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FOOTBALL TOSS — Tommy Neville, left, and Bobby Hutcherson, right, both of Frankfort, join Ashland's John Kelley tossing a football. The activity came during a break at Camp Green Shores. (Photo by Tom Little)

Youth camp benefits 130

Summer was more enjoyable and rewarding for nearly 130 youngsters from around Kentucky this year, thanks to the annual camp sponsored by the Kentucky National Guard's Youth Activities Council.

Each of the two sessions was conducted at the Kentucky Easter Seal Society's new Camp Green Shores on Rough River. Girls attended for the first time and joined in the swimming, boating and other activities.

According to Lt. Col. Harry Greschel, project officer for the camp, the counselors, provided by the Easter Seal Society and the Kentucky National Guard, were able to work on a "one-on-one" basis with the youngsters who needed personal attention. "I think this camp could really

turn around some of these kids," he said. "Some of them just needed the individual concern and attention of someone who could give them some guidance."

Colonel Greschel was particularly impressed with the first week-long session, noting that the campers were enthusiastic and interested in the programs. While the second week was also successful, he expressed disappointment over the comparative lack of attendance. About 20 youngsters scheduled to attend didn't arrive, he explained.

The campers were given jackets and awards were presented for a variety of achievements, including best boy and girl campers.

Association seeks legislation

The National Guard Association of the U.S. has been making the rounds on Capitol Hill seeking support for a proposal to provide partial payment of tuition as an incentive for enlisting or re-enlisting in the Guard or Reserves.

Maj. Gen. Francis S. Greenlief, executive assistant of the association, said, "As we now see it, this would be offered to enlisted personnel only and would allow for instruction at post-secondary schools, civilian institutions, or at technical/trade schools." He noted that a number of Congressmen are already committed to support the proposal.

Committees of the 94th Congress have already been informed of at least 15 areas in which the Guard is vitally interested and the Department of Defense has indicated its support of seven of the 15.

One proposal would allow basic training to be split into phases which need not be conducted in consecutive months. Advanced or technical training could be completed in the Guardsman's home state in an OJT situation. Or, active duty training at an active army installation might be split over two summers.

Congress is also being asked to take another look at last year's decision which forced the various services to wipe out

overseas training of Guard and Reserve units. Officials are hopeful that this ban will be relaxed to the extent that selected units may take part in joint exercises or in other critical training which many special units can do best outside the U.S.

Some of the other topics being considered are:

Survivor Benefits: Legislation is needed to cover cases in which the career Guardsman who has qualified for retirement but dies before reaching age 60. As things now stand, the surviving mate gets nothing if the first post-age 60 check has not been sent prior to the Guardsman's death.

Lower Retirement Age: Reducing the age at which retirement can be drawn would be extremely beneficial. It represents a potentially valuable incentive and would encourage earlier retirements in many cases, providing, in turn, more opportunities for younger Guardsmen to move up.

Retirement Points: This proposal calls for the removal of the 60-point restriction on retirement credits. The proposal asks that no limit be put on the number of points that can be accrued in the accomplishment of authorized training.

The national association is also pressing (see "Legislation" on page 2)

NG Youth Council approves projects; \$11,400 allotted

The Kentucky National Guard's Youth Activities Council approved four fund requests totalling \$2,000 at its July 20 meeting. Nearly \$3,700 has been allotted since May, and another \$7,700 was budgeted to support the youth camp.

Fund requests recently approved include \$500 sought by Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 138th Field Artillery Group to sponsor a T-Ball Small Fry Baseball League in Lexington and \$500 requested by Detachment 1, Company A, 1st Battalion, 149th Mechanized Infantry to install a permanent flag pole and a public address system for the Middlesboro Little League.

Headquarters, 149th Armor Brigade will receive \$500 to fund a scholarship at Western Kentucky University for Jeffrey P. Holland, and Co. A, 2d Bn., 123d Armor will get \$500 to finance an Olympic Program for the Pennyroyal Girl Scout Council.

