

## Vehicle plates to be ready for January

Distinctive license plates for Kentucky National Guardsmen should be ready for purchase in January 1977, according to David E. Lampkin, assistant director of the state Correctional Industry section.

He explained that the delay is caused by a design change for all of Kentucky's vehicle license plates.

A law passed by the 1976 General Assembly and signed by Gov. Julian Carroll authorizes Guardsmen to purchase the plates for an initial \$25 fee and to renew the license each year for \$1.

O. B. Arnold, commissioner of the state Bureau of Vehicle Regulations, said that the plates can be purchased only for private autos. Pick-up trucks are not eligi-

ble, he explained, because they are classified as commercial vehicles under state law. A Guardsman may purchase a plate for only one vehicle.

Administrative regulations for the new "Kentucky National Guard Educational Encouragement Fund" are still being formulated, according to Capt. Elmo C. Head, who has been working on the project.

He explained that several options are available and that full details will be distributed as soon as the program is finalized. He was optimistic of having money available for Guardsmen entering the fall semester at state-supported universities, colleges, community colleges, and vocational schools.



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## MP averts Kentucky Derby disruption

By 1st Lt. Tom Little

Alert action by a Kentucky National Guardsman prevented potential disruption of the 102d Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs May 1.

Sgt. Gary Wall, of the 438th Military Police Company, ran to the middle of the track and retrieved a smoke grenade tossed shortly after the horses rounded the first turn. He scooped up the grenade, put it into his helmet liner, and carried it to a hole at the edge of the track dug by other members of the detail.

Sgt. John Yeager and PFC Steven Stacy were credited with assisting Sergeant Wall.

"There was no time to think about it," the 28-year old Guardsman said. "I knew it had to get off the track. It just had to."

Indeed, it did get off the track. In fact, the move was so rapid that the smoke was almost gone by the time the stretch-bound horses pounded down the stretch. The jockeys may even have been unaware of the incident.

After the race, the Louisville resident was personally thanked by Gov. Julian Carroll; Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General; and other Guard officials. The work of the Guard was also praised before a national television audience by the President of Churchill Downs and network broadcasters.

Sergeant Wall was rapidly besieged by media representatives covering the Derby and they kept him busy for the next hour. One interviewer asked if he was scared.

"Yes, I was afraid—of the horses," he replied. "I could hear the horses."

Media appearances continued through the early part of the following week, as did personal thanks from various officials, including Louisville Mayor Harvey Sloane.

The rest of the day was relatively uneventful for the more than 550 Army and Air Guardsman called to state active duty to provide security for the event.

Guardsmen were required to help con-

trol crowds at some entry points and to prevent people from going over and under fences weakened by the crowds, but there were no major incidents, according to command post officials.

In addition to providing security for the track, infield, and other areas, Guard details afforded an escort for the Governor and secured the winner's circle area after the feature race. Minor confrontations with photographers occurred at that point.



**SAVING THE DAY**—Members of the 438th MP Co. bury a smoke grenade that threatened to disrupt the 102d running of the Kentucky Derby. The Guardsmen, led by Sgt. Gary Wall, without hat, removed the grenade before the horses came into the stretch. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tom Little)

# 201st picked as nominee

The 201st Engineer Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Robert Dezarn, has been selected as Kentucky's nominee in competition for the prestigious Milton A. Reckord Trophy.

The award is given annually to the outstanding battalion/squadron in each Army Readiness Region by the National Guard Association of the U. S. Each state is permitted to forward one unit to the National Guard Bureau for consideration.

Col. Thomas J. Murphy, director of the Kentucky Army Guard's Operations, Plans, and Training division, explained that many factors are considered in the judging. Recruiting and retention, the maintenance program, the training program, and results of the annual general inspection rate high on the list, he said.

Colonel Murphy noted that the battalion has steadily exceeded its authorized strength.

In the nomination report, Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, said, "This battalion has consistently demonstrated outstanding proficiency in all areas of operations. It responds to a military mission or community action program with equal dexterity."

The Sixth Readiness Region winner will get to keep the rotating trophy for a year and will receive a replica for permanent display.

## Schedule set for TVA caravan

The Kentucky Army National Guard will be a co-sponsor of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Bicentennial South Caravan state tour May 13-June 11, with a side trip to Washington, D. C.

