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'Minuteman Month' activities focus attention on Guard; annual Easter Seal participation highlights events

"March is Minuteman Month" activities are focusing attention on a variety of Kentucky National Guard functions during the month as officials strive to make Kentuckians aware of the many benefits the state gains through the Guard.

Among the highlights of the month's efforts will be the annual participation in the Easter Seal fund drive. That campaign is set for March 22-23 in the central and eastern portions of the state—coinciding with the na-

tional telethon. Western Kentucky units will collect in April.

The Kentucky Army Guard pioneered such participation by Guard units three years ago and the program has since expanded to nine other states. Kentucky units will set up collection points at busy intersections in nearly all 120 counties, and they hope to better last year's total of more than \$103,000.

This year's telethon promises to contri-

bute to public awareness of the Guard's efforts, for Kentucky Army Guardsmen are scheduled to make several appearances on stations with Kentucky viewing areas. Additionally, performances by the 202d Army Band are slated.

Nationally, stars scheduled to appear include Ralph Edwards, who also provided a taped radio appeal for support of the Kentucky Guard's effort, Robert Young, Lucie Arnaz, Don Knotts, and the Fifth Dimension.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Daniels will visit students at Eastern and Western Kentucky Universities, the University of Kentucky, and state universities at Murray and Morehead to talk about the Kentucky National Guard as another portion of the Minuteman Month observance.

Units scheduled for annual training at Ft. Hood, Texas, during the month will also receive attention. A publicity program is planned and a number of Guard and state officials hope to visit the units and view their training.

The Kentucky Military History Museum is also due special consideration during March. The museum is being publicized extensively and a new brochure to be distributed to tourist information areas around the state is being prepared.

Kentucky media outlets have been made aware of the month's activities and have been supplied with tapes, slides and films for public service use. The National Guard Bureau provided "Minuteman Month" radio announcements for nearly all state stations as well as short-slide presentations and films for television outlets.

Additionally, the Kentucky Guard, with the aid of the state Department of Public Information, produced three films for distribution in the state. In one, Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, urged Kentuckians to support the Minuteman program, while in the two others, Sergeant First Class Jim McDaniel and Specialist 4 Georgia Andrews asked for support during the Easter Seal fund drive.



TELEVISION TALENT—Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, state recruiting and retention officer, holds a cue card for Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, during taping for a television spot promoting "Minuteman Month." In the background, from left, are: Capt. Bob Fields, SP4 Georgia Andrews, and SFC Jim McDaniel.

Air Guard raises \$3,300 with soup feast; Youth Council elects officers to handle funds

The Kentucky Air National Guard collected nearly \$3,300 from the recent "Bean Soup Feast" and open house at Shewmaker ANG Base, and the bulk of the proceeds have been turned over to the Kentucky Youth Activities Council for use in a variety of programs.

Air Guard officials termed the annual bean soup activities a tremendous success, with more than 1,700 people visiting the base. Units sold tickets prior to the event, but nearly 43 per cent of the receipts were taken in at the door.

The 123d Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron topped all other units with a collection of \$755. Other units' totals were: 123d Combat Support Sq.—\$293; Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard—\$206; Hq., 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing—\$205; 123d Civil Engineering Flight—\$139; 123d Tac Recon Sq.—\$97.50; 123d Tac Hospital—\$84; 123d Communications Flt.—\$72; 165 Weather Flt.—\$15; and Senior Air Force Advisor Office—\$4.50.

Funds from bean soup feasts and other such fund-raising activities by Kentucky National Guard units are administered by the Kentucky Youth Activities Council, which recently elected a new board of directors and a new slate of officers for 1975. The chairman of the new board is Capt. Larry Arnett, with MSgt. Harold Strange, Lt. Col.

Joseph Craft and SSgt. Thomas Neill also serving.

Lt. Col. Harold Loy was elected President and others picked for the year term were: Capt. Willoughby Goins, vice-president for Army; Lt. Richard Gravatte, vice-president (see "Bean soup" on page 3)

Kentucky Army National Guard unit among seven to test new annual training program this month

A Kentucky Army National Guard unit will be among seven such units nationwide to test the new Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) this year.

