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CONFERENCE SITE—The Holiday Inn (North) in Lexington will be the site of the 39th General Conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky, on 10-11 April 1970. The motel is located on the Newtown Pike at the Junction of Interstate 75 (top of photo).

Next Conference Set For Lexington

The date has been set! It will be April 10th and 11th in 1970 for the 39th Annual General Conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky. The site will be at the Holiday Inn (North) in Lexington, Ky.

Association President LTC Joe L. Travis (1-623rd Arty) named MAJ Billy Wellman (201st Engr Bn), of Ashland, as Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee. MAJ Wellman has already begun the selection of a committee to plan and coordinate each activity, and he pledges that the 1970 conference will be "A Swinging Event."

COL Travis stated that every officer and warrant officer should attend the

conference as this is the only way you can become familiar with the accomplishments and proceedings of your Association.

It will be a good time to visit Lexington as the Spring Meeting of the Keeneland Race Course will be in progress.

The conference facility is excellent—so every member and his wife should make plans now to attend.

BUCKLE UP YOUR OVERSHOES

The Adjutant General has requested authority to issue overshoes to selected combat and combat support units in the Kentucky Army National Guard. Issues will begin when authority is received from NGB.

Go Ahead Is Given For 3 New Structures

Three new major facilities are currently in the planning and specification phases, according to CPT Donald J. Waldner, Chief of the Facilities Division of the Military Department.

In the FY 69 Financial Program, a new Army Aviation Maintenance Shop is being designed to accommodate the maintenance and operational functions relating to Army Aviation. This project will double the size of the present structure, and provide the necessary outside wash areas and tie-down spaces that it now lacks. Cost of this facility, shared on a 50-50 basis between the State and NGB, will be about \$400,000.

An Organizational Maintenance Shop will be located at the Louisville Fairgrounds Armory site. It will accommodate the maintenance functions of the Louisville units, except the 2-138th Arty which will be housed at Buechel. This structure will be a seven workbay shop at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

A new Armory is being designed to accommodate all the units in the Lexington area. The Lexington-Fayette County Airport Board has granted a lease of approximately 28 acres of land at Bluegrass Airport as a building site. Cost of the armory is to be about \$515,000.

EM May Apply For Copter Training

After being closed to Guardsmen for over four years, Initial Flight Training School is now available to enlisted men of the Army National Guard. Graduates will be helicopter qualified and eligible for assignment as a helicopter pilot with the rank of Warrant Officer. Spaces are available in Kentucky for the graduates.

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Executive Council Recent Actions

The Executive Council of the National Guard Association of Kentucky has met three times since the last General Conference held in Louisville. The minutes of the 15 April meeting have been sent to all members of the Association.

Significant actions of the May 13th meeting held in Lexington were:

- Selection of Lexington as the site of the 39th General Conference and the designation of a March weekend as the conference date.
- Rejected a proposal to add a casualty policy to the NGAKY Insurance Program which would be effective only during NG assemblies.
- Approved an operating budget for the insurance program in the amount of \$20,816.00 for FY 1970.
- Authorized the expenditure of "up to \$1,000 during FY 1970" for a periodic publication for the Association (this publication).
- Recommended a formula for allotment of delegates to represent Kentucky at the NGAUS Annual General Conference in Mobile, Alabama in October.

At the August 26th meeting, held in Lexington, the Executive Council:

- Reviewed the status of Association membership which totaled 434 paid membership, of officers and warrant officers, with a prospect of approximately 500 membership.
- Changed the date for the NGAKY Annual General Conference to 10-11 April 1970 and confirmed the site as the Holiday Inn (North) in Lexington.
- Approved the President's naming of MAJ Billy Wellman (201st Engr Bn) as Chairman of the Conference Planning Committee for 1970.
- Reviewed the list of delegates to the NGAUS Conference in Mobile and authorized the payment of \$125 to each official delegate attending.
- Authorized the expenditure of up to \$300 to hold a "Kentucky Party" at the NGAUS

Technicians Are Overstrength

Department of Defense has issued a reduced authorized end-strength for FY 1970. The Army Guard is authorized 99% of Funded Technicians which is 259 technicians. Currently there are 267 on board. The figure of 259 will be reached by attrition and it is not anticipated there will be a reduction in force. This of course means no new hire until we get below the 259 figure. The above does not apply to technicians of 2-138th Arty returning from Vietnam. The Air Guard had a reduction of 1.75% which will be reduced by attrition.

