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## AFT SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

### Armor Unit May Be Airlifted To Fort Hood Texas For AFT

There is a distinct possibility of the 1-123 Armor being airlifted to AFT, scheduled for 9-23 August. They are presently scheduled for training at Fort Hood, Texas, where they will use equipment of the 1st Armored Division. When asked about the likelihood of the unit being moved to Texas by air—COL E. H. Milburn, State G3, said that he believed there was a “good chance” of the request being approved.

AFT dates for other Kentucky units and locations have been announced.

The 149th Armor Group with the 2-123 Armor is going to Camp Pickett, Virginia, 12-27 June.

The 201st Engineer Battalion will spend their two weeks (13-27 June) improving the recently acquired “WEEK END TRAINING SITE” (WETSITE), for Armor units, located in Western Kentucky near Central City.

The Kentucky Air National Guard is scheduled to go to Travis Field in Savannah, Georgia, from 13-27 June.

The 2113th Transportation Company, a unit of the 103rd SS Bn, will go to New Cumberland Army Depot in Pennsylvania from 25 July thru 8 August.

The following listed units have been scheduled for Fort Knox, during the period 11-25 July. They are:

- State Hqs Detachment, KyARNG
- 133rd Public Information Detachment
- 202nd Army Band
- Hqs XXIII Corps Artillery
- Btry A (Slt) 138th Arty
- 1-623rd Arty
- 2-138th Arty
- 5-138th Arty

## CARTOONIST WANTED

THE KENTUCKY GUARDSMAN is looking for a cartoonist. Do you feel that you can do it? If so, contact MAJ Armando J. Alfaro, Editor, at Hqs 138th Artillery Group, Bluegrass Airport, Lexington, Ky., 40504, or telephone AC 606 252-1864.

## Hqs 138th Artillery Group

- 23rd Signal Platoon (Forward Area)
- 38th Signal Platoon (Forward Area)
- 441st Medical Detachment (Hel Amb)
- 149th Military Police Battalion
- 103rd Supply & Service Battalion



**A REAL WELCOME HOME**—Members of the 2d Bn, 138th Artillery were happily welcomed home on 11 November 69 after spending a year in Vietnam when they arrived at Shewmaker Air National Guard Base in Louisville. The scene above was typical of those available to a photographer as he surveyed the area. (Photo by Ky Dept of Public Information)

## Wellman Lists Project Officers For Conference

MAJ Billy G. Wellman, Ashland, 201st Engr Bn, General Conference Chairman for the 39th Annual National Guard Association of Kentucky Conference has announced the appointment of project officers for several functions.

MAJ Armando J. Alfaro, Lexington, Hqs 138th Arty Gp, has been named project officer for Ladies Activities; LTC Marshall E. White, Frankfort, State HHD, Transportation project officer; MAJ D. Bernard May, Danville, Hqs 138th Arty Gp, in charge of Registrations; LTC John W. Connor Jr., Richmond, 103rd S&S Bn, Banquet and Military Ball; and MAJ Jerry W. Heaton, Lexington, State HHD, in charge of Programs.

Other Chairmen will be appointed following a conference planning committee meeting set for early this month.

The Annual Conference is set for April 10-11 in Lexington at the Holiday Inn (North). All Officers, Warrant Officers and their Ladies should be making plans now to attend.

## Marshall Named Asst AG Air

COL Thomas F. Marshall, Frankfort, has been nominated by MG Larry C. Dawson, State Adjutant General, to be the Assistant Adjutant General for Air. The appointment carries with it the rank of Brigadier General.

COL Marshall, who is a practicing attorney in Frankfort, held that same position from October 1956 to December 1959. The appointment will be made by

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# National Conference In Mobile, Enlightening

by MAJOR Gerald F. Brewer

Although the Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States held in Mobile, Alabama, was the 91st successive meeting of its kind, it was a new experience for me.

Major General James F. Cantwell, the President of the Association, conducted the business sessions with much finesse, demonstrating his experience in conducting these conferences.

