

# Guard, KSP join forces in drug detection

By Capt. Tom Little

Kentucky National Guard aviators will soon join forces with the Kentucky State Police to detect marijuana fields, according to an announcement made by Maj.

Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, during the 52nd annual conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky.

Wellman said that Kentucky was the third largest marijuana-producing state in

the nation in 1982.

Under a new agreement, KSP will train Army and Air Guard pilots to detect fields, Federal drug enforcement funds will be used to train pilots. All training will be  
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## Kentucky gets first of two Black Hawk helicopters

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The Kentucky Army Guard's 1155th Transportation Company officially became the proud owners of the first UH-60A "Black Hawk" helicopter to be assigned to any National Guard unit Jan. 31, amid considerable fanfare on the state capitol lawn.

The ceremony involved Gov. John Y. Brown Jr., U.S. Representative Larry Hopkins, Chief of the National Guard Bureau Lt. Gen. Emmett H. Walker, Ken-

tucky Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, and many other dignitaries from the Pentagon and the manufacturing firm, Sikorsky Aircraft.

Kentucky now has one Black Hawk and will receive a second in the near future.

According to the Department of the Army, the Black Hawk is designed to replace the UH-1 "Huey" in air assault, air cavalry, and aeromedical evacuation roles. It is capable of carrying a fully-equipped 11-man infantry squad and can lift up to 8,000 pounds externally.

Maj. Gen. Emil L. Konopnicki, representing the Department of the Army, presented Brown with a Black Hawk flag to symbolize the aircraft assignment and noted that this was a "significant milestone for the Army."

"This highlights our dependence upon the Reserve Components," Konopnicki said, "and signals to all that the total Army is ready to react."

He also called the Black Hawk the least vulnerable aircraft the Army has ever put into the field and emphasized that this is not a "test" program.

Brown expressed confidence in the Kentucky Guard and commended the Guardsmen who have worked to earn a reputation that deserves the aircraft.

Walker called the event "very important in the history and the future of the Army National Guard."

"We are no longer Reserve Forces," he said. "We are one Army."

Walker called the aircraft a "go-to-war piece of equipment" and expressed confidence that the "marriage of first line equipment and top of the line troops will bring results we'll all be proud of."

Hopkins expressed his personal pride in the achievements of the Kentucky Guard, and particularly noted the aviation safety record. He said that no other Guard unit is scheduled to receive a Black Hawk until the 1990's.

Wellman expressed his thanks to all who were involved in making Kentucky an attractive site for the helicopters and who made the decision to assign them here.

Maintenance crews and pilots of the 144-member Frankfort-based transportation unit have already begun training on the new equipment.



**SOURCE OF PRIDE**--The 1155th Transportation Company had reason to be proud as the first of two UH-60A Black Hawk helicopters were presented to the Kentucky National Guard on the state capitol lawn. (Photo by Capt. Frank Mattingly)



# Guard, KSP

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conducted in addition to normal training sessions. Drug detection will be conducted only as a part of routine training flights.

Wellman also presented KSP Capt. Oakley Watkins with a check for \$2,500 to help support Trooper Island's programs for underprivileged children.

## Guard bowls for kids

Forty eight National Guardsman recently raised a total of \$1,315.24 in a fund raising project called "Bowl for Kids Sake." This project was sponsored by Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Frankfort and Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman was selected to participate in the project as Honorary Co-Chairman.

Each bowler was allowed to bowl one game. Funds raised for this project depended on the payment of pledges by sponsors enlisted by participating bowlers. Pledges were based on the bowler's score.

CW2 Billy Adams, of USP&FO, rolled a 182, the highest score of the event.

## Bean Soup Festivals

The Kentucky Army and Air National Guard have begun preparations for the Annual Open House-Bean Soup Festival, with proceeds set to support youth activities.

The Air Guard Festival will be held March 31, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Standiford Field Air Guard base in Louisville. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Carry-out will be available by calling 566-9406.

An Army Guard event will be April 8, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort. The cost will be \$2 per person. Carry-out will be available from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. by calling 564-8582.

The menu will consist of bean soup, salad, corn bread, desserts and drinks.

The general praised unit commanders for recruiting and retention efforts that have brought Kentucky over 100 percent. He also encouraged them to recognize their unit members more for their achievements.