Other funds approved by the current board of directors include \$500 requested by the 149th Mech Inf to support a Little League team in Barbourville and \$284 needed by Battery C, 2d Bn., 138th FA to sponsor a girls' softball team.

Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 201st Engineer Bn. received approval to sponsor four activities. The unit sponsored a Pee Wee Baseball League in Grayson for \$284, Little League play in Russell for \$300, and Minor Little League in Ashland for \$100. A delegate to Bluegrass Boys State was also sponsored for \$60.

HHC, 149th Armor Bde. received permission to spend \$994.82 to provide air fare for three high school students and their sponsors to attend the 26th International Science and Engineering Fair in Oklahoma City. The students had won in regional competition, but had no resources to proceed to higher levels.

Headquarters, XXIII Corps Artillery received \$500 to purchase a public address system, lighting equipment, make-up kits, and other items for the Plymouth Inner City Players, a young theatrical group.

A Little League scoreboard was funded with \$500 requested by HHC, 103d Supply and Service Bn. and \$225 was authorized to purchase a 16mm projector for the Big Brother and Sister programs in Bowling Green, at the request of HHC, 149th Armor Bde.

Air Guard schedules open house Sept. 6

The Kentucky Air National Guard has scheduled an open house from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 6 at Shewmaker ANG Base in Louisville. All Guardsmen, their families, and other members of the public are invited to attend.

A number of military aircraft will be on display, including the Kentucky unit's RF-101C Voodoos, F-106 fighter-interceptors, an A-7, A-37, F-100, and a C-130 Hercules transport. A C-5A Galaxy is tentatively scheduled to appear.

Several racing aircraft and antique planes will also be featured at Shewmaker, which is located near Standiford Field, off Grade Lane. Photography enthusiasts are encouraged to bring their cameras.



WELCOME ABOARD — Jacquelyne Oliver is welcomed into the 223d Military Police Company by its commander, Capt. Arthur Eatmon, as Sgt. Harold Dudley, her recruiter, looks on. She was promoted to private first class before leaving for basic training through the "Stripes for Buddies" program.

State military academy commissions 20 officers

The Kentucky Military Academy commissioned 20 new second lieutenants recently in a ceremony held in the capitol rotunda. Four of the officers were singled out for special recognition.

The Erickson Trophy, given to the graduate with the highest overall standing in leadership and academics, was presented to 2nd Lt. Kenneth D. Edwards, of Carrollton. The National Guard Association of Kentucky Award was earned by 2nd Lt. Bryan J. Williams, II, of Lexington, for achieving the highest academic rank in the class. Second Lt. Norman E. Arflack of Richmond, was given the Association of the U.S. Army Plaque for demonstrating the highest standards of leadership in the class. The Commandant's Award, given to the graduate showing the greatest self-

improvement, was accepted by 2nd Lt. Marshel W. Harris, of Lexington.

The other graduates were: Obie Barnett, Jr., Jackson; Arthur W. Blake, Ashland; Noel W. Brittain, Somerset; James R. Carr, Hopkinsville; Richard L. Day, Carrollton; John D. Dickinson, Bowling Green; Paul H. Goodman, Virgie; Kenneth N. Gray, Lexington; James D. Massie, Erlanger; Roy L. McFadden, Jr., London; Timothy A. Murphy, Hopkinsville; David C. Perkins, Frankfort; Robert C. Rau, Louisville; Roy E. Sturgill, Pikeville; Kenneth D. VanWinkle, ByBee; and Gary W. Wright, Frankfort.

Maj. Gen. Willard Scott, Jr., commanding general of U.S. Army Readiness Region VI, was the guest speaker at the graduation exercise.

Seal Society honors Guard

Members of 55 Kentucky Army Guard units recently attended an appreciation dinner in Lexington, sponsored by the Kentucky Easter Seal Society. The Guardsmen and their wives were also invited to visit Cardinal Hill Hospital.

Several plaques were awarded to individuals and units for their efforts in the fund drive, which raised \$118,000. The 103d Supply and Service Battalion was recognized for having the greatest amount of contributions per Guardsman, and the 2nd Bn., 138th Field Artillery received an

award for having the greatest percentage increase in funds, 74 per cent.