The Conference started on Monday, the 13th of October, with a business session, and closed Thursday evening with an All-States Dinner, highlighted with a presentation of each state's flag, and an address by the Governor of the State of Alabama, The Honorable Albert P. Brewer (no relation . . . shucks).

During the various sessions of the Conference we heard many interesting speakers with much praise and acclaim for the National Guard. Each speaker was quick to denounce the Moratorium which was going on the same week as our Conference. All the speakers, and their listeners, were without a doubt, loyal and dedicated Americans highly interested in the welfare of our National heritage. The highlight speaker was LT GEN Lewis B. Hershey, the Director of Selective Service System, who was most impressive. GEN Hershey, himself an old Guardsman from the State of Indiana, left no doubt in the minds of his listeners as to why he was selected for, and retained in the job he had held for so many years. He has a very keen wit and a deep-rooted loyalty towards our country.

Recapping the many speakers of various military and governmental agencies, it appeared to me we are headed toward several new challenges. Firstly, the entire military structure, and particularly the draft system, is being closely scrutinized. Secondly, the National Guard will be confronted with a serious recruiting problem. Thirdly, with the financial squeeze, many appropriations will be reduced and budgets cut. Finally, it is important that the Guard actively recruit more Negroes.

On the social side, several tours were planned for the ladies and a most interesting address was given them by Ann Landers. As land-lubbers, we enjoyed a tour of the battleship USS Alabama and the submarine USS Drum.

Monday evening at the Governor's Seafood Jubilee, and Tuesday evening at the Mai Tai Party, hosted by the Alaska,

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** MAJ Gerald F. Brewer, 5-138th Arty, was one of 14 official delegates selected to attend the NGAUS Conference in Mobile, Alabama, last October. He wrote this summary of events at our request.

Hawaii and Puerto Rico delegation, we enjoyed a most delightful reception with all kinds of seafood and drink. Puerto Rico, again, entertained with a four piece band utilizing converted oil drums for musical instruments. After several drinks of Hawaiian Punch, Puerto Rican Rum, and Alaskan Eskimo Juice, the drums began to sound like violins.

All in all, I felt Conference was most enlightening, educational and inspiring. It would be worth the effort if every officer, at one time or another, could attend one of these Conferences.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks nothing worth a war is worse . . . a man who has nothing which he cares about more than his personal safety is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the existence of better men than himself," said John Stuart Mill, in the year 1800. In the light of these words, we, the defenders, stand tall.

## IS YOUR ADDRESS CORRECT?

Some issues of THE KENTUCKY GUARDSMAN are mailed. The address labels we use are also used by the Office Of the Adjutant General, therefore it is important that your address be current. Persons receiving a copy by mail are asked to check the label and notify us of any change in rank or address.

## ADVISORS RECEIVE ORIENTATION COURSE

First US Army has established an Advisors Orientation Course for all newly assigned advisors. The course originated as a result of the Hollingsworth Board Study on Reserve Component Activities. The first class was held 15-20 December 1969. It is felt that the program of instruction will be a great aid to newly assigned advisors in preparing them for advisory duty.

Recent additions to the Army Advisor Group are MSG Kurt Kessler assigned as the State Signal Advisor and SP5 Dean Duistermars assigned as the Personnel Administrative Specialist. SP5 Clark completed his tour and was discharged on 26 October 1969. COL Ray Skaggs was reassigned on 1 December 1969 as Senior Army Advisor of the Arizona National Guard. MAJ John Alcorn, Advisor to the 103rd S&S Bn was retired in his reserve grade of LTC on 31 December 1969, as was LTC James R. Meek, Advisor to the 138th Artillery Group.

During the month of October all members of the Army Advisor Group were busy assisting their commanders and units in preparation for the Annual General Inspections. From all indications all units satisfactorily passed the AGI.

During the past quarter advisor personnel performed the unpleasant but necessary duty of NOK and Survivor's Assistance to 14 families residing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The fact that personnel were able to accomplish these additional duties without detriment to their primary advisory mission is another indication of the overall effectiveness and dedication of the individuals assigned to the ARNG Advisor Group, Kentucky.



