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Army Guard gets two more units

By Maj. Bob Whitaker

The Kentucky Army National Guard marked another stage in its growth recently as Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, announced the organization of two new units. Both units received federal recognition Dec. 1.

One change involves an alteration in the structure of the 203d General Supply Company, which had been based in Harrodsburg, with a detachment in Danville. The entire unit is now located in Harrodsburg and the new 303d General Supply Company is located in Danville.

Each unit will have an authorized strength of six officers, one warrant officer, and 113 enlisted members. The area Guard units now have a combined strength of 135.

Guardsmen who have trained in Danville have formed the nucleus of the new unit. Capt. Charles H. Douglas, of Millersburg, commands the 203d and Capt. Robert D. Browning heads the 303d.

The second new unit, the 614th Military Police Company, is temporarily headquartered in Louisville. It is authorized 115 members.

"By expanding Guard units in Kentucky, we have received a vote of confidence from the Chief of the National Guard Bureau," General Frymire said. "This is not only a boost to the local communities' economy, but also to the state's. It offers a great opportunity for the advancement of deserving Guardsmen," he explained.

According to Col. Billy G. Wellman, the Kentucky Army Guard's chief of staff, the new units "will provide the needed support for the existing combat units of Kentucky."

Marshall White, director of facilities for the Department of Military Affairs, said that steps have already been taken to have a new armory built in Harrodsburg to replace the existing structure. He noted that though part of the funding must come from Congress through the National Guard Bureau, he is confident that the project will be approved in the near future.

Extensive recruiting drives are already underway in the Danville-Harrodsburg area to bring both units to full strength.



AWARD WINNER—This photo, taken at Camp Shelby, Miss. by SP5 Joseph G. Haydon, HHB, 138th FA, won first place in the National Guard Bureau's annual photo contest. The original photo, which was in color, won the "best in show" Army Guard award of \$150.

Technicians win struggle

The long struggle is over. After an intensive four-year effort, National Guard technicians have been granted full credit for past technician service on their Civil Service retired pay.

The goal was reached Nov. 12, when President Ford signed S.584, converting it into Public Law 94-126. By its terms, thousands of technicians will receive credit for 100 per cent of their pre-1969 technician service for retired pay purposes instead of the 55 per cent previously allowed.

Amendments inserted by the House and accepted by the Senate placed three restrictions on the computations. First, there will be no retroactive "catch-up" payments; those already retired will find future monthly checks increased, but the increases will not be paid for periods prior to Dec. 1, 1975. Second, only those individuals who were in technician status on or after Jan. 1, 1969 will be entitled to recomputation of their retired pay. Third, technicians entitled to retired pay from state retirement systems

will have their federal Civil Service annuities reduced by the amount of their technician-related state annuities.

In 1968 Congress enacted the National Guard Technician Act, giving Guard technicians federal employee status and bringing them into the Civil Service system, effective Jan. 1, 1969. It credited them, however, for retired pay purposes, with only 55 per cent of their previous service as technicians.

Bills to boost prior service credit from 55 to 100 per cent were introduced three times—in 1971, 1973 and 1975. The first two passed the Senate but never emerged from the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. This year, S.584, sponsored by Senator Quentin N. Burdick of North Dakota, again passed the Senate quickly. Then, with strong support from the Committee chairman, Rep. David N. Henderson of North Carolina; the chairman of the Subcommittee on Retirement and Employee Benefits, Rep. Richard C. White of Texas; and the primary sponsor of the

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Council considers legislation

The executive council of the National Guard Association of Kentucky met recently and considered a variety of issues, particularly legislative proposals.

The group was advised that all of the proposals have been discussed with Kentucky's administration representatives and that first drafts of most of the bills have been prepared. It was suggested that commanders invite their local legislators to visit units before the 1976 General Assembly convenes so that they might become more familiar with the Guard in their areas.

The membership committee reported a gain of 13 new life members since April 1, increasing that total to 79.

Maj. Louis Sahel, chairman of the General Conference committee, reported on that group's activities and asked council members to sample attitudes within their commands on pro-rata charges for conference activities based on officer/warrant officer grades.

The insurance committee reported that the program has been providing excellent coverage and assistance to claimants but that it would not realize a financial gain during the year. The program's reserve position was termed "excellent."



TAKING AIM—PFC Roger Bolton, of the 307th Maintenance Co. focuses his attention down range while qualifying with the M-16 rifle. The action occurred during recent training exercises at the Weekend Training Site in Greenville. (Photo by SP4 Jerry Wright)

Memorial is attraction

By SP4 Tim Dudgeon

One of the tourist attractions often overlooked by visitors to our nation's capital is a historic monument dedicated solely to the contribution which the National Guard has made to the United States.