Members of the 2123d Transportation Company will provide the manpower required to move and set up the vans housing the various exhibits.

More than a million and a half people are expected to view the displays during its travel through eight states in nine months. There is no charge to the public.

The Kentucky schedule is:

May 13 .....	Berea
May 14 .....	Corbin
May 17 .....	Prestonsburg
May 18 .....	Morehead
May 20-21 .....	Lexington
May 22-31 .....	Washington
June 1-2 .....	Paducah
June 3 .....	Hickman
June 4 .....	Mayfield
June 5-7 .....	Murray
June 8 .....	Hopkinsville
June 9 .....	Bowling Green
June 10 .....	Columbia
June 11 .....	Somerset



**THE BATTLE**—One of the hottest battles of Derby Day was between Kentucky Guardsmen securing the victory circle and photographers trying for the best possible shot. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tom Little)

## An open letter to commanders

All Commanders:

If the President of the United States or a high-ranking military official asked you about the quality of people in your unit, your reply would undoubtedly indicate that you have some extraordinary individuals.

And there's little doubt that you would be right.

But when did you last let those people

know that you recognize their efforts? Or, even better, when did you last submit someone's achievements for official recognition in the form of a military award or decoration?

In my capacity as Public Information Officer, I have an opportunity to talk with many Guardsmen of all ranks, and lack of recognition is the most common complaint I hear. And, obviously, when an individual feels slighted, morale suffers and retention figures drop.

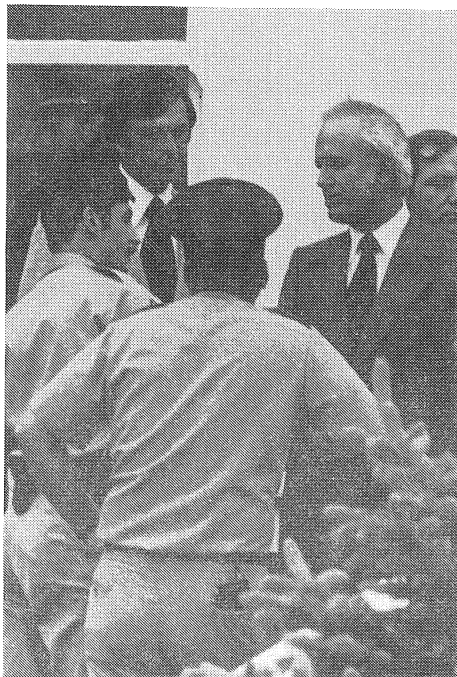
I see far too many high quality, long-time Guardsmen who have so few ribbons that they're ashamed to wear any at all. I wonder if there aren't also some young Guardsmen who lose their enthusiasm after being overlooked a couple of times.

There are many excuses, ranging from the difficulty involved in writing the citation to the workload of the commander, and they are valid considerations. But are the drawbacks prohibitive?

I doubt it.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**—Gov. Julian Carroll thanks Sgt. Gary Wall, left, without hat, for his efforts to prevent disruption of the Kentucky Derby.

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# Guard ... at a glance

## Easter Seals

The Kentucky Army National Guard collected \$11,772.47 in the annual fund drive for the Kentucky Easter Seal Society, according to Col. Edward H. Milburn, project officer. The total fell short of the record \$118,743.33 collected in 1975 but, he noted, not as many Guardsmen were available to collect in this campaign. Detailed unit collections were unavailable at press time.

## Broadcaster Support

Garland West, president of the Kentucky Broadcasters Association, has reaffirmed that organization's support of the Kentucky National Guard. West, general manager of WKCT-AM in Bowling Green, said that it was generally agreed at a board meeting that "broadcasters throughout

Kentucky will cooperate at any time with the Kentucky National Guard." A Guard spokesman explained that the support is particularly welcome, since the National Guard cannot purchase broadcast advertising time. "We depend upon radio and television for help in virtually all of our communities," the spokesman said, "and this support should help us tremendously."

## Promotion Change

As of Oct. 1, time in service requirements for privates moving to E-2 will be established at six months. The change applies to both active and Reserve components. According to the Department of the Army, soldiers in the Army Guard will have to complete basic training or basic combat training and have four months time in service before they may be considered for the E-2 rank.