The 201st Engineer Bn. took in the greatest amount, while the 307th Maintenance Company raised the highest amount per Guardsman of any unit outside the telethon viewing area. The 441st Medical Detachment and the 3d Direct Support Platoon of the 2113th Transportation Co. shared an award for the best per capita income state-wide.

Individual citations were made to Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, and to Capt. Howard F. McKenzie, Jr., formerly of the 103d S & S Bn. A posthumous citation went to 1st Sgt. Fred D. Rankin for his devotion to the cause of aiding crippled children.

Col. Edward H. Milburn, chairman of the fund drive, expressed his thanks to the society on behalf of all of the Guardsmen and reaffirmed the Guard's support of the society's work.

Sen. Huddleston offers bill to aid Guardsmen

Sen. Walter D. Huddleston of Kentucky has introduced a bill into the U.S. Senate that would aid beneficiaries of deceased Guardsmen who had been covered by the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan.

To illustrate the inequities of the current situation, the senator noted the case of Albert D. Bailey, who retired from the Kentucky National Guard on his 60th birthday Aug. 10, 1965. Bailey died 18 days after his retirement and the law stated that a person did not become entitled to retired pay until the first day of the month following his 60th birthday.

In 1968, Congress removed the retired Reserve military benefit structure from the Uniform Retirement Act of 1930, but those who retired and died before 1968 were not included in the new system. Senator Huddleston's bill would alter that situation.

Legislation

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for improved medical, dental and death benefits for Guardsmen; for an enlistment/re-enlistment bonus; and for technician retirement credit for pre-1969 service in the program.

The National Guard Association of Kentucky is also vitally interested in legislation and a committee is now finalizing a package of proposals to place before the 1976 Kentucky General Assembly. Details will be published in the GUARDSMAN as they are made available.

Enlistee to PFC before basic

When Jacquelyne Oliver learns about a good deal, she takes advantage of it—in a big way.

Upon enlisting in the Kentucky Army National Guard, she learned about the "Stripes for Buddies" program from her recruiter, Sgt. Harold Dudley. Under that program, an enlistee who hasn't yet gone to basic training can bring friends into the Guard and earn additional rank. Two enlistees are worth private (E-2) and four earns the individual the rank of private first class (E-3) before leaving for basic.

Jacquelyne made the best of the program, bringing in four friends prior to her departure for basic and subsequent training as a military policewoman.

Two of her friends, Doye Gardner and Anna J. Parham, will serve with her in the 223d Military Police Company. Another, Jacqueline Bell, will be a clerk with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 198th MP Battalion, while the fourth, Samuel Johnson, will be a radio repairman with the 438th MP Co.

PFC Oliver is due to complete her training Sept. 24 and return to the Louisville unit.

Armor unit gets maintenance award

Company B, 2d Battalion, 123d Armor in Henderson has earned the National Guard Bureau Efficiency in Maintenance Award for Fiscal Year 1975. Each state is permitted to grant one award annually.

All company-sized maintenance units are eligible for the award and each battalion is permitted to submit one nominee. The winning unit was selected over three other nominees by a four-man committee.

Lt. Col. Ralph Palmore, state maintenance officer, explained that the award is made to the unit with the best maintenance of material and the best maintenance management program. The findings are based upon checks of equipment and records, technical inspections, visits by the Commander's Maintenance Evaluation Team, U.S. Property and Fiscal Office evaluations and checks of training records.

The unit, commanded by Capt. Jimmie G. Daniel, will receive a certificate from the National Guard Bureau.

Other units nominated were: Headquarters Battery, XXIII Corps Artillery; C Battery, 2d Bn., 138th Field Artillery; and 2123d Transportation Co.

Army reduces length of most branch courses

The length of most branch officer advanced courses is being cut to 26 weeks in Fiscal Year 1976 following Army approval of a TRADOC recommendation that advanced courses be shortened, according to Army News Features.

Advanced courses will be designed without electives and will emphasize instruction to prepare an officer for his or her next assignment as a unit commander or battalion/brigade staff officer.

