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FRYMIRE KEEPS AIR GUARD MISSION

The National Guard Bureau informed Gen Frymire that the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Group would continue to fly RF 101 "Voodoos", and to continue their mission of tactical photo reconnaissance*. This was brought about through the persistent efforts of Maj Gen Frymire, the Adjutant General, by correspondence, telephone calls and personal contacts.

Earlier this year in a force structure change it was announced that the Kentucky Air Guard would change to a fighter unit effective on or about 1 July 1972. They would fly A-37 Attack aircraft in close support of ground troops. The A-37 is a fine airplane and easy to maintain. However, acceptance of this mission would have resulted in a loss of 27 Air Technicians and 180 military authorizations. The National Guard Bureau could offer no immediate relief in giving us an additional unit to offset the loss. General Frymire pointed out that it was unfair for Kentucky, with its populations and recruiting potential, to be so drastically reduced in Air National Guard Strength.

* The 123d Wing, with headquarters in Louisville also continues in the reconnaissance mission.

WHITE HOUSE TO APPOINT NG OFFICERS

Appointment of Army National Guard officers in the commissioned grades above major will be made by the President and with the advice and consent of the Senate under Public Law 92-129, effective 28 September 71.

The National Guard Bureau advised states to continue present procedures concerning the processing of requests for federal recognition, according to a December 21 NGB Messageform.

During January, March, May, July, September, and November, the NGB will provide consolidated rosters of recommended officers requiring Senate confirmation to the Commanding General, Reserve Component Personnel and Administrative Center, St. Louis, Mo., in the extension of federal recognition.

BEAN SOUP FEAST TO SUPPORT BOYS CAMP

The Kentucky National Guard held its Second Annual Bean Soup Feast during May to help send Kentucky youngsters to one week camps in Greenville, Kentucky.

Last year the Kentucky Guard collected \$16,031 which sent approximately 180 young men to camp during the summer. This year \$18,000 has been set as the goal in order to give a larger number of young men an opportunity to attend camp. The next edition of the Guardsman will carry a report of money made by each unit of the Kentucky Guard.

The camp program is designed to provide supervised wholesome activities for young men to participate in, while integrating patriotic, traditional, and purposeful views of the American way of life.

Youths will get the opportunity to become involved in various programs such as team handball, football, baseball, drug abuse programs, character guidance clinics and field trips.

Members of the various units of the Kentucky National Guard, both air and army, will act as Camp Staff members. A total of seventeen staff members are needed for each camp session. Each session starts on Wednesday and ends the following Tuesday, starting 5, 12, and 19 July.

A stipend of \$50 will be paid each volunteer for his week's work, with the exception of the cooks who will be paid the equivalent of their enlisted military grade.

Volunteers needed are Youth Counselors (6), Qualified Bus Drivers (2), Qualified Red Cross Life Guard (1), Mess Stewart (1), and Cooks (3).

Anyone wishing to volunteer for a particular week are requested to fill out the form shown on page 4, and mail it to LTC Armando J. Alfaro, State Project Officer.

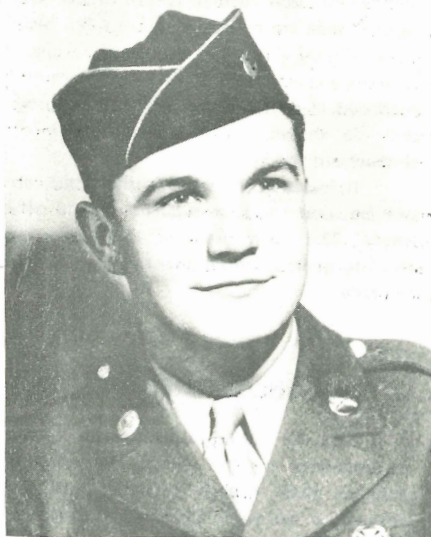
DRAFTING THE GUARD NIXED

In 1631, Governor Enidicott of Massachusetts declared from England "have all planters and servants instructed in the use of arms, and designate certain days for training." This was the birth of the American Militia which, in 1903, with the passage of the Dick Bill, became known as the National Guard.

Since the beginning of this country, the National Guard has been the TRUE all-volunteer Army.

Despite rumors that a draft would be initiated for the National Guard, Defense Secretary Melvin Laird re-affirmed the all-volunteer concept of the Guard during Congressional hearings last month. Laird indicated, "I do not want to press for a draft authorization unless that becomes absolutely essential, and I do not think that it is at this point."

