



# The Kentucky GUARDSMAN

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## Guard Bills March Through Ky. Legislature

by Jerry Heaton

There wasn't any conversation among the troops when a six bill package of National Guard legislation marched through the House with precision and skill about ten days before the close of the 1974 session of the Kentucky Legislature. The six bills had already been given a stamp of **approval** by the Senate, and passed the House with only six dissenting votes and then sent to the Governor for signature. At press time the Governor had not signed the bills but it was anticipated that he would do so.

Noting the precision and swiftness with which the Guard bills moved through the process, The Louisville Courier Journal stated that one Representative had even suggested that Adjutant General (MG) Richard Frymire, a former representative and Senate majority leader might consider returning to the legislature if the ease by which the National Guard bills shot through the house were any indication of his legislative talents.

### Frymire Announces New Units During Conference

National Guard units will be established in Central City, Cynthiana and Prestonsburg and positions for 300 more guardsmen made available throughout the state according to Kentucky National Guard Adjutant General Richard L. Frymire.

Frymire spoke to nearly 350 members of the National Guard Association of Kentucky at its 43rd annual conference at the Galt House.

Central City would get a heavy equipment maintenance company, Cynanthia an engineer detachment and Prestonsburg a mechanized infantry detachment, if final approval comes through as is expected. Frymire also expects some reorganization of certain existing units.

Also addressing the conference were the Honorable Theodore C. Marrs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, and the Honorable Carl W. Clewlow, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy.

During the business session of the meeting 1974-75 officers for the Association were elected. They were Lt. Col. Arthur P. Tesner of Louisville, president; Capt. Larry C. Barker of Frankfort, vice president for the Army National Guard, and Capt. Thomas G. Mooney of Louisville, vice president for Air National Guard.

The paper also reported that Rep. Larry Hopkins, R-Lexington, asked House speaker Norbert Blume, D-Louisville, if there were any National Guard openings.

The package of six Guard bills included:

SB 150 -- authorizes reimbursements of personal expense incurred by Guardsmen called into active state service; permit females to serve in the active militia; require the Department of Military Affairs to accept KRS Chapter 342, workmen's compensation; grant free use of toll roads when going or returning from an official Guard function; enable students who are members of the Kentucky National Guard to make up school work missed as a result of being called into active state duty; increases fines for various military regulation violations.

SB 152 -- provides \$150 uniform allowance

for each newly commissioned officer or warrant officer.

SB 153 -- grant preference in personnel examinations to persons who are veterans of at least three years service in the Kentucky National Guard.

SB 154 -- to require that Guard members be paid a minimum of \$25 per day when in active state service.

SB 155 -- to authorize free tuition to state supported universities, junior colleges or vocational training institutions for dependents of National Guardsmen where the Guardsmen were killed or permanently and totally disabled while on active duty.

SB 185 -- exempts from local taxation income received by Guardsmen for active duty training, unit training assemblies and annual field trainings.



Photo by Thomas D. Riddell

### ENLISTED GUARDSMAN OF THE YEAR

The Kentucky National Guard has selected its Outstanding Soldier of the Year, SP4 Joseph L. Wilson, Jr., a member of the Headquarters Battery, XXIII Corps Artillery, Louisville, Kentucky.

Major General Richard L. Frymire, The Adjutant General of Kentucky, presented the award to Wilson during the Annual Conference of the Kentucky National Guard held recently in Louisville.



# The Technician is a Lady

by Thom Greenwell

Private First Class Becky Coldiron is a woman with a challenging job.

As the Administrative Supply Technician for the Kentucky Army National Guard State Headquarters, 133d Public Information Detachment and the 202nd Army Band, she is one of only three women in the United States in similar positions.

Her reason for joining the Guard a year ago was one of caution.



PFC Coldiron was seriously considering enlistment with the U.S. Army. Fortunately for the KyARNG she decided to join the Guard to see what the military had to offer women, before committing herself to several years of active duty.

At the time of her enlistment she was working as a nursing service clerk for the Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital and just wanted something extra to do. Apparently, she liked it so well that she left the hospital and began working full time for the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs, and has dismissed all previous plans for joining the active Army.

## JOB OPENING

The following is a list of State Merit System Jobs that exist in the Facilities Division, Military Department, Frankfort, Ky.

### 1. Plumber (National Guard):

Employee will be required to perform minor plumbing repair work. Must have three years experience. Position is a Grade no. 12, at \$30.00 per month.

### 2. Hardware & Carpenter Specialist (National Guard):

Under limited supervision must perform rough and finish work on Journeyman level. Three years experience. Position is a Grade no. 11, at \$480.00 per month.

### 3. Carpenter:

Under supervision does rough and some finish work. Must have three years experience. Position is a grade no.9, at \$415.00 per month.

For more detail information contact Mr. Eddie Sanders, Personnel Officer, Department of Military Affairs.