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OFF WE GO . . .—Basic trainees for the Kentucky Air Guard board a train headed for Lackland AFB, Tex. in 1956. The site is the same today, though transportation has improved. This photo is part of a collection donated by Col. Taylor Davidson, state Selective Service director, for display in the Kentucky Military History Museum. Any Guardsman with such photos should contact: Public Information Officer, Boone Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601.

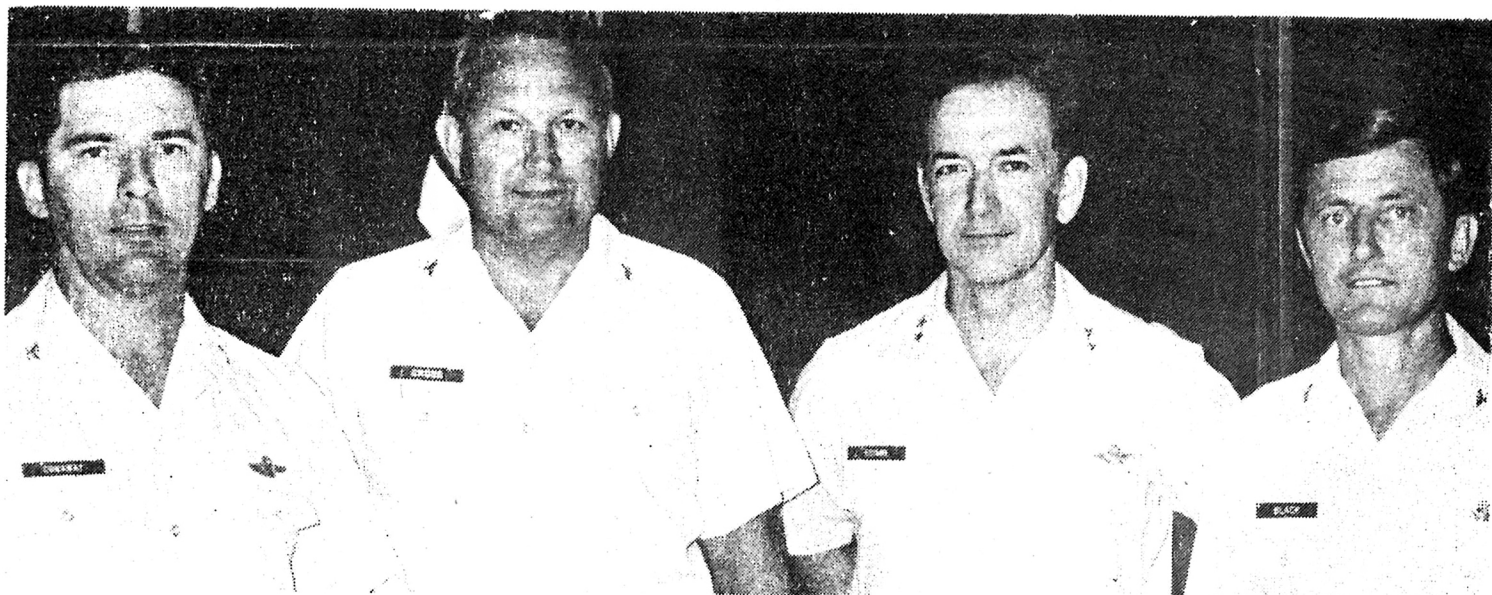


CAMPERS—The lure of a camera was so great for Ashland's Jim Wells, top, and Kevin Hunt that they took time from their Youth Camp activities to pose.

Guard in photos



ADJUSTMENT—Sgt. William T. Smith adjusts a strap on life support equipment at Volk Field, Wisc.



PROMOTIONS—Promotion to colonel is far from a common occurrence in the Guard, but the Air Guard gained three in one day. Posing after the ceremony are, from left, Col. John Conaway, Col. Fred Cross, Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, and Col. Carl Black. Col. Billy G. Wellman, of the Army Guard, also recently received federal recognition as a colonel.



