

THE ATTACK HELICOPTER TROOP NEWSLETTER



THE GYROSCOOP

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DRILL DATES FOR THIS MONTH:

Saturday, 23 January

Sunday, 24 January

FROM THE COMMANDER

Over the Christmas break, I finally had some time for reflection and an opportunity to consider my good fortune of being in the National Guard and particularly in the Attack Troop. Like many of you, I balance two careers: my civilian and military jobs. Each requires a professional commitment and both compete for any available time I have. At times, both are equally frustrating, yet more often equally rewarding. I love the camaraderie and friendships developed in the Attack Troop, the opportunity to remain flying and the opportunity to continue exercising some of the skills and experiences gained earlier in my military career. I thank all of you for helping me make the transition to commander of this unit an easier task than I had feared it would be.

This month, the Command Inspection is Priority One for Saturday morning at the Armory. All platoon leaders will report at the armory at 0730. As with the COMET Inspection, the Attack Troop credibility and integrity is on the line. Be there, be prepared, be in proper uniform and be your best.

The Annual Writ for aviators will be administered during the January and February drills. Be advised that one change to this years version requires the aviator to know the friend or foe vehicles without the aid of the handbook. Good luck, or better yet, STUDY.

One of the most often missed questions at prior Command Inspections and promotion boards (which are both being held during this drill) is the Chain of Command

question; "Who is the Attack Troop Executive Officer (XO)?" Are you listening Captain Bradley?

WILLIAM C. FOX
GUNFIGHTER 6



THE FIRST SHIRT SPEAKS

"I am an American fighting man. I serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense....."

From previous training, Basic Training, NCO School, Officer Candidate School, etc., I am sure that most members of this unit recognize the above as the first paragraph of the Code of Conduct. I am proud to be an American fighting man and I am proud to serve in the forces which guard my country and our way of life, however, prior to giving up one of my most prized possessions, my life, I feel like it is my responsibility to insure that I am prepared to force my enemy to give up a few prized possessions himself.

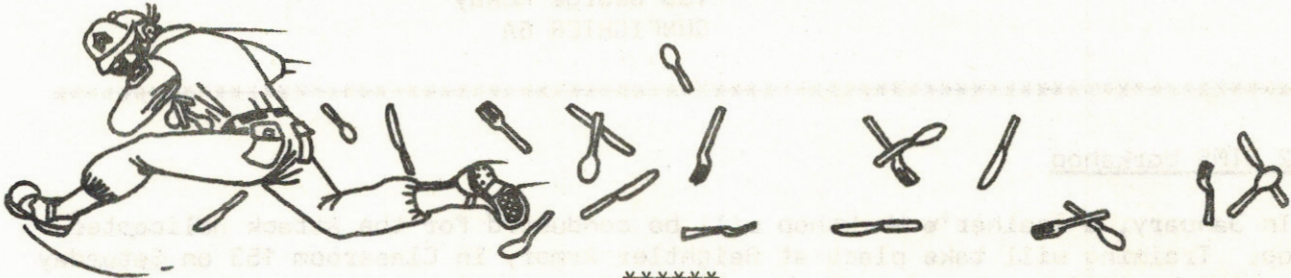
The time to start this preparation is not at dawn before the first battle or five minutes before the first gun run, but now. With the many troubled areas around the world, the time has come for all Armed Forces to think very seriously about defending their country and their way of life.

In order for this unit to be properly prepared, we must make some resolutions along with our New Year resolutions. Let me suggest some unit resolutions:

- 1) I am aware of the fact that I am allotted only sixteen hours per month to train. I promise that I will take advantage of every moment of that sixteen hours to properly train myself in order to defend my country and our way of life.
- 2) I am aware of the fact that I cannot be trained if I am absent, regardless of the reason. I will do my best to absent myself from my unit drills and Annual Training only in the case of an extreme emergency.
- 3) I am also aware of the fact that my unit is authorized a specific number of personnel. When a slot is vacant, the unit is weakened. I will talk to at least three people prior to each drill and try to show them the advantages of being a service member. I will constantly talk to service members already on board and wave a flag for my unit which was designed to defend my country and our way of life.
- 4) I am aware of the fact that grumbling, quibbling and unnecessary complaining is bad for my unit. If I am assigned a task of which I do not agree, I will complete the task to the best of my abilities and then, only then, will I go to the task master with my constructive criticism. I realize that in combat there are going to be some tasks that I do not like or understand but are necessary in order to defend my country.
- 5) As I go through Calendar Year 82, I will keep in the back of my mind the last paragraph of the Code of Conduct which states: "I will never forget that I am an American fighting man, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America."