# Kentucky Awards Presented

The Adjutant General, MG Larry C. Dawson, announced the following Kentucky Awards, since publication of the last issue of THE KENTUCKY GUARDSMAN.

## KENTUCKY 30 YEAR FAITHFUL SERVICE MEDAL

COL Verne M. Yahne  
123rd Tac Recon Wing  
MAJ Ray Nix Cossey  
HHC 149th Armor Group  
SFC Velton Parrott  
413th Hv Equip Maint Co

## KENTUCKY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

CW3 Martin May  
HHC 2-123rd Armor  
SGM Noah G. Murphy  
HHC 2-123rd Armor

## KENTUCKY MEDAL FOR MERIT

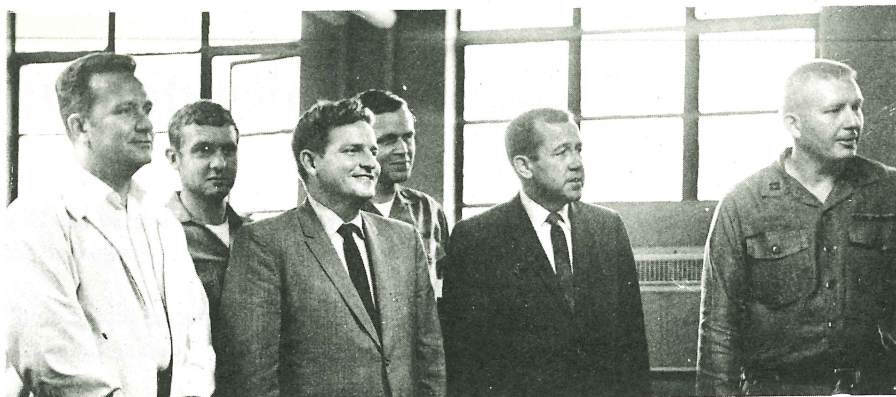
CPT William L. Locke Jr.  
Co B 2-123rd Armor  
1LT William N. Able  
HHC 2-123rd Armor  
SSG Freddy R. Cooper  
HHC 2-123rd Armor

## KENTUCKY COMMENDATION RIBBON

CPT Frederick D. Owen  
HHC 2-123rd Armor  
SFC Ernest M. Foster  
HHC 2-123rd Armor  
SSG Billy J. Bollinger  
HHC 2-123rd Armor  
SSG Kenneth L. Johnson  
HHC 2-123rd Armor  
SP5 Daniel W. Finnell  
413th Hv Equip Maint Co  
SP4 James M. Middleton  
413th Hv Equip Maint Co

## OFFICERS MUST QUALIFY —OR ELSE!

Effective 1 July 1972, a Lieutenant Colonel failing to complete Command and General Staff College, including Phase X (two weeks active duty phase), prior to the third anniversary of his date of promotion will be removed from active Officer status, if credited with over 20 years service.



**CITY OFFICIALS BRIEFED**—Co B, 2-123d Armor, in Henderson, recently hosted city officials with a luncheon at the armory in an effort to give Henderson leaders a broader view of the National Guard's role in the community. Here, CPT Richard S. Scribner, right, uses training aids (not shown) to present facts and figures about Company B to (from left) Charles West, Police Chief; 2LT Talbert Strange; Newt Beauchamp, City Manager; 2LT Byron Casebier; and Henderson Mayor Maurice Galloway. Strange and Casebier are Guard officers in the Henderson unit. (Photo by Gene Cables)

## New SOP Published For Alerts

A new Standard Operating Procedure for conducting Unit Alerts, was recently published for the Adjutant General, by the Military Support to Civil Authorities Section (MSCA).

The new procedure provides for the alert of one or more units as an actual alert or as a practical test. Further, it contains instructions for the simultaneous alert of all units of the Army National Guard.

New features of the procedure include,

- O Personnel physically reporting to assigned unit in the prescribed uniform to sign-in. Unit commanders may then dismiss personnel on an individual basis.
- O For State-wide alert—personnel residing more than 50 miles from parent unit may report to nearest Armory to sign in.
- O During limited practice alerts, members of units located extensive distance from unit may phone in to receive instructions as to procedure at that time.

