

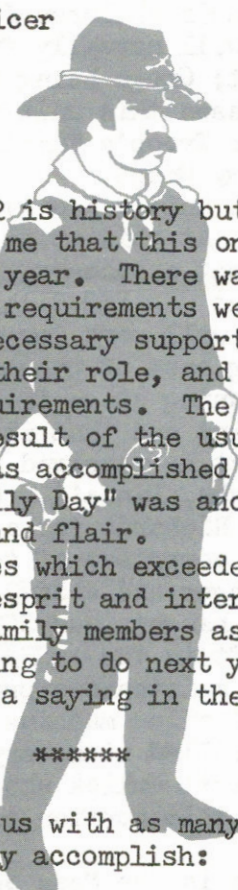
# THE CAVALRY CHRONICLE

## THE ATTACK TROOP NEWSLETTER

MAJ WILLIAM C. FOX Commander  
CPT TO BE ANNOUNCED Executive Officer  
1SG GEORGE E. McKAY First Sergeant  
SGT DALE K. TAYLOR Editor/Art

DRILL DATES FOR THIS MONTH:  
Saturday, 22 Jan 83  
Sunday, 23 Jan 83  
0800-1630 both days

### FROM THE COMMANDER



The holidays are now over and 1982 is history but the year ended on a very high note with the "Family Day". It seemed to me that this one day was symbolic of why the Attack Troop had a very successful training year. There was a lot of pre-organizing and ideas formulated into a plan. All support requirements were identified in advance and arrangements made to lay on or obtain all necessary support items. All key personnel were identified, briefed on the plan and their role, and charged with the responsibility of successfully accomplishing their requirements. The actual set-up of displays and dining room tables and chairs was the result of the usual hard work by a lot of people. Finally, the execution of the plan was accomplished with the support and teamwork of all unit members. As a result, the "Family Day" was another activity out of many that the GUNFIGHTERS accomplished with style and flair.

There were over 600 total attendees which exceeded even our optimistic guesstimates. The "Family Day" evidenced that the esprit and interest in the GUNFIGHTERS and the National Guard seems to extend to the family members as well. Colonel Lander's parting remarks to me were, "What are you going to do next year to surpass this year's event?" In response, Colonel Lander, we have a saying in the Attack Troop: "Watch this!"

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Now that 1982 is over, 1983 finds us with as many challenging activities that we must begin the preparations to successfully accomplish:

-Receipt of our AH-1S Cobras

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ATTACK HELICOPTER TROOP

# THE GUNFIGHTERS

107TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT



- Pilot transitions and qualifications
- Enlisted training and qualifications
- Night Hawk qualifications
- Night Vision Goggle qualifications
- Annual Training 83
- The usual inspections and evaluations
- Continuation of BTMS and SQTs
- Support of NCODP



MAJ WILLIAM C. FOX  
Gunfighter 6

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#### WHEN THE FIRST SHIRT SPEAKS.....

Webster defines FAMILY as "parents and their children". He defines DAY as "from sunrise to sunset". The First Sergeant of the Attack Troop defines FAMILY DAY as "a beautiful occasion for parents and their children from sunrise to sunset".

During one's military career, he will normally find himself somewhere between Alpha and Omega. Alpha being the low point; Omega being the high point. As a member of this unit for over a decade, I have seen this unit accomplish many missions and complete many tasks, but the Attack Helicopter Troop's First Annual Family Day was the greatest accomplishment I have seen. It was my Omega.

In order for an event such as this unit's Family Day function to be a success, hard work and long hours are key factors. At this point, I would like to pay tribute to some special people who made this event a success.

The Head Coordinator for this event was PSG Bill Richards. The unit is quite fortunate to have members like Bill who will work for the unit in health and in sickness. Bill started this event with a strong case of pneumonia which began to attack his stubborn body. He finalized the planning stage from his bed in one of the local hospitals. This proves at least one point and that is, there is not one ounce of quit in this exceptional NCO. We realize that he received and passed on to us some good recommendations from his better half (Thanks, Linda!). On behalf of myself and the Troop Commander, I say: "Thanks Mr. & Mrs. Richards for a job well done!".

