



THE BLUEGRASS GUARD

Quality and progress are hallmarks at Ky. Military Academy

By Maj. Tom Little

True or false? The Kentucky Military Academy is designed to return NCO's to basic training and to provide an endurance course for officer candidates.

If you answered "true" to either part of the question, there are many graduates who are prepared to disagree, according to Col. Leo Henderson, the commandant, and Maj. Mel Shelley, who serves as the full-time administrator of the school.

"I'm very pleased with the quality of the academy and the progress we're making," said Henderson, who has headed the school since September 1983. "I believe we'll graduate a high percentage of our current officer candidate class, and I believe we're giving our NCO's a chance to focus on self-improvement."

Henderson noted that the academy is generally better known for its officer

training program than for the NCO courses, but that the NCO program is really the heart of the academy.

"We must help the Kentucky National Guard improve through the NCO's," Henderson said, "because of the sheer numbers who come through here." Approximately 1,000 enlisted members complete a KMA course each year.

Henderson noted that the NCO program is not a return to basic training and does not teach basic skills, except in leadership. The instruction is designed toward addressing the students as leaders.

Shelley explained that the NCO training is task-oriented, practical instruction and that the students themselves offer much of the instruction. The courses also give students a chance to operate in front of a class, just as they might do at their home unit.

Henderson called upon unit commanders

and first sergeants to carefully select their soldiers who should be trained at the academy, and to send their best people.

"I know that commanders sometimes hesitate to send key people away, because they don't want to be without them," he said, "but they're doing the individuals and their units a disservice if they don't take advantage of professional education. I believe there's a real benefit in getting away from the home unit for a period and mixing with other NCO's."

Henderson also noted that KMA education seems to be good for retention and that the best NCO's want to return for additional training.

"The greatest thing for retention is self-satisfaction," he said, "and a well trained individual is generally satisfied with his role. This helps us keep the best people."

The number of officer candidates has gradually declined in recent years and both Henderson and Shelley expressed concern about the future of the program. Both, however, felt the school was meeting its obligations in providing a quality officer training program.

"The thrust of our new course is character-building, values, and beliefs as they relate to leadership," the commandant explained.

He said that the OCS program really has two approaches: one builds the "self", while the other teaches practical skills that are needed by the junior officer.

We need to identify and train our officers to "be the boss", Henderson explained. He noted that not everyone wants that role, and not everyone is capable of adapting to meet the requirements of a leader.

Henderson said he would like to see more officer candidates and said KMA could handle at least 60 without increasing the staff. The responsibility for identifying and encouraging candidates must be with the units, he said.

In spite of a small OCS class, both men said they felt KMA is a strong operation that continues to meet changing needs of the officer and enlisted soldiers in the Kentucky Guard.

College and Guard becomes a tradition

By Spec. 4 Steve Collier

David De Mers is continuing what is now a family tradition: College and the Kentucky National Guard.

Seventeen year old David, of Elizabethtown, is now a private in the Army Guard's 973rd Medical Detachment. So is his brother PFC Daniel De Mers. Their older brother Brian is a PFC in the 441st Medical Det.

"Six months ago I wasn't sure," said the newly enlisted David, "but today I'm sure; college is paid for." David's enlistment qualified him for the Guard's \$4,000 Educational Assistance Program. He can also borrow another \$10,000 for school and the Guard will repay up to \$9,000.

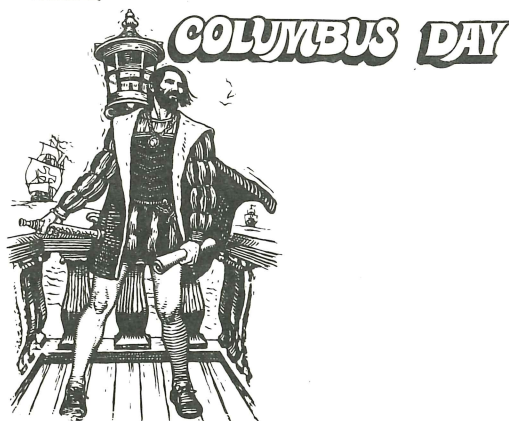
Those benefits have also helped pay for Brian's and Daniel's college. Their mother, Mrs. Celia De Mers, has saved \$30,000 on educational expenses. "Besides," she told Kentucky National Guard Recruiter Sgt. 1st Class Bill Moore, "they'll learn discipline and become men."

Moore, who recruited all three Guards-

men, said, "We need to make a recruiter out of their mother."

One of the two "unrecruited" De Mers brothers, Steve, at age 15 has said he will join the Guard when he finishes high school. Another brother doesn't know yet.

