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2LT Jenny Noblett practices firing a Light Anti-tank Weapon (LAW) during her OCS training at the Kentucky Military Academy at Ft. Knox. She was one of the members of the latest class to graduate from OCS. More stories and photos of the class and its graduation are on page 4 of this issue. (Photo by SSG Hugh Smith, 133rd PAD)

## AT EASE

It's annual training time again for many of the units of the Kentucky Army National Guard. That's why this issue of the *Bluegrass Guard* is an extra four pages long, to accommodate photos of soldiers in training at a number of AT sites in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and other states. But we've also included stories about people going through another kind of training - Officer Candidate School. All of this, we hope, is a fitting tribute to the professionalism of the members of the Guard.

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# Guard Future: Controlling Our Destiny

By COL Jack Haggerty (USA, Retired)  
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Adjutant General Michael W. Davidson has committed the Kentucky National Guard to actively manage its future. Accordingly, all elements of the Department of Military Affairs-Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Disaster and Emergency Services, Administrative Services and the Facilities Division are now totally involved in a substantial and important planning effort.

The initial guidance from the Adjutant General was direct. "Train for combat. Need to increase REFORGER commitments. Need to improve Command and Control. Fully exploit Active Army instruction. Form a Division made up entirely of Kentucky units OR two/three Separate Brigades."

With this guidance, a three-tier organization has been established. Tier I is chaired by BG Davidson and represents the final level of decision making. Tier II is chaired by COL Larry C. Barker, Chief of Staff, and is responsible for developing the future plan and making recommendations to Tier I. Tier III is composed of Action Officers responsible for research and gathering data for use in development of planning by Tier II.

The Tier II Work Group has already had two productive three-day work sessions away from Boone National Guard Center and is scheduled to conduct two additional planning workshops prior to October 1, 1988. Additionally, this work group meets each Wednesday morning, updating, refining and sharing information involving "environmental factors" such as climate and terrain, demographics and economics, disasters and civil disturbances, Federal and State guidance, land availability, public usage, social attitudes, and technology. These factors will be used to describe both the current environment and alternative futures.

In the not too distant future, a questionnaire will be mailed to the homes of many Guard members. This questionnaire will focus on assessing the current state of the Kentucky Army National Guard and all replies will be compiled to provide the indicators of potential organizational changes which will be valuable to the Tier II planning group. Needless to say, the more National Guard members who respond to the questionnaire, the higher the quality of the indicators.

COL(P) James Daniel, the Deputy Adjutant General and a member of Tier I work group, was exposed to the Future Planning process we are using during a prior assignment at the National Guard Bureau Professional Education Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. He stresses the completed Kentucky National Guard Future Plan will give us a greater understanding of our organization, as well as an awareness of the threats and opportunities of the future.

Gaining this understanding, we will ultimately have a greater capability to manage change, while having greater control over the destiny of the Kentucky National Guard.



KyANG COL Richard H. Jett briefs the Tier II planning group during a work session in early June. The group involves the Army and Air Guard, as well as civilian staff of the Department of Military Affairs. (Photo by 1LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD)

# Keeping the Reserves Sharp, Equipped and Ready

This story is from an article written by Jim Geramone of American Forces Information Service.

Training and equipment are two areas that the Reserve components need to stress, according to Stephen M. Duncan, assistant secretary of defense for Reserve affairs.

Duncan also said that the military leadership and Congress cannot add more missions to the Reserve components without giving them the tools needed to perform the job.

"Who would have predicted 20 years ago that the Reserves would be doing what they are today?" Duncan said. "We have Navy reservists aboard mine-sweepers and frigates in the Persian Gulf. Air Guard and Air Force Reserve pilots are flying missions throughout the world on a daily basis. Army Guard and Reserve troops are performing real-world missions. You couldn't predict this 20 years ago, but it's going to continue."

Equipment is an area that needs more attention. "Not all Reserve units have modern front-line equipment," Duncan said. "We do not have all the equipment we need to perform the missions we now have assigned. We are better off than we were just a few years ago, but this is an area that needs more."

Training is another area of concentration. "The Reserves have a couple of advantages over the active duty forces," he said. "The men and women of the Reserves train over time as a unit, deploy as a unit and would fight as a unit. There is time for them to understand how the unit meshes together. Active forces often

lack this advantage because service members are transferred as individuals, and often there is insufficient time to see how the unit would work together. We need to retain and increase this cohesion.

"We just completed an analysis of a survey of the Selected Reserve taken in 1986. One result was that reservists think their (two-week) annual training is the best part of the Reserves," he continued. "This has to do with the fact that they are actually doing what they signed up to do. They are working on the equipment they would fight with, and that's enjoyable for them. The training is meaningful."

"Less attractive are weekend drills. The survey confirmed what we intuitively knew: that there is too much paperwork and not enough time spent on their main jobs at drill."

"The point I make - in testimony and elsewhere - is that reservists have some pressures that active duty people don't," he said. "They have to maintain their civilian jobs. So every day they are away training to perform a mission for our country is a day imposing on the needs of their employer. Those pressures at some point may become so great that we might start to lose reservists because they have two full-time jobs."