RECRUITING—SP4 Etta Withrow, right and her son, PFC John Withrow, talk to a potential recruit at the Blue Grass Fair recently. They form the only mother and son combination in the Kentucky Guard.

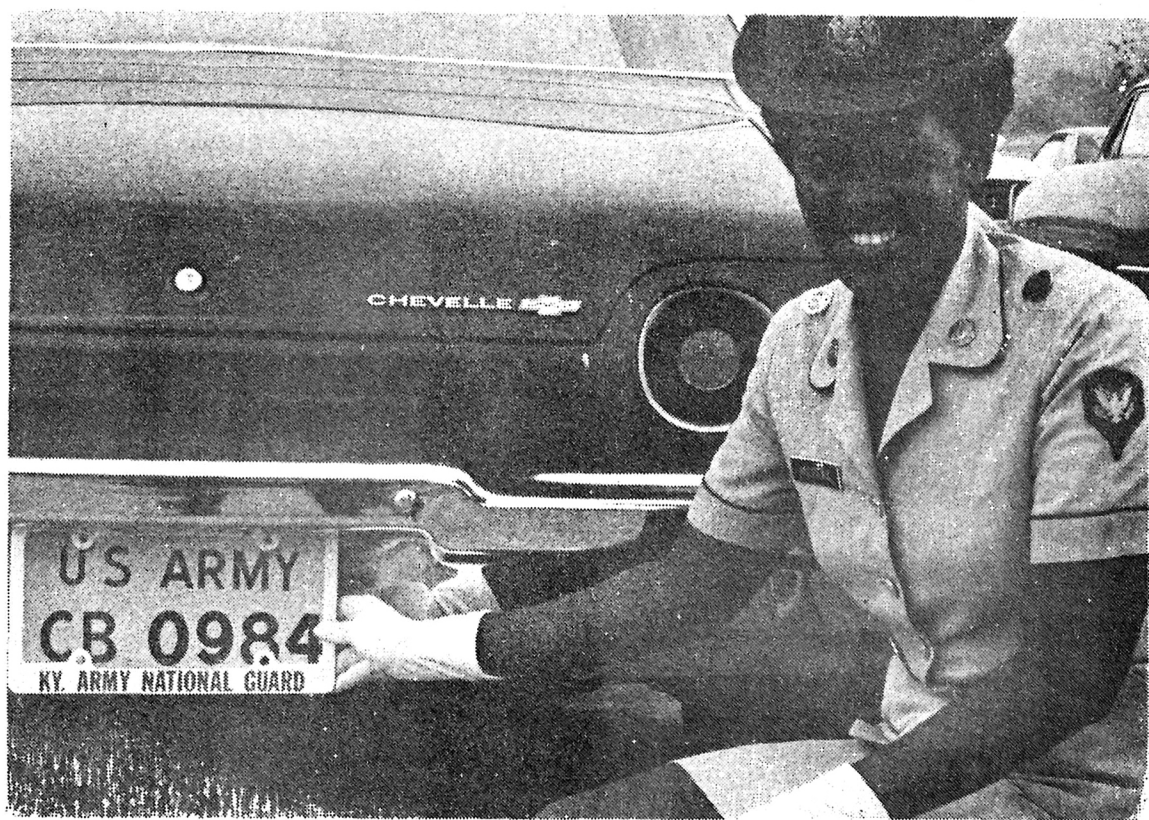


PLATE FRAMES—SP4 Georgia Andrews displays a license plate frame that will be available to many Kentucky Army Guardsmen. The frames will be awarded on a one-time basis to each member of units attaining 100 per cent strength.

MSgt. Ron Baker displays talents with 202d Band

MSgt. Ronald Baker is a man with many jobs, but he's also a man with many talents.

A primary talent is utilized as the enlisted band leader of the 202d Kentucky Army National Guard Band, where he's served for 23 years. He plays in the percussion section of the concert band and is drum major and electric bass player in the "Wilderness Road New Breed," a combo composed of members of the band.

As a civilian, Sergeant Baker is vice president of Inter-Related Industries, Inc., of Lexington.

