

Division to add 637 slots

Kentucky Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman has announced the formation of a new division in the National Guard structure that will add approximately 637 persons to the Kentucky Army National Guard.

The unit will be designated the 35th Infantry Division (Mechanized) and will have units in Kentucky, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Colorado. It will have 20,000 persons assigned to the division.

The unit will be phased in over a two-year period.

Wellman stated that the new division will require some reorganization, realignment and the addition of new units in the Kentucky Army Guard that now totals 7,415 persons.

He added that the selection to be included in this new division is a great honor and again shows the readiness to fulfill

the mission of the Guard, whether a national emergency or state disaster or disturbance.

One of the main units in the new division will be the 149th Separate Armor Brigade, headquartered in Louisville, that was formed only two years ago.

The new division will be the ninth combat division for the Army National Guard and the 25th for the total Army.



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Guard doctor saves life second time in 12 months

By Capt. Keith Kappes

For the second time in less than a year, Major (Dr.) Paula M. Maionchi was in the right place at the right time to save the life of a member of the Kentucky Army National Guard.

A physician specializing in internal medicine and cardiology, Maionchi is chief of medicine services for the 475th Combat Support Hospital in Frankfort. In civilian life, she maintains a practice in Richmond.

Maionchi's medical skills in uniform attracted statewide attention last summer when she was involved in the treatment of Kentucky Guardsmen struck by lightning during annual training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Her latest feat of lifesaving occurred in early May during an exercise at the Blue Grass Army Depot near Richmond. The 475th had moved into the field to prepare



ON THE JOB -- Major (Dr.) Paula M. Maionchi of the 475th Combat Support Hospital checks a mock casualty during a recent FTX. Earlier in the exercise, she was instrumental in saving the life of a member of the 475th, her second such accomplishment in less than a year. (Photo Courtesy Bill Robinson, Richmond Daily Register)

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Hundreds attend open house in Frankfort

By Spec. 4 Sparky Goodman

Despite the threat of rain, hundreds of people journeyed to Boone Center to witness and participate in Armed Forces Day activities at the Fifth Annual Kentucky National Guard Headquarters Open House.

The event was kicked off with a brief speech by Brig. Gen. Robert Fiorella, followed by a performance by the 202d

Army Band.

Other activities included oral cancer screenings performed by the 973d Dental Service Detachment, free blood pressure checks by the 475th Combat Support Hospital, a shooting gallery operated by the Recruiting and Retention Command, and various military equipment displays, jeep rides, and building tours.

The 441st Medical Detachment demonstrated an ability to fight fires by lowering

a special bucket from a helicopter into the pond in front of the armory, filling it with water. The helicopter then circled the area and dropped the water from several hundred feet back into the pond. They also demonstrated their ability to perform a water rescue from a helicopter by lowering a floating rope chair to a simulated victim floundering in the pond.

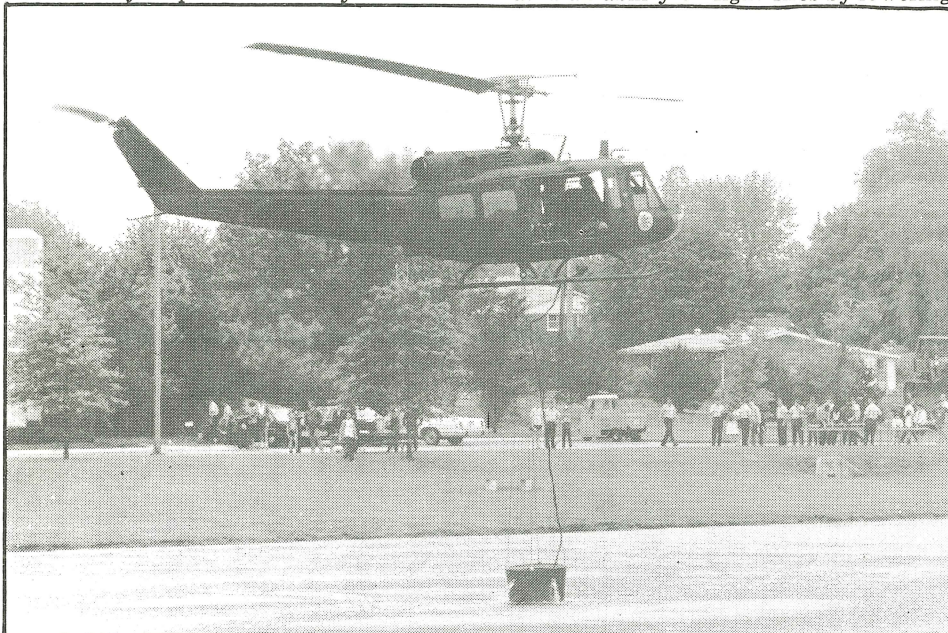
The pond was also the site of the demonstration by the 207th Engineer Company, out of Hazard and Jackson. They diligently constructed a light tactical raft which proved to be strong enough to support a jeep, as well as a horde of excited youngsters.

