

## Murray gains, but others may lose

Murray has joined the Kentucky National Guard community, while many other cities have learned that they face possible loss of their units.

Murray became the new home of Detachment 1, Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 123rd Armor. The Company is shared with Hickman, and has an authorized strength of 52, including 47 enlisted members and five officers.

The move not only adds a community, but also helps to resolve a continuing strength problem in Hickman.

Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, also advised the county judge executives and the mayors of many cities with Guard strength problems that they could lose those units. He told the local officials that the Guard needs their support if the strength problems are to be alleviated.

Since the announcement, many units have made significant gains in both recruiting and retention, but several, particularly in the Lexington area, still face serious problems.



## Cash bonuses now available in 40 units

Many individuals who enlist or re-enlist in 40 Kentucky Army Guard units are now eligible for significant cash bonuses. This new program, which became effective Dec. 1, has been sought for several years and is being hailed as a major tool to bring Guard units to full strength.

Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, looks at this program with tremendous optimism. "We have already had a good benefit program, with our tuition assistance, license plates, and tax benefits, but this new cash incentive will certainly give us an additional resource

as a recruiting and retention tool. I am confident that our commanders will be able to relieve their strength problems by fully utilizing this opportunity."

Under the program, a new enlistee in an eligible unit and job skill can receive \$1,500, or may accept an educational bonus of \$2,000. A re-enlistee can get up to \$1,800.

Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, Personnel Director, said that only enlisted members with fewer than nine years of service are eligible for the re-enlistment bonus. He also noted that the individual must have been in the Guard at least a year before he can become eligible for the bonus.

The funds for this program come entirely from the federal government, and units participating were selected on the basis of mobilization priorities.

Capt. Elmo C. Head, State Recruiting and Retention Officer, said that recruiters across the state have already begun to take advantage of the opportunities to sell the Guard program. He said that the new opportunities should enable Kentucky to continue to make tremendous progress in reaching authorized strength.

A year ago, the total strength was 79 per cent. Since that time, a concerted effort in the recruiting and retention field,

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Kentucky Army Guardsmen rush a patient into an awaiting helicopter during the World Three-Day Championship equestrian event at Lexington. Guard aviators joined military policemen and medical personnel from the 475th Combat Support Hospital to provide a variety of services during the event. For the story and another photo, see page 2.



# Parachutist earns Medal

A member of the Kentucky National Guard parachute team recently received the Kentucky Medal for Valor, the state's highest military honor, for saving the life of a student parachutist in 1977.

SP5 Wayne Owens, who has been jumping since 1969, was serving as jump

## Programs expand, continue progress

Two of the Kentucky Guard's recruiting and retention incentive programs are progressing well following recent expansions.

According to state Department of Transportation officials, sales of Kentucky National Guard license plates went well during the year. Mr. A. A. Flatt, of the Bureau of Vehicle Regulation, also noted that the new Guard plates are now available. All such plates expire at the end of the calendar year.

He noted that the plates will be new, and that they are more attractive than last year's product.

Unit orderly rooms have the forms that must be presented to the County Clerk when new plates are purchased.

Applications are now being accepted for spring semester activities, and all applications should be received in Frankfort by March 15. Application forms are available through unit orderly rooms.

## Governor appoints Cross to Air post

Fred W. Cross has been appointed Assistant Adjutant General for Air of the Kentucky National Guard by Gov. Julian M. Carroll. The appointment carries with it the rank of brigadier general.

General Cross, who works full-time as Contract Officer for the Naval Ordnance Station in Louisville, was recommended to Gov. Carroll for appointment by Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General.

General Cross was formerly Deputy Commander for Logistics of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing.

master with the Central Kentucky Sport Parachute Club near Richmond. He had three student parachutists with him, and they had planned to jump at about 3,000 feet.

