

Guardsmen will train in-state next year

The Kentucky National Guard will fight to win the energy war. This is the pledge Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, made in response to President Carter's message on energy.

Next year virtually all annual training will take place within the state, resulting in a fuel savings of about 147,000 gallons. Other ways to conserve energy also are being considered.

General Wellman said that although

annual training programs are planned three years in advance, the urgency of the fuel crisis has called for a rapid change of plans.

Some changes were made this summer to conserve fuel among the units training in Texas. For example, equipment was borrowed from the active Army and the Texas National Guard and buses were used to transport troops.

Although the switch to all in-state

training will have an impact on training capabilities, steps are being taken to improve training opportunities in Kentucky.

"President Carter made the importance of the energy 'war' very clear and Governor Carroll has already expressed his support," General Wellman said. "And I want the people of Kentucky to know that their National Guard intends to fight and help win this war."



Troops activated in truckers' strike

Over 600 guardsmen from 15 units were called to state active duty because of problems caused by striking truckers in late June.

After conferring with representatives of several state agencies, Governor Julian

Carroll made the decision to utilize national guardsmen and state police to lessen the danger on the state's highways and get fuel moving to key distribution routes.

Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman ordered

members of the Harrodsburg and Richmond units to mobilize during the early morning hours of Friday, June 22. These troops moved into the Somerset and London Armories ready to deploy by 0800 hours.



GUARDSMEN PROTECT the Somerset refinery during the recent trucker's strike. Over 600 Guardsmen were called to state active duty to guard fuel supplies and ensure the safe movement of fuel across the state.

At the same time members of both guard units in Owensboro were called to their armory.

With the troops in place, Governor Carroll, after informing the major oil companies, released the plan to get fuel moving through the Commonwealth.

For the next week national guardsmen secured fuel storage areas against possible violence and assured the entrance and exit of trucks to these areas.

Guardsmen also manned overpasses on I-75 from Richmond to the Tennessee border.

Kentucky State Police provided escorts for fuel trucks in all regions of the state.

Wellman rotated units from Louisville, Carlisle, Cynthia, Hazard and Jackson during the week-long period.

Support came from battalion headquarters in Bowling Green, Owensboro and Ashland as well as state headquarters in Frankfort.

Reflecting on the operation Wellman

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Teams inspecting units

IG inspections began on Aug. 7, 1979 and will run through Jan. 9, 1980. Teams from the 5th U.S. Army Headquarters, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, will inspect almost all Kentucky units.

Col. Tom Murphy, Command and Administrative Officer, said that the inspections now run on 18 month cycles. Before they were made annually.

Some of the items the inspection

teams will be checking are the actual strength of the unit, training, facilities, attendance at training assemblies, management, administrative records and procedures and maintenance of individual and organizational property.

Units will earn either satisfactory or unsatisfactory ratings. "Our goal is for all units and activities to receive satisfactory ratings," Col. Murphy said.

Program combines ARNG and ROTC

A new program has been established which will entitle participants to two types of benefit packages. It is the Army National Guard/Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP).

The SMP is a very attractive program for potential officers. Under the program, most individuals are entitled to Army National Guard benefits including tuition assistance and an ROTC stipend which amounts to \$100 a month for a maximum payment of \$1,000 a year.

To qualify for the program, an individual must be enlisted in the ARNG and be enrolled in advanced (MSIII or MSIV) ROTC courses. He or she must be assigned as an officer trainee and agree to volunteer for commissioning under provisions of the ROTC Early Commissioning Program. Other requirements are that the individual

have a minimum of four years remaining on enlistment obligation and be enrolled or intend to enroll for a minimum of two years regular full-time coursework leading to a baccalaureate or advanced degree at an eligible institution.

The Adjutant General has directed responsibility for implementation of the program to Maj. William Robbins, CAC Hq.; Col. Ray Wallace, XXIII Corps Arty.; and Lt. Col. Wayland Nalley, 149th Armor Bde. When verification of enrollment in advanced ROTC is made, the three major commanders will publish orders advancing the cadet to pay grade E-5.

More information on SMP is available from local units through AGO 79-81.



