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MEXICAN BORDER KENTUCKY GUARDSMAN DIES IN LOUISVILLE

When Wendell H. Ford takes the oath of office as forty-ninth Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky on December 7th, it will be the first time a former Kentucky Guardsman has served as Governor since the days of the militia.

Governor Ford was inducted into the US Army 22 July 1944 and was discharged on 28 June 1946.

On 7 June 1949, Ford then enlisted in Company I, 149th Infantry Regimental Combat Team, stationed at Owensboro, as a Technical Sergeant until 7 August 1949, when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry.

During the 1949 reorganization, his infantry company was converted to tanks and he served as Company Commander of HH&S Company, 240th Tank Battalion until his duties required him to transfer to the inactive Kentucky National Guard in 1956, as a First Lieutenant of Armor.

Ford, a native of Owensboro, Kentucky, has packed his 46 years with work in state and national civic affairs. He serves on the Executive Committee of the National Lieutenant Governor Conference, and is Kentucky chairman (1969-71) for the National Foundation - March of Dimes in its fight against birth defects.

Ford was National President of the U. S. Jaycees in 1956-57 and has served in numerous civic posts. He was chosen the outstanding young man of Owensboro in 1954, then was voted one of the three outstanding young men in Kentucky in 1955. He was elected State President of the Jaycees for 1954-55. Moving up, he was elected national Jaycee president for 1956-57 and International Vice President for 1958-59.

Ford was Chief Administrative Assistant to Governor Bert Combs from December 1959 to November 1961. Ford was elected to the State Senate, representing Daviess and Hancock



Counties during 1966 and 1967. He was elected to a four-year term as Kentucky's Lieutenant Governor in November 1967.

His other civic activities have included: local director of Civitan International, member of the President's Council on Youth Fitness, member of National Council for Religion in American Life, member of Kentucky Council of Education, and finance chairman of Audubon Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Ford is a member of the First Baptist Church, Owensboro, where he has served as Sunday School superintendent and deacon.

He is married to the former Jean Neel, of Owensboro. Their son Steven is a junior at Frankfort High School. Their Daughter Shirley is a junior at the University of Kentucky.

Colonel George M. Chescheir, the oldest active member of the National Guard Association of Kentucky and a former Association President, passed away on 13 November 1971.

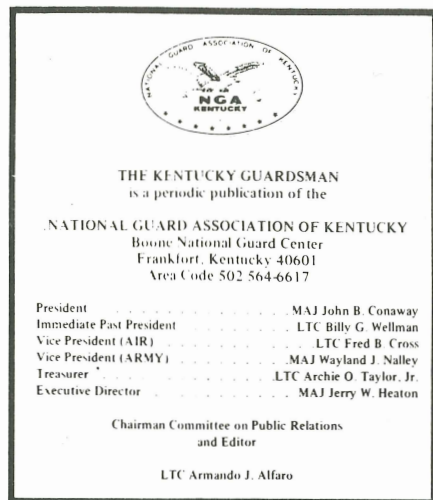
COL Chescheir enlisted as a Private on 22 March 1911 in the First Regiment of Infantry, Louisville Legion, and rose to the rank of Colonel, retiring from an assignment in State Headquarters on 31 August 1949, with a total of 38 years of service.

His federal active duty periods include service in the Mexican Border, World War I and World War II.

COL Chescheir always participated in the activities of the National Guard Association of the United States and of Kentucky. At the time of his death, he was serving as the Continuity Representative on the Executive Council.



HONORED BY SCOUTS— LTC David B. May, Danville, 138th Artillery Group, is shown receiving the Silver Beaver Award during a recognition dinner at the Blue Grass Council, Boy Scouts of America, held recently in Lexington. Steve Thurman, also of Danville, makes the presentation while Mrs. May looks on.



GUARD JOINS WALK-A-THON FOR MARCH OF DIMES

The Louisville area Army National Guard units were active participants in the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon held on Sunday, 31 October. The OIC was COL T. J. Nortof and the project officer was CPT Edward N. Plymale of the XXIII Corps Artillery.