Company C of the 42d Aviation Battalion entertained the spectators with a simulated helicopter combat assault. Explosions and smoke grenades added realism to the dramatization.

The Kentucky Air National Guard, from Louisville, provided a jet simulator for spectators to strap themselves into as proud relatives gathered around to catch the moment in a photograph.

The Guard also sponsored three foot races for both military and civilian runners. David C. Saylor, of Frankfort, took top honors in the five mile run with a time of 29 minutes and 35 seconds. Maj. Joe Warren, of the 138th Field Artillery in Lexington, won the four mile run with a time of 20 minutes and 27 seconds.

The day ended with a brief demonstration by the "Black Hawk" helicopter.



MORE THAN half a ton of water is hoisted away during the Fifth Kentucky Army National Guard Open House. This exhibition demonstrated the ability of Company C, 42d Aviation Battalion to collect water for use in putting out fires. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Ron Bayes, 133d Public Affairs Detachment)

Equipment losses cost Guard two times

By Sgt. Robert Pillow

Kentucky National Guardsmen suffered two losses during fiscal year 1981-1982.

The first came when about \$51,600 of property was misplaced or damaged; the second came when the Kentucky Guard had to replace some goods from its budget allocation according to Col. Ralph L. Palmore, chief of staff.

In FY 82 the Guard completed 164 reports of survey, the system the military uses to determine who is liable for property losses and damage. Of the equipment lost, the Guard was able to recover nearly \$15,000 from Guardsmen who were responsible for those goods, Palmore said. The balance, about \$36,600, not recovered will have to be replaced by federal tax dollars, he said.

Although the state was able to recover some of the loss, the Guard did not get that money; those funds were turned over to the U.S. Treasury, the chief of staff said. Money left in the remaining Guard

budget for fiscal '81-'82 had to be used for items that were replaced, he said.

"I think it's important for the soldier to realize that although some money is recovered, we don't get it back," Palmore said. "It really poses a budget problem."

The chief of staff said he has seen troops wait three to four months for clothing issues to be made because money allocated for uniforms had already been used to replace garments lost or stolen. And sometimes money has been shifted from one part of the budget to another because of property losses, he said.

Most of the property lost during fiscal '81-'82 was individual clothing and equipment, Palmore said. To curtail these losses, the Guard has decided to require troops to keep their field issue in their home unit's armory beginning Sept. 1, he said.

Very few pieces of table of organization and equipment (TOE) were reported for survey, the chief of staff said. The usual TOE items reported were "pilferable equipment" such as flashlights, penlights

and binoculars, he said.

A report of survey investigation costs an average of \$750, he said. Occasionally the Criminal Investigation Detachment is called in when there is a possibility of prosecuting someone who loses property, he said.

If a survey determines that an equipment loss was caused through negligence or misconduct, the soldier responsible for those goods could be charged up to 30 days pay if necessary, Palmore said. "Very few losses exceed (30-days) base pay."

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Trainees must meet PT standards

Physical conditioning continues to be one of the "hottest" topics in the military, particularly as large numbers of trainees are eliminated from basic training and specialized schools because of their inability to meet weight and conditioning standards.