All unit commanders have been instructed to stress to unit members the importance of Alert Tests and to insure that all Guardsmen are familiar with what is expected of them in event of alert.

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## Message From The Command Sergeant Major CSM Marion F. Williams

Does it pay to stay in the Guard? You bet it does.

It may seem unimportant now, but eventually every man recognizes the need to provide for his financial future, but the Guardsman has a built-in, automatic plan for receiving regular monthly income, at the age when he is most likely to need it.

Similar benefits obtained through a life insurance company annuity would cost you substantial premium payments, more than most men are able to pay, but Guard retirement income can accrue at no cost to you.

Every training session, field training periods, plus periods of active duty counts towards valuable retirement points, adding up to cold cash for your personal security.

Here is the step-by-step formula for computation of retirement pay. (1) Take the total number of points that you have earned to date, (2) then divide by 360, which converts your points to years. (3) Multiply the years of service for percentage purposes by 0.025. (4) The results multiplied by your monthly base pay (highest grade held), (5) then determine the gross amount of monthly retired pay to which entitled.



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## ANG Unit Recognized

Members of the 123rd Communications Flight (Ky ANG) who recently returned from active duty in Korea have been recognized for their contribution to the mission of the 2146th Comm Group in Korea. The 123rd's service was in part responsible for the Group being awarded the Air Force's Outstanding Unit Award for operations during the "Pueblo Crisis" year of 1968.

The 123rd's activation (Jan 1968) was precipitated by the intelligence gathering ship USS Pueblo being seized by North Korea. Of the unit's 30 members, 2 officers and 20 airmen were sent to Korea to augment the operations of the 2146th Comm Group when that unit's roll was increased to the support of combat operations by tactical communications.

Word of the award came from BG Harold R. Johnson, Pacific Comm Area commander. "The contributions of the 2146th Comm Gp to the AFCS communications/electronics posture have significantly enhanced the command's image. Please convey my congratulations along with those of General Paulson to all personnel involved for a job well done," General Johnson said.

### FIND THE MISTAKE?

We have deliberately placed a mistake in this issue of The Kentucky Guardsman. This has been done because there are some people who derive great pleasure out of finding a mistake.

## Two Platoons Come Home To Roost

The Communications and Drone Platoons of HHB 5-138th Arty presently located in the Buechel Armory in Louisville will be moved to Lexington, to again become part of their parent unit. The elements have been split from Hqs Btry since December 65 when they were moved to Danville, and in February 68 were again moved to Louisville. An effective date of 1 January has been approved.

The change will affect two officers and fifty-three enlisted men assigned to the platoons. It is anticipated that these men will be absorbed by the 2-138th Arty which returned to the Buechel Armory upon release from Federal Service in October.

COL E. H. Milburn, State G3, said the change will certainly improve the efficiency of HHB 5th Target Acquisition Battalion by "eliminating the problems of a split unit. Additionally it will provide a home for a number of enlisted men in the Lexington area who became excess when the 438th Aviation Company was reorganized into three smaller units last August."

## ASN -- SSN Last and First

Five men will go down in Kentucky National Guard history as famous celebrities. Two are famous because they were issued the last serial numbers, and three because they were enlisted without serial numbers, but with Social Security Account Numbers.

Who are these famous celebrities? The last serial numbers, which incidentally are AF23196025 and NG23203813, were issued respectively to AB John W. Clay, 165th TR Sq and PVT Charles J. Preson, from Btry A 1-623rd Arty. Enlisted under the Social Security Account Number system, on 8 July 1969, were PVT Jimmy L. Hardston, 406-70-7469, and PVT James R. Landrum, 406-70-6906, both members of HHB 1-623rd Arty. The Kentucky Air Guardsman is AB Stuart M. Conlon, FG403-72-0323, assigned to the 123rd Supply Squadron.

