

The Kentucky GUARDSMAN

Number 28

Published by the National Guard Association of Kentucky

September 1975



STANDING GUARD—SFC Eschol E. Martin, of HHB, XXIII Corps Artillery, looks on as a workman repairs damage to a school bus window. More than 1,000 Army Guardsmen from the 198th MP Bn.; 207th Engr. Co.; 2nd Bn, 138th FA; HHB, XXIII CA; and 306th HEM Co. were activated following civil disturbances in Louisville in the wake of implementation of a school desegregation plan. Complete details and a photo feature on the activities will appear in the next edition of the GUARDSMAN. (Photo by Steve Mitchell, Ky. Dept. of Public Information)

Army Guard to get 3 units

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, has announced the allocation of three new units and 208 personnel spaces for the Kentucky Army National Guard.

The location of two of the new units hasn't yet been determined but, according to Col. Billy G. Wellman, the Army Guard's executive officer, senior officials hope to go into at least two new locations in the state.

A helicopter ambulance unit, the 470th

Medical Detachment, is scheduled for activation Oct. 1. It will have 51 authorized manpower spaces.

A light equipment maintenance company, with an authorized strength of 141, is set for activation Nov. 1, as is a medical detachment (dispensary). The medical unit, with a strength of 10, will be located in Louisville.

A revised manning document will bring the XXIII Corps Artillery six new spaces.

Ky. Association announces goals for legislation

The Executive Council of the National Guard Association of Kentucky has announced its legislative package to be presented to the 1976 Kentucky General Assembly.

Heading the list of proposals is a 50 per cent tuition cost assistance plan at state-supported colleges, universities or vocational schools. This would apply to Kentucky residents performing satisfactorily in the Guard and could be used toward basic degrees and skills programs. The applicants could not be eligible for Veterans Administration or other federal benefits.

Distinctive license plates for Guardsmen were also proposed. These would be sold at a one-time fee of \$25. Decals could be purchased annually for only the cost of county clerk fees.

The council also recommended additional protection for Guardsmen on state active duty. This proposal would provide legal representation and coverage for operating state or federal vehicles.

A \$100 annual service bonus was also recommended for enlisted members who reenlist for at least three years after completing the initial six-year tour of duty. This bonus would be paid at the end of the qualifying year's service.

Another proposed bill would exempt the first \$2,000 of Title III retirement pay from state tax.

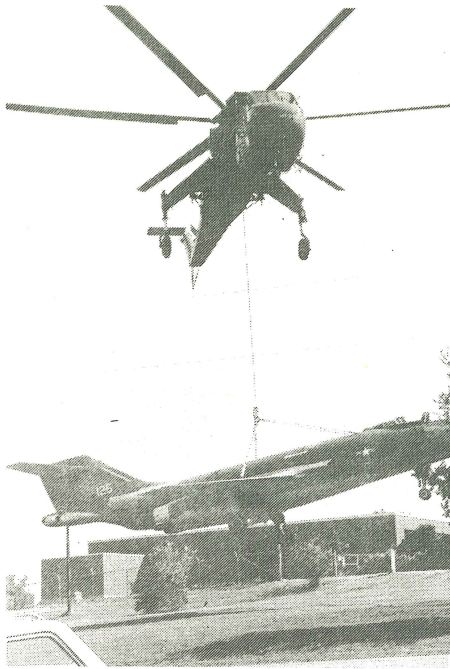
(see "Legislation" on page 3)

Twenty activated to help during water shortage

Nearly twenty Kentucky Army Guardsmen were called to state active duty Aug. 15 to help alleviate water shortage problems in Oldham County. The Guardsmen, who came from units in Frankfort, Lexington, Carrollton and Louisville, transported water in 450-gallon trailers operated by the Guard.

According to Carroll Reid, Oldham County's Civil Defense director, the water shortage was caused by failure of the area's water plant and several major breaks in water mains.

The Guardsmen remained on active duty until Aug. 18, when water service was restored.



HEAVY LOAD—A “sky crane” operated by the Alabama Army National Guard delivers an RF-101 to Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort for permanent display. The helicopter ferried the jet reconnaissance aircraft from the state fair, where the Kentucky Air Guard had displayed it, to its new home. (Photo by Tom Little)

Committees seek ideas for Association conference

Committees that are now planning for the annual National Guard Association of Kentucky conference, set for the first weekend in March, are soliciting suggestions to help improve that conference.

