



THE GYROSCOOP

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FROM THE COMMANDER

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It is sometimes difficult to know just how good you are at what you do. Naturally there are indicators such as monetary rewards, social status or awards. However, if you think about it these indicators are usually based upon how society needs your skill or someone else perceives your performance. There are also tests, ratings, and inspections which, if are uniform, can be utilized with some degree of accuracy. The more complex the task, however, the greater the possibility of error in the reliability of the measurement. "Professionals" or "Master Craftsmen" are examples of persons who are good in whatever field they have chosen. The professional in the sense that he maintains his standard irregardless of conditions and monitors the performance by others in the same discipline. The master craftsman in the sense that through an apprenticeship he has become an expert in all aspects of his craft.

It is also difficult to sometimes know just how good we are as a unit. Tests, ratings, and inspections while undoubtedly provide data about a unit relative to a standard usually fail to take the complexity or individual specific conditions into account. Last month in the Gyroscop the First Sergeant discussed the Aeorta and that is the whole point. The HEART.

I know many of the members of the ATK HEL TRP have seen, as I have, various other units and organizations both in the National Guard and on active duty. Each of these units, of course has had to some degree heart or esprit-de-corps, yet I think all of us believes that the ATK TRP has a special quality. Without getting too sentimental, the ATK TRP has as members many professionals and craftsman who are as good as America has. When employed together the result is something far larger than each individual skill considered independently.

This month as we prepare for our prime unit training period at Camp Grayling I want each of you to know that you are part of a special group. You accomplish more training of a complex nature on a regular basis than any unit I know of. You overcome adversity and equipment shortages with resourcefulness and enthusiasm. You believe in the unit and what you do. You are "PROFESSIONALS" and "MASTER CRAFTSMAN".

MAJ Ryan

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

May's drill is a MUTA 4. That means Saturday and Sunday 0800 - 1700. Major events for the weekend will include the unit's Inspector General inspection on Saturday, preparation for Annual Training, and planned SQT/ATM training.

For the information of those unit members who might not understand fully what an Inspector General Inspection is, the following information is provided:

1. The Inspector General and his assistants are the confidential representatives of M.G. Clem, the Adjutant General.
 2. An Inspector General Inspection is an examination of a command for the purpose of inquiring into and evaluating matters affecting mission performance. The inspector determines the economy, efficiency, discipline, and morale of the command and also reports on special subjects which the Adjutant General may desire.
 3. Prior to the inspection the unit's provided with a checklist to assist in preparation. As you may know many Plt leaders, Plt sergeants and section sergeants have been using portions of this list in making preparations. We are fortunate that this year the I.G. inspection will be given to the on drill weekend so that individuals who are responsible can be present and can inform the I.G. of their programs, accomplishments, plans, and/or problems. If you are asked for information about your duties and responsibilities please answer to the best of your ability. There will be an in-ranks inspection for all personnel (Officers and Enlisted) on the AASF #2 hangar floor Saturday morning at 0800 SHARP. Uniform is the duty uniform. All personnel are expected to meet uniform and appearance standards. Make sure you have a good hair cut, all required uniform patches and your hat.
- In last month's Gyroscoop we printed a list of 62 Good Reasons to Stay in the Guard. This month, if the supplies arrive, we will all get benefit # 2 on that list--- FREE INNOCULATIONS!!! Pending the arrival of the syrums a schedule will be developed for all

personnel and announced at formation Air-crewmembers will be scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Sunday morning at 0830 immediately following formation there will be a briefing in the Ohio Division of Aviation auditorium (next door to AASF#2) on Annual Training 1981 plans and objectives: the mission of the ATK HEL TRP and the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment; SAFETY at Annual Training; and information of the unit's Mobilization Plan. We will also view a film on operation of the M-151A1 ¼ ton truck (Jeep).

Following these items there will be a drivers meeting for all assigned convoy drivers to and from Annual Training. In addition to normal training the following events are scheduled:

1. Training and licensing of convoy drivers as necessary.
2. U.S. Army Reserve NBC school continues again this month for personnel as applicable.
3. Chow will be served both Saturday and Sunday in the OMA mess hall.
4. Motor and generator stables for all assigned personnel 0900 Saturday. There will be a Platoon Leader's meeting as usual at "Tuller's" at 0700 Saturday. There will be a Platoon Leader/Platoon Sergeant's meeting at 1700 on Sunday.

MAJ Ryan

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OFFICERS ASSOCIATION DUES

All officers should bring a blank check to drill for payment of the 1982 National Guard Associations of the U.S. and Ohio. Project Officer for the dues is CW2 Weyhrich.

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NOTIFY YOUR EMPLOYER

ATK HEL TRP Annual Training dates are 13-28 June 1981. All members are required to notify their employers at least 60 days prior to departure. If you need a letter for you employer contact the orderly room.