The GUARDSMAN suggests that if you are in the Washington, D.C. area for a Bicentennial year vacation, you should take the time to visit the National Guard Memorial.

Within sight of the Capitol building, the Memorial is a fascinating display of artifacts, weapons, uniforms and exhibits illustrating the history, traditions and spirit of the Guard.

A tour of the building traces accomplishments of the Guard from the days of George Washington as a militiaman down through some 145 major military campaigns of the U.S. to the present day.

The exciting saga of the Guard is told in words, pictures and audiovisual demonstrations. In addition to the history of military success there is also a section of the memorial dedicated to the peacetime mission of the Guard. Continuous films are shown with National Guardsmen depicted protecting American homes, farms and factories during floods, hurricanes and earthquakes. Legendary heroes of America, such as Andrew Jackson, Kit Carson, Charles Lindbergh and Harry Truman, all militiamen or members of the Guard, are displayed in statue form throughout the Memorial.

Pay chart reflects increase

A five per cent pay hike for federal employees, including National Guardsmen, went into effect Oct. 1, ending hopes for the proposed 8.66 per cent increase. For Guardsmen, the increases in quarters and subsistence allowances are minimal, since those allowances are paid only during annual training and other active duty periods. The following chart shows the new pay rates for one unit training assembly. To compute the pay for a standard week-end drill, multiply the appropriate figure by four.

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ON PARADE—Members of HHB, 1st Bn., 623d FA provide transportation and colors for Glasgow's annual Veterans Parade in photo above. The unit led the parade and carried a group of veterans to the court house for a program honoring Glasgow and Barren County veterans. (Photo courtesy of Glasgow Daily Times) in the photo below. 1st Lt. Robert L. Elam leads Prestonsburg's Det. 1, Co. B, 1st Bn., 149th Inf. in the "Free Enterprise Day" parade. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Scotty McFadden)



2113th to donate medals

A Frankfort-based Kentucky Army National Guard unit is donating an unusual collection to the Kentucky Military Museum.

Members of the 2113th Transportation Company have been working voluntarily for the past six months to secure every medal awarded by the Department of the Army to place on display at the military museum.

Under the direction and encouraged by the enthusiasm of CW4 William C. Heim, the unit has obtained more than 30 medals, including the Medal of Honor. Of the decorations, some are awarded for merit, others earned for combat and others are presented for honorable service.

The 2113th first became involved in the project when approached by the state recruiting and retention officer, Lt. Col.

Armando Alfaro, to determine if the company would take up a collection to help defray the cost of buying the medals.

The company took over the project, did some investigating and received word from the Department of the Army that the medals would be donated to the worthwhile cause.

A collection was still necessary to offset costs incurred in the preparation of the display case and plaque which states the collection is "In memory of the men who died while members of the 2113th."

The encased medals will be presented to the museum Dec. 7, the 30th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Warrant Officer Heim, avionics section leader for the 2113th, has been a member of the National Guard for 23 years. He has donated more than 80 hours outside of Guard drills working on this project.

NEWS... in brief

Military Museum

The Kentucky Military History Museum, one of Frankfort's most popular tourist attractions, will be closed for about three months beginning Jan. 1. The close is necessitated by the installation of central heating and air conditioning. Nick Hughes, curator of the museum, noted that the time will also be used to improve the exhibits.

High School Visitors

The 1st Battalion, 149th Mechanized Infantry hosted 11 high school seniors from the Harboursville area during November weekend maneuvers at Fort Knox. The students took part in some of the activities and toured the post, including the Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor.

Air Reenlistments

A recent change in regulations spelled the end of one-year reenlistments in the Air Guard. People with active duty service but without any Guard experience can still come in under the "Try One" program, but all reenlistments now carry a three-year minimum. Enlistment obligations for people with no prior service remain the same. Army Guard officials noted that one-year reenlistments are still available under Army Guard regulations.

Heaton Election

Lt. Col. Jerry Heaton, executive director of the National Guard Association of Kentucky, was elected president of the Executive Directors Association at the recent annual convention of the National Guard Association of the U.S. in Seattle. As president, he will lead the 27-member executive body for the next year.

Air Guard sets bean soup fest

The Air Guard's sixth annual "Bean Soup Feast" and open house is set for 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Jan. 22 at Shewmaker ANG Base in Louisville.

