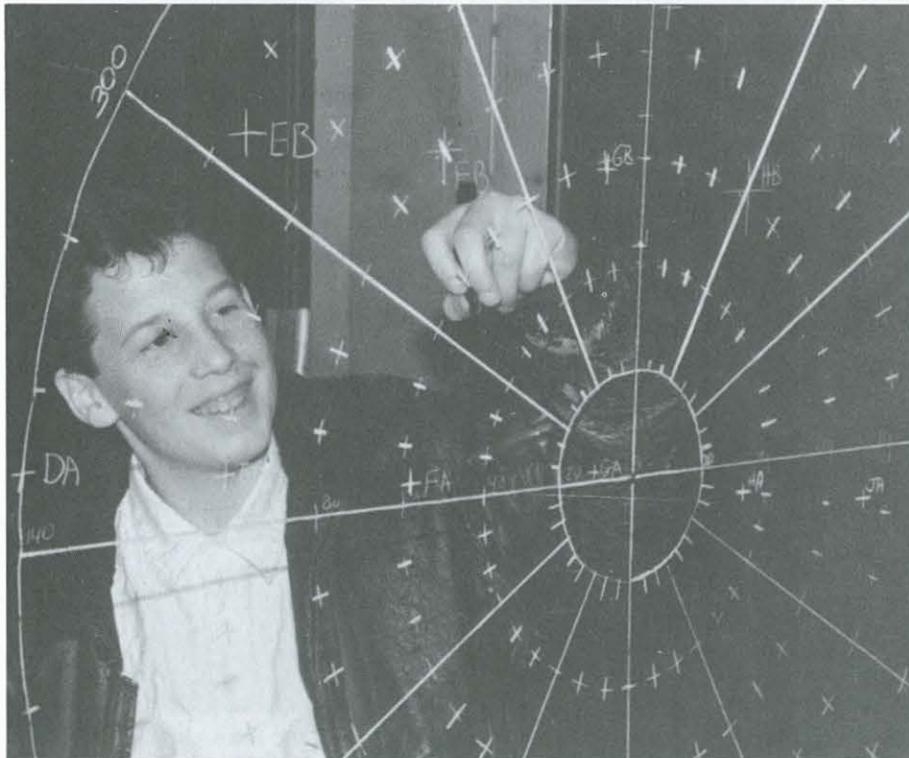
Daniel was introduced to group members, then taken out to the base radar van where he watched an air-to-air mission involving F-4 aircraft from Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton. Later, he ate lunch with the commander and other squadron members in the unit's dining facility.

"I like the way they do things here," said Daniel. "And working with the radar was real fun. It (the visit) got me thinking about what I want to do a lot more."

Daniel, who's interested in both the Navy and the Air Force, noted that visiting the base and seeing how things actually work at a military unit, changed his opinion somewhat. "I'm swayed toward the Air Force and maybe Blue Ash. I really like it out here," Daniel said. "I want to say thanks to everybody for letting me come and for showing me around," he added.

According to Williams, although Daniel does show an interest in the military, the main point is that the 124th is reaching out to people who are struggling.

"In peacetime situations, there is very little tangible evidence of what a unit can give back to the public... we are sometimes perceived as a drain on tax dollars rather than an attribute to our country," said Williams. "In a small way, this is a way of showing our appreciation and of giving something back."



DANIEL MCCARTHY HELPS PLOT A MISSION

# A Day on the Range

BY NANCY CONNOR  
State Public Affairs Office

"Ready on the right, ready on the left. . . Ready on the firing line."

As the familiar cadence crackles across the loudspeaker, the shooters draw deep breaths, steady their weapons and prepare to fire. The range is still; silence settles over the tense firing line. Then the silence is shattered as the command to commence firing is given and the range explodes with the report of gunfire. An Ohio National Guard marksmanship match is under way.

For these men and women, a day at the range is pleasure. They've put in hours of practice on their own time for the chance to compete in a championship match.

But while these elite shooters are some of the best in the state, their ranks aren't closed to those who would like to join.

Ohio has a variety of marksmanship teams, with membership available to all National Guard members. The only qualification is shooting skill.

## Teams Start At Battalion Level

The teams start at battalion level. Each battalion is authorized to form three separate combat shooting teams; a .45 caliber pistol team, a M-16 rifle team and a M-60 machine gun team.

Each team competes at the Ohio National Guard Championship matches. These matches, held each spring at Camp Perry, will decide the top three teams in each category in Ohio.

The first-place teams travel to Camp Robinson, Ark. for the Winston P. Wilson Matches, the highest level of competition in the National Guard. Winners of the Wilson Matches continue on to compete in the All Army matches at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The second and third place teams shoot at the regional matches at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

## Shooters Help With Weapons Training

Benefits to battalion team participation are many. Not only does the battalion get skilled shooters who can assist in weapons training and qualification, but also unit recognition and a chance to bring home trophies for the battalion showcase. On a personal level, each team member gains the satisfaction of additional training and experience. Individuals are provided with equipment, ammunition and a place to shoot.



Soldiers at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., pose with the four prototype combat assault rifles being run through engineering and safety tests there. Teams of soldiers and airmen are test-firing the prototypes at Fort Benning, Ga., alongside the M-16A2. (Photo courtesy American Forces Information Services)

In addition to the battalion teams, the Ohio National Guard has a High Power Rifle Team, a Precision Pistol Team and a Biathlon Team. Members of the rifle and pistol team are selected from the top shooters at the State Championship Matches. Shooters on these teams also have equipment, ammunition and most match fees provided, as well as the opportunity to shoot a lot of civilian matches. Biathlon team members must be skilled shooters as well as outstanding athletes, able to ski a grueling cross country course, stopping at timed intervals to shoot at targets with precision .22 caliber biathlon rifles.

### Dedication Required

Membership on all of the marksmanship teams involves personal dedication. The two Ohio National Guard teams spend up to two weekends a month attending matches during the summer, in addition to regular drill weekends. Battalion teammembers spend their own time practicing and attending the state championships. Occasionally, teammembers must provide for their own transportation and lodging.

"A lot of shooting on these teams is for God and country," said Major Vincent P. Jiga, State Marksmanship Coordinator.

The ultimate goal of the marksmanship program, Jiga said, is to build a cadre of highly qualified shooters who can pass their knowledge on to other guardmembers.

Jiga, who also acts as Range Officer for Troop Command's pistol qualification range, revealed some trade secrets to help every shooter get a better score:

—Get a good night's sleep before qualification.

—Stick with your normal routine, change disrupts your system.

—If possible, get in some practice before qualification. Familiarize yourself with your weapon, do some dry fire exercises.

—Relax

—Concentrate on the front site and sque-e-e-z-e- the trigger.

"Is the firing line ready? The firing line is ready. Commence Fire."

## OHIO NATIONAL GUARD MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM 1990 MATCHES

INDOOR RIFLE MATCH —  
27, 28 Jan. 1990  
Saturday: Gallery Match  
Sunday: Combat Rifle Match  
Location: Columbus Police Range

INDOOR PISTOL MATCH —  
24, 25 Feb. 1990  
Saturday: Combat Pistol Match  
Sunday: Precision Pistol Match  
Location: Columbus Police Range

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD PISTOL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS — 21, 22 April 1990  
Saturday: Clinic/Individual Matches  
Sunday: Combat Team Matches  
and Patton Team Match  
Location: Camp Perry, Ohio

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD RIFLE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS — 2, 3 June 1990  
Saturday: Clinic/Individual Matches  
Sunday: Team Match and Infantry  
Trophy Team Match  
Location: Camp Perry, Ohio

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD  
MACHINEGUN CHAMPIONSHIPS —  
9, 10 June 1990  
Saturday: Clinic/Individual Matches  
Sunday: Team Matches  
Location: Camp Perry, Ohio

Individuals interested in more information about the Ohio National Guard Marksmanship Program should contact the State Marksmanship Coordinator:

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### Guard Shooter Wins Championship

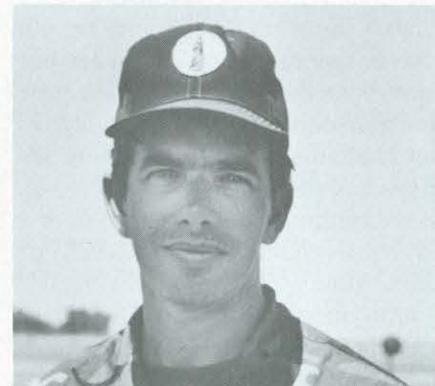
With rifle in hands and targets in sight, Tech. Sgt. Terry L. Martino of the Ohio Air National Guard won the Open/High Master honors in the individual phase of the National Match Rifle event at the National Guard Rifle, Pistol, and Machinegun Championships, Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, Ark.