The committees for this event were comprised of two different areas: The Armory (Dinner and Award Ceremony) and the State Hanger and AASF#2 Hanger (Registration and Static Displays). In charge of setting up the hangers was SGT Rick Pemberton who did an outstanding job of working around the aircraft in the AASF#2 Hanger which could not be moved because of Phase Inspection or other maintenance problems. The Registration and Introduction Ceremony operated like a well oiled machine: smooth with a friendly growl. The static displays were set up and controlled with very few problems. Good job.

In charge of the Armory was SGT Scott Gulick who took charge as he normally does and guided his people to the point where this portion of the Family Day was the show of shows. Again, a job well done.

Another area of which we are proud is the Mess Section and their Mess Sergeant, SFC Terry Glass. I feel that the word MESS is not the appropriate word for our dining room. However, Terry informed me that the word MESS is not a word but an acronym for Meals, Extrordinary, Stables and Sweets. In my opinion, the Family Day dinner was a meal fit for a king. (Don Bowman be aware)

The sign placed on the service road to AASF#2 was constructed by starving artist SGT Jack Gorton. The sign that Jack built was constructed during his spare time between his regular eight-hour-a-day job and flying Night Vision Goggle training at night. Another unit member who always answers the call.

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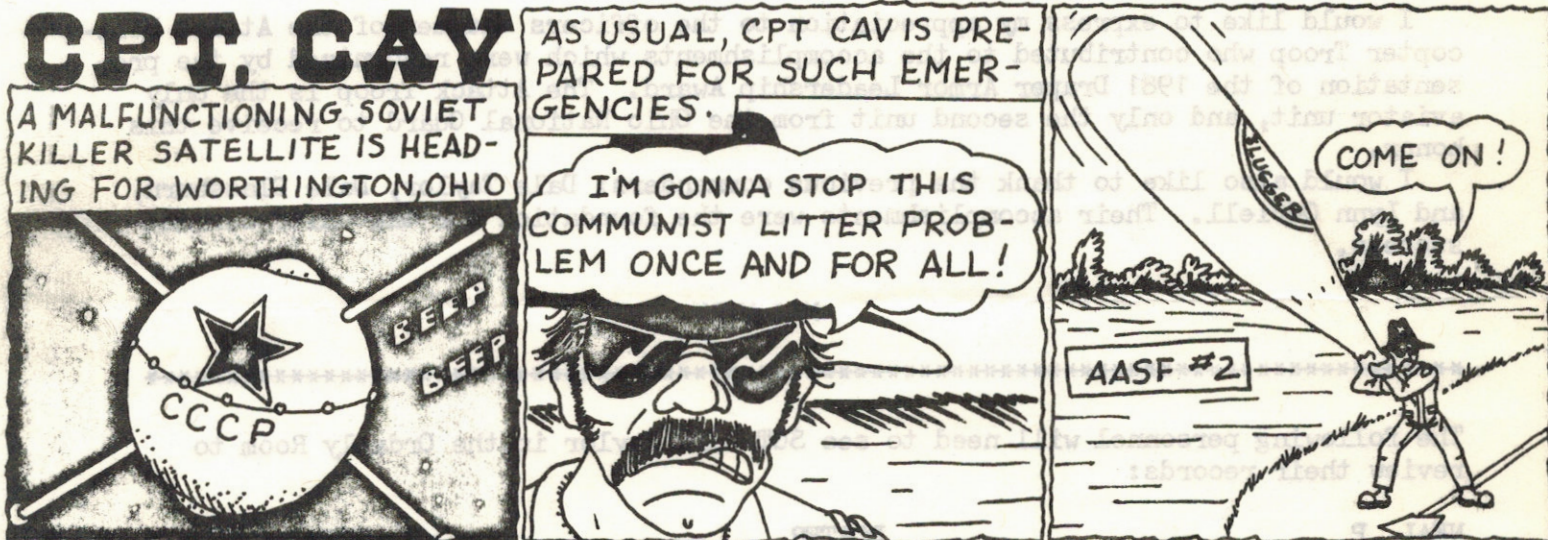


Another "Attaboy" goes out to a unit member who wore many hats during this event. I speak of none other than SP4 Jerry Walsh. Jerry was the unit Santa Claus and as a cook, helped prepare the meal for this occasion. He also picked up and returned the extra tables and chairs that were needed to feed more than 600 people. This involved a lot of work and additional time. I am sure that Mrs. Lucille Walsh is as proud of you as we are. Once again, a job well done.

