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ANNIVERSARY REUNION—Visitors to Standiford Field tour one of the many aircraft on display as part of the Kentucky Air Guard's 30th Anniversary. More than 9,000 people attended the event.

AG tells command changes

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire has announced extensive changes in top command positions of the Army Guard, with all changes effective Oct. 1.

The reassignments were triggered by the retirement of Brig. Gen. William E. Hall, who had served as Assistant Adjutant General for Army since 1972.

Brig. Gen. Wilbur R. Buntin, who had commanded the XXIII Corps Artillery,

Air anniversary attracts 9,000

The Kentucky Air Guard's 30th anniversary open house was a huge success, with more than 9,000 people taking part in the Standiford Field activities.

Static displays of 34 aircraft, including three "Mustangs"—the first plane flown by the Kentucky Air Guard, highlighted the day. Other activities included a performance by the Army Guard Band, tours of the base facilities, refreshments, and remarks by several past and present commanders.

A Wing spokesman said that many of the guests were members of the Louisville community who took the opportunity to become familiar with the Air Guard facilities and programs.

was named to fill General Hall's vacated position. In his civilian position, General Buntin serves in the dual capacity of Deputy Adjutant General and as Director of the Division of Disaster and Emergency Services.

Col. Robert James moved to the XXIII CA post, leaving the Kentucky Military Academy after serving as Commandant for approximately a year. Lt. Col. Jerry Heaton was appointed KMA Commandant.

Col. Robert Fiorella, formerly on the state headquarters staff, was named to command the 149th Armor Brigade, replacing Col. Robert Cundiff. Colonel Cundiff was selected to serve on the state staff as the Civilian Operations Staff Officer.

Lt. Col. Jimmie Judge succeeded Lt. Col. Warden Hacker as commander of the 103d Supply and Service Battalion in Richmond, with Colonel Hacker moving to the state staff.

PAY RAISE

A pay increase of approximately 7 per cent went into effect Oct. 1. A complete pay scale will be published in the **GUARDSMAN** as soon as it is available.

Capital gets hospital unit; Hazard next

Frankfort will get a major hospital unit Jan. 1 and Hazard can expect to begin organizing a unit in the near future, according to Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General.

General Frymire announced the moves Oct. 1 at the annual Dining In in Louisville.

The general explained that the 475th Combat General Support Hospital, with a 209-member authorization, will be activated Jan. 1, but that members are already being accepted for the unit.

The unit, which will be commanded by a colonel, is authorized 17 doctors, including a dentist, and 19 nurses. Approximately 90 per cent of the positions require professional skills.

Col. Billy G. Wellman, chief of staff, said, "We chose to locate this unit in Frankfort because of the medical growth within the community and the number of medical facilities in central Kentucky from which we can recruit."

General Frymire said that Gov. Julian Carroll had authorized him to seek a new unit for Hazard. Negotiations with National Guard Bureau are already underway, according to Colonel Wellman.

Colonel Wellman said that he could not speculate on the type of unit that might be assigned to Hazard, but he said that he was confident that the unit would have a "good mobilization priority and be capable of assisting the community."

ANG sets record

The Kentucky Air National Guard's 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron has set a record by making the fastest conversion from non-combat ready status to fully combat ready.

The process, which normally takes at least one year for Air Force units and often takes two years, was completed in 10 months.

The unit had been fully qualified on the RF-101 before conversion to the RF-4, but had to begin the process upon conversion.

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TRAINING PROGRAM—Members of Co. D, 201st Eng. Bn., in Cynthiana, take part in civil disturbance training. The instruction was provided by the local police department. (Photo by SP5 Tom Murphy)

FHA home loans available

Guardsmen who joined without prior service may be eligible for home mortgage loans through the Federal Housing Administration.

According to regulations of the FHA Home Mortgage Insurance Program, "Any veteran... with at least 90 days' service, whether or not he/she has obtained a home loan under laws administered by the Veterans Administration, may undertake home ownership through the FHA Home Mortgage Insurance for veterans..."

The maximum mortgage amount for a single family home is \$45,000 and a minimum of \$200 (closing costs) is required on the first \$25,000.

To begin the process, the Guardsman must obtain and complete VA Form 26-8261a, "Application for Certificate of Veteran Status." The VA office can provide the form, and the address is: Veterans Administration Regional Office, 600 Federal Place, Louisville, KY 40202.

That form, with the individual's DD Form 214, must be sent back to VA, where VA Form 26-8261, "Certificate of Veteran Status," will be issued.

The Guardsman can take that form to any lender who participates in federally

insured loan programs (that includes most lenders).

To make the process a bit simpler, most units have a supply of VA Form 26-8261a at the armories. And the units can provide more details from AGO-KyRRO Pam 14.