Martino, 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, fired a score of 1273-39X out of a possible score of 1300-130X to win the Winston P. Wilson Matches. He beat 321 other shooters in the aggregate matches which were fired at 200, 300 and 600 yards in the sitting, standing and prone positions.

Martino, a distinguished shooter since 1974, is a member of the prestigious All National Guard High-Powered Rifle Team. He is employed full time by the National Guard as a Weapons Control System Technician.

Over 1400 competitors from almost every state and territory participated in the

championships consisting of shoulder-to-shoulder competition, small arms firing schools and award ceremonies. The championships are divided into five divisions made up of team and individual matches. The contests consist of national match or bullseye type shooting with the M-14 rifle, combat or silhouette shooting with the M-16 rifle and M-60 machinegun, as well as .45 and .22 caliber pistol events.



TECH. SGT. TERRY L. MARTINO

## E Troop Winners

# Cavalry Scouts Excel

BY J. D. BIROS  
196th Public Affairs Detachment

**THE MISSION:** to perform route reconnaissance and prepare and deliver a map overlay to military intelligence.

**THE MEN:** the three best scout crews from 2nd Squadron of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

**THE MOTIVATION:** to set the standards in the field.

With little sleep and a 16-hour course to complete, the "eyes and ears" of the Army blazed new trails through the coniferous

forests of Camp Grayling, MI. to compete in the first 2/107th scout decathlon during annual training.

Using 15 separate events, the contest was designed to task, stimulate and provide a challenging environment to each cavalry troops top scout crew, said Capt. Ron V. Johnson, S-2, 2/107th ACR, Greensburg.

"The competition is scored on individual and crew tasks for a possible total of 1850 points," he said.

Contenders in the decathlon were chosen from Troops E, F and G according to overall performance. They were required to navigate a course to five test sights while marking a reconnaissance map overlay. At midnight, they dismounted and battle locked their vehicles. From there, they proceeded on foot to a rendezvous point while avoiding contact with opposing forces.

"You have to work as a team to make it," said Sgt. Jeff Weber, 2/107th, Troop E, Canton.

The five test points in the decathlon focused on nuclear, chemical and biological warfare, identifying threat vehicles, the .50 caliber machine gun, calling for mortar/artillery fire, and the Dragon missile. Points were also scored on a pre-combat inspection, delivering a route reconnaissance overlay, and a night survival, escape, evasion and resistance phase.

At the start of the combatants' competition, Maj. Charles D. Williamson, 2/107th ACR commander, presented a "Drive-On" dust scarf to each participant.

"I thought giving each one of us a scarf was great. It shows that the higher up do think about troops in the field," said Spec. Brian C. Zwick, Troop E, Canton.

After a few words of inspiration from Williamson, the crews rolled into action. But in the end, there could only be one winner. . .

Troop E. scouts.

Staff Sgt. Timothy L. Moulous, track commander, led his crew of four to victory in their M-901 tube launched-optical wire guided missile vehicle.

"We're aggressive. We like to train. The younger members of the crew push us to keep teaching them," Moulous said.

Moulous, Weber, Zwick, Spec. Michael C. Kramer and Pfc. David A. Hull scored a combined total of 1550 points.

ACING parts of the decathlon, the crew faced their biggest challenge with the combination of the night and thick forests of Camp Grayling.

"The toughest thing we did was land navigation at night," Kramer said. "It's bad enough during the day out there."

For Hull, the best part of the competition was "getting out of the woods" during the survival, escape, evasion and resistance night event.

But the success of the crew, Zwick said, was their "confidence in Staff Sgt. Moulous."

Members of the crew added that they'd like to see the entire 107th ACR involved next year and the competition be extended over a couple of days.

**THE MISSION:** accomplished.

**THE MEN:** Troop E. scouts.

**THE MOTIVATION:** competing for next year's title.



**READY** — Staff Sgt. Timothy L. Moulous, track commander, Troop E scouts, waits for the start of the first 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment scout decathlon. Moulous lead his crew of four, Spec. Michael C. Kramer, Spec. Brian C. Zwick, Pvt. 1st. Class David A. Hull and Sgt. Jeff Weber (not pictured) through the 16-hour, competition comprised of 15 events. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Dave Swavel)

## FROM THE EDITOR

Recently, the staff of the Buckeye Guard magazine has received several inquiries about what seems to be a recurring problem: National Guard members not receiving Buckeye Guard magazines. Mailing labels for the magazine for Ohio Army National Guardmembers are obtained from the SIDPERS automated personnel system. Labels for Ohio Air National Guardmembers are provided by the CBPOs of each major Air Guard command. Every Ohio National Guardmember should receive one magazine. **If you are not receiving a copy it indicates that your unit personnel records probably do not contain your current mailing address.** You should review your records to ensure the correct mailing address has been entered into the SIDPERS or CBPO files.

Army members who need to update official mailing addresses should complete AGOH Form 600-19 and have

their unit administrator forward the form to SIDPERS. Air Guard members should go to their CBPO to change their address. State Public Affairs personnel **can not** change or forward a change to your mailing address. This **must** be done through your unit.

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# Ohio has own unit of Molly Pitchers

BY JIM SPARROW

641st Quartermaster Detachment

Some of the most stirring epics about soldiers at war concern not the combat troops but the faceless soldiers in the rear providing the necessities to achieve total victory.

Every student of American history knows the saga of Molly Pitcher, who during the Revolutionary War became a hero and a legend by providing thirsty soldiers with water, for a man can live a year without a shower and weeks without food, but only days without water.

In the 641st Quartermaster Detachment (Water Purification), Ohio Army National Guard has its own unit of Molly Pitchers.

It is a new unit, having been organized in Sept. 1986, after the Army made the decision to move water purification from the Engineers to the Quartermasters. Seven soldiers, led by 1st Sgt. Robert Alspaugh and Sgt. 1st Class Tom Williamson, transferred from the 372nd Engineer Company in Kettering to an armory in Covington that had been dormant for eight years. From this small seed, a detachment of 52 soldiers has grown.

In its first two years of existence, the 641st performed the innumerable tasks necessary to prepare for the fulfillment of its mission. Soldiers were sent to Fort Lee, Va., to become qualified in water purification. The armory was renovated for its new duties. Water purification equipment was requisitioned and obtained.

"The first year was very hectic," said Sgt. Rodney Bradshaw, one of the original seven members. "We were one of only three water purification units in the state, and a number of problems evolved from being a separate detachment that we had to learn to cope with."

The 641st was rewarded for its labor exactly one year after it was formed, receiving federal recognition in Sept. 1987.

The mission of the 641st is to provide potable (safe) water to troops in the field for drinking, cooking, showers and laundry. Water purification is performed by a truck mounted piece of equipment called an erdalator, and is a three step process.

In the first step, raw water is tested to see what impurities it contains, and is pumped into the erdalator, where sedimentation is removed using a compound of limestone and ferric chloride.