The proceeds will be used to help finance the annual Youth Camp, which provided a free two-week camping experience last summer for more than 100 youngsters.

The "all you can eat" menu will include bean soup, corn bread, cole slaw, cake, soft drinks and coffee. Adult tickets are \$1.50, while children and senior citizens will be charged only \$1.

All Guardsmen, their families and friends are invited to attend and view the Air Guard's facilities and equipment, including the RF-101 Voodoos. Crews will be available to explain the aircraft and unit mission.

Women join ranks of 202d Army Band

By SP4 Paul Howard

Four Kentucky women became the first female members of the 202d Kentucky Army National Band recently, ending one of the last male strongholds in the Kentucky Guard.

Vickie Cook and LuAnne Wallace, 22-year old Danville residents, and Williamsburg residents Sharon Wortman, 19, and Martha Foster, 20, signed up to play in the band, which has been organized as the 202d since 1949.

The women have several things in common besides their membership in the 202d. All either played or are playing in their college bands (and high school bands before that); all are single; and all joined the 28-member band with a three-year enlistment and the rank of private first class.

Privates Cook and Wallace are also in the band's nine-member combo, the "Wilderness Roads New Breed." Both sing and play instruments—Cook a French horn and Wallace, percussion instruments.

Privates Wortman and Foster both play clarinet and saxophone in the band and are music students at Cumberland College.

"Our music teacher at Cumberland told

Martha and me that joining the Guard's band would be good experience," Private Wortman said. "So we decided to do it. The extra money comes in handy, too."

Private Foster is a senior who calls Green Cove Springs, Fla. home when she's not at school. "My ambition for a long time has been to be a high school band director," she said. "That's what I've been preparing for, and that's what I'm going to be. Playing in the Guard band is good experience."

In her civilian job, Private Cook is assistant band director at Boyle County High School and director of the high school choir. She received her bachelor's degree in music education in 1974 and her Master of

Music degree in 1975, both from Morehead State University. She was a member of the marching band, symphony band and collegiate band there.

Private Wallace gives voice and percussion instruction to private students in civilian life, and is also a substitute teacher in the Danville area. She received her bachelor's degree in music education in 1975 from Morehead, where she was a member of the marching band, percussion ensemble, concert choir and chamber singers.

All of the women are looking forward to next year's summer tour with the band, as the group accompanies an impressive bicentennial caravan around the state.

Guardsmen earns shooting honors

A member of the Kentucky Army National Guard recently led the U.S. rifle team by scoring 399 out of a possible 400 in the Dewar Cup Competition at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Maj. Presley Kendall, of Carlisle, has been a member of the United States team for about 20 years and has been termed by some as "the best shooter ever in Kentucky."

In other recent matches, the Army Guard officer took top honors in the Georgia state championships with a near-

record 3,199 out of a 3,200 perfect score. Additionally, he earned first place in the Maryland state meet with a total of 3,198.

As a member of the Kentucky National Guard team, he won a gold medal in the standing match at the National Guard championships in Little Rock and had the high overall score with the M-14 rifle.

Program ends

Guardswomen will no longer be enlisted under the two-week basic training program.

Until the recent change, Guardswomen with civilian acquired skills which qualified them for a military specialty were eligible for the program.

Now, women enlistees will be required to attend seven and one-half weeks of basic training and a period of advanced training required for the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) they fill.

"The two-week training program did not prove effective because it didn't provide enough time for women to become fully Army oriented and qualified for their MOS," explained Col. Billy G. Wellman, Kentucky Army National Guard Chief of Staff.

Women already enlisted under the two-week program will be trained during FY 76 to absorb prior commitments.

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House bill, Rep. G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery of Mississippi, the bill cleared the Committee and was approved by the House Oct. 20.

The Senate accepted the House version and the bill was sent to the White House.

The signing culminated years of intensive effort by NGAUS, state Adjutants General, thousands of technicians, and technical labor organizations.

The increases will become effective Dec. 1. Retirees must make application for an increased annuity. The Civil Service Commission will, in the very near future, notify retired technicians of the procedure for making application. The increase will be effective as of Dec. 1, regardless of application date. (NGAUS)

Conference planned; early resolutions sought

Preparations already are underway for the 45th Annual General Conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky. The conference will be held March 5-7, and the business session and related events will be conducted at Louisville's Executive Inn West.

Conference planning this year is under the guidance of Maj. Louis Sabel of the XXIII Corps Artillery.

Guardsmen wishing to introduce a resolution for the conference should submit the proposal on or before Feb. 1 to the Association office in Frankfort.

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