## Thunderbirds and Knights

The Air Force's aerial demonstration team, the Thunderbirds, will join forces with the Golden Knights, the Army's top parachute team, in a June 5 performance at Fort Knox's Godman Field. The free show will begin at 2 p.m. and it is open to the public.

## Budget Items

The FY '77 Authorization Act passed by the House of Representatives includes a House Armed Services Committee statement that it rejects proposed Department of Defense budget items, including administrative duty pay, the reduction of annual drills from 48 to 24 and elimination of dual compensation for Federal employees during annual training. The Senate Armed Services Committee has indicated their agreement with the House although they haven't yet published their report.

## Dance, fashions set for women's week

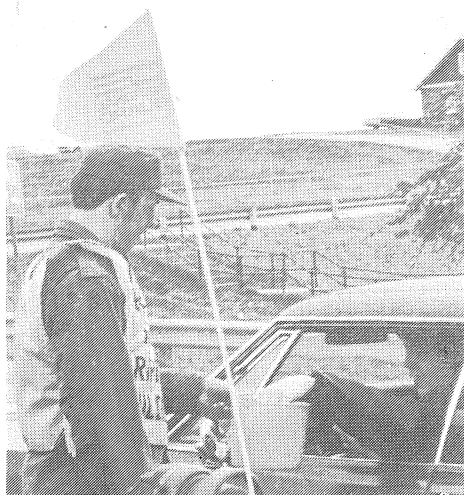
A fashion show and dance at Louisville's Galt House June 19 will highlight activities of "National Women in the Guard" week.

The week, according to a spokeswoman for the planning group, is designed to focus attention on women in the Guard and encourage further enlistments.

Proceeds from the event, set to begin at 7:30 p.m., will go to the Endocrinology Clinic at Norton's Children's Hospital.

Fashions will be provided by Lady Katherine's and the Metro's will play for the dance. Admission will be \$3.50 per person and \$6 for a couple. The public is invited.

For more information about the week or the Galt House event, contact Sgt. Jerry Alred at Standiford Field or A1C Marilyn Uptegraft at Boone Center in Frankfort.



**COLLECTION**—SSgt. Chris L. Stanifer, HHC, 103 S&S Bn., of Richmond, accepts a donation for the Kentucky Easter Seal Society. Kentucky Army Guardsmen collected more than \$111,000.

## Band announces annual state tour

The Kentucky National Guard Band will begin its annual tour of the state June 25 with a performance at the NCO Academy graduation in Frankfort. The following two weeks will take the group to 10 different cities.

The band plays all types of music and this year's performances will include a wide range of selections, according to CW2 John Hoover, band director.

"If we're going to have a successful tour, we must have the support of the units in the cities we'll be visiting," Mr. Hoover said. "I think many people have the misconception that we play only 'military' music, and we need Guardsmen to be among the first realize that our music appeals to virtually everyone."

The group has played for many events in the past, including the Governor's inaugural parade, the Lexington mayor's bicentennial reception, the Easter Seal

telethon, and for the annual conferences of the National Guard Association of Kentucky and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard, Kentucky.

In addition to the following tentative schedule, performances in Owenton, Russellville and an extra stop in Lexington are possible, according to Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, who schedules the tour.

June 25-27	Frankfort
June 28	Carrollton
June 29	Lexington
June 30	Cumberland Falls
July 1	London
July 3	Glasgow
July 4	Frankfort
July 6	Louisville
July 7	Owensboro
July 8	Henderson
July 9	Central City
July 10	Owensboro



**COUNSELING**—Capt. Phil Antle, of the Recruiting and Retention Office, explains educational opportunities in the National Guard during a class at Franklin County High School. Similar career counseling programs are being conducted in nearly 20 schools in the state, reaching about 4,500 seniors. (Photo by 1st Lt. Tom Little)



# Photo contest closes July 7

The National Guard Bureau and National Guard Association of the U. S. have jointly announced the 11th annual photo contest, open to all Guardsmen except officers in 3033, 8033 and 265 assignments.

Winners of the contest, which closes July 7, will receive cash awards of up to \$150. Four top awards and four \$75 awards will be made.