Participating units were HHB, XXIII Corps Arty, Btry A (SLT), 138th Arty, Batteries A, B and C, 5-138th Arty and HHB and Svc Btry 2-138th Arty. These units provided tents for shelter, trucks and busses to transport equipment and individuals and approximately 100 troops to assist in march control.

The march was successful in financial receipts for the March of Dimes in that over 4,000 persons were walkers for the worthy community project. National Guard members extended assistance when a number of volunteers failed to show as marchers. All in all it appears to have been a very enlightening experience to the walkers, to Louisville and Jefferson County, and for the Guardsmen.

This assistance and support is a part of the community effort in conjunction with the recruiting and retention program of the XXIII Corps Artillery.

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD GETS RECRUITING HELP

Army soldiers on active duty who join the National Guard before separation are being offered a release 60 days prior to their normal separation, according to a spokesman in the Pentagon.

The early release idea is part of a major new in-service recruiting campaign that is being tried out on a 90-day experimental basis at Fort Knox, Ky, and Fort Lewis, Wash. The Active Army will attempt to convince a man to re-enlist, before he is referred to the Guard or Reserves.

A Guard and Reserve counselor will be located at both installations during the 90-day experimental program.

TENTATIVE TRAINING DATES FOR 1972 ARE ANNOUNCED

Tentative dates and places of annual training for calendar year 1972 have been announced by the Office of the Adjutant General.

The Kentucky Air National Guard will be conducting their two weeks of training at Savannah, Georgia from 10 thru 24 June 1972.

The 1-123d Armor will again travel to Fort Hood, Texas from 24 May to 10 June 1972 as part of the "Round-Out" program.

The time frame of 3 - 17 June 1972 will see the 2113th Transportation Company (Aircraft), from Frankfort, re-visiting New Cumberland Army Depot, Pennsylvania.

17 JUNE - 1 JULY

Greenville's (Ky) population will be happy to know that the 201st Engineer Battalion will be working at the Western Kentucky Army Week-End Training Site. This is the third consecutive year the battalion has trained and worked there. The dates are 17 June - 1 July 1972.

The HHD KyARNG, XXIII Corps Artillery units, 103d S&S Bn, 149th MP Bn, 23 & 38th Signal Platoons, and the 441st Med Det (HA), will all be doing their training at Fort Knox, from 17 June - 1 July.

15 - 29 JULY 1972

Camp Pickett is to be the station of assignment from 15-29 July 1972, for HHB 138th Artillery Group. Two Artillery Battalions, from other states will be assigned to them on their arrival, for operational control.

Meanwhile back at Fort Knox, during 15-29 July 1972, the Senior and Junior Class of Officer Candidates will be going through their paces.

29 JULY - 12 AUGUST 1972

The clanking of Armor will be heard at Camp Pickett, Virginia, from 29 July to 12 August 1972 when the HHC 149th Armor Group and the 2-123d Armor train at that post.

"The confirmation of the locations and dates will be made at the earliest date possible," stated LTC Billy G. Wellman, Chief of Operations and Training Division.



JUNE MOBERLY Hawaii, is our centerfold for this month. The only reason we show this picture is to remind all those who did not attend the recent National Guard Association of the United States Convention of what they missed. (Photo by Bob Nagao, 117th PI Det, HARNG).

LITTLE RED FIREHOUSE HAS CHANGE OF COMMAND

"I think it's great . . . I'm tickled to death," said MSGT Donald E. Maddox, NCOIC of the KyANG fire house, Shewmaker ANGB, Louisville, when questioned on the recent changes made in the organizational structure of the crash-rescue fire house.

The most sweeping change will be week-long, round-the-clock fire protection for all incoming and departing flights at Standiford Field. Previously, the only fire protection afforded commercial flights was from outdated fire fighting equipment of a station located two miles from the airport. The added protection will relieve the burden on the Air Guard to provide fire protection for night and weekend flying of their own pilots.