"We have to recognize that they are full-time personnel. We must recognize that for the short term, at least, the defense budget will not be going up, and we have to be sure that we make very smart decisions on balancing the missions between the Reserve and active duty forces."

## From ARTEP to Arkansas 2123rd Trans. Co. Serves a Varied AT '88

By SSG Keith Monroe  
2123rd Trans. Co.

The 2123rd Transportation Company is a HET (Heavy Equipment Transport) unit usually seen hauling tanks down the interstate and through the narrow streets to local armories. But for AT '88 the 70-man unit moved to the woods of Ft. Campbell to be scrutinized by Second Army officials and the infamous ARTEP (Army Realities Test and Evaluation Program).

The ARTEP challenged the heavy truckers' ability to maneuver their 70-foot rigs between the trees instead of the 4-wheelers (cars) found on the interstates. It challenged their ability to eat in the woods as well as truck stops, and keep the large trucks rolling without a concrete shop floor. It challenged their ability to survive in a combat mode.

The 2123rd moved in and out of their base positions at night under blackout conditions. When the sun rose the first morning, the evaluators found the 17 heavy

trucks usefully snaked in the pines, a defensive perimeter of manned, fighting positions, a fired-up maintenance section eager to use their new HEMTT wrecker, and a mess that offered fresh coffee while it was still too dark to get to it.

The 2123rd had said they were ready. They came not to pass, but to track.

As incoming missions were dispatched to available trucks, drivers were given grid coordinates as pick-up and drop-off points. They knew to expect a roadblock, ambush, air attack, chemical attack, or any series of actions taken by the OPFOR (Opposing Force).

OPFOR personnel were supplied by Ft. Campbell's 29th Transportation Battalion, the 2123rd's assigned station if activated.

After the evaluators put the trucks through the paces they not only said they were good-to-go, they said they were as good as any regular army unit they had ever seen. A young lieutenant from the 29th Trans. told the guardsmen the misted



Tactical was the mode as members of the 2123rd operated out of an underground bunker during the first half of their AT at Ft. Campbell.

points were mines. He complimented the guardsmen for their good attitude and said he would have no reservations about going to battle with such a unit.

The ARTEP was over. But so was the first half of AT '88, and the truck company still had another mission before returning to their civilian lives.

The last week of AT would require the 2123rd to shift to another mode: 'The Flood Mode.'

The second week's task was to move 14 Howitzers to Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas, in support of the 138th Field Artillery who would train there later.

Ft. Chaffee was a four day run: two days out, two days back. The run placed the 2123rd in a small Arkansas town of 3,500 on a Tuesday night. The local Arkansas guardsmen and several of the town's people set up special eating arrangements and entertainment. The Kentucky guardsmen were treated to an Ozark jamboree in the mountains of Arkansas hospitality.

Being 'on the road' requires the transportation company to shift from tactical to tactical as they deal with the interstate traveler, whether the questions come over the C.B. or at the fuel-and-food stops. The public wants to know about the big guns. The truck drivers want to know about the big trucks. And the children want to hear the big air horns. Whether they ride in passing cars or stand at the edge of their yard, they always were.

It is a goal of the 2123rd that no child's wave go unanswered. Just as no question of the ARTEP evaluators goes unanswered.

AT '88 took the 2123rd from an ARTEP to Arkansas. From fighting OPFOR to fighting the traffic around Little Rock. And from being evaluated by the active army to being evaluated by the American public.

From the 2123rd's perspective it was a good year. Good memories of some hard times. And a chance to once again answer the most asked question by saying, "We're from Kentucky."



SSG George Reynolds directs the off-loading of a Howitzer during the 2123rd's second week of AT at Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas. The transportation company was helping to prepare for the 138th FA's training plans at Ft. Chaffee.

## Who Controls Your Stripes? Retention NCO Says It's Up to You

By CPT Frank Mattingly  
Retention Office

"When am I getting promoted?" is the question most often asked according to MSG Mike Dawson, State Retention NCO. There is a great number of soldiers who do not know or have forgotten how the promotion system works, Dawson said.

The regulation covering promotions for the Guard is NGR 600-200 (Chapter 6) and every recruiter, retention NCO and unit has one. Soldiers should be familiar with not only the requirements for promotion, but also with the soldier's individual responsibility to conform with the requirements.

Promotions to E4 are handled within the company, battery, troop or detachment with the approving authority of the commander. They are not always automatic, according to Dawson.

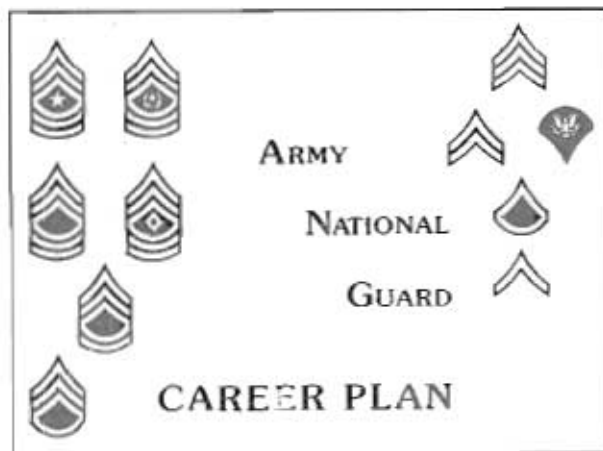
Soldiers should know if they are in a pro-

motable status, have received a recommendation, need a security clearance, are MOS qualified, have sufficient civilian and military education.