Governor praises state Guardsmen

Gov. Julian Carroll had high praise for Kentucky National Guard during his address at the annual Dining In in Louisville Oct. 1.

The Governor recalled the instances in which he had called upon the Guard for assistance, noting that his expectations have always been met or exceeded. He had particular praise for the nearly 1,000 people who provided help during the April floods.

The Commander-in-Chief said that he had had an opportunity to talk with many Guardsmen on duty in eastern Kentucky and was most impressed by their attitude and willingness to help, in spite of the personal hardships that the active duty brought with it.

He singled out Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, for his leadership, saying that the general was frequently in his office asking for armories and benefits for the Guardsmen. He explained that the benefit package provided by the 1976 General Assembly was General Frymire's idea, though he was pleased to support it. The Governor also noted efforts currently being made to secure an improved package from the 1978 legislature.

Police assist Cynthiana unit training program

By SP5 Maurice Denton

More than 70 members of Company D, 201st Engineer Battalion, recently received training in civil disturbance control principles from 12 members of the Cynthiana Police Department. This is the third year the local police special emergency tactical squad has been asked to provide training for the unit, according to Col. Bob Barkley, Chief of Police.

Capt. Bruce Pieratt, company commander, said, "The highly specialized training and knowledge of civil disorder control techniques possessed by the civilian police force makes it a natural to complement military training on these subjects."

The police training group, consisting of nine full-time Cynthiana policemen and three members of the special police reserve force, received their training at Eastern Kentucky University under the auspices of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

Some of the operational tasks and techniques the Guardsmen were trained in were establishing communications in a riot situation, employment of riot control formation, securing vital facilities, conduct of anti-sniping measures, construction and manning anti-riot barricades, and apprehension and processing civilian personnel.

Captain Pieratt said such training, coupled with simulated terrorist bombing operations and sniping incidents, make the unit readily prepared to cover labor or campus disorders and urban disturbances.

Attending part of the riot training drill as observers were 27 youngsters and 10 parents from Cub Pack No. 60. The group arrived at the Armory after riding to field exercises at Camp Merriac in Harrison County.

Guard... at a glance

KMA moves to Knox

The Kentucky Military Academy will move to recently renovated facilities at Fort Knox during the October training assembly. According to Lt. Col. Jerry Heaton, the Academy's new commandant, the move will greatly enhance the training program and will enable the schools to remain in their normal quarters for annual training each year.

Association conference

The National Guard Association of Kentucky has announced the dates for the 47th annual general conference. The meeting is set for Louisville, March 10-12. Units should not schedule training activities in conflict, and all officers should plan to attend.

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Youth Council wraps up camps; seeks unit support

The Kentucky National Guard's Youth Activities Council's two annual camps were termed "highly successful" by the Council President, who noted that several units have still not made their contributions for the year.

Capt. Larry Arnett said that approximately 135 campers enjoyed a week of activities this summer, but he emphasized that some units did not demonstrate their support by filling the quotas they were given. As a result, the camps were not filled to capacity. He encouraged commanders to give the program renewed attention next year. Capt. Willoughby Goin headed the camp program this year.

Arnett also acknowledged receipt of a \$1,505.04 check from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and Co. A, 201st Engineer Battalion. The money came from the annual volleyball and table tennis tournament conducted by the battalion in Ashland.

In other areas, Arnett said that the Council hopes to receive contributions from all units by the end of the year. Several grants have been made in recent weeks and the funds are needed to continue to fill requests.

Photos of activities sponsored by the Youth Council are being solicited for inclusion in a 1977 yearbook. The yearbook, which will be used to explain the work of the Council to civic groups and officials throughout the state, will be largely financed by a donation of \$500 from IBM.

All photos of 1977 activities should be sent to Arnett at Boone Center, Frankfort, KY 40601.



HONORED AND DETAILED—PFC Jerry Embry, left, and "PFC" Larry Stone get KP detail during a 307th Maintenance Co. drill. Stone was honored during the day for his long-time support. (Photo courtesy of "Times-Argus")

307th honors publisher

The 307th Maintenance Company, Central City, recently recognized a long-time friend in an unusual way.

The unit invited Larry Stone, publisher of the Central City "Times-Argus," to a drill and made him an "honorary PFC." They also provided a set of fatigues, boots, and a plaque noting his support.

In his newspaper column the following week, Stone said that he was very pleased to become a PFC again, because he had made that rank before, in the 149th Infantry of the Kentucky Guard in the 1930's.

Stone later proved that he enjoyed the event, for he was "sentenced" to KP and latrine details for having a shirt pocket unbuttoned on his new uniform.

