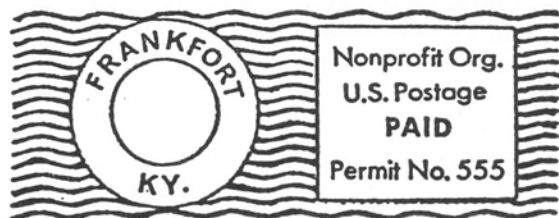


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OUR COVER

A new era for the Kentucky National Guard began just after midnight, December 7, as the new Adjutant General, Michael W. Davidson, was sworn in. In our cover photo, Kentucky's new governor, Wallace Wilkinson, and BG Davidson's wife, JoAnn, pin on Davidson's stars in Wilkinson's office shortly after Davidson had taken the oath of office. (Photo by Dan Dry)

THIS IS FOR YOU

Many, if not most, of you are probably hoping you can find out more about our new adjutant general, since December saw the first change in the top leadership in a decade. On the opposite page is information about an interview with BG Davidson. You can also find photos of the National Guard's participation in the inauguration of our new governor in the photo section of this month's edition.

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LTG Johnny Johnston pins the Distinguished Service Medal on former Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman several days before MG Wellman left office following more than thirty years of service to the Kentucky Guard. (Photo by LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)

Former Adjutant General Wellman  
Receives Distinguished Service Medal

Just a few days before his decade-long service as Kentucky's Adjutant General came to an end last month, MG Billy G. Wellman was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Second U.S. Army Commanding General Johnny Johnston, who also retired later in the month, flew to Frankfort from Atlanta with the surprise decoration for MG Wellman. The Distinguished Service Medal is the country's fourth-highest military award.

The citation accompanying the medal noted that during Wellman's term, the Kentucky Army Guard grew from 50 units to 74, became the first to start a battalion entirely equipped with the new M-1 Abrams tank and the first to have the Army's Blackhawk helicopter.

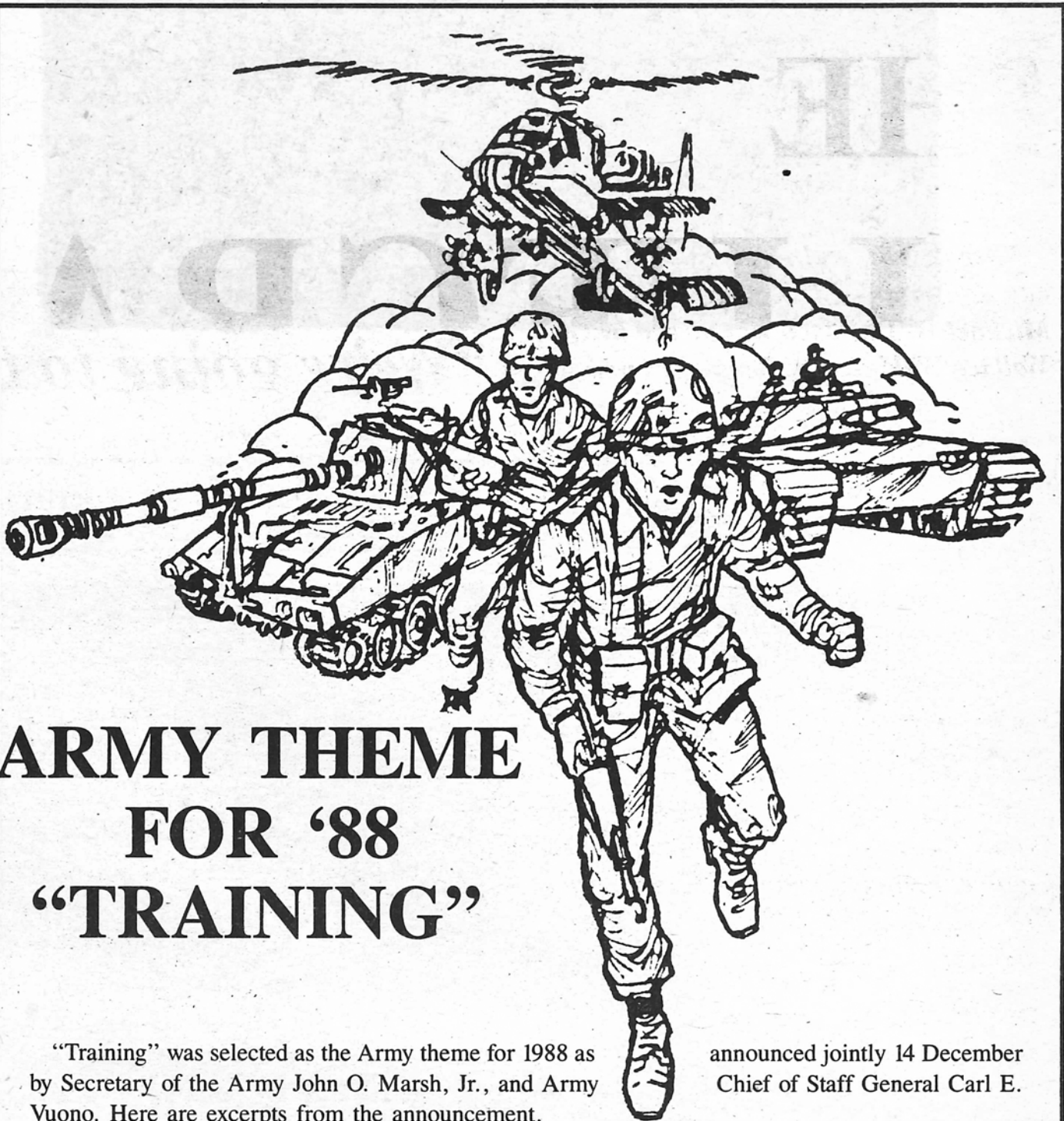
LTG Johnston said Wellman "has always struck a masterful balance between innovative mission accomplishment and the welfare of his soldiers while leading them with great enthusiasm, dedication and resourcefulness."

