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\$ 1 MILLION DOLLAR CONSTRUCTION

Contracts amounting to more than \$1 million have been awarded for the construction of a new operational maintenance shop and a new armory building at the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort.

The present building, which was completed in 1958, has become inadequate because of the number of national guard units who must use it, according to Lt. Col. Marshall White, Director of the Facilities Division of the National Guard Center.

Construction of both buildings is underway. The armory is to be finished by July 22, 1974 and the maintenance shop by April 18, 1974.



photo by KY Public Information
The F-101, which has been on display at the State Fair, gets a helping hand across the road to its home at Shoemaker Field.

Association Members Will Go To Oklahoma In October

Fourteen members of the National Guard Association of Kentucky are scheduled to go to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 7, to participate as delegates in the 95th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States.

The Kentucky delegation is scheduled to stay at the Tivoli Inn in downtown Oklahoma City. Conference activities are scheduled to be held in the new Myriad Convention Center. Delegates will be participating in four business sessions held October 8, 9, 10, and 11. Additionally, several social activities have been scheduled including a reception hosted by Oklahoma Governor David Hall, a barbecue dinner with the music of a western band, an old fashion barn dance at the convention center, and finally, the "All States Dinner" which will be held at the Myriad Convention Center.

which point the two began a lengthy conversation in the pretend-pilots' known universally to children—"Pilot to Co-Pilot...Fasten seat belts... Ready for take-off...over'n'out."

'Special Visitors' Get Red Carpet

Text by Jim Sewell

Seven children from the Kentucky Easter Seal Society's Cardinal Hill Hospital facility in Lexington came to find out what the National Guard is all about.

The children were taken for a grand tour of the summer training area, weapons, supplies, vehicles, and looking at the engineers' aviation section, communications system, "mess" hall where they ate noon "chow" with the men.

After eating "chow," it was noted that one of the children (who incidentally said he was an Army "oss-a-fer") consumed five pieces of watermelon. His dessert was accompanied by grins, dribbles down the chin, and a juicesoaked shirt.

Most fun was had with the helicopters from the aviation section. With radio gear in operation, the children were allowed to don radio headphones and talk with each other

on a helicopter intercom system.

Eric Henderson, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Henderson of Louisville, spoke over the radio to one of his friends: "Hello, Barry. watcha doin'?"

Barry King, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King of Hindman, broke into a wide grin and answered, "Nothin'" at



staff photo by Thomas D. Riddell

Two youngsters from the Kentucky Easter Seal Society's Cardinal Hill Hospital get first hand help as pretend-pilots during their visit to the National Guard.

Long And Hot Summer Camp

The largest single contingent at summer camp this year was the 2,043 men assigned to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, from May 12 to 26. The summer camp training commanded by Colonel Edward H. Milburn.

The men at Camp Shelby fired thousands of rounds of 8-inch shells from their artillery pieces during the summer camp. Combat readiness is taken quite seriously by NG commanders, due to the increased national dependence on the guard in the wake of termination of the military draft.

The training was observed midway through the second week by Kentucky Adjutant General Richard L. Frymire. Major General Frymire flew to

Camp Shelby in an air guard F-101, and then shuttled about camp in army guard helicopters.

Guard commanders expressed pleasure with the morale of the Kentucky Guardsmen, the cooperation of the Camp Shelby personnel, and the overall operation of the annual training exercises.

The summer camp was marked by hot sunny weather until Thursday of the second week, when a thunderstorm dumped nearly 5 inches of rain on the troops, who were at the time on tactical status and encamped in the field. The "field" became a swamp-land by daybreak Thursday.

DINING IN SET

DINING—IN SET: All officers and warrant officers of the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard will gather at the Ramada Inn Bluegrass Convention Center at I-64 and Hurstbourne Lane here in Louisville on Saturday, September 29, for a historic dining-in. The occasion will be a

welcoming for all new officers and the governor of Kentucky, Hon. Wendell H. Ford, commander of the Kentucky National Guard, will be the distinguished guest of the occasion. Officers will wear the "Class A" uniform.



staff photo by 133rd PID

...Bang..Bang...Bang, Troops of the Field Artillery try to protect themselves from the loud noise of the big guns doing a firing operation at Camp Shelby.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The selection panel met on July 6 to review records and reports of the nominees and select the Fiscal Year 1973 winner.

The panel did not have an easy job in making its selection. All units are to be congratulated on their nomination for the NGB award. The panel was well aware of the many hours of hard work, command supervision and interest down to and including the user of all unit equipment.

This office likes to think that a good maintenance program will complement the over-all training and logistic program for a unit. If all elements of the KyARNG would qualify for the award, the many hours of extra blood, sweat and tears would be averted, providing many more hours of training to the majority.

The Fiscal Year 73 "NGB Efficiency in Maintenance Award" for the second straight year is: Battery A, 2nd Battalion (8") (SP) 138th Artillery, Carrollton, Kentucky 41008. Commanded by: Captain Walter R. Wood.

Ralph L. Palmore
LTC, GS, KyARNG
State Maint Officer

Dear Editor:

The members of the Danville Police Department and Auxiliary members have had in the past and now at the present are having instruction from SFC John W. Bottoms here in the Danville Area.

Subjects of instruction that are available and that we feel would be of an asset to our Department are Civil Disorders, Civil Defense, Self-Defense, and the use of the Riot Baton.

We wish to express our continued desire for his knowledge and his instructing ability in the future for the members to be more aware of conditions and training that we as a Law Enforcement Agency may be more able to benefit our City and Commonwealth.