In a recent letter to all commanders, Lt. Col. Larry C. Barker, Deputy Director of Personnel for the Kentucky Army Guard, emphasized a particular concern about Guardsmen who take part in the split training option. Under that program an individual may enlist and go to basic training at one time and continue with Advanced Individual Training at a later date.

In most cases, the soldier graduating from basic training is well prepared to meet physical training demands at the next level. However, those Guardsmen who experience a lapse of many months before continuing will frequently not maintain the level of conditioning. This poses a significant risk that the soldier may not be able to complete the advanced training program.

Commanders have been encouraged to test soldiers within 30 days of the period they are to report for the advanced (Phase II) portion of training. Height and weight standards must be certified within 72 hours of departure.

Commanders have been directed not to send those individuals who fail to meet the standards on for further training. They may attempt to reschedule training or may consider a variety of administrative actions.

Barker noted that standards for Phase II are somewhat lower than those for basic training.



FORMER PRESIDENT Jimmy Carter leaves a Kentucky Army Guard Black Hawk helicopter during a recent visit to the state. Carter was among several dignitaries transported by the Guard during Kentucky Derby activities. (Photo by SFC Chuck Toler)

Loan repayment resumes

By PFC Don Belisle

The Army National Guard Student Loan Repayment Program has resumed after a one year break.

Under the program, the Guard agrees to pay \$500 or 15 percent of the total unpaid student loan per year, whichever is greater, for each year the qualified enlistee remains a Guard member in good standing. The first repayment of a loan begins one year after the member joins the Guard, and remaining payments are

paid each succeeding year, until the loan is repaid.

The program is available to recruits with high school diplomas and above-average scores on the Armed Forces Qualification Tests. Potential recruits must enlist for six years to be eligible for loan repayment, but current Guard members need to reenlist for three to six years to be eligible.

For more information on the Student Loan Repayment Program, contact any National Guard recruiter or unit administrator.

Guard . . . at a glance

PHOTO CONTEST

The Unit Marksmanship Support Center is sponsoring a photography contest entitled "Shoot the Shooters." The contest theme is small arms marksmanship in the Guard.

Winners from each state will be chosen, awarded certificates of appreciation, and made eligible for the national championship prize, a Daisy Model 717 air pistol.

Photo entries (black and white only) should tell a story or make a statement about marksmanship in the Guard. The number of entries per person is unlimited, and anyone in the Guard can enter.

Each photo must be accompanied by the photographer's name, rank, Guard unit, hometown, and a brief explanation

of what's happening in the photo.
Mail all submissions to:

"Shoot the Shooters"
UMSC, P.O. Box 17267
Nashville, TN 37217

Entries will be accepted until Sept. 30, 1983.

BEWARE OF BDU

All Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) jackets are not created equal, according to the Department of the Army. Supply officials recently reported that some of the camouflage field jackets are appearing in Army/Navy "surplus stores" located near Army installations and that many of the coats have labels that closely resemble the government-specified identification markings. These items reportedly may not meet specific requirements and are generally much more expensive than those now being sold at military clothing sales stores.

KENTUCKY WINNERS

The Kentucky Army Guard's Machine Gun team recently took top honors at the 5th Army Pistol and Machine Gun Championships, conducted at Camp Robinson, Ark. The team, using the M-60, was the aggregate winner in the competition.

JOB SECURITY

Guardsmen should now feel more secure in their civilian jobs, according to the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. The U.S. Department of Labor recently rescinded a 1982 policy which limited the amount of military training a member could receive and still claim re-employment. To claim job reinstatement after military duty, members must request a leave of absence from the civilian employer, present any required military orders, and report back to work immediately after the training.

HR/EO seeks new image

By Spec. 4 Don Belisle

The Kentucky Army National Guard's Human Relations and Equal Opportunity Section at State Headquarters is attempting to change its image.

"Commanders think we only deal with minorities who have been mistreated," points out Maj. Ray Schulte, who heads the HR/EO Section. The section also provides assistance in other areas such as employment conflicts and educational assistance, however.