MG Wellman, who is now retired from the Kentucky Guard, was recommended for the medal by former Gov. Martha Layne Collins three months before it was awarded.

He joined the Kentucky Army National Guard in 1951 and became a full-time employee of the Guard six years later. After serving in several key Guard positions in Frankfort, he was appointed Adjutant General by Gov. Julian Carroll on December 9, 1977 and reappointed by Governors John Y. Brown, Jr. and Martha Layne Collins. No other Kentuckian has been appointed to the position by three governors.

He took a leading role among his peers during his tenure, having been chosen to serve a term as president of the Adjutants General Association in April, 1983.

During the Brown administration, he also served as Justice Secretary, State Police Commissioner and Adjutant General at the same time.



"Training" was selected as the Army theme for 1988 as announced jointly 14 December by Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr., and Army Chief of Staff General Carl E. Vuono. Here are excerpts from the announcement.

Quality training is essential for the Army to fulfill its fundamental mission: To deter war, or, if deterrence fails, to re-establish peace through victory on the battlefield. To accomplish this, we must provide our nation a Total Army -- active forces, the reserve components, and civilians -- trained to mobilize, deploy, fight and sustain combat operations with our sister and allied services anywhere in the world. Combat readiness is achieved by carefully planned and effectively presented training. Outstanding training and education must be experienced by soldiers in basic training; by cadets in OCS, ROTC, and USMA commissioning programs; by military and civilian students in every classroom of the Army school system. These positive experiences must continually be sustained in units throughout the Total Army.

Training must focus on the individual, units, and their leaders.

Individual training must develop soldiers who are disciplined, physically tough, and highly motivated. They are the cutting edge of our combat power. Since training is the single endeavor where a majority of soldiers' time is spent during an Army career, the non-commissioned officer plays an especially important role in preparing soldiers who are skilled in their jobs and developed to the full extent of their capabilities.

Unit training must be realistic to prepare our forces for the rigors of the battlefield. We must train the way we intend to fight. The commander must seek every opportunity to develop teamwork from buddy teams to combined arms teams to the unified action of several services or nations. Rehearsed teamwork is essential. Safety in training is always a vital goal.

Training requirements and techniques may differ among the active, reserve, and civilian components of the Total Army. The challenge is twofold: first, to exchange the most effective training methods and programs across the total force; second, to ensure that all components strive to meet the same Army-wide standard.

The standards that guide our training must reflect the requirements of the battlefield. Leaders are responsible for the establishment of unit standards and a continual assessment to ensure the desired objectives are being met. This is a vital aspect of a winning training philosophy.

Trainers must use every training resource with imagination. The effective use of simulations, simulators and training devices will not only conserve taxpayer dollars but also provide a high priority for our research and development community. Each of us must get the most training value out of every training opportunity.

Training is our top priority -- it is the cornerstone of combat readiness.

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# BG Michael W. Davidson

## The New AG and What He Plans For Us

After 19 years with Army Special Forces and Ranger units, U.S. Army Reserve LTC Michael W. Davidson was picked by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson as Kentucky's new Adjutant General. Davidson, who received the rank of Brigadier General, has been associated for the last few years with the Special Operations Command in Central Command.

He is a Vietnam veteran and is married to JoAnn Wilson Davidson, a Frankfort native. They have twin girls, 9-year-old Margaret and Claire and a 20-month-old son, Brian.

Among his military decorations are the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device, Air Medal and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

He is president of a coal mining company, Wind River Energy Corporation, and chairman of Perdue-Davidson Oil Company, the largest oil producer in Kentucky.

BG Davidson holds both a law degree and a Ph.D. from the University of Louisville.

Shortly after he took office, the new Adjutant General was interviewed by Bluegrass Guard editor Mike Lynch.

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**Q: What is your first priority for the Kentucky Army Guard?**

"We're going to train the enlisted soldiers in an exciting, purposeful way, usually in a field environment. That's our number one priority--training the junior NCO's and the enlisted men and women in a meaningful, purposeful, exciting environment. If we can do that, everything else will fall in place--recruiting, retention, morale, equipment, readiness. If we cannot do that, there is no way we can hold the program together. People don't come to us because of bonuses.

**"The Guard's in very good shape. We're going to make it a little better."**

They come to us because they have a purpose in wanting to participate in the defense of the country. And if we can give them hard-charging training, then we're keeping that purpose alive. If we're not giving them that hard-charging training, we're not meeting the basic reason that they came to us in the first place."

**"We're going to train in an exciting, purposeful way."**

**Q: Do you have any plans for new units?**

"We're going to add some new units. I doubt that they will necessarily be special operations units. The new units that we will add will be specifically toward providing combat support and a combat arm for the active component. That's the wave of the future for the guard and reserve components--to take on combat functions for the active forces as the active forces go into a restrained budget cycle over the next several years. So the units that we are pursuing--and we are pursuing several units very aggressively--are in that vein."

to train the mobilization mission in the 138th. And the other units are going to train their mobilization mission as well."

