

The Guard Post

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION · 1299 VIRGINIA AVENUE · COLUMBUS, OHIO 43212



From the President

COL Dana McDaniel · On behalf of the Board and staff of the ONGA, I hope that all of our members had a happy and safe holiday season. As each of us reflect on the many great accomplishments of calendar year 2008, we are also mindful of all the new and exciting challenges of 2009. Let me bring you up to date:

Legislative agenda. I want to thank Loren Oliver for agreeing to lead our Legislative Task Force. As everyone knows, the political make up at both Federal and State levels is undergoing significant change. At the State level our Task Force is assessing this change and developing plans regarding our legislative breakfast and legislative agenda. In regards to legislative efforts at the Federal level, I encourage everyone to closely monitor NGAUS legislative activity at www.ngaus.org.

Key issues at the Federal level will include: Joint Cargo Aircraft; TRICARE revisions; National Guard Empowerment Act "II"; quality of life initiatives for Guard/Reserve members and earlier receipt of retirement pay. I encourage you to weigh-in on these very important issues. Also, please monitor our website www.ohionga.org. As both the State and Federal legislatures return to session, we will update you on their activities.

Winter Dinner Dance. I invite each of you to attend our Winter Dinner Dance on February 28th at the Villa Milano in Columbus. This will be on the same weekend as the Commander's Conference. We will have as our Guest Lt. Gen. Craig McKinely, Chief, NGB, and will be recognizing Congressman Hobson and honoring MG (ret) Briscoe, our 2008 Hall of Fame inductee.

Conferences. Thanks to all those who attended the NGAUS conference in Baltimore. A great time was had by all. A special thanks to our junior officers who attended for the first time. I think they were pleasantly surprised by the quality of speakers and events (see the November issue of the *National Guard* for a rundown). Next year's NGAUS conference will be held in Nashville, September 11-13 — put it on your calendar and plan to attend! Our State conference will return to the Fawcett Center at The Ohio State University and will be held on April 25-26. As a side event, you can enjoy the Buckeye football team's Spring Game.

Membership. I want to congratulate all of you for achieving 100% mem-

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Unit Rep Meetings

1830 hours

15 January 2009 19 March 2009

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1700 hours

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TBA, Rife Center, Columbus

131st NGAUS Conference

11-13 September 2009, Nashville

NGEDA Conference

26-29 January 2009, Nashville

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28 February 2009

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ONGA State Conference

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View From the Air

Col. (ret) Joe Carr · 17 October, 2008 was a significant date for me. I was finally able to see the results of more than three years of effort. The book documenting the history of Lockbourne-Rickenbacker AFB/ANGB/IAP was finally in print and I received one of the first copies available.

In 2005, I learned that someone was planning to write a book about the base where I had served nearly 30 years of my military career. Several weeks later I was contacted by the author, Robert M. Stroup II, who asked if I could provide him with some assistance in his research. I was more than happy to help, and I spent a number of days going through files at the base, digging out photographs and material from my personal records and providing historical and background information on the Air Force and National Guard. Throughout the process I was impressed with Rob's persistence, dedication to historical accuracy and determination to produce the best book possible. His research took him to the archives of the National Air and Space Museum, The Museum of the U.S. Air Force, The Ohio Historical Society, newspapers, libraries and individual collections. I am indeed pleased with the result, a striking, high quality, 152 page hard-bound book of historical text and photographs suitable for anyone's library or coffee table. It is appropriately titled "*Crossroads of Liberty*."

I was truly amazed at the volume of significant history documented by this book which spans 65 years from the building of the base in 1942 to the present decade up to 2007. It summarizes the distinct eras of base activities in sequence: The initial Glider training, major B-17 activity and the Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII; the segregated 477th Composite Group and the initial Air National Guard presence in the post-war years; nearly forgotten Korean War and Air Defense Command activities and the Strategic Air Command's primacy in the 1950's and 1960's; Tactical Air Command missions during the Vietnam era and the transition to an Air National Guard base and an international airport; Air Guard and Reserve accomplishments of the 1980's, the Gulf War and modernization of the 1990's, and finally the multi-service character of the base in the 21st Century and the Global War on Terrorism. It also includes a brief chapter summarizing the life of Eddie Rickenbacker and it concludes with a touching tribute to the fallen Marines of Lima Company.