In this letter to you Sir, we wish to give you an evaluation of SFC John W. Bottoms that we have arrived at by asking our members and watching their performance due to the instruction they have already received. We wish to convey to you that SFC John W. Bottoms is of the highest quality and regarded by me and the members of the Department as excellence.

Everett Kidd Jr.
Chief of Police

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Main Street in Louisville saw the light during the Main Street Festival. BTRY A-SLT lit up the area with two search lights. The festival was sponsored by the "Preservation Alliance."

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Weather Unit Wins Citation

LOUISVILLE, KY.—The 165th Weather Flight of the Kentucky Air National Guard has won commendation from the Air Weather Service of the U. S. Air Force as an "outstanding Air National Guard Weather Unit."

The award, just announced by Brigadier General William H. Best Jr., commander of Air Weather Service, is for calendar year 1972.

Receiving notice of the award was Lt. Colonel Robert R. Mansfield, commander of the Louisville-based Air Guard unit. The citation was accompanied by letters of congratulations from Major General I. G. Brown, who heads air units for the National Guard Bureau, Washington, D. C., and from Major General Richard L. Frymire, Adjutant General of Kentucky.

PX Privileges For Guardsmen

Official word has been sent to Post and Base Exchanges nationwide that Guardsmen and "drilling" Reservists may make unlimited purchases on drill days.

There are still some uncertainties about what evidences of personal identification and drill status Guardsmen will have to display to make PX-BX purchases. Tentatively, a copy of the orders directing attendance at drill, or a copy of the until training schedule may be accepted but the Services are still examining the subject. The initial word to PX managers made no mention of either a need for Guardsmen to be in uniform or to display a red (Reserve) Identification Card.

In addition, exchange privileges are extended to Guardsmen and Reservists during periods of hospitalization stemming from injuries incurred on active duty for training or inactive duty training.

103rd Sup & Svc Bn: CPT Johnny M. Coy

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Continuity Chairman: LTC Louis Y. Langford



staff photo by Thomas D. Riddell

Kentucky is the first state to use the National Guard Regional Exhibit. The exhibit was on display during the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville. From here it will travel to Richmond, Virginia.

Prime Beef Team 123d Civil Engr Ft

The 123rd Civil Engineering Flight is authorized 4 officers and 88 airmen. Of this number the Prime Beef Team is authorized 1 officer and 59 airmen. They are authorized tools and equipment which enables them to clear and grade land and erect buildings, including all required utilities.

During Annual Training, 1971, the Prime Beef Team was transported to Burning Sands Hawaii. They erected two Barracks buildings to be used by the Hawaii National Guard as a training site. For this they received letters of commendation.

During Annual Training, 1972, they remained at Shewmaker ANG Base and completed the snack bar. All materials were purchased by the ANG Club. The Prime Beef Team supplied all the labor and equipment. This project was approved by NGB, and the Building donated to the Government upon completion. The

attractive structure attests to their professional capabilities.

During Annual Training, 1973, the Prime Beef Team spent 3 days at Tyndall AF Base, Florida, taking proficiency tests. They received an overall rating of outstanding. From there they were transported to Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, where they assisted in the completion of BAK-12 arresting barrier installation. Once again they received letters of commendation for their outstanding contributions.

Technician Retirement Bill Clears Senate

A technician retirement bill affecting almost 50,000 Army and Air National Guard technicians received swift Senate action last month as the seal of approval was placed on S. 871. The passed legislation was sent to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

Bandmaster Returns To Bandstand ...A One A Two

Text by Thomas D. Riddell

CW2 Joe Rust raised the 'Baton' one more time to lead the 202nd Army Band. Rust, who retired in 1948 as bandmaster, returned to the bandstand when the 202nd Band visited Bowling Green this summer.

Rust was the bandmaster of the 149th Infantry Band for 27 years.

In an interview with the reporter Mr. Rust recalled the days of the "Old 149".

"We played a different type of music then, the marches were different. Our Band had 34 members, I



had the pick of over 300 musicians sent back from overseas," said Rust.

"Yes sir, I had some good players, had the best trombone players in the county. They could play with their feet," Rust recalled.

"We played at the USO's during the

Flight To Puerto Rico

The Executive Council of the National Guard Association of Kentucky has authorized a special project to allow association members to participate in a charter flight to Puerto Rico in September 1974.

The charter will take Kentucky association members to Puerto Rico in time to participate in the 96th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States.

The Association has initiated contracts with the DaVinci Hotel in Puerto Rico for rooms for the Kentucky delegation. American airlines has been chartered to fly the Kentucky delegation from Louisville, Kentucky to Puerto Rico and return.

The charter which is limited to 166 persons, will fly to Puerto Rico leaving on September 22, 1974 using an American airlines 707 airliner. The schedule calls for the Kentucky group to stay in Puerto Rico for eight nights and nine days and return to Louisville on Monday, the 30th of September 1974.

The package price tentatively scheduled is based on the fact that only two-thirds of the aircraft would be full. The package price of approximately \$300 per person will include round-trip airfare, the international travel tax, eight nights and nine days in the Hotel DaVinci. If all seats are filled on the airplane, it is anticipated that the charter price would be \$55 to \$60 less than the advertised price.

WAR (II). We had the most field work going, because we also played for the drills."

"Before the War we always came to this park (Fountain Square in Bowling Green) and played for the folks on Sunday."

When asked if the concert today brought back memories, Rust said "It really does. We always had some good men in our group but this band (202nd Army Band KYARNG) is the best because they are more technical and play in tune."

Rust gave a word of advice to the group as he conducted. "Stay with it, fight it hard and go to the top."