LEGISLATION

It is almost assured that Congress will pass legislation this year to reduce from 5 to 3 high years and allow all accrued sick leave to be added for the purpose of computing annuity. The contribution will be raised from 6½% to 7%. Look for the year 1971 for Congress to pass major legislation authorizing 100% retirement instead of the present 55%, return of differential pay, and the lifting of the 42,500 ceiling on technicians.

ANG FORMS UNION

Technicians of the Air Guard have formed an exclusive local with the National Association of Government Employees. As of the middle of September, 35 exclusive units had been formed nation wide with a total of 6,956 technicians being members.

NGB Pamphlet 51-6 outlining the NGB Incentive Awards Plan will be available for distribution to all units in the near future.

Conference in Mobile if deemed appropriate by the President.

- Rejected a resolution which encouraged the modification of the National Guard Retirement laws to include a few persons now excluded by the law.
- Approved two resolutions which encouraged the payment of per diem to officers on active duty for schools.
- Approved a financial statement for 1 May to 26 Aug 69 showing the Association's general account with \$5,816.20 in the bank.
- Accepted the auditor's report for the NGAKY Insurance Program's second year of operation which showed the program operated at a loss of \$323.90 for insurance year 1969, and ended with a reserve to back the program in the amount of \$11,495.47.

Every unit should have the complete minutes of these meetings on file for the information of interested members.

THE AG SPEAKS

By Major General Larry C. Dawson

The time for some means of passing along to the individual Guardsman certain information is here. There are many thoughts and facts from the Association and Command Headquarters, which are not transmitted in bulletins or other official publications and are not available to the individual to read at leisure.

The idea for a paper which will be distributed in some quantity to each unit is both timely and much needed. I congratulate the Council of the Association.

I want all the National Guardsmen in Kentucky to know that I am proud of them—both Army and Air. I am most pleased to have the Air Guard back on Guard status and also the 2-138 Arty which is arriving at this time. Both have performed a service to this Nation for which we all train and for which we are prepared when called upon.

We have a few acres of land leased in Western Kentucky for training on weekends and are trying to get tanks available at this site as soon as possible.

Plans are presently being drawn for an Armory at Lexington on ground donated by the Lexington-Fayette County Air Board, for an Aircraft Maintenance Shop for the Frankfort Airport on the Boone National Guard Center land, and for an OMS Building at the Fairgrounds Armory in Louisville.

Best wishes to the Editors.

EM MAY APPLY FOR COPTOR TRAINING

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The course lasts ten months and starts at Fort Wolters, Texas.

Interested EM should first pass a class one flight physical and then must complete a flight aptitude selection test (FAST). If successful in completing the first two items, then all that is required is to complete an application for the school.

Kentucky presently has three men attending the school. They are; 2LT Jere K. Roche (HQ XXIII Corps Arty) of Lexington; CWO Billy G. Tomlinson (2113 TAM Co) of Frankfort and 2LT Ronald T. Utterback (2113 TAM Co) of Waddy, Ky.

MP Unit Tops Insurance List

One unit in the Kentucky National Guard has 100% of their unit enrolled in the NGAKy Insurance Program.

The unit? —it's the 56 member 223d Military Police Company (-) in Harlan, Kentucky commanded by CPT Bruce E. Middleton.

Why has this happened? CPT Middleton explained it simply, "100% was a goal to reach and we decided we ought to reach it." The convincing factors which caused Middleton and PSG Bruce Owens, (unit AST) to go after such a goal occurred when one of their Guardsmen died and the Association promptly delivered a check to his beneficiary.

Middleton explained that he had talked with the family several times since and each time "they have expressed their appreciation for the help and support the Guard had given."

The need for the NGAKy Insurance program was emphasized again later when a Guardsman in a neighboring unit died in an auto accident and was not insured. Middleton's unit along with his neighboring unit found it necessary to collect several hundred dollars to help pay funeral expenses.

"The program's not hard to sell," Middleton said, "you just have to explain it—because its the best term policy available anywhere at the price."