What Rob Stroup has done with this book is to preserve a great period of history and make it accessible to a new population of readers. I consider it a true privilege that I was able to assist. Those with an interest in aviation, the military or anyone who served at the base through the years would certainly enjoy the book, but I really hope it will reach a wider population and contribute to a better understanding and appreciation of our military history, and the unique place of Central Ohio in that history. If I may close with a bit of a sales pitch, the book is now available at Motts Military Museum in Groveport, Ohio, and will be at other retail outlets soon. More information can be found at www.crossroadsofliberty.com. Check it out. I don't believe you will be disappointed.

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bership for 2008. Thanks to everyone for emphasizing the importance of membership. Achieving 100% membership this year enables ONGA to receive a \$17,000 refund from NGAUS which will significantly help our financial position. We have already sent out dues notices for 2009 and hope that everyone will begin their collection efforts as early as possible. We would like to receive as many dues as possible by June 1, 2009.

Paypal. We have entered into a contract with PayPal and are working to place this on our website. Paypal will enable our members to pay dues, conference fees and Winter Dinner Dance fees directly on line in a more convenient manner.

Unit Reps. I want to thank the many Unit Reps who have attended the last two meetings. They are providing valuable input (i.e., PayPal) to ONGA and are making a great effort to explain the value of ONGA and NGAUS to our members. I encourage units to continue sending their Reps to this meeting so we can give them the latest and greatest info to pass along.

I want to encourage all our members to get involved. Feel free to attend any Board of Trustees, Unit Rep and Legislative Task Force meetings — all are welcome! Please contact us with any ideas and/or suggestions you may have. Thanks to each of our members and your families for your service and again hoped that you enjoyed the holidays!

Membership Reminder

The accompanying dues schedule lists the annual membership dues for both associations. The dues for other categories of membership are as follows:

ONGA Associate Member – \$10.00 for 2008
 Retired Member – \$15.00 for 2008
 Life member – \$250.00 (one-time)

NGAUS Active Life Member – \$1,000.00 (one-time, or four \$250.00 payments over two years)
 Retired Life Member – \$125.00 (one time)
 Retired Annual Member – \$45.00 (annually)

2009 Annual Dues

Special provisions apply for officers newly appointed outside the dues collection period. ONGA annual dues for those appointed after 1 July are waived until the next annual dues period (October). NGAUS provides a one-time, annual membership to any officer, regardless of rank, upon their initial appointment to the National Guard.

Rank	NGAUS	ONGA	Totals
0-1	\$ 30.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 45.00
0-2	45.00	15.00	60.00
0-3	59.00	17.00	76.00
0-4	72.00	20.00	92.00
0-5	85.00	22.00	107.00
0-6	108.00	24.00	132.00
0-7	123.00	25.00	148.00
0-8	139.00	25.00	164.00
0-9	153.00	25.00	178.00
WO-1	26.00	15.00	41.00
CW-2	35.00	15.00	50.00
CW-3	46.00	17.00	63.00
CW-4	59.00	20.00	79.00
CW-5	73.00	20.00	93.00



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If you are retired and wish to continue receiving the Buckeye Guard, a written request must be sent to the State Public Affairs Office. Addresses are not automatically transferred from the SIDPERS mailing list.

Send your requests to

State Public Affairs Office
 Retiree Mailing List
 2825 W. Dublin Granville Rd.
 Columbus, Ohio 43235-2789

Taps



Lt. Col. John Calvin

LTC Charles Fassinger

LTC Frank Ladd

cw4 Gordon J. Kinney

Brown Boots Scoop

COL (ret) Terry Darymple · Many of today's retirees have served in combat zones and know well the sacrifice they and their friends have made in defense of country. That legacy continues in the Global War on Terrorism. The deployments and the harsh reality of war visit another generation of Ohio soldiers. The civil war set the standard of service by Ohioans. The most important military leaders of that conflict were Ohioans: Major William McKinley (future president, Poland, Ohio), Colonel Rutherford B. Hayes (future president, Fremont), Generals McClellan (Cincinnati), Sheridan (Somerset), Sherman (Lancaster), and Grant (future president, Point Pleasant). Other non-military Ohioans also influenced events, including John Brown, whose family moved to Hudson when he was five. His attack on the arsenal at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia was a flash point, as was Harriet Beecher Stowe's book "Uncle Tom's Cabin" written in Cincinnati. Ohio's contribution became so obvious that one historian has written a book, "Blood, Tears and Glory — How Ohioans Won the Civil War" (Wilmington, 2007).

