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## 39th Annual Conference Is Ready -- Are You?

### Hershey, Dawson Owen, Cundiff To Speak Saturday

General Lewis B. Hershey, President Nixon's advisor on Manpower Mobilization, has been scheduled to address the 39th Annual Conference of NGAKy on Saturday (April 11) at 1300 hours. The General's itinerary will only allow him to be in Lexington long enough for a luncheon and his address to the Association.

Other featured speakers include the commanders of two Kentucky units mobilized in 1968 for a year's active duty tour. LTC Robert W. Cundiff, Commander of 2-138th Artillery will report on his battalion's year in Vietnam and Brigadier General Jack H. Owen, Commander, 123d Tac Recon Wing, will report on his command's active duty tour in various countries around the globe.

Major General Larry C. Dawson, The Adjutant General of Kentucky, is scheduled to report on "The State of the Guard" at the Conference.

The business session will be fast moving and interesting--so make plans to be there.

### MANY ENLISTEES ARE COLLEGE TRAINED

The following was copied from Newsletter published by Btry C 2-138th Arty from Bardstown:

"Our new enlistees, many of whom are college graduates, or college students are finding that they have attained several years of formal education, without knowing their left foot from their right."



LADIES ACTIVITIES PLANNERS--Nicknamed as "AI's Gals" after MAJ Armando J. (AI) Alfaro, who is the Chairman, are shown at a planning session at Lexington's Holiday Inn, North, in preparation for the Kentucky National Guard Conference. Committee members from left are: Mrs. Judy Winkler, Mrs. Aretta Armstrong, Mrs. Frances Buntin, Mrs. Carolyn Heaton, MAJ Alfaro, Mrs. Bobbie Davidson, Mrs. Patricia Collins, and Miss Kay Parker (Director of Sales, Holiday Inn, North). Not shown are Mrs. JoAnne Hodges and Mrs. Dorothy Alfaro. (Photo by John Howard, Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot)

### CONFERENCE CLOCK

The Schedule for the 39th Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky set for the Holiday Inn (North) in Lexington has been announced.

#### FRIDAY 10 APRIL

2000-2100 President's Reception  
2100-? Some Unit Hospitality Rooms will be open

#### SATURDAY 11 APRIL

0800-0900 Executive Council Breakfast (Council members only)  
0800-0900 Unit Insurance Administrators Breakfast (UIAs only)  
0930-1130 First Business Session  
1000-1045 Ladies Social-Coffee  
1130-1300 Luncheon for General Hershey (Invited Guests only)  
1130-1300 Ladies Luncheon  
1300-1515 Second Business Session  
1330-1630 Ladies Tours/Shopping  
1830-1930 Dutch Bar-Hospitality  
1930-2030 Banquet (Buffet Style)  
2030-0100 Military Ball

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**LADIES LUNCHEON SPEAKER**—Miss Paula Powell, representative of the Community Relations Department of Marathon's Oil Company will talk on the enlightening and entertaining subject of "Powder Puffs and Pistons," during the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, 11 April 70, at Holiday Inn, North. Miss Powell attended Findlay College and the University of Evansville in Indiana, majoring in English, speech, and the dramatic arts.

### LOTTERY SHOULD NOT AFFECT GUARD RECRUITING

Little if any adverse effect on Guard recruiting from inception of "lottery" is expected by those who know ins-and-outs of Selective Service operation. Contrary to purely statistical figuring that 19-year-olds in middle third of the group have only 50-50 chance of being tapped, those in bottom third virtually none, a test run indicates across-the-board liability.

### USP&FO IS OUTSTANDING

Headquarters, United States Air Force, has named MAJ Willis R. Hodges, USP&FO Kentucky, as an Outstanding Supply Officer for 1969. The award, based on comprehensive performance reviews by a USAF Selection Board, recognizes "outstanding proficiency in fulfilling supply responsibilities."

### THROUGH THE BARRIER WHEN HE SHOULDN'T "OUGHTER"

The following letter was written by COL Verne M. Yahne, Base Detachment Commander, Shewmaker ANG Base, Louisville, to the Editor, Aviation Week (19 Jan 70 issue).

"Pertaining to the previous article about the person who claims he witnessed a WW II vintage P-38 "Lightning" exceeding the speed-of-sound in a power dive is correct.

On November 11, 1943, I was leading a 16-ship formation at 32,000 feet above San Diego, California, when I suffered hypoxia and went into a power dive. However, just prior to losing consciousness I was able to open the emergency oxygen valve slightly and somewhere prior to reaching 5,000 feet I regained consciousness in a vertical dive. I immediately pulled back on the control column, which caused the right wing and tail to fall off. I bailed out immediately. My parachute opened just before I landed in the bay just off shore of North Island where I was stationed with the Army Corps P-38 Squadron.

