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ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL SOON TO BE AUTHORIZED

Effective 3 March 1972, a new medal, to be known as the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, may be awarded to members of the Army National Guard.

The medal, which ranks below the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, may be awarded based on the preceding four years of service starting with the March 72 effective date. It may be issued to eligible personnel in the grade of Colonel or below on completion of four years of service in a Reserve component troop program unit.

A bronze oak leaf cluster will be issued in lieu of a medal for each four years of qualifying



service. A silver oak leaf cluster will be issued in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters.

Like the Army's Good Conduct Medal, the new medal may be awarded only upon the specific recommendation of a person's unit commander. The individual must have attended annual training or its equivalent and 90 percent of all scheduled drills each year. Further eligibility requirements are outlined in Change 21 to AR 672-5-1.

The new medal will be available with distinctive reverse face for service in the National Guard or USAR.

The colors will be red, white and blue representing the national colors and patriotism and the gold symbolizes merit.

FRYMIRE NAMED ADJUTANT GENERAL

LTC Richard L. Frymire, Madisonville, was sworn in as the Adjutant General of Kentucky, immediately after the Governor, Wendell Ford, took his oath of office, on 7 December 1971 at Frankfort.

With that act, the 40-year-old lawyer became the first Kentucky Air National Guardsman to hold this key appointive post.

Frymire was born January 4, 1931, in Louisville. He graduated from Irvington High School in 1948, received his A. B. degree from Centre College in 1952, and obtained his law degree from the University of Kentucky in 1959.

Since 1960, he has been a partner in the law firm of Moore, Morrow, Frymire and McGraw, in Madisonville.

The new Adjutant General is a service veteran of 19 years. He served as a U. S. Marine Corps fighter pilot from 1952-56; in the Kentucky National Guard, 1956-68, and was recalled to active duty in March 1968 due to the Pueblo incident to serve in the Air Force until June 1969.

General Frymire then returned to the Kentucky Air National Guard and until the time of his appointment, he was the Commander of the 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

In addition to having received the Air Force Commendation Medal during the Pueblo Crisis, he has the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Armed Force Expeditionary Medal, Combat Readiness Medal and the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon.

MJG Frymire has flown over 3000 hours and is a rated Command Pilot.

He is married to the former Phyllis Taylor of Campbellsville. They have six children: Richard, 15; Anne, 13; John, 11; Betsy, 9; Jane, 7 and 4-year-old David.



TARGET ACQUISITION UNIT HOLDS DINNER, DANCE

Battery A, 5-138th Artillery recently held a unit Pot Luck Dinner and Christmas Dance at the Burchell Armory.

Festivities started with an open house for family and friends of unit Guardsmen. Children were given jeep rides and allowed to talk over unit radios. This was followed by the pot-luck dinner featuring the food specialty of every wife of the Guardsmen who were present. Later in the evening, there was dancing, featuring the "Shaloms".

Approximately 350 persons attended. Plans are already in progress for another family gathering in the near future.



GUARDSMEN VISIT STATE LEGISLATORS FOR NG ASSOCIATION

A strong effort was made during December by the National Guard Association of Kentucky to provide an adequate budget for the Department of Military Affairs.

Using volunteers from all the Guard units in the state, information packets which briefly explained the budget requirements for this upcoming biennium were distributed to the volunteers to be "hand carried" to each Kentucky Representative and Senator of the State Legislature.

The packets contained a letter of transmittal from the Association President, MAJ John B. Conaway, a 7-page information booklet on the budget which was prepared by the former Adjutant General, MG Larry C. Dawson, and a financial sheet to show the financial impact which the Kentucky National Guard has on areas represented by the various legislators. Also in the packet was the just published "annual report" for the Military Department.

In his letter, MAJ Conaway explained that past budgets had been cut back to the extent that certain mandatory maintenance could not be performed on some Guard facilities. Such projects as new roofs for some of the older buildings could not be replaced, thereby causing extensive damage to the structure. He noted that this was "false economy of the first order."

Reports received from the volunteers who visited legislators for the Association all indicated a good reception plus a pledge of support for the Military Department and its program. MAJ Conaway was obviously pleased with the responses thus far. "It is gratifying to have so many officers and enlisted men to help us with this most important project. Their overall efforts have been tremendous and I want to thank them all for a job well done!"