The 1st Battalion, 123d Armor will take part in the program during annual training at Ft. Hood, Texas, this month. The 2nd Bn, 123d Armor and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 123d Armor Brigade will also attend the March 13-30 session, but will not participate in the test.

Lt. Col. Harold O. Loy, operations and training officer for the Kentucky Army Guard, explained that ARTEP eliminates the specific hourly training requirements used in the past, but gives commanders tasks that the units must be able to accomplish. For example, if a unit has a first aid requirement but the commander feels his people are proficient, he can utilize his time in another training area. Under the Army Train-

ing Program (ATP) now in general use, the unit would still be required to spend a specified amount of time on first aid training.

ARTEP, which was devised by the Combined Arms Training Board at Ft. Benning, Ga., will eventually be used by all units if the tests are successful.

All Kentucky Army Guard units, except the 1st Bn, 123d Armor, will train under ATP and take the Army Training Test (ATT) in 1975. Generally, all units will work to develop, plan and conduct training necessary to retain the appropriate pre-mobilization status.

The battalions scheduled for March annual training participate in the Affiliation program, in which Guard units will work with active-duty Army units of the 2nd Armor Division. The Kentucky units would (see "Training program" on page 3)

Dropping insurance? Consider benefits

By Lt. Col. Jerry Heaton
Insurance Administrator, NGAKY

Recently Kentucky National Guardsmen and all Reservists became eligible for Group Life Insurance under the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance Program (SGLI).

As a direct result, more than 200 Kentucky Guardsmen have let their insurance coverage drop with the National Guard Association of Kentucky. This was alarming to the Insurance Committee of the Association. Reportedly, Guardsmen were saying "with this \$20,000 insurance under SGLI, I don't need additional coverage with the Association Program."

You're making a "grave" mistake, Guardsmen.

With the rate of inflation continuing as it is and considering the economy of the Association's insurance, both programs become even more important to you and your family. The reason is simple. You have insurance in the first place to retire your debts and to provide for your family in the event something should happen to you. Well, with prices going up every day, your present insurance program just may not be adequate for very long.

There are other things to consider, too. Married Guardsmen can insure the members of their family under dependent coverage, something which cannot be done under SGLI. And now we have spouse coverage available.

But one of the most important benefits of the Association insurance is prompt claim payment—within 24 hours of notification of death. Virtually no program, anywhere, offers this most important feature. This removes the tremendous financial burden that your survivors face when they consider funeral costs, payment of loans for the house, car, furniture, and clothing.

So the Association Insurance Program is worth every penny it costs. And now insurance premiums can be deducted from your Guard drill paychecks. The convenience of this is hard to match. Generally, simply signing the payroll deduction form available in your unit keeps your insurance in force without another thought from you.

To those Guardsmen who have dropped their insurance, I say "think it over!" The Association insurance is a benefit of Guard membership which every Guardsman needs.

If you have specific questions about your Guard insurance, contact your unit insurance representative or write the Association office.



ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT—SGM Fred Schleifer, left, and SFC Jim McDaniel, both of the committee that sponsored the Bicentennial Military Ball, prepare athletic equipment for distribution to Guard units in the Frankfort Armory. Part of the proceeds from the ball were used to buy the equipment, while the remainder went to the Kentucky Military Club. Other members of the committee were Col. Thomas Murphy, Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro and CW2 Roy Brooks.

General Hardin to speak at meet

Lt. Gen. Ernest C. Hardin, Jr., a Kentuckian who is now deputy commander of the U.S. Readiness Command, will be a featured speaker at the 44th annual General Conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky March 8.

General Hardin was born in Wheatcroft, Ky. and graduated from Lexington's Henry

Clay High School. He attended the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, where he received his bachelor of law degree and juris doctorate.

The general began his military career in 1941 as an aviation cadet and has served in a wide variety of assignments.

The conference is set for March 7-9 at Louisville's Holiday City. Any Kentucky Guard officer who has not received registration information should contact Capt. Bob Fields in Frankfort (502) 564-7813.

Air Guard alters staff

Since the GUARDSMAN last reported on the command structure of the Air Guard, a number of changes have taken place.