Those Ohio soldiers rose to leadership because military leadership was not in place at the beginning of the war. Military leadership was in place at the beginning of the current war but they lacked insight into the nature of war in the twenty-first century. The Army was ill equipped for the type of ground war it encountered in Iraq. When the Cold War ended in the early nineties, futurists predicted there would be no more major ground wars, as were seen in the world wars of the twentieth century. Future wars would be brush fire wars fought at squad level. They were right. Although there was movement toward smaller armored units with the development of Stryker Brigades, far more was needed. Especially troublesome was the deployment of unarmored Humvees. They were easy targets for Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) and even small arms fire. In the early days of the war troops scrounged scrap metal and attempted to armor their vehicles. Thanks to Ohioans, delivery of armored vehicles has greatly improved since the. Several decades have passed since a company named Hess began armoring civilian vehicles in Blue Ash. Their customers were the kings and potentates of the Middle East and other dangerous areas of the world. They began with a standard production vehicle, disassembled it and added bullet proof armor throughout the body and bullet proof glass.

Their success attracted the attention of other companies. The company had several names as it grew and was bought and sold. It relocated to a larger facility in Fairfield and is currently owned by BAE, a combination of British Aerospace and Marconi Electronic Systems. A recent tour of the plant confirmed the dedication of those who assemble the armored vehicles. The unarmored body of the current version of armored vehicles, called MRAP for Mine Resistant Armored Protected, arrives from another plant. Up-armoring includes bullet proof and explosion proof materials installed in the bodies and windows. The plant operates 24 hours a day, producing 14 vehicles per day. The tour guide pointed out several employees who are ONGA members and other reserve services. He had been employed by the company for over ten years and described his two tours as a civilian technician up-armoring Humvees in Iraq. He said it was "a lot of fun." At first his comment appeared to be cynical. How could anyone have fun in that place? He was serious. He did enjoy serving the troops. His work protected them and ended the practice of scrounging for scrap metal. His pride in his company and its mission became obvious. Several observations were memorable. One was the flags suspended over the production line representing each branch of the armed services. The Army flag was prominently displayed. The other was the glass shop. It looked more like a bakery. Everyone was dressed in white, with heads covered. The large room was sealed to prevent intrusion of contaminants. The windows on an MRAP are four and a half inches thick. They are not one piece of glass, rather layer after layer of glass and plastic that slows a projectile and captures it with elastic polymer material between the glass layers. It is all high tech and secret. The Department of Defense sets the standards and the company designs to meet those specifications. Several companies armor the MRAP but the designs they use are different.

One other poignant reminder of Ohioan service to country was on display at the Camp Perry retiree reunion in September. It was a display of textile stars sewn by a lady from Sandusky. Over two hundred stars were on display, one for every Ohioan lost in the current war. This dramatic reminder of the cost of war and the service of young Ohioans, both military and civilian, instills reverence and pride in our fellow citizens and in our great state.

ONGA congratulates the 251st CCG, Springfield, Ohio, for being selected as

2007 NGAUS Outstanding Mission Support Unit



Above, first time attendees with Col McDaniel, ONGA President and MG Wayt, AG Ohio.

Left, enjoying the All States Dinner.

Far left, Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, Army Guard Director, addresses a professional development session.

Below left, Governor's Night at Ft. McHenry.

Below, members of the Ohio delegation.

Photos courtesy of CPT F. Garcia.



Plan ahead and join us for the 2009 and 2010 NGAUS conferences!

