

Getting NG tag? Here's information

By 1st Lt. Tom Little

(Editor's note: If you have purchased, plan to purchase, or are even thinking about purchasing the distinctive National Guard license plate, please read this closely. Don't try to interpret anything, for it's written just as the facts exist. You may wish to keep this as a reference. If you have questions after you've read it, feel free to contact the writer at Boone Center, Frankfort, KY 40601.)

Kentucky National Guard license plates are now on sale through all County Clerk's. The plate costs \$25 and an additional \$1 registration renewal fee must be paid.

In 1978, a new plate will be issued for a \$1 renewal and for the next several

years, a decal will be issued to renew that plate.

Each year the "Statement of Current Service in the Kentucky National Guard" must be issued by the unit and taken to the County Clerk.

Currently, the plates may be purchased only for passenger vehicles and pick-up trucks are not classified as passenger vehicles. If a mistake has been made and you have obtained a Guard plate for a truck, it is improperly registered and you could be liable for penalties. Contact the Clerk as soon as possible to rectify the error.

O.B. Arnold, commissioner of the state Bureau of Vehicle Regulation, said that he hopes that the 1978 General As-

sembly will reclassify pick-ups not used for commercial purposes as passenger vehicles.

What happens when you sell the car that bears the Guard plate? It's really fairly simple.

Each Guardsman is entitled to have one Guard plate for one car and each car that he owns must be registered. Given that principle, logic prevails.

If you sell your car, you must take the plate to the Clerk and pay a transfer fee. The clerk will then issue a regular Kentucky plate, enabling you to sell the car. For a \$1 fee, you will then be re-issued the Guard plate for your new car.

Now let's assume that you have a Guard plate on one car, but you buy a second (see "Here's . . ." on page 3)



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Association conference plans nearly set

Plans for the Feb. 25-27 annual general conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky are nearly complete, according to Lt. Col. Armando J. Alfaro, the organizations' President, and Vice President Walter Mondale may be a guest.

A member of the Vice President's staff indicated at press time that he hopes to be able to address the business session, though no firm commitment can be made until later.

Other guests will include Maj. Gen. Lavern Weber, chief of the National

Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, commander of Readiness Region VI; and Maj. Gen. Richard Miller, Adjutant General of Oregon and President of the National Guard Association of the U.S. General Miller will be the featured speaker at the evening banquet.

Colonel Alfaro explained that this year's conference will bring several changes, notably the end of the President's Reception Friday evening. Several other "hospitality rooms" will be featured at Louisville's Executive West, the site of the conference.

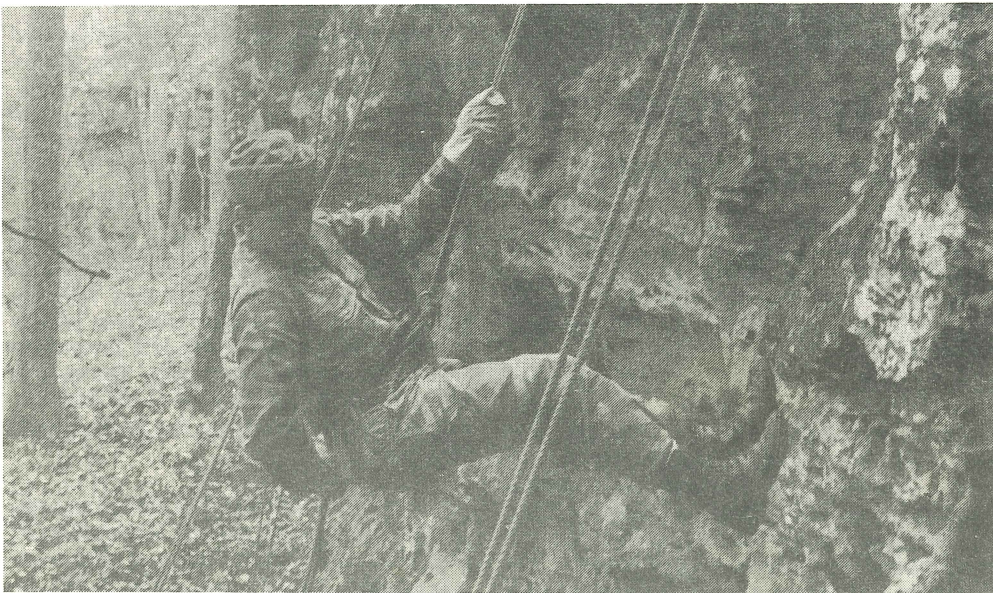
The cost per member for the package of events will be the same as last year and packages only will be available. A spokesman for the registration committee emphasized that registrations not made in advance will bring an extra \$5 fee.

