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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MISSION A CHANCE TO HELP

By
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Everywhere she looks there are weeds surrounding the little clearing where she has stopped, exhausted, after two days and one night in the open. She is 75 years old, bruised and weak.

She wandered away from Central State Hospital and they have searched for her two days, but the ordeal is almost over. The hospital called the Army Aviation Support Facility in Frankfort 30 minutes ago. Soon National Guard Capt. Jere Roche and a park ranger will help her into a station wagon for the return to Central State.

Roche and Warrant Officer Billy Tomlinson spotted here from a national guard helicopter moments after they began their search. They landed for a moment so Roche could join the ranger to help on the ground and now Tomlinson hovers over the clearing as they return, pinpointing the woman's location.

Maj. David F. Fleming, Aviation Activity Commander, estimates the guardsmen have flown about 25 public assistance missions in the past two years. About 10 of these have been searches for missing persons.

Billy Tomlinson has flown several of these missions and enjoys the opportunity to help.

He and his fellow pilots were busiest during the March flooding in the Frankfort area.

"We were on weekend drill," said Tomlinson, "and they sent us out to help evacuate people who couldn't be reached in boats."

"We rescued a man and wife and their three small children who were in a house which had become surrounded by the rising water. Another crew picked up an elderly couple in a similar situation. They were trapped by the water and the woman was an invalid, 85 years old."

"This last summer a troop of Boy Scouts was overdue on a boating trip, and when we found them, one of the boys was ill and they had only stopped to rest," Tomlinson said.

For the guardsmen, these flights are a break in their training routine and a bit of a morale boost. "I like helping people," said Tomlinson. "I think we'd all like to do it more."



Photo by T. D. Riddell

Kentucky's Air National Guard was one of three guard units invited to Washington to participate in the silver anniversary of the U.S. Air Force.

KENTUCKY AIR GUARD FLIES OVER WASHINGTON

By
T. D. Riddell

The silver anniversary of the U.S. Air Force was celebrated in Washington, D.C. at Andrews Air Force base September 16-17.

It has been said that the U.S. Air Force was born in an airplane.

It was shortly after noon on July 26, 1947, at the National Airport in Washington, D.C. The President of the United States, Harry S. Truman, sat waiting in his personal plane, the "Sacred Cow." He was going to fly to the bedside of his dying mother. But first he wanted to sign some of the most important legislation in his administration. It was a bill that would set up a new defense organization for the nation and bring into being an independent U.S. Air Force. The bill, the National Security Act of 1947, was brought to him in the plane and he signed it there.

One of the bases for establishment of a separate Air Force was the concept of centralized control of forces. General William W. Momyer, Commander of the Tactical Air Command, told a Senate Subcommittee on Armed Services, in May 1972, "To carry out

our responsibilities, the Air Force employs a centralized control system which provides the capabilities to shift the weight of effort on a moments notice, in response to changed requirements in the ground situation. We have not always had such a flexible organization."

Six Kentucky "Voodoos" RF-101s made the trip to Washington. Colonel Charles Sellins, Air Administrative Officer, said "Excellent record for mission accomplished and formation flying were the determining factors in Kentucky's participation."

Making the trip to Washington were: Colonel Lawrence A. Quebbeman, Captain John Silverman, Major John Smith, Captain Gary Barge, Captain Don Ryan, Captain Stewart Byrne and Captain Joseph Kottak, RF-101 pilots.

The ground crew included CMSGT Ed Stowers, MSGT John Hill, MSGT Melvin Richardson, TSgt Robert Allen, TSgt Louis Dusch, TSgt John Hall, TSgt John Lundergan, TSgt Ronald Siddons, SSGT Robert Thomas, SSGT Ed Sachleben, SSGT Richard Scanlon, SSGT Stephen Wegman, SSGT William E. Sale, and SGT James Everett.

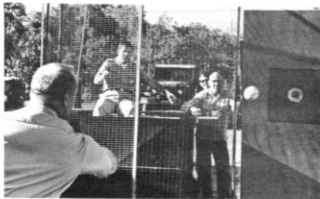


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CPT Bruce Thomas, CO of Hickman's Support Co I-123d Armor, rides the Dunn-a-roo during open house activities on 30 September 72. Bn Commander LTC Jack W. Rees tosses the first ball; Thomas didn't stay dry long. A combo from the 202 Band provided entertainment for a crowd of 400.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONVOY DISCIPLINE

Dear Colonel Buntin:

On the 30th of July 1972, my wife and myself were returning from an official visit in Washington and observed, prior to Lexington, a convoy from your organization, apparently the Headquarters Battery, and believe it important to pass on to you my professional observations.