On two negative notes, Wellman said the Officer Candidate School must have 50 candidates in the next class to avoid consolidation with another state's OCS. He also reported that there were 6,000 reports of absent without leave and another 10,000 excused absences during 1982.

"We don't want people who are not productive," Wellman said. "Let's get rid of the people who don't want to be part of the Guard and come to drill."

He commended the Air Guard for winning the Spaatz Award as the best Air Guard unit in the nation, and for logging 37,000 flight hours without a command and control accident.

In other conference activities, Louisville Mayor Harvey Sloane welcomed the officers to the city and thanked them "for the confidence you give us."

He praised the Guard and said, "The training the National Guard gives is unequalled in today's society."

Lt. Gen. Emmett H. Walker, chief of the National Guard Bureau, told the group of the growing Soviet force and of the importance of the Guard in the American military structure.

"We are members of a big fighting machine that won't fight without us," he said.

Gen. Richard E. Cavazos, commander of the U.S. Forces Command, held the crowd spellbound with a call for patriotism and commitment to beliefs. He called the Guardsmen "gallant patriots."

Association President Lt. Col. Don Waldner spoke of national issues, including an effort to gain portal-to-portal insurance protection for Guardsmen on inactive duty training. He also explained that state control of full-time Guard personnel is in

serious question.

There is also a move within the Department of Defense that could reduce the rank of the NGB chief as low as colonel, Waldner explained.

Command Sgt. Maj. James Garritson, a Kentuckian who was recently re-elected to a second term as president of the Enlisted Association, National Guard of the U.S., reported on the growth of the enlisted association and an elaborate schedule for the next state conference in Paducah.

Several individual and unit awards were presented. The Eisenhower Trophy, given to the Army Guard unit rated best in the training year, went to Battery A, 1st Battalion, Field Artillery, 623rd, of Tompkinsville.

The Efficiency in Maintenance Award was earned by Company A, 201st Engineer Battalion, of Ashland.

The USP&FO Management Award went to 1st Bn., 623d FA, of Service Battery, 1st Bn., 623rd FA.

PFC Don Offutt of Lexington's Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 138th FA Brigade was selected as Outstanding Guardsman of the Year.

The association members passed four resolutions:

- 1) Opposes the degradation of the NGB Chief below the rank of lieutenant general;
- 2) Asks for the establishment of an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs;
- 3) opposes proposed changes to the federal retirement system for Guard technicians; and
- 4) expresses concern about the uniform allowance and the ability of officers to maintain current uniforms.

Newly-elected officers are: CW4 Edwin G. Birdwhistell, president-elect; Capt. Norman E. Arflack, vice-president for Army; and Capt. Howard P. Hunt, III, vice-president for Air.

## Several fields have critical shortage

By PFC Don Belisle

Critical shortages exist in several fields within the Kentucky Army National Guard. Recruiter SFC Bill Moore says critical shortages exist in medical and maintenance fields.

There are numerous slots open in areas such as operating room, medical laboratory and x-ray technicians, according to Moore. Other critical shortages exist in dental, pharmacy and patient admission technicians. There are also several openings in the maintenance field, which includes aircraft structural repairman, tank repairman and electronics. A six-year enlistment in any of these fields means a \$2,000 bonus, plus

college tuition assistance, but a person must have a high school diploma to qualify for the enlistment bonus.

The enlistment age is 17 to 35 and the enlistee would be required to complete basic training and advanced individual training (AIT).

"People just don't know how critical the shortages really are," Moore said, "but it really is a good deal, especially if a person is college bound."

"With the college tuition assistance program, members of the Guard can attend college or work toward another degree," Moore said. "Many people don't believe how much they get in return when they enlist in the Guard."

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# Guard fitness standards will be upgraded

By PFC Don Belisle

By fiscal year 1984, the entire Army National Guard will be required to meet the same physical fitness standards demanded of the active Army.

Director of Plans, Operations and Training for the Kentucky Army National Guard, Col. Harold O. Loy, said all commanders have been instructed to develop programs so their units will be conditioned for the physical readiness test.

"The test will be conducted during the second week of annual training," Loy said.

Guard members who are 40 years old and over will be required to complete only the four-mile run/walk within one hour. "The National Guard Bureau notified me that the 40 and over group will be required to complete only the four miles through fiscal year '84," Loy said.

