

# Guard explains tuition assistance program

The regulation implementing the Guard's Educational Encouragement Fund has been approved and applications for tuition assistance are now being accepted.

According to a spokesman for the Department of Military Affairs, KyNGR 621-1 has been distributed to every unit in the state, as have application forms.

The fund, with an initial allocation of \$50,000 to be used over a two-year period, was established by the 1976 Kentucky General Assembly to encourage voluntary membership and retention in the Guard and to improve the educational level of the Guard's members.

The fund will be administered by a three-member board that may approve payment of as much as 50 per cent of eligible tuition fees to Guardsmen attending state-supported universities, community colleges, and vocational schools.

The regulation permits the fund board

to approve benefits for an academic year, semester, quarter, summer term, or any other period. However, the student will be required to provide itemized receipts covering each period.

To be eligible for aid, an applicant must be a member of the Kentucky National Guard at the beginning of and throughout the entire period for which benefits are payable.

The applicant must also have satisfactorily completed basic/REP training and must have at least one year remaining in the Guard from the end of the academic period for which tuition assistance is provided.

A fund board member said that benefits may be granted to enlisted members and officers seeking trade or vocational training, a two-year associate degree, a four-year baccalaureate degree, or a graduate degree.

"We want to make the procedure as simple as possible," the members said, "and we want to get the maximum benefit in both recruiting and retention."

The one-page application requires only basic individual information, plus the total amount of tuition charged for the educational program.

"That figure doesn't have to be exact," the spokesman said, "but it should be pretty close. The information is generally readily available from the school."

The form must also be signed by the applicant's unit commander so that membership and length of remaining service may be verified.

Then, after the form is forwarded to the Department of Military Affairs in Frankfort, the applicant has no further responsibilities until the application is approved and he has paid his fees to the school.

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### Bus wrecks, but Youth Camp successful

The 1976 Youth Camp, sponsored by the Kentucky National Guard's Youth Activities Council, gave 136 youngsters a chance to take part in activities at the Kentucky Easter Seal Society's Camp Green Shores and Camp Kysoc in late June and early July.

Capt. Sandy Goins, who coordinated both camps, said that this year's program was very successful, marred only by a near-tragic traffic accident at the close of the camp.

A school bus, contracted to provide transportation for the campers, was apparently forced off the road near London, causing the bus to go over a 40-foot embankment.

According to Captain Goins, SP4 James Metcalfe, the Guard escort, pulled all 11 children from the wrecked bus and refused medical attention until he was assured that each child was safe.

The bus driver reportedly suffered several broken ribs and received cuts and bruises, but none of the children were seriously injured. All 11 were examined at a local hospital, with four requiring some treatment.

Specialist Metcalfe suffered a broken nose and minor injuries.

A week before the wreck, Captain Goins



**CAMPERS**—Air Guard Lt. Col. Joel Stokes and SSgt. Jane Hite, second from right, help a group of youngsters load up for a bus ride to the Youth Camp. Nearly 140 campers took part in the two week-long sessions.

said, the bus driver had received an award for 21 accident-free driving years.

The driver of the car was reportedly charged with driving while intoxicated.

Only a little rain hampered the actual camping period, Captain Goins reported,

noting that everyone seemed to have a good time. Eight National Guardsmen augmented the regular counselor staff during each session and four outstanding campers were honored at each camp. They received special jackets and an invitation to return for the 1977 program.



# KMA graduates 27 officers, 16 NCOs

Twenty-seven second lieutenants, including six Army Reservists, were commissioned in a June 26 graduation ceremony in the capitol rotunda, while 16 individuals

were honored earlier in the day as graduates of the Kentucky Military Academy's first Noncommissioned Officer program.

The new officers earned their commis-

sions by going through a demanding one-year program that included two annual training periods.

Four members of the OCS class were recognized for outstanding achievements.

Lieutenant James M. Allen earned the Erickson Trophy for leadership and academic standing; Lieutenant Lloyd W. Napier received the National Guard Association of Kentucky Award for having the highest academic rank in the class; the Association of the U.S. Army Plaque went to Lieutenant Lawrence D. Abel; and Lieutenant Willett L. Lee was recognized for personal self-improvement through the Commandant's Award.

