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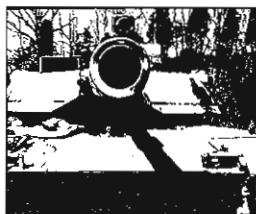


## THEY'RE COMING

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## OUR COVER



Yes, they're coming ... 58 M-1 Main Battle Tanks (and that's 4 more than we originally reported).

The Kentucky Army National Guard's 550-man separate M-1 Tank Battalion will begin taking shape this October 1st with establishment of the Battalion Headquarters at Fort Knox, "The Home of Armor."

The Bluegrass Guard thanks SGT Eduardo Villegas (driver) and SSG Allan James (TC) of B Troop, 5/12 CAV for their assistance in shooting our cover photo. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, KyARNG PAO)

## THIS IS FOR YOU

The BLUEGRASS GUARD is intended for you, the National Guardsmen of Kentucky. The newspaper staff wants it to appeal to everyone in the Guard, regardless of rank, unit or location in the state. But we can't do it without you. Whenever your unit is doing something important or distinctive, let us hear from you. If there is someone in the Guard who is unique or otherwise worth writing about, the only way we can find out is from you. That way, the rest of the Kentucky Army National Guard can find out, too. We can't promise to write about every idea, but we promise to consider them all.

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## TAG LINES

By MG BILLY G. WELLMAN



What will our Kentucky Army National Guard be like in 1990? Can we achieve an authorized strength of 10,000, and can each of our units attain a readiness rating of at least C-3?

These questions and others were posed to our major commanders and key staff during a conference last month at Rough River State Resort Park, and the result was a positive, stimulating discussion about the future of the Kentucky Guard. I am pleased to report to you that our leadership corps shares a bright vision of the rest of this decade and beyond.

Yes, we can reach the 10,000 level in authorized strength and reap the benefits of the additional full-time jobs and new units which such an expansion would produce. And, with a renewed commitment to team work and good management, we can have all of our units at the C-3 level or higher in terms of readiness.

Together, our officers and enlisted members have worked to nearly double the size of the Kentucky Army Guard in less than 10 years. New units have been added in each area of the state. We have gained entire battalions and a new brigade headquarters, among others. And, perhaps most importantly, our progress has not been measured strictly in terms of numbers of soldiers and units. Our quality has improved at an even faster pace. Existing units have become better, some much better, and new units have become good units faster than we had dared to expect. A shining example of the results of good leadership, dedicated members and community support is the 614th MP Company which relocated to Murray a few years ago and this year was selected for an important mission in Europe during annual training.

No military organization can flourish without a sense of purpose and a personal commitment from each member, from the commander to the newest recruit. I want each member of the Kentucky Guard to share this vision of greatness, a vision which can become reality.

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Aviation is an important component of the Kentucky Army National Guard and we are extremely proud of the modern equipment, outstanding safety record and dedicated and talented members of our aviation units. Guard aircraft are familiar sights in our Kentucky skies and we know that our units are superior and that we fly the latest aircraft in the Guard inventory.

My office receives hundreds of requests each year for Army Guard aircraft to support various community activities around the state and, within the restrictions of Army regulations, we accept as many as possible without infringing on our training program. You understand that it is essential that we conserve sufficient flying hours and fuel for training purpose.

If you are asked about using Guard aircraft in your community, please don't indicate that we can accept this mission. For example, our aircraft and crews cannot be involved in any type of commercial activity or in any mission which would compete with private aviation interests. The best response to any question about Guard aviation is to refer the individual to COL David Fleming, Director of Aviation, here at Boone National Guard Center.

Aviation often is very helpful to our community relations program, but we obviously can't approve every request. Your support in this situation will be sincerely appreciated.

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### BERTHOLD GETS STAR

General Julius L. Berthold (center) became Kentucky's newest Assistant Adjutant General in promotion ceremonies at Boone National Guard Center March 22. Here Berthold's first stars are pinned-on by his wife, Jane, and Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman. (Photo by SSG Steve Wright, STARC PAO)



## SAFE AT-87 By 2LT Beth Roach

idents were caused by human error. Safety SOP's, safety regulations and pertinent TM's and FM's provide "by the book" steps that must be strictly adhered to. Equipment can be operated safely; maneuvers can be carried out in a safe manner if every service member has a sixth sense of safety and knows and understands the mission and the risks involved.