A brunch for the ladies will replace the luncheon held in previous years, and both an arts and crafts display and shopping tours will be available.

Another change brings a commercial band, the Metros, to play for the ball following the banquet Feb. 26.

As always, presentations on the status of the Guard by national officials and by Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, will highlight the opening portion of the business session.

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RAIDER--Sgt. Maj. Harold Disney, of the 1st Bn, 149th Inf., rappels down a cliffside during the Boone Raider course activities. For the story, see page 3. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Scotty McFadden.)



DEDICATION -- First Lt. Joe Matlock, far right on podium, commander of Russellville's Co. C, 2nd Bn, 123d Armor, and Adjutant General Richard L. Frymire, salute the flag as it is presented by the color guard during the recent dedication of the Russellville Armory. CW2 John Hoover, center, directs the Kentucky National Guard Band. (Photo by SP4 Jerry Wright)

Lack of education hinders career

The ability of Guard members without a high school diploma or General Education Development (GED) certificate to progress is severely hampered, according to Col. Billy G. Wellman, Army Guard executive officer.

Such individuals cannot be promoted above the rank of E-5 and lack of education will undoubtedly be considered by the Qualitative Retention Board.

In order to help alleviate this problem shared by several hundred members, the Kentucky Guard is now promoting the GED program.

GED is a series of five tests covering math, science, literature, grammar, and social studies. An individual who passes all of the tests is awarded a GED certificate -- generally regarded as equivalent to a high school diploma.

There are several methods of preparing

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Guard tells AT plans

Virtually all annual training plans are now complete, according to Lt. Col. Harold O. Loy, who heads training activities for the Kentucky Army National Guard.

Current plans have Air Guard units travelling to Savannah, Ga. June 12-25, according to Maj. Richard Jett, the Air Guard's executive support staff officer.

The Army Guard's 441st Medical Detachment will participate in a major exercise at Fort Hood, Tex. March 18-April 3. The activity, called "Gallant Crew," will involve units of the Army and Air Force.

The 306th Maintenance Company, located in Louisville, will spend its AT period working in the Boatwright Maintenance Shop at Fort Knox May 7-21.

The electronics maintenance platoon of Hebron's 130th Maintenance Co. will travel to the Sacramento, Calif. Army Depot for practical training June 18-July 2.

The first large encampment is scheduled for Camp Shelby, Miss. May 20-June 5. The XXIII Corps Artillery will again serve as the troop command and the encampment will include all artillery units, the 103d Supply and Service Battalion, the 203d General Supply Co., portions of the 303d GS Co., the 413th Maintenance Co., 471st Med Det., 2123d Transportation Co., and state headquarters.

All Military Police units are set to take part in an exercise at Fort McCoy, Wis. May 27 - June 12. Headquarters and

Headquarters Detachment of the 198th MP Bn. and the 438th MP Co. will take the Army Training and Evaluation Program test.

Medical evacuation training, emergency medical training, and other facets of the med evac mission are set for the 470th Med Det. at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. June 3-19. The unit will work with a similar active Army organization.

All engineers will work with engineer units of the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell, Ky. June 18 - July 2. Colonel Loy said that the 207th Engineer Co. and the 201st Engr Bn. should gain valuable experience at the site.

Fort Hood will host all armor and infantry units July 8 - 24. All of those battalions participate in the "Roundout" program with Fort Hood-based units. This will mark the first time that the armor brigade has had all subordinate units together for an AT period.

The Kentucky Military Academy will train at Camp Atterbury, Ind., while the 133d Public Affairs Det., the 202d Army Band, 2113th Transportation Co., and the 307th Maintenance Co. remain on year-round training.