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, congratulated the NCO's for setting an example in a new program and he challenged them to assume their roles as "middle managers."

SP5 Shearl A. Moore earned two of the four major NCO awards. He received the Adjutant General Trophy and the Association of the U.S. Army Plaque for leadership and academic achievement.

Sgt. Harold Dudley, the graduate with the highest academic rank, received the Enlisted Association of the National Guard, Kentucky and SP4 Richie A. Maze received the Commandant's Award for self-improvement.

OCS graduates and their home unit locations are: Lawrence D. Abel, Owensboro; James D. Adams, Richmond; James M. Allen, Hardinsburg; Dennis A. Bergstrasser, Louisville; William E. Biles, Bardstown; Dewey K. Brock, Pineville; Douglas E. Brown, II, Cynthiana; Richard A. Carroll, Frankfort; William W. Chapman, Ashland; Larry W. Gabbard, London.

Jimmie D. Goodpaster, Carlisle; Ray L. Hampton, Russellville; Thomas F. Hughes, Bowling Green; Deleanius Lamar, Lexington; Willett L. Lee, Frankfort; William M. Nance, Glasgow; Lloyd W. Napier, Jackson; Joseph T. Nemeth, Bowling Green; David M. Richardson, Louisville.

Charles A. Schooley, Bowling Green; Domingo F. Sedeno, Louisville; Scott C. Sheffield, Louisville; Richard H. Smith, Danville; James F. True, Frankfort; Gregory L. Warren, Livermore; and Phillip C. Wettig, Frankfort.

Graduates of the NCO Academy and their home unit locations are: SP5 Price L. Barnett, Frankfort; Sgt. Donald G. Carpenter, Frankfort; SSgt. John W. Carpenter, Prestonsburg; Sgt. Jimmy Crume, Springfield; SP4 Kenneth L. Downs, Bardstown; Sgt. Harold D. Dudley, Louisville.

SP5 Cecil R. Harris, Lexington; Sgt. Clifton E. Jenkins, Louisville; SP4 Betty L. Johnson, Richmond; SP4 Richie A. Maze, Carlisle; SP4 Anthony W. Meadows, Carrollton; SP5 Shearl A. Moore, Cynthiana; SSgt. George D. Moser, Cynthiana; Sgt. Wayne M. Neal, Livermore; SP4 Robert M. Nicholas, Louisville; and Sgt. Kenneth R. Sloan, Lexington.



**GRADUATION**—Maj. Bennie L. Hester, assistant commandant of the Kentucky Military Academy, addresses the graduating OCS class in the capitol rotunda. Twenty-seven second lieutenants were commissioned.

## Visitors Day earns plaudits

"Visitors Day" during annual training at Fort Knox was a success, judging from letters sent to the Adjutant General after the event. Press accounts were generally highly complimentary, as well.

Pulaski County Judge Jacob V. Garner was among several who wrote to express his thoughts.

"Instead of the traditional thinking about a guard unit being mediocre, I find that with the 149th and the First Battalion as a whole, it is completely opposite from that. I sincerely think that in a time of County, State, or National emergency, we would have one of the finest Armed Forces Companies available in the state or nation here in Somerset."

State Representative Buddy Adams, from Bowling Green, said, "The tour was educational, enjoyable, and informative. It made me more aware of the importance of the Kentucky National Guard in our National Defense system."

Retired Navy commander George W. Netts, chairman of the Military Affairs

Committee for the Bowling Green—Warren County Chamber of Commerce, was most impressed by the logistics of getting the large number of visitors to Fort Knox.

He said, "Too often we take for granted or do not recognize highly competent performance of logistics elements of an exercise. The flights up to Fort Knox and back to Bowling Green were simply and competently executed, exhibiting outstanding and flawless performance. Major Walker and members of his helicopter crew are obviously superior caliber."

## Assistance

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The fund board, which will convene each week, will consider all applications submitted since the previous meeting and will notify all applicants of the outcome.