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL COMMENTS



By Major General Richard L. Frymire

As Kentucky's new Adjutant General I find we face new problems in 1972. The problems, although common to older Guardsmen, are new to younger members.

Today we are faced with a near zero draft situation and many of our young men, who have been the backbone of our units for the past five or six years, are leaving the Guard. We must move to meet this crisis of Recruitment and Retention. To do so each unit must critically appraise itself to determine the reasons people are leaving the Guard.

Unit Commanders must be imaginative and innovative and make the Guard a place where the "action" is. In line with this thinking, I have directed the establishment of a nine member Junior Officers Council who can present their problems, comments and recommendations directly to me. These young lieutenants, both army and air, are closest to the enlisted men and are familiar with the problems surrounding morale, training and retention. I want to hear their views.

The Kentucky National Guard is outstanding, both in peace and war, but the quality and contributions of our units have been kept a secret too long. We must sell the Kentucky National Guard and ourselves, as Guardsmen, to our communities, employers, and families. The Guardsman is needed by the community, the Commonwealth, and the United States.

This year, we will initiate a "Family Day" at each unit so that our wives and children may

understand the unit's mission and purpose.

In short, my message to you is — *Recruit, Retain, and Sell* the Kentucky National Guard to all that will lend an ear.

I expect each officer, non-commissioned officer, and enlisted man to demonstrate good management in the use of his men and equipment, and present challenging training that will test the mettle of our Guardsmen.

It is an honor to serve as Adjutant General of Kentucky. I shall look forward to working with each Guardsman in making the Kentucky National Guard the best in the Nation!



TOP LEFT — Miss Betty Lee, a secretary in the G. Day. TOP RIGHT — Several hundred guests were of the new Adjutant General. Above, LTC Fred member of the KyANG, greets the new Adjutant Frymire. At right is Major General Larry C. Dawson. Reception was given by the National Guard Association and Mrs. Frymire watch the Inauguration Parade (Carroll) Helpers parade by. BOTTOM LEFT — F Battalion, 138th Artillery, Louisville. BOTTOM Artillery present a sharp appearance.

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The Guard belongs.
That's the biggest reason you should belong to the Guard.

GUARDSMEN PARADE AND ASSIST WITH INAUGURATION DAY ACTIVITIES

More than 300 Kentucky National Guardsmen had a part in the inaugural activities that surrounded Governor Wendell Ford on Kentucky's Inauguration Day last December 7th.

A good contingency of Guardsmen participated in the parade, for the Kentucky Guard was represented with more than 50 elements in the military portion of the actual parade. The largest single element was 100 marching Air National Guardsmen commanded by LTC Harry T. Greshel of Valley Station. The Colors of every major command in the Army and Air Guard with appropriate Color Guards paraded by Governor-elect Ford, the Guard's new commander-in-chief, the new Governor's hometown, Owensboro, was also well represented in that HHC, 2-123d Armor personnel motored by the reviewing stand in the various types of military vehicles now in use by the Army Guard.

Many Guardsmen worked behind the scenes to insure a successful inauguration day. A contingency of Military Police from Barbourville's 149th MP Battalion, using radio jeeps, aided parade officials in the movement of nearly 300 school and commercial buses which were used to transport parade participants to the parade assembly areas and then retrieve them at the end of the parade route.

A special element was formed to "fire" a 19-gun salute in honor of the new Governor just seconds after he was sworn into office. CWO Harlan S. Pinkston of the 413th HEM Company supervised this project.

Many Guardsmen who had inauguration duties never saw the first minute of the parade unless they were near a TV set. Personnel of the 413th HEM Company were on duty to prepare about 250 box lunches for the Guardsmen who had parade assignments. Other Guardsmen were on hand to transport participants to and from the various activities.

Eight radio vehicles and drivers from the 5th Target Acquisition Battalion from Lexington and Louisville were used by parade officials to coordinate the massive parade which was divided into seven divisions. Each parade marshal was assigned a vehicle for coordination and timing. The parade lasted four hours. Some elements began assembling at 6 a.m. for the 10 a.m. parade.