When the first student stepped out of the plane, he slipped and his chute hit the plane step and the canopy opened partially. Both the parachute and the lines caught on the step and wheel of the plane, and began to drag the plane downward. By the time the plane had dropped to 1,200 feet, Specialist Owens had climbed out of the plane and wrapped his legs around the lines of the student's parachute. He was able to wrap his legs around the lines of the chute and use his head and shoulders to clear the lines from the wheel.

At 800 feet, both men were able to get free from the plane, and the pilot began to regain altitude. Both men landed safely.

The quick actions by specialist Owens not only saved the student, but probably also prevented the aircraft from crashing.

Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, made the award presentation following a jump demonstration in Frankfort.

## Aviators provide medical transport for South Shores

Kentucky Army Guard aviators provided emergency medical transportation for residents of Greenup and Lewis Counties for more than a month, beginning Aug. 31.

Two UH-1 helicopters were dispatched with crews to South Shores, in Greenup County, to provide emergency medical transportation until alternative transportation could be made available. The need resulted from the closing of a bridge linking the Kentucky community with Portsmouth, Ohio, where most residents have received medical care.

The bridge is scheduled to be closed for major repair for about two years.

During the month-long state active duty, the Kentucky crews flew nearly 40 emergency missions, carrying heart attack victims, women in labor, and others in need of emergency treatment. One of the most dramatic missions involved a child who had swallowed a poisonous substance.

According to Capt. Steve Moreland, who headed the mission through most of the period, the residents of the area were most appreciative of the Guardsmen and their efforts. He said that the residents treated them as members of the community throughout their stay.



Spec. 4 Don Conomer, right, and Spec. 4 David Logsdon, both of the 223d MP Co., man a communications point during the Three-Day World Championship event in Lexington. Kentucky Guardsmen provided security and medical support during the equestrian event.

## Kentuckians join Prince Philip, top equestrians

His Royal Highness Prince Philip was there. The world's top equestrians were there. And the Kentucky Army National Guard was there.

The event? The 1978 World Three-Day Championships. The activity, which is the pinnacle of competition for the world's best riders, occurs only once every four years. It was held in the United States for the first time at Lexington, Kentucky, in September.

Kentucky Governor Julian Carroll called members of the Kentucky Army National Guard to state active duty to provide a variety of services during the event.

Some of the Guardsmen provided security at the track, while members of the 475th Combat Support Hospital and the 441st Medical Detachment provided medical support.

Members of the hospital unit provided first aid and emergency care for many visitors and riders throughout the event. Patients arrived with problems ranging from heat exhaustion to serious injury to heart attack. Several were taken by Guard helicopter to nearby hospitals for emergency treatment.

Members of equestrian teams from around the world participated in the event, and Prince Philip was there in his capacity as president of the sponsoring organization.

Governor Carroll and other dignitaries had high praise for the Kentucky Guard's performance, saying that their participation contributed to the orderly conduct of the event, even though more than 100,000 people attended on the main day of the competition.

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Frankfort Guardsmen help a local resident move from his home as the Kentucky River rises in early December. More than 500 Guardsmen aided in the evacuation process across the state, while 125 remained on duty for several days, performing a variety of missions.

## Guard... at a glance

### Air Guard Building

The Air Guard's new operations building at Standiford Field was recently dedicated. The building houses the wing command post, base operations, the 165th Weather Flight, and the 165th TRS. Maj.

## Bonuses

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coupled with a reorganization of several units, raised the strength to 86 per cent. On two occasions, Kentucky's recruiting figure was the highest in the country.

Units participating in the program are located in Ashland, Barbourville, Campbellsville, Carlisle, Cynthiana, Frankfort (1155th Transportation Company), Glasgow, Harlan, Harrodsburg, and Henderson.

Additional units are in Hickman, Hopkinsville, Livermore, London, Louisville (Headquarters, 198th Military Police Battalion and 306th Maintenance Company), Madisonville, Marion, Middlesboro, Monticello, Murray, Olive Hill, and Owensboro.

Others include Paducah, Prestonsburg, Ravenna, Richmond, Russellville, Somerset, Springfield, Tompkinsville, and Williamsburg.