An assistant hospital administrator when not a Guard commander, Middleton noted that his hospital had a group policy "which is good but not nearly as good as the policy the Guard has." He commented that in most group policies there are many times each month and year during which the Guardsman is not protected because of clauses which exclude Guard and other military duties.

TANKS GO WEST

Shipment of combat tanks to the new Western Kentucky Training Site, for use of the units of the 149th Armor Group will begin 6 October. The transferring of these tanks from home station to the Training site will be accomplished by 1 November 1969.



MISS KENTUCKY IN VIETNAM—Miss Janet Hatfield of Jeffersontown, Kentucky paid a visit to the Guard's 2d Battalion, 138th Artillery in Vietnam on August 12th. The Kentucky unit honored her with a plaque and a special cake prepared for her visit. Watching Janet cut her cake are, from left, SP4 Morgan Perry, Port Royal, Ky; SP4 Benny Gilkey, Vine Grove, Ky; an unidentified Sergeant in the center and LTC Glen D. Spradlin, the battalion commander. Janet was in Vietnam with the reigning Miss America on a tour sponsored by the USO. Colonel Spradlin is an active Army officer named as battalion commander when LTC Cundiff was made S-3 for the XXIV Corps Artillery in Vietnam. Colonel Cundiff and his Battalion is on the way home from Vietnam and is scheduled to return to Kentucky National Guard status about the middle of October.

Since 1956

Nearly 4,000 Troops Called For Civil Disturbance Duty

The Kentucky National Guard is the only military force charged with both a State and Federal mission, and since WWII, units of our National Guard have been called to State Duty on several occasions.

Many Guardsmen still remember the State duty performed in 1956 at Sturgis and Clay. This school integration crisis resulted in a call up of 600 troops to assist in maintaining order and enforcing the law.

The use of Kentucky Guardsmen at Churchill Downs to assist in traffic and crowd control during the Kentucky Derby is traditional, and normally 300 troops participate. Threats to disrupt the Derby by advocates of open housing resulted in increasing this force to 1200 men in 1967. There was, however, no trouble.

More recently, approximately 2000 Guardsmen were committed to Louisville during May and June, 1968, to assist local

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REMINDER

Don't forget, it's up to you whether your unit or individuals in your unit get their manes in the KENTUCKY GUARDSMAN. Only you know what is going on out in the field. Drop us a letter on the facts, and we'll turn them into stories.

The Kentucky Air National Guard A "Cool" Outfit on EAD

For you oldtimers "cool" means: highly effective; efficient. For you youngsters EAD means: Extended Active Duty.

As a result of the Pueblo incident the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (Ky) was mobilized into Federal Service 26 January 1968. Three Tactical Reconnaissance Groups were mobilized with the Wing Hqs; the 123d (Ky), the 189th (Ark) and the 192d (Nev). All units remained at home station until July 1968, preparing volumes of paper work, obtaining necessary supplies and equipment and getting combat ready.

Hq, 123d TRWg and the 123d TRGp, with 381 personnel, moved to Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo. Here they reorganized from a group concept to a self-supporting Squadron, the 165th TRSq. Another 131 personnel were transferred to 30 bases in the U. S., and 173 were sent to 11 overseas bases, the majority going to Korea.

From Panama to Alaska, and from Kansas City to Fukuoka, the impact of professional attitudes, the flying skill, and the esprit de corps of Kentucky Airmen were felt—literally—around the world. Ten letters of appreciation and/or commendation were received from high ranking commanders. The 165th was awarded a plaque by the Commander Fifth Air Force (PACAF) for "out-

standing service in defense of South Korea." Twenty-nine officers and airmen were awarded The Air Force Commendation Medal.

In demobilization ceremonies, 9 June 1969, many dignitaries, headed by Gov. Nunn, heaped well deserved praise and thanks on all units and personnel. The colors were returned to Major General Dawson and the Kentucky ANG was officially back home. We wish to add our thanks and appreciation for a job outstandingly well done—and for the great credit reflected on the National Guard and the State of Kentucky.