FIRST SERGEANT SPEAKS

There will be a 1ST Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Section Leader (Enlisted) meeting 16 May 1981 at 0715. The meeting will be held in the Tech Inspector's Library.

As you cruise through your twenty year hitch in the military, you will accumulate a ton of paper work, and utilize a million and a half rules and regulations. Ninety percent of the paper work involved in these rules and regulations will be handled by the unit's clerks, however, there are some areas you should handle yourself.

The following are some of the most current problems we are having:

I. Our 201 files are desperately in need of your help. On the DA Form 2-1 item 17 in your 201 file under civilian and military education, should be listed all the military and civilian schools you have started and completed. The only person who is aware of what you are doing in this area is YOU. Consequently, you will have to notify one of the unit's clerks so they can up date this portion of your file. Civilian and military schools do count when you are being considered for promotion. Military schools as with all active duty counts when you are ready to retire.

On the VA Form 29-8286 (Serviceman's Group Life Insurance Election) you should know at all times who your beneficiaries are, if there is a change in one of your beneficiaries, the orderly room should be notified immediately.

If you are E-5 or above you should have a current EER (issued within the last year) in your 201 file. This EER should be signed by you,

your rater, indorser, and reviewer. Copies of all letters of appreciation, commendation, diplomas, certificates, etc., should be posted in your 201 file. When you audit your 201 file when your name appears in the Gyroscopic for annual records review, and you are not satisfied with the contents, please notify the 1ST Sergeant.

Another problem in the unit that can only be handled by you is your physical fitness, specifically - weight. The weight program we have started in this unit is the same program being used Army wide. You are required by regulation to meet certain weight standards. If you do not meet these standards, you will not be allowed to attend any military schools, you are placed in a non-promotable status, and if you do not lose the required weight in the allotted time you can be administratively discharged from the Guard. Our annual weigh-in will be some where around July or August. The weather is nice, so lets put on our jogging shoes and cancel out the weight program completely for this unit. When you do your share and I do my share, the sky is the limit for success.

SFC McKAY

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SOLDIER OF THE MONTH

SP4 Dale K. Taylor enlisted in the U.S. Army and served 3 years as an Infantryman. SP4 Taylor joined the National Guard in January 1980. He works in the armament section. He is instrumental in setting up the firing range, and showed superb leadership in following the newly established armament checklist procedures at Atterbury during April's drill. During the range firing an aircraft failed to clear its weapons before returning to the airfield. SP4 Taylor promptly reported this unsafe condition and possibly averted a potential disaster. Dale attends OSU and is interested in Flight School. CONGRADULATIONS SP4 Taylor for being Soldier of the Month.

ENLISTMENTS

PV1 BRIAN D. SEELIG - 6 Yrs
PV1 DENNIS W. WINKS - 6 Yrs
SP4 DOUGLAS D. KUHLEN - 6 Yrs

CONVOY DRIVERS TO ANNUAL TRAINING

As of the newsletter deadline many questions remain unresolved regarding the number and types of vehicles the unit will be authorized to take to annual training. For example, out of 7 authorized M-880's (pickup trucks) it looks like we will have only one. The drivers list which appeared in the April newsletter remains valid. Hopefully, we will know what vehicles we are taking to Annual Training prior to May 16th and can complete our testing and licensing at that time.

VOLUNTEERS!!!

The unit needs volunteers to help prepare for the I.G. inspection for 16 May. If you would like to spend a day, an afternoon, or an evening helping please call the orderly room.

DOG TAGS

All flight personnel who need dog tags should give the following information to the orderly room this weekend:

NAME

SSAN

BLOOD TYPE

RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE

COMMISSARY/PX PRIVILEGES

Commissary/PX Certificates of Eligibility for the Annual Training period for all ATK HEL TRP personnel will be included in this newsletter.

FREE HELICOPTER RIDES

AASF#2 is open two nights a week (call 889-7127). All ATK TRP personnel are authorized to ride in ARNG helicopters. If your job in the unit prevents you from taking a ride during drills, don't miss this opportunity. The only requirement is to be in uniform.

MOTOR STABLES

Stables to be performed 0900 16 May 81. Those individuals required to report to supply or orderly room will perform stables after this requirement has been met.

FLIGHT PHYSICAL SCHEDULE

25 Jul	17 Oct
29 Aug	7 Nov
19 Sep	5 Dec

BUNK ROOM

The bunk room will not be available this drill, so plan ahead and make other arrangements. Also, bunk room rates have changed, it will be \$5.00 a night. If you make a reservation and do not show, your money will not be refunded.

ADVANCE PARTY FOR A.T.

We need volunteers for the advance party. If you are interested please contact the 1ST Sergeant this drill or the orderly room. Advance party is scheduled to depart on or about 10 June, but is subject to change.