A reception, given by the National Guard Association of Kentucky, in honor of the newly appointed Adjutant General was held at the National Guard Armory in Frankfort. Many Guardsmen from units across the state plus a number of volunteers from the USPFQ and the Adjutant General's Office were busy most of the day in preparation for that event. LTC Joseph C. Craft, was the officer-in-charge of the Reception.

COL Edward H. Milburn, Chief of Staff for the Adjutant General coordinated the Guard's participation in inauguration activities with the basic planning and directives being produced by LTC Billy G. Wellman, Operations and Training Officer for the State G3 Section.

Separation is Automatic—all he does is wait—reenlistment requires decision—it provides for the future.



...ner's office, enjoys the festivities of Inauguration through the receiving line at the reception in honor of Bradley, County Judge of Franklin County and a General, Major General Richard L. Frymire and Mrs. n, the former Adjutant General of Kentucky. The lion of Kentucky. MIDDLE LEFT - Major General MIDDLE RIGHT - Members of Julian's (Lt. Gov. sing in review are the colors and guidons of the 2d GHT - Guidon bearers of the 1st Battalion, 623d

...r National Guard and the 133d Public Info Detachment.

KENTUCKY WAF FLIGHT IS ON THE MOVE

The National Guard Bureau has approved a plan to send a flight of up to ten women together to basic training. This "Kentucky WAF Flight" will be the first non-prior service enlisted woman in the history of the units.

The flight will leave for Texas and six weeks basic training sometime early in the spring. Individuals, however, may be processed, enlisted and sent to basic on an individual basis, effective immediately.

Openings exist for these women in many career fields including administration, personnel, finance, supply, photography and medical technology.

A women enlisted in the Air Guard can expect to earn a pay of \$268 per month, above and beyond the normal housing, boarding, medical, and other benefits of the military.

The unit presently has on enlisted WAF in administration and one officer nurse, with two other nurses being processed for enlistment.

Application standards include the requirement of graduation from high school and age between 18 and 28. Women under 21 must have parental permission. All must pass certain written tests.

The Kentucky Air National Guard in Louisville is located on Old Grade Lane. For more information call SGT Nancy Marchand at 366-0326.



FAREWELL GIFT - MG Larry C. Dawson, right, is shown receiving a print of Paul Sawyer's "The Arsenal" from COL Charles L. Sellins. The print was presented during the General's last days in office at a Farewell Luncheon held by employees of the Military Department and the Kentucky National Guard on 3 December at the Frankfort Holiday Inn.

THE CASE OF THE LEFT FOOTED SOLDIER

The story begins the night before Annual Training 1971. The Scout and Mortar Platoons, 1-123d Armor of Hickman, Kentucky were to leave for Fort Hood, Texas at 0600 hours on July 9th.

The men were to arrive at 0500 hours. At 0455 hours, the subject at hand arrived wearing blue jeans and cowboy boots. He had his fatigues in the car to change at the Armory. He, like so many of the other men had packed his duffle bag and footlocker on the truck previously.

Rushing to get into his fatigues, PFC Harry S. Barry, Jr. realized that his boots were both left boots. PFC Barry went to his Platoon Sergeant, SFC James C. Nabors, to explain his situation. There he was with two left boots and his others stored away at the front of the truck. He tried to explain to SFC Nabors that his wife had helped him to pack. She packed the clothing while Barry packed the field equipment. Unknowingly she had packed the right boot of the pair he was going to wear and the right boot of the extra pair.

With only minutes left before time to leave, PFC Barry decided to leave the boots on the truck and go to Texas wearing both left boots. Thus, PFC Barry confessed to the fact of being a left footed soldier.



GUARD TO ASSIST JUNIOR RIFLE CLUB

The HHB, 5-138th Arty., Lexington and the Meadowthorpe Optimist Club of Lexington have formed a youth rifle team. Ten young people formed a Jr. Optimist Club whose project will be rifle marksmanship. A group leader (adult) will be furnished to provide supervision of the young people by the Optimist Club. The Lexington Rifle and Pistol Club will present the required instruction utilizing the facilities of the Lexington National Guard Armory. After preliminary rifle instruction, the youth team will practice fire at the same time and place as the HHB 5-138th Arty unit team fires. By this arrangement there will be a coach for each young person thereby establishing the "Buddy System."