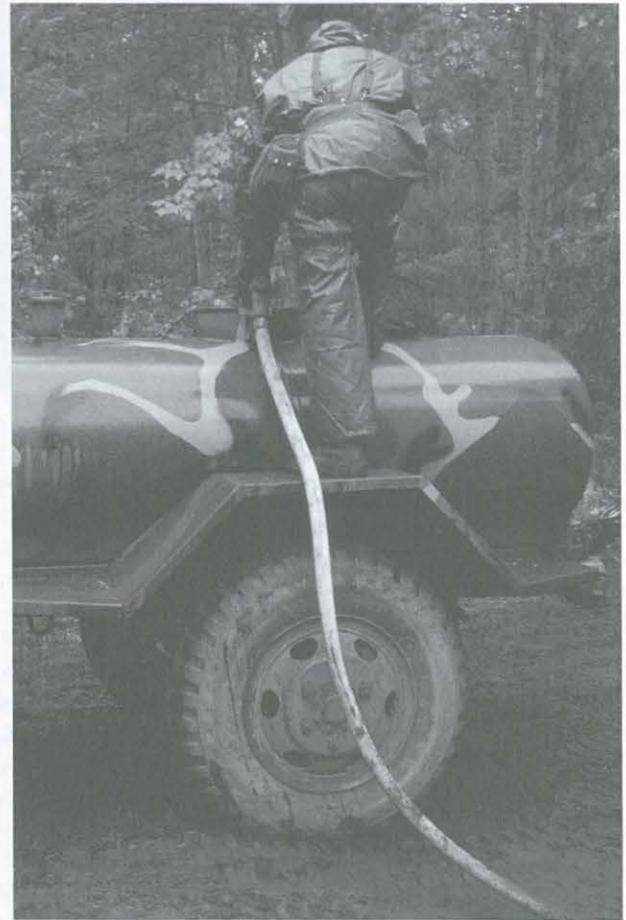
In the second step, the water is disinfected using chlorine.

During the third step, the water is filtered through a pressurized filter using diamteaus earth. The water is then pumped into 1500 gallon bladders for storage, where it is periodically tested for taste, color, smell and chemical composition. Only after passing these tests is it distributed to the troops in the field. With its present table of organization equipment, the 641st can purify 12,000 gallons of water per hour, with eight 1500 gallon per hour units.

The first opportunity for the 641st to perform its mission occurred during annual training in 1988. Between January and August of that year, six member teams shuttled every two weeks between the armory and Camp Dawson, West Va. There, they provided different engineering units with 100,000 gallons of potable water per week.

The Camp Dawson mission was designed to provide preparatory training for AT 1989, when the 641st was shuttled in groups of three to Honduras to provide potable water for engineering units building a farm-to-market road. Between 1988 and April 1989, a dozen different members of the 641st made the journey, and once again performed their mission with distinction.

The 641st is scheduled to enter the 21st century of water purification technology in December 1990, when it is slated to receive 10 new 3000 gallon-per-hour reverse osmosis water purification units. With this equipment, the 641st will be able to purify salt water as well as fresh, meaning they can go to any spot around the world and perform their mission.



"FILL'ER UP" — Water trailer gets fresh supply for soldiers in field.

Photo by Pfc J.D. Biros

# I REMEMBER THE CAPTAIN



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Maj. Forrest Aurentz recently received the Army Chief of Staff's Writing Contest Award for the story below. Reprinted from the Summer 1988 issue of the *Military Media Review*.

**T**his one is Captain Waskow, one of them said quietly. Two men un-lashed his body from the mule and lifted it off and laid it in the shadow beside the stone wall.

The men in the road seemed reluctant to leave. They stood around, and gradually I could sense them moving, one by one, close to Captain Waskow's body. Not so much to look, I think, as to say something in finality to him and to themselves. I stood close by and I could hear.

One soldier came and looked down, and he said out loud, "God damn it!"

Another man came, I think he was an officer. It was hard to tell officers from men in the dim light, for everybody was bearded and grimy. The man looked down into the dead captain's face and spoke directly to him, as though he were alive, "I'm sorry, old man."

Then a soldier came and stood beside the officer and bent over, and he too spoke to his dead captain, not in a whisper but awfully tenderly, and he said, "I sure am sorry sir."

Then the first man squatted down, and

he sat there for a full five minutes holding the dead hand in his own and looking intently into the dead face. And he never uttered a sound all the time he sat there.

Finally he put the hand down. He reached over and gently straightened the point of the captain's shirt collar, and then he sort of rearranged the tattered edges of the uniform around the wound, and then he got up and walked down the road in the moonlight, all alone.

(Ernie Pyle, Italy, 1944.)

## Pennsylvania — 1776.

I remember the captain. I was a very young soldier in the Continental Line.

All was dark and silent as we stood close to the river's edge, waiting for our call to move forward. As a private, I knew little of where we were going. Our dark clothes, not really uniforms, were turning white as a sprinkling of fine snow fell upon us. We could look down from our positions in the column on the riverbank and see murky figures steadying long, strange-looking boats as ragged soldiers boarded. They huddled forlornly in the bitter cold. In uneasy shuffles, we moved closer to what we all dreaded. Regardless of where it would happen, we knew that within a few hours the calm would vanish in terrible shouts and exploding flashes. Men would die; we were all very afraid.

While we waited our turn to enter the boats, I saw the captain near a group of finely dressed officers. A tattered piece of white ribbon in his hat was the only visible sign that he was an officer in the Continental Army. His skinny legs were shaking violently from the cold wind coming from the river.

We continued to move carefully down the slopes that hundreds of men had transformed into a muddy mire. As we got closer, I could see that the captain was with our regimental commander and several staff officers. Although the captain was near this small group of important men, he was paying little attention to their fitful gestures and low-toned commands. He was smiling, at least we all thought he was smiling, and his voice quivered with excitement. He greeted each of us in turn. We knew that he was making a final effort to relieve our fear. As I approached, I could hear him say to the man in front of me how proud he was of our company. Still, due to the cold, I was not paying much attention to his encouragements. I had a gaping hole in the bottom of my right shoe, and the freezing mud was my main concern.

I stepped forward and felt his uncovered hand on my shoulder. I could just make out his face as he asked in a quiet voice whether I had gotten the hole in my shoe fixed. I lied and said that I had. There were men in other companies who had wrapped linen around their feet to serve as shoes, so I was not about to complain.

"Fine, no soldier in our company should go without good shoes," he answered in a firm voice. "Merry Christmas, captain," I said. "Merry Christmas," he replied.

Trenton was our destination. We won a crucial victory for our faltering revolution. Many things happened in that battle, but the things I remember most were the captain's hand on my shoulder, his smile and his concern for us as individuals. We were afraid, and he was concerned. Officers sometimes spend too much time looking up the chain of command and not enough down it. Not my captain.

## Texas — 1877.

I remember the captain. I was a corporal in his cavalry troop.

He was courageous, forthright, competent, and possessed a quick mind, but

he was not a person you would pick out from a crowd as a born leader. He had all the qualities of a good officer, but he was also rather quiet.

I remember the time we conducted a patrol in the New Mexico territory. One of the sergeants described our location as 100 miles from trees, 90 miles from water, and one mile from hell. We were all filthy, bearded, hungry, and thirsty from the grueling pursuit of a small raiding party of Comanches.

Congress had not seen fit to pay the Army for more than five months, so the men were not too anxious to find, much less fight, any Indians. As we were returning to Fort Davis, the captain rode down the column to check on us. One young trooper immediately in front of me couldn't control his built-up anger and frustrations. He shouted out as the captain rode past, "Cap'n, we could die out here and nobody would give a damn!"

The captain wheeled his horse and rode beside the young soldier. He never said a word for more than 20 minutes. He brushed the dust from his uniform and adjusted his yellow scarf. He always liked to keep his uniform in perfect order.

I could tell the trooper was getting anxious. He gave the captain nervous, fleeting glances and began adjusting perfectly situated items on his saddle.

Finally, the captain said, "I would. Is that enough?"

"Yes sir," the trooper meekly responded.

"I think," the captain began. Then he paused, and remained silent for a moment. He removed his hat and mopped his brow. I noticed how blond his hair was in the bright sunlight.

"I think you're awfully brave, soldier," he said. I saw a faint smile on the young soldier's face as their eyes met.

The captain then returned to the head of the column. I remember the captain. I remember how he could have told that trooper to keep quiet or have given him some long patriotic harangue. He could have been impatient; instead, he took the time to tell an impetuous recruit what we veterans already knew. Some captains merely tell soldiers to be quiet. Not my captain.

#### France — 1918.

I remember the captain. I was the administrative sergeant in his company. "Rock of the Marne" is what the news-

papers called us. Bewildered and exhausted, we had settled into the village of Passelle only two days earlier. After fighting for three straight weeks, rest was our main need.

The captain had slept the first day, but he had been drafting letters to mothers, fathers, and wives since then. He was new at writing condolence letters, and

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he was not making much progress. There were so many letters to write.