**Q: Will the enlisted men and women see any difference?**

"We're going to more specifically relate the training task to the mobilization mission. We're going to do that by going under the Second Army TRAC training system. And we're going to inject some specific training support for the brigade commanders through that TRAC system. Secondly, they'll be spending more time in



BG Michael W. Davidson, Kentucky's new Adjutant General, rides in the inaugural parade in Frankfort with his wife JoAnn, who is a native of the capital city. Davidson was sworn in as the new Adjutant General just after midnight on inauguration day. (Photo by SGT Rick Baker, 133rd PAD)

**Q: What do you think about what you've seen and heard so far?**

"The Guard's in good shape. The Guard's in very good shape. We're going to make it a little better. We're going to train our mobilization mission. For instance, if we have a short-fuse NATO mobilization commitment, that's the plan we're going to train for. In another area, the 149th Brigade is going to participate in the 35th Infantry Division field training exercise in 1990 that is a division maneuver exercise. That doesn't happen very often. We've got a lot to do to help them get ready for that particular exercise. So we're going to train for that in the 149th. We're going to continue

a field environment, and they will be living austere because I will be there living austere with them."

**Q: What about weight control and physical fitness programs?**

"I have to be somewhat restrained on this because coming from Special Forces and Ranger units people are expecting me to have rucksack runs the first weekend. We didn't do that the first weekend; we're not going to do it the second weekend. But we're going to gradually give people the opportunity and the encouragement to get physically fit to meet the Army's physical training standards and weight control stan-

dards. But it's going to be a gradual process."

**Q: Do you plan to add any emphasis on soldiering skills and common tasks?**

"I think the Guard's doing a good job on that right now. We plan very well at the staff level. We execute well at the battalion and brigade level. And now we need to change our emphasis to the junior leadership areas, the junior officers and the NCO's. And that's an area again where you lead by example. You get out there and you do it with them. And that will be a slight change in emphasis."

**Q: What is your management philosophy?**

"Get the troops in the field for hard training. That answers their basic purpose for being there, which is to be ready to defend the country and to provide the emergency and disaster relief that we occasionally need in Kentucky. That pretty much starts and finishes the sermon on management in the Army as far as I'm concerned."

**Q: Do you have any particular goals on troop strength?**

"We need to maintain our strength, but if you have a successful training program, the strength and retention issues resolve themselves. So we think we're answering the mail on several issues by having a good training program."

**"We're thrilled at the opportunity to be part of this organization."**

**Q: Do you have any plans for expansion?**

"One of the major thrusts and one of the highest priorities we're going to have is the Western Kentucky Training Site. We're 90 days away from hammering out the specifics of that situation. But we have an incredible opportunity both in terms of training and in terms of economic development to expand and upgrade that facility, and we're going to move on that with a purpose."

**Q: Any other comment?**

"This is an exciting opportunity and it's a great honor to be associated with the Kentucky Guard. It's the greatest honor that my wife and I have ever had, and we're thrilled at the opportunity to be part of this organization."



# INAUGURATION 1987

## Kentucky Guard Leads Way, - Gives New



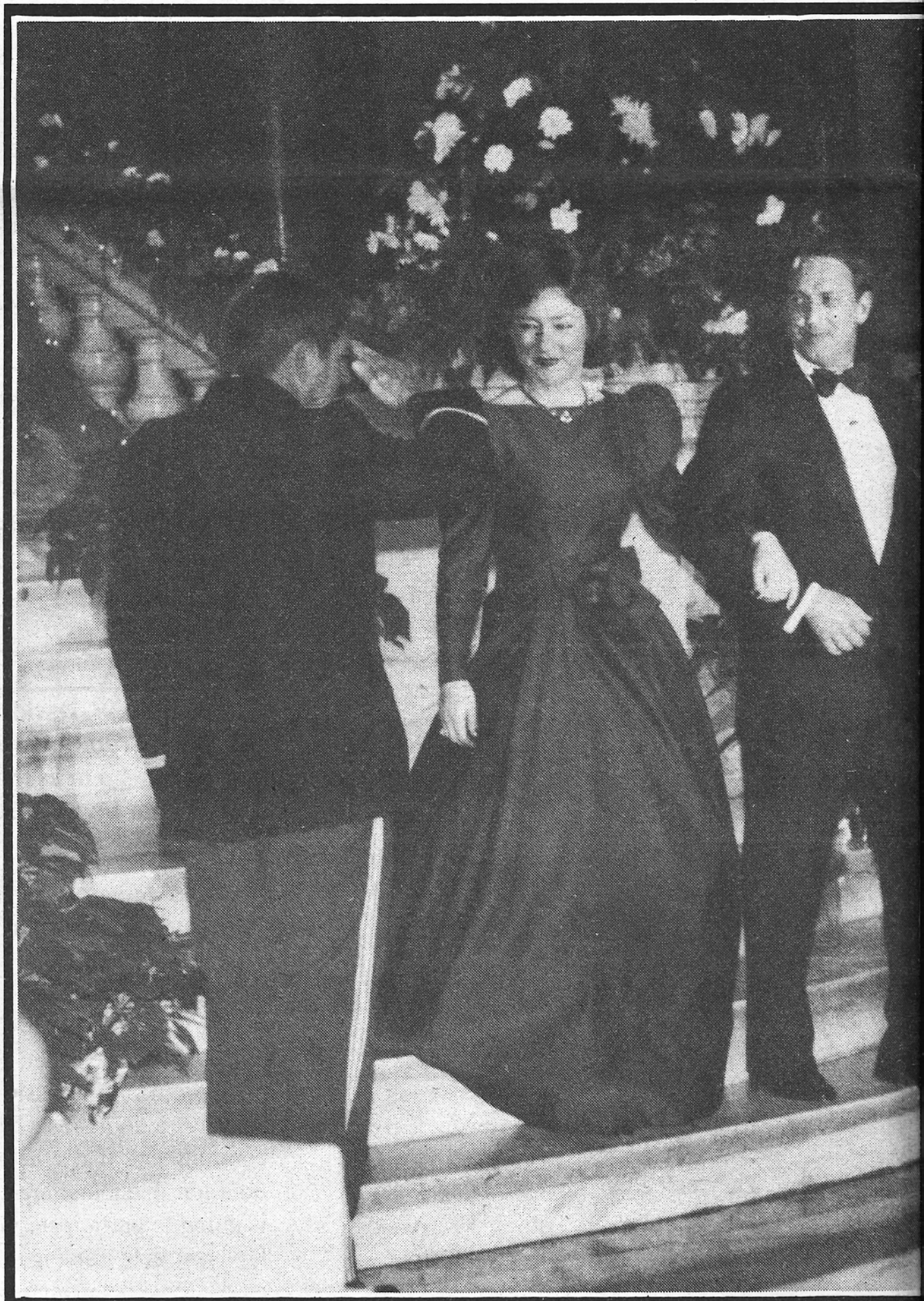
**COLOR GUARD** -- Leading the inaugural parade up Capitol Avenue were (from left) SGT James Douglas, SFC George Peach, SGT William Poe and SFC Kenneth Kirkpatrick from Company F. (Photo by SGT Rick Baker, 133rd PAD)