"This is the first giant step in the establishment of outstanding community relations between this unit and the residents of the City of Lexington," stated CW3 Edward C. Smith, the project officer.

AIR GUARD OFFICER IS DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE

2LT Philip T. Frasier, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron was designated a distinguished graduate upon completing Undergraduate Pilot Training at Webb Air Force Base, Texas, 10 Dec 71. He finished the 1-year course with an academic average of 98.16.

Lt. Frasier, Glasgow, Ky., enlisted in the KyANG on 18 Oct 1969. He was approved for Pilot Training and commissioned 30 Sep 1970, entering training on 9 Dec 1970. Having won his pilot wings he is currently undergoing combat crew training in the RF 101 at Little Rock AF Base, Ark.

In civilian life he is a free lance pilot. He received a BS Degree in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee in June 1969. He attended Pepperdine College, Heidelberg, Germany from 1965-66.

Lt. Frasier exemplifies the quality of young men we choose to fly our "hot ones". Congratulations to Lt. Frasier for a superior performance, and for bringing credit upon himself the Air National Guard and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

BOWLING GREEN UNITS SPONSOR JUNIOR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The HHC 149th Armor Group, assisted by the 2123d Transportation Company, Bowling Green, in cooperation with the Boys Clubs of America sponsored a "Junior Basketball Tournament" at the Warren Central High School Gymnasium, on 29 December 71, for Boys Clubs members ages 11-13. An invitation to Boys Clubs within the state to participate in the tournament was made through the local Boys Clubs, Clubs responding were Bowling Green, Glasgow, Summershade, Portland, Ormsby and East End in Louisville, Paducah, and Owensboro.

The purpose of the event was to provide a tournament where young men who may not have a chance to play on a school team, might have the opportunity to compete in a tournament of equals, and receive tangible recognition for their performance in the form of trophies and medals.

The National Guard personnel participating provided volunteer services as referees, scorekeepers, timekeepers, cooks, etc., all on a volunteer basis. All participants were fed two meals at the Bowling Green Armory, with transportation provided to and from. An Awards Ceremony was held following the evening meal, at which time Portland was presented the Winning Team Trophy by CPT Frank VanFleet, the tourney project officer.

Get the facts about re-enlistment.



SOLDIER OF THE YEAR AWARD RECOGNIZES 1SG JOHN D. WEST

LTC Joseph R. Craft, Commander of the 103d S&S Bn, Richmond, announced the creation of the JOHN D. WEST award to recognize the most outstanding enlisted man in Headquarters Company of the Battalion.

The award is named for 1SG John D. West, Richmond, who recently retired after serving 37 years in the U. S. Army and the Kentucky National Guard. 1SG West last served with HHC, 103d S&S Bn and was recently honored by a banquet in his honor given by the men of the unit.

In making his announcement, LTC Craft said it was only fitting that an award of this nature bear 1SG West's name. "His unswerving devotion to this country and state, and his outstanding performance of duty for so many years, set a standard which each man in the Guard would try to emulate. It is this type of performance we endeavor to recognize with this award."

The presentation will be made in November of each year.



TWO PROMOTIONS IN ONE DAY -

Kenneth E. Voelker, 23, left, had a good day December 11th when he went to weekend assembly with the Kentucky Air National Guard in Louisville. It might at least tie some national record that he received two promotions in the same day, the first one to technical sergeant and the second one to the rank of second lieutenant. Presenting both is his wing commander, COL Verne M. Yahnke, who heads the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing of the Kentucky Air National Guard. Voelker, an instructor pilot for a commercial flying agency at Bowman Field in Louisville, will report to Webb Air Force Base, Texas on January 12th to enter primary training leading to his wings as an Air National Guard jet pilot. The Lieutenant lives at 1701 Greetree Boulevard in Clarksville, Indiana and is married to the former Susan L. Webber. He was a flight line maintenance man before his commissioning. (KYANG Photo)