Participation in a unit does not automatically mean promotion, according to Dawson. Soldiers must know that being overweight, failing to pass the APFT, and not having enough time in grade will keep them from being promoted.

Dawson continued to say that Guard members who are unsure of their status should contact their supervisors and if assistance is needed, contact the unit Retention NCO for an individual Career Plan guide. This document will enable soldiers to determine where they are, where they are going, and how to get there.

The bottom line, according to Dawson, is "you're the one who controls your stripes."



## OCS Class 30: Teamwork Makes Things Succeed

By SGT Rick Baker  
133rd PAD

It was the culmination of 15 months spent studying, sweating and surviving for 36 members of Officer Candidate School Class 30 at the Kentucky Military Academy.

A five-day tactical field exercise was the last training the cadets received before being commissioned as second lieutenants and proved to be a fitting way to end the course, according to many of the soon-to-be officers.

"The exercise was physically, mentally and emotionally demanding," said 2LT Allen H. Boone of Louisville, who is headed for the Field Artillery Branch. "But when you take total strangers and have them learn to work together as a team, it gives you a sense of accomplishment."

Those sentiments were echoed by 2LT Jenny Noblett, who recently moved from Waco, Kentucky to Ames, Iowa, to enter veterinary school at Iowa State University.

"I still learned a lot I didn't know," said 2LT William McDaniel of Marion, who is going to the Armor branch. "No matter how much you learn in the classroom, it's here in the field, going up against the cadre, where it all comes together."

That includes learning to make decisions faster than normal, according to Field Artillery 2LT Charles Higgins of Ocean Township, New Jersey, a ministerial student at Campbellsville College.

"You learn to make decisions quickly, especially with four TAC officers yelling in your ear at the same time," he laughed. "After five days in the field, you feel good that you've made it through the exercise and the OCS course. You feel part of something big."

Perhaps some of the most important things learned aren't always the most obvious, said Noblett.

"The main thing I learned was to take care of my people — make sure they had food, water and shelter," she said. "But you

### "I can appreciate what people in leadership positions go through now."

"It's okay to listen to all these things in class, but until you get to actually do it, you can't realize what really happens," said Noblett. "You learn to work with people under stress, take charge in difficult situations and make decisions. I can appreciate what people in leadership positions go through now."

During the five-day exercise, the candidates underwent squad and platoon tactics, field maneuvers, combat survival and leadership training. There was plenty to learn, even for those who weren't new to the field environment.

"After five years in the National Guard,

have to ask for it, because no one's going to give it to you."

For 2LT Christopher Albritton of Murray, who is preparing for the Military Police branch, the lessons from everything that's learned and everything that succeeds points to one overall theme — teamwork.

"Much of what was taught in the classroom especially things we didn't fully understand, became clear in the field," said Albritton. "But the most obvious fact was that in the Army or out of the Army, no matter where you go or where you work, you have to have teamwork to make things succeed."



Members of a KMA OPFOR ambush team move out in search of senior officer candidates completing their last field training exercise prior to graduation. (Photo by SSG Hugh Smith, 133rd PAD)



KMA graduates toss their caps in a traditional ceremony marking the end of their 15 months of OCS. (Photo by CW2 James D. Pope Jr., 133rd PAD)

## Caps Fly at KMA Graduation, Commissions Issued to New Officers

By MAJ Keith Kappen  
KJARRNG PAO

Flying caps broke the decorum of Kentucky's historic Capitol Rotunda recently as 39 officer candidates were graduated from the Guard's Kentucky Military Academy at Fort Knox.

Commissions as second lieutenants were issued immediately to 23 Guardsmen and the only Army Reservist in the class. Four other Guardsmen will receive certificates of eligibility which may be exchanged for commissions at a later date. One candidate was disqualified for medical reasons and 10 others will be delayed until medical and other processing can be completed at the National Guard Bureau.

LT COL John R. (Russ) Groves, the KMA commandant, described Class 30-88 as "highly motivated and potentially outstanding as junior officers."

The Erickson Trophy, recognizing the top graduate in the class on the basis of leadership, academics and the commandant's evaluation, went to 2LT Laura A. Weiland of Radcliff, who will be assigned to the 223rd MP Company in Louisville. LT Weiland, the wife of an active duty officer at Fort Knox, is expecting a baby this fall. She also received the Association of the U.S. Army Award for the highest standards of leadership in the class.

2LT Allen H. Boone of Louisville finished second in overall excellence. He will become a member of Battery B, 1623rd FA, at Campbellsville. Ranked in third position was 2LT Mark L. Sherman of Lexington who is going to Company F, 35th Aviation Brigade, in Frankfurt.

2LT Alexander Stewart of Mayville won the NGAKY Award for the highest academic average in the class. He will report to Company A, 206th Engineer Battalion. The physical fitness award was received by 2LT Carey McNeil, Jr. of Louisville, who will be assigned to the 141st Chemical Company.

The commandant's award for the most improved performance went to 2LT Rodney D. Chester of Clarksville, Indiana, who is going to FHC, 3423rd Armor, at Fort Knox.