In the final analysis, I would like to say to the unit members and their families and friends, I know that the First Annual Attack Helicopter Troop Family Day was a success and I am looking forward to the Second Annual Attack Helicopter Troop Family Day as well. Hope you feel the same.

GEORGE E. McKAY  
First Sergeant

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ATTENTION! The following personnel will need to see SFC Rummel: COY, HARDING, DILLON



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The following personnel will need to see SGT Jack Taylor in the Orderly Room during this drill period to review their records:

ANSPAUGH  
CASSERLY  
CLEM

CORRAO  
DAVIS  
EVANS

HARDEN  
HINDMAN  
JONES

KLING  
KOCH  
FEASEL

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LOST

One each Louisiana Master Sergeant. Last seen wearing camouflage fatigues and heading for Europe. Our loss, Germany's gain. GOOD LUCK FRANK! See you in 1985.

Concerned

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There will be a First Sergeant/Platoon Sergeant/Section Leader (Enlisted) Meeting on Saturday, 22 Jan 83 at AASF#2 in the Tech Inspector Library at 0700.



FROM THE TRAINING DEN

During the January drill the Attack Troop will be giving a BTMS (Battalion Training Management System) school. The following personnel should plan to attend the mandatory two day (16 hour) course of instruction:

EWALD	BLIZZARD	WHITSON	GRAVEN
DeWITT	GLASS	BARLITT	RUMMEL
ALLEN	ROBEANO	MILLER, W	

Note: SSG HINDMAN will attend the Night Hawk class with the 3rd Platoon. Report to CPT Brown at 1900 Friday and Saturday night, 22 and 23 January.

SFC MIKE NEAL

FROM THE EX-COMMANDER

I would like to express my appreciation to the officers and men of the Attack Helicopter Troop who contributed to the accomplishments which were recognized by the presentation of the 1981 Draper Armor Leadership Award. The Attack Troop is the only aviator unit, and only the second unit from the Ohio National Guard to receive this honor.

I would also like to thank the previous commanders: Dale Taylor, Dale Glassburn, and Lynn Coriell. Their accomplishments were the foundation for the units current success.

MAJ MARK V. RYAN

The following personnel will need to see SGT Dale Taylor in the Orderly Room to review their records:

NEAL, P	PORTER	TRENT
OSTRANDER	RICHARDS	WIGLE

The following personnel will need to see SFC Billy Rummel in the Orderly Room to review their records:

JONES	JACOBS
LEWIS	VALLANCE

FROM THE SOUTH

I wish to convey my appreciation for the thoughtful gift this unit presented to me after my eleven year tenure in the Attack Troop. The plaque will always hang in a place of prominence in my home.

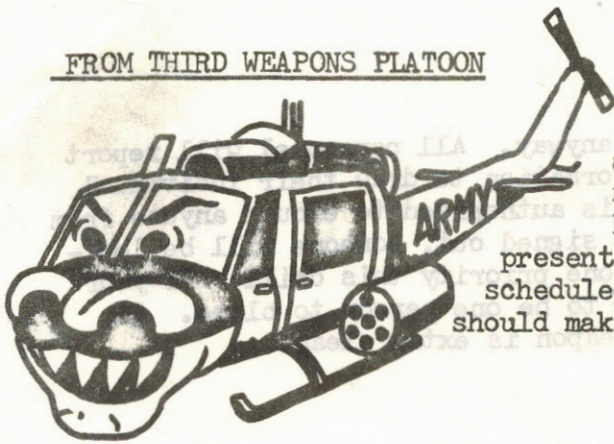
An open invitation is extended to each and all unit members to visit me at my home in New Orleans (pronounced Nau'lines) should your travels bring you there. I'm listed in the phone book.

Again, thanks very much for my gift.

GEORGE E. MAYL



FROM THIRD WEAPONS PLATOON



All members of the 3rd Weapons Platoon (Pilots and Crewchiefs) are reminded that drill will commence at 1900 hours Friday, 21 Jan 83 for Night Hawk Training. All members are requested to be present and on time. On Saturday, 22 Jan 83, drill is scheduled to commence at 1700 hours. All platoon members should make the necessary arrangements.