As you have probably heard, SSG Rick Hall will be 2LT Rick Hall. The job he held as the Operations NCO is now vacant. This is an E-7 slot that requires a lot of time and energy. If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please contact the First Sergeant during the January drill.

Please do not remove silverware from the Dining Room Facility. If you have borrowed some in the past, please return it. If you have extra silverware around your home (knives, forks, or spoons) please donate.



There will be a First Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant, Section Leader (Enlisted) meeting Saturday morning at 0700 on the drill floor in the armory.

The Command Inspection for the Attack Helicopter Troop will be held Saturday morning at 0800 on 23 January on the armory drill floor. Be advised that only in extreme cases of emergency will ET's and Sub-assemblies be granted for Saturday morning.

In years past, we stressed the importance of military appearance generally prior to some type of inspection. However, my belief is that military appearance is something we should stress during the entire year. Pride in the uniform you wear is something that cannot be bought or sold. Some of the items you might consider to upgrade your military appearance are:

- 1) A clean, authorized military baseball cap that fits with the appropriate rank and insignia placed in the proper position.
- 2) All unit patches and name tags sewn on your fatigue shirt in the proper place.
- 3) All buttons on your uniform and buttoned.
- 4) A black military web belt with subdued buckle.
- 5) Shined and serviceable boots (bloused) except for cooks in white uniform and personnel authorized to wear flight suits.
- 6) Haircut in accordance with military regulations.
- 7) Ensure you have your Weapons Card, Gas Mask Card and Meal Card.
- 8) Know your Chain of Command.

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Army Rules and Regulations require each service member to wear the proper uniform when drilling in a paid status. This unit should not and will not tolerate unauthorized military uniforms or portions thereof, such as: Cav hats, colored Tee shirts (other than white or OD), and camouflage or mesh ventilated baseball caps. Please refrain from wearing these items except during unit social functions which are considered non-pay assemblies.

Any member of this unit who does not comply with Army Regulations concerning military appearance is subject to some type of disciplinary action. This goes for all year, not just during Command Inspections.

1SG George McKay
GUNFIGHTER 6A

1982 BTMS Workshop

In January, a Trainer's Workshop will be conducted for the Attack Helicopter Troop. Training will take place at Beightler Armory in Classroom 153 on Saturday from 1000 to 1600 hours and on Sunday from 0830 to 1600 hours. You should plan to bring along with you the following items:

- Soldier's Manual
- Job Book
- Two Pencils
- Coffee Cup

This workshop is for first-line supervisors and consists of thirteen to sixteen hours of instruction. You will learn how to conduct and prepare performance oriented individual training and how to take advantage of unscheduled training time. You will also learn to train personnel on Soldier's Manual tasks within a few minutes notice, saving wasted time waiting around or performing "make-work" details. Also on the agenda are learning to effectively use the Job Books, Soldier's Manuals, Learning Centers and how to prepare for ARTEP.

PERSONNEL ATTENDING BTMS WORKSHOP

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| 1. SGT CORRAO, A. | <u>Workshop Manager</u> | 17. SSG EVANS, W. |
| 2. SGT PARSLEY, J. | SSG Bill Richards | 18. SGT PRINCE, G. |
| 3. SGT VONVILLE, J. | | 19. SGT CLINE, J. |
| 4. SSG HARDING, R. | <u>Instructors</u> | 20. SGT GRAVEN, D. |
| 5. SGT HINDMAN, E. | SGT Art Reed | 21. SGT THRUSH, M. |
| 6. SSG BLIZZARD, L. | SFC Leon Whitson | 22. SP4 MOSS, L. |
| 7. SGT PEMBERTON, R. | SSG Bob Parham | 23. SP4 DAVIS, B. |
| 8. SGT ACKISON, W. | | 24. SGT CLEM, J. |
| 9. SGT LOSEE, R. | | 25. SGT WILLIAMS, J. |
| 10. SSG COON, L. | | 26. SGT MASSIE, A. |
| 11. SGT BACHMAN, T. | | 27. SP4 JENKINS, E. |
| 12. SGT FULLER, R. | | 28. SGT BAKER, R. |
| 13. SFC GLASS, T. | | 29. SGT ANDERSON, T. |
| 14. SGT BURKE, H. | | 30. SGT GIRTON, J. |
| 15. SGT DASSYLVA, R. | | |
| 16. SGT BROWN, J. | | |