Graduation from OCS is the culmination of a 13-month program which includes 12 weekends and two, 15-day annual training periods.

Other guard commissionees and units of assignment include:

Christopher Albritton, 614th MP Co.	Charles Higgins, SVC/1623rd FA
Scott Aldridge, 138th FA Bde.	Danny Hodge, D/123rd AR
Gregory Burke, HHB, 2/138th FA	Steven King, E/206th Engr. Bn.
Jeffrey Casada, A/103rd FSB	Joseph Kirtz, C/138th FA
Rodney Casaboon, 438th MP Co.	Christopher Meyer, A/123rd AR
James Covany, B/103rd FSB	Reginald Packer, HHC, 149th Bde.
Milton Creech, HHC/149th INF	David Sizemore, HHC, 1/23rd AR
Michael Harness, HHD/103rd FSB	Jeffrey Stevens, D/206th Engr. Bn.
Wayne Harvey, D/206th Engr. Bn.	



## Age is not a barrier

# LTC Groves Completes Air Assault School at 42

By MAJ Keith Kappes  
KYARNG PAO

FORT KNOX, KY -- Why would a man with successful careers in architecture and law volunteer for Air Assault School at the age of 42?

For LTC John R. (Russ) Groves, the new commandant of the Kentucky Army National Guard's Kentucky Military Academy here, it was a matter of further establishing his credibility as a role model.

"I am hopeful that my example will demonstrate to our students at KMA that basic soldiering skills never lose their importance and that age is not a barrier to being competitive and staying physically fit," said the Lexington resident who was commissioned through OCS at Fort Benning in 1963.

A former infantry company commander in the Guard, LTC Groves added the Air Assault Badge to the Special Forces Tab and Parachute Badge he earned through various assignments in the Guard and Army Reserve.

A member of one of Kentucky's

major architectural firms, Johnson-Romanowitz, Groves also is a professor of architecture at the University of Kentucky. He also holds the unusual distinction of being an attorney as well as a graduate of basic and advanced officer courses in infantry and JAG.

His combination of architecture and law developed into a specialty in construction law in civilian life but infantry is the driving force in his military career.

Groves completed Air Assault School last month and feels the grueling, 11-day course at Fort Campbell left him better prepared to serve as commandant of KMA which provides instruction to more than 500 NCO's and officer candidates each year.

Most of the students are Guardsmen and Reservists. However, active duty personnel at Fort Knox have earned Reserve commissions through the 13-month OCS program which consists of 12 weekends and two 15-day annual training periods.

"Being appointed commandant of this academy was the realization of a goal for me," said

Groves, who was selected for the post two months ago and promoted at the same time.

"I love teaching and the military and this assignment allows me to combine them in a challenging manner. The Kentucky Military Academy has been led by outstanding commandants and has produced enthusiastic and dedicated officers and NCO's throughout its history."

KMA was moved to Fort Knox in early 1978 from the Guard's state headquarters in Frankfort.

Groves succeeded COL William J. Fox who now is commanding officer of the Guard's 35th Aviation Brigade in Frankfort.

Groves, who is married and the father of three children, says he enjoys his new assignment and hopes to stay here at least two years.

"Duty in line units and as a staff officer in various situations has been interesting but nothing could be more fulfilling than this opportunity to help shape our future leaders who will help guide the 'Total Force into the 21st Century,'" the new commandant stated.



LTC John R. Groves

## Family Assistance: MSG Bruner Tackles New Assignment



MSG Kenny Bruner

### T.G.I.F.

These letters mean an emotional uplift to many, especially on the last day of the normal work week; "Thank Goodness It's Friday", however, they have taken on a new meaning in recent months.

The Regular Army and National Guard Bureau have placed added emphasis on the Army Family and the important role that the soldier's family plays in him or her becoming and remaining a productive soldier.

To make this program a more viable part of the Kentucky National Guard, MSG Kenny Bruner, Sr has been selected to the new position of State Family Program Specialist.

Bruner was assigned previously to Headquarters Company 149th Armor Brigade in Louisville.

With his assignment to the family assistance program, he was transferred to Headquarters, STARC, in Frankfort.

The newly instituted family program is underway with its primary goal of preparing families in the event of mobilization and extended periods of training.

MSG Bruner believes that if we involve our families more in our IDT and peacetime planning and activities that they will be much more prepared if mobilization should occur.

Some of the procedures to be used in the program are:

- Soldier briefings concerning family.
- Family briefings for spouses, children, and parents to prepare them for the possibility of mobilization.
- Family day activities.
- Incorporating family processing into MOBEX/REMOBE exercises.
- Informational meetings and handouts.
- Informational listings for

assistance, i.e. financial planning, drug/alcohol rehabilitation.

- Family support groups established in each unit.
- Telephonic assistance using current "HOTLINE".

MSG Bruner is available to assist commandants and unit members and can be contacted through the Recruiting and Retention office at Boone Center.

So what is the new meaning of T.G.I.F.? "The Guard is Family" We now want to merge our biological families with our Army and Air National Guard families and become one big family.

We are expecting this new program to provide a very positive influence upon the performance of our troops in both the Army and Air Guard.