First, and foremost, the discipline within the convoy, that is, spacing, rate of speed, appearance of the vehicles, appearance of the men was truly outstanding. I followed this convoy for about 20 miles and particularly was impressed by all of your drivers consideration of civilian traffic.

I am sure that you are constantly advising your men that they are observed when traveling as a part of a military organization but maybe this will be better evidence of the fact that they do come under close scrutiny.

Please convey to the convoy commander my comments and recognition of a job well-done.

Donald W. Moreau
Colonel, Armor
Commanding

GUARDSMEN TO THE RESCUE

EDITOR:

I've never written a "letter to the editor" before, but this seems to be the best way to extend thanks to some of the men of your community.

The thanks are for the actions of two of your townsmen, members of the 123rd Armored Division who happened into a very dangerous situation on an Interstate Highway in Texas.

John Moore and Glen Farmer were among the first to arrive at an accident scene that involved a wrecked station wagon blocking one lane of a busy Interstate Highway in a driving rainstorm. Moore and Farmer took charge of the situation and parked their vehicle so as to shield the endangered parties, including three children. After instructing passing members of their unit to contact the Highway Patrol, these two men literally risked their lives directing traffic in the downpour, at a time when visibility was less than 100 feet. Moore and Farmer remained at the scene and assisted until we had the situation under control and the rain had subsided.

As the first patrol unit to arrive at the scene, I can personally assure you that the heavy rain and unsuspecting motorists constituted a perilous situation and the actions of your men undoubtedly averted a real tragedy.

If you would be kind enough to print this letter, it would go a long way toward letting these men know how much we appreciate them. Incidentally, your Guard unit will be "somewhere" in Ft. Hood for the next two or three weeks. If you could forward a copy to them, it might be a pleasant surprise. Again, our thanks for the actions of your men.

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LITTLE ROCK SITE OF WILSON R & P MATCHES

The second annual Winston P. Wilson Rifle and Pistol Championships were held at Camp Robinson, Ark., September 24-29 for members of the Army and Air National Guard.

The Championships, instituted in 1971 by the National Guard Bureau to promote marksmanship at the state level by promoting a significant year end goal of high level competition for the states, drew more than 700 of the country's top rifle and pistol target shooters from 42 states.

Handgun competitors had an Individual Combat Pistol Match and Individual Excellence-in-Competition event as well as a Combat Team Match.

The full schedule of events this year included five individual and four team events for rifle competitors and seven individual and five team contests for pistol shooters.

Sixteen Kentucky Air and Army Guardsmen participated in the matches this year. The following are the team members: SSGT George M. Amin, Jeffersonville, Ind.; SSG Curtis S. Worner, Jr., Louisville, Ky.; 1LT William T. Tucker, Georgetown, Ky.; MSG James Mortimer, Lexington, Ky.; MSGT Donald L. Durbin, Louisville, Ky.; TSGT Virgil C. Crouch, Shelbyville, Ky.; MSGT Robert S. Conder, Fern Creek, Ky.; TSGT Hugh M. Carberry, New Albany, Ind.; SSG William M. Andrews, Frankfort, Ky.; MSGT John W. Richeson, Louisville, Ky.; TSGT Forest D. Noland, Louisville, Ky.; LTC Harry T. Greschel, Valley Station, Ky.; MSGT Kenneth D. Dungan, Valley Station, Ky.; TSGT Robert E. Denton, Jeffersonton, Ky.; TSGT Louis V. Colgate, Pleasure Ridge Park, Ky.; and SSGT Gary J. Bettag, Louisville, Ky.

LTC Armando J. Alfaro, State Marksmanship Coordinator, said that anyone interested in trying out for the teams should contact him at the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort.



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YOUTH COUNCIL ELECT NEW DIRECTORS

The Kentucky National Guard Youth Activities Council met in Louisville on September 10 to critique the Youth Summer Camp and elect new officers.

Recommendations for improvement to the Youth Camp next year included a trip to Opryland, Tennessee.

New Directors elected were Chairman, SGM Fred D. Schleifer, HHD KyARNG; LTC Armando J. Alfaro, HHD KyARNG; LTC Joseph B. Edwards, 123d TRG; and SGT Thomas D. Riddell, 103d S&S Bn.

The new director appointed LTC David B. May, Hqs, 138th FA Gp, President; CW3 Edward C. Smith, 2/138th FA, Secretary; and LTC Joseph R. Craft, 103d S&S Bn, Treasurer.