THE FIRST WOMAN to receive flight status orders in the 441st Medical Detachment, Frankfort, Spec. 5 Dona Roberts, prepares for flight. Roberts has been with the 441st three years and likes the unit so well that she expects to stay with it for the rest of her career. "I get a lot of help from the guys," she said. When she isn't flying, Roberts is a secretary in the Kentucky Department of Transportation. She has one son, Robby, 11.

Share your information

Help keep us informed so we can keep you informed. If your unit has any newsworthy items, contact the GUARDSMAN staff at (502) 564-7800, extension 325 or write: Public Information Office, Boone Center, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Black and white photos and double-spaced, typewritten articles are welcome. However, we reserve the right to edit any material submitted.

Phantom aircraft gets new systems

The RF-4 Phantom is the aircraft flown by the Kentucky Air National Guard, Louisville, with total responsibility for Air Photo Reconnaissance. Several new systems are being outfitted on the aircraft which should improve the quality of photographs taken.

The recently developed AAD5 Infrared system, based on advanced technology in high resolution photography, is one of the new additions. The new photo system,

with its improved integrated circuitry, should increase the capability of the aircraft to get high quality photographs.

Also being upgraded on the aircraft are the instrument landing system with a Visual Omni Range (ILS-VOR) and an improved CHAFF system for breaking up enemy radar.

Bureau sponsors contest

Do you have something good to say about the Guard? If so, the National Guard Bureau wants to know.

The Bureau is sponsoring a monthly essay contest entitled "What Is Good In the Guard?" Guard members may submit entries to the NGB-10, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310. The NGB-10 staff will select the winning essays which will be published in the "Push Pin Post." Winners also will receive an NGB Meritorious Service Award.

Entries should be typed, double-spaced, and no more than two pages long. Essays should concern the positive aspects of Guard membership.

Truckers' strike

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stated morale of guardsmen stayed high even though much of their mission was uneventful.

Wellman noted that in both operational areas that truckers did not challenge the show of force and only a few scattered incidents occurred.

He said, "Civil disorders are not the type duty we prefer, but the public must be protected at times from each other and our members performed admirably."

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Air Guard is planning open house

The Air Guard has scheduled an open house for Sunday, Sept. 30 at Standiford Field, Louisville. The event is aimed at strengthening public awareness and attracting new members for all units.

Six officers have been appointed as chairmen of the task groups responsible for the event. They are: Lt. Col. Austin "Pete" Snyder (assisted by Col. Billy J. Yeiser), aircrews and displays; Maj. Richard H. Jett, administrative support; Lt. Col. Jack Crowner, tour arrangements; Capt. Ed Tonini, public relations; Lt. Col. Jim Dougherty, base services and entertainment and Lt. Col. Bob Lawrence, speakers bureau. The project officer in charge overall is Lt. Col. Don Armstrong.

The Armed Forces Day open house held at Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, attracted about 1,200 people. Lt. Col. David F. Fleming, who was in charge, said, "It went extremely well. It was a good opportunity for local people to see what we have here."

Armco salutes National Guard

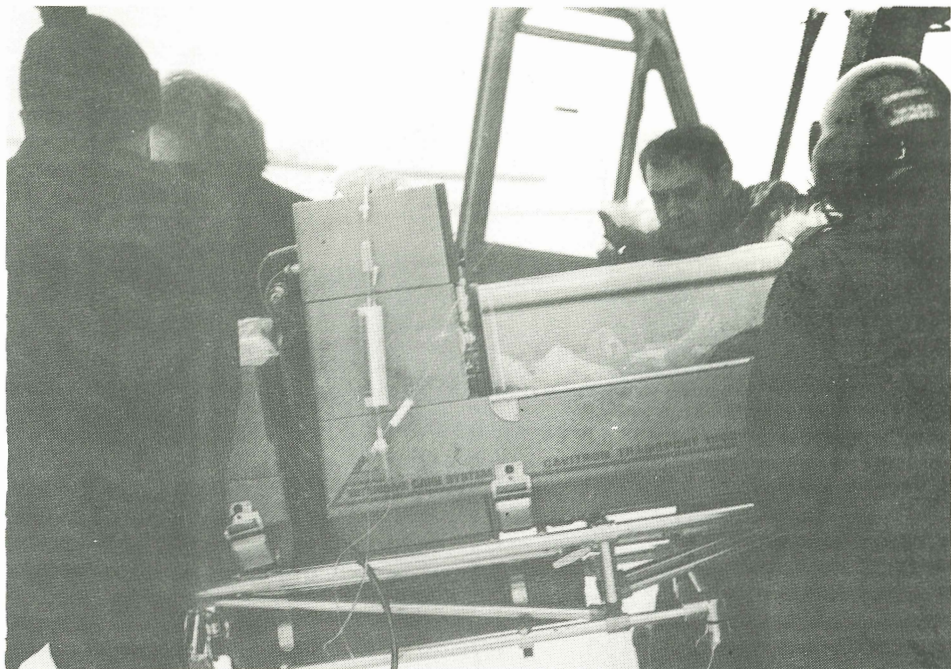
In a newsletter published recently for employees of Armco Steel in Ashland, the National Guard was saluted for its service in "keeping our nation free and militarily strong."