131st NGAUS General Conference
Nashville, Tennessee
September 11-13, 2009

132nd NGAUS General Conference
Austin, Texas
August 21-23, 2010

Columbus, Ohio

2009 ONGA Officers Conference

Friday 24 April

What Mixer

Where The Fawcett Center
The Ohio State University
2400 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, Ohio 43210

When 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Cost \$10.00

Saturday 25 April

What ONGA Business Meeting,
Football Tailgate Party and
OSU Buckeye Spring Football Game

Where The Fawcett Center
The Ohio State University
2400 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, Ohio 43210

When 7:00 am – 8:00 am, Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 11:00 am, Business Meeting
11:30 am, Football Tailgate Party
1:30 pm, OSU Buckeye Spring Game

Cost Company Grade attendee and guests \$15.00 each
Field Grade attendee and guests \$25.00 each
(Cost includes Breakfast, Tailgate and Game ticket)

Attire Business Casual – Show your OSU colors

Officers Conference Registration Form

Name/Rank _____

_____ # to attend Friday's member's mixer x \$10.00 _____

_____ # to attend Saturday's events x \$15/\$25.00 _____

RSVP no later than 6 April 2009

Make checks payable to:

Ohio National Guard Association

or go online to www.ohionga.org to register
and pay through our online Paypal account.

Total _____

Forward RSVP with Check to:

ONGA, P.O. Box 8070
Columbus, Ohio 43201



ONGA Conference — Leadership Nominations

In accordance with Article V. ONGA Constitution and Section 4, ONGA by-Laws, the ONGA Nominating Committee is seeking the nomination(s) of candidates to fill the following positions:

President (1 year)

First Vice President (1 year)

Second Vice President (1 year)

Treasurer (1 year)

Trustee at Large – Air (Field Grade) (2 years)

Trustee Retired – Army (2 years) (*Elected by Retired Caucus at Conference*)

Trustee Company Grade

Please forward names, addresses, unit of assignment and telephone numbers of interested and qualified members of the Association for nomination to the above listed positions to: ONGA Nominating Committee, 1299 Virginia Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43212.

Deadline for nominations is March 30, 2009. Nomination from the floor or write-in votes is appropriate during the election proceedings at the State Conference.

ONGA Conference — Call for Resolutions

Members of the Association, Units, or other interest groups may submit subjects for consideration as resolutions for the ONGA State Conference. These submissions should be forwarded to the Association office, 1299 Virginia Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43212, by March 10, 2009.

These resolutions form the basis for your association's work with military and political entities for the coming year. This is an opportunity to present your view on important Guard issues. Once adopted by the Association, a resolution is forwarded to the addressees and to NGAUS for consideration for inclusion in the national resolutions process.

Proposed resolutions should be submitted to the ONGA Resolutions Committee at the above address or sent by email to ongakoper@prodigy.net. Subject matter experts will staff the suggested resolutions to confirm appropriate background information, language, and format. The final drafts will be presented to the membership for approval at the state conference 24–25 April 2009.

Resolutions may be in the form of a letter, note or other written material that gives the background on the subject of concern and offers recommendations for improvement. The name(s) of the sponsor(s) should be included.

Miniature Medals

Ohio Miniature Medals Available

A number of years ago, the Ohio National Guard Association purchased dies for the manufacture of miniature medals awarded by the State of Ohio to Ohio Guardsmen and women. These miniature medals are available for purchase from the association as indicated below:

\$ 6.00 The Ohio Faithful Service Award

5.00 The Ohio Distinguished Service Medal

4.00 The Ohio Commendation Medal

Medal prices do not include shipping. Shipping costs are quoted upon placement of order.

These miniature medals are an outstanding addition to your mess jacket. Contact cw3 Luaine Kirkpatrick (ret) at 614-890-5417 to order your state medals or for further information.

Assist Our Scholarship Fund

Display Your Coins Proudly

The association is offering these handcrafted coin display racks for sale. These solid oak racks, measuring 5½" x 10", are satin honey in color and will hold approximately 30 coins. They are priced at \$15.00 each, plus shipping if pickup is not possible. All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund. Contact either BG (ret) Lawson at ongakoper@prodigy.net, or call 614-486-4186, ext 43.