The 2123rd Transportation Company, in Bowling Green, has only the enlistment bonus available.

Unit recruiters and career counselors have details available.

Gen. Billy G. Wellman was assisted in the dedication by Col. Carl Black, Airman Walter Brewer, and other dignitaries.

### NCO Promotions

Effective Jan. 1, 1980, there will be no promotions to E-6 or above unless the individual has completed an accredited basic NCO program. A change to Kentucky National Guard regulations will outline several means of reaching this goal. The state NCO Academy will, of course, be a primary means.

### Engineer Elected

Lt. Col. William Seiber, the Air Guard's base civil engineer, has been elected president of the Air National Guard's Civil Engineering Association. This is a national professional organization.

### Infantry Course

An Infantry Officer Candidate Course--Reserve Component--has been set for Fort Benning, Ga. From March 7 through May 14. Individuals who feel they may be qualified to apply should do so through their units. All applications should be submitted to the state training office by Jan. 10.

### Kentucky Instructor

Maj. Presley Kendall, one of the Kentucky Guard's top marksmen, has recently returned from a month in Ireland, where he instructed the Irish Olympic Rifle Team. While there, he was featured in two Dublin newspapers, and he married the woman's rifle champion of England. He also served as a lecturer for the Irish Army General Staff and students at Trinity College.

## Association moves meet to Lexington

The annual conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky will be conducted outside of Louisville for the first time in more than 10 years in March.

The 48th annual conference is set for March 2-4. The meeting is set for the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington.

The conference will also feature another "first," as the Army and Air officers conduct separate business sessions. Each branch will hear from their respective representatives from the National Guard Bureau. These sessions are set for the conclusion of the morning business meeting.

Lt. Col. Maurice D. Farmer, the current Association President, will preside at the business session.

All resolutions to be considered by the conference are now being received by Col. Ray Wallace. He can be contacted at Headquarters, XXIII Corps Artillery, P. O. Box 21275, Louisville, Kentucky 40221.

Lt. Col. Jack Crouner is now taking nominations for the elected officer positions. He can be reached through the National Guard Association of Kentucky, Boone Center, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Further details about the conference will be forthcoming in mailings from the Association office. All officers should make plans to attend the conference.

## VA will help vets relocate friends

If you had a friend on active duty that you'd like to relocate, the Veterans Administration is willing to help by forwarding a letter you write to that veteran.

To locate an ex-service member, send a packet to your regional VA office containing the letter to the veteran in an unsealed stamped envelope with the vet's name and no return address on it.

Attach a cover letter to the VA giving the vet's full name, date of birth, service serial number and/or social security number, last known address, last known military address, rank, and service dates. Most important are full name and birthday, because with this information many vets can be located. The more information you can give the VA, the better the chances of locating the person.

If the veteran can be located, your letter will be forwarded. Then it's up to the vet to contact you.

The letter must be in the unsealed envelope so it can be screened by VA officials. No letters will be forwarded for the purpose of bill collection, harassment, or canvassing of the veteran. The letter is forwarded for you because the law prohibits giving out the veteran's address.

Letters may be sent to Regional Office, Veterans Administration, 600 Federal Road, Louisville, KY.



# AT sites to cover seven states, Germany

Firm dates for annual training for all units of the Kentucky Army Guard have been established for summer camps scattered over seven states and Germany.

As it was in 1978, the largest encampment will be at Camp Shelby, Miss. June 15-30. Units destined to visit the popular Mississippi location are: HHB, XXIII Corps Artillery; HHB, 138th Field Artillery Brigade; 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery; HHD, 198th Military Police Bn.; 223d MP Company; 441st Medical Detachment; 306th Maintenance Co.; and State Headquarters units.

The second largest group of Kentucky units will be attending summer training at Fort Hood, Tex. July 13-29. Those units include: HHC, 149th Armor Brigade; 1st Bn., 123rd Armor; 471st Medical Det.; 1st Bn., 623rd Field Artillery; and Company C of the 42nd Aviation Bn. The 2nd Bn. of the 123rd Armor will also be at Fort Hood from July 20 to August 2.