FROM COMMO

The post-AT 81 RTO class has never materialized but the RTO's still need a debriefing. Therefore, Platoon Sergeants and Section Chiefs should send your assigned RTO's to the Commo room sometime during January drill. Unlike everyone else, I don't need them immediately after morning formation. Also, if there is anyone who wants to brush up on the Radio-Telephone-Operator procedures for the SQT, stop on in too.

SGT Graven.
Commo NCOIC

Congratulations goes out to Marty Twyford of Blue Team and to Ken Ott and Scott Gulick of the Scouts for recently receiving their A&P's from the Columbus Technical Institute! Good work, guys!



A&P

FROM THE ARMAMENT SECTION

This month, most of our NCO's will be attending BTMS training. Those individuals who will not be attending the workshop will train in the Armament shop. During February's drill, our section is scheduled to take the SQT test. In preparation for this test, January's drill will be devoted to learning soldier's common tasks. SGT Jeff Porter will be the section NCOIC and SP4 Danny Harris will be the SQT Trainer.

Our unit has received its first of two G-Model Cobra's. It is equipped with two turret mounted weapons, a 7.62 Mini-Gun and a 40mm Grenade Launcher. The wing stations will support either the M200 (19 shot) rocket pods or the M158 (7 shot) rocket pods. This configuration is designated as the M28A1 Armament System and will be a new system for our section to master. I hope everyone had a good holiday season and will get a chance to look over our newly acquired aircraft during January's drill.

SSG William Richards
Armament Technician

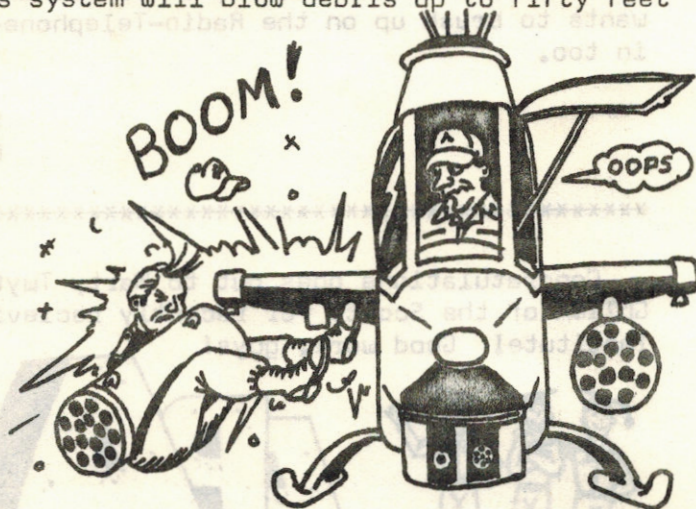
JOKE OF THE MONTH

Did you hear about the man with hemorrhoids that choked to death?
He had trouble swallowing the suppositories.

SERVICE PLATOON

As we start out the new year with a new aircraft (TH-1G), there are a few safety precautions with this helicopter that are new and unfamiliar to most of us. This aircraft is equipped with a linear explosive canopy removal system that removes the plexiglas from the doors and windows. This system will blow debris up to fifty feet outward from the aircraft if activated and could injure personnel in the cockpit if they are not protected by a helmet with the visor down.

The external armament stores are also jettisoned by an explosive charge which will blow the rocket pods outward and downward with enough force to kill someone standing close by. Be familiar with this aircraft before climbing in or working around on it.