**SECURITY** -- Military Police from the 198th MP Battalion worked with Kentucky State troopers to provide security for Governor Wilkinson as he and his family greeted onlookers along the parade route to the Capitol. (Photo by SGT Rick Baker, 133rd PAD)



**BY LAND AND BY AIR** -- Uniformed representatives of both the Kentucky Army and Air Guards wave to the crowd while they accompany a replica of the Liberty Bell in the Inaugural parade. (Photo by WO1 James D. Pope, Jr., 133rd PAD)



**HAIL TO THE CHIEF** -- Governor and Mrs. Wilkinson acknowledge the crowd as they descend the steps of the Capitol. (Photo by WO1 James D. Pope, Jr., 133rd PAD)



# Governor Booming Welcome



**CANNONEER SALUTE** -- Immediately after Governor Wilkinson received the oath of office, a firing battery from the 2/138th Field Artillery saluted their new commander-in-chief with a 19-volley howitzer salute (top left), then presented him with an engraved shell casing (below right) which Governor Wilkinson held aloft for all to see (top right). (Photos by CPT Frank Mattingly, SGT Rick Baker and LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)



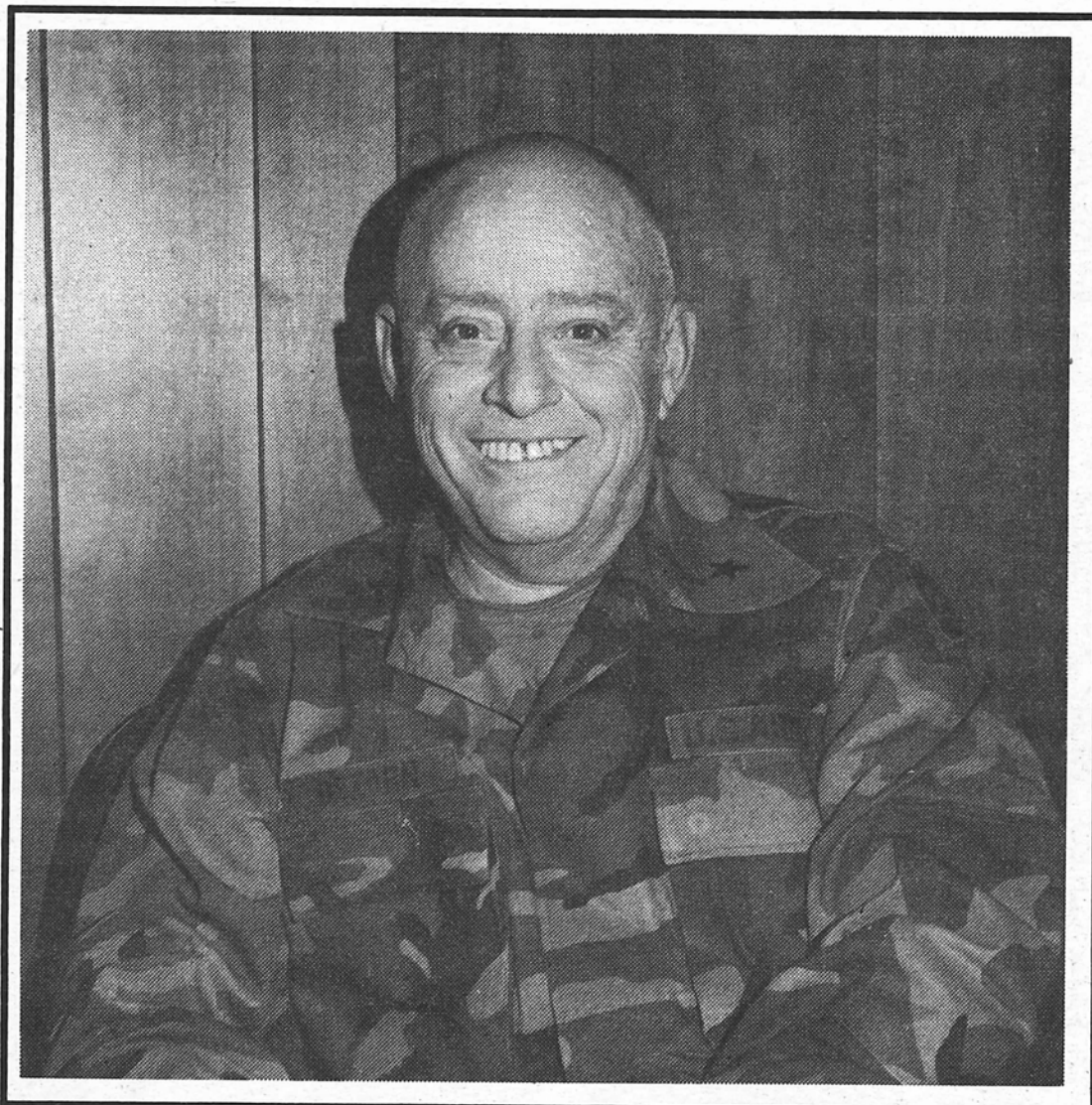
knowledge salutes rendered by Army  
they descend the marble staircase  
ch. (Photo by LT Phil Miller, 133rd



**MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME** -- CW4 John Hoover directs the 202nd Army Band in a rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home" which, per tradition, followed the Governor's Inaugural Address. (Photo by WO1 James D. Pope, Jr., 133rd PAD)



## BG Dezarn Retires as Deputy Adjutant General



BG Robert L. Dezarn

By MAJ Keith Kappes

When Brigadier General Robert L. Dezarn of Ashland retired last month as Kentucky's deputy adjutant general, it was a time of mixed emotions as his 34-year career came to an end.

"I'm sad that it's over," the 54-year-old Madison County native said as he completed his last day of duty as the number 2 person in the Kentucky Army National Guard. "But, on the other hand, I'm very proud of my service in the Guard and of the professional organization which has been developed."

A management employee of Armco, Inc. in Ashland, Dezarn spent his last nine years in various staff positions in the Guard's state headquarters in Frankfort, including two years in his last

*"Modern equipment is great... but our people are our most valuable resource."*

assignment. But it was his earlier years in the 201st Engineer Battalion which inspire the fondest memories.

Dezarn commanded the 201st for an unprecedented seven years as the Ashland-based battalion developed into the best such unit in a four-state area and one of the tops in the entire National Guard.

"Winning those awards resulted from the efforts of everyone in our chain of command and I was fortunate to be the commander at the time," says Dezarn.

He enlisted in the old 441st Field Artillery in 1953 and later earned his commission through ROTC in 1955. His two years of active duty as an artillery officer included an assignment in Germany. He returned to Kentucky in

late 1957 and was back in uniform as a Guard officer in 1958, serving as a platoon leader in the 242nd Tank Battalion. The Ashland units were reorganized a year later and Dezarn became commander of the 207th Engineer Company (Float Bridge). Another reorganization came along four years later and Dezarn literally floated his unit's equipment away to Louisiana on a barge and he became a staff officer in the 201st, eventually rising to commander in 1971.

"We had serious shortages of equipment and limited training opportunities and the Guard's mission was vastly different," he said. "Today, the Guard is an

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## LTG Johnny Johnston Retires As 2nd U.S. Army Commander

Lieutenant General Johnny J. Johnston ended a colorful 35-year military career on December 29th when he retired as Commander of the Second U.S. Army at Fort Gillem, Georgia.

LTG Johnston's successor is LTG Orren R. "Cotton" Whid-

don, who recently was assigned to 2nd Army after serving as commander of the 8th Infantry Division, Germany.

Known throughout the Kentucky Guard for his ever-present cigar and his emphasis on the value of quality soldier-training

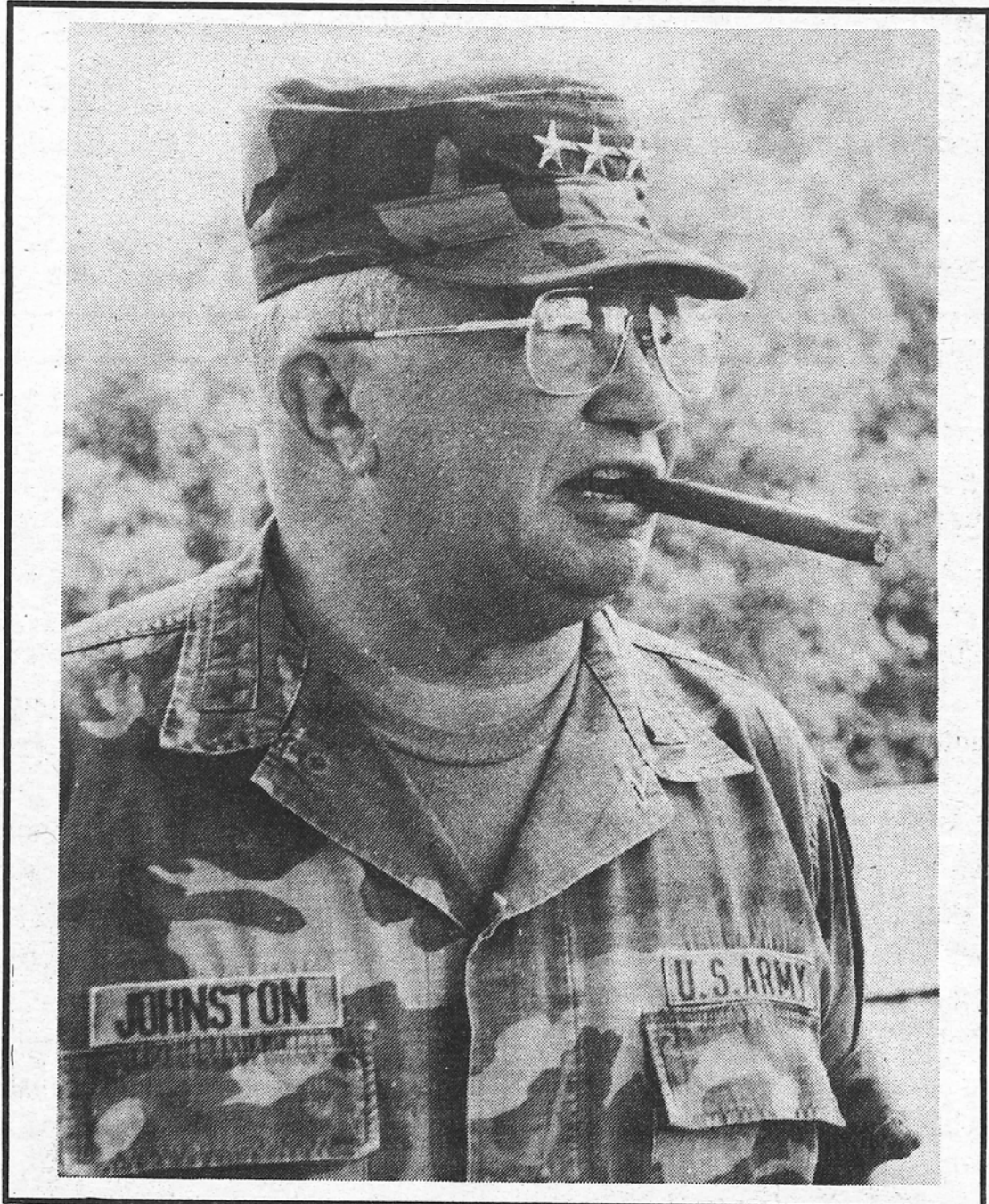
(which prompted his famous quotation: "If you don't train as hard as you can, you're nothing but a yellow-bellied, egg-sucking dog!"), LTG Johnston began his military career as a draftee, graduating from Infantry Officer Candidate School in 1953.