CPT ERIC BROWN  
Platoon Leader

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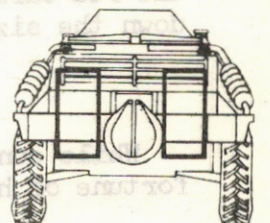
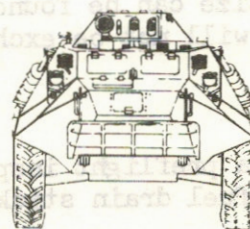
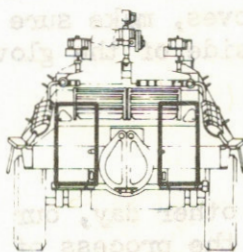
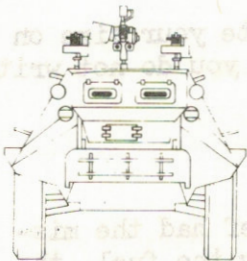
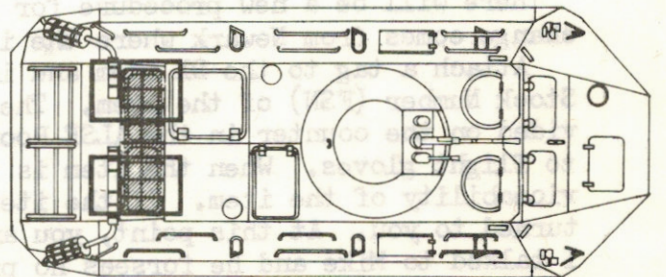
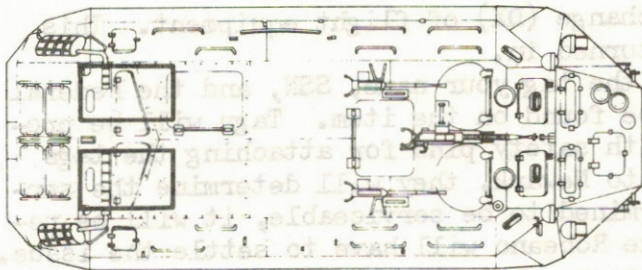
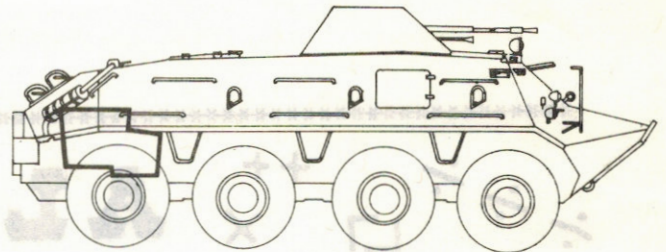
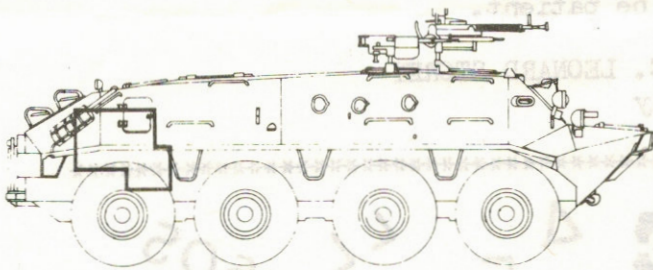
ATTENTION ALL PLATOON SERGEANTS!

All Platoon Sergeants are requested to bring in their job books to drill on Saturday, 22 January 1983.

First Sergeant

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# FRIEND OR FOE?



ENGINE AND DRIVE TRAIN

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FROM THE SUPPLY SHACK

It's inspection time once again, or almost anyway. All personnel will report to Supply immediately after Saturday morning formation to draw their individual weapon for cleaning. Only the First Sergeant is authorized to excuse anyone from cleaning these weapons. If your weapon is not signed out, someone will be looking for you. Plan on making this your number one priority this drill. If your weapon fails the inspection there's only going to be one person to blame. So, please make every effort to insure that your weapon is extra clean.

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The following personnel will need to report to Supply to pick up clothing:

HINES (complete issue)  
KING  
WING, M  
RICE  
BROWN  
BROFFORD

BROWN, J  
JOHNSON  
WILSON  
LUCKETT  
KOCH  
PEARCE

Also, any individual that requisitioned clothing last drill.

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The new year has already begun so all personnel should start checking their field gear for damaged or missing items. Let's get a start on the summer camp rush. Waterproof bags are still on order so be patient.

SGT C. LEONARD STOREY  
Supply

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There will be a new procedure for Direct Exchange (DX) of flight equipment. This change comes from Newark where the items are turned in.