Mayor Burke has provided for an eighteen-man detachment of regular city firemen to be permanently stationed at the air guard crash house. This will be three, six-man shifts. Maddox said of the eighteen men, "some have been trained in crash rescue and some have spent a considerable amount of time in the Guard as firemen." Those not so trained will undergo advance training at Chanute AFB, IL. The Guard units is outfitted with two duel-turreted O-11A fire fighting trucks, each truck equipped with "light water," the most advance chemical method for combating fuel type fires. Maddox pointed out that there was a promise of more equipment in the near future.

This is a three-way cooperative venture of the City of Louisville, the Jefferson County Air Board and the Kentucky Air National Guard.

ARMY GUARD TRAINS UNIT RECRUITERS

In an effort to maintain the troop strength of the Kentucky National Guard units, a series of Recruiting and Retention Schools were conducted at Louisville, Lexington and Madisonville during October.

A team of six officers and enlisted men served as instructors at the two-day schools. They included LTC Armando J. Alfaro, MAJ Jerry W. Heaton, CSM Frederick D. Schleifer, Jr., all from HHD KyARNG; CPT Frank M. Van Fleet, 149th Armor Group; CSM James H. Garritson, HHC, 1-123d Armor; and SFC James C. Rogers, HHB, 138th Arty Gp. Two of the instructors, LTC Alfaro and CPT Van Fleet, had earlier attended a similar school conducted by the National Guard Bureau at Fort McClellan, Alabama. Each unit commander selected two prospective recruiters to attend one of the schools. They were picked on the basis of enthusiasm for the Guard, sincerity and knowledge of the Guard, imagination and ingenuity, speaking ability, neat appearance, maturity and outgoing personality.

Subjects covered in the instruction were Human Factors and Motivation, Recruiter as a Salesman, The product and Buying, How a Prospect Buys, Finding Guard Prospects, The Recruiting Interview and Follow Up, Community and Public Relations, Information Media, and Retention of Guardsmen.

The six instructors used visual aids and class participation in each school. Guard officers who sat in on the session were pleased with the enthusiasm generated by the instructors and were highly complimentary of the program.

HAWAIIAN NGAUS CONFERENCE INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE

"Of the 40 Kentucky Guardsmen with their families, who formed the Kentucky Delegation to the 93d General Conference of NGAUS in Honolulu, Hawaii, I believe that most all of them would rate the visit to the islands most enjoyable and the conference quite interesting." So reported LTC Fred W. Cross, NGAKy Vice President for Air National Guard who along with MG Larry C. Dawson, The Adjutant General of Kentucky, headed the Kentucky delegation to Hawaii.

The delegation stayed at the brand-new Sheraton Waikiki hotel which served as the conference hotel. In addition to the four morning business sessions of the conference, the delegation enjoyed a visit to the Kodak Hula Show, tours of the pineapple plantations and a Navy trip to Pearl Harbor, not to mention several hours of swimming and surfing. Some delegates took commercial flights to visit other islands in the Hawaiian chain. Highlights of the conference included the Aloha Reception on Monday evening and the All States Dinner held at the hotel at the close of the conference.

An impressive number of prominent speakers addressed the conference. Among the most interesting was a briefing on the communist threat in the world today, made by Admiral John S. McCain, Jr. COINCPAC; and a brief talk by the Guard's old friend, General Lewis B. Hershey.

Overall, the travel arrangements made for the NGAKy charter flight were reported as "Excellent" with only a few minor problems developing during the entire trip.

In addition to MG Dawson and LTC Cross, other official delegates included COL W. R. Buntin; LTC Shelby T. Bush; LTC Marshall E. White; LTC Clancy B. York; MAJ Edwin E. Burnett; MAJ Billy M. Hedges; MAJ William R. Watson; CPT Frank M. Gray; CPT Charles W. Ritchie; 1LT Harold K. Logsdon and 2LT William F. W. Kendall.

Other officers who made the trip in a non-delegate status included: LTC John W. Connor; LTC Frank J. Sayre; MAJ David F. Fleming; MAJ Jerry W. Heaton and MAJ Henry E. Netherton.