Prior to being appointed 2nd Army Commander in July 1985, his duty assignments included service in Korea, Japan, Vietnam - where he served as commander of an infantry battalion - and Germany, where he was Assistant Division Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Stateside assignments included the Pentagon and an appointment as Commanding General of Army Readiness and Mobilization Region V, Ft. Sheridan, IL.

In addition to being awarded the Army's Distinguished Service Medal by General Joseph T. Palastra, Jr., Commanding General of Forces Command, LTG Johnston's retirement ceremony was also highlighted by the award of the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal, and an appointment as a Kentucky Colonel, presented by Adjutant General Michael W. Davidson.

General Johnston's most recent trip to Kentucky occurred last month when he awarded former Adjutant General Billy Wellman the Distinguished Service Medal.



LTG Johnny J. Johnston, smoking one of his ever-present cigars, during a visit to Kentucky last year. LTG Johnston retired last month as 2nd Army Commander. (Photo by LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)



### Co. E, 206th Engineers, Spreads Holiday Cheer

The generosity of members of the Kentucky Army National Guard was evident in December as several units helped distribute food to needy people in their areas during the holiday season.

In the photo above, six members of Company E of the 206th Engineer Battalion of Morehead collect food baskets for the poor of the Rowan County area. A total of 15 members of the unit worked for two days. Their efforts brought more than 350 food baskets into the homes of poor families during the Christmas season.

"It was cold and rainy," said SSG Jim Stamper, Company E's recruiter, "but our troops were proud to lend a hand." Stamper organized the effort.

From left to right in the photo are SP4 Charles Turner, PVT Randy Cox, PVT Ralph Ginter, PVT Tim Leach, SGT James Leach and SSG Charles Prater. (Photo by 2LT Robert Peterson)



# 202nd Band Gives Christmas Concert in Frankfort

By SGT Robert Pillow, 133rd PAD

The Kentucky Army National Guard and the Stewart Home School exchanged musical licks for Christmas.

The Guard's 202nd Army Band of Frankfort gave a full-band, Christmas music concert to the resident school for mentally handicapped on the morning of Saturday, December 12.

It was the first time the Guard band visited the campus, which is south of Frankfort on U.S. 127. To honor the Guard musicians' first performance at the school, Choir Chimes -- a resident music group directed by Jim Griffin -- played three Christmas carols.

The residents' applause for the 202nd Army Band actually started before the musicians arrived on campus when Stewart Principal David Sellwood told the students "we're very fortunate to have the National Guard band here."

When the Guard band kicked off the concert with "Frosty the Snowman," the students clapped and stomped to the beat and some of them sang along. A few of Stewart's residents mimed the Guard performers by playing make-believe woodwind and brass instruments.