He joined the Guard band as a senior at Ashland High School because he thought it would be good to get paid for wearing a uniform and playing music. He admits, however, that when he enlisted he had no intention of staying for 23 years.

Sergeant Baker says he really enjoys playing with the 202d and being associated with "some of the state's finest musicians." The group recently completed its third annual tour of the state, playing music for people of all ages.

At the University of Kentucky, Sergeant Baker was a history major and he's continued his interest in the subject through membership in the Kentucky Civil War Roundtable, the North and South Skirmish Association, and the 9th Calvary Regiment, CSA. He also works in Indian artifact excavations.

He and his wife have four children. His wife and daughter are pianists and a son is, according to Sergeant Baker, "attempting to learn to play the trombone." The NCO also serves as assistant choir director at the Eastland Parkway Church of God, and is a free-lance musician in Lexington.

GUARDSMAN available to answer questions

Do you have a question about the National Guard? If so, you're probably not alone.

Unfortunately, when most people join an organization, they don't really know enough about it to know all of the questions to ask. And, as time goes by, they may not know where to go to get the answers.

No matter what the reason, though, the GUARDSMAN wants to help you know about the Guard—both nationally and in Kentucky. Whether your question is about retirement benefits, procedures for getting in post or base exchanges, or current policy, we want to know about it.

Address your questions to: Public Information Officer, Dept. of Military Affairs, Boone Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601. Each letter will receive a reply and those of general interest may be summarized in the GUARDSMAN.



DRUMMER — MSgt. Ron Baker, right, plays the kettle drums during a performance at the Lexington mayor's bicentennial reception. He is also enlisted band leader and plays with the "Wilderness Road New Breed." (Photo by Tom Little)

Guard completes training; work termed 'outstanding'

Annual field training is now over for all units of the Kentucky National Guard and officials have termed the training "outstanding" in nearly every case.

Lt. Col. Harold Loy, operations and training officer for the Kentucky Army Guard, said that all Annual Training Tests (ATT) conducted at Camp Shelby, Miss. were successful. He also reported that group commanders from other states that trained with the Kentucky units called the camp the "best they've ever had."

Brig. Gen. Wilbur Buntin, Jr., deputy adjutant general and commander of the XXIII Corps Artillery, was very pleased with the Camp Shelby experience. "It was the first time the Corps had been taxed to any extent," he said. "It afforded good command and control training and it really gave exceptionally good training to all of the units there."

The Kentucky Military Academy (KMA) and the mechanized infantry units recently completed training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. It was the last camp prior to commissioning for the senior group of officer candidates. Capt. Clyde Wiseman, the school's training administrator, said that the training and the quality of instructors provided the best experience yet for the students.

The 35 members of the junior KMA class, which includes the academy's first woman, were instructed in leadership, weapons, drill and command, and map-reading. Captain Wiseman explained that the camp marked the first time for the students to

work with the infantry units. The infantry provided people for a river-crossing exercise, helped with mechanized problems, and aided in tank company team operations. The infantry also provided maintenance and medical support.

Kentucky's Air Guard sent about 40 people and six RF-101s to Shaw AFB, S.C. to participate in one of the largest joint-service training exercises ever held in the U.S. The exercise, called "Solid Shield '75," involved about 60,000 members of all branches of the armed forces. It emphasized command and control and included about 50 ships from the Atlantic fleet, 500 conventional and jet aircraft and 275 helicopters.

Col. Carl D. Black, who led the operational exercise for the Kentucky unit, reported that 138 flying hours were totalled to meet the daylight photo reconnaissance requirements.

The bulk of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing went to Volk Field, Wisc. for annual training. Col. Fred F. Bradley, wing commander, noted that Volk Field provided a real test since it was nearly bare of the type of equipment needed to operate a reconnaissance unit.

In spite of cold and rainy weather that hampered flying, the deployment was considered quite successful by Air Guard officials. The unit was visited by numerous dignitaries, including Rufus L. Crockett, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force; Col. Douglas J. McGill, executive assistant to the chief of the National Guard Bureau; Sen. William Sullivan, president pro tem of the Kentucky Senate; and Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General.

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