To reach MSG Bruner, soldiers can call the Family Assistance Office Hotline, toll-free, at 1-800-372-7601.

# High Altitude to High Te 35th Aviation Brigade C



**ROCKIES LOOMING** — A Kentucky Guard UH-60 Blackhawk pulls pitch for takeoff as a UB-1 Huey prepares to land near the 35th AVN BDE TOC during exercises June 11-26 at Ft. Carson, Colorado. The high altitude of the training area meant using a bit more power for takeoff and landings than normally used in Kentucky.



**AIRBORNE MILES** — A flight crew from Co. E, 135th AVN attaches MILES sensors to their UH-60 prior to taking part in a Brigade air assault mission involving 30 aircraft. Installing the MILES sensors are (from left) SGT John Spicer, CW2 Jan Chanley, CW3 Abe Addams, WO1 Barry Brown, and SSG Jim Keeton.



**CHOW CHOPPER** — Hot morning and evening meals for all Aviation Brigade units were prepared by cooks at a central field kitchen in "DISCOM Valley" and flown to the field twice a day by a flight crew from Co. E, 135th AVN. Here First Sergeant Harmon Cross (left) assists "Chow Chopper" crewchief Billie Roberts and pilots WO1 Darryl Hensley and WO1 Dewayne Treadaway as they deliver breakfast.



**CHATS** — CPT Ricky Branscum, controlling zone to his crew during a trip to Site (CHATS) based in Eagle, Colorado.



**GOTCHA** — CW3 Abe Addams handling the aircraft is being tracked by ground at it, ranging from SAM-7 missiles.



**TEAMWORK** — Kentucky Guard SP4 Mike Sauder of the Colorado control linkage during a 25-hour

# s It Together At Ft. Carson

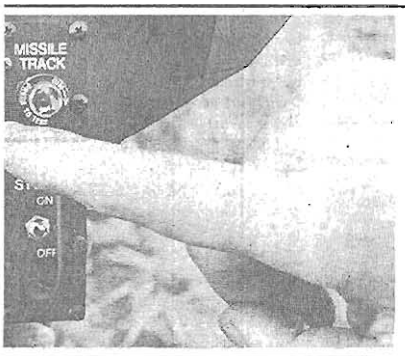
Photos by 1LT Phil Miller, 133rd PAD



...r of Co. E, 135th AVN points out a snow-covered land-  
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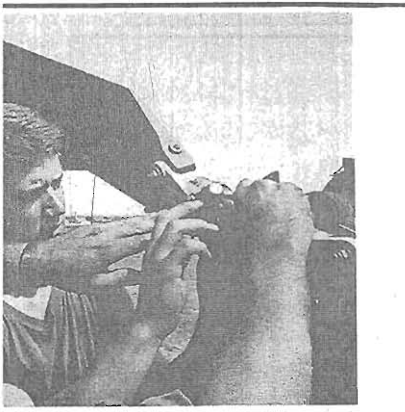
GASP - UH-60 crewchief SSG Tom "Mongo" Bennett pauses in front of his aircraft to catch his  
 breath in the thin air of 12,200 ft. Dome Peak during high altitude crew mission training at CHATS.



Blackhawk's MILES cockpit display which indicates if  
 or lasers, and the type of anti-aircraft fire being directed  
 7 rifle fire.



HIGH TECH TOC - SFC George McMakin (right) operates the 35th AVN BDE's MICROTEC  
 Computerized Video Map Display for Adjutant General Michael W. Davidson (center) and MAJ  
 Jim Humphrey, Brigade S-2.



SG Blain Lickliter (left) of Co. F, 135th AVN, instructs  
 Det. 1, Co. F, in the reconnection of a UH-1 tail rotor  
 ance check.



A MONSTER TO HIDE - SGT Benjamin Creech and SP4 Richard Niece, Co. C, 206th EN BN,  
 adjust camouflage screening on one of their unit's Armor Vehicle Launched Bridges. The 206th  
 supported elements of the 35th Division during annual training at Fort Carson.

# High Altitude to High Tech-- 35th Aviation Brigade Gets It Together At Ft. Carson



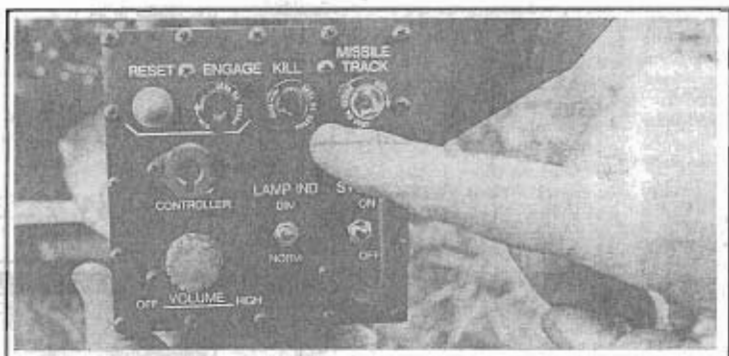
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**CHATS** - CPT Ricky Branscum, commander of Co. E, 135th AVN points out a snow-covered landing zone to his crew during a trip to the Colorado National Guard's High Altitude Flight Training Site (CHATS) based in Eagle, Colorado.