While announcing the committee members, Lt. Col. Joseph Craft, Association

441st pilots credited with helping save woman's life

Two pilots from the 441st Medical Detachment have been credited with helping save the life of a Lexington woman whose car had plunged into a reservoir about 9:30 p.m. Aug. 23.

Capt. Archie Stone and CW2 Ray Garrison were traveling on Richmond Road in Lexington when they saw the car sinking into about nine feet of water. Two other men had already begun to try to extract the woman, Jenevieve Young, from the car. All of the doors were locked, but one of the men was able to unlock a door through a partially-opened window.

The two Guardsmen helped bring the woman to the bank and Garrison applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Both men have received training in the Guard emergency medical course.

At press time, Mrs. Young was recovering in a Lexington hospital.

What's going on here? Editor gives explanation

By Tom Little

Observant readers are undoubtedly wondering what's going on with the GUARDSMAN these days. The size of the paper has changed a couple of times in the past few months and the quality of reproduction has varied greatly.

Rest well, troubled readers, for all is well these days. Until recently, the GUARDSMAN really didn't have a home. Printing was accomplished in a different manner nearly every month, simply because it was impossible to make plans when using commercial or donated facilities.

Now, however, the Department of Military Affairs has a printing facility and we can handle the entire production “in-house.” That also gives us much better quality control.

SFC Victor Refalo has been printing the GUARDSMAN since February and, considering the equipment and materials he's had to work with, he's done a fine job.

The new equipment does necessitate one change. We have had to return to the smaller paper, which forces us to be more selective in the material we run. Units that retain copies in files can now be assured of a uniform size, however.

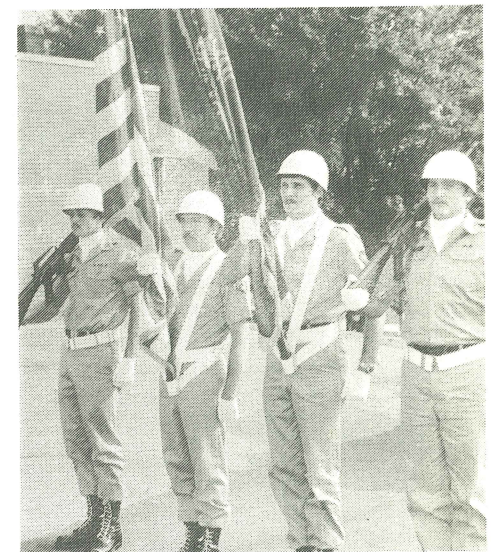
We also hope to improve the scope of

the paper's content in coming months. We're well aware that most of the information now comes out of Frankfort. That's necessary to a degree, but we do want to cover the activities of units throughout the state as well.

We're interested in the information you have. Don't hesitate to call or write if you have a story. We really are interested. We're also interested in good photos. We can't use color, though, and we prefer 5X7 prints.

Have you got a question about the Guard? Let us know if you do, and we'll do all we can to get an answer. Items of general interest will be printed (without your name, if you prefer).

In short, this is your newspaper and we hope you'll use it. A lot of people read it and it's an excellent means of telling people what you're doing. Don't hesitate to do so.



ON PARADE—Members of Company B, 1st Battalion, 149th Mechanized Infantry in London provide the color guard for the annual Laurel County homecoming parade. The Guard also provided a Jeep, a “gamma goat” and an armored personnel carrier. Color guard participants, from left, are: SP4 Paul Hampton, SP5 John Noe, SP4 Willie Johnson, and SP5 Bunchie Cupp. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Scotty McFadden)

THE KENTUCKY GUARDSMAN
is published for
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF KENTUCKY
for distribution to all Kentucky National Guardsmen
by the
NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF KENTUCKY
Boone National Guard Center
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

President.....Lt. Col. Joseph R. Craft
VP, Army.....Capt. Harold K. Logsdon
VP, Air; Chmn., Public Relations.....Maj. Jack M. Crowner
Secretary-Treasurer.....Maj. Charles E. Hillard, Jr.
Executive Director.....Lt. Col. Jerry W. Heaton
Advisor.....Maj. Bob C. Whitaker
Editor.....Thomas E. Little
Staff.....133d Public Information Det.