I read the first letter that he wrote. It contained a lot of phrases such as "finest traditions of the United States Army," "sacrifice above and beyond," and "I was proud to lead him into battle." After writing that letter, he asked me to make copies of it for his signature. He said that it would serve as the pattern for all others.

As I was about to finish the first copy, the captain entered my tent and politely asked me to return the letter. He left and began to write again. I never copied another letter for him, I saw one of his later letters. You should listen carefully to his words.

July 7, 1918

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Haroldson,

*I have the very sad task of informing you of the death of your son Sgt. Steven Haroldson on July 2, 1918, near Vaux, France. We will all miss him dearly.*

*I know that these few words will do little to help you bear the grief of Steven's death, but I would like to share some of my thoughts of him. Steven did not like "soldiering." I knew that. He was, however, proud to be a soldier. I remember his wide-eyed excitement at being in France, his roaring laughter, and his sincere concern for the soldiers in his squad. I remember his love of poetry. Only last week, he gave me a book of poetry by Rudyard Kipling. I shall always treasure it.*

*The saddest thing is for a soldier to die anonymously. To die is hard enough, but to give your life for others and not be individually recognized is truly sad. I want you to know that we have not forgotten Steven. None of us ever will.*

Company Commander

I remember the captain. We all knew that he would not let us be forgotten.

That means a lot to young soldiers, and old ones too. He could have sent a standard letter, or no letter at all. Not my captain.

#### Norfolk — 1986.

I remember the captain. I was his first sergeant. I first met him at Kasserine Pass in North Africa when he was a lieutenant and I was his platoon sergeant. We were getting our butts kicked, and several of the men were running anywhere the Germans weren't. I looked up from my foxhole and saw two skinny legs attached to a "second looie's" bar standing in front of me.

"Sergeant," he said to me in a calm voice, "good men are acting like cowards. We only have good men in our platoon—not cowards. Now get up from there and let's remind them of that." He was as scared as the rest of us, but we believed that he was brave. I asked him about it later. He smiled and quoted a Frenchman—something about realizing that the courage of troops must be reborn daily. But, you should have seen those skinny legs shaking after the battle was over.

We were just plain "dogface" infantrymen—nothing special, like the Marines or airborne. But, he made us think that we were special; and we all knew that he was someone very special.

He could have used his rank for privilege; instead, he served with us. He was firm, but also fair; he was proud, but not vain; he was courteous, but not timid. He was an extraordinary leader of ordinary men.

The captain always carried a small book of poems by Rudyard Kipling. I found it on his body when they brought him down from the mountains. Marking the poem "If," was an old tattered white ribbon and a torn piece of yellow cloth with crossed cavalry sabers on it. I later found out that they were relics from his father and grandfathers who had served as soldiers all the way back to the Revolution. I sent them, along with his captain's bars, to his son.

Yes, I remember that night in Italy more than 42 years ago when they brought his body down. I held his hand, gazed into his face and silently thanked him for being such a fine soldier. I had never done that when he was alive. I hope he somehow heard my thoughts that night.

"Thanks my captain—thanks for caring."

# Tuskegee Airmen Visit Rickenbacker

BY NANCY CONNOR

196th Public Affairs Detachment

The Germans feared and respected the men they nicknamed the "Schwartzte Vogelmenschen" or Black Birdmen. American bomber crews referred to them as "The Black Redtail Angels" ... redtail because of the identifying red paint on their plane's tail assemblies, and angels because of their reputation. From 1942 to the close of 1945, while providing fighter escort to bombing missions over strategic targets in Europe, they never lost a bomber to enemy fire.

They were the Tuskegee Airmen, black military aviators trained at an isolated training complex at the Tuskegee Institute, near Tuskegee, Alabama.

Four hundred and fifty black fighter pilots under the command of Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. fought in the skies over North Africa, Sicily and Europe. Under the leadership of Davis, who later became the first black general in the U.S. Air Force, the Tuskegee Airmen flew 15,553 sorties and completed 1,578 missions.

For every pilot in the 332nd Fighter Group, 15th Strategic U.S. Army Air Force, there were 10 other civilian or military black men and women on ground support duty. Many of the pilots and support staff remained in the military after World War II, spearheading the integration of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Many of those who left the military returned to civilian life and earned positions of leadership as businessmen, corporate executives, lawyers, doctors and educators.

In 1972, several members of the group joined to found the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. The goal of this non-military, non-profit organization is to motivate and inspire young Americans to actively participate in our nation's society and democratic processes.

A national scholarship fund and a Detroit museum are currently the organization's primary programs. In 1989, 26 scholarships for \$1,200 were awarded to students interested in pursuing a career in the aviation and aerospace fields. Scholarship awards are based on academic standing and financial need.



**PRE-FLIGHT BRIEF** — Capt. Jeff Williams outlines flight procedures for Mr. Harold E. Sawyer, president of the Ohio Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

(Photo by Capt. Jim Boling)

The Detroit Chapter Museum Project, located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, will hold the Tuskegee Airman archives and memorabilia.

Recently, 23 Tuskegee Airmen met at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, where they lifted off with the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing on orientation flights. Most of the men boarded a K-C 135 Tank-

er Aircraft for a refueling mission. The president of the Ohio Chapter, Harold E. Sawyer of Columbus, flew passengers on an A-7K Attack Fighter Bomber aircraft.

The Tuskegee Airmen, dedicated to serving their country in the past, are continuing that proud tradition today and into the future.

## Air Guard Helps Toledo Scouts

BY LON MITCHELL

180th Tactical Fighter Group

Toledo area boy scouts can now practice many of their scouting skills in improved facilities, and mentally handicapped residents of Lucas county have a cleaner camp; thanks to domestic action and volunteer projects by members of the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard.

At the Boy Scout Reservation in Pioneer, members of the 180th Civil Engineering Squadron constructed a 30 foot repelling tower using locally cut native timber. They also erected a covered shelter for an ecology area, installed shelving in the camp trading post, wired exterior lighting for the swimming pool and rewired the camp maintenance building. Squadron members volunteered to perform the

work, during their weekend training assemblies.

"Domestic action projects, such as this one, provide a double benefit," said 1st Lt. Bill Antoszewski, the project officer. "The Boy Scouts receive quality work and we receive excellent training. This type of maintenance and light construction is what we would be expected to perform should we be activated."

Approximately 40 members of the 180th donated their efforts one Saturday to help clean the facilities at Camp Courageous, a residence camp operated by the Lucas County Association for Retarded Citizens.

"The camp looks great... the guardmembers did a tremendous amount of work for us," said Rick Rinestine, Camp Director. "I was really impressed by their esprit de corps."

# Thomas Hamer served in Tradition of the Minuteman

It's a long way from Northumberland County, Pennsylvania to Georgetown, Ohio, but for a poor boy who intended to get along in life, it was the classic yellow brick road.

Thomas Lynn Hamer was born in July 1800 to a poor farmer who seemed to be on the move westward with the rest of the country. With the close of the War of 1812, the family moved to Butler County, Ohio in 1817. On the trip to Butler County, young Hamer went to Clermont County and began to teach school. As so often was the case in those days, the teachers had to keep ahead of the pupils by reading everything they could get their hands on. Hamer borrowed books and fed his mind. He also joined the local debating society as a means of sharpening his oratory skills.

He read law in the office of Thomas Morris (later Senator from Ohio) at

Bethel and was admitted to the Ohio Bar Association after having just barely been eligible because of his young age.

Always interested in politics, Hamer was elected to the Ohio General Assembly in 1825 where he served until 1830. He was Speaker of the House in the 1829-1830 session.

As an Independent Democrat, he defeated his old law mentor, Thomas Morris, the regular democratic candidate as well as the Whig candidate and began his career in the United States House of Representatives. Hamer served three terms in the House, supporting loyally the policies and programs of President Andrew Jackson and later those of President James K. Polk, including the annexation of Texas.

When war was declared on Mexico, Hamer immediately enlisted in the Ohio militia. He was appointed a major in the 1st Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, but before his unit left Cincinnati, President Polk appointed Hamer to the grade of brigadier general of volunteers.