PFC Coldiron has become so involved with the Guard that she has applied and has been accepted as a candidate for the KyARNG Officers Candidate School. She will begin training with the next class in June as the first female officer candidate.

As a result of the presence of women in the Guard, various memorandum, directives and bulletins have been distributed by the various commanders. Mostly, the material has served as an assurance that no discrimination should take place, based on race, religion, color, national origin, SEX, political affiliation, for consideration of employment, promotion, transfer, or career progression.

Everything was fine until Miss Coldiron applied for a transfer to a higher paying position with a Guard unit in Barbourville. At which time she was told that because the Barbourville unit was considered to be a combat unit, women were not eligible.

Being the lady that she is, PFC Coldiron was a little unhappy with her latest military efforts. She said she was well aware of the higher risk involved by being a member of a combat unit, but added, "there are guys behind desks, so females should be able to go to the field."

From Cumberland, Kentucky, one of the coal producing counties in the state, Becky said there are women in the mines, and there "can be women in combat units...If the rock is going to fall, its going to fall whether it is on a man or a woman.

## SHOOTING CHAMP

Kentucky Air National Guardsman, Master Sgt. Donald L. Durbin has placed first in individual shooting in the All Air Force Championships at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Durbin, of Louisville, fired 2268 of a possible 2400 to win the competition.

He was also a member of the nine-man All National Guard team which placed second in overall competition, based upon a first in any-sight firing and a second place in metallic sight competition.

## RANGER TRAINING FOR OCS

Kentucky National Guard OCS class 16-74 received ranger training March 15-17 at Fort Benning, Georgia. Thirty-two candidates and six representatives of the OCS faculty and staff trained in subjects including patrolling, rappelling, survival and escape and invasion.

This is the first time the ranger training is being offered to Kentucky National Guardsmen in the OCS program.

Class 16-74, which will be commissioned at 2Lt under the command of LTC Glenn A. Fiskier, will conduct their annual training at Camp Attebury, Indiana, where they will train jointly with the Indiana and Ohio OCS classes.

Anyone interested in earning a commission as a 2Lt the OCS-way should contact his unit commander immediately. The orientation date for the next junior class is scheduled in early April.

## Kentucky Guardsmen Will Become A Monthly Publication

The Kentucky Guardsmen will begin a monthly publication with this issue. We have increased from a quarterly publication and will soon be changing the face of the publication.

The 133d PID will assume the responsibility of news gathering and writing as well as handling the photographic requirements. Major Bob Whitaker, Commander of the unit will serve as the advisor to the publication.

2LT Thomas D. Riddell, Editor, said that if the publication is to function as a State wide publication support must be received from units in the field.

"We must know what is going on in the field in order to provide news coverage", said Riddell. Riddell is also the Public Affairs Officer for the Adjutant General and will be able to handle news for your unit on a daily basis.

Call the Frankfort News line 502-564-6790 EXT. 33 if you have any information about up-coming news events in your unit. The publication also needs reporters in each unit, call us if you are interested.

## FULL CREDIT FOR TECHNICIAN

## RETIREMENT

The U.S. Senate-passed bill (S.871) favorably reported by Retirement Subcommittee of House Post Office and Civil Service, awaits consideration by full committee...Committee Chairman Dulski has expressed opposition to bill and may delay its markup by full committee...Ranking members of committee are pressing for a showdown and predicting the bill will come before committee at March meeting...Committee is expected to favorably report...The votes are said to be there...Then to the floor where chances for passage are good.

Retirement is much more than just a monthly pay check. It also provides valuable benefits. In order to be eligible for retirement, a total of 20 years service is required. Once reaching 20 years, the benefits are guaranteed. The longer a Guardsman continues in the Guard after the 20-year benchmark, the more valuable his retirement.



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# Making of a Film

by Thomas D. Riddell

It wasn't Hollywood but the casual visitor to Camp Grayling might have thought it was.

During the week of August 18-26, the campsite was used as the backdrop for a National Guard Bureau public relations project called "The New Minuteman". Professional film crews from Baltimore, New York, California and Detroit shot both movies and still pictures for the NGB's new advertising campaign. There was even a professional actor involved.

"Stars" included some Kentucky National Guards and one of their big M-60 tanks and over 100 other Guardsmen from 22 additional states including two members of the Alaska National Guard patrol scout unit. Also used was a "Chinook" helicopter from the Iowa Army National Guard, trucks, bulldoziers, ambulances and other military equipment.

To make the assorted "stars" and their equipment uniform for the production, equipment had new designations painted on it and a seamstress was employed to sew patches of the same unit on all uniforms of Guardsmen seen in the motion picture films and still pictures.

Without a doubt, the "biggest" star of the film was a 20-foot tall replica of the Minuteman statue at Concord Bridge. The statue, following the shooting, was sent to Oklahoma to be viewed at the National Guard Association of the United States convention. Following the October convention, the statue was sent back to Camp Grayling where it will remain in storage there for the winter.