Committee members and their units are:
General Committee: Maj. Louis Sabel, XXIII Corps Artillery; and Capt. Tom Clark, 198th Military Police Battalion.

Business Session: Capt. Larry Hall, XXIII Corps.

Banquet and Military Ball: Capt. Darvel Herral, 198th MP Bn.; and Capt. Kenneth Netherton, XXIII Corps.

Ladies Activities: Capt. Paul Able, 207th Engineer Company; Mrs. Louis Sabel; and Mrs. Paul Able.

President's Reception: Capt. Jerry Schweitzer, XXIII Corps.

Program: Lt. Col. Jerry Heaton, 198th MP Bn.

Protocol: Lt. Col. Raymond E. Wallace, XXIII Corps; and Capt. Ed Plymale, XXIII Corps.

Registration: Maj. Larry Barker, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, KyARNG; and Mary Lou Watkins, U.S. Property and Fiscal Office.

Transportation: CW0 Roy Brooks, Jr., 413th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Co.

Publicity: Lt. Col. Armando J. Alfaro, HHD, KyARNG.



WHY ME?—Maj. Stewart Byrne, center, a pilot with the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, shows some anxiety as MSgt. George Newman, left, and Sgt. Bill Smith pour a mold for Major Byrne's new helmet liner. The Kentucky unit is thought to be the first Guard organization to use the new process for making individually-fitted helmets. (Photo by Tom Little)

NEWS ... in brief

Dining In

The third annual Dining In for all officers and warrant officers in the Kentucky National Guard will be held at Holiday City in Louisville Oct. 4, according to Col. Thomas J. Murphy, project officer for the event.

Gov. Julian M. Carroll is scheduled to be a guest at the formal dinner.

The activities will begin at 6 p.m. at the Inn, located at I-65 and Fern Valley Road. Appropriate dress for Air Guard officers will be mess dress with black jacket or the blue service uniform. Army Guard officers should wear the blue dress uniform or the green uniform.

Fee for the event will be \$11, payable to selected individuals in each unit.

Recruiter

Sgt. Donald T. Lawson, who works from the Barbourville Armory, has been selected to represent Kentucky and receive the "Chief's 50 Award" from the chief of the National Guard Bureau.

Sergeant Lawson was responsible for 126 enlistments during Fiscal Year 1975. He is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry (Mechanized) and actively participates in special projects, fairs, parades, and other events that may help any unit's recruiting effort.

He has no secret formula for enlistments, in spite of his success. "Tell it like it is and you won't have any repercussions

in the long run. I feel that all members should take pride in their unit and feel a need for it since, basically, recruiting starts at the unit level."

Legislation Support

The Executive Council of the National Guard Association of Kentucky is seeking help from all Guardsmen in gaining support for U.S. Senate Bill 584. That bill, if enacted into law, would give 100 per cent retirement credit for all technician service prior to Jan. 1, 1969.

The council hopes that Guardsmen will write their congressional representatives about this bill, which has been sought for five years. It currently needs a majority vote by the House and the President's signature.

Delegates

The National Guard Association of Kentucky has announced delegates who will represent the organization on committees at the national conference in Seattle this month.

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, Brig. Gen. Wilbur R. Buntin and Col. John B. Conaway will take part in the Area II caucus. The Committee on Resolutions will include Lt. Col. Raymond E. Wallace and Maj. Joseph Kottak.

Col. John W. Connor will sit on the Committee on Nominations and Col. Shelby T. Bush will take part in the work of the Committee on Time and Place.

Legislation

(continued from page 1)

Finally, the council seeks preferential state employment consideration to a maximum of five points for Guardsmen. The number of points would be determined by length of service.

The council also directed formal endorsement of several resolutions submitted by other states for consideration at the annual conference of the National Guard Association of the U.S.

Those resolutions included support of:

1. House Bill 96 covering tuition assistance for enlisted members of the ready reserve;
2. pending legislation to provide survivor benefits when National Guard members die before age 60;
3. lifting the 60 point annual ceiling on retirement points;
4. reducing Title III retirement to age 55;
5. full credit for civilian technician service before Jan. 1, 1969;
6. statements opposing reductions of National Guard strength;
7. improving medical, dental, and death benefits.