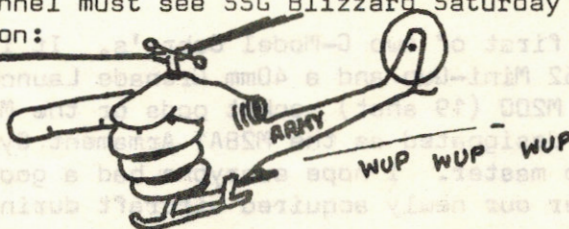
OH-58 Tail Rotor Covers

We are now putting covers on the T/R blades of the OH-58 when parked to prevent water from entering. This stops the water from freezing inside the blades and causing possible blade separation. The cover goes over the blade which tip is up nearest the vertical position. Make sure the cover is removed during preflight as to avoid running the engine with the cover on.

SSG Roger Olson
Service Platoon Sergeant

The following personnel must see SSG Blizzard Saturday morning immediately after the morning formation:

McCARTNEY, T.
TWYFORD, M.
KAUSER, R.
CLINE, J.



From GUNFIGHTER 6

COMMANDER'S AWARD

For the quarter ending December, 1981, SSG Bill Richards has been selected as the recipient of the Commander's Award. This award is presented each quarter to a Senior NCO (E-6 and above) in recognition of professionalism, service, dedication and significant contributions to the Attack Troop. SSG Richards operates at a level very few persons in any professional endeavor achieve. Bill is the epitome of a professional NCO; he is a doer, a leader, a problem resolver and has deservedly earned everyone's respect for his superior character traits and job performance. CONGRATULATIONS Bill; you are a credit to the Gunfighters and to yourself!

FROM THE RED PLATOON

As all of us can tell by looking at the calendar, we have a new year in front of us. We also have a new administration to lead us and from what I've been able to see of our new commander, we have nowhere to go in the future but up.

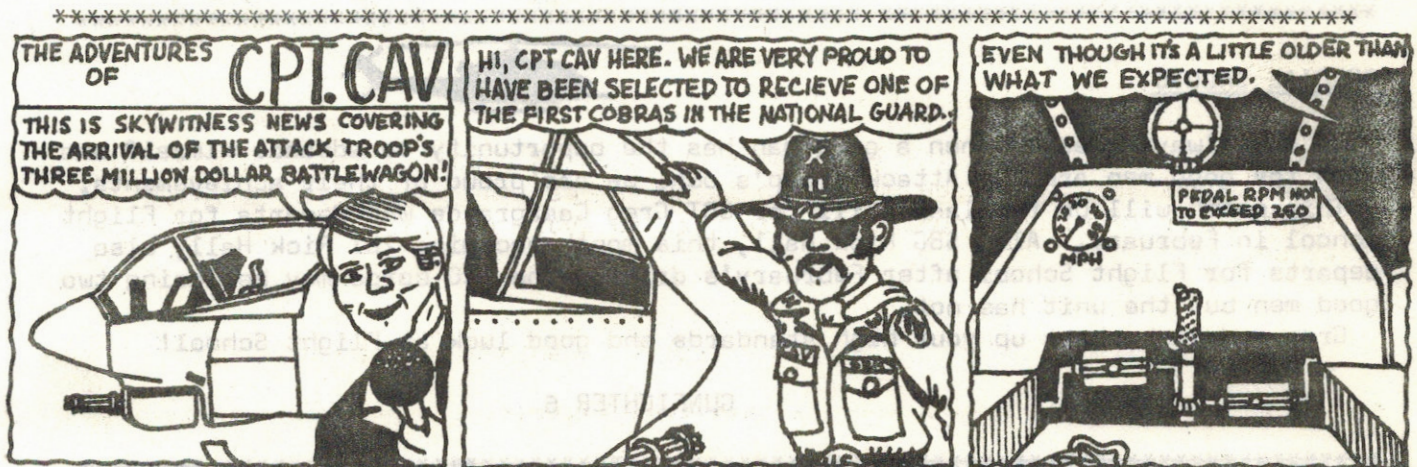
We recently passed our COMET Inspection which is a great accomplishment, but we don't want to set back and take it easy now. We have a positive momentum working for us so let's keep it up.

C/E's don't forget that we have the SQT test in March (contrary to the belief of a certain WO1), so let's be studying at home.

The Red Platoon would like to congratulate Rich Burke on being selected as the Attack Troop's Soldier of the Month.

CPT Jump, SFC Neal and the entire Red Team hopes everyone had a very happy holiday season!