As a result of the air accident investigation, the engineer determined that due to the power and rpm setting and the angle of the propellers that I had exceeded 800 mph. A sonic boom was experienced by many residents in San Diego and North Island and the fact that very few people were knowledgeable about sonic booms caused everyone to erroneously think that the P-38 had a detonating device to get rid of the tail section prior to bail out."

Since that unpleasant day COL Yahne has flown faster than the speed of sound many times—with much more favorable results. The RF 101 "Voodoo" he flies today is capable of, and constructed to, achieve this feat.

### CHAPPEL EDUCATIONAL FUND SOARING ALONG

The members of Btry A 2-138th Artillery, Carrollton, have started the Chappel Educational Fund for the surviving children of ISG Luther M. Chappel, who was killed in Vietnam, at Tomahawk Fire Base, on 19 June 1969, while the battalion was on active duty.

All money donated is deposited in a savings account for an educational fund for his children when they reach age 18. At present the members of the unit have collected over \$300, and are shooting for a goal of \$800.

Any donation that Guard members or former Guardsmen desire to contribute may be made out to Chappel Educational Fund, and mailed to Btry A 2-138th Artillery, Carrollton, Kentucky, 41008.



### HAPPY MONDAY MORNINGS

Happy Monday Mornings are in sight for Civil Service employees, effective 1 January 1971. The so-called Monday Holiday Law goes into effect on that date. The new federal holidays to be observed under Public Law 90-363 are New Years Day on 1 January; Washington's Birthday is the third Monday in February; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May; July 4 is Independence Day; Labor Day, first Monday in September; the second Monday in October is to be a new holiday called Columbus Day; the fourth Monday in October is Veterans Day; Thanksgiving Day will remain the same—that is the fourth Thursday in November; and no change was made for Christmas Day which is 25 December.

## RESERVE FORCES TERMINOLOGY CLARIFIED

Improper reference to reserve forces terminology has prompted Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Roger T. Kelley to issue a memorandum of clarification.

He said, "It has come to my attention recently that the National Guard components of our reserve forces often are not adequately or properly identified."

Secretary Kelley explained, "Although the National Guard component (both Army and Air Force) are 'reserve' components and forces in the general sense, these terms are sometimes misunderstood by, or confusing to, the layman. The use of the term 'reserve' is often misinterpreted to exclude the National Guard when such is not the case. And more important, the exclusive use of the term 'reserve', when the inclusion of National Guard units is intended does not adequately identify the subject matter."

He added, "In an effort to correct this situation, it is requested that specific terminology be used, as appropriate . . . when referring to both Reserve and National Guard forces." He listed the following examples as proper reference:

National Guard and Reserve forces/components/units

National Guardsmen and Reservists

Army National Guard and Army Reserve forces/components/units

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve forces/components/units

## JUST TESTING OWENSBORO GUARD UNIT IS MOBILIZED

The 2-123rd Armor was mobilized for active duty on 16 January 70 . . . on paper, that is. The battalion which is commanded by LTC Robert M. Fiorella, is participating in LAB CHECK I, a mobilization exercise, being conducted within the 15-state First US Army. They will participate in the exercise until its completion on 31 March.

Only a cross-section of units from the ARNG and USAR are participating. The 2-123rd Armor is the only Kentucky unit involved.

LAB CHECK I is being conducted to familiarize and train personnel in plans and procedures, in event a period of international crisis should occur requiring mobilization.

The controllers and additional players for this exercise are from the HHD KyARNG. The Adjutant General, MG Larry C. Dawson, is the Kentucky Chief Controller for First US Army.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I have learned years ago that it is foolish to scold. I have enough trouble over-coming my own limitations without fretting over the fact that God did not see fit to distribute evenly the gift of intelligence.

—Francis Bacon

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## MSCA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK ESTABLISHED

A new radio network has been established in Kentucky using equipment of the Military Support to Civil Authorities Section (MSCA). COL Robert L. Bell, Director, MSCA, stated, "The system currently has six stations and is primarily designed to support Civil Defense Missions, but can be used for other missions, when required."

It is intended that these stations will be on the air periodically, and by previous arrangement can operate for any given mission. They are presently located in Ashland, Barbourville, Bowling Green, Lexington, Louisville and Paducah. The Net Control Station is located in Frankfort.

In addition to fixed stations, it is planned to install like equipment in Owensboro. In the near future a mobile unit will work out of Frankfort on any location needed.

"It is felt that this added means of communications not only will be of value to Civil Defense operations in Kentucky, but will greatly improve all means of communications for the Guard," stated COL Bell.



**MILITARY BALL MUSIC**—George Hall and the Hallmarks, a talented musical group from Ironton, Ohio, will provide conference participants a lot of fine danceable music for the Military Ball Saturday evening, April 11th. This popular music group is always in demand. They now perform nightly at the Hi-Lo Club in Charleston, West Virginia. The group recently added a fourth member since this photo was taken.