Attach a tag to the DX item and include on the tag your name, SSN, and the Federal Stock Number (FSN) of the item. The FSN can be found on the item. Tags will be provided on the counter in the ALSE Room along with safety pins for attaching the tags to flight gloves. When the item is turned in to Newark, they will determine the serviceability of the item. If the item is determined to be serviceable, it will be returned to you. At this point, you and SSG Mike Robeano will have to settle the issue. I talked to Mike and he foresees no problems because most items turned in are unserviceable. If there are any questions, I can answer them at drill.

One other item. When you turn in flight gloves, make sure you write your size on the red card. The size can be found on the inside of the gloves. If you do not write down the size, they will not be exchanged.

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While conducting a preflight inspection the other day, our crewchief had the misfortune of having a fuel drain stick open. In the process of stopping the fuel, the

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crewchief was drenched with fuel on the upper half of his body. With this in mind, I have reprinted an article from the 15 October 1976 Flight Fax, Static Electricity in Clothing.

# static Electricity in clothing

Recently an aviator received first- and second-degree burns when his underclothes were ignited by static electricity. He was preflighting a U-8 which had just been refueled and moved into the hangar because of cold weather. The fuel expanded as the temperature increased. When the pilot opened the fuel cap during his inspection, fuel gushed out, soaking his arm and legs. The pilot went immediately to the locker room and removed his Nomex flight suit. Static electricity ignited the fumes as he started to remove his winter underwear.

In another incident, a fuel tanker operator received second- and third-degree burns when the fuel he was recirculating was ignited by static electricity. He was wearing a cotton uniform and a nylon jacket.

Outer clothing builds a charge not only by absorbing part of the body charge but also by rubbing against the body and underwear. When

the charged clothes are removed, the electrical tension or voltage increases to a danger point. If the clothes are wet with fuel, the danger is even greater. Fuel-soaked clothes can burst into flames as they are removed. Sparks can also be generated by worn footwear. Soles so worn that nails are exposed present a serious danger since fuel spills in refueling areas are common and fuel vapors near the ground ignite easily.

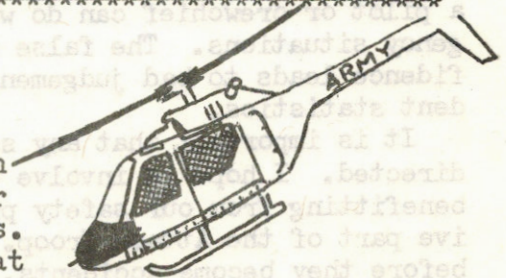
Recent tests by the Air Force indicate that the buildup of static electricity does not differ greatly by uniform type. A blend or synthetic uniform is no more dangerous than a pure cotton uniform. The tests do show that it is possible to exceed 2650 volts when the uniform is removed. Theoretically, 2650 volts can ignite gasoline-air mixtures (vapor). Other variables such as temperature and humidity may affect the static buildup, but regardless of this, the tests indicate there is a potential danger and it differs little with uniforms or mixes of uniforms.

If fuel gets on your clothes, leave the refueling area immediately and deluge or thoroughly soak the clothes before you take them off. If there is not enough water at the site to soak the clothes thoroughly, ground yourself to a piece of grounded equipment by taking hold of it before you take off the fuel-soaked clothes.

WO1 WALTER DISTELZWEIG  
Gunfighter 30

## \*\*\*\*\* FROM THE SCOUTS

As we all know, the Attack Helicopter Troop is one of the best units in the National Guard and maybe even the US Army. The attitude each person has can make or break a unit. Attitudes can be formed in various ways. If a person doesn't get paid the right amount or not at all or if his paperwork for college doesn't get to the school, he will probably have a bad attitude. The Orderly Room plays a big part in trying to maintain good attitudes. I think this unit owes our full-time AST's an "Attaboy" or a pat on the back. Thank you SFC Bill Rummel, SGT Dale Taylor, SGT Jack Taylor, and SGT Leonard Storey.



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19 Delta (Aero Scouts) must be prepared to take the SQT this drill. This includes the Hands-On Component. This will apply only to the personnel who did not pass last year. You know who you are.

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67 Victor (OH-58 Mechanics) will have a meeting with me after Saturday morning formation. Everyone make sure you have haircuts (off your collar), your boots are polished and your uniforms are in good order. All name tapes and US Army tapes are to be  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and centered directly over the pocket. All unit patches are  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch down from the shoulder seam and centered on the left sleeve. Better check them.