POSTAL SERVICE CARDS

Those of you who did not have a chance to fill out postal service cards last drill MUST do so this drill for A.T.. You may get them from your platoon sergeant or the orderly room. You must fill out two (2) cards per individual.

NBC SCHOOL

For those of you attending the NBC school the classes will be held in the range due to the space needed for hands on training.

FROM THE ORDERLY ROOM

The orderly room will be closed Saturday 16 May due to the I.G. inspection. We will resume regular operating hours Sunday.

The following personnel should see SP4 Estep on Sunday at times indicated:

BLIZZARD L - 0930

COON, L - 1000

KAYLOR, T - 1030

GLASS, T - 1100

The following personnel should see SSG Rummel Sunday at times indicated:

McCARTNEY, L - 0930

RIGHTER, H - 1000

FROM THE ORDERLY ROOM CONT.

The following Officers should see SSG Rummel at the facility Sunday for their annual records check:

BAYLIN, J
FOSTER, C
MAYL, G

MESS SECTION

The following personnel of the mess section are to report to the West-erville Armory at 0830 Saturday 16 May 81 with proper paper work (FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATE)

WARNER, E
GORDON, E
TRENT, A

The following personnel will report Sunday at 0830 17 May 81:

McMICHAEL, J
GLASS, T
TILLEY, C
JOHNSON, E

This is a MUST for Annual Training. If you arrive early they will run you through as quick as possible. Remember this is not a complete physical, upon completion of physical report back to the unit.

MEAL CARD AND ID CARDS

The personnel that did not pick up their meal card or ID card last drill should stop and get it this drill.

NOTIFICATION ROSTER

The enclosed notification roster must be in your possession at all times during drill, so fold it up and stick it in your fatigue shirt pocket, especially this drill, the I.G. will be asking for it. So be sure to have ready to whip on him.

EMERGENCY LEAVES

Emergency leaves during A.T. must be processed through command channels after verification by the American Red Cross.

TACTICAL FIELD TRAINING PERIOD

As required by FORSCOM Regulation 350-2 all member will participate in a 4- day, 3- night tactical field training period. On Monday of the 2nd week, we will all move to the field to our assigned area of operations, establish a tactical bivouac and train in the field. The period from dawn Monday 22 June thru 1700 hours Thursday, 25 June is fully tactical, and all operations, meals, and movement during that period will be conducted tactically. Night training and night gunship firing will be conducted Monday and Tuesday nights.

PLAN AHEAD

Be sure you have all necessary equipment, personnel gear. etc. which you will require for this period.

FOUR MILE RUN -

As required by NGR, all personnel will participate in a 4-mile run (within 60 minutes) at A.T.. The run is tentatively scheduled for 1630 hours on Wednesday 17 June. The uniform will be class C with combat boots.

SUPPLY

DON'T FORGET THIS DRILL ALL MALE ENLISTED PERSONNEL TURN IN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

KHAKI SHIRTS
KHAKI TROUSERS
POLY SHIRT

FROM THE ARMAMENT SECTION:

Are you discouraged with your present job or section and feel your getting no where? Well the 107th Armament Section can end all of that.

You've seen us, were the section that is always busy at drill and summer camp. Our people are given responsibility, work hard and are consequently promoted. Talk to our people and then decide if this is for you. We care about you MORALE.

If you have a genuine interest in aircraft armament, come and see us at drill and let's talk. We have 2, E-4 and 1 E-3 position available.

POC: SSG BILL RICHARDS Armament Technician
889-7135

FROM THE ARMAMENT SECTION CONT.

Thanks for all the hard work and sweat that you contributed toward the range firing. From the armament stand point it was a successful weekend. All of our winter training paid off. Let's apply what we have learned towards a successful Annual Training.

THANKS AGAIN

BILL RICHARDS SSG

SSG OLSON

FROM THE A/C SERVICE PLT

I would like to thank everyone in the Aircraft Service Platoon for their hard work and extra time they spent last month, both at Camp Atterbury and back here in Columbus.

I doubt if the rest of the unit knows or even cares what you people did last drill. It is a shame when one or two sections have to give up their training time to do the work of the whole unit a drill before I.G. inspection.

Last month the 1ST Sergeant said in the newsletter that the unit is no stronger than its weakest link. I am afraid that weak link is going to show up soon in the Service Platoon. When the same one or two sections keep having to do the dirty work of the rest of the unit instead of training and when the guy in the section can not even get a complete set of tools to work with there is something wrong.

Over the past couple years we have been able to make up for this with full time technicians and their own personal tools to carry the load at camp. As the technicians force gets smaller and we do not have their experience or tools at camp there are going to be problems. The commando raid into Iran should be a good lesson to every commander the people can be well trained in