In this capacity, he went to Mexico where he commanded a brigade in the battle for Monterey. When his divisional commander fell wounded, Hamer took command of the division.

While serving in Mexico, Hamer was elected to the 30th United States Congress, but before he could leave Monterey, he became ill and died on Dec. 2, 1846. Gen. Zachary Taylor wrote of Hamer: "His loss to the Army at this time cannot be supplied."

Hamer's body was brought back to Ohio for interment at Georgetown by a deputation by the Ohio General Assembly.

Brig. Gen. Hamer was the highest ranking Ohioan to die during the Mexican War.

He proved to be an illustrious man, serving with distinction in the Congress of the United States and the legislative and judicial systems of Ohio. He is perhaps best remembered as the man who appointed Ulysses S. Grant to the United States Military Academy.

But more than all this, Hamer was an Ohio Guardmember who responded to his country's call in a time of peril.



## DID YOU KNOW?

... that when the American forces marched into Havana, Cuba, on Jan. 1, 1899, as the Spanish troops evacuated the town, the American soldiers were commanded by Maj. Gen. J. Warren Keifer, an Ohio National Guardmember (and a veteran of the Civil War).

... that the oldest unit in the Ohio National Guard is the 112th Engineers. It traces its lineage to Feb. 22, 1837, when it was organized as the Cleveland Greys, an independent militia company. Two companies of the successor regiment, the 112th Engineers, were formed into Headquarters and Headquarters company and the 1121st Engineer Combat Group which landed in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

... that the Ohio National Guard furnished 9 regiments of infantry, 1 battalion of infantry, 1 regiment of cavalry and 1 regiment of light artillery to the United States Army on the call for troops during the Spanish-American War.

# Youngsters Should Know About Guard Role

BY RON BECKER

National Guard soldiers accept without question the duties characteristic of their role in national defense: attending monthly drill sessions, undergoing annual active duty for training, and remaining on call for immediate mobilization.

And, of course, those duties can affect the family routine of Guard soldiers with children.

Unfortunately, too many of those children have no idea what their parents are doing when they go away on drill weekends or extended periods of training.

Young people find it natural to compare their family activities with those of their peers. Often, the reserve component youth feels isolated, since his or her friends' parents are non-military, have no idea what reserve service entails, and are at a loss to account for the reserve component person's absence on weekends.

When questioned by his peers as to his parent's role in soldiering, the youth is unable to produce educated answers, often feeling intimidated.

The resultant stress upon the affected youth can be avoided by a simple explanation of how you as a Guard soldier fit into the total Army.

Take time to share with your son or daughter the particulars on your current and future training schedules, and on what would happen should you need to deploy. The more information you can provide, the better for your child to deal with the physical and emotional demands caused by your absence.

When you do talk over the situation, express your love and reassurance so as to remove any doubts or fears that might be lingering about your reserve commitments. Encourage the child to express feelings about your soldierly status, and try to dispel any misconceptions. Whenever possible, include your children in those unit-sponsored activities like Family Day. Take them to visit your armory or reserve center so that they may see what happens on drill weekends, and perceive the overall role your unit plays in Army readiness.

Such a sharing-caring approach not only can help your children appreciate the importance of reserve component service; it also can help eliminate unnecessary stress on you and your family.

— Becker serves with the Office of the Chief of Army Reserve at the Pentagon.

## CHAMPUS eligibility limited for RC families

If you're a member of the Army National Guard, your family members are only eligible for CHAMPUS benefits under certain conditions.

If you are called to active duty for more than 30 days, your family members become CHAMPUS-eligible on the first day of your active service. They remain eligible until you leave active duty. The period of active-duty time stated on your orders is the determining factor.

If you should die while on active duty, your surviving dependents will continue to be eligible for military health benefits, including CHAMPUS, under the same rules as would the survivors of any active duty soldier.

After you've served long enough in the reserve component to qualify for reserve retirement (you've logged a total of 20 or more satisfactory years of service, then begin drawing retired pay and benefits at age 60), you and your family members (if they qualify) will be eligible for CHAMPUS and other military health benefits on your 60th birthday.

Your CHAMPUS eligibility will continue until you reach age 65 (or become eligible before age 65) and qualify for Medicare (Part A), which cost-shares hospital charges. Qualified family members will also keep their CHAMPUS eligibility until they become individually eligible for Medicare (Part A).

## Families gain access to post gyms

An expanded avenue for physical fitness awaits Army National Guard soldiers and their families.

The expansion consists of a new Army patronage policy to allow soldiers in the reserve component and their family members unlimited use of non-commer-

cial-type activities, such as gymnasiums, for fitness purposes. Under the previous policy, soldiers and their family members could only use the post gyms during periods of active duty.

The new policy will be published in the next scheduled Update issue of **Army Regulation 215-2**. Priority No. 6 in chapter 2, paragraph 2-4, is being amended to reflect the change.

Soldiers' use of retail services remains limited to their periods of active duty for training or inactive duty training.

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## Help Your Children Succeed At School

As a parent, you want your children to succeed at school. Reading, writing, and arithmetic are a very important part of that success. To make it easier for you to stimulate your child's interest in the three R's, the Consumer Information Center is offering some outstanding resources, including:

- **Help Your Child Become a Good Reader** (Item 405T, \$.50);
- **Become a Nation of Readers: What Parents Can Do** (Item 459V, \$.50);
- **Help Your Child Learn Math** (Item 408T, \$.50);
- **Help Your Child Learn to Write Well** (Item 409T, \$.50).

For older, college-bound kids, get: **The Student Guide—Five Federal Financial Aid Programs** (Item 511T, free). It explains loan, grant, and work-study opportunities funded by the government to help you cope with the financial burden of higher education.

For your copies, send your name, address, booklet number and any fee to: R. Woods, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009.

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# Ohio Crew Comes To Rescue of Panamanians

## C-130 Finds Lost Freighter In Caribbean

BY JOSH FINKLEA  
120th Public Affairs Detachment  
Indiana National Guard

HOWARD AIR BASE, Panama—Four days lost at sea, two without food... the plight of the Panamanian freighter Gloria Maria and a crew set adrift in the Caribbean by a power failure.

It was found by an Ohio Air National Guard plane assigned to Volant Oak, an on-going operation in which six reserve component C-130 Hercules aircrafts, crews and support personnel are tasked to U.S. Southern Command air support.

Sight and sound of the Hercules and the radio voice of a Spanish-speaking crewmember, Tech. Sgt. Juan Obregon, sparked frantic waving and shouts of joy from the ship's deck.

The lost ship was spotted by a C-130 crew from the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, Ohio, stationed in Panama for annual training.

Already alerted, three aircrafts were on training missions when one crew heard the distress signal from the freighter.

Unable to continue the search because of low fuel, the crew radioed Howard Air Base for another search aircraft.

Arriving in the area, the C-130 piloted by Capt. Rick R. Chase, II, began a search pattern. Once the aircraft picked up the ship on radar, they were able to make radio contact immediately.

Chase's foresight in bringing Obregon paid off. He knew the sergeant spoke Spanish fluently, located him, and quickly had his name added to the flight manifest.

"I wasn't sure I could communicate with the Panamanians because of their dialect," Obregon said. "It really wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be."

The cloud cover complicated the mission, but there was enough break-up to occasionally see patches of water.

"We ended up flying by them, and missed seeing them in the water," Chase said. "The freighter's radioman said we had passed over them, so we made an

about face and went back. And finally we spotted them."

"Once we located the ship, we circled the area to get a definite fix on its position," said Capt. John E. Fanning, Louisville, Ky., co-pilot. "We radioed the tug boats, which towed the freighter to port."

Fanning and the navigator, Lt. Col. David Lynch, are members of the 123rd Tactical Air Wing, Kentucky Air National Guard, attached to the 179th for AT.

Obregon said the aircrews felt search

ing for the ship, found 155 nautical miles northeast of the air base, would be like trying to find a needle in a haystack. "But we stuck with it and finally found them."

The sight of towels being waved by crewmen from the decks of the ship gave his crew something to shout about, too, Chase said.

Other members were Tech. Sgt. Thomas Gremling and Master Sgt. Ronald White, loadmasters, and Tech. Sgt. Merle Margot, flight engineer.