See you on the 22nd of January.

WILLIAM "HAP" ARNOLD  
Scout Platoon Sergeant

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#### FROM THE SAFETY OFFICER

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as I did. Thankfully, the holiday seasons are behind us and we can now proceed with life in the regular lane. We are all eager to begin 1983 and fulfill the promise of the new year. We are close to completing our Night Hawk Qualifications and will soon begin Night Vision Goggle training and of course, the Cobras will be here soon. With them will come new challenges and many changes. The coming months promise to be very demanding on us as individuals and as a unit. It is important to remember in the midst of all this turmoil that safety is a paramount concern.

Our training and practice is all aimed at the development and maintenance of combat readiness and effectiveness. Combat readiness is efficiency and efficiency is safety. Our safety program is aimed at accident prevention and the need for accident prevention is clear. It's humanitarian application is the preservation of life and protection from injury. It's economic application is the preservation of resources. It's military application is the preservation of combat readiness.

With that, we return to our essential mission and goal, combat readiness. Safety is an integral part of our training and mission.

One of the goals of our safety program is the elimination of complacency. Complacency can lull us into a false sense of security. This is one of the few things a pilot or crewchief can do without. We must be alert and ready to react to emergency situations. The false sense of security leads to overconfidence and overconfidence leads to bad judgements. Bad judgements are often seen in the form of accident statistics.

It is important that any safety program involve the personnel toward whom it is directed. I hope to involve each of you as much as possible in both applying and in benefitting from our safety program. This program needs to be a vital and interactive part of the Attack Troop. We all need to stay alert for safety related problems before they become accidents.

Each month in this column, I'll present safety topics and information. If you have any questions or comments you may direct them to me or you can bring them up at our safety briefings at drill.

The topics for this drill are a review of SOP's and weather flying. With the

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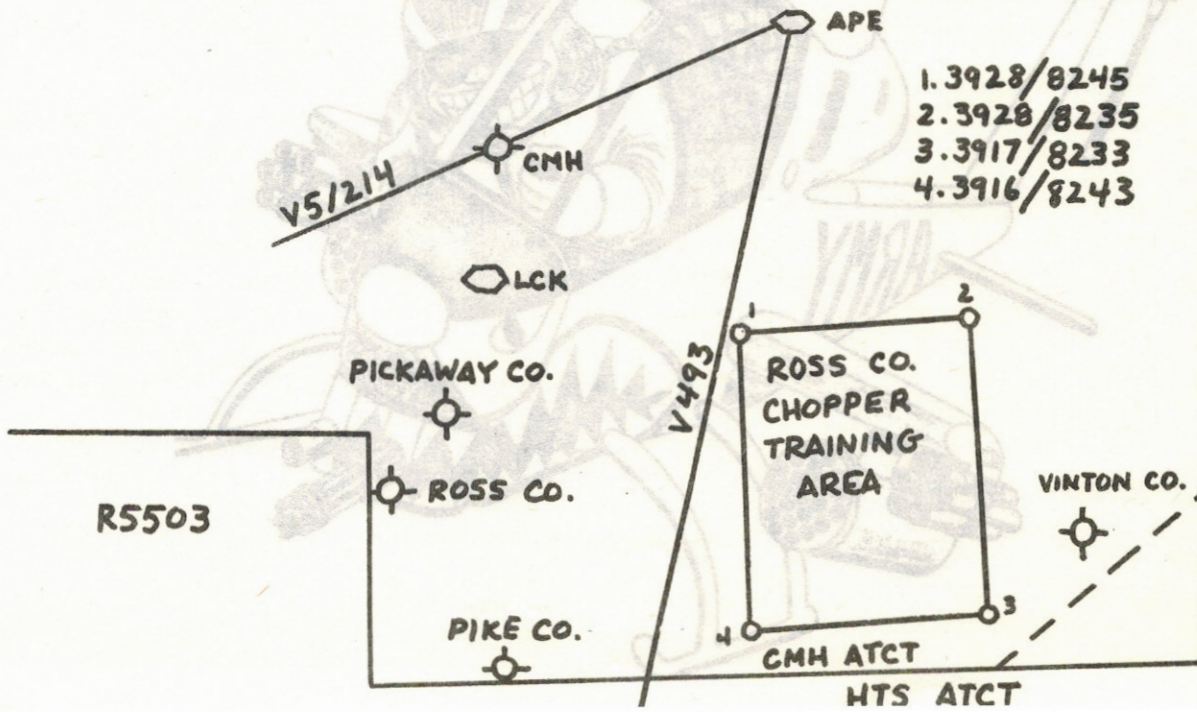
recent increase in use of the NOE Training area and the final climatic shift to winter, I have here the procedures for inadvertant IFR while operating at Ross County Chopper Training Area.