Guardsmen help motorists; gain friends for state

Kentucky and the Kentucky Army National Guard earned some new friends recently when five members of Company D, 201st Engineer aided stranded motorists in Virginia.

The five, 1st Lt. Bruce Pieratt, 1st Lt. Berry Shearer, 1st Lt. Leland Allen Fincham, 2nd Lt. John Tierney, and 2nd Lt. Curt Steger, were driving on I-95 near Camp A.P. Hill when they saw three women on the side of the road next to their car. According to one of the women, Rosaline Ralston, they had no idea of what to do.

Mrs. Ralston, in a letter to the Lexington Chamber of Commerce, described the action like this: "The five young men, laughing and talking, all got busy. One flagged traffic on, two unloaded the well-filled car to get the tire at the very bottom, and two removed the damaged tire."

Mrs. Ralston concluded her letter by saying, "I wish to compliment the state of Kentucky for the actions of these five wonderful young men. There is hope for the future!"

Lt. Fincham said that they didn't hesitate to stop, because they hoped that if their mothers ever found themselves in a similar situation, someone would help them.

Do you have a story that would interest other Guardsmen? If so, the GUARDSMAN would like to have it. Write: Kentucky GUARDSMAN, Boone Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Governor to speak at Hickman event

Gov. Julian Carroll will head a roster of dignitaries taking part in a dedication ceremony at the Hickman Armory Sept. 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, will serve as master of ceremonies for the event, and a number of military and civilian leaders will deliver brief remarks.

An open house will follow the ceremony and a dance is scheduled at the armory from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The "Wilderness Roads New Breed," a portion of the 202d Army Band, will provide the music.

The \$500,000 armory houses Support Company, 1st Battalion, 123d Armor, commanded by Capt. Coy Robinson.

Freedoms Foundation entry deadline nearing

The deadline for submitting entries in the annual Freedoms Foundation Awards program is nearing, but Guardsmen still have time to win U.S. Savings Bonds and other awards.

The theme of the 1975 letters is "Human Goals—a Proud Heritage." Entries may also be in the form of editorials, public speeches, radio and/or television programs and community projects.

Letters should be between 100 and 500 words in length and may be addressed to any person or organization, real or imaginary. Entrants should type their name, rank, service number, branch of service, complete unit address, home address and ZIP Code on the entry. The entry should then be mailed to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA 19481 by Oct. 31.

Awards will include a \$100 bond, a \$50 bond and several certificates. For more information, contact Public Information Officer, Dept. of Military Affairs, Boone Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601.



OPEN HOUSE--Capt. Greg Maciolek, of the Michigan Air Guard, shows an F-106 to some young visitors at The Kentucky Air Guard's recent open house. More than 1,000 people toured the facility and military aircraft.

Still loyal after 127 years

Four now-retired Guardsmen with a total of 127 years of service recently visited Frankfort to renew old friendships and see the new facilities. Col. Billy G. Wellman, the Army Guard's executive officer, called the men some of the "best and strongest supporters of the Guard."

The four, Col. Theodore Lowman, Lt. Col. Thomas Jones, Sgt. Maj. Elmer Sagraves, and Sgt. (E-7) Daniel Norton, each spent many years with the Ashland unit and all still live in Ashland.

Colonel Wellman recalled that Colonel Jones organized the infantry in Ashland after World War II and later commanded the 242d Tank Battalion. He retired in 1961, after serving for 35 years.

Colonel Lowman was executive officer

under Colonel Jones until becoming executive officer of the Selective Service section at state headquarters. He retired in 1970, after 36 years of service.

Sergeant Sagraves spent most of his 30-year career as sergeant major of the 242d Tank Bn. and the 201st Engineer Bn. He left the Guard in 1965.

Sergeant Norton, the youngster of the group, retired from the Guard in 1974 after serving 26 years. He was the battalion supply sergeant.

Colonel Wellman was filled with praise for the men, noting that they had more than a few stories to tell. "They're great guys," he said, "and they were great soldiers. They're what it's all about in the Guard."

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE
NATIONAL GUARD OF KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
BOONE NATIONAL GUARD CENTER
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
DOD-314