The treasurer's report from Bean Soup '72 follows by unit:

Total Sales & Donations, 1972

Co C, 2d Bn 123d Armor	682.00
HHC, 103d S&S Bn	675.43
Det 1, Co D, 201st Engr Bn	469.00
Det 1, 223d MP Bn	350.00
Det 1, Co B, 201st Engr Bn	354.70
Btry C, 1st Bn, 623d FA	553.00
HBB, 1st Bn 623d FA	670.00
38th Sig Pst	137.23
HHC, 201st Engr Bn	978.55
23d Sig Pst	137.22
St Hq & PID	446.79
203d CS Co, (-)	236.00
Det 1, 203d GS Co	350.00
HHC, 149th Armor Bde	626.00
Svc Btry, 1st Bn 623d FA	270.00
Btry A, 2nd Bn, 138th FA	340.00
Det 1, 438th MP Co	273.50
Btry B, 1st Bn, 623d FA	361.93
HHD, 149th MP Co	113.00
Svc Btry, 2nd Bn 138th FA	199.00
HBB, 138th Arty Gp	203.00
Btry C, 2d Bn 138th FA	290.35
223d MP Co	159.00
Co D, 201st Engr Bn (-)	194.00
413th HEM Co	315.00
Co A, 201st Engr Bn	324.75
Co B, 2d Bn 123d Armor	299.51
HBB, XXIII Corps Arty	386.00
HBB, 2d Bn 138th FA	299.51
Btry A, 1st Bn 623d FA	231.00
Btry B, 2d Bn 138th FA	205.00
2113th Trans Co	394.00
Co C, 1st Bn 123d Armor	174.35
438th MP Co	141.00
Co A, 1st Bn 123d Armor	166.00
HHC 2d Bn 123d Armor	175.00
Det 1, Co C 201st Engr Bn	116.00
Air National Guard	1,520.00
Co B 1st Bn 123d Armor	145.75
Co B 201st Engr Bn	91.68
441st Med Det	63.00
HHC 1st Bn 123d Armor	240.00



Photo by Karen Tam

Member of C Company, 201st Engineer Battalion, pool their efforts to construct Girl Scout company facilities near Jenny Wiley State Park at Prestonsburg.

ENGINEERS CONDUCT ECOLOGY PROJECT

By
Lois Campbell

Men of the 201st Engineer Battalion are spending their late summer duty weekends cleaning and clearing parks in Lexington and Morehead and reconstructing a Girl Scout camp near Prestonsburg.

Personnel from the battalion's London and Somerset units are bulldozing and landscaping the grounds and surrounding park area at the Lexington Armory. The armory, located at the back of the Bluegrass Airport, is a training and practice site for guardsmen.

PLANNING BEGINS FOR NEXT NGACY CONFERENCE

Louisville's brand-new Galt House has been selected as the site for the 42d Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky. Conference dates will be 2-3 March 1973.

The President named his conference planning chairman for 1973; LTC Archie O. Taylor, the Vice-President for Army.

Colonel Taylor has named his committee and they met at the Galt House for their first planning session in the newly completed facility on September 18th.

"The facility is nothing less than spectacular and is bound to add a lot to our conference this year," Colonel Taylor reported. "Space certainly won't be a problem for any of our functions," he said.

Hotel officials took the Planning Committee on a tour of the building showing the most impressive view of the river from the upper floors and the luxurious furnishings of the rooms. The building is 24 stories, will have 714 rooms and a 1600 car parking garage.

At Morehead, "A" Company from Ashland, Olive Hill and Carlisle are helping get the city's new park in shape. The men are clearing land for three ball fields and building a one-half mile road and a foot-bridge in Central Park.

And at Prestonsburg, a Girl Scout camp is getting a face lift from the battalion's weekend renovators. "C" Company, with elements from Jackson and Ravenna, is repairing an existing camp near Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Company Commander Lt. Lewis Warrick explained, "The present tent pads needed reflagging, the road repaired and the paths cleared. We moved in there on a Saturday morning, finished the pads and started a picnic shelter. We'll finish it up during the September duty weekend."

The Girl Scout officials provided the needed building supplies. Battalion Commander Capt. Edward Gill in Ashland says that the Guardsmen decided on the parks project as a result of this "on the job" training advantages.

"This type of activity is part of our mission. We are training as engineers, to construct and repair, build roads and so on," Gill said.

NGAU CONFERENCE SITES ANNOUNCED

Sites for the 95th through 100th annual conference of the National Guard Association of the United States, were announced in San Francisco in September. The sites are:

1973	Oklahoma City
1974	Puerto Rico
1975	Seattle, Wash.
1976	Washington, D. C.
1977	New Orleans
1978	St. Louis

HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The Executive Council of the National Guard Assn of Kentucky met at the Roadway Inn, Louisville, August 17, 1972.

MG Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General was in attendance.

After approval of previous minutes and the current financial report the committee took the following action:

- * Heard a presentation by Mr. Black of the United Buying Services and rejected a proposal for the NGA Ky to endorse the service for the KY Guardsmen.