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## AIR GUARDMEMBER SAVES LIFE

BY J.D. BIROS  
196th Public Affairs Detachment

As he lay on the black pavement, Nicholas A. Whetsel had quit breathing.

A crowd of people stood and stared. The 19-year-old Bowling Green State University student had gone from convulsions to total stillness. He began to turn blue.

John Keys, of Port Clinton, was out for a pizza when he witnessed the accident involving the bicyclist and an automobile. When he noticed that the victim's respiration had ceased he knew something had to be done.

There weren't any qualified medical personnel in the crowd that had gathered so Keys knew it had to be him.

"It all happened so fast that I was afraid to help," Keys said. But ignoring his revulsion to blood, he dropped to his knees next to Whetsel.

"I checked his pulse through the vein in his neck. I felt one heart beat. I didn't know what to do." He then recalled something he had learned... something he had been instructed on in the Ohio Air National Guard.

He remembered CPR.

Following the steps he had been trained to perform, he administered the procedure, reviving Whetsel before an ambulance arrived. Breathing, once again, the emergency medical personnel rushed Whetsel to Wood County Hospital then transferred him to St. Vincent Medical Center. He quickly went from critical condition to fair condition and was released the next day.

Keys, who serves as a second lieutenant in the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron, Camp Perry, is "proud of the fact" that he did what he could to save Whetsel's life. "You don't know when something like that might happen, but it's good to be able to do what I did."

Keys was following a westbound car when Whetsel, traveling east, struck the automobile as it turned into a Dairy Queen. Whetsel was traveling with enough speed that upon impact he was thrown over the car, Keys said.

"Things looked bad for awhile, but I was confident. The training from the Guard worked."

Keys was recently awarded the Outstanding Graduate Award by the National Guard Association of the United States for his performance in Officer Candidate School. He receives with his award one year free membership to NGAUS.

# People

## 54TH SUPPORT CENTER Promotions

Spec. 4: Jeffrey Niday  
Pvt. 2: Brian Germany, Scott Nash

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## HOWITZER BATTERY 2/107TH ACR Promotions

Pvt. 2: Kevin Boardman, Roger Kress, Roger Steed  
Spec. 4: David Cramer, Anthony Sigmund  
Sgt.: Clinton Bibey, Tim Dever, Mark Limbaugh, Robert Main, Charles Nitz, Larry Wayne  
Staff Sgt.: Jerry Carpenter

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## TROOP E, 2/107TH ACR Promotions

Pvt. 2: Todd Cipolla, Joseph Lazzaro  
Sgt.: James Bandi, Derek Degenhard, Rodney Fonte, John Kerestes, Christopher Marshall, Dominick Musisca, Scott Scibetta, Mark Thompson, David Zablo  
Staff Sgt.: James Ferre, David Glyder

NCO of the year for TY '89  
Sgt. 1st Class Richie Swad  
Soldier of the year for TY '89  
Sgt. Derek Degenhard

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## TROOP E 3/107TH ACR Promotions

Pvt. 2: Craig McConnell  
Spec. 4: William Ferry, Robert Kelly, Kevin Miller, Todd Waggoner  
Cpl.: Derek Degenhard, Richard Germano, John Kerestes, Christopher Marshall, Dominick Musisca, Timothy Richardson, Scott Scibetta  
Staff Sgt.: Joseph Dietz

### Awards

ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL  
Staff Sgt. Timothy Moulos  
Spec. 4 Brian Marvin  
Spec. 4 John Shuman  
Spec. 4 Daniel Wood  
Pfc Gary Keptach

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## CO M 3/107TH ACR Promotions

Pvt. 2: Matthew Wojcik  
Pfc: Anthony Scribner  
Spec. 4: Thomas Masseria, Theodore Scribner, Richard Shaffer, Robert Tallon

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## MAINT TROOP B (-) RSS 107TH ACR Promotions

Pvt. 2: Cecil Monroe  
Pfc: Donald Black, Tom Borcomon  
Spec. 4: Brian Latiner, Timothy Walsh, Terry Williams  
Sgt.: Everett Suber

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## 121ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING Promotions

Amn.: Joseph Cook, Yvonne Long, Glen Lorenz, Timothy O' Neal  
Airman 1st. Class: Gene Brandenburg II, Alan Day, Scott Fyffe, John Randolph, David Scott, Beth Shepherd, Carrie Stillions, Gary Westfall  
Senior Airman: Robert Baker, Kirk Colopy, Thad Inwood, Timothy Jones, Terrence Kelley, Matthew MacCombs, George Mackey, Kelly McDonald, Matthew Parsons, Sabrina Radick, Kevin Rea, Joseph Simpson, Jeffery Tanner, Jennie Wasson, Daniel White, Kimberly Willis  
Staff Sgt.: Steven Dunn, Denise Fuller, Douglas Garrett, Lauren Gleason, Janine Jefferson, Charles Wilkins III, Ramona Wright  
Tech. Sgt.: Michael Conley, Ronnie Fraley, Gary Kane, Laura O'Connell, Delbert Slusher Jr., Daniel Toskin

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## HEADQUARTERS CO 1/147TH INF BN Promotions

Sgt.: Sean Bailey, Gary Houston  
Staff Sgt.: Woody Slick  
Awards  
Army Commendation Medal: 2nd Lt. Carey Cooper

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## 148TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY Promotions

Pvt. 2: Larry Phillips  
Pfc: Kris Menges  
Spec. 4: Jim Purkys, Chante Smith, Sheryl Webber  
Cpl.: Jim Hooper, Brent Stein, Matt Whitis  
Staff Sgt.: Ronda Addington

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## 155TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY Promotions

Spec. 4: Kelly Bias, Jennifer Williamson  
Sgt. 1st Class: Frank Orcutt, James Rihaly  
Chief Warrant Officer Jan Pustai

### Awards

Army Achievement Medal: Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Borris

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## 174TH ADA (HAWK) BATTERY C Promotions

Pvt. 2: David Barclay  
Pfc: Carl Duch, Stacy Wentzel  
Spec. 4: Jason Barnhouse, Aaron Curry, Robert Gibson, Melvin Gray, David Green, Daniel Holdren, Steven Morgan, Kirk Norris, Matthew Powell, Devin Reffit, Myron Rose, Edward Shane, William Zumada  
Sgt.: Neil Carpenter, Timothy Thompson, Robert Whitesell  
Staff Sgt.: Thomas Core, Patrick Kalinkiewicz, Robert Lanave, David Miltko, Kenneth Swickard, James Vanfossen

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## 684TH MEDICAL COMPANY Awards

Pfc Kevin Adkins  
Spec. 4 Richard Bash  
Spec. 4 Michael Blankenship  
Pfc Connie Crabb  
Spec. 4 Edward Helwig  
Pfc Alan Hirsch  
Cpl. Matthew Ising  
Sgt. Kenneth Johson  
Spec. 4 James Karrer  
Spec. 4 Michael Koby  
Pfc Michelle Weigerig

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**178TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP****Promotions**

Amn.: Timothy Wheeler  
 Airman 1st. Class: David Born, Steven Bowling, Paul Bradley, Brian Brown, Kelly Campbell, Christopher Chirico, Giles Cooper, Timothy Francis, Jennifer Taday  
 Senior Airman: Troy Bennett, David Bogle, Michelle Burd, Elena Chenault, Andrew Conklin, Paula Clouse, Bryan Fleming, Kimberly Foster, Michele Francis, Katherine Garman, Kristopher Geis, Todd Harover, Brian Henning, James Hicks, Kenny Hinkle, Christopher Keesee, Michael Ketron, Diane Knapp, Gary Knott, Jeffrey Leach, Edwin Myers, David Norman, Matthew Palcic, William Peterie, Stacey Rasor, Jeffrey Rhein, Todd Roberts, Becky Roman-Amador, David Sheehan, Todd Taylor, Beth Tritschler, Craig Vaughn  
 Staff Sgt.: Timothy Azbill, Belinda Chaplin, Don Cordes, David Deshong, David Dixon, David Druckenbroad, Jennifer Gates, Michael Golden, Samantha Holler, Kermit Jones, Robert Luebke, Richard Lutz, Kelly Parker, Michael Rhoades, Steven Sklar, Michael Spillman, Dellia Williams  
 Tech. Sgt.: Joseph Baker, David Benitez, Gregory Combs, Bradford Ferguson, Joseph Finchum, David Franzen, Jennifer Hern, James Nickel, George Rumpke, Terry Rust, Kenneth Sanders, Rodney Sharp, William Stathopolous, Hampton Wolfe, Nancy Yates  
 Chief Master Sgt.: Joseph McCarthy, Charles Smith  
 1st Lt.: Walter Ball, David Donaldson, Vicky Grody, Gregory Marcum, Michael Menser  
 Capt.: Brian Macleod, Gregory Power, Sondra Rogerson  
 Maj.: Michael Johnson, Donald Risser, Hurley Taylor, John Webb  
 Lt. Col.: Michael Blogumill, Thomas Dodds, Donald Smith