The 2009

Ohio National Guard Association's

Winter Dinner Dance

**Welcome! Active & Retired Officers,
Warrant Officers, and their guests**

*Please join the association in extending a
warm welcome to our distinguished guests,*

**General Craig McKinley
National Guard Bureau Chief**

**Congressman (ret) David L. Hobson
Ohio Representative
7th Congressional District**

**Mr. Nick Briscoe
Son of our 2008 Hall of Fame inductee
Major General Earl Briscoe.**

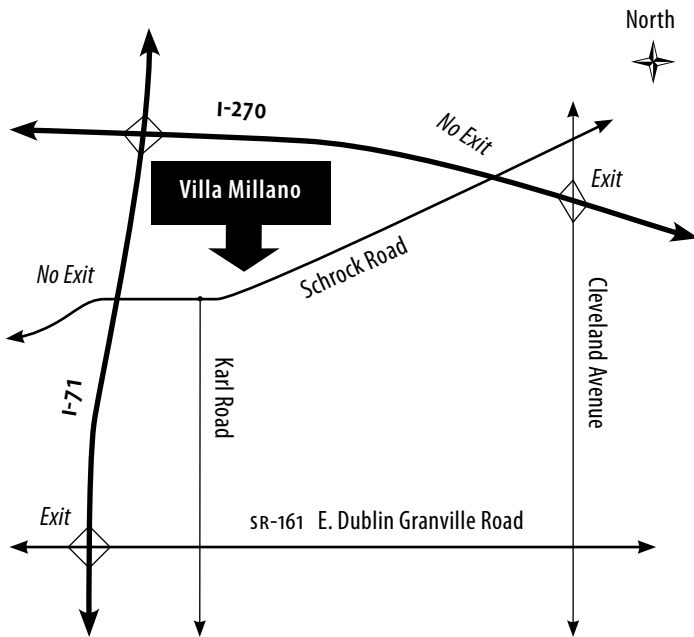
**28 February 2009
at the Villa Milano,
Columbus, Ohio**

**6:00 pm Hors D'oeuvres & Cash Bars
7:00 pm Dinner & Entertainment
8:30 pm Dancing**

Please fill out and return the *ONGA Winter Dinner Dance* RSVP form before 16 February 2009 to reserve your seat or unit/group table. Group table reservations can only be made in advance or go online to www.ohionga.org to register and pay through our online Paypal account.

Questions can be directed to,
cw5 James Markley, Winter Dinner Dance Chairman
614-336-6618

2009 ONGA Winter Dinner Dance Registration Form



Directions

Villa Milano is one mile west of Cleveland Avenue and just east of Karl Road at 1630 Schrock Road. 614-882-2058.

From I-270 exit at Cleveland Avenue North; Schrock Road is the first intersection; turn left (west bound) at Schrock; approximately one mile Villa Milano will be on the right (north) side of Schrock Road.

From I-71 exit at SR 161 East; turn left (east bound) onto 161; about one mile turn left (north) onto Karl Road (residential area); Karl Road dead ends into Schrock Road; turn right onto Schrock Road; Villa Milano is on the left (north) side of Schrock Road, only about 1/4 mile from the Karl Road intersection.

Hotels within 2 miles

Marriott 614-885-1885

Quality Inn 614-431-0208

Holiday Inn Express 614-885-4334

Ramada Limited 614-846-9070

Embassy Suites 614-882-2058.

Name _____

Rank _____

Unit _____

Phone _____

Guest _____

Meal Selection

Special dietary needs? Call Tina, 614-882-2058

	Cost Per Person		
	Filet Mignon	Lasagna	Fish
Senior officer 0-4, CW4 & above	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Senior officer guest 0-4, CW4 & above	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Junior officer/guest 0-3, CW3 & below	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

Total \$ _____

Register and pay online: www.ohionga.org

Or make check payable to ONGA and mail your check and this form to arrive no later than 16 February 2009 to:

The Ohio National Guard Assn.
P.O. Box 8070
Columbus, Ohio 43201

Questions? Please call CW5 James Markley
614-336-6618

Voucher # _____

Seating will be setup by unit. Table reservations will not be necessary

New GI Bill Overview

The new GI Bill (Chapter 33) or so called "Post 9/11 GI Bill" provides the most comprehensive education benefits package since the original GI bill. The bill is scheduled to go into effect on August 1, 2009, however, it could take some time before the VA begins paying benefits. Benefits will not be paid for any training or education programs completed before July 31, 2009. The new bill's eligibility requirement is that the individual served at least 90 days on active duty in the Armed Forces since September 11, 2001. The amount of benefits awarded will be determined by the actual amount of accumulated post 9/11 service.