## 123RD ARMOR ORIGINALLY GROUNDPOUNDERS

The Institute of Heraldry, United States Army, has notified the 1-123rd Armor and 2-123rd Armor, their Coat of Arms does not adequately reflect the battalion's beginning as Infantry. This has now been corrected. The description of their Coat of Arms now states, "Blue is the color for Infantry and commemorates the initial organization in 1846 as the 2nd Kentucky Volunteer Infantry Regiment. The Civil War service is represented by the white saltire cross voided blue from the flag of the Confederacy. The Mexican War service (Buena Vista) is represented by the cactus and snake from the Mexican flag and the World War I service by the ermine chief from the arms of both Brittany and Nantes." After 124 years a wrong has been corrected.

## BG Goetzman Appointed CG XXIII Corps Arty

MG Larry C. Dawson, The Adjutant General, has announced Federal Confirmation of Louisvillian Robert Renn Goetzman's promotion to Brigadier General in the Kentucky Army National Guard.

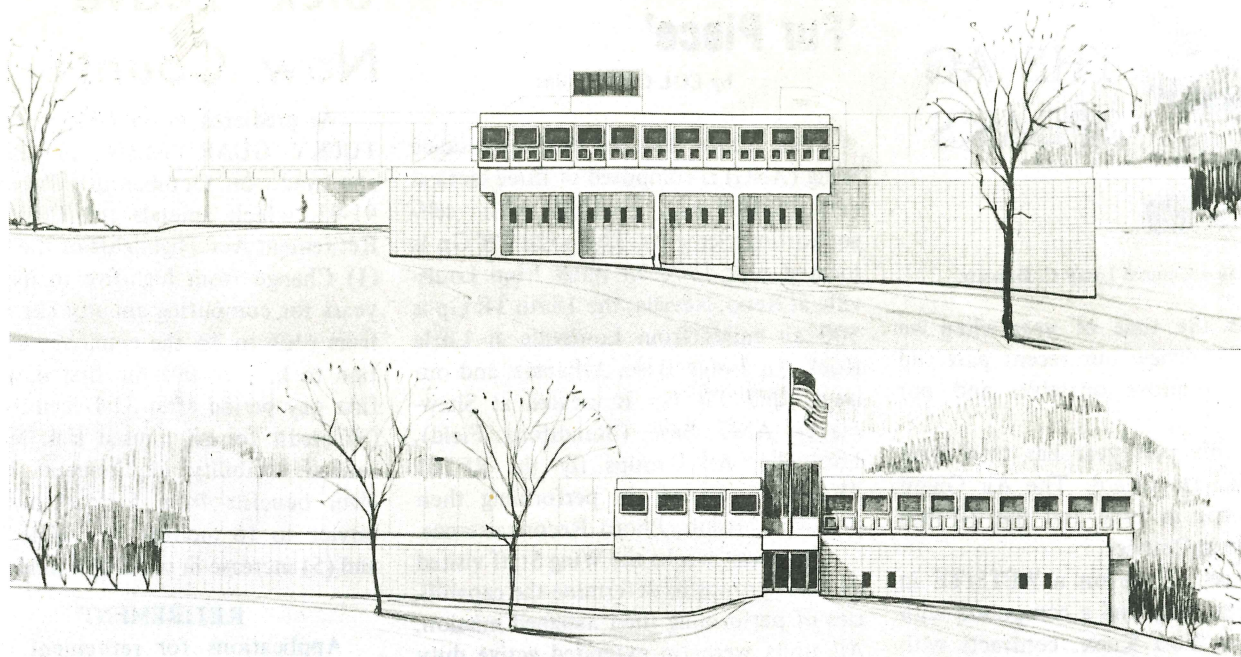
BG Goetzman, previously confirmed as Assistant Adjutant General, succeeded retired BG William R. Buster, Midway, as Commanding General of the XXIII Corps Artillery at Louisville.

A veteran of over 30 years service, BG Goetzman served 43 months overseas during World War II.

Among his military awards are the American Defense Service Medal with bronze star; Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze stars; Philippine Liberation Medal with bronze star; and the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal, awarded for the three year period ending May 1, 1959.