Friends grant benefits

The Kentucky National Guard has many friends, but we sometimes don't know who they are so we can take advantage of the benefits they provide and offer patronage in return.

Two firms in Kentucky that provide benefits to Guardsmen have recently come to the GUARDSMAN's attention.

In Paducah, the Fabulous Farmers' Market, owned by Wayne Sullivan, offers a 10 per cent discount on all grocery items. Local Guard members also advise that the store has been very helpful with supplying items for events at reduced prices.

A Frankfort barber, George O'Connell, owner of the West End Barber and Styling Shop, also gives a discount to Guard members. He noted that since he doesn't always recognize members not in uniform, people should identify themselves to him to get the lower rate. His shop is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The GUARDSMAN is always anxious to learn of benefits granted to members of the Kentucky Guard. Anyone with such information should send it to: Public Information Officer, Boone Center, Frankfort, KY. 40601.

AG appointed to policy board

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, has been appointed by the Secretary of Defense to serve a three-year term as a member of the prestigious Reserve Forces Policy Board.

That board, which acts through the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), serves as the principal policy advisor to the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to the Reserve Components.

The board is composed of 21 members, a majority of whom are officers of general and flag rank, and meets quarterly at the call of its civilian chairman.

52 become 'Raiders'

Fifty-two Army Guardsmen and four members of the Cumberland College ROTC recently earned a "Boone Raider" designation after completing a gruelling course in Daniel Boone Forest recently.

The Guard volunteers, all from the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry, began the exercise on a rainy Friday night and continued through Sunday afternoon. Rangers from Fort Benning, Ga. provided realistic training in raiding, reconnaissance, rappelling, and river crossing.

Infantry officials had high praise for the program and expressed hope that it would continue. They said that a recognition badge and a certificate will be developed for those who completed the program.

Infantry joins affiliation ranks

Another Kentucky Army Guard battalion, the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry (Mech), headquartered in Barbourville, has joined the ranks of those in the Army's Affiliation program.

The unit, commanded by Lt. Col. Leo Henderson, will be a round-out battalion to the 2nd Armor Division at Fort Hood, Tex.

Lt. Col. Harold O. Loy, who heads the state training operation, said that the move will bring excellent training assistance to the battalion throughout the year and will permit a thorough evaluation at Fort Hood.

He also noted that the new status will change the equipment priority, enabling the battalion to receive the most modern equipment in the National Guard system. As evidence of that, Colonel Loy said that the battalion has already received the sophisticated TOW missile system.

Conference

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Command Sergeant Major James Garritson, President of the Enlisted Association, National Guard of Kentucky, has also been invited to address the conference.

New Association officers will also be elected. Those selected by the Nominations Committee are: for President--Lt. Col. Jack Crowner and Maj. Joseph Kottak, both of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing; for Vice-President, Army--Capt. James Alford, HHC, 1st Bn. 123d Armor, and Capt. Charles Clark, HHD, 198th MP Bn.; for Vice-President, Air--Maj. John Greene, 123d CAM Squadron, and Maj. William Hays, 123d Combat Support Group.



STACKING--First Sgt. Johnny Bottoms, left, and Sgt. Billy Rousey, both of Danville's 303d Gen Sup Co., help stack water pipe moved to Frankfort from Ohio for use in the state during emergencies. The pipe, along with pumps, generators, and other equipment will enable the state to assist local government in many ways. Other Kentucky Guard units that helped in the massive project, which covered several months, include the 203d GS Co., the 201st Eng Bn., 207th Eng Co., and the 2123d Trans Co. (Photo by SP4 Ben Hicks)

Here's NG information

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ond car and you want to transfer the plate to your new car. You'll have to take your Guard plate to the Clerk and have it transferred for a fee. Then you'll have to pay the normal licensing fee for the car you had originally.

Here's a possibility you should be very careful of. If you have a car with a Guard plate and you wish to sell that car and put the plate on a newly-purchased car, you must complete all of the transactions at the same time to avoid paying an extra license fee. In this instance, you and your buyer should go to the Clerk's office together. You pay the appropriate fees to transfer the Guard tag and reister your new car with a Guard tag. That will give you a regular plate for the car you're selling as well as a Guard plate for your new car.

