

# The Kentucky GUARDSMAN

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**TRACK REPAIR**—Three Madisonville Guardsmen work to replace a tank track link during annual training at Fort Hood, Tex. From left are SFC James Baxter, SSgt. Tony Space, and SP4 Joseph Hudson. See pages 2 and 3 for more AT photos. (Photo by SP5 Tom Murphy)

## Proposal threatens drills

Appropriations committees in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate recently acted on a proposal by the Defense subcommittee that would eliminate paid drills for Guardsmen in several categories.

The proposal would eliminate drill pay

## Air Guard slates gala reunion

The Kentucky Air Guard will mark its 30th anniversary Aug. 28 with a gala reunion at Standiford Field in Louisville.

The event will feature static displays of many of the aircraft flown by the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in the past, a fly-over by RF-4s now in operation, music, and food. An anniversary book including photos from the past will also be available.

All present and former Air Guardsmen are invited to attend the event.

for those in public affairs and civil affairs positions, lawyers and legal assistants, and for chaplains and their assistants.

The House committee agreed with the proposal, but the Senate did not, which will force action by a House-Senate conference.

Kentucky Senator Walter D. Huddleston, a member of the committee, wrote to one Guardsman on his support for the Guard position.

"I was pleased to support this move in committee," he wrote, "and I am hopeful that the final version of the Senate bill can carry in the conference committee which must meet to resolve the differences in the House and Senate bills."

The Senate also approved funding for a \$5 million test of re-enlistment bonuses for the Army National Guard and Army Reserves. No details of this program have been announced and final approval depends on approval of the total appropriations bill.

## Tuition aid tops \$45,000 in first year

More than \$45,000 in tuition benefits was paid to Kentucky Guardsmen during the first year of the Kentucky National Guard Education Encouragement Fund's operation, and a spokesman for the Board that administers the program says that everything indicates an even greater demand during the coming year.

"Awareness was a major drawback for awhile last year," he said, "but I think just about everyone now knows about the benefit."

Under the program, Guardsmen attending state-supported universities or technical or vocational schools can receive up to 50 per cent assistance for tuition costs.

The 1976 General Assembly allocated \$50,000 to cover the program for two years, but that soon proved inadequate and Gov. Julian Carroll provided an additional \$20,000 during the first year.

"When we went through the first \$25,000 so rapidly," the Board spokesman said, "we had to delay action on many applications for some time, but we have those cleared up now."

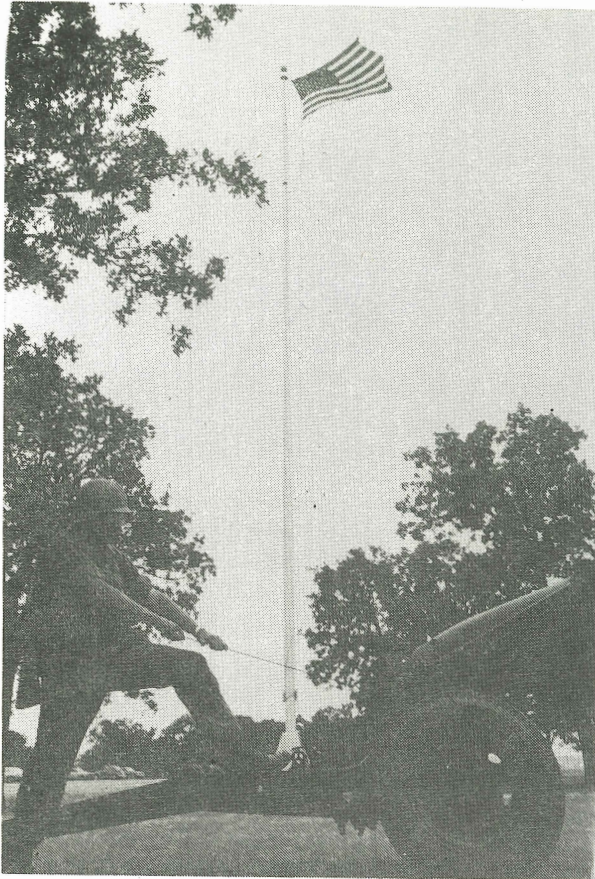
He said that a major administrative problem is caused by people who apply for aid and are approved, but who then decide not to go to school. Payments are not made until a "paid" receipt is submitted, but funds for approvals are set aside.

"If people would notify us when they decide not to go to school, we could free the money for others."

The Board accepts applications only during the term for which aid is requested. For example, anyone who wants assistance for the fall term must apply before the end of the term.