CW3 GEORGE HARRISON  
Safety Officer

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IFR VERTICAL RECOVERY PROCEDURE: NOE TRAINING

- a. The following procedures shall be implemented when the ceiling and/or visibility is reported at or forecast to be 3,000 feet and/or 5 miles or less at Columbus, Ohio.
- b. The Ohio Army National Guard (AASF#2) shall request use of Ross County Chopper Training Area from Columbus ATCT thirty (30) minutes prior to proposed departure time. (614-236-1990)
- c. Columbus ATCT shall block 4,000 feet and below in the Ross County Chopper Training Area.
- d. Aircraft shall squawk 4,000 while in the Ross County Chopper Training Area and advise Columbus ATCT on 123.8 or 392.1 when Tactical Terrain Flight Training is initiated and terminated.
- e. If IFR conditions are encountered, squawk 7700 and climb to 4,000 feet in the Ross County Chopper Training Area. If more than one (1) helicopter, two (2) maximum in formation, stack down 500 foot interval. Contact Columbus ATCT on 123.8 or 392.1 for IFR clearance.
- f. If unable to contact Columbus ATCT, maintain 4,000 feet, proceed direct to Ross County RBN (RZT), execute an instrument approach to Ross County Airport and land.
- g. If more than one (1) helicopter utilizes this procedure at the same time, MARSAs apply until separation has been established and acknowledged by the FAA.





FROM MAINTENANCE

A hardy thanks goes out to all of those who helped with our First Annual Family Day. My sincerest appreciation goes to those serving on the planning committees, who devoted much of their own time in preparation for this day. Without the initiative and dedication displayed by 1SG George McKay, SFC Terry Glass, SSG Don Carter, SGT Scott Gulick, SP4 Jerry Walsh, and SGT Rick Pemberton, Family Day 1982 would not have been a success. If you were one of the over 600 people who attended, I sincerely hope you had an enjoyable day.