The feature film shot at Grayling will be used in the National Guard Bureau's recruiting and retention program. TV commercials shot, one 60 second and one 30 second spot, will be distributed to television stations throughout the nation for showing during public service time. Still pictures taken during the project will be utilized for billboard, magazine and newspaper advertising as well as for recruiting brochures.

## OCS TO RAFFLE OFF BAHAMA TRIP

Want to win a trip to the Bahamas?

OCS class 16-74 will be giving one away raffle-style to help finance their class activities.

The all-expense paid vacation for two to be given away includes air transportation from Louisville to Miami, a 4-day cruise of the Bahamas, air transportation from Miami to Louisville and \$200 cash for personal expenses. The total value for the trip is \$1000.

The drawing will be held on 25 May 74 and the trip package will be awarded to the lucky winner at the OCS class graduation.

Each ticket costs one dollar and can be obtained from any officer candidate, OCS staff and faculty or by contacting SGT. Joseph J. deWolfe II, 5300 Witten Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40258 or by calling 502-935-7568.



"STARS"

Guardsmen from Kentucky were "Stars" in the new film "The New Minuteman" produced by the National Guard. SSG Ronald M. Cunningham, SSG William Martin, SGT Charles G. Meriwether, and SP5 Juan A. Rivera are pictured with their "Big M-60 Tank".



Photo by Thomas D. Riddell

## FATHER GETS SON, SON GETS FATHER

First Lt. Mike Woods Administers the oath to Robert S. Clark and Clifton A. Jenkins swearing them into the Kentucky national Guard. Clark and Jenkins were recruited for the National Guard by their relatives. SSG Alfred D'Ambrosio is Clark's step-father and SP4 Cliff Jenkins is the Jenkins' son. Both are recruiters for the Kentucky National Guard.





Photo by KyARNG

### ON THE AIR

Lt. Col. James H. McClure, right, commander of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Group of the Kentucky Air National Guard at Louisville, Ky., was interviewed the first day the Kentucky closed-circuit television (CCTV) system went "on the air." Doing the interview was Sgt. Dave Voegle, a professional TV announcer in Louisville and a member of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing information staff. The capabilities of the CCTV system for Kentucky include 24 "drops" where television monitor sets can be connected at Shewmaker Air National Guard Base in Louisville. Prime direction for the project has come from Maj. Jack Crowner, 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing information officer, and SMSgt. Sam Duncan, NCOIC of the 123d Communication Flight of the Kentucky Air Guard. Sgt. Voegle and Maj. Crowner are both commercial TV broadcasters with Channel 3 (WAVE) in Louisville.



Photo by Thom Greenwell

### A FIRST

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yonce were recently sworn in the Kentucky Army National Guard by MG Richard Frymire, Kentucky Adjutant General. The occasion was a big first in the Kentucky Guard as Joe and Judy became the first husband and wife team to enlist. Both were recently released from active duty from the U.S. Army with the same rank of Specialist Fourth Class. Mrs. Yonce served 21 1/2 years and Mr. Yonce two. Assigned as personnel specialist to the 149th MP Battalion in Barbourville, the Yonces reside in Corbin.

## Guardsmen in Kentucky will get a Tax Break

Legislation which provides Kentucky national Guardsmen a \$20 tax credit when paying State income taxes next year, passed the House late on the evening of March 20th, just two days before the end of the 1974 Kentucky General Assembly. The vote was 48 to 14.

There was some concern for the bill when it earlier stalled in the legislative machinery as the House stepped up its pace toward adjournment. The bill had previously passed the Senate 32 to 0.

The bill, SB 278, was a late starter and missed getting tied into a packet of six bills which earlier moved through the House and Senate with little delay. Initially, the NGAKy Legislative Committee, headed by CPT Tom Mooney, working with other legislative committees coordinated by COL Taylor Davidson, had sought exemption from State income tax of the Guardsman's drill and annual summer training pay not exceeding \$1,000. The bill was delayed initially when State revenue people objected to the complicated formula of exemption a portion of a man's income and suggested a simpler \$20 tax credit for guard membership. The tax credit was considered generally comparable to the tax exemption that was sought. Revision of the original bill caused the delay.

MG Richard L. Frymire, State Adjutant General, in reporting the passage of S.278 along with all other items of guard legislation stated that he was pleased to see the legislators provide the Guard with a fine group of new benefits which will be very important to future recruiting and retention.



### NATIONAL GUARD LIAISON

SFC Mike Dawson, Louisville, is assigned to the Louisville Regional Office of the regular Army Recruiting Main Station, where he serves as the liaison noncommissioned officer between the Kentucky National Guard and the Army Recruiting Main Station. His duties include referring leads on potential enlistees and serving as the civilian community point of contact. Although a member of the Kentucky National Guard, he currently is in active federal service for this special recruiting assignment.