## WHERE IS HOLIDAY INN—NORTH?

There are three Holiday Inns in Lexington. The NGAKy Conference will be at Holiday Inn—North.

Two of the three Holiday Inns are located on Kentucky Route 4 "New Circle Road," sometimes called the Belt Line. These two are Holiday Inns (East) and (West). Holiday Inn—North is on Newtown Pike, about two miles North of the New Circle Road (Kentucky 4).

Those coming from Louisville will simply want to follow "To Interstate 75" markers toward Cincinnati. Those coming from Ashland and the Eastern part of Kentucky will want to stay on Interstate 75 bypassing most of Lexington then use the "Newtown Pike Exit" (Exit no. 18).

Holiday Inn—North is at the Intersection of Newtown Pike at Interstate 75.

# Changing Of The Guard

**KyARNG OCS SPACES  
ARE NOW AVAILABLE**



**MP CHANGE OF COMMAND—MG Larry C. Dawson, Adjutant General (center), receives the colors of the KyARNG's 149th Military Police Battalion from outgoing commander LTC William E. Nau, in change of command ceremonies held at Barbourville on 15 March 1970. Waiting to receive the colors, and the new commander, is LTC James F. Graves (second from right), Frankfort, Ky. Graves, a full-time employee of the National Guard in Frankfort, replaces Nau who is retiring after 28 years service. (Photo—133rd PI Detachment).**

## **COSTAR UNIT HAS NEW CO**

MAJ Joseph R. Craft, Louisville, was appointed the new Commander of the 103rd Supply and Service Battalion, effective 1 April 1970, by MG Larry C. Dawson, The Adjutant General.

His past Guard assignments include Finance Officer of the 123rd Fighter Interceptor Wing, Company Commander of the 413th Ord Co (GS), Aide-de-Camp to The Adjutant General, and G4 and Supply Staff Officer of the HHD KyARNG.

MAJ Craft, a University of Louisville graduate, was employed by the USP&FO in September 1950, and has served as Administrative Assistant to the USP&FO for Kentucky for 12 years.

MAJ Craft relieves LTC John W. Connor Jr., Richmond, who was assigned the duties of Asst G4 of the HHD KyARNG.

## **NEW KEEPER OF THE CASTLE**

LTC Wilbur R. Buntin Jr., Carlisle, assumed command of the 201st Engr Bn (C) (A), on 22 Feb 70, during a change of command ceremony held at the National Guard Armory in Ashland.

Prior to his new assignment, LTC Buntin, a veteran of 24 years service, served as the Executive Officer of the XXIII Corps Artillery located in Louisville.

A life long native of Carlisle, LTC Buntin served for four years on active duty, to include a two year tour in the South Pacific during WWII.

LTC Buntin, whose assumption of command was effective 10 February 70, relieves MAJ Billy G. Wellman, who was reassigned duties as Battalion Executive Officer.

MAJ Arthur B. Emmons, former Battalion Executive Officer, was transferred to HHD KyARNG.

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The mission of the Guard is to be willing, ready and able to protect the peace and stay ready for war. Carrying out this mission is something you can do, as a commissioned officer, if you can meet the OCS entrance requirements. Needed are (1) drive and ambition, (2) the ability to finish what you start, and (3) a sense of service to your country and community.

Want something a little easier? Then stop reading right here and forget it. On the other hand, if you decide to try for a position of leadership in the Guard, make up your mind that you may have to work your head off to get there—but you will be in good company when you arrive.

To qualify for the Kentucky National Guard Officer Candidate School program, you must—

- Be not less than 19 or older than 28 on date of commission.
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be a High School Graduate, or equivalent education.
- Meet rigid physical requirements
- Be recommended by your unit commander—and acceptable as a commissioned officer in his command.
- Achieve a passing score on a series of Officer Candidate tests
- Have completed a period of active training followed by 6 months Army/Air National Guard duty. In the case of college graduates, a period of initial active duty training only.
- Appear before, and be accepted by, an Officer Candidate Screening Board.

Candidates accepted to attend OCS who are not in pay grade E5, or above, are promoted to that grade. The curriculum spans 13 months and consists of three phases totaling over 300 hours of instruction. The course begins with a 15 day field training period during the summer, followed by 12 week-end assemblies, and is completed with the second field training period, which is highlighted by Graduation.

Applications for the next class will be accepted until May 15th. Interested persons are encouraged to see their unit commanders or unit AST immediately.

## **OFF WITH THE OLD— ON WITH THE NEW**

Subdued grade insignia for enlisted Army Guardsmen is being issued to all personnel in Kentucky. Availability of pin-on insignia ends long wait for Army Guardsmen, who now are authorized three pair of the subdued insignia for wear on field and work uniforms.