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**179TH TACTICAL AIRLIFT GROUP****Promotions**

Airman 1st. Class: Philip Brown, David Kester, Michael Ousley, Mark Savina  
 Senior Airman: Tyler Armstead, Dennis Aungst  
 Senior Airman: Janice Badenhop, Christina Bell, Diane Betit, Bernadette Britt, James Butler, Rhonda Bush, Matthew Carey, Deana Damron, James Diebley, Larry Kleilein, Kevin Locke, Denny Markley, Benjamin Patrick, Michael Rollins, Brian Sharp, Christopher Spong, Rodney Togiatti, Allen Wheeler  
 Staff Sgt.: Paul Delbane, Duane Gilbert, Bernadette Gorman, Jonathan Handwerk, Julie Hartings, James Lautzenhiser, Caroline Maxey, Bradley Miller, Dennis Seville, Gregory Trail  
 Tech. Sgt.: Laura Harless, Jacquilyn Shell

**Awards****AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL**

Tech. Sgt. John Esbenshade  
 Tech. Sgt. Daniel Woodruff

**AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL**

Lt. Col. Terry Van Horn  
 Maj. William Walker  
 Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Eyster  
 Master Sgt. Elvin Burnell

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL**

Senior Master Sgt. William Neer

**180TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP****Promotions**

Amn.: Steven Bachtel, Steven Ford, David Lutz, David Roe  
 Airman 1st. Class: Melissa Dohse, Brian Inkrott, Craig Kuyoth, David Ladd, Denny Lulfs, Randy Miller, Rhonda Morris, Becky Merickel, Christopher Nunamaker, Richard Snyder, Amy Jo Verkennes  
 Senior Airman: Jeffrey Axe, Timothy Baker, Suzette Brazier, Michael Constantino, Joseph Doran, Gary Easterly, Violet Ervin, Angela Haack, Kenneth Heidlebaugh, Nicole Jennings, Marvin Johnson, Teresa Miller, Jeanne Obee, John Pupos, Robert Swanson, Daphine Vangray, Matthew Winters  
 Staff Sgt.: Steven Cherko, Cindy Plocek  
 Tech. Sgt.: Joel Dollarhide, Paul Ekey, Ronnie Hartzell, Charlie Jones, Jack Mayberry, Thomas McMillen

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**196TH PUBLIC AFFAIRS DET.****Awards**

Ohio Commendation Medal: Spec. 4 Andy Allison  
 Army Commendation Medal: Sgt. Nancy Connor

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**210TH ADA DET (RCAT)****Promotions**

Pvt. 2: Steven Clark  
 Pfc: William Hamilton  
 Spec. 4: Scott Sam

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**213TH MAINT CO (GS)****Promotions**

Pvt. 2: Joe Carr, Luis Franco  
 Spec. 4: Renee Miller  
 Sgt.: Chris Bohrer, Jeff Hooper, Cedric Vaughn  
 Staff Sgt.: Wes Dellinger, Jim DeVanna

**Awards**

Army Achievement Medal: Dave Radsick  
 Army Commendation Medal: Terry Johnson

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**HHC 216TH ENGR CBT BN****Promotions**

Pvt. 2: Todd Blankenship, Rodney Horn  
 Pfc: Allen Beatty, John Brown, James Cornell, Troy Cox, Shawn Elizondo, John Fleure, Rodney Mayberry  
 Spec. 4: John Galloway, Sean Gillen, Dirk Longbrake, Charles Nelson, David Redd, Joseph Schneider, George Schwalbaugh, Gerry Thompson, Terry Thompson  
 Sgt.: Raymond Allard, Mark Lutz, Todd Ruby  
 Staff Sgt.: Douglas Amerine, Craig Chaffins, Timothy Smith

**Awards**

Army Achievement Medals:  
 1st Lt. Jeffrey Alexander  
 1st Sgt. Claude Duckworth  
 Spec. 4 Kathy Delawder  
 Sgt. Michael Javorina  
 Sgt. 1st Class David Layne  
 Sgt. 1st Class Howard Sherrett

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# People

## 220TH ENGINEERING INSTALLATION SQUADRON

### Promotions

Airman 1st. Class: Ky Gordon, Craig Skillings  
Senior Airman: Randall Bartoe, Darl Keller, Steven Dudash, Mark Fisher, Sean Williams  
Staff Sgt.: Michael Phillips, Kendra Weaver, Melanie Wood  
Tech. Sgt.: Bobby Dotson, Charles Hill, James Lloyd, Ronald Morris, Edward Swierz  
Senior Master Sgt.: David Trembley

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## 251ST COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

### Promotions

Airman 1st. Class: Shane Barrett, Mindi Courtner  
Senior Airman: David Johnson  
Sgt.: Kathy Bantz, Elbert Searid  
Staff Sgt.: James Phillips, Laura Retherford  
Master Sgt.: Bruce Ceneski  
2nd Lt.: Wade Rupper

### Awards

Air Force Achievement Medal:  
Tech. Sgt. Keith Blake  
Master Sgt. George Dowd  
Staff Sgt. Laura Retherford  
Air Force Commendation Medal:  
Capt. Michael Hanke  
1st Lt. Craig McCord  
Master Sgt. Carolyn Price  
Maj. Hector Ramos  
1st Lt. Michael Welsh

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## 269TH COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUAD

### Promotions

Airman 1st. Class: Andrew Cure  
Senior Airman: Michael Ryan, Charles Spain, David Willman  
Sgt.: Cornella Brown, Kara Burgl, Jeffrie Cooper, Anita Kidd  
Staff Sgt.: Jerry Green, Bela High, Darrel Sexton  
Master Sgt.: Richard Bennett

### Awards

Air Force Achievement Medal:  
Tech. Sgt. Tracy Donohue  
Tech. Sgt. William Garver  
Tech. Sgt. Rodger Hupman  
Tech. Sgt. Thomas Rockwell  
Staff Sgt. Linnea Stromberg  
Air Force Commendation Medal:  
Tech. Sgt. Yvonne Canter

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## 324TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

### Promotions

Pvt. 2: Gregory Dann  
Pfc: Charles Burrows, Douglas Chalker, Adrain Ieraci, Regina Isley, Daniel Miner, Kelly Norris, Albert Pacella, Michael Sellers  
Spec. 4: Brian Burbick, Christopher Kenyon, Deanne McInerney, Brian Reid, David Sackett, Lisa Tolpa, Stanley Thomas, William Vanhorn, Patrick Williams  
Sgt.: Frederick Beike, Robert Gibson, John Powers  
Staff Sgt.: Timothy Browning, Paul Hoerig, Patrick Leonard, Robert Watros

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## 372ND COMBAT ENGINEER BN COMPANY A

### Promotions

Pfc: Martin Garrett  
Spec. 4: Eric Back, Paul Correll, Eric Falconi, Darin Hatton, Michael Schapker, Richard Strobel, Donald Trusty, John Wells, Robert Wells

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## 372D ENGINEER COMBAT BN COMPANY C

### Promotions

Pfc: Kevin Frith  
Spec. 4: John Evers, Michael Stethem

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## 637TH SERVICE COMPANY

### Promotions

Spec. 4: Margaret Geier, Susan Hall, Tanya Williams  
Sgt.: Lynn Anderson, Evelyn Hall