CW4 SETTLE MAY HOLD NATIONAL RECORD

CW4 Charles P. Settle, Svc/1-623d Arty, Springfield, has a record that should stand in the Kentucky Army National Guard and probably in the Nation for a long time.

His record? He has served in the same military unit since 21 October 1936 -- a little over 35 years.

His National Guard unit was Federalized twice, WWII and Korea, and away he went to return again to Springfield with eight campaigns to his credit, and too many ribbons to count.

He and his wife, Zelma, reside (you guessed it) in Springfield, Kentucky.

EXECUTIVE INN IS SITE OF 41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Executive Council of NGAKy selected Louisville as the site and the Executive Inn as the facility for the Association's 41st annual general conference. The conference dates are 3-4 March 1972.

Council decisions were made following a detailed report on facilities and sites available for conferences of this size. The reports were given by the Committee on Time and Place, MAJ Wayland J. Nalley, chairman; MAJ Arthur P. Tesner and CPT Tebbis S. Moore, members.

MAJ Tesner of the Kentucky Air National Guard was named by the President to be the chairman of the Committee on Conference Arrangements.

In October, MAJ Tesner assembled his newly organized committee for their first planning session. Initial indications are that the 41st conference may well be the best one ever held.

Even though faced with rising cost for most every event, the Committee voted to hold conference registration fees at the same level as the 1971 conference; \$18 per couple for advance registration and \$20 per couple registration at the door.

The Association membership can expect to receive additional information on conference vents by direct mail.



CPT Roger M. Sanders
165th TR Squadron
14 September 1971

LTC (Chaplain) William E. Hisle
Kentucky Air National Guard
19 September 1971

SP4 Douglas A. Sturdivant
HHB, 1-623d Artillery
20 October 1971

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

By Major John B. Conaway

In compliance with Resolution 4 pertaining to acceptance of Enlisted Members into the National Guard Association of Kentucky, last April, I appointed a Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and instructed them to comply with Resolution 4. I appointed MAJ William L. Bird, as Chairman and COL Taylor L. Davidson, LTC James N. Heaton, MAJ Willis R. Hodges, CPT Joseph L. Kottak and CPT Maurice C. Farmer were named members of the committee. Since MAJ Bird recently transferred to the USAR, I have since named CPT Farmer to replace MAJ Bird as Chairman.

To date, the Committee has met three times in order to prepare, distribute and analyze a questionnaire to determine the opinions and interest of EM toward being a member of the NGAKy. The resolution instructed that "a cross section of EM.. be interviewed for the above purpose, so a computer was used in making a random selection of EM to receive a questionnaire.

The Committee decided to canvass both Army and Air Guard EM as follows: 100% of the E-9s; 50% of E-8s; 25% of E-7s; 15% of E-6s; 10% of E-5s and 5% of all E-4s, E-3s, E-2s and E-1s.

A Guardsman's social security number determined if they would receive a questionnaire. For example, in the Grade E7, 25% were to be queried by the committee. The Air Guard had 64 E7s, so the computer was asked for 16 names from the Air Guard with SSN's ending in the digit 5. There were 173 Army E-7s, so they asked for 59 names for the Army Guard with the SSN's ending in 5. If less than 59 names ended with an SSN of 5, then the number 6 was used ect. until the required 59 names were randomly selected.

Of 5,602 EM, 469 were mailed questionnaires (8.4% of all EM). The Committee received 158 complete questionnaires which was 34% of those canvassed. The Committee reported that 65% of the E9s answered the questionnaire; 50% of the E8s; 46% of the E7s; 39% of the E6s; 24% of the E5s; 28% of the E4s; 28% of the E3s; 17% of the E2s and 17% of the E1s answered the questionnaire.

The questionnaire consisted of 14 multiple choice type questions with some space provided for written comments, if desired. There was no space for signature, for the Committee felt that an honest expression of opinion could best be obtained without requiring the individual to identify himself.

The first question simply asked the Guardsman to indicate his rank. This breakdown allowed the committee to sort out the responses to the various questions by rank.

The second question was an example of the format followed in the questionnaire: 2. How much do you know about the National Guard Association of Kentucky?