AMONG THE FIRST—MG Larry C. Dawson, The Adjutant General, looks at the new chevrons designating the "Command Sergeant Major" which are now worn by CSM Marion F. Williams, State Headquarters KyARNG. The new title and assignment makes Williams the senior NCO in the Kentucky Army National Guard. Two other key NCO's have qualified for the new rank. They are CSM Noah G. Murphy, Owensboro (2-123rd Ashland) and CSM Norman C. Bullard, Ashland (201st Engr Bn). Ultimately, there will be eleven such spaces in the Kentucky Army National Guard. (Photo by Steve Mitchell, Ky. Dept. of Information)

Those Green Books Can Help Solve Maintenance Problems

"User maintenance, frequently referred to as Drivers Maintenance, is a continuous problem", states LTC Marshall E. White, State Maintenance Officer for Kentucky.

"Command Maintenance Management Inspections (CMMI) are being conducted under operational portion during weekend drills and it is being found that the users are lacking in knowledge of the Log Book and the use of the TM pertinent to the equipment." "In some instances, the TM is not available to the user," continued LTC White.

"In order to improve maintenance programs, unit commanders must assign TOE equipment to their respective sections and delegate authority to these sections to maintain the equipment as outlined in pertinent regulations."

He further emphasized that, "Scheduled maintenance on a training schedule is not advantageous to a unit unless a maintenance program is set up and classes are conducted in procedure and care of equipment."

"Log Books should be one of the prime concerns of the commanders as this is the only document available to the commander to readily show him the availability of his equipment."

In conclusion, LTC White states, "Unit Commanders, Platoon Leaders and Section Chiefs should endeavor to acquaint themselves with and stay current with TM 38-750, the maintenance bible."

SECOND LIEUTENANTS BEWARE

Second Lieutenants must be educationally qualified for promotion to First Lieutenant effective 1 July 1972. There are three ways in which you can fulfill your military educational requirements for promotion—by attending a resident service school, by attending a USAR school, or by participating in the Army Correspondence Course Program.

For further information about your particular branch contact your unit commander.

ANYONE FOR MORE STRIPES?

To qualify for promotion in the Army National Guard an individual must demonstrate leadership, technical skills and academic achievement. Other factors that would be considered are length of service, time-in-grade, and be assigned to an authorized unit vacancy. Time-in-grade requirements to be eligible for promotion to the next highest grade are as follows:

- E-3—6 months as E-2
- E-4—9 months as E-3
- E-5—12 months as E-4
- E-6—15 months as E-5
- E-7—21 months as E-6

To qualify for promotion from grade E-5 to E-9, individuals must have attained a score of 110 or higher on the latest duty MOS Evaluation Test. Putting forth an extra effort to qualify on the MOS Test could mean extra dollars in your pocket.

23 Officers Will Attend NGAUS Conference

The 91st General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States will be held in Mobile, Alabama on October 13th thru the 16th. Kentucky will be well represented at the Conference with fourteen official delegates. Additionally, nine officers will attend as non-delegates.

Official delegates attending include:

STATE HHD and 103rd S&S Bn (2)
LTC Frank J. Sayre, SS KyARNG
CPT Franklin M. Gray, 413th HEM Co

XXIII CORPS ARTILLERY (4)
MAJ Harry S. Alexander, XXIII CA

MAJ Gerald F. Brewer, 5-138th Arty
MAJ Ralph L. Palmore, 1-623rd Arty
CW4 James L. Strange, 1-623rd Arty

149TH ARMOR GROUP (2)
COL Nelson A. Meredith, 149th Ar Gp
MAJ Billy M. Hedges, 149th Ar Gp

138th ARTILLERY GROUP (2)
CPT James F. Noble, 201st Engr Bn
CPT Bruce E. Middleton, 223rd MP Co

KY. AIR NATIONAL GUARD (2)
LTC Fred W. Cross, 123d TRWing
MAJ John B. Conaway, 123d TRGp

OTHER OFFICIAL DELEGATES (2)
MG Larry C. Dawson, TAGKy
COL George M. Chescheir (Ret),
Continuity Representative

Other officers attending in a non-delegate status include:

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MG Arthur Y. Lloyd (Ret)
BG William R. Buster (Ret)
BG Robert R. Goetzman, XXIII CA
COL Arthur L. Bakewell, SR Army Adv
LTC Joe L. Travis, President, NGAKy
LTC David L. Proffitt, ANG Off on AD
MAJ Edwin E. Burnett, 138th Arty Gp
MAJ Jerry W. Heaton, ExDir, NGAKy
MAJ Willis R. Hodges, USP&FO for Ky

The wives of many of the delegates will also be attending.