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SOLDIER OF THE MONTH

SGT HAROLD R. BURKE Jr

SGT Burke enlisted in the Army National Guard on 14 August 80. He first served in the US Air Force for four years as a B-52 crew chief. Upon enlisting in the Attack Troop, Rich served in the Maintenance Section for a year and after performing his OJT training was assigned to the 1st Weapons Platoon as a UH-1 crew chief. He also performs an additional duty as the platoon training NCO.

Rich is presently attending Columbus Technical Institute studying to be an aircraft and powerplant mechanic.

CONGRATULATIONS to you, SGT Burke for being selected as the Attack Troop's December Soldier of the Month!!

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FROM THE SUPPLY SHACK

Gentlemen of the Attack Helicopter Troop, we, the men of supply, strongly urge you to return your khakis, poplin shirts, raincoats and overcoats so you will not have to buy them. These articles should have been turned in back in March, 1981.

This drill, you may order your long and short sleeve grey-green shirts, all-weather coats and pick up any clothing you may have ordered in the past. The supply room is pressed for space so make sure you pick up these ordered items and do not forget to bring in your khakis and etc.

Special emphasis for these personnel and others not listed:

ANDERSON
CRAWMER
SOSNOWSKI
BOGANWRIGHT
SORAH
BOMBICH
GARNER

GLASS
GORDON
GULICK
HARDESTY
JAKEWAY
GUYE
OSTRANDER

MURTHA
POPPE
McMICHAEL

All Section Sergeants must turn in
all AT requests for gear this drill.

SGT Leonard Storey

SPECIAL SALUTE

We are always pleased when a good man has the opportunity to advance himself and when the good men are the Attack Troop's own, we are proud of their achievements.

This month will be the last drill for SGT Greg Casagrande who departs for Flight School in February. Also SSG Rick Hall, this month becoming 2LT Rick Hall, also departs for Flight School after February's drill. The NCO corps may be losing two good men but the unit has not.

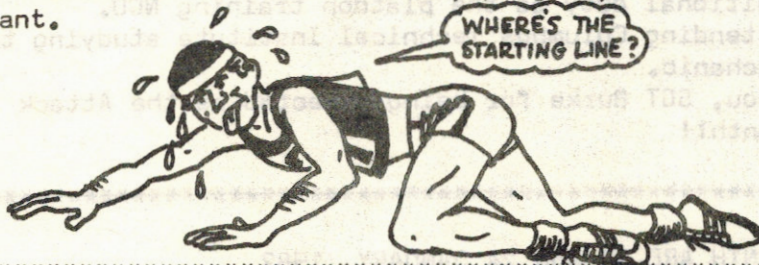
Greg and Rick, keep up your high standards and good luck at Flight School!

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RUN FOR YOUR LIFE Physical Conditioning Program

The National Guard has a physical conditioning program for a progressive distance running exercise for both sexes of all age groups. The program is open to all members of the Ohio Army National Guard, dependants and civilian employees. Mileage certificates and patches will be awarded for completing distances from fifty to 10,000 miles. This program is designed for the beginning to the conditioned runner.

If you are interested in this voluntary program, contact SFC Mike Neal, First Platoon Sergeant.



FROM THE SCOUTS

The Scouts took their written part of the SQT at December's drill. The test was three hours long and we missed part of the party. Here are some helpful hints to all on the SQT:



1) Read your Soldier's Manual. That's it in a nut shell.

Read your manuals and you will pass the test, at least the written. Now, we all know you can't read your whole manual at drill so, guess what? Right, you'll have to do some reading at home. A couple of hours a week could equal another day a month in the books. From what I saw of the test, it was taken mostly word-for-word from the Soldier's Manual. There are no trick questions, so don't get excited. They give you an answer book, so read it and good luck.

All OH-58 mechanics bring your Soldier's Manuals to the January drill as we will be having classes all day.

Bill Arnold

January birthday wishes are extended to the following members of the Attack Troop:

Al Corrao	Kent Taylor	William Evans
Paul Holbrook	Dave Koch	Jeffrey Porter
Steven Kline	Brad Anspaugh	Art Trent
Terry Jones	Dave Fischer	Rick Lewis
Mark Crawmer	Bobby Davis	Dave Ostrander
Jim Lewis	Dale Taylor	Phil Neal
Ellis Hindman	Mark Harden	Brian Casserly
Robert Wigle	Bill Richards	Sarah Frazier
Ken Rider	Jeff Clem	