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**TEAMWORK** - Kentucky Guardsman, SSG Brian Lickliter (left) of Co. F, 135th AVN, instructs SP4 Mike Sauder of the Colorado Guard's Det. 1, Co. E, in the reconnection of a UH-1 tail rotor control linkage during a 25-hour maintenance check.



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# Artillerymen Go to Sill, Chaffee for Annual Training



FORT SILL, OK - A gun crew from 1/623 FA BN prepares to fire its self-propelled, eight-inch howitzer during live fire training.



FORT CHAFFEE, AK - Guardsmen from Elizabethton lead their self-propelled howitzer into an artillery firing location during annual training with the 2/138th FA.



FORT SILL, OK - SP4 Barbara Udt of Lexington took her turn at KP, preparing cool drinks for the 138th FA Bde Headquarters.



FORT SILL, OK - Soldiers from Campbellville turned up the dust as they maneuvered their howitzer into position during annual training at Ft. Sill with the 1st Battalion, 623rd FA.

Story By MAJ Keith Kappes  
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Photos By SGT Rick Baker  
133rd PAD

Kentucky's artillery brigade headquarters and two artillery battalions went to annual training under new and challenging conditions last month and came home with high marks from their evaluators.

Travelling to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, were the 138th FA Brigade headquarters from Lexington and the 1st Battalion, 623rd FA, headquartered in Glasgow with subordinate units in Tompkinsville, Campbellsville, Monticello and Springfield.

Training at Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas, was the 2nd Battalion, 138th FA, headquartered in Lexington with other units in Carrollton, Elizabethton and Bardston.

The 138th FA Brigade took advantage of "a great training opportunity," according to COL Thomas R. Ice, brigade commander, and exercised command and control of its five CAPSTONE battalions and a

target acquisition battery. Four of the battalions and the TAB were active component units.

"We met or exceeded our training objectives and had a good learning experience in the Total Force environment," said LT COL Jack Doyle, Executive Officer of the 138th. "The 100th Division MTC made sure that our ARTEP exercise was as realistic as possible. The 1st of the 623rd did its usual outstanding job and we were pleased with the functioning of the brigade staff under a heavy workload."

The 1/623rd is commanded by LT COL Michael Gault. Upon mobilization, the 138th FA Brigade staff could serve as a primary or alternate DIVARTY headquarters and control as many as six battalions.

Nearly 300 miles eastward at Ft. Chaffee, the 2/138th FA was involved in its first annual training period as a part of the 35th Infantry Division DIVARTY.

The Kentucky battalion was placed in the 35th's artillery assets when the unique, five-state divi-

sion was created four years ago. However, this year provided the first opportunity for the 2/138th to operate with the DIVARTY headquarters as it would upon mobilization. For administration and training purposes, the 2/138th is assigned to the 138th FA Brigade.

LT COL Roger C. Greu, battalion commander, described the unit's annual training performance as "outstanding" and praised the "hard work and professionalism" of his soldiers.

Despite the travel, dusty conditions and temperatures topping 100 degrees at times, the Kentucky artillerymen earned highly positive comments from their evaluators and others who observed the training.

COL Ron Tinscher, commander of the 35th DIVARTY and a Kansas guardsman, said of the 2/138th:

"We found out that 'Kentucky Windage' is very real and that the soldiers from the Bluegrass State are excellent cannoneers."



FORT SILL, OK - SP4 Gary Mackey of Burkesville secured the camouflage netting over his 50-caliber machine gun.

# 973rd MED DET and 201st EN BN at Ft. Pickett

Photos by SSG Steve Wright  
KySTARC PAO



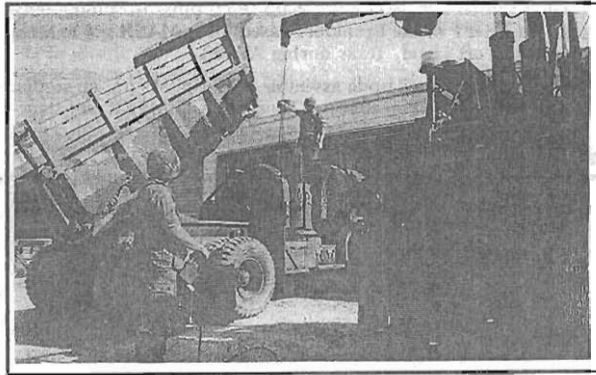
The 973rd's field clinic at Ft. Pickett was set up to handle five patients at once and included its own dental lab facility.



MAJ Clarke Moore, Harrodsburg (left), performs a dental examination on a Guardsman during the field exercise. Assisting MAJ Moore is SP4 Charisse Newton, Frankfort.



SP4 Mark Callihan, Louisa, appears to enjoy applying camouflage makeup on the balding head of CPT Roger Young of Ashland prior to the 201st's field exercise.



SGT Edgar Hatfield of Ashland (left) and SGT Ray Church of Fort Gay, West Virginia, work together to lift the transmission from a 201st EN BN dump truck during annual training at Ft. Pickett.



PVT David White of Ashland kept his endloader busy scooping dirt from a Ft. Pickett site and offloading it into a succession of dump trucks while performing construction duties with the 201st Engineers at the Virginia army post.