Although David won't start basic training until all National Guard "Buddy Platoon" starts training in June at Fort Knox he said he's already planning a career in the Guard.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 . . . Aviation History Month
All Saints Day
- 2 . . . Daniel Boone's Birthday (1734)
- 3 . . . Washington's review of the troops
(1798)
Sadie Hawkins Day
- 4 . . . Seizure of U.S. Embassy, Teheran:
Anniversary (1979)
- 6 . . . General Election Day
- 8 . . . Penumbral Eclipse of the Moon
- 10 . . Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
- 11 . . Armistice Day (1918)
Veterans Day
- 15 . . Great American Smokeout
- 18 . . National Family Week
- 19 . . George Rogers Clark's Birthday
(1752)
Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettys-
burg Address (1863)
- 22 . . Total Eclipse of the Sun
Thanksgiving Day
John F. Kennedy Assassination An-
niversary (1963)
- 30 . . Peace of Paris signed (1782)

Ky. Guard facts

By Capt. Frank Mattingly

In 1775 all free males 16 to 50 were members of the militia. They were required to have a tomahawk, flintlock or rifle, bayonet, pouch and three charges of powder and ball.

He was also required to have two pounds of powder and eight pounds of shot for his family or be fined 50 pounds of tobacco.

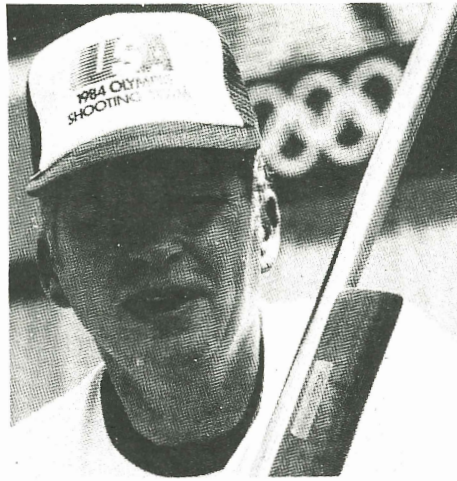
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Ky. Guardsman shoots for Olympic gold



Lt. Col. Donald Durbin, Chief of Supply, 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing of the Kentucky Air National Guard, recently became the first Air National Guard member to qualify for an Olympic shooting team.

Durbin, 47, joined the small-bore English rifle Olympic team after winning several qualifying rounds in March and June of this year. He has been shooting for 20 years and belongs to a 15-member Air Guard shooting team that competes throughout the United States.

The small-bore English rifle event, first held in London during the 1908 Olympics,

requires marksmen to shoot six series of 10 shots at 50 meters in a prone position within 105 minutes. The target, 12 mm in diameter, has an "inner 10" dot .039 mm in diameter. American Rifle magazine equates hitting the "inner dot" to hitting a dime from half the length of a football field. Each target is worth 10 points with a maximum of 600 points for the match.

"Ninety percent of Olympic shooting is mental," says Durbin, who took a mental management course in preparation for the qualifying rounds. "It improved my concentration and taught me to get rid of all negative thoughts."

Durbin spent 85 tense minutes on the firing line competing against 71 Olympians from around the world. He finished the competition with 582 points, only four points from a Bronze Medal. Durbin's teammate, Captain Edward Etzel, a West Virginia Army Reserve officer, won the Gold Medal with 599 points.

"The site itself was the finest I've ever seen," Durbin said of the Prado Olympic Venue Site. He competed in front of the largest crowd to view a world-class shooting match.

"It was a tremendous honor for me to make the Olympic team," adds Durbin. "Even though I'm disappointed, it will pass in time." He had shot a perfect 600 in a practice round before the competition.

Magic makes him just a little different

By SP4 DON BELISLE

Staff Sgt. Gerald Mays of the Kentucky Army Guard's 475th Combat Support Hospital is one soldier who can prove that the hand is quicker than the eye.

Mays, a Barbourville native who now lives in Frankfort, is training NCO for the 475th and also a magician. "I've been performing magic for 22 years," pointed out Mays.

"It all started when I was in the Navy," Mays continued. "I was very bored on ship, so I started purchasing magic tricks to fight the boredom. The tricks began to accumulate and before I realized it, I was doing shows aboard ship."

The self-taught master of magic has quite a repertoire of illusion. "I'm not sure how many tricks I know how to perform," stated Mays, "because there are too many to count." As a result, Mays is able to shape his magic acts depending upon the audience.

"I can put together a show of any length with as many tricks as I need," boasted Mays. "I'm always happy to do an act and I'll entertain anyone or any type gathering," said Mays. "The main thing is that my magic is entertainment and that is the way

I would like it to be perceived by the public."