- * Approved delegate expense for the NGUS conference in San Francisco in the amount of \$166.00 per delegate.

- * Approved expenditure of \$400 for a reception at the NGUS conference in San Francisco.

- * Approved Galt House as the site of the next annual conference of NGA Ky. LTC Archie O. Taylor, Jr. is general chairman.



Photo by T. D. Riddell

The OCS graduates had their day during summer camp. The TAC officers were invited to a mud hole party Friday before graduation. The party was a sloppy success.

YOUTH CAMP GIVES GUARDSMEN A WORKOUT

"We really got a workout. I have five daughters and they're pretty active, but this was harder than training camp."

The speaker, Sergeant Major Fred D. Schleifer, was describing the challenge of keeping up with 60 energetic 15-year-old boys.

Sergeant Schleifer took part in the Kentucky National Guard boys' camp program this summer.

The camp is located at the weekend training site in Muhlenberg County near Central City. In all, 180 boys 13-15 years of age were selected to attend the camp by National Guard Units around the state. They attended in groups of 60 during three week-long sessions.

The volunteer staff of 20 guardsmen who served as camp counselors was kept busy.

"During the three weeks the boys drank \$500 worth of soft drinks, and they drank eight gallons of lemonade during one ball game," said Schleifer.

The guardsmen kept the boys busy too. Each week's program included a football workshop with Western Kentucky University coach Jim Feix, a basketball clinic presented by the Kentucky Colonels, and a drug-abuse lecture and police dog demonstration by the Lexington Police Department.

There was no cost to the campers and the guardsmen on the staff or counselors each donated a week of their vacation time.

Only one day in each week had any sort of military connotation. Except for that day, members of the staff wore civilian clothing and references to rank were minimized.

Each week ended with a bang. Campers got a ride in an M-60 tank, saw a flyover by Kentucky Air National Guard RF-101's, and an army helicopter demonstration.

KENTUCKIANS HEAR BOB HOPE AND GOVERNOR REAGAN

By
Jerry Heaton

Expensive was the best single word to describe the 94th Annual General Conference which was held September 10-15 in San Francisco this year. Delegates from Kentucky were housed in one of the plushest of the three hotels located atop Nob Hill on the edge of San Francisco's Chinatown district.

Although expensive, the conference itself was an outstanding one. Guard delegates were addressed by an outstanding group of speakers including the Secretary of the Army, Robert F. Froehike; the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Donald L. Miller; and the Advisor to the President on Manpower Mobilization, General Lewis B. Hershey.

The highlight of the conference occurred at the States Dinner which was addressed by the Governor of California, Ronald Reagan. Following an entertaining address by Reagan, the Association's highest award, the NGAUS Award for Distinguished Service in the Nation's

Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, recent president of the Ky. National Guard Youth Activities Council, says the program will continue next year.

"We had a meeting recently to select new council officers and there was quite an enthusiastic exchange of ideas, not just about this year, but improvements for next year.

Perhaps Sergeant Major Schleifer's attitude is typical: "I wish we could have given all three groups eight weeks."

Defense was presented to world famous comedian Bob Hope.

Hope spoke to the group for about ten minutes. He poked fun at his Governor - actor - friend Reagan by noting that he (Hope) had been brought into the hall and introduced last - even after the Governor had been introduced - an honor for which he had been waiting for a long time. He said that Reagan was "sort of a funny Governor" but then he never liked funny Governors. Both addresses that evening related patriotism and the National Guard.

This year, the question of enlisted membership for grades E7 thru E9 was brought to a vote but the motion was defeated.

Kentucky delegates to the conference were: STATE HQ, KYARNG & 103D S & S BN, LTC Ralph L. Palmore and 2LT John L. Price; XXIII CORPS ARTILLERY AND ATTACHED UNITS, BG Robert R. Goetzman, COL Thomas J. Norfio, CPT Harold C. Logsdon and 2LT Norman K. Williams; 149TH ARMOR BDE AND ATTACHED UNITS, MAJ Billy M. Hedges and MAJ Thomas E. Lett, Jr.; 138TH ARTY GP AND ATTACHED UNITS, CPT Grant Reed, Jr. and 1LT Lewis H. Warriss; KY AIR NATIONAL GUARD, LTC John B. Conaway and LTC James H. McClure; COFINNITY, COL George D. Bunnell, (Ret); Others attending included:

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS, LTC Gerald F. Price, and MAJ Jerry W. Heaton; NON DELEGATES, MG Arthur Y. Lloyd, COL Wilbur R. Buntin, LTC Willis R. Hodges and LTC Joel L. Stokes.