This new GI Bill will provide up to 100% of an individual's tuition, based on state of residence, number of units taken, and amount of post September 11, 2001 active-duty service. Should an individual attend less than full-time, then they would receive a portion of the payment based on the number of units of study. Another added feature is that the tuition will be paid directly to the school and not to the indi-

vidual. Eligible students will also be paid a monthly housing stipend and a lump sum payment the first month of each school term for books, supplies, equipment, and other educational fees for that academic term.

For more in depth information, go online to:

<http://education.military.com/money-for-school/gi-bill/new-gi-bill-overview>

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Premiums Reduction for TRICARE Reserve Select

TRICARE has announced that effective 1 January 2009; the monthly premiums for TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) will be reduced for individual coverage by 44% from \$81.00 to \$47.51, and TRS Family coverage will drop 29% from \$253.00 to \$180.17.

TRS is a premium-based health plan for National Guard and Reserve personnel available for purchase by members of the Selective Reserve who are not eligible for or enrolled in Federal Employee Health Benefit plans. This program provides a health plan option to members of the Selective Reserve and their families when they are not on active duty status. TRS plan delivers coverage similar to TRICARE Standard and Extra to eligible members who purchase the coverage and pay monthly premiums. TRS also features continuously open enrollment. For more information about TRS visit the TRICARE web site at <http://www.tricare.mil>.

If you are interested in qualifying for and purchasing TRS, log on to <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/trs/> and click on the "TRICARE Reserve Select" box. It's a great benefit to purchase low cost health care.

TRICARE Reserve and Guard Family Benefit Now Permanent

Eligible families of activated National Guard and Reserve members will continue to save up to \$300 in annual deductibles now that TRICARE has made that benefit permanent. While the benefit waiving annual deductibles has been available for the past seven years, it has been a demonstration project. Because this demonstration worked well, it was decided to make the benefit permanent. Another feature of the regulation is provisions that make it easier for Guard and Reserve members to continue to see their family physicians by potentially increasing the amount that can be paid to out-of-network health care providers.

Since eligibility for TRICARE benefits is determined by the services, to ensure family members are eligible for the TRICARE Reserve Family Benefit, activated Guard and Reserve members should visit their local military ID card issuing facility and update their information in the Defense Enrolment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

Increased Coverage, Low Rates

The ONGA/ONGEA State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) program recently added programs to increase coverage of \$100,000 to \$250,000 for guardmembers and their spouses. Term insurance for children was also increased to a maximum of \$20,000 per child.

The standard SSLI program, which is still available, provides coverage of \$10,000 to \$50,000 on guardmembers; \$5,000 to \$25,000 on spouses; and \$5,000 to \$10,000 on dependents. Eligibility for the new, higher coverage plans requires minimum coverage in the standard SSLI program.

Level to Age 50 Plan is for guardmembers and spouses age 18–49. Level to Age 50 means the monthly rate you start paying today, although not guaranteed, is designed to remain the same until you reach age 50. Plans are available for \$100,000, \$150,000, \$200,000 and \$250,000. Though gender is not a factor, the monthly cost of coverage is determined by age group and whether the individual is a smoker or non-smoker. Rates also vary between guardmember and spouse.

Lean-15 Plan is for guardmembers and their spouses aged 45–64. Plans are available for \$100,000, \$150,000 and \$200,000. Monthly premiums are set upon initiation of plan, based on specific age, gender and whether the individual is a smoker or non-smoker; rate charts are the same for guardmember and spouse. Coverage will remain intact for 15 years after the guardmember turns 65, as long as the program is initiated by age 64.

Children's Coverage has monthly premiums that run \$1.50 per unit, with a maximum of four units available to members insured under the *Level to Age 50 Plan*. Each unit covers all eligible dependent children ages 14 days through 22 years.

What's the Advantage?

The SSLI program was created to supplement the Service-men's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program, which automatically enrolls guardmembers for \$400,000 coverage and spouses for \$100,000 coverage, unless declined or a lesser amount chosen.

One of the biggest benefits of the SSLI program is that the beneficiary receives a check within 24 hours of notification of death, while SGLI could take six weeks to four months to respond.

In addition, SSLI provides coverage for guardmembers and spouses even after the member leaves drill status. With SGLI, when members leave or retire from the Guard, policies must be converted to Veterans Group Life Insurance (VGLI) and no term coverage is offered to spouses at all.

SSLI also continues to offer \$1,000 free coverage to all members of the Guard, and payments for optional coverage may be automatically deducted from drill pay.

