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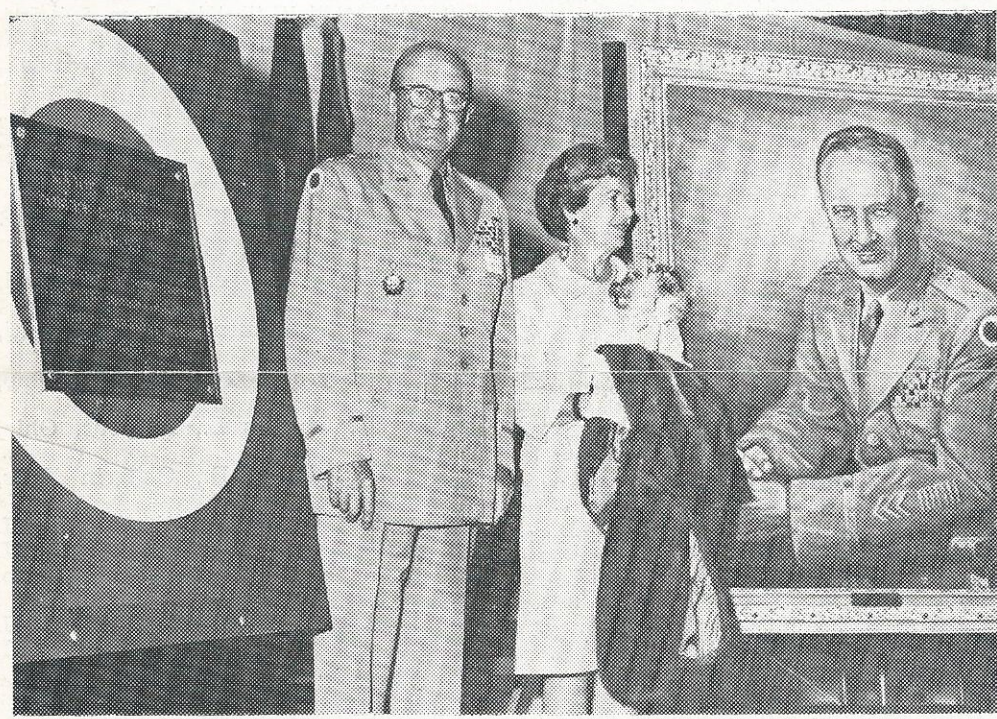
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DEDICATION OF THE ROBERT S. BEIGHTLER ARMORY

We wish each of you could have been present for the Dedication last November 11th, 1965, of the Major General Robert S. Beightler Armory, as were thousands of central Ohioans, along with Mrs. Wander, our children and myself.

It was a bright, sunny afternoon as the Adj. General of the State of Ohio, General Erwin Hostetler, presided over the occasion, assisted by Brig. General Minton, Brig. General Fricke, speakers, the Honorable John W. Bricker, famed comedian, Joe E. Brown, and many others. This dedication was planned to coincide with observance of Veterans Day, and the list of distinguished guests would compare favorably to a social gathering at the White House.

To me, the highlight of the afternoon was the unveiling of the portrait of our beloved General Beightler, by our As-

sociation Treasurer, Harold O. Roth. This portrait was painted by Ed. Dollriehs, WW II veteran, who served in Hqs. Btry., Div. Art., from Cincinnati, Ohio. This portrait will hang in the Armory and we wish to convey to Ed Dollriehs that he did a tremendous job on the painting, as it is a true likeness of our beloved General. Mr. Roth also presented Mr. Dollriehs with a Life Membership in the 37th Division Veterans Association for the painting of this portrait. And, as always, the lovely Mrs. Claire Beightler was by the side of our devoted and dedicated 37th Division General, Robert S. Beightler, whom many of us have grown to love throughout the years.

In conclusion, many of us talked with the distinguished guest, generals and all, and stood in line for autographs for our programs. It was truly a memorable day for me!

Jack C. Wander — Headquarters Office

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ours is a great Association. It has been built and maintained over the years by dedicated, patriotic men who have been proud of the 37th. Membership is a privilege, open only to those who have served in the 37th in time of war. Within our ranks, Generals and Privates meet on a common level to renew friendships, relive experiences and to keep alive in this Nation, the Spirit of the 37th.

Now, with our Country again faced with Crisis, it is increasingly important that organizations such as ours remain active. In the face of our TAPS list, we must work harder to maintain and increase our membership. This can be done. There are many 37th Veterans who are not yet members of our Association.

So far this year, we have made progress. Our members have been more prompt in paying their dues. Some who have never been members before have come into the fold. Outstanding work has been done by Executive Secretary Jack C. Wander and his wife, Doris, in expediting dues billings and in handling the work of the Headquarters office.

Several Chapters, spurred on by their hard-working officers and members, have come up with welcome membership increases. They have sponsored activities which have brought 37th people together. They are to be commended.

Other Chapters have not done so well. Some have membership potential which is not being tapped. Some have not renewed their members of prior years. But it still is not too late for every Chapter to come up with a creditable membership showing for 1966. What it takes is **WORK**.

My thanks go to all the hard workers who have done so much and to the many loyal members who have done their bit. Now — let every member sign up just **ONE** Buddy. Let's not falter at this point. Let's go on to make **1966 a BANNER YEAR**.

Herbert A. Lewis, President.

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