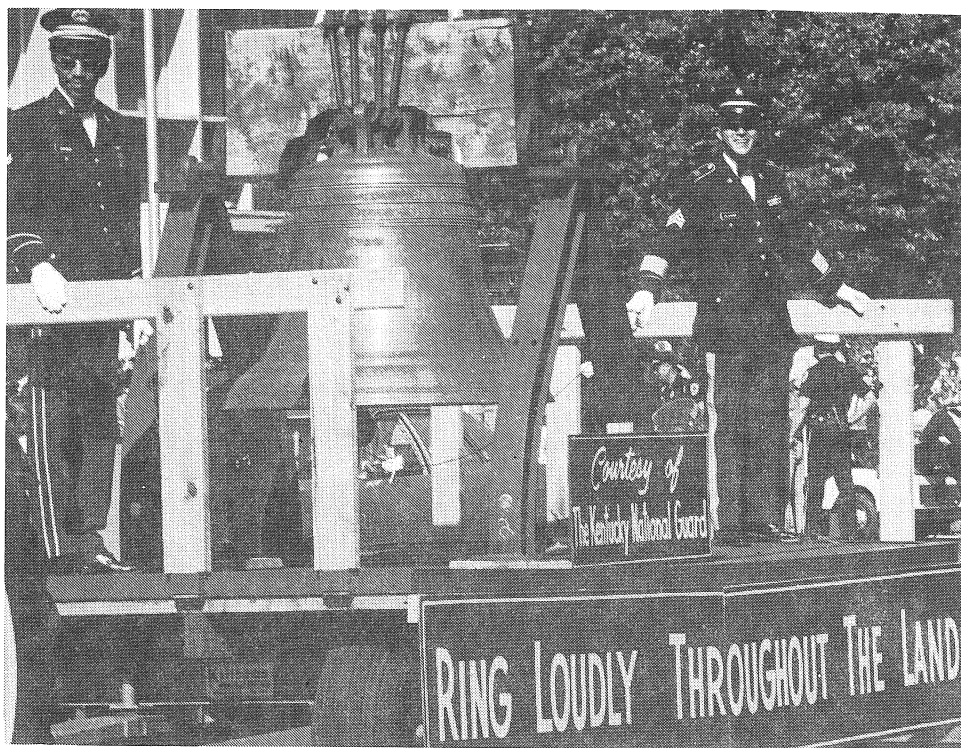
Only photographs taken between Aug. 15, 1975 and July 1, 1976 will be eligible. Any number of photos may be submitted by a single entrant and there is no entry fee.

Last year, SP5 Joseph Hayden, of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 138th Field Artillery, won first prize in the Army Guard's color competition.

All unit commanders have received copies of the rules and entry forms. Additional forms may be obtained from Public Information Officer, Dept. of Military Affairs, Boone Center, Frankfort, KY 40601.



**A FIRST**—Officer Candidate Deleanius Lamar prepares to drop 50 feet from a tower during an intensive three-day Ranger training program at Fort Benning, Ga. She was the first woman to jump from the tower. (Photo by Sgt. Jim Hurtt)



**BELL RINGERS**—SP4 Jim Barber, left, and Sgt. Jim Allison ring Kentucky's replica of the Liberty Bell during the pre-Derby Pegasus Parade. An estimated 30,000 people viewed the parade in Louisville.

## Lamar completes Ranger course

The first woman in the Kentucky Army National Guard's Officer Candidate School has completed some tough hurdles during the last ten months and is due to be commissioned a second lieutenant at the end of June.

Officer Candidate Deleanius Lamar completed a three-day course of Ranger training at Fort Benning, Georgia recently along with the 26 male candidates in her class.

One of the highlights of the Ranger course was rappelling from a 55-foot tower. Candidate Lamar said they each got to practice from a 20-foot tower before dropping by rope from the higher one.

"The first time I dropped I was really

scared," she said. "Then we went to the 55-foot tower and I was still scared some, but I realized it wasn't really that hard.

"The key is kicking off right and using your brake hand to slow yourself down."

According to Lt. Col. Glenn Fisher, Kentucky Military Academy commandant, Candidate Lamar's performance since she entered the one-year program in May 1975 has shown a lot of people who may have had doubts that women can complete the officer training program.

After one more summer camp (June 10-26 at Fort McClellan, Ala.) where her class will practice infantry tactics, Candidate Lamar will be commissioned and be assigned as an ordnance officer.

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