

Woodoo Tales

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KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DOES DOCUMENTARY ON KENTUCKY AIR NATIONAL GUARD:

The State of Kentucky Department of Commerce, under the direction of Mr. Ron Horn, visited our base for two days doing a feature story on the Ky. Air National Guard for the state magazine. The story's scope included our entire operations from the pilots' briefing to termination of the flight and photo interpretation by intelligence.

Two RF - 101s piloted by Colonel Yahne and Colonel Quebbeman, flew simulated combat hi - lo - hi profile on Louisville low level. Their mission was photographed from the TF - 101 by Maj. Conaway in the front seat, using the state's 16 mm camera. The plane was piloted by Lt.Col. McClure.

The story details the commercial uses for a Woodoo photographing industrial sites, provided as a service to the Dept. of Commerce. The story was written by Dave Thompson of the Ky. State News Bureau.

UNIVERSITY of LOUISVILLE. GIVES VETERANS CREDIT HOURS: Veterans are exempt from the physical education requirements if they present their DD form 214 to the Office of the Registrar. This form will serve as evidence of their active service of at least one calendar year and will fulfill the two hours of physical education required. Veterans must present 120 hours of college work and two credit hours granted for active service toward their degree requirements.

WE MISSED A FEW: Three distinguished gentlemen were inadvertently deleted from yesterday's Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service ribbon list. They are: MSgt. Rollyn H. Blankenbaker, MSgt. George J. Fink Jr. and MSgt. Guy N. Ray Jr. all of the 123d TAC Hospital. All received the Oak Leaf Cluster for additional years service. As always the personnel of the TAC Hospital are first in our hearts if not in our minds. Good flying boys, many say that's the way you've been giving shots for years.

TRAINING PERIOD SCHEDULE:

April 17 & 18

May 15 & 16

June 12 - 26: Summer camp, Savannah, Georgia.

July 17 & 18

Beginning next drill the proper uniform will be the summer uniform. It will continue until Sept. 30.

ARMED FORCES DAY DINNER DANCE: The forty-fifth annual Armed Forces Day Dinner and Dance will be held this year at Freedom Hall, State Fairgrounds. Planned is a first-class, four-course steak dinner with shrimp cocktail, exotic deserts, and numerous other tempting morsels. A brief program, including a speaker of national prominence will be featured. The date is May 14, 1971. Dutch bar opens at 6:00 P.M. with dinner being served at 7:30. Dancing begins at 9:00 and will continue until 1:00 A.M. For reservations and further information contact Maj. Paxton on drill weekends or MSgt. Gravatte during technician hours.



EDITORIAL

OUR ARMY'S BACK UP.
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It's time we took a long hard look at the Reserves and the National Guard. In our opinion, the record of both these institutions in the Louisville area leaves much to be desired. Keep in mind that these organizations are supposed to be holding men ready to defend this country in case of a national emergency. They are, then the standing Army's back-up.

In the last five years, in our local reserve company, there has not been one enlistment below the rank of Sergeant. Perhaps, this can be partially explained by an arbitrary change in disciplinary procedures. It used to be that after five "unsatisfactory" marks, a reservist could be transferred to active duty for 45 days, without consulting Congress, the Army Reserve has changed this "punishment" stretch to the "balance of active duty time," which could mean up to two years.

Our local Air National Guard unit was called up after the Pueblo incident, for a period of 14 months, even though a national emergency was never declared. For the first 9 months, nobody left Louisville. Only 35% ever made it overseas. The rest were scattered over the country in regular Army units, where they were, for the most part, told not to "get in the way" another unit, from Bardstown, did get to Viet Nam, and suffered 50 to 60% casualties.

Many said, it was because they were woefully ill-prepared. In other words they were far from "ready".

As a taxpayer, you should ask questions of your Congressman. Are you getting your money's worth of protection from the National Guard and the Army Reserve?

A response is being formulated and will be presented over the air in the very near future. If this editorial rubs you the wrong way, write WLKY and express your opinion.

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