BG Goetzman is a graduate of the University of Louisville's Speed and Law Schools and is currently employed as a district engineer by the US Department of Health, Education and Welfare at Louisville.





**NEW LEXINGTON ARMORY**—The front and side view of the new National Guard Armory scheduled for Lexington is shown above. CPT Donald C. Waldner, Director of the Facilities Division, Frankfort, anticipates construction to begin on the new building by May 1970 with a completion date of March 1971. The Adjutant General is to review preliminary plans of the architect, Hugh Meriwether of Lexington, this month. Construction may also begin, in June 1970, on a new Aviation Shop at the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort, and a new Organizational Maintenance Building behind the Louisville Fairgrounds armory. (Photo Copies by—John Howard, Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot)

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## Council Members Are Elected

Three officers have been elected by the members of their commands to serve on the Board of Directors of the Executive Council of the National Guard Association of Kentucky. Each man will serve a three year tenure beginning 1 April 1970.

LTC Gerald F. Price, Utica, will represent Hq, 149th Armor Group replacing MAJ Billy N. Hedges.

MAJ Arthur B. Emmons, Bethel, will represent the 201st Engineer Battalion replacing MAJ Robert L. Dezarn, Ashland.

The 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Group and support units reelected LTC Fred W. Cross as their representative.

Each year, one third of the Board of Directors are up for election. Other commands which must elect their new representative before March include 2-138th Arty in Buechel and the 103d Supply and Service Battalion in Richmond.

## Kentucky Guardsmen Train To Man Draft Headquarters

Tucked away in one corner of the Kentucky Guard organizational chart is a dozen or so officers whose primary mission is to man the Kentucky Headquarters of Selective Service in the event of a mobilization or national emergency.

These officers make up the Selective Service Section of the State Hq. Det. Kentucky National Guard, which is part of a pool of over 1300 officers in the Guard and Reserve "earmarked" for Selective Service Duty. They train for their mobilization jobs by studying the latest Selective Service regulations and procedures including the new lottery system, which began this month.

This training is carried out by lectures, discussions, and practical exercises in such subjects as appeals procedures, operations of Local Boards, and the order of call. Practical exercises are often the "real McCoy" when the Section, which meets in the State Selective Service Headquarters in Frankfort, helps COL Taylor L. Davidson, State Director, clear out a case load jam by reviewing special files of actual registrants and recommending appropriate action or classification.

During the two weeks these officers spend on active duty for training, they are assigned on an individual basis to

State or National Headquarters where they perform whatever work there is to be done—anything from auditing Local Boards to filling in for a manpower officer on leave, to grading correspondence courses in the National Headquarters of Selective Service.

Just recently LTC Robert Cochran, Chief of the Section, ordered a crash program to learn the workings of the new Lottery System. They learned how this affected the order of call, what changes in manpower procurement might occur, and what problems would likely be encountered under the new system.



# 'The Family Must Go on Living'

*When a man thunders 'NO' to adequate life insurance,  
the 'NO' echoes forever in the lives of those he leaves  
behind . . . . .*

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'NO' said the Doctor, "This man will never be able to pull through. He has lost the battle."

'NO' said the rental agent, "There are no cheaper apartments in the building. You will have to move."

'NO' said the clerk, "I know these school shoes are poor quality, but you asked for something cheap."

'NO' said the housekeeper, "There are no cookies in the jar. I don't get paid for baking cookies."

'NO' said the department manager, "I am sorry if your little girl is sick—but you can't get off. We have a big sale on."

'NO' said the college registrar, "Don't try it if you haven't enough money for the first semester."

'NO' said the club secretary, "Let's not invite her to the party. She's a lovely girl but you know—her clothes—poor thing, so shabby."

'NO' said the boy. "We can't get married for I don't know how long. You know there's Mother to take care of."