Mays stresses his magic is fun and not to be confused with the occult. "I don't believe in the occult or black magic," Mays pointed out. "As a matter of fact, I never use the word, 'black magic' because people might get the wrong idea," he concluded.

Mays loves to entertain people and his talent proved to be a valuable tool at Knox County Hospital, where he previously worked as a nurse. "Many times a child would refuse to be given a shot, because of a fear of pain. But after a couple of tricks, I would give the child a magic shot," Mays said. "It was never a problem because the magic would relieve tension and calm the child, so the shot could be administered."

"The only thing was that every time after that, I had to do some magic for the patient," Mays stated. "But I didn't mind, because I believe it breaks the ice with the person," he added.

Mays admits that magic makes him a little different. "I think it helps to be a 'crazy'. As a matter of fact, I think it might be one of the requirements to be a magi-

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Guard at a glance

TOP RECRUITER

Sgt. 1st Class Don Lawson was the top recruiter for September and earned the spot as top recruiter of the year. Lawson, stationed in Barbourville, enlisted 62 to push ahead of Sgt. 1st Class Lee Cross (Lexington) who had 45 enlistments. Also heading the list were Sgt. Leon Zorns (Ashland) with 41, Sgt. 1st Class Ted Simmons (Glasgow) with 39, and Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Dillon (Paducah) with 26.

100% STREAMERS

Service Battery, 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery (Lexington) and the 615th Military Police Detachment (Louisville) received 100 percent retention streamers for the year ending September 30. Four other units reached 90 percent with eight obtaining 80 percent and eight 75 percent.

54th NGAKY CONFERENCE

Members of the 133d Public Affairs Detachment will take 201 file photos at the 54th annual meeting of the National Guard Association of Kentucky conference scheduled for Feb. 22-23 in Owensboro at the Executive Inn Rivermont, according to Maj. Thomas E. Little. Little stated that those officers needing photos are required to wear Class A uniforms and that this is the only time the unit will be taking portraits during the year.

KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD YEARBOOK

The Kentucky National Guard Enlisted Association has authorized Guardian Publishers to produce an annual Kentucky National Guard Yearbook.

The assistance of all Guardmembers will be required to produce a quality product that will make all Kentucky National Guardmembers proud, according to Association officials.

Anyone having any black and white photos of their unit or personnel in action are requested to send them to: Commander, 133d PAD, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, Ky. 40601 for possible use in the yearbook. The submitted photos may not be returned.

KENTUCKY'S CITIZEN SOLDIERS

An opening reception for a new exhibit, entitled "Kentucky's Citizens Soldiers the Militia and National Guard 1774-1984," is to be held at the Kentucky Military History Museum Sunday, Nov. 4.

The museum, located on East Main Street in Frankfort, is sponsored by the Kentucky National Guard and the Kentucky Historical Society.

The exhibit took three months to prepare and will display early uniforms, weapons, flags and other artifacts from the military history of Kentucky.

According to Nicky Hughes, director of the museum, there is a small portable exhibit that is available for use by the units. This exhibit may be reserved by calling 502-564-3265.

1984 NGAUS AWARDS

Two Kentucky National Guard units received awards from the National Guard Association of the United States during the fifth annual President's recognition awards luncheon held in New York on October 12.

Representing Readiness and Mobilization Region IV, the 1st Battalion, 623d Field Artillery received its second Milton A. Reckord Trophy for the outstanding battalion.

The 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing received its second Distinguished Flying Unit plaque as one of the five highest-rated flying units in the structure.

JANUARY CLASSES AT KMA

- 5-10 . . Junior Officers Development Course
- 5-10 . . Unit Commanders pre Command Course
- 4-6 . . Battalion Commanders pre Command Course
- 19-20 . . Pre-Basic
- 19-20 . . Training Managers/Supervisors Workshop

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To clean paint brushes which have become stiff with dry paint use hot vinegar.

A teaspoon of vinegar added to lard will prevent the food from absorbing too much fat.

A spoonful of salt added to boiling water will make eggs peel easily.

A clam shell placed inside a kettle will prevent the formation of lime.

Questions and answers on nonjudicial punishment

By Capt. Frank Mattingly

The purpose of this article is to provide a better understanding of nonjudicial punishment.

WHAT IS NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT?

The Uniform Code of Military Justice nonjudicial punishment ("Article 15" or "NJP") is one of the disciplinary tools available to the commander for imposing light punishments upon members of the command for minor offenses.

WHO CAN GIVE AN ARTICLE 15?

The general rule is that any "commanding officer" is authorized to impose punishment under the authority conferred by Article 15.

CAN I RECEIVE AN ARTICLE 15 WHILE ON TDY?

Yes! Individuals are considered to be members of the command if they are assigned to the command or in any other

way connected with it by detail or attachment, and commanders may impose nonjudicial punishment upon military members of his command.