Delegates were selected by the individual commands to which the spaces were assigned. The delegates spaces were assigned to the commands according to total assigned strength as of 1 January 1969.

Any association member may attend the conference as a non-delegate.



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Unit Reorganized -- Three Way Split

On 1 August 1969, the 438th Aviation Company (Airmobile Lt), located at Lexington, was reorganized into three separate detachments. These detachments are now known as the 23rd and 38th Signal Platoons (Forward Area), and the 441st Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance).

Each signal platoon was organized with its full complement of 36 members and the 441st Medical Detachment with its strength of 53 members, which includes an augmentation of a Mess Section. On 13 August 1969 all three detachments were further assigned to the 138th Artillery Group for operational control.

At the same time the Aviation unit was dropped from the troop structure, the National Guard Bureau reorganized the 438th Military Police Company to change their mission from the specialized duty as stockade guards to regular military police duty. The change in mission resulted in an increase of authorized strength from 116 to 170 men.

Colonel Edward H. Milburn, State G-3, expressed regret over the loss of the 438th Aviation Company. "During its existence, the unit was continually plagued by shortages of major items of equipment, yet, in spite of this the unit's performance was always outstanding," he said. "The loss of a unit is always disappointing," he continued, "but these new units are good ones and we're confident the men will continue to do the same outstanding job as in the past."

SINCE 1956 NEARLY 4,000 TROOPS CALLED FOR CIVIL DISTURBANCE

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authorities in containing a Civil Disturbance.

It should be pointed out that in some cases Guardsmen are summoned as a purely precautionary measure. An example was the duty performed by some 150 Guardsmen during the Governors Conference at Lexington earlier this year. Troops were in full readiness but civil authorities handled all problems without the commitment of military forces.



AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING—Kentucky's US Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO), located in Frankfort, has one section which serves as a monitor of National Guard equipment, its current status and future requirements. Performing this function is the Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Section which is headed by CPT Larry C. Barker (Hq, KyARNG). The ADP Section correlates all supply transactions for Army Guard units and furnishes payroll data for all full-time technicians. A similar, small section is located in Louisville at Shewmaker Air National Guard Base to monitor equipment and supply transactions for the Air Guard. (Photo by Steve Mitchell, Ky. Dept. of Information)

Advisor Group Well Organized To Advise

The Senior Army Advisor is the military advisor to the State Adjutant General and provides liaison between the Army Commander and the State Adjutant General. The primary function of Advisors is to supervise the unit training for which they are assigned advisory responsibility. In performing this function they are required to review training schedules, attend monthly drills, accompany their units to AFT, and conduct weekly routine staff assistance visits. Although training activities are paramount, they also provide assistance and advice on administrative and logistical matters.

The US Army Advisor Group, Kentucky, currently consists of 11 Officers and 16 Enlisted men, commanded by COL Arthur L. Bakewell. In addition to the office of the Senior Army Advisor (SAA) located in Frankfort, the Group mans other offices at Battalion and higher commands. The four major subordinate Advisors are COL Ray F. Skaggs, XXIII Corps Arty; LTC James R. Meek, 138th Artillery Group; LTC Collice P. Blair, 149th Armor Group; and MAJ John M. Alcorn, 103rd Supply and Service Battalion.

Advisors consider themselves "members" of their units and are dedicated to the successful accomplishments of their units' mission.

Message From The Command Sergeant Major CSM Marion F. Williams

Lineal descendant of colonial minute men and state militias, our National Guard is older than the nation we serve. History is witness to the Guard's superb response to every duty call.

The Guard is a volunteer organization whose members have made the solemn pledge to protect the security of the nation, to obey the orders of the President and the Governors of the states in which they serve.

When disasters strike or tensions of domestic and foreign discord mount, Guardsmen must respond with renewed loyalty to state and nation, dedication to the pursuit of military excellence and with a zeal for selfless service.

The last line of the National Guard Creed captures the proud heritage and great responsibility we have accepted:

"For three centuries a soldier in war, a civilian in peace—of security and honor, I am the custodian, now and forever... I am the Guard."