As a member of the Kentucky Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Armco chose to highlight the National Guard and Reserve units in one of their weekly newsletters. Attached to the newsletter was a copy of the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve signed by Armco's manager, D. L. Coleman.

The newsletter stated that the National Guard and Reserve comprise the majority of our nation's combat and support units and, therefore, are vital to our national defense.

Armco management expressed pleasure in being able to support the Guard and encouraged employees to join in the salute.

Support from such employers as Armco is highly important to the Guard program. September has been set aside as Employer Support Month. An award program is being planned for those employers who are strong supporters of the Guard and Reserve.



CONTRIBUTING THEIR PART to the Neo-Natal program, these members of the Army Aviation Support Facility lift a premature baby into a helicopter for transfer to better-equipped hospital facilities.

Army aviation facility helps save babies' lives

Until January, premature babies born in hard-to-reach areas of Eastern Kentucky had a slim chance of survival. Now, thanks to an agreement between the Army Aviation Support Facility and the University of Kentucky Hospital, these babies' chances are greatly improved.

Most hospitals in Eastern Kentucky do not have the facilities to handle the special needs of premature babies. Transfer to better-equipped facilities in Lexington, Louisville or Cincinnati posed a problem because of weather and road conditions and the time factor involved.

Under the Neo-Natal program, a call is made to the U.K. Hospital. The doctor in charge of the program determines if transfer is needed and, if so, whether by

ground or air. The doctor contacts the Army Aviation Support Facility to request the necessary transport. The agreement is that the U.K. Hospital provide the medical needs and the Support Facility furnish transportation. Since the program began, 25 missions have been flown, most of them in Eastern Kentucky.

Almost all babies transported are premature. The smallest, weighing slightly over a pound, was transferred from Pineville to Louisville in March.

The device the babies travel in is similar to an incubator but is called a Neo-Natal Transport Unit. It has internal infrared heat and is equipped with several life support systems. It monitors the baby's blood pressure, heartbeat and other vital signs on electronic recording instruments.