Successful applicants must then obtain an itemized receipt for their tuition payments and submit it to the board. Reimbursement checks will be issued within 30 days from the time the receipt reaches the Frankfort office.

That completes the cycle unless the student's status changes. If, for example, the student drops out or is expelled from school, he must repay all funds issued for that term. Likewise, unsatisfactory drill attendance is grounds for forfeiture of funds.

A board member said that a number of applications have already been received and he urged those who plan to attend school to get applications in as soon as possible.

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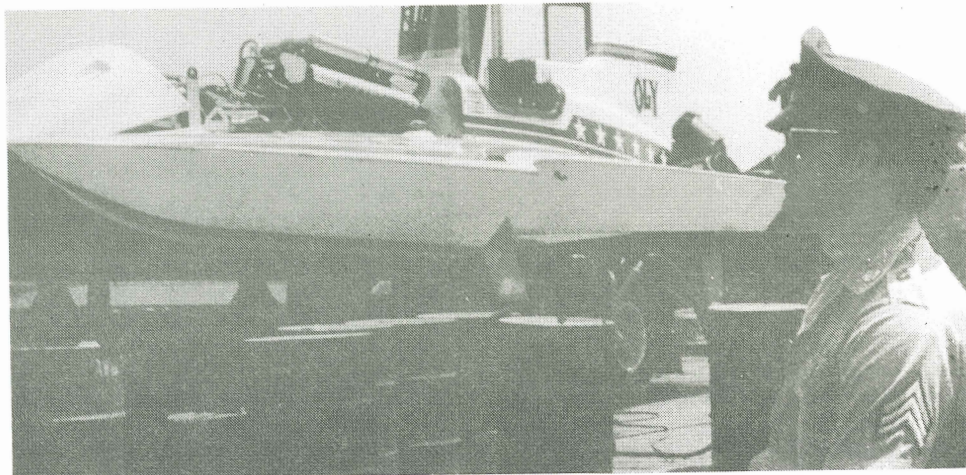
# 201st Engineers win Reckord

The 201st Engineer Battalion, headquartered in Ashland, has been selected as the outstanding battalion in Army Readiness Region VI. The highly-sought Milton A. Reckord Trophy will be presented to the unit during the 98th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the U.S. in Washington in August.

The battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Robert Dezarn, was judged as the best overall nominee after consideration of many factors, including recruiting and retention, maintenance, training, and results of the annual general inspection.

Col. Thomas J. Murphy, director of the Kentucky Army Guard's Operations, Plans, and Training division, said that the award is well deserved and is evidence of the hard work performed at all levels in the unit. He noted that good supervision is always important but that an award of this type can be earned only if all members of the unit take pride in their achievements and work together to meet their goals.

The unit will retain the rotating trophy for one year and will receive a replica for permanent display.



**REGATTA**—Sgt. Joseph Terry, of the 2nd Bn., 123d Armor in Owensboro, mans an entry point at the pit area during annual regatta activities. The Olympia Beer unlimited hydroplane is in the background. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tom Little)

## Delegates to be named

Delegates to the 98th annual general conference of the National Guard Association of the United States are now being selected, according to National Guard Association of Kentucky officials.

The conference is set for Washington, D.C. Aug. 29 through Sept. 1, with a wide

range of activities set.

In addition to the business sessions, those attending will see the National Guard Heritage Encampment, featuring a Revolutionary War regimental bivouac and 300 militiamen armed, equipped and garbed with meticulous authenticity.

Group tours of the new Heritage Gallery are also planned, as is a presentation by the Army of special honors to existing National Guard units whose lineage extends in an unbroken line from Revolutionary War units.

Fifteen delegates will represent the Kentucky Association. A report on the conference will appear in a future issue of the **GUARDSMAN**.

## Exchange alters authorization policy

Guardsmen entitled to base and post exchange privileges no longer need a letter of authorization to gain entry to the facilities, due a change in policy.

Individuals may now use their ID card and a copy of their leave and earning statement (LES).