CAN I RECEIVE AN ARTICLE 15 FROM THAT COMMANDER AFTER I RETURN HOME?

No! However the commander of that unit may forward reports of offenses to the "home" commander for possible Article 15 punishment.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I GET ONE?

You would be notified by an officer or noncommissioned officer in the grade E-7 or above of the fact that the commander intends to use summary proceedings and the maximum punishment imposable. You would be advised of your rights. He would inform you of the offenses allegedly committed and articles of the UCMJ violated. He would tell you that you have the right to demand a trial, and that you have the right to call witnesses, examine evidence,

and submit matters in defense, extenuation and mitigation. You also have the right to appeal.

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO DECIDE IF I WANT A TRIAL?

Normally the member will be given a reasonable time (24 hours) to decide whether to demand a trial by court-martial or to gather information to present to the commander. You have no right to consult with legally qualified counsel in deciding whether to demand a trial or have a spokesperson present at the hearing.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE HEARING?

If you do not demand trial, the commander may proceed with the hearing. The hearing will consist of the following: first consideration of evidence against you; second, examination of evidence by you and presentation of matters in defense, extenuation or mitigation; third the find-

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NEW STRENGTH and retention awards have now been authorized by Kentucky National Guard regulations according to Maj. Clyde Wiseman. The streamers, to be placed on units guide on, are for fiscal year '84. (photo by Capt. Frank Mattingly)

Checklist saves you time and trouble

Here is a checklist of items you and your family need to maintain in your safe deposit box or with your lawyer, a relative or a trusted friend:

- * Birth certificate for each family member.
- * Proof of marriage/proof of termination of any previous marriage.
- * Proof of citizenship if a naturalized citizen. (Original naturalization papers can never be replaced so it is best to carry only copies of these documents.)
- * List of all bank and savings accounts

(with addresses and account numbers). Include names of persons authorized to make withdrawals and sign checks.

- * Inventories of stored and shipped household effects.
- * Real estate records - deed, mortgage papers, title abstract, title insurance policy, closing statements, insurance policy on house, survey of property, tax receipts, leases, building cost figures, receipts for any improvements, cemetery deed.
- * Insurance policy on household effects.
- * Policy on separately insured valuables such as furs, antiques, jewelry, paintings, with written appraisals.
- * Insurance policy on automobile.
- * Social Security card for each family member, where applicable.
- * Will.
- * Employment records for each adult ... names, places, dates; copies of any instructions entitling employee or survivors to special benefits such as insurance, pensions, stock options, etc.
- * Medical history of each family member.
- * Income tax papers and significant tax returns (statute of limitation is 3-6 years).
- * List of charge accounts and credit cards with numbers.
- * List of all assets and liabilities, including personal debts and debts owed to you.
- * Stocks, bonds, and other securities; date of purchase and their cost, who purchased them and in whose name they are registered, list of stocks pledged as security for a loan, name of stockholder, serial numbers.
- * Proof of membership in any professional, fraternal organization, or union that entitles estate to any benefits.

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ings of the commander. Fourth imposition of punishment or termination of the proceedings. Fifth explanation of the right to appeal.

WILL IT GO INTO MY 201 FILE?

Yes! Summary proceedings are recorded, usually in pen, on DA Form 2627-1. This form is maintained in unit personnel files and destroyed either upon your transfer or two years from imposition, whichever is earlier.

IS "SUMMARY" THE ONLY TYPE OF PROCEEDING?

No! A commander may, after the preliminary inquiry, determine that the alleged officer, or that the punishment may exceed what could be imposed in summary proceedings. At that point he must insure that the member is notified of the intent to use formal proceedings.

For more detailed information read Chapter 26 Manual of Courts-Martial or Chapter 3, Army Regulation 27-10.

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cian," pointed out the smiling Mays.

Regardless of how crazy Mays may be, his family has learned to live with it. "My wife Helen doesn't mind, because ever since she's known me, I've been doing magic. I guess she has learned to live with it," said Mays. "My son and daughter have grown up with my magic and they are not particularly interested in it."

Mays, who does not wear the magician's traditional tails and top hat, has been wearing his military uniform during some of his magical acts in order to promote the Kentucky Army National Guard. "I've taken my act to several schools in the Frankfort and Franklin County school systems," points out Mays.

"While performing my various tricks, I believe I am also promoting the Kentucky Guard. If it helps the Guard with public relations, then that's great," Mays said. "That makes me very happy," he added. The magical shows at the schools have been quite a success. "The kids really enjoy it and so do I," stated Mays.

Apparently, the hand is quicker than the eye. "If you don't believe that, just ask any guy with a black eye," Mays jokingly concluded.



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