Stone and his newspaper have been strong forces in Central City for many years, giving consistent support to the Guard and its members.

Governors issue Guard resolution

The National Governor's Conference, conducted recently in Detroit, issued a strong resolution demanding that the Department of Defense consult with the governors before making any change in National Guard branch, organization, or allotments of units.

James C. Finsterle, chairman of the Working Group for the Review of National Guard and Reserve Forces, and Maj. Gen. Francis S. Greenlief, executive vice-president of the National Guard Association, had an opportunity to address the Committee on Crime Reduction and Public Safety.

The governors have consistently supported the National Guard during past conferences.

Readiness

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As a result of the readiness rating, 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing officials have asked for a major deployment exercise. A wing spokesman said that such exercises are often offered to units that have recently attained the "fully ready" status.



EQUIPMENT DISPLAY—Sgt. Bob Clark, left, was one of several members of the 2113th who displayed equipment recently at the Bluegrass Steam and Gas Engine Show in Harrodsburg. Here he explains the purpose of a portable machine shop to Doug Scott. Several units are displaying their equipment at schools and public events to enhance recruiting. (Photo by SP5 Joe Haydon)

Kentuckians earn marksmanship awards

Marksmanship competition has been heavy in recent weeks, and Kentucky Guardsmen have earned numerous awards.

The Air Guard's "Blue Team" took top honors in pistol competition at the National Guard Association of Kentucky's Rifle and Pistol Tournament.

The Army Guard's entry from the 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery, captured the awards in the rifle category.

The Air team was composed of TSgt. Louie Colgate, TSgt. Virgil Crouch, TSgt.

Henry Blair, and SSgt. Gary Stormes.

The Army team consisted of CW2 Robert Pearce, MSgt. Jim Mortimer, 1st Lt. David Jordan, SP5 Dennis Adams, MSgt. John Oliver, and Sgt. Thomas Grimes.

SFC Jerry Crossett, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 123d Armor, was the top individual in the pistol competition, and CW2 Pearce, of the winning rifle team, doubled up in the individual category.

"New shooters" also gained recognition for individual performances, with SP4 Rickey Conley, of the 198th Military

Police Bn., topping all others in the pistol shooting and TSgt. Norman Gentry, of the Air Guard's 123d Communications Flight, besting the rifle competitors.

Two Kentuckians serving with the National Guard Gold Squad in the National Small Bore Rifle Prone Championships walked away with team honors. Maj. Presley Kendall, of the Army Guard state headquarters, and Capt. Don Durbin, of the Air Guard, were members of the team that bested 87 other entries at Camp Perry, Ohio.

CW2 Pearce and Major Kendall won even more honors at the Winston P. Wilson Rifle and Pistol Championships, conducted at Camp Robinson, Ark. Nearly 1,000 marksmen competed.

Pearce won the M-16 combat rifle, 200 yard rapid fire match at the Wilson Matches, earning 98 of a possible 100 points. Kendall, meanwhile, won the 200 yard slow fire match with the M-14 rifle. He edged the second place finisher by one point, scoring 196 of a possible 200 points.

VA loan benefit may be re-used

You may exercise your VA loan guarantee privilege only once. True or False?

False! If the home is sold and the VA loan is paid in full or assumed by another person with veteran's loan entitlement, you are free to again exercise your entitlement to a VA loan guarantee. Or if you did not use your maximum entitlement of \$17,500, you are entitled to obtain a guarantee on the unused portion of the maximum allowance.

Who is eligible for a VA loan? Specifically, a soldier must have service after January 31, 1955, and have 181 days of continuous active duty. Only 90 days of continuous active duty are required for World War II or Korean Conflict veterans. And length-of-service requirements are waived for veterans who are separated for service-connected disability.

Testing program set for April start

Army Skill Qualification Tests (SQT) will be given to Guardsmen beginning April 1978. Soldiers' Manuals and other materials are being developed for the tests.

The SQT may be comprised of three elements: written, performance, and hands-on. While all three components are not required for every MOS and skill level, at least the written must be given for each. The other components are selectively required as announced in the SQT notice.

The written component is a list of multiple choice questions which cover 30 to 50 critical tests of MOS skills. Each examinee will have had these same critical tests outlined to him for study in his Soldiers' Manual, which he should have at least six months in advance of the test date.

The SQT notice is issued to Guard units at least a year in advance. The SQT notice is vitally important for each soldier because it will inform him of exactly which 25 per cent of those critical tasks listed in the Soldiers' Manual he will be tested on in the coming year. This gives him a reduced study guide for use in preparing for the SQT.

The performance certification component may include such subjects as rifle qualification, physical training tests and gunners examinations. The commander must observe the individual and score him during the 12 months preceding the written test.



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