Sharpening their combat engineer skills, three 201st soldiers work their way through an "urban terrain" live fire exercise conducted during the battalion's 1988 annual training at Ft. Pickett.

## 475th MASH -- On the Move During AT at Ft. Hood, Texas



Framing Up



Snap on the Skin

Tearing down the hospital, moving 150 personnel and equipment to a new location and setting up again seven times (including once at night in MOPP 4) the Frankfort-based 475th MASH got to see a lot of North Fort Hood, Texas during AT '88.

Unit members teamed up to assemble the hospital's pre-op section well within the ARTEP goal of two hours. The TEMPER tent structure consists of an aluminum frame covered with vinyl clad canvas (above left and right).

When teamed up with a system of expandable shelters and an environmental control unit (right) driven by a jet turbine powered generator, the field hospital is able to provide its own electricity, hot and cold running water, and maintain a constant temperature - controlled environment for patients and medical personnel in virtually any field scenario.

Inside the completed structure, (below), CPT Wayne Mosley (right) gets triage information from SGT Louis Layne (left) as ILT Karen Likens checks out a patient in the 475th MASH pre-op section.



Crank Up the U-Pak

*Photos by CPT Joseph Haegle  
475th MASH*



Receiving Patients

### USARF Schools Offer C&GS Courses

The 2074th US Army Reserve Forces School (USARF), located at 211 Browns Lane, Louisville, and the 2085th USARF School, located 1051 Russell Cave Pike, Lexington, teach and administer Command and General Staff College classes for the western half of Kentucky. Instructors teach the same material which is developed and presented at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Students (senior captains and majors) study each of six phases over a three-year period. The classes are taught to active, reserve and National Guard officers by Army Reserve instructors at several convenient locations in the area, including Boone National Guard Center.

Since everyone cannot satisfy the requirements for promotion to lieutenant colonel by attending a resident C&GS course, many enroll in the C&GS correspondence option.

Correspondence studies offer flexibility, but often lack professional interchange between instructors and students, and

among students of different backgrounds. Attending C&GS through the USARF option provides this interchange.

During the odd numbered phases (I, III, V) classes meet from October through May for about four hours a week. During the summer, a two-week course is taught several times by various USARF schools around the country. Students from this area normally attend phases II, IV, VI, at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. An entire phase is completed during this two-week period.

The 2074th also provides school opportunities other than the C&GS program for both officers and enlisted personnel, including Phase I of the Officer Advanced Course, as well as numerous MOS courses.

For additional information and enrollment forms you may contact the USARF schools. The phone number for the 2074th is (502) 897-2074. To reach the 2085th dial (606) 254-2085.

# High-Speed Congressman Visits



Kentucky Sixth District Congressman

Larry I. Hopkins returned to the Bluegrass state from Washington, DC in late June to "pull some G's" in a KYANG F-4 Phantom jet and kick up dust in an M-1 Abrams tank... all in the same day.

In the photo at top right, Hopkins and Adjutant General Michael W. Davidson are briefed on emergency procedures prior to Hopkins' F-4 flight, while at top left members of the 123rd Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Wing assist strapping him in for a ride.

The congressman later departed Standford ANG Base for a visit with Fort Knox commander MG Thomas Tait and a ride in a speedy, but earthbound, M-1 Abrams

tank (left). Following the congressman's visit, Adjutant General Davidson commented, "In view of the fact that he is the senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, I feel that his taking the time to come visit our people is a terrific expression of Congressman Hopkins' continuing support for Kentucky's Air and Army Guard."

"I am now certain Congressman Hopkins knows the Kentucky National Guard is one of the finest military organizations in the country and from our talks I am encouraged he supports our close and continuing relationship with Fort Knox."



**BANDS TOGETHER** - CW4 John Hoover, bandmaster of the Kentucky Army National Guard's 202nd Army Band, is shown conducting his band and the 113th Army Band at Fort Knox in a joint concert during annual training.

The program included a march written in honor of MG Thomas Tait, the commanding general at Fort Knox. This photo appeared on Page 1 of "Inside The Turret," the Fort Knox post newspaper, on June 23. (Photo by SP4 Mike Hagburg, Ft. Knox PAO, Reprinted courtesy of *Inside The Turret*)

## 438th MP's Overseas



Members of the 438th MP Company travelled to England, Spain and Italy for their role in FLINTLOCK '88, an overseas deployment exercise.

Several MP's from the Louisville-based unit participated in the guarding of Royal Air Force bases in Sculthorpe, Watten and Thorpe, England, while others saw duty at Camp Darby, Italy and at a Spanish Air Force base in Moron, Spain.

In photo above, 2LT Glen Minor (second from left) stands guard at a British base with two members of the Ministry of Defense Police and a U.S. Air Force security policeman. (Photo by PSG Dennis Henry, 438th MP CO)



## BRIEFLY NOTED

### Four Promoted to Colonel

Last month's drill saw the promotion of four lieutenant colonels to the rank of full colonel in the Kentucky Guard.

A brigade-level commander and three directors of the STARC staff were promoted in ceremonies conducted by Adjutant General Michael W. Davidson at Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort.

Advancing were Charles E. Hullard, Jr., director of logistics; Tom McClure, commander of STARC Troop Command; Otis P. Morris, director of plans, operations and training; and Donald J. Waldner, director of engineering.