The reason for this is "all those 40 and over must be medically screened prior to

performing the physical readiness test," said Loy. "To achieve this, those Guardsmen must be given a stress test, which costs about \$100 and the National Guard Bureau does not have the funds for such a test."

He added "The National Guard Bureau will have to make a decision whether such a physical readiness test will ever be administered to those 40 and over."

Loy thinks the test is a good idea for Guardsmen 17 to 39 because of the spirit

of competition and because it keeps everyone in good physical condition. "I don't think the standards are that tough," he said, "but it will be up to the commanders to make sure their units are motivated mentally and physically." Loy stressed that the physical readiness standards will not be used to eliminate anyone from the Guard, but will be used for the "good of the Guard."

"The bottom line is we want troops who can perform when mobilized," said Loy.

## MALE AND FEMALE ARMY PHYSICAL READINESS TEST SCORE TABLES FOR 17-39

MALE	PUSHUPS	SITUPS	TWO-MILE-RUN
17-25	40/68	40/69	17:55 to 13:05
26-30	38/66	38/67	18:30 to 13:40
31-35	33/61	36/65	19:10 to 14:20
36-39	32/60	34/63	19:35 to 15:05
FEMALE	PUSHUPS	SITUPS	TWO-MILE-RUN
17-25	16/40	27/61	22:14 to 17:10
26-30	15/38	25/51	22:29 to 17:25
31-35	14/34	23/41	24:04 to 19:00
36-39	13/30	21/31	25:34 to 20:30

## Col. Daniel heads education center

Col. James Daniel, former Commandant of the Kentucky Army National Guard Military Academy, is now the head of the National Guard Professional Education Center near North Little Rock, Ark.

Daniel, 42, of Louisville, is the first Kentuckian to head the center, which provides professional and specialized training for about 6,000 Guardsmen each year. The school has a staff of 70 and a \$4 million annual operating budget. He expects to spend about \$4 million over the next two years for construction.

He was chosen for the post by National Guard Bureau officials in Washington after gaining national recognition for his work at the military academy at Fort Knox.

Daniel, director of Jubilee Housing, Inc., will have a 4-year tour at the center. During his absence from Jubilee Housing, a company that provides housing for low-income families, the company will continue to operate from its Louisville office.

Daniel said he looks on his new post in Arkansas "as a great challenge and opportunity, but I also look forward to returning to Louisville to resume my work with Jubilee."

Daniel, a ranger-qualified infantry officer and former state chaplain for the Army Guard, brings an unusual range of experience to his new position. He is an ordained minister and was pastor of the Church of the Covenant in Louisville.

Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, said of Daniel and his promotion, "We're very proud of Colonel Daniel. He's one of our finest officers and we know he will be a great asset to the National Guard in this position."



Pvt. 1 Delonza Hall, left, of Campbellsville, prepares to go over the edge of a cliff near the Green River Reservoir during rappelling training, as SSgt. Frank Harden, of Elkhorn, provides instruction. The training was conducted by Battery B, 1/623d Field Artillery, from Campbellsville. (Photo by Capt. Frank Mattingly)



# Battle Dress Uniforms will be required wear

By PFC Don Belisle

By January 1985, all members of the Kentucky Army National Guard will be required to wear the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU). Issue to some units has already begun. According to Col. Ralph L. Palmore, Chief of Staff, "Each member of the Guard will have three sets of BDUs by January 1985. All officers are required to purchase the new uniforms, while enlisted members must exchange three sets of the green fatigues for three sets of the BDUs."

With the issuance of the new woodland pattern camouflaged uniforms, there are many questions dealing with their wear and care. "Regulations state the soldier must not do anything to alter the appearance or configuration of the BDUs," stated Palmore.

"The new battle dress uniforms are permanent press and must not be ironed or starched," Palmore explained, "because it increases infrared detection."

This year, white, green or brown t-shirts may be worn with the BDUs. However,

beginning January 1984, only the brown t-shirt may be worn.

"Whether the brown t-shirts will be issued to Guardsmen, I just don't know at this point," said Palmore.

Meanwhile, BDU field jackets will be issued to all active duty personnel beginning in March of this year, but there is no issuing schedule at this point for the Guard.