Fort A. P. Hill will be the site of the engineers' annual training June 8-23

when the 201st Engineer Bn. and the 207th Engineer Co. arrive on the post, located in Virginia. Another Kentucky unit, the 303rd General Supply Co., will be one of the first to attend AT when they also arrive in Virginia at Ft. Lee May 12.

Alabama will be hosting two Kentucky units when the 614th MP Co. visits Ft. McClellan July 14-28 and the 307th Maintenance Co. arrives at the Anniston Army Depot April 14.

Fort Sam Houston, Tex. will be the site of AT for one of the Guard's newest and fastest growing units, the 475th Combat Support Hospital. The unit will train from July 28 through August 17.

North Carolina's Ft. Bragg will be hosting AT for the members of the 130th Maintenance Co. August 5-18.

The 1st Bn., 149th Mechanized Infantry will be completing their AT obligation between June 16-30 at Ft. Benning, Ga. The Kentucky Military Academy will conduct their necessary training between May 26 and June 9 on site at Ft. Knox.

Germany will be the site of AT for the HHC 103rd Supply and Service June 2-16 and for the 413th Maintenance Co. April 28 - May 12.

Lt. Col. Harold Loy, Plans, Operations & Training officer, points out the early release of the confirmed AT dates will enable Guardsmen to inform their employers well in advance of their summer training obligations.

## 'ET' evolves into split assembly

The practice of "ET", or equivalent training, for the National Guard no longer exists in its familiar form.

ET, of course, was an alternate drill date when a Guardsman could not attend on the scheduled weekend.

A Government Accounting Office survey last year revealed an excess of ET's and showed that, in many cases, the Guardsman was not being trained during the ET.

The result is a "split assembly." It became effective Oct. 1.

Lt. Col. Harold Loy, head of training, says the split assembly will enable a commander to conduct meaningful training on an alternate date.

He said, "We hope if several persons cannot attend drill on the scheduled weekend, that the commander will schedule them together at an appropriate time."

Colonel Loy also noted that the new training tapes and viewers in many units will help the person who drills alone. The soldier's manuals will also be a training aid.

The new regulation states that the split assembly should be conducted within the same month as scheduled drill.

## Pay schedule

MILITARY PAY RATES EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 78 (FY: 79) FOR MONTHLY UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLIES

GRADE	LESS	OVER 2	OVER 3	OVER 4	OVER 6	OVER 8	OVER 10	OVER 12	OVER 14	OVER 16	OVER 18	OVER 20	OVER 22
0-7	293.32	313.28			327.32		346.32		363.60	400.00	427.48		
0-6	217.40	238.92	254.48						263.12	304.80	320.40	327.32	346.32
0-5	173.92	204.24	218.32				224.96	237.00	252.84	271.80	287.44	296.08	306.44
0-4	146.60	178.44	190.40		193.88	202.52	216.28	228.48	238.92	249.32	256.28		
0-3	136.24	152.28	162.76	180.12	188.72	195.56	206.04	216.28	221.60				
0-2	118.76	129.72	155.84	161.08	164.40								
0-1	103.08	107.32	129.72										
E-9						157.64	161.24	164.92	168.72	172.44	175.80	185.08	
E-8					132.28	135.96	139.60	143.28	147.00	150.40	154.12	163.16	
E-7	92.36	99.68	103.40	106.96	110.68	114.16	117.80	121.48	126.96	130.56	134.24	135.96	145.12
E-6	79.76	86.96	90.60	94.40	97.92	101.52	105.24	110.68	114.16	117.80	119.60		
E-5	70.04	76.20	79.92	83.40	88.84	92.48	96.16	99.68	101.52				
E-4	67.32	71.08	75.24	81.12	84.32								
E-3	64.72	68.28	71.04	73.84									
E-2	62.32												
E-1	55.92												

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