A recent issue of "Army Times" reported the Defense Department was scheduled to send a Reserve incentive package that will include enlistment and reenlistment bonuses that could total as much as \$3300 per man. The "Times" concluded that swift congressional action is likely.



THE MYSTERY GUARDSMAN

Can you guess who this young Kentucky Guardsman is? Give up? Turn to page 4 for the answer.



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THEY FLY – THEY SHOOT

– THEY BOWL!

The Kentucky Air National Guard Bowling Team won one first place and one second at the 11th annual Air National Guard Bowling Tournament. The Tournament was held April 27 – 29 at Salt Lake City, Utah. Our men took high honors in the scratch series (high actual total pins) and second in the handicap series out of 284 teams entered in the nationwide competition. The five members of the winning team and their tournament averages were: SMSgt Richard L. Gravatte (173), TSgt Raymond H. Miller Jr. (175), SSgt Herbert D. Hall (169), MSgt William E. Byrum (218), and

Teams are composed of 12 boys each in ages 13 to 17 years of age. Adjutant General to urge the Artilleryman to show our ANG personnel the fundamentals of their weapons, who knows, they (ANG) might come up with a winning team in that category.



NEW TREADS FOR TANKERS – LTC Palmore, State Maintenance Officer, Frankfort, and CW4 Smith, Shop Chief of the Combined Support Maintenance Shop, inspects SP5 Dorton's M113 Armored Personnel Carrier, before delivery to the Week-End Training Equipment Pool No. 2, located at Greenville, Kentucky. The new equipment will add more realism to unit training programs, and will eliminate Annual Training driver training problems.

201st ENGRS THB CHAMPS

The First Annual Kentucky National Guard Team Handball Tournament was held at Lexington, on 27 May, and the 201st Engineer Battalion Team, Ashland, coached by SFC Bill Bryan, won the State Championship.

Four teams participated in the Tournament. They were Bowling Green's HHC 149th Armored Brigade, coached by CW Joe Wilkins; HHB 5-138th FA, Lexington, with SFC Earl C. Morgan, Coaching; and the 201st Engineer Battalion, sponsored two teams.

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The 201st Engineer Battalion Team will now compete at the First United States Army Championship, to be held 25 – 30 June, at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Shown below is a picture of the winning team. Here is wishing them luck at Fort Dix.



AIR GUARD "STARS"

The National Guard Bureau has authorized closed circuit television training equipment for Air National Guard Units. This equipment will utilize prerecorded training tapes, made by professionals. Lt Col McClure, 123d Group Commander, plans to use local officers and airmen for training programs to be recorded at Shewmaker. All training programs will be shown on the 9 monitors located throughout the base.

If found to be feasible the fixed cameras will be used for base security during off-duty hours. The monitors will be located where security guards can constantly observe most of the area.

COMMANDERS RECEIVE HELP

In an effort to help company commanders in the Army National Guard improve their overall readiness and training posture, a full-time Operations, Training and Readiness Specialist has been authorized for headquarters elements, battalion and higher.

The job of the specialists will be to help commanders prepare training directives, operations orders and plans, and readiness reports. Their job also will include assisting in collecting, interpreting and evaluating reports to determine training readiness of units and individuals.

138th ARTILLERY GROUP RECEIVED BADGE

The HHB 138th Artillery Group, located in Lexington, has now been granted a distinctive insignia badge by The Institute of Heraldry, Alexandria, Virginia.



The description of the badge, shown above, is of a gold color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches in height overall consisting of a vertical gold cannon barrel, the breech overlapping a blue grass area in base and the barrel surmounted by a gold gunner's quadrant angle up and plumb bob extending below breech, all with a scarlet enamel scroll arched across barrel below muzzle, and outwards and downwards at the sides, the left portion inscribed, "READY IN," the top portion inscribed, "PEACE," and the right portion inscribed, "AND WAR," all in gold letters.

The symbolism of the badge is scarlet and yellow (gold), the colors used for Artillery. The gunner's quadrant and cannon are symbolic of control and direction and refer to the overall mission. The bluegrass is representative of Kentucky's Lexington area, and refers to the unit's home.

MARKSMANSHIP NEWS

* The 1972 NRA SB Rifle Tournament was held 29 April at UK Indoor Range in Lexington. Teams competing were the 123d Supply Squadron, Louisville; HHB 5-138th FA, Lexington; HHB XXIII Corps Arty, Louisville; and Det 1 203d GS Co, Danville. Possible score was 600 points per individual.