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**LIFE INSURANCE IS ALWAYS PAID FOR, whether or not  
a man buys it. If he buys it, he pays for it in money. If he doesn't  
buy it, his family pays for it in the things they must do without.**

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**ARTILLERY GROUP DINING-IN**—COL Taylor L. Davidson, right, Director of Kentucky's Selective Service System, was the guest speaker at the Third Annual Dining-In conducted by the 138th Artillery Group in Lexington on December 12th. Other dignitaries in attendance include, from left, COL Joseph P. Mattingly, (Ret), former Artillery Group Commander; BG William R. Buster, (Ret), former CG XXIII Corps Artillery; and COL James W. Stocker, Commander, 138th Artillery Group. MAJ Edwin E. Burnett (not in picture) served as the Master of Ceremonies.

## Selection Retention Board To Screen Guard Officers

Selective Retention Board is new to the National Guard. The board has been established as a result of the Hollingsworth Board.

Many changes have been brought about by the board's recommendations. The additional educational requirements that take effect in July 1972 is one. However, the one recommendation that reaches down through all officer ranks to include warrant officers, is NGR 20-8, Selective Retention Board that became effective 1 July 1969.

COL Thomas J. Nortof, State G1, said, "There are many questions asked about the board and its purpose, and following are the most common ones asked:"

**O Who will be considered?**

Those officers with 20 years service or more qualified service.

**O When will they be considered?**

February 1970.

**O What are the goals?**

(1) Insure that only the most capable officers are retained beyond 20 years, (2) provide incentive, (3) insure advancement opportunity to the highest grade at peak years of the officer's effectiveness.

**O Who will sit on the boards?**

Three commissioned officers, equal or senior to those whom the board considers. One must be an Active Army Officer and the other two must be National Guard Officers who are not being considered.

**O Will I be notified if I am to be considered?**

Yes.

**O What are some of the factors that will be considered by the board?**

There are far too many to be listed. Each unit has a copy of NGR 206, Section II, that lists a number of items for Withdrawal of Federal Recognition such as substandard performance, moral or professional dereliction, interest of National Security, medical, physical, or mental condition. Also NGR 20-8, Annex A to Appendix B, lists items for Guidance by the board. Generally speaking, requirement for promotion is very close to the items to be considered, except the "TOTALMAN" concept is added. The TOTALMAN concept includes civilian education, military schools and courses attended, civic or community support, and potential for future.

**O Will I be separated if I am not selected for retention?**

Yes, provided you have over 20 years qualifying service, and The Adjutant General, and the Chief, National Guard Bureau upholds the board recommendations.

## IN MEMORIAM

*The price we pay for freedom is never cheap.*

**CPT ROBERT W. SAWYER**  
165th Tac Recon Sq

5 August 1968  
Richards Gabeur AFB, Missouri

**SP4 BERTRAM A. CARR**  
Svc Btry 2-138th Artillery  
1 June 1969  
Vietnam

**SSG HAROLD M. BROWN**  
Btry C 2-138th Artillery  
11 June 1969  
Vietnam

**1SG LUTHER M. CHAPPEL**  
Btry A 2-138th Artillery  
19 June 1969  
Vietnam

**SGT JAMES T. MOORE**  
Btry C 2-138th Artillery  
19 June 1969  
Vietnam

**SP4 DAVID B. COLLINS**  
Btry C 2 138th Artillery  
19 June 1969  
Vietnam

**SP4 RONALD E. SIMPSON**  
Btry C 2-138th Artillery  
19 June 1969  
Vietnam

**PFC JOSEPH R. McILVOY**  
Btry C 2-138th Artillery  
19 June 1969  
Vietnam

**SGT JAMES ALLEN WRAY**  
Btry C 2-138th Artillery  
2 July 1969  
Vietnam







## THE AG SPEAKS

By Major General Larry C. Dawson

This is the time of year when we traditionally review our recent past and resolve to improve ourselves and our work.

First, this past year has seen some progress in the Guard. The Air Guard arrived home in June and the 2-138th came home in October.

We have a lease on a WETSITE in Western Kentucky and a compound with buildings at Fort Knox, contracts with architects for the aircraft maintenance shop at Frankfort, Armory at Lexington, and maintenance shop at Louisville.

The technicians have all come under Civil Service and now have the year required to be permanently under it. LTC Harlan Mitchell is to be commended for a very smooth transition of the technician program.