The BDU cap is also the subject of several questions. The cap is to be placed in the lower right leg pocket when not in use, according to Palmore. Regulations state only rank insignia will be placed on the cap, with officers wearing non-subdued rank insignia and enlisted soldiers wearing the subdued version. On uniform collars, only subdued rank insignia will be displayed.

Although aviators are forbidden from wearing their wings on the BDU cap, they are authorized to wear the cap with their flight suits.

Belts will be worn with the new battle dress uniforms, pants must be bloused and sleeves may be rolled up.

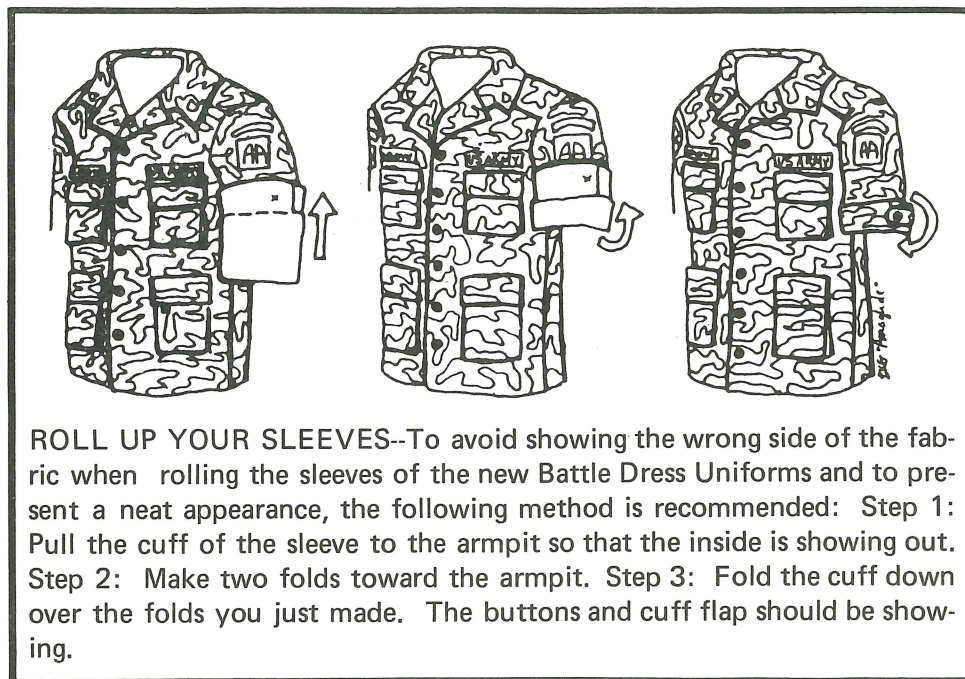
"The rolling up of sleeves is decided by each commander, but in formation there must be uniformity," Palmore stated.

The appearance of the battle dress uniform has caused some concern. "It's something we are just going to have to learn to live with," concluded Palmore. "The appearance of the BDU has caused the most complaints, but soldiers will have to adapt."

Because the new uniforms cannot be starched or ironed, many soldiers are concerned about their appearance, but there have been some favorable comments.

"Many soldiers feel the unbloused jacket gives increased ventilation in hot weather and say there is more freedom of movement with the BDU," Palmore pointed out.

A big feature is the easy care of the uniform. With the BDU being permanent press, many soldiers say it's much easier and quicker to take care of the uniform, Palmore explained. Strings that dangle from the uniforms must be removed. That can be accomplished by burning or cutting them off. There is a modified version of the BDU for the pregnant soldiers.



## Selective Service registration applies to all

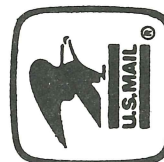
Selective Service registration has been in the news a great deal recently, for more than 500,000 eligible males have failed to register. Some of those undoubtedly are members of the Kentucky National Guard.

In a recent memo to all commanders, Col. Ralph Palmore, Army Guard Chief of Staff, noted that all men born after Dec. 31, 1959 are required to register for the Selective Service System. This applies to everyone, even those who are members of

the Guard or Reserve.

Individuals may register at Post Offices across the state. The process is simple, for the individual must complete only a registration form which includes name, address, phone number, Social Security number, and date of birth.

More than six million men have already registered and failure to do so is a felony, punishable by a maximum penalty of a \$10,000 fine and/or five years in prison.



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