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## 512TH ENGINEER BN

### Promotions

Pfc: Kenneth Frey, John Hansen, Eric Hoover, Steven Leininger, Steven Wetzel  
Spec. 4: Daniel Alley, Richard Chamber, Patrick Gerity, Anne Kelley, Lynne Marks, Melissa St. James  
Sgt.: Time Vandeneynde  
Staff Sgt.: Dale Hardesty Jr., Raymond Haugh, Dennis Mackey

### Awards

Army Achievement Medal  
Spec. 4 Patrick Gerity  
Staff Sgt. Raymond Haugh  
Warrant Officer Delbert Herman  
Staff Sgt. Roger Lewis  
Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey McCarty  
Maj. Alvin Officer  
Capt. Russell Parsley  
Maj. Timothy Wayt

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## 612TH ENGINEER BN

### Promotions

Sgt.: Russell Boggs, James Crowley, Mark Dann, Robert Eaton, Gregory Hensel, Chad Lucas, William Lussier, Kevin Matthews, Scott Matthews, Eric Napholz, Robert Overstreet, Paul Trickett  
Staff Sgt.: Michael Bauer, Charles Mansberry, Nelson Shaffer

### Awards

Army Achievement Medal:  
Spec. 4 Stacy Drum  
Spec. 4 Todd Fehnrich  
CDT Christopher George  
Spec. 4 Claude Griffith  
Chief Warrant Officer Lee Kelsner  
Cpl. Brian Krause  
Sgt. Karl Linkenbach  
Cpl. Eric Napholz  
Sgt. Scott Robinson  
Spec. 4 Jonnie Turner  
Cpl. Robert Vincent  
Spec. 4 Jay Ward  
Spec. 4 Gerard Wechter  
Army Commendation Medal: Staff Sgt. James Dean



**TOP RECRUITER** — Sgt. 1st Class John Stricklin, representing the Columbus Region of the State Recruiting & Retention Force, is the Ohio Army Guard's most productive recruiter for 1989. Stricklin recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive his "Chief's 50" Award.

The 40 year-old Marion resident is making this a habit. He also was the top Ohio Army Guard recruiter in 1988, with 53 enlistments. His 1989 tally was 69.

## Hater Officiates Armed Forces Chess Tourney

Dave Hater, a second lieutenant with the Ohio Guard's 237th Personnel Service Company, Columbus, is developing as one of the country's top chess officials.

Dave served as Chief Tournament Director of the 30th Armed Forces Chess Championship this year at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. The Cincinnati native started playing tournament chess about eight years ago while in high school. He began officiating several years ago, and earned recognition as a National Tournament Director through the U.S. Chess Federation. There are about 50 people in the country who have that title. Dave, son of James and Carolyn Hater of Delhi Township, Ohio, has served as chief assistant in the U.S. Chess Open, and worked on the staff of the World Open. He also served as Director of the U.S. Blind Chess Championship.

## Benefits of Belonging to ONGEA Listed

**WHY SHOULD I BELONG?** The mission of ONGEA is to represent the interests and concerns of all Ohio National Guardmembers and their families. Our **COMMITMENT** is to provide you with an association that is **EFFICIENT, RESPONSIVE** and **SUPPORTIVE**.

When you join ONGEA, are you getting your money's worth? Our dues structure is E-1 to E-6, \$8.00 annually and E-7 to E-9 at \$12.00 annually. This is a very small price compared to many other organizations.

As an ONGEA member, you are automatically a member of our national organization, EANGUS. You receive a quarterly issue of our state publication, "The Voice," and a quarterly issue of our national publication "The Patriot." Both publications contain information directly pertaining to National Guard issues, programs and benefits.

EANGUS has a full time National Executive Director who represents us on a national level in Washington, D. C. Executive Director Jim Hendricks can be contacted at a toll free number: 1-800-234-EANG.

A partial list of other benefits we enjoy are: vision care programs; low cost medical insurance; State insurance plans (life, cancer); National Visa card; local business discounts; and state flag presentation to the family of a deceased member.

Your National Guard Enlisted Association is continually at work to represent you, the individual guardmember. I cordially invite each of you to attend any of our scheduled meetings of the ONGEA. We have a monthly meeting and an Annual State Conference. For information on ONGEA benefits or times and locations of the meetings, call the ONGEA office at our toll free number, 1-800-888-2982.

## GUARD PROFILES



**Name:** Major General Richard C. Alexander

**Age:** 54

**Occupation:** The Adjutant General

**Life has taught me:** There is more good than bad

**If I could have just one day all to myself, I would:** Play golf

**The one film I would like to have starred in is:** Gone With the Wind

**When no one's looking I:** Girl watch

**When I was little I wanted to be:** Big

**The worst advice I ever received was:** Don't join the military

**The best advice I ever received was:** Join the military

**If I could dine with anyone, past or present, I would invite:** My wife

**The best moment in my life happened when I:** Graduated from OCS

**My favorite book is:** "French Kiss," by Eric Von

**My favorite movie is:** "Gone With the Wind"

## NOMINATIONS FOR ONGA HONOREES REQUESTED

Once again, nominations are solicited for the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service Awards. Selected persons will be honored at the 1990 ONGA Conference.

### Hall of Fame

Criteria for the Hall of Fame are as follows.

1. Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel who have served in the Ohio National Guard are eligible.

2. A person shall become eligible for nominations three years after retirement from the Armed Services, or three years after death, whichever comes first. A member of the Ohio National Guard who is awarded the Medal of Honor while serving in a National Guard status or on extended active duty from the Ohio National Guard may be inducted into the Hall of Fame at any time.

3. Nominations for the Hall of Fame shall cover the entire military and civilian service of the nominee.

4. The standard of service rendered and recognition among peers achieved which would justify selection must have been above and beyond that normally considered as outstanding or exemplary. This service must have been such as to have brought great credit to the United States, the State of Ohio and the Ohio National Guard.

Sustaining exceptional performance of all duties, the institution of innovative programs which were unique to their time frame, the enhancement of the combat effectiveness of the Ohio National Guard, and the enhancement of public support of the Guard are types of service to be considered. Decorations and awards of the United States and the State of Ohio should be included in the statement of service. No person should be nominated or selected solely because that person compares favorably with one or more previous inductees.

### Distinguished Service Award

Criteria for Distinguished Service Awards are as follows:

1. Any person, military or civilian, is eligible.

2. A person is eligible for nomination at any time.

3. This award may be given for a single act or for performance over an extended period of time.

4.a. An individual must have accomplished an outstanding achievement on behalf of the Ohio National Guard.

b. Outstanding performance by the individual must have been such as to clearly identify the person as having played a key role in the accomplishment for which the award is to be given. Superior performance of duties normal to the grade, branch, specialty or assignment experience of an individual are not considered adequate basis.

c. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed qualification for this award if it is of sufficient significance and character, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding service on a sustained basis. Personal dedication and self-sacrifice may be regarded as factors deserving consideration.

d. Civilians who assist the Ohio National Guard by their actions and support may be considered for this award.

### Nominations

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

1. Date and place of birth.
2. Date and circumstance of entry into military service.

3. Chronological listing of career highpoints to include:

- duty assignments and commands
- promotions
- noteworthy actions or accomplishments
- excerpts from previous citations

4. Conclusion

Anyone may submit nominations for the awards. Nominations, along with proposed award citation text, should be submitted to The Ohio National Guard Association, Attn: Awards Committee, P.O. Box 236, Lockbourne, OH 43137 by March 1, 1990.

The committee urges a more active interest and participation in the awards program of your association.

## Miniature Medals Are Available

Ohio miniature medals are available for purchase by members of the Ohio National Guard who are authorized the medals.

Miniature medals are worn on the Army dress blue and dress mess and the Air service dress uniforms.

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

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

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

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



Cara Bare and Tahnee Hill were two of the younger 300,000 people who attended the 1989 Rickenbacker Military Open House and Airshow. Active, Guard and Reserve units from the four military branches performed together to demonstrate the Total Force concept in air combat simulations with fighter jets and paratroopers. Other highlights included the Air Force Thunderbirds, the Navy Parachute Team (Leapfrogs) and aerial demonstrations of various aircraft.

(Rickenbacker ANGB photo)



## ON GUARD

A-7 fighter jets from Springfield's 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, on a training flight.

(Photo By Mr. Thomas Roush)

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