"Early applications accompanied by receipts receive the most favorable attention," the spokesman noted. "Receipts do not have to accompany the application, but it simplifies and speeds up the system. Early applications will be particularly important this fall, since we'll undoubtedly have to ask for an additional appropriation to meet the demand."

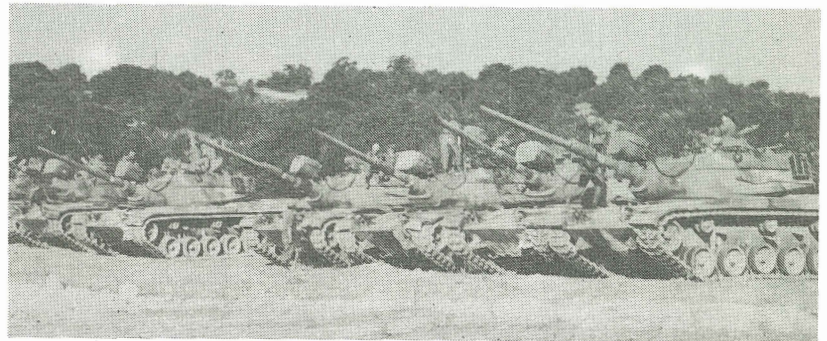




**REVEILLE**--MSgt. Virgil Van Arsdale prepares to fire the cannon for reveille at Fort Hood. As the senior command, the 149th Armor Brigade had the task for the first time. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tom Little)



**ON THE LEVEL**--SSgt. Tom Neill, left, of Ashland's engineer unit, checks the elevation of an earth-moving project near Central City as Capt. Jimmy Napier, Army Advisor to the 201st Engineer Battalion, looks on. (Photo by SFC Keith Kappes)



**ON LINE** -- Tanks of the 149th Armor Brigade wait on line before moving onto a course at Fort Hood. (Photo by SP5 Tom Murphy)

# Guardswoman disagrees with story

*(Editor's Note: The last issue of the GUARDSMAN contained an article by PFC Doris Harrigan critical of the manner in which women in the Kentucky Guard are treated by supervisors. Following publication, many Guardswomen protested, vowing to submit rebuttals. Only one, Sgt. Marilyn Uptegraft, of the Air Guard, did*

*so. Space limitations prevent publication of her comments in their entirety, but highlights follow.)*

Does a woman belong in the Guard? A woman can belong anywhere she wants to belong. WANTS is the key to this whole situation.

I cannot visualize any recruiter twisting our arm, bribing or pleading with us to choose an MOS or AFSC to stereotype us into the category of "secretary" or "typewriter." We have the choice, just like our male counterparts, of picking the career field we would like and feel comfortable in, providing there is a slot.

I chose to be in the admin field, but I don't confine myself to the typewriter. I have asked, and received permission, to participate in firing range exercises, the Great Balloon Race activities, and other duties not related to my AFSC. Everyone is born with initiative, but using it

is up to that individual.

Sure, I agree some females are shown partiality, but don't think for one minute the rest of us females like it any better than the guys like a supervisor's "fair-haired boy." Nothing makes me angrier than to listen to a female complain or demand to pull her fair share and then sluff it off. Wanting to go to camp, yet not staying in the barracks because she might have to clean a dirty latrine.

I cannot offer any sympathy to any female in the Guard who is unhappy and complains, nor to any male or female who feels he does not belong. They don't because they choose not to.

Don't talk or complain about the National Guard and its programs--do something about it.

Someone once said, "Either lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way."

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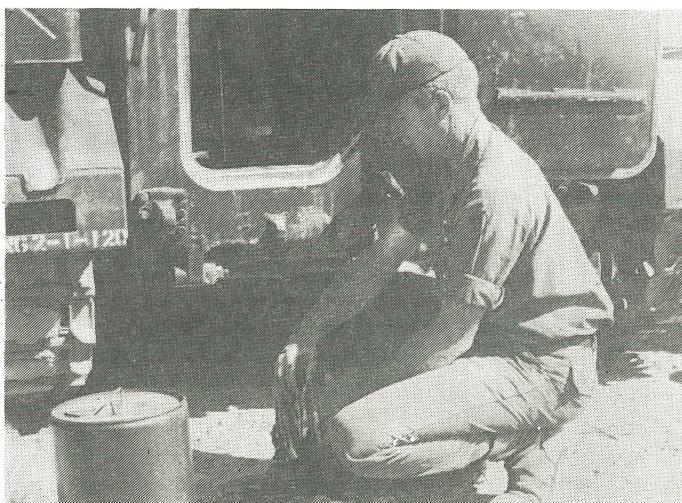
**SIGHTING**—SP4 Thomas Qualls, of the Harlan unit, checks his sights before firing an 81 mm mortar. Firing accuracy was stressed at the Fort Hood encampment. (Photo by SP5 Tom Murphy)



