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1LT Victor Clough 1st Platoon Leader A Company, gives instructions to **SPC David Dunbrook** of HHC while team members await orders to move out. **SPC Dunbrook** was acting as the search and rescue (SAR) team leader during CERT exercises at the Green Road armory in Highland Hills near Cleveland. **1LT Clough** was acting Incident Commander (ICS) within the scenario.

As the devastating news of the Haitian earthquake was fresh on the minds of members of HHC and Alpha Company 1st Battalion, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training commenced at the Green Road armory. The January drill was the second phase of the CERT training and combined all elements of a realistic scenario and tested soldiers on the skills needed to become CERT qualified. CERT qualification has been designated as a Critical Mission Essential Task for the battalion. To fully realize the enormity of a disaster if mobilized, Ohio Military Reservists attention was directed to the Haiti situation and the challenge of establishing shelter and points of distribution for critical resources. Mass casualty and resource management is the primary mission of the Ohio Military Reserve as defined under ESF #6 and #7 authorized by the Adjutant

General in accordance with the State of Ohio's Emergency Operations Plan. Points of distribution (PODS) of critical resources can easily turn to chaos if not managed with skilled and trained personnel. 1st Battalion soldiers were given the opportunity to react to a mock call up to a tornado disaster and quickly deployed to the disaster location. A command post and communications center were established as personal gear and equipment was accounted for. Soon the radios were flooded with requests for assistance. Incident Commanders had to adapt quickly and carefully to dispatch teams to various hot spots throughout the exercise. One unique scenario was the search and rescue (SAR) mission being conducted on various floors of the armory. Casualties were placed in the darkened facility and teams were dispatched to locate, render aid and report. Command post personnel were assigned duties including Communications, operations, logistics and safety. Enlisted soldiers mingled with officers as key positions were assigned based on the individual's expertise, not necessarily rank or position within the battalion; a command and control technique used by FEMA and State Emergency Management Agencies. Co-mingling military and civilian safety forces command structure is perhaps the greatest challenge to overcome in order to ensure a successful and effective operation in the event of a disaster. The CERT training exercise allowed soldiers to overcome those challenges.

SPC David Dunbrook of Medina, a member of HHC 1st CS BN leads his SAR team through a darkened stairwell in search of victims during CERT training in January.



People & Places in the News

Soldiers Earn MEMS Badge by PFC Tim Gates HHC UPAR

Congratulations to **CPL Robert Braff** and **SPC Brett Adamik** of HHC on completing their MEMS training requirements. MEMS Training develops important skills that soldiers will need to accomplish the wide variety of missions OHMR may be called to do. This training includes self paced FEMA training, Community Response Team (CERT), and American Red Cross Training. This training is in addition to the required military training (BELT) all OHMR soldiers must complete. Military Emergency Management Specialist training requires a dedicated effort to complete in a timely manner. All soldiers in the Battalion are strongly encouraged to complete their own MEMS training as soon as possible. **CPL Braff** is assigned as a Logistics NCO with HHC and **SPC Adamik** is assigned as an Administrative Specialist with HHC.



HHC Wishes Soldier Well by PFC Tim Gates HHC UPAR

The Officers and Enlisted personnel of the 1st Civil Support Battalion would like to extend their best wishes to **Staff Sergeant Karen Matter**. **SSG Matter** will be undergoing knee replacement surgery at Cleveland Clinic in the very near future. Due to the nature of this complex surgery, Sergeant Matter has resigned her position. She expects to return to her OHMR duties between 18 to 24 months. As her health permits, she will be acting as an Information Technology Specialist for the unit until her return to full duty. As Senior Administration Personnel Clerk in HHC 1st BN, **SSG Matter** is a highly trained soldier with skill levels in a wide variety of Emergency Service and Security disciplines. Her fellow Soldiers and the many OHMR Officers she worked with over the course of her nine years of active OHMR service will miss her.

Good luck, heal well and we all look forward to your speedy recovery and return to OHMR service!



SPC Charles Dietz takes the oath of enlistment from 1LT Chuck Defer Alpha Company Commander

Alpha Company Welcomes New Troops

Charles Dietz of Alliance joined 2nd Platoon A Company at the February drill at the Alliance Armory. **SPC Dietz** is a prior service United States Marine.