Col. Fred F. Bradley, of Frankfort, is now commander of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, succeeding Col. Lawrence A. Quebbeman. Colonel Quebbeman, who retired, had held that post since Jan. 1, 1974. Colonel Bradley had been the wing vice commander.

Lt. Col. John B. Conaway has taken Colonel Bradley's former post as wing vice commander and he is commander of the full-time air technician detachment.

The inactivation of the 123d Reconnaissance Group and the merging of supervisory and operational responsibilities of the group into a consolidated wing structure have also caused some personnel shifts.

Lt. Col. Carl D. Black, who had been commander of the 123d TRG, is now the deputy wing commander for operations. Lt. Col. William P. Gast, who had been on the staff of Kentucky Air National Guard headquarters, is now deputy wing commander for logistics.

Tac Hospital aids teen

Quick response by members of the Air Guard's 123d Tactical Hospital greatly aided a Bardstown teenager recently.

Maj. (Dr.) John Karibo, commander of the medical unit, learned that 16-year old Pam Norris was suffering from an asthma attack and that icy roads were preventing her from getting to Louisville for the necessary treatment.

Doctor Karibo, whose civilian practice is in pediatric allergies, contacted the 431st Medical Detachment, a full-time Army aeromedical evacuation unit at Ft. Knox. The Army immediately dispatched a helicopter to Shewmaker ANG Base to pick up the doctor before proceeding to Bardstown.

The helicopter soon returned to Shewmaker with Pam and her mother, Mrs. Raymond Norris, aboard. They were met by an Air Guard ambulance, which transported the party to Louisville's St. Joseph Hospital.



SAFETY CHECK—Wayne Hays, left, watches as members of the Combat Support Co. (Mech), 1st Bn., 149th Inf in Somerset inspect his bicycle. Guardsmen from left are: SP4 Billy New, SP4 Larry Newberry and SP4 George Pennington. The unit inspected about 70 bicycles and distributed safety flags in two sessions.

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Army Guard outlines fuels, utilities conservation plans

By SP5 Barry Mayfield

Editor's note: Energy conservation is necessarily of great importance to the Kentucky National Guard. This month the GUARDSMAN will examine the steps taken by the Army Guard and next month, we'll look into the Air Guard situation.

The Kentucky Army Guard has initiated an energy conservation program with special emphasis on conserving both utilities and mobile fuels.

According to Lt. Col. Joseph R. Craft,

the Kentucky Army Guard's energy conservation program director, many of the energy guidelines are mandatory for Guardsmen during weekend drills and annual training and for full-time technicians. He also said that Guardsmen are being encouraged to voluntarily comply with energy tips on their civilian job and at home.

"In the past," Colonel Craft said, "Guardsmen have proven their willingness to help others and to cooperate in programs beneficial to their communities. We are very optimistic that the men and women in the

Guard will do all they can to make our energy conservation program successful."

Overall objectives include a 15 per cent reduction in Guard utilities energy consumption and mobile fuels usage without detriment to training and mission readiness. Because of the cutback in energy allocations to industries, Colonel Craft believes that fuel conserved by the Guard will assist in making more fuel available to industrial users.

Additionally, energy reduction means a savings to the taxpayers, since the state and federal governments pay the Guard utility bills. As Colonel Craft noted, that means that Guardsmen, as taxpayers, save their own tax money by conserving energy.

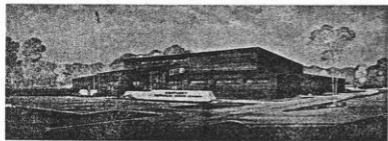
Colonel Craft stressed that much thought was involved in scheduling this year's annual training and that every step was taken to prevent unnecessary waste of fuel. Officials had to consider the type of training required by each unit, equipment and facilities needed, and many other aspects of the program before selecting a site.

Commercial transportation of troops to out-of-state sites has been encouraged, and the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry and 306 and 307 Heavy Equipment Maintenance Companies will travel via the commercial route.

Although several units will perform their annual training within the state, Colonel Craft emphasized the importance of some units training elsewhere to reach and maintain mission readiness. For example, he noted that the armor units training in Texas need to train there primarily because they are associated with the 2nd Armor Division there in the Affiliation program.