Four-mile records offer challenge

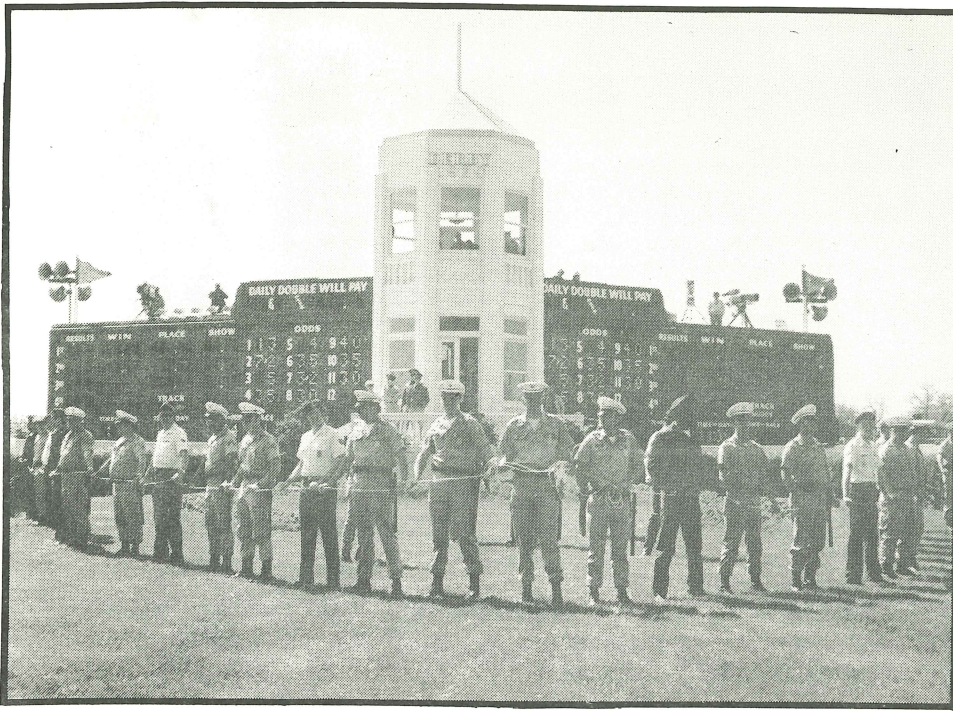
The fastest man in the state is Spec. 4 George R. Smith, III, 441st Medical Detachment, Frankfort. He made the four-mile run in 20:20 minutes during AT 78.

His female counterpart is Pfc. Clara Mills, HHC, 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry, Barbourville. The fastest woman in the state ran four miles in 32:00 minutes.

Among the challenges offered during

AT 79 has been to beat these records set during the first year of AT running competition. The National Guard Bureau began requiring the four-mile run last year.

Winners from AT 79 will be determined when all summer camps have been completed. An announcement will be made in the next issue of the GUARDSMAN, a special issue devoted to summer camps.



THESE GUARDSMEN carry on a Derby tradition by protecting the inner track during the race. Guardsmen prior to WWII were issued Kentucky Riot Squad arm-bands and a section of rubber hose to do the job. They formed a human chain and used the hose to beat the knuckles of anyone trying to sneak past them.

Platoon provides medical care, support

Though Williamsburg is one of the smallest communities in Kentucky with a Guard unit, it is the home of one of the most technically demanding skills in the state.

The medical platoon of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Mechanized Infantry is headed by CW2 Jon Walz. It includes 19 trained medics in addition to Walz, who is a physician's assistant.

For the past five years, since the unit was organized, the staff has worked to

provide combat medical support for the entire battalion. They must be as mobile as the combat units.

Additionally, during this year's annual training at Fort Benning, Ga., the platoon provided "sick call" support and other routine medical care.

Surprisingly, though the medics are in the only specialty that cannot be awarded through on-the-job training, few work in the medical field as civilians. Mr. Walz is a Physician's Assistant in Beaver Dam, but the majority of the medics are teachers.

Guard . . . at a glance

Pvt. Nelson Adams recently became the first formally-trained medic to emerge from the Army training program. His 16 week course will qualify him for an additional 10½ month course that will lead to equivalency as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Additional training, which could ultimately lead to qualification as a Physician's Assistant.

Three officers were recently promoted to full colonel status. They are: Col. Armando J. Alfaro, Director of Personnel; Col. Harold L. Gant, Director of Selective Service, and Col. Sidney R. Steinberg, Commander, 475th Combat Support Hospital.

Staff Sgt. Steven Croxton, 475th Combat Support Hospital, Frankfort, was honored as the outstanding medical student in Kentucky in a recent ceremony at the U.S.A.R. School in Lexington. He attended the medical ward master course there in 1978.

Maj. Presley Kendall, of the Kentucky Army National Guard, was employed by the Puerto Rican government to coach the Puerto Rican Olympic shooting team in the 1979 Pan American games in July. Puerto Rico sponsored that competition, which featured teams from all over North, Central, and South America.

Col. Eugene F. Kinnaird, Louisville, recently received the Legion of Merit decoration, the highest peacetime decoration given.

Col. Kinnaird retired in January, culminating a military career approaching 40 years. He accumulated 13,000 hours as a pilot — more than some professional airline pilots. He was once vice wing commander of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing.

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