"I think the educational assistance is more attractive than anything," said Schulte. "We are in the process of distributing education packets to all commanders and they cover things like tuition assistance, continuing education and the GED."

If members of a unit have questions concerning education, they can go to the Human Relations and Equal Opportunity Section for help. "That's what we are here for," explained Schulte. "The more we get into this, the more effective we will be."

In the employment conflict area, "We haven't experienced anything we couldn't solve," Schulte said. "Most of the problems between a Guardsman and his

employer can be straightened out in less than five minutes. Many times it's simply a communication problem," Schulte concluded.

"However the main thing is, we want commanders and unit members to know we are here if they need us," stressed Schulte.

The section is also available to help with drug or alcohol abuse problems. "In a case such as that, the section would act as a reference and referral service, while working with the various mental health centers in the state," said Schulte.

In addition, Schulte feels another area which needs attention is family stress.

"If a Guardsman experiences the loss of a family member, he will not be the same for some time and commanders have to expect this," Schulte noted. In cases such as that, the Equal Opportunity and Human Relations section is available to help with guidance, counseling and referral.

"The bottom line is retention and increasing the effectiveness of those in the Guard. If a soldier is not happy, has a problem with his employer or family, he will not be effective and will not want to remain in the Guard," Schulte said.

Col. Leo M. Henderson, Director of Personnel for the Kentucky Army Guard,

said, "There is a real need for the assistance provided by the section." "Commanders are worried about training and tend not to relate educational or family problems to training. But it all concerns effectiveness," pointed out Henderson.

To increase awareness of Human Relations Equal Opportunity section, a two day seminar is being planned.

"It's only in the planning stages right now," Schulte explained. A tentative schedule calls for the two day conference to be conducted this fall at Fort Knox. The conference will include numerous speakers dealing with educational benefits and assistance, employment conflicts, drug and alcohol abuse, and with family problems.

"We are hoping commanders realize the section will provide assistance to them in any way, but also want them to realize we won't force ourselves on them," Schulte stressed.

"It's going to take at least two to three years before our image changes. The image I'm talking about is that of inspectors and enforcers. We are not that -- we are advisers who provide assistance," said Schulte. "Above all, we are good listeners."

Guard doctor

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to receive simulated casualties when a member of the unit collapsed while erecting tents during a driving rainstorm. Maionchi was summoned and she quickly determined that the soldier had suffered an apparent heart attack.

What was supposed to be a training exercise became the real thing as the soldier was evacuated by air to the Richmond hospital. Maionchi succeeded in stabilizing the patient and the medevac was continued to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington.

The doctor was reluctant to take any special credit for her role in the matter.

"All of us did the job we are trained to do and things worked out," Maionchi commented later. "And our air crew did a great job in view of the poor flying conditions."

A member of the 475th's medical staff

since 1980, the Chicago native says she was attracted to the Guard for two reasons.

"I was curious about military medicine and have always felt that every citizen has an obligation to serve our country in some fashion," she stated. "Now that I've had a taste of military duty, I'm convinced that I made a good decision and that I joined the right outfit."

Maionchi says she may have been influenced by the fact that she has a brother in the Air Force. She received her medical degree from the University of Kentucky in 1971 and has been engaged in private practice for 10 years.

What do the members of the 475th think of their "celebrity"?

"She is an outstanding doctor and a tremendous asset to the hospital," said Lt. Col. William Hanking, commander of the 475th and a Shelbyville physician.

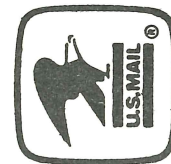
Retirees earn CHAMPUS benefits

The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, CHAMPUS, is one part of the retirement package for retiring Guardsmen.

CHAMPUS will pay 75 percent of reasonable medical expenses for retired Guardsmen and their eligible dependents for inpatient or outpatient treatment for

medical and surgical conditions; nervous, mental or chronic conditions; or contagious diseases. A \$50 (\$100 per family) deductible is required each fiscal year for outpatient care.

The cost of care which is accepted as being part of good medical practice generally will be shared by CHAMPUS.



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