Several energy-saving steps, as outlined in the energy conservation program package provided to each commander are:

1. Lowering thermostats in winter; raising them in summer.
2. Using less lighting and lower wattage.
3. Consolidating duty areas, closing off unused rooms, storage sections and hallways to cut down drafts.
4. Improving insulation.
5. More coordinating of training programs to utilize nearest training sites and still receive mandatory instruction.
6. Maximizing use of military buses for troop transport.
7. Consolidating training and transport to and from training sites whenever possible.
8. Limiting weapons and equipment demonstrations.
9. Maximizing training and location where equipment is pooled.
10. Distributing Federal Energy Administration energy-saving tips to Kentucky National Guardsmen.



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION—This is the artist's conception of the new armory to be constructed in Cynthiana for use by Det. 1, Co. D, 201st Engr. Bn. Ground was broken for the structure in a Feb. 15 ceremony attended by Representative John Swinford, Cynthiana Mayor Melvin Hampton, Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymore, the Adjutant General, and other local and Guard officials. The total project will cost about \$664,000, and the estimated completion date is Nov. 10.

News briefs: museum, Legion, sales safeguards

NATIONAL GUARD MUSEUM—The National Guard Association of the U.S. is planning a museum to depict the 338-year history of the militia and National Guard. The museum, which will be added to the National Guard Memorial building in Washington, is expected to be completed in the spring of 1976. Planning officials hope to obtain exhibits from public and private collections and from National Guard units across the nation. Nick Hughes, assistant curator of the Kentucky Military History Museum, said that he has been contacted by representatives of the new museum and he plans to make an exhibit available. (NGAUS)

AMERICAN LEGION EXPANSION—President Gerald R. Ford recently signed into law a bill extending the eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion.

Bean soup feast

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for Air; Chief Warrant Officer 4 Walter G. Flood, Sr., treasurer; SFC Eugene Huelker, alternate treasurer; and Sgt. Carol M. Crawley, secretary.

Youth camps have been supported each year by the council and most units also sponsor local projects funded wholly or in part through the council. During 1974, such sponsorship included youth basketball, football and baseball teams, scouting, shopping tours for disadvantaged young people, Christmas parties, and transportation of youngsters to medical examination points.

Colonel Craft, the immediate past president of the council, noted that the Air Guard efforts were particularly noteworthy and that their participation was always strong. He also singled out the 201st Engineer Battalion in Ashland for special recognition for their current volleyball and table tennis tournaments. He explained that entrants from a number of distant points are expected.

Colonel Craft also expressed concern over the lack of activity by many units. "It's impossible to make firm fund commitments to support all of our programs until we know how much money we have to work with," he said. "I hope that the units that are delaying their activities will consider the needs of the program and start making plans."

The new dates are: service between World War I—April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918; World War II—service between Dec. 7, 1941 and Dec. 31, 1946; Korea—between June 25, 1950 and Jan. 31, 1955; and Vietnam—between Aug. 5, 1964 and Aug. 15, 1973.

SALES SAFEGUARD—Beginning in June, a new Federal Trade Commission ruling will give consumers a three-day "cooling off" period if they buy merchandise costing more than \$26 from door-to-door salesmen. The ruling will require contracts for all such purchases, with notices to the buyer that he may cancel the contract three days from the date of the agreement. (ANF)

Training program

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be assigned with the 2nd Armor in event of a federal call-up.

Units going to Ft. Hood will leave Kentucky March 13 and stop enroute, arriving in Texas March 15. The return trip will begin on the 28th and conclude March 30.



BEAN BONANZA—MSgt. Tony Fernandez, in white coat, who is also the head chef at Louisville's Holiday Inn—South, discusses the bean soup preparation with other Air Guardsmen. The feast raised nearly \$3,300. (ANG Photo)

Kentucky's military heritage--available for all at museum

Kentucky's rich military history—one that extends several years past the time the area attained statehood—is outlined through striking exhibits in one of the state's newest museums.