**ON TOUR**—The Kentucky National Guard Band enjoyed another successful tour of the state, drawing crowds such as this one at the "Lexington '77 Celebration." The 1977 show featured a highly-acclaimed stage show. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tom Little)



**READY**—Sgt. Jesse Barnett, left, and SP4 Freeland Poston, both of Hopkinsville's armor unit, wait to move onto a tank firing range at Fort Hood. (Photo by SP5 Tom Murphy)



**MAINTENANCE**—SSgt. Orville Phillippi, of Somerset's mechanized infantry unit, changes the oil filter on an armored personnel carrier at Fort Hood. Maintenance was a major effort as the vehicles were tasked over difficult, very dusty terrain. (Photo by SP5 Tom Murphy)



# Officers , NCOs earn diplomas

The Kentucky Military Academy completed annual training with the commissioning of 24 second lieutenants and the graduation of 44 non-commissioned officers.

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire told the officers and their families that they would undoubtedly be called upon to serve many times during their careers, noting that their major role "is to come to help people."

Lt. Col. Edward J. Balda, Jr., professor of military science at Morehead State University, urged them to take an aggressive role in planning. "Worthwhile training experiences don't just happen," he said, "they need preparation and close attention to detail."

In an earlier ceremony, Sgt. Maj. Albright Hunt, Jr., sergeant major of the Army National Guard and advisor to the chief of the National Guard Bureau, emphasized "leadership by example" in his address to the NCO class.

"Stars and bars don't make leadership--example does," he stated.

Several graduates were recognized for outstanding achievements during their training.

2nd Lt. William R. Ahonen earned both the Erickson Trophy and the National Guard Association of Kentucky Award, denoting his status as the graduate with the highest overall leadership, academic, and Commandant's evaluation.

2nd Lt. Robert D. Linkous earned the Association of the U.S. Army Award for demonstrating the highest standards of leadership, and 2nd Lt. Shelby C. Jett earned the Commandant's Award for making the greatest self-improvement.

In the NCO program, SSgt. Newman G. Edwards earned the Adjutant General Trophy for having the highest overall standing in leadership, academics, and Commandant's evaluation.

SP4 Teresa K. Fields posted the highest academic average, earning the Enlisted Association National Guard of Kentucky Award, while SP5 Tilman Drury II received the Association of the U.S. Army Plaque for leadership.

SP4 George R. Phillips earned the Commandant's Award for self-improvement.



**LOADING--**Officer Candidate Julia Thompson loads a mortar during the Kentucky Military Academy annual training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. She was a member of the junior class. (Photo by Lt. Scotty McFadden)

## Guard...at a glance

### License Plates

Nearly 1,200 Kentucky Guardsmen took advantage of the 1976 law providing distinctive license plates for a one-time \$25 fee. A spokesman for the Department of Transportation's Bureau of Vehicle Regulation said that several proposals for legislative change are being considered, including ones that would make 6,000 pound pick-up trucks and passenger-type vans eligible for the Guard plate.

### Shooting Record

Maj. Presley Kendall set a new national shooting record at the U.S. regional championships in Atlanta. Using a German .22 caliber rifle, he set a new record, scoring a perfect 400. He had 50 center shots, bettering the old record by 10.

### Legislative Guide

The 1977 edition of the Legislative Guide for the Military is now available through the National Association for the Uniformed Services. The free publication explains the law-making process, and how to communicate with and influence elected

officials. For a copy, write to: NAUS, 956 N. Monroe St., Arlington, VA 22201.

### Exchange Change

A recent regulation change now enables Guardsmen to take their children into post and base exchanges.

## Recruiting drive set for August

The Kentucky National Guard will join in a national recruiting campaign dubbed "Get Your Guard Up" throughout August.

Gov. Julian M. Carroll has proclaimed August as "Salute the Guard Month" to show his personal support.

Each unit has received a large supply of recruiting and retention materials and the program is being supplemented by a public information program. Radio and television tapes have been supplied for virtually all stations in the state.

The drive is designed to help eliminate the deficit of more than 1,000 people the Army and Air Guard are now short.

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