How to Apply

To request enrollment forms or to find out more about coverage options, please contact ONGA/ONGEA Insurance Administrator cw4 (ret) Jerry Wilson at 800-642-6642.

Monthly Premium Rates

Member or Spouse Plan • ages 18–49

Coverage	Non-Smoker	Smoker
\$100,000	7.00	14.00
150,000	10.00	20.00
200,000	13.00	26.00
250,000	\$ 16.00	\$ 32.00

Lean - 15 Plan

	Age	Male-NS	Male-S	Female-NS	Female-S
\$100,000	45	\$ 21.33	\$ 46.17	\$ 16.92	\$ 33.50
	57	56.58	124.67	36.83	75.83
\$150,000	45	32.00	69.25	25.38	50.25
	57	84.88	187.00	55.25	113.75
\$200,000	45	42.67	92.33	33.83	67.00
	57	113.17	249.33	73.67	151.67

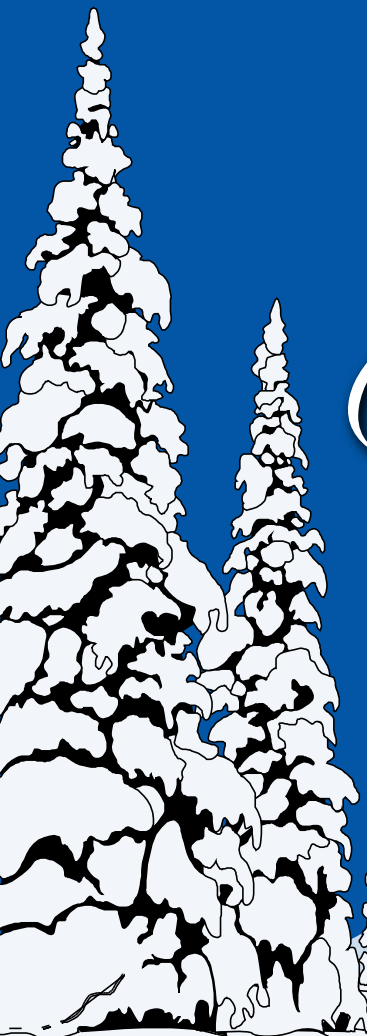
The plan is available only to National Guard Members and their spouses ages 18–49.

NS = Non-smoker; S = Smoker. A smoker is defined to mean any nicotine usage in any form over the past 24 months. This includes tobacco, as well as nicotine patches, inhalers and gum.

Children's Plan

Child's current age	Coverage/\$1.50 unit monthly
14 days – 6 months	\$ 1,000.00 per child
6 months – 2 years	2,000.00
2 years – 3 years	4,000.00
3 years – 22 years	5,000.00

Premium rates may be changed on the policy anniversary or on any date benefits are changed.



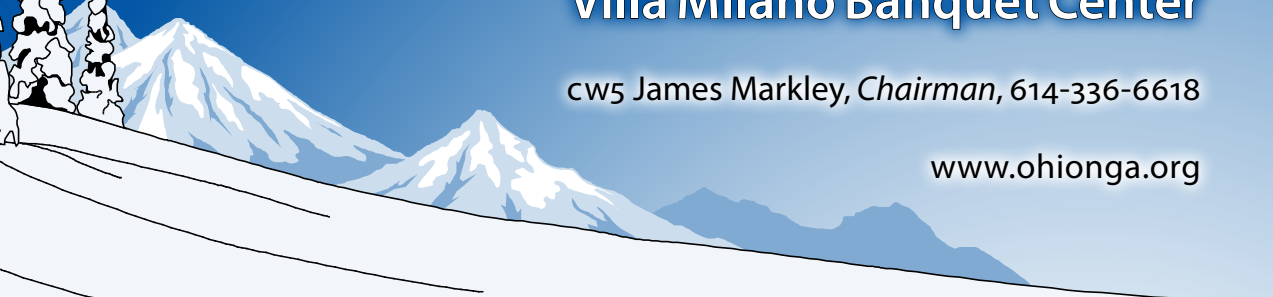
2009 Winter Dinner Dance

Saturday, 28 February

Villa Milano Banquet Center

cw5 James Markley, *Chairman*, 614-336-6618

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