### Military Applicants Face Drug Tests

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) -- All applicants for military service are undergoing congressionally mandated testing for evidence of drug and alcohol use and dependency. This measure began June 1, say Defense Department officials. They explain that the testing is being done at all Military Entrance Processing Stations nationwide.

The testing program covers anyone who seeks any form of military service, including the reserve components, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and the service academies. Laboratory test results serve to help determine the enlistment eligibility of the tested applicant. Applicants whose tests are confirmed positive are rejected for military service.

### Green Uniform Coats in Short Supply

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) -- Soldiers looking to replace their AG 344 dress coats may find them out-of-stock at their local military clothing sales stores over the next several months, according to officials in the Army's office of the deputy chief of staff for logistics.

All available stocks of the coats are being directed to basic training reception stations for issue to recruits.

The primary reason for the redirection is that 80 percent of the companies which manufacture the coats have been barred from doing business with the government since a wide-ranging federal criminal investigation. The remaining contractors are working to meet the demand.

The Army has for some time been working to amend its uniform specifications, to allow more companies a chance to compete in the procurement process. New contracts will be awarded based upon manufacturers' responses.

### Guard Aids Search for Escapees

Eight members of the Kentucky Army National Guard, including Adjutant General Michael Davidson, assisted in the effort to find some of the eight prisoners who escaped the state penitentiary near Eddyville last month. Members of the 140th Signal Battalion of Frankfort were activated the weekend of June 17-19 and flew four helicopters to the area of the prison.

One of the helicopter crews was involved in the capture of two of the fugitives in a field near the maximum security facility and flew the re-captured pair back into the prison's custody.

### Refalo Scores 296 on PT Test

At 52, CW2 Victor Refalo of Frankfort is still going strong. During annual training this year, Refalo, a member of STARC who works at OMS-5 at Boone Center, took his PT test after passing his over-40 screening.

With 60 push-ups, 62 sit-ups and a two-mile run of 14:52, he scored 296 out of a possible 300 on the test. Earlier this year, Refalo completed his thirtieth year of full-time service to the National Guard.

### Code of Conduct Now Gender Free

The military Code of Conduct used to begin with "I am an American fighting man..." But under an executive order signed by President Reagan in late March, all references to gender have been removed from the code.

The original Code of Conduct was written after the Korean War in 1955.

"The Code of Conduct has always applied to both male and female service members," according to a spokesperson for the Department of Defense. "We simply removed an ambiguity."

The code now begins "I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country..."



Army Black Hawk helicopters, like this one flying over Frankfort, may be subject to interference from extremely high sources of radio waves.

## Encountering EMI Problem Called "Very Unlikely" for KyARNG Black Hawks

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS) -- The Army's latest test results show that intense levels of electromagnetic interference can affect the controls of the UH-60 (Black Hawk) helicopter, but the instructor pilot supervisor for the Army Aviation Support Facility in Frankfort believes Kentucky Guard pilots may never encounter the problem.

The loss of control cited in the test report results from uncommanded yaw pedal movements that could make the helicopter begin to turn, accompanied by stiffness in the pedal controls and illumination of caution/advisory lights.

Massive EMI exposure is found very near to only a few high-intensity antenna ground locations in the world and to certain large Navy ships. The tests have confirmed that published stand-off distances from all antennas are adequate to ensure safe operations.

CPT Lloyd Bailey, Kentucky's instructor pilot supervisor says UH-60 pilots have

been told to follow those stand-off distances.

"If there is a place that we are aware of that puts out high EMP (electromagnetic frequencies), we're supposed to get no closer than one-half mile horizontally or 1,000 feet vertically," CPT Bailey says. "It's basically avoidance."

Bailey adds, though, he's not aware of any sources of EMP in this part of the country strong enough to create the interference.

Defense officials and Sikorsky Aircraft are working to increase the helicopter's EMI protection.

The Kentucky Army National Guard has 15 Black Hawks, all belonging to Co. E, 135th Aviation. The UH-60 first joined the Kentucky unit in December, 1982.

"Very unlikely" is the way CPT Bailey described the chances of a Kentucky ARNG pilot encountering an EMI problem in flight.

## Pistol Team Shoots to State Title; MSG Green Earns Individual Honors

The Kentucky Guard National Match Pistol Team won three team matches on its way to the Kentucky State Pistol Team Championship last month in Lexington.

Team members are MSG Robert Plomski of HQ STARC (team captain), SGT Mitchell Henson, Co. D, 1123rd Armor, MAJ Larry Zetwoch of the Air National Guard headquarters and SGT Garry Stormes, 123rd CAM, KyANG.

Plomski, Zetwoch and Henson were also selected as firing members of the National Rifle Association state team for the International Pistol Matches in competition with teams from other countries.

Meanwhile, SSG Charles Green of Frankfort scored 782 with 21 bullseyes out of a possible 860 to earn the high resident military grand aggregate score at the Kentucky State High Powered Rifle Championships at Ft. Campbell. Eleven teams from this region of the country competed in the match.

Using an M-14 rifle, Green also won the bronze medal (third place) out of 42 shooters in the excellence in competition category for the match.



SSG Charles Green