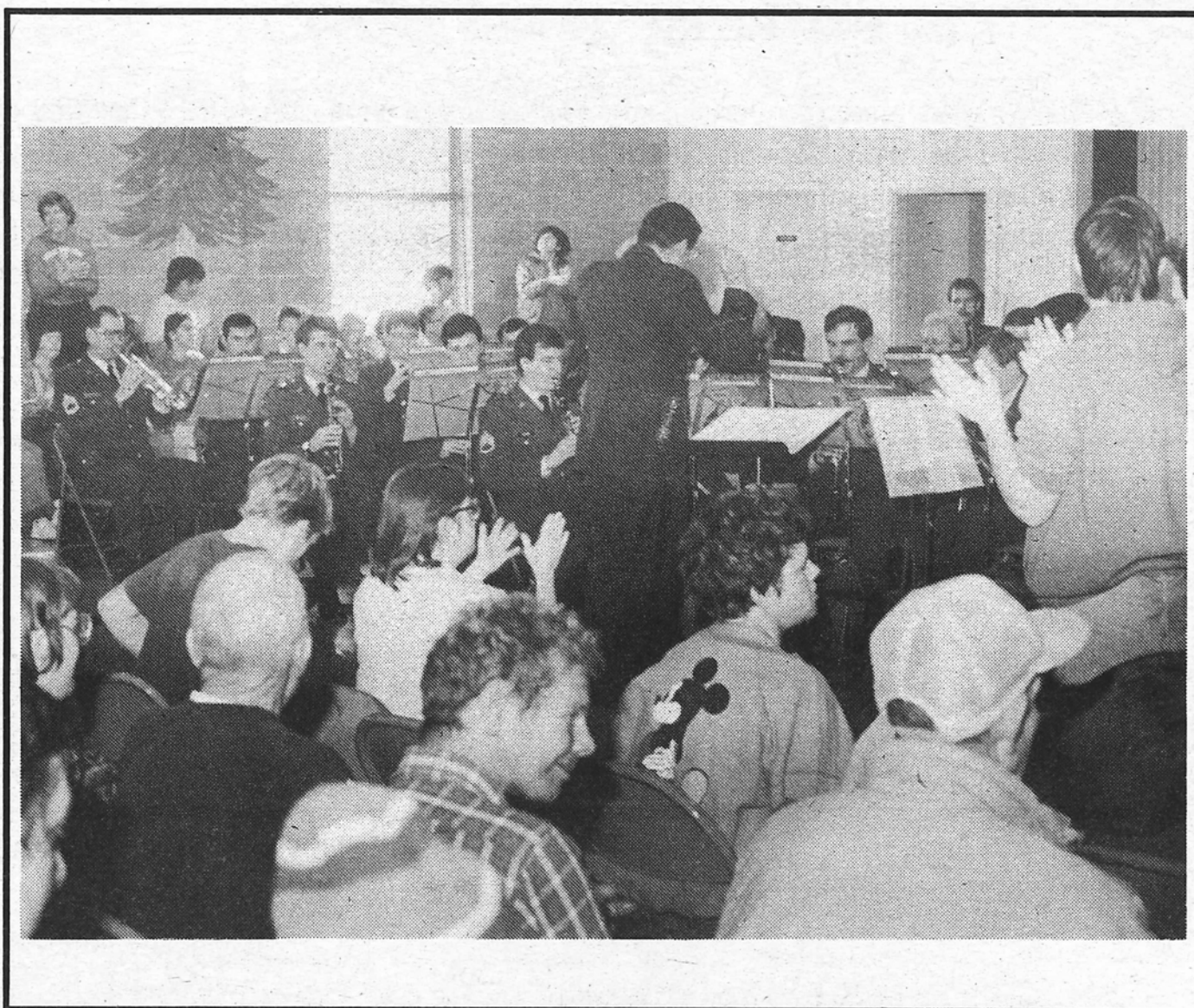
During a break in the concert, Chief Warrant Officer 4 John M. Hoover, the 202nd's director, introduced the student body to the band's instruments -- from piccolo to base drum. One musician at a time played a few notes on each of the instruments. The residents' applause favored the tuba player who offered a musical quote from the theme of the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Hoover, who called the residents a "terrific audience," even gave one of the students, Patrick White of Florida, a brief chance to direct the band during one of the Christmas music numbers.

After the concert, the residents showed their appreciation for the performance by shaking the hands of the members of the band, wishing the musicians a "Merry Christmas," and saluting uniformed Guard officers and enlisted alike.

Sellwood said the Kentucky Army National Guard has participated in the school's "Parents' Day" in the spring. But Saturday was the first time the band has come to the campus and the first time such a large band has been to the school.

"We absolutely loved it," Sellwood said after the concert. "We hope to have the band back again sometime soon."



Students at Stewart Home School clap to the beat of "Frosty the Snowman" played by the 202nd Army Band of Frankfort. The band visited the school Saturday morning and heard a few carols from Stewart's Choir Chimes before beginning an hour-long Christmas music concert. (Photo by SSG Ron Bayes, 133rd PAD)

## Bonus Program Returns As Defense Bill Signed Into Law

By Mike Lynch

After a two-month hiatus, the Selected Reserve Incentive Program, better known as the bonus, has returned as an inducement to enlist or re-enlist in the National Guard. Cash bonuses are available to qualifying Guard members who enlist in a unit eligible to offer them or in a "critical skills" MOS. The Fiscal Year '88 Defense Authorization Bill was signed into law by the president, and the bonuses were authorized again, effective 8 December. They had expired on 30 September, the end of the FY '87.

"Everything's back to normal, with the exception that on 1 November the critical skill MOS's are based on MOS vacancies in the state rather than at the national level," said Incentive Manager MSG Walt Reichenbach.

That change actually restricts the availability of bonuses in the Kentucky Guard, since, Reichenbach says, most Kentucky units are above 100 percent strength.

Three kinds of bonus, offering up to \$2,000 for enlistees and \$2,500 for re-enlistment, were affected by the failure to pass a funding bill before the end of Fiscal Year '87.

Reichenbach says he thinks the interruption in the bonus program may be one of the reasons the overall strength of the Kentucky Army Guard fell below 100 percent recently.

"I think there are a lot of them out there

that were waiting to enlist until the bonus returned," he said.

The reauthorization of the bonus program also includes a retroactive clause. Early this month COL Larry Barker, Kentucky's Military Personnel Officer, sent a letter to commanders ordering that all qualified soldiers who enlisted or re-enlisted while the bonus was suspended be identified and offered the appropriate bonus. As many as 41 new Guard members who enlisted during the hiatus could be eligible for bonuses.

There were, however, some later changes which curtail the availability of the bonus. Perhaps most significantly, bonuses can no longer be offered to any soldier for joining an overstrength unit. Units must use the wartime strength figure without including the additional 10 or 25 percent overstrength positions.

Non-prior service enlistees who join while still in high school can be eligible only if they graduate within a year and a half of enlistment or before entry on Phase II of IADT under split-option training.

A high school student enlisting through the split-option training program must score a 50 or above on the AFQT to be eligible for a bonus. The minimum score had been 31 before the change.

Last fiscal year, an estimated 800 members of the Kentucky Guard took advantage of the bonus program.