- A. I have good knowledge about NGAKy
- B. I know something about NGAKy
- C. I know very little about NGAKy
- D. Until this letter, I had never heard of NGAKy

In that question, 19% answered A; 37% - B; 39% - C; and 5% answered D. This indicated that about 56% of those responding had a fair knowledge of the activities of NGAKy. The Committee concluded that a strong information program would be required, if Association membership were opened to EM. The majority of the 5% who answered "D" were E4s and E3s.

Some questions were asked to determine an individuals attitude toward an organization like NGAKy. Some of these were "Do you think an organization like NGAKy is beneficial to the National Guard?" and "Who do you feel benefits most from the work done by NGAKy?"

Two questions were asked in sequence to determine the EM's interest toward membership.

To the question, "If the NGAKy amended its Constitution to include enlisted men as full members of the Association, how interested would you be in becoming an active member? The responses indicated that 54% either "would consider joining," "would be fairly interested" or "would be anxious to join." Four percent said they would not want to join and 41% stated they "would need more information before I would willingly join" which again seemed to emphasize the requirement for a strong information program about Association activities.

The Committee felt that the next question gave additional light on the thinking of the Guardsman. It asked, "If NGAKy amended its Constitution to provide for EM membership, I think that membership should be limited to the followin pay grades." He then circled the lowest pay grade to be offered membership. 38% indicated that membership should be open to all EM. More than half of the people making that choice were below the grade of E4. If you included all pay grades above E6, you would have included 52% of the votes cast. 60% would have included all votes down through E5.

The Committee analyzed this question in connection with the previous one and found it interesting that 92% of thos voting included themselves in line for membership. In other words, they set the level low enough that they would be subjected to the possibility of membership should EM be offered membership. The Committee reported that although 41% in the previous question "would need more information before they would willingly join", there were only a very few in that group would did not include their own rank for membership.

In summary, the answers to these and other questions caused the Committee to report to me and the Executive Council that:

A. About 3 out of 4 EM felt that a combined Association of Officers and EM were best -- with a few voting for our present situation without change. 13% thought a separate EM Association would be best.

B. Better than half (54%) of those voting felt EM should be offered membership on an unlimited basis -- full membership with the right to hold any elected office. Another 25% selected full membership with the limitation that an EM could not be elected President.

C. When asked about appropriate EM membership dues, \$5 took first place; \$10 was second. Comments from some NCO's indicated dues should be the same as a company grade officer and a few suggested \$1 per pay grade.

D. 73% of those voting stated that EM membership should be strictly voluntary.

E. When asked what problems a combined Officer - EM organization might cause, 67% anticipated some problems while 26% said no problem and 6% said it would be an unacceptable situation. Most comments made were in conflict with these percentages in that most indicated that they choose their friends in civilian life and this would be just the same.

That is the "meat" of a rather detailed report which was accomplished entirely by the Committee. The report was presented with colorful slides and charts in detail to the Executive Council at their 4 November 1971 meeting in Lexington. The Council is scheduled to discuss the EM question further at their next meeting in January.

I wish to commend CPT Farmer and his hard working, dedicated Committee on Constitution and Bylaws which collectively put 170 man hours into a fine piece of staff action for the Association.

This information is published in compliance with Resolution 4, passed at the 40th Annual Conference, Louisville on 6 March 1971.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS TWO NEW MEMBERS

COL Wilbur R. Buntin has been named to represent the 138th Artillery Group replacing LTC Armando J. Alfaro who was transferred to the State Headquarters, KyARNG.

CPT Frank C. Van Fleet will represent the 149th Armor Group replacing MAJ William L. Bird who transferred to accept a command in the USAR.

THE FORGOTTEN MAJORITY

Perhaps the Army has marched further down the road to racial harmony than many think.

Two Fort Riley soldiers, one black and the other apparently of Italian ancestry, were discussing problems of discrimination in their unit when a Caucasian of unknow ancestry and religion chimed in: "I sure wish I had a recognizable ethnic background so someone would pay attention to me."