Kentucky's Military History Museum, located in Frankfort's Old State Arsenal, marked its first anniversary last month without particular notice. But that may be changing. Nearly 20,000 visitors toured the museum in the first year and "word-of-mouth" publicity is bound to boost that figure in the coming year.

Bringing attention to the museum is also a project in the Kentucky National Guard's "March is Minuteman Month" campaign.

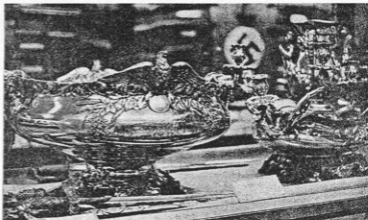
The museum was created through the joint efforts of the Department of Military Affairs and the Kentucky Historical Society, which still share its sponsorship.

The Arsenal itself is a perfect location for such a museum, for it is rich in military history. Built and first occupied as a storehouse for weapons of the Kentucky Militia in 1850, the building was controlled by both Union and Confederate troops at various periods of the Civil War and housed troops and weapons until after World War II.

Entering the building, the visitor immediately feels the old military "presence," heightened even by the curtains made from parachutes by Mrs. Eugenia Blackburn, of the Historical Society.

An unusual tomahawk-pipe that belonged to the Indian chief, Pontiac, can be seen in the first display case. It looks like a tomahawk, but is hollowed out for use as a pipe during peaceful moments.

A replica of Daniel Boone's rifle is in the adjacent case, as are other similar items from the period. The real Boone rifle is considered



SILVER SERVICE—This silver service was donated to the U.S. government by the citizens of Kentucky in 1900 for use on the Battleship Kentucky. It originally cost \$30,000 and is now on loan to the museum until another ship named Kentucky is commissioned. (Photos by Tom Little)

too valuable to keep on display.

Other interesting exhibits on the ground floor include a pistol used by Isaac Shelby, Kentucky's first Governor; General Ethan Allen's sword; and the pistol used by Vice President Aaron Burr when he killed Alexander Hamilton in a duel July 11, 1804.

The silver service from the Battleship Kentucky affords one of the most striking displays. The magnificent set is on loan to the museum until another ship named Kentucky is commissioned. That case also contains a portion of the bottle of spring water

used by Christine Bradley, daughter of Governor William Bradley, to christen the original ship.

Assistant Curator Nick Hughes said that, according to all reports, Miss Bradley was a strong backer of the Women's Christian Temperance movement and felt that the spring water would be more appropriate than the traditional champagne. As the report goes, however, while the Governor's daughter was christening the ship on one side with the water, less temperate Kentuckians were performing the honors with bourbon on the other side.

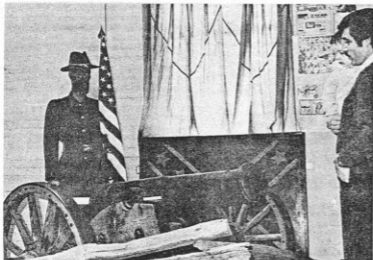
The upper floor is devoted primarily to weapons and the Kentucky National Guard. Nearly every type weapon used by Kentuckians in battle is represented.

Displays on that floor also demonstrate the role Kentuckians have played in the development of weapons. For example, the Thompson submachine gun, better known as the "Tommy Gun" in vogue during the 1920's and 1930's, was developed by General John T. Thompson, of Newport.

Hughes and research assistant Mike Housh say they have quite a few new exhibits in the works as well as expansions of some current displays.

Many of the items currently on display were part of the Smithsonian Institute's collection until the Kentucky museum opened, and others were donated by people interested in preserving the state's military heritage. Hughes explained that they are always interested in receiving items for possible display and that donations are tax-deductible.

So, while a collection of military goods is now available, it is far from complete. Hughes noted that even some rather common items, such as combat-camouflaged uniforms and equipment used in Vietnam, can be used. Anyone interested in making a donation should contact Hughes at the museum, East Main St., Frankfort, KY 40601.



CIVIL WAR—A Frankfort visitor and his son view a Civil War cannon on display on the museum's main floor. The curtains in the background are made from a parachute, while the newspaper on the wall offers protection from paint used on a diorama of the Battle of Perryville now under construction.

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