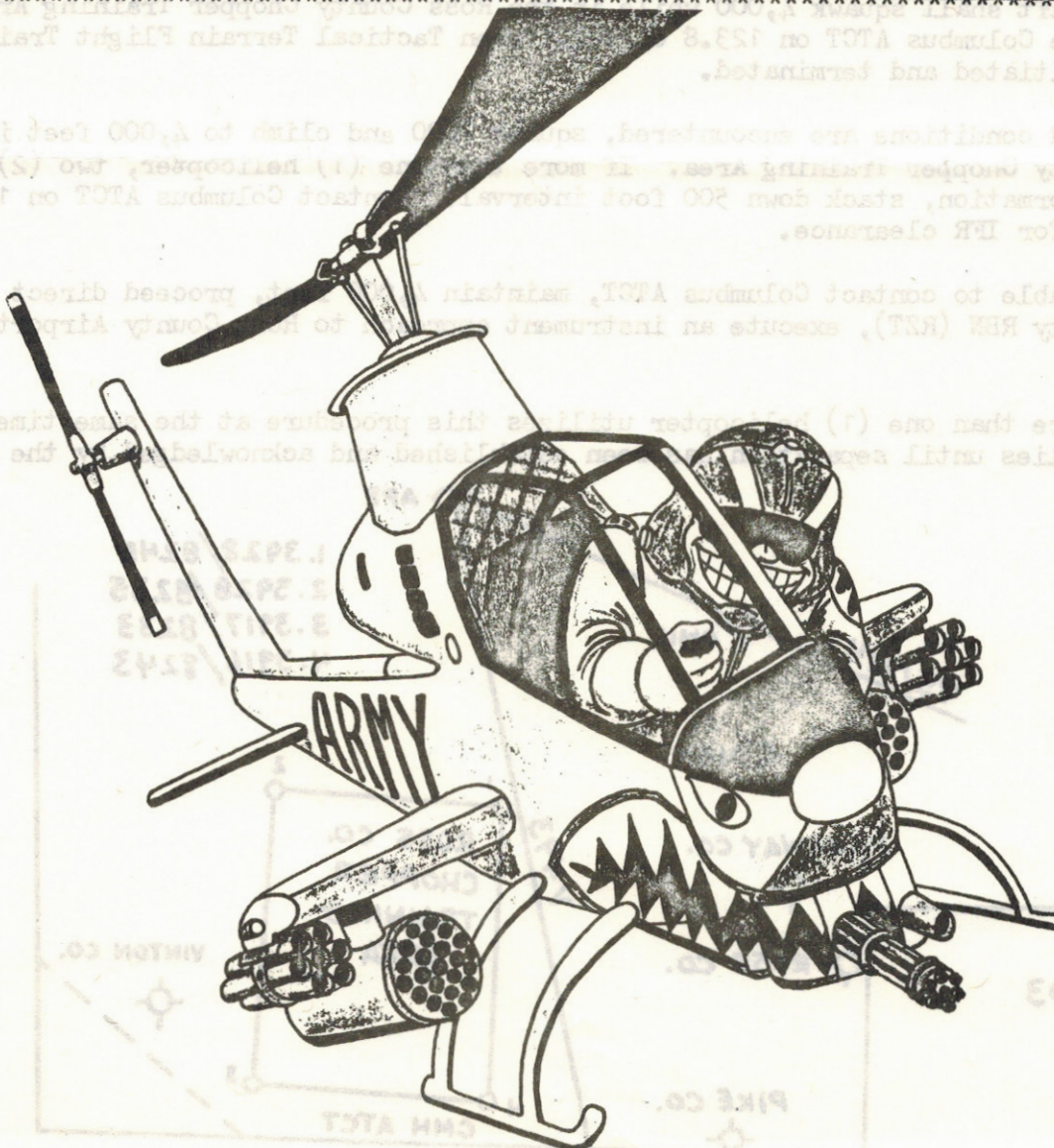
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ATTENTION!

One each Technical Inspector position will become vacant this drill. If you are of the rank E-5 or E-6 with aircraft maintenance experience, this may be the job for you. If interested, contact me, Bill Miller, or Gary Vanderbosch this drill.

PSG BILL RICHARDS  
Platoon Sergeant

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Medal of Honor	Distinguished Service Cross	Distinguished Service Medal
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Silver Star	Legion on Merit	Distinguished Flying Cross	Soldiers Medal
Bronze Star Medal	Meritorious Service Medal	Air Medal	Joint Services Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal	Army Achievement Medal	Purple Heart	Good Conduct Medal
American Campaign Medal	WW II Campaign Medals	WW II Victory Medal	Army Occup. Medal
Medal Humane Action	National Defense Medal	Korean Service Medal	Antarctica Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal	Vietnam Service Medal	Humanitarian Service Medal	Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Army Reserve Component Achiev	NCO Academy Ribbon	Army Service Ribbon	Overseas Service Ribbon
Philippine Service Medal	Foreign Decorations	United Nations Service Medal	RVN Campaign Medal

Ohio Cross	Ohio Distinguished Service	Ohio Commendation Medal	Ohio Faithful Service Ribbon
Ohio Special Service Ribbon	Award of Merit	Ohio National Guard Basic Training Ribbon	Recruiter Achievement Ribbon

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Each row of ribbons will be worn 1/8 inch from the top of the left breast pocket.

Combat badges will be worn above row of ribbons with special badges on pocket flap. If indiv has no combat badges then special skill badges will be worn above ribbons.

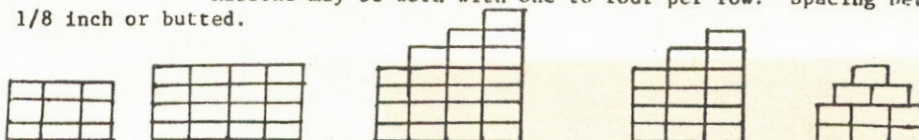
US decorations will be worn in orders of precedence from the wearers right to left. The highest decoration will take precedence.

Occupation Ribbons will be worn in order awarded. Black portion to wearers right.

When wearing the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Blue will be the wearers right.

Ribbons may be worn in block or pyramin style.

Ribbons may be worn with one to four per row. Spacing between rows will be 1/8 inch or butted.



Examples of how ribbons can be worn