It is all too easy to rush to the field to get started, to cut corners when setting up equipment or to fall victim to "get-home-itis" when training is over.

Heat exhaustion, recreation injuries and accidents cost the Guard man-hours, money and occasionally a life. If you observe an unsafe act, STOP IT!

"The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war. Accident prevention is a combat multiplier."

As preparation for Summer Camp nears its peak, I want to take this opportunity to emphasize safety and accident prevention as the most important link in the chain of events that leads us to a safe AT-87.

Missions have become more complex, training requirements have increased and troops are inexperienced. Those are three good reasons why safety and accident prevention must be integrated at every level of training from the commanders to the E-1's.

Kentucky recorded 248 annual training accidents during training year 1986 at a cost of nearly a quarter of a million dollars. Eighty percent of these acci-

# ATTEN-HUT!

By SGT Robert W. Pillow, 133rd PAD

FORT KNOX -- There's a right way and a wrong way to do a pushup and that is one of the things a student learns at pre-basic training at the Kentucky Military Academy.

The 16-hour course, offered since 1983, helps a new recruit prepare for basic training. Each year about 250 to 300 people attend pre-basic which is open to Army National Guard and Reserve recruits.

"It gives you an idea what to expect," said PFC Mark Fyfe of Lancaster. "Here you have a chance to mess up without having to face the consequences," said Fyfe, a member of the Kentucky Guard's A Company, 3rd Forward Support Bn., in Danville.

PV2 Tom Bartley of Louisville said, "it has straightened out some things I learned in junior ROTC."

Bartley, who is assigned to B Company of the 223rd Military Police, said he has found a lot of differences between his ROTC training and what he received at pre-basic. "For instance, the drill and ceremony I am learning here is different..."

In pre-basic, the students are taught the role of the Guard and Reserve organizations, rank structure and how to polish boots, make a bunk, draw equipment and contact the Red Cross in emergencies in addition to drill and ceremonies.

"I think it's great," said KMA instructor SSG Candice Karmire. "When I went through basic, I was in the dark."

Another instructor, SSG Ronald W. Mudd, said, "any recruiter who doesn't send a new man through the course is taking a chance on an unsuccessful soldier."

Besides giving the new recruits an introduction to Army basic training, it also gives units an opportunity to work on their recruits' weaknesses before they are sent on active duty.

"I look for deficiencies and let the unit know of them so they can be corrected," Mudd said.

The training also gives students an opportunity to learn if they will be attending basic at the same time at the same post with someone they know, said Capt. Paula Johnson, KMA administration



Recruits attending the Kentucky Military Academy's pre-basic training course at Ft. Knox sharpen up their salutes under the watchful eyes of KMA instructor SSG Ronald Mudd. (Photo by SP4 Chuck Bogardus, 133rd PAD)

officer.

The program works, according to students who completed it and basic training. KMA Operations Sergeant William Milby said the academy and instructors receive letters from time to time from those who finished basic praising the course. "They were always two or three steps ahead of the

basic training program."

Students attend the course on Saturday and Sunday. The instructors try to make it casual for the students at first so they'll relax.

"They're so uptight when they come Saturday," Mudd said. "We try to loosen them up... They start to relax by noon. They begin to believe they are a part of it."

The student comments back up what the staff say the course does.

"Sergeant Mudd has been helping us a lot," said PVI Jodi Faulkner of Versailles, who is assigned to the 2123rd Transportation Co. in Frankfort. "When we leave, we will have an easier time in basic than we would have had otherwise."

## GOING FOR IT

### Guard Program Helps Members Going For GED

By Mike Lynch

Charles Milligan, of the Nelson community of Muhlenberg County, is a 55-year-old unemployed coal miner. He's also a platoon sergeant with the 307th Maintenance Company of Central City. He doesn't expect to go any higher than his current E-7 rank, yet he is enrolled in a General Education Diploma (GED) program being offered by the Kentucky Army National Guard.

"I think it'll make me feel proud that I accomplished something. Everybody dreams of accomplishing something in life," Milligan says.

#### Continuing Program Needed

More than 1,200 members of the Guard in Kentucky don't have a high school diploma or a GED. Last year, 59 Kentucky Guard members received the GED through Guard programs, but Education Services Officer CPT John Roth says the Guard needed a continuing program to help the others get their GED.

Roth