Shown left to right, standing, are the members of the 123d Supply Squadron, KyANG, who are the 1972 NRA winners. MSgt Robert S. Conder (471), TSgt Hugh M. Carberry (454), MSgt Donald L. Durbin (555, and top shooter), Sgt Allen Hudson (498), and SSgt George Amin (524).

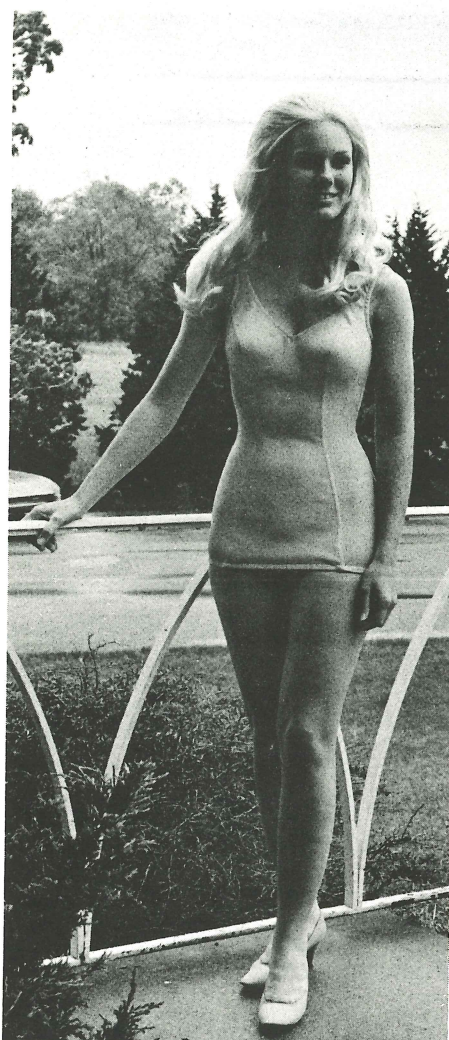
* MSgt Donald L. Durbin of the KyANG has been selected, with nine other national Air and Army Guardsmen, to compete in the 12th International Shooting Championships and tryouts for US Olympic Shooting Team, during the period 15 - 26 June 72. The ten members will make up the All National Guard Rifle Squad. Here is wishing Durbin good luck in this venture.

* Units of the Kentucky National Guard have been encouraged to participate in the Combat-Rifle and Combat-Pistol Matches to be held during off-duty time at Annual Training. Battalion winners will compete during August in a State Tournament at Fort Knox.

* From the Rifle and Pistol Shooters who compete in the August Tournament, it is hoped to develop a State Rifle Team (9 members) and Pistol Team (7 members) to compete in the 1972 Winston P. Wilson Rifle and Pistol Championship, sponsored by the National Guard Bureau, during September, at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

* A Smallbore Open Invitational Prone Tournament is being planned during October at five locations within the State. This will be a 20-shot Prone position event, open to all individual Guardsmen, their wives, and children 13 years of age and older. It will be a FEE registration tournament.

MISS KENTUCKY HOPEFUL



Diana Moore, Miss Louisville, 1972, was one of 36 girls who recently received some beauty tips concerning just that as she participated in the Miss Kentucky Pageant orientation weekend in Louisville.

The program was designed to better prepare the beauties from across the state for competition in the pageant, scheduled June 15 at Louisville's Spalding Auditorium.

The 36 participants will be vying for the title and with it, the opportunity to represent Kentucky in the Miss America Pageant at Atlantic City.

Throughout the orientation weekend, the young ladies received pointers from the pageant directors on clothing, makeup, stage walk and turns. The girls also were put through their paces in talent presentations, which even 50 per cent of a contestant's cumulative score.

For her part in the talent presentation the 22-year-old Miss Moore will play Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor.

By belonging to the Guard you are helping yourself, your community, your country.

FULL-TIME SGLI PROPOSED FOR GUARDSMEN

Hearings were conducted on Capitol Hill last week on a bill that will cost the American taxpayer nothing, but will provide a new membership incentive and benefit to the National Guard and Reserve.

Testifying on behalf of the National Guard before a House Sub-committee on Veterans Affairs, Col. James B. Deerin, Executive Vice President of the National Guard Association, interpreted the significance of H.R.13168, fulltime Servicemen's Group Life Insurance, introduced by Congressman G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery (Miss.).