Here's one situation that causes the Guard member to lose money. If your car is in your spouse's name, you'll have to buy a 1977 plate and transfer the title before you can buy a Guard plate. That's a total of \$37.50, plus Clerk fees.

If you do not complete all of the transactions at the same time, you could wind up owning two cars for a period, even if it's only for a day until your buyer registers the car he's purchased from you. In that case, you would have to pay the full licensing fee for the car you're selling. So, in short, complete all of your transaction at one time and you'll avoid paying for an extra license.

Are you going to buy a car from a dealer? If so, there are two options. First, the dealer can purchase a temporary license as he normally does and you'll transfer the title and get a Guard plate for \$25 plus the

Clerk's fees. Or, the dealer can save a little money and perhaps pass that savings along to you by giving you all of the paperwork and allowing you to handle the initial registration.

Here's one more possibility. If you purchase your Guard plate in County "A" and later move to County "B", you'll still have no problem. According to Mr. A. A. Flatt, of the state Bureau of Vehicle Regulation, you need merely to take your paperwork to the Clerk in County "B" when it's time to renew your registration and he'll issue the proper plate for the Clerk's fee.

There are undoubtedly other special circumstances that may arise and some confusion has arisen because some County Clerks have not fully understood the regulations and because some Guardsmen have not been aware of vehicle regulations that affect all licenses, including the special Guard plate. Anyone with questions is encouraged to seek accurate information.

MOS tests end as SQT nears

Army Guard members due MOS testing in the near future can forget it.

That's one result of a new personnel management system and the implementation of the Skill Qualification Testing (SQT) program. Army Guard officials noted that virtually all MOS test results would be rendered obsolete in the near future and that the cost involved in administering the tests could not be justified.

However, since current evaluations are required for individuals being considered for promotion, advanced schooling, elimination, or retraining, EER's must be filed by supervisors and commanders.

MP's learning investigation

By Doris Harrigan

Selected members of the 223d and 438th Military Police Companies are now attending a course on military police investigation methods during their monthly training assemblies.

The course, which is being taught at the Buechel Armory in Louisville, began in November and will continue until annual training. The students will work as investigators at camp.

Capt. Charles T. Clarke and 1st Sgt. James Phillip are the instructors for the 274 hours of training that will include sessions on physical evidence, MP performance, techniques, military law, court martial, apprehension, confinement, and many other topics.



FAMILY AFFAIR--Church services at the Lexington armory provided to be a family affair in December as Chaplain (1st Lt.) Eugene Strange asked the soldiers to invite their families to the drill weekend activity. Chaplain Strange said that he was very pleased with the participation by the Guard members and, particularly, with the children who shared in the service.

Guard offers free nurse training

Guard members who qualify and who have an interest in receiving excellent medical training may be able to get that training at Guard expense.

Lt. Col. Harold O. Loy, chief of the training division, explained that the Guard has a new program that can help Kentuckians train for three positions, including two in the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry (Mechanized).

The program will enable members of units authorized a 91C MOS (clinical specialist) to attend Licensed Practical Nurse or Licensed Vocational Nurse training programs in civilian schools. The members will have tuition paid and will also receive pay at his military rank.

The individual must also meet the school's entrance requirements and must attend a school within 50 miles of his home of record. He must also agree to serve in the Guard for at least four years after completing the training.

Colonel Loy said that the course length

varies at different schools, but that most last at least a full year.

Anyone interested should contact Lt. Col. Leo Henderson, commander of the 1st Bn., 149th Inf.

Tuition board tells new policy

The Kentucky National Guard Education Encouragement Fund Board has announced a policy that will affect all future applications for tuition assistance.

In a recent letter to all commanders, the Board noted that no more applications covering 1976 terms will be approved after Feb. 28. Additionally, all future applications must be submitted prior to or during the term for which aid is requested.

A spokesman for the Board said that the policy is designed to improve management of the funds and to enable the Board to project future funding needs.



HONORED - - CW2 Don Tyson, of the Army Guard's state headquarters staff, displays the plaque he earned as "Employer of the Year." He was honored by the Frankfort Post No. 7 of the American Legion. (Photo by SP5 Joseph Haydon)

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