2LT Troy Brindack has been assigned as 2nd Platoon Leader Alpha Company 1st Civil Support Brigade. Welcome **"Alpha Dogs"!**



New 2/A/1 CS BN
Platoon Leader
2LT Troy Brindack



2LT Bruce Milliken, A Co Executive Officer, mans the OHMR recruiting booth at the Tri-County Outdoors Sportshow in Alliance in February



Winter BELT class commenced in February with 1st BN soldiers **PVT David Everett**, **PV2 Brandon Drabek** and **PVT Daniel Kiser**. The soldiers completed their RED weekend February 28 at the Medina Armory with members of the 2nd BN. Get some rest guys and GOOD LUCK! Photo by 1LT Charles Defer

BENEFIT INFORMATION

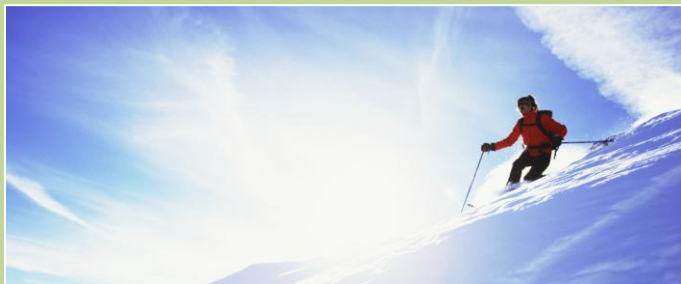
*It Pay's To Be A Member of the
Ohio Military Reserve*

Lowe's Expands Military Discount

Home improvement retailer Lowe's has expanded its 10 percent military discount to all day, everyday, throughout 2010 for active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retired, and disabled service members, and their families, company officials announced Wednesday. Those who want to receive the discount must present a **valid military ID card**. All other military veterans will receive the 10 percent discount on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day. The discount is available on in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000. It cannot be used for online sales, previous sales, or on sales of services or gift cards.

Brandywine/Boston Mills Ski Military Discount

Ohio Military Reservists are already enjoying the benefit of \$10. Ski packages and discounts on equipment rentals at Brandywine and Boston Mills Ski Resort. This discount applies to Military ID Card holders or Orders that state you are a current member of the OHMR. The discount is for **your pass only** and does not apply for gift cards or paying admission for someone else. Have Fun!



Ohio Military Reserve Meet With Guard Counterparts at Joint Force HQ

1SG Gary Kiser



Photos by SGT Sean Mathis JFHQ Public Affairs

1st Civil Support BN **CSM Larry Fitzgerald** meets with **MAJ Kevin Ream** Executive Officer of the Ohio National Guard 371st Special Troops BN at Joint Force HQ in Columbus.



COL John Fair and OHMR Commander **BG (OH) Charles Rowell** discuss State missions with **BG Jack Lee** at the Adjutant Generals Joint Commander and Senior NCO Call in February.



1st CSS BDE **CSM Ric Backos** and BDE G3 **Richard Iott** meet with their National Guard counterparts at the Joint Commanders and Senior NCO Call in Columbus.

BRING A FRIEND TO DRILL!

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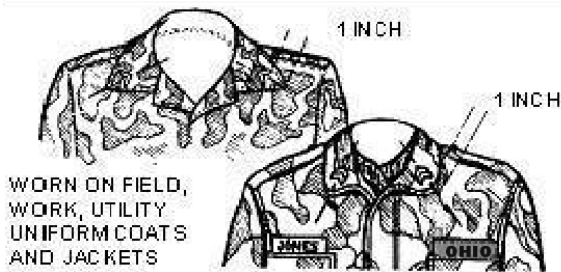
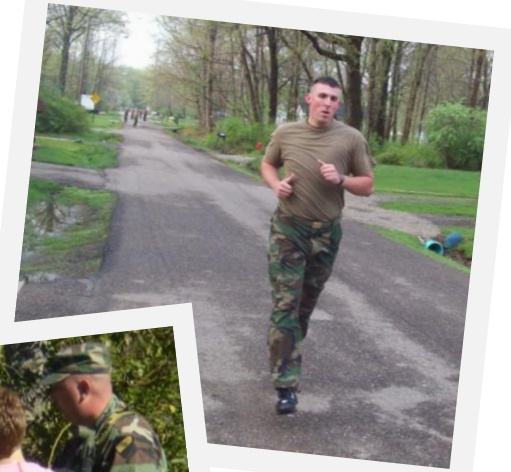
VALUABLE



Photo Gallery

Images of the **1st Civil Support Battalion/**
1st Civil Support & Sustainment Brigade

PV2 Malcom Salyers distances himself from the rest of 2nd PLT Company A during physical fitness training in Alliance last spring



Wear of the rank insignia on BDU



LOOK SHARP - STAY SHARP!

Reference OHMR 670-1

A supply of Gortex BDU field jackets is available for \$30 at the Battalion supply room. Please request size and order through your NCO chain of command



SPC Nadine Hurley and **CPL Bryce Kuhl** of A Company talk with a member of the media during an open house event. *CTT Task anyone?*

CPL Dan Keck lays out meals during food service operations at the Alliance armory dining facility



COL James Riddell pins **2LT Luis Vizcarrondo** during OCS graduation at AT 09 at Camp Perry

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