"... if enacted," Colonel Deerin explained to the Sub-committee, the Bill, "will in our view serve two important ends. It will provide a well-merited measure of protection to the families of men who are serving their country through active participation in the Ready Reserve. Additionally, it will enhance the nation's ability to maintain an effective Ready Reserve by providing a worthwhile incentive to enlistment and continued service.

"... First," he pointed out, "it provides continuous coverage, at moderate costs, for Guardsmen and Reservists who are actively participating in units that conduct a minimum of 12 periods of training per year. Although the final actuarial computations have not been completed, we are led to believe that \$15,000 coverage can be provided for a monthly premium of about \$3.

"For many young Guardsmen and Reservists, this therefore may be the only insurance available to them within a price range they can afford. Since approximately two thirds of all Guardsmen are married and bear family responsibilities, both the low cost and the family security will be important considerations. These factors bear out the survey findings that fulltime SGLI coverage will weigh heavily in decisions to enlist, reenlist, or extend terms of service ..."

Presently, Reserve Component personnel may retire with 20 years service, but do not actually start receiving retired pay until age 60. If they die in the interim, no part of their retirement security can be paid to their survivor.

TO: LTC Armando J. Alfaro, Project Officer
Military Department, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601

I, the undersigned would like to volunteer to participate during week shown below with the KyNG Youth Summer Camp 1972, as a Camp Staff Member.

Rank _____ Name _____

Unit Assigned to _____

_____ 5 July _____ 12 July _____ 19 July

Position Interested in _____

HIGHLIGHTS of 20 Apr 72 MEETING of the Executive Council National Guard Association of Kentucky

* New Executive Members appointed were MAJ Jackie R. Hancock, 1-123d Armor; MAJ Eddie G. Morgan, 1-623d FA; LTC David B. May, 138th FA Group; LT Thomas C. Mooney, 123d TR Gp; and MAJ Jack Ballard, 149th MP Bn.

* MAJ Jerry W. Heaton, reappointed Executive-Director. CPT Frank Gray appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

* Annual Conference of NGAKy will be held 2-3 March 73 at "The Gault House" in Louisville. LTC Archie O. Taylor has been appointed General Chairman of the Conference.

* Approved FY73 Budget in the amount of \$19,150.00.

* National Guard Association of United States will be held in San Francisco, California, 11-14 September.

* MG Frymire, the Adjutant General, addressed the Executive Council and expressed his thanks on behalf of the 6,000 Kentucky Guardsmen for the work the members of the council have done throughout the years. He stated General Weber, from National Guard Bureau, was impressed with the fine attendance evidenced at our Annual Meeting. The General also expressed his appreciation for the support the NGAKy gave the NGB Management Conference at Louisville on 29-30 March.



TALK ABOUT A WORK DETAIL — The city of Barbourville recently conducted a city-wide cleanup campaign, and volunteer members of the 438th MP Co assisted in the project. Shown above, enjoying his detail is SP4 Don Marsh, who along with local teen-age girls assisted in the campaign.

21 SUPERIOR AWARDS PRESENTED

Superior Unit Awards for Traing Year 1971 were announced by the Chief, National Guard Bureau as follows:

UNIT	LOCATION
HHB 1-623d FA	Glasgow
Btry A 1-623d FA	Tompkinsville
Btry B 1-623d FA	Campbellsville
Btry C 1-623d FA	Monticello
Sv Btry 1-623d FA	Springfield
HHB 2-138th FA	Louisville
Btry A 2-138th FA	Carrollton
Btry B 2-138th FA	Elizabethtown
Btry C 2-138th FA	Bardstown
HHC 103d S&S Bn	Richmond
2113th TC Co (Acft)	Frankfort
HHB 149th MP Bn	Barbourville
HHC 201st Engr Bn	Ashland
Co A 201st Engr Bn	Ashland
HHC 149th Armd Bde	Bowling Green
HHC 1-123d Armor	Paducah
Co A 1-123d Armor	Marion
Co B 1-123d Armor	Hopkinsville
Co C 1-123d Armor	Madisonville
Co A 2-123d Armor	Livermor
Co B 2-123d Armor	Henderson

The Guard belongs to the country.

The Guard is America's largest backup military force. This is part of the Federal Mission—the primary mission of the Army Guard: to help the U.S. Army in time of war or national emergency.



An equal opportunity outfit.



Answer: Governor Wendell H. Ford
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