The change was made to help relieve the

administrative burden upon reserve component units that had to furnish the authorization letters.

Qualified Guardsmen are authorized one day of exchange privileges for two drills of inactive duty training. The LES indicates the number of drills attended. All other information, except the member's name and date issued may be deleted. (ANF)

## Kentucky featured in SOLDIERS

Two Kentucky Army National Guard units are featured in the July issue of "Soldiers" magazine.

The article, entitled "Ready and Willing," recalls the Vietnam days of Bardstown's Battery C, 2d Battalion, 138th Field Artillery and Elizabethtown's Battery B, of the same battalion.

The author, Maj. John D. Anderson, is highly complimentary of both units, both in the past and present. He captures the mood of the men and the community as the unit is activated and writes of the emotion felt when five Bardstown men were killed and another 19 wounded at a fire-base south of Hue.

The story says, "The men of B and C Batteries whom 'Soldiers' talked to are ready and willing to serve their country, anywhere, anytime."

And of the Guard in general, the story concludes, "Most of these units and men meet and train in armories like the one on the Louisville Road north of Bardstown—without fanfare, sometime without recognition of the fine job they have done in the past or are expected to do in the future."



**BAND ON TOUR**—The Kentucky National Guard Band performs before more than 6,000 people attending a convention in Louisville's Freedom Hall during the band's annual state tour. The group entertained more than 15,000 people during the two-week tour. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tom Little)



# Dining In IV set for October

The Kentucky National Guard's Dining In IV has been set for Oct. 9 at Louisville's Holiday City. Gov. Julian M. Carroll, Commander-in-Chief of the Kentucky National Guard, will again be the principal guest.

Col. Thomas P. Murphy, general chairman of the event, said that this apparently is the only such function anywhere that brings Air and Army officers together. He noted that CW4 John Flowers will serve as Mess President.

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, said that he hopes to see all officers at the dinner.

"This is an excellent time for us to formally welcome our new officers and share in the camaraderie that is such an important part of the military tradition," he said. "I know that the Kentucky National Guard is better and stronger because we have come to know one as individuals. I encourage all of our officers to make plans now to attend."

Colonel Murphy said that more details about the Dining In will be distributed to all officers.

The annual commander's conference will precede the evening event.

## Owensboro wins maintenance honor

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 123d Armor, in Owensboro, has received the "Efficiency in Maintenance Award" from the National Guard Bureau for FY 1976. The award is presented annually to one unit in each state.

All company-sized maintenance units are eligible for the award and each battalion is permitted to submit one nominee.

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



**APC IN ACTION**—An armored personnel carrier from the 149th Mechanized Infantry moves across a floating bridge during recent annual training activities as an unidentified Guardsman checks the path.

## Guard...at a glance

### Sharpshooter

Maj. Presley Kendall began the 1976 shooting season by winning a gold and a bronze medal at the Benito Juarez International Matches in Mexico City. The matches were attended by representatives of 13 countries. Major Kendall has also won the Tennessee State Rifle Champion-

ship this year with a 797 score out of a possible 800.

### Pay Outlook

Military pay raises in October will probably be between three and five per cent, according to the Department of the Army. As in the past, this is expected to be divided among basic pay, basic allowance for quarters and basic allowance for subsistence. The average GS civilian salary increase is expected to be 4.7 per cent.

### Medal of Honor Grove

The \$100,000 required to construct the Kentucky Medal of Honor Grove at Valley Forge, Penn. has been raised and the grove will be dedicated Aug. 14. Donald L. Shaw, state general chairman of the Grove committee, has invited Kentucky Guardsmen to attend the 3 p.m. event.

### New Uniforms

The new Army green pantsuit is now authorized for wear by Guardswomen. The uniform may now be purchased in most post exchanges.

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. William Y. Robbins, earns a certificate from the National Guard Bureau.

Other units nominated were: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Bn., 623d Artillery, Glasgow; 303d General Supply Company, Danville; Company A, 1st Bn., 123d Armor, Marion; and HHB, 2nd Bn., 138th Field Artillery, Lexington.

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