The officers records have been placed on automated processing equipment with records here and at the Bureau. Enlisted personnel records are in the process of being completed on the same system.

Regulations are out requiring a board each year on officers and warrant officers who have twenty years of service for retirement purposes. This board would determine whether the officer or warrant officer is retained in the service. The first board for Kentucky will be held in February 1970.

Second, let us all resolve to be the best Guardsmen possible and to keep ourselves and equipment in topnotch shape, to require those subordinate to us to do likewise, to make every training hour count, and to make sure that reports which we initiated and which we forward are correct and on time.

We have much to be proud of in the Kentucky National Guard. I want to thank each Guardsman for his part in making me proud of his unit and to pledge to you to have a better year than last.

## 123 TR Wing Extends A 'Fur Piece'

by COL C. W. Sellins

The 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (ANG) is composed of three tactical reconnaissance groups with self-supporting elements. The 152d TR Gp is located over 1800 air miles from Louisville at Reno, Nevada; the 189th TR Gp is 500 air miles from Louisville at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas; and our own 123d TR Gp is located at Shewmaker ANG Base (Standiford Field), Louisville. All Groups fly the RF101 "Voodoo" aircraft in performing their primary mission, Photo Reconnaissance.

In recent weeks the Wing Staff visited all three groups to determine the capabilities of performing their assigned mission. All units were on extended active duty during the "Pueblo Crisis." Due to this, all units experienced some supply equipment and personnel shortages. However, being Air Guardsmen they were "snapping back" fast. It was determined that all could "do their thing" with some limitations—and that in the near future they would be fully combat ready again.

There was some griping by members of the Staff about the long distance to travel to Reno. The only relaxation they had after duty hours was enjoying thick juicy steaks, watching scantily clad showgirls, or indulging in games of chance. We extend our sympathies.

## MARSHALL NAMED ASST AG

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Governor Louie B. Nunn, as soon as COL Marshall is removed from the "Retired Reserve List" where he has been since September 1966.

After being commissioned in March 1943 on Active Duty he reverted to Active Reserve Forces in February 1946. He joined the Kentucky Air National Guard in October 1954.

In 1956, COL Marshall became the first Assistant Adjutant General for Air in Kentucky history. Since then the position has been held by BG Philip P. Ardery, Louisville, and most recently, BG William D. Ott, also of Louisville.

## Technician Sick Leave Now Counts

As predicted in the October 69 KENTUCKY GUARDSMAN, the President approved, on October 20, Public Law 91-93, which amends the Civil Service Retirement Act. Highlights of the law are, (1) Change from high-five to high-three years for computing annuity (2) increase from 6½% to 7% the employee contribution to be effective the first day of the first pay period after 31 December 1969 (3) credit for all unused sick leave (4) reduce eligibility requirements for survivor benefits from 5 years of eligible service to 18 months of eligible service, and (5) increase in survivor's annuity.

## RETIREMENT

Applications for retirement on the following technicians is in process by this office, LTC Harlan I. Mitchell, Technician Personnel Officer, AG's Office in Frankfort announced. Dorothy E. Lillard, ANG, Disability; Stanley A. Helm, CSMS, Maximum age for retention; Henry T. Holston, CSMS, Voluntary retirement; and Frank M. Maas, OMS No. 6, Maximum age for retention.

## NEW REGULATIONS

KYARNG Reg 690-1/KYANG Reg 40-1, entitled Merit Promotion Plan for NG Technicians, and KYARNG Reg 690-2/KYANG Reg 40-2, outlines the training requirements for NG Technicians.

## WETEP

A request has been submitted to the National Guard Bureau for a Week-End-Training-Equipment-Pool (WETEP) for the week end training site in Western Kentucky. The facility, if approved, will employ 5 WG technicians to be transferred from existing WG technicians. Effective date cannot be predetermined, but will be immediately upon completion of construction of suitable maintenance facilities.

## SECOND LIEUTENANTS BEWARE

Effective 1 July 1969, a Second Lieutenant failing to complete a Basic Branch Course within 30 months of his appointment will be removed from active Officer status.