CPT John Wayne Smith, S-3 of HHB, 1/623 FA (right) and CPT John Roth, KyARNG Education Services Officer present two-set series of KET-GED video tapes to James E. Hyatt, Chief Librarian of Glasgow's Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library.

## 1/623rd Loans GED Tapes to Library

Two sets of Kentucky Educational Television GED tapes were turned over by HHB of the 1/623rd Field Artillery last month to the Mary Wood Weldon Memorial Library in Glasgow. The tapes are the same ones available to Guard members to help prepare for the GED tests. The 1980 census revealed that about 15,000 Barren County residents could benefit from the tapes.

One set of the tapes and associated workbooks will be available for sign out, the other for use on the library's VHS

player.

The battalion's S-3, CPT John Smith says this is the first time to his knowledge the tapes have been loaned to a library in the state.

According to COL Larry Barker, KyARNG Military Personnel Officer, any unit can obtain a complete set of the tapes by contacting CPT John Roth at the Education Services Office now located in the Veterans Building at Boone Center, or by calling (502) 564-8550.



## NEWS BRIEFS

## 2% PAY RAISE TAKES EFFECT

A military-pay increase of 2 percent should show up in the first paychecks of 1988 for members of the Army National Guard and other Reserve Component forces. The 2 percent hike applies to all military members for basic pay, basic quarters allowances and subsistence allowances.

Working close to the Christmas holidays, Congress approved the military pay raise on December 22. It was half of the initial request from the Reagan administration, which originally proposed a 4 percent pay hike in 1988 and 4.3 percent next year.

Budget-cutting considerations caused the proposed raise to drop to 3 percent at first, finally settling for good at the 2 percent figure.

## COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES CONTINUED

Kentucky Guardsmen will be able to continue using their December 1986 Leave and Earnings statement to shop in military commissaries until the December 1987 LES's are issued.

According to COL Larry Barker, Director of Military Personnel, one commissary visit per month will be authorized until issue of the December '87 LES's in March.

## SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA AUTHORIZED FOR RETIRED ARNG MEMBERS

The Department of the Army has authorized a shoulder sleeve insignia which can be worn by retired Army personnel, including retired members of the Army National Guard. The new insignia may be worn on the Army green uniform. (Wearing the Army uniform by retired ARNG members is limited to ceremonial occasions.)

The patch may also be used on civilian clothing such as jackets, sweat suits and caps. The U.S. Army Retired shoulder patch, which is red, white and blue, can be bought at post exchanges.

RUNNING IN THE COLD?  
DRESS TO KEEP WARM

If you're planning on running even during winter's coldest weather to stay in shape, here are some tips for dressing for the weather.

Wear several layers of thin, lightweight clothes. They will not only keep heat close to the body, but tend to wick moisture away from the skin. The layer next to you should be made of material like polyester or polypropylene.

The middle layer should be an insulator to keep in the heat, but it shouldn't be too thick. Middle layers of cotton or cotton blends usually work well.

The outside layer must keep the elements from penetrating, especially if it is raining or snowing or the wind is blowing. Newer, high-tech fabrics not only resist water and wind but also breathe to let your sweat escape.

Mittens are better than gloves for keeping fingers warmer. They hold all of the hand's warmth in one area, "sharing" it among the fingers. Wool sheds moisture better than cotton, so switching to wool socks could be a good bet for winter running.

Cuffs should be snug enough to keep out the cold, and zippers should have wind flaps for the same purpose.

A hood attached to the clothing is convenient, but also be prepared to put on a thick hat for conserving body heat. More than half of the body's heat is lost through the head during cold weather. A ski mask may be advisable for protecting the ears, nose and face from possible frostbite.

If you run in morning or evening darkness, bright vests or reflective tape will make you visible as you run.

## Dezarn Retires

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equal partner in our national defense and our people train around the world with state-of-the-art equipment."

As a veteran of state active duty in labor disputes, floods and blizzards, General Dezarn feels that the Guard benefits from its hometown approach to recruiting and community service.

"Modern equipment is great to have but our people are our most valuable resource," he added. "As a private citizen, I'll miss the association with military people but I know for a certainty that the Kentucky Guard is ready for any emergency. I like to think that I had a small role in making that happen."



Military History Museum Curator Thomas Fugate poses with SFC John Trowbridge and CPT Lonnie Culver of the 2/138th FA. (Photo by LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)

## STATE MILITARY MUSEUM CURATOR HONORED BY NATIONAL GUARD

Kentucky Military History Museum curator Thomas W. Fugate was recently honored by the 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery of the Kentucky Army National Guard, for his outstanding support of the unit's recruiting and military education efforts.

During a ceremony at the Military History Museum in Frankfort, Mr. Fugate was presented certificates of appreciation from the Kentucky Guard and the Department of the Army by Sergeant First Class John Trowbridge and Captain Lonnie

Culver of the battalion staff.

A native of Perry County, Fugate has assisted the 2/138th's education and recruitment programs by loaning equipment, uniforms, and weapons from the state military history museum for the battalion instructional purposes.

Displays at the museum include examples of several Soviet-bloc weapons captured by members of the Lexington-based Battalion when its units were among the American forces serving in the Republic of Vietnam in 1968-69.



## COLLINS PROMOTED TO MAJOR GENERAL

Brigadier General Paul Collins, Commander of the 35th Infantry Division (MECHANIZED), was promoted to the two-star rank of Major General, Friday, December 4, during ceremonies at Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort.

Collins became commander of the Army National Guard's five-state, 35th ID, in June and is the first Kentuckian, as well as only the second general officer, to command the Division since it was reactivated in August of 1984.

In the photo above General Collins' new stars are pinned on by his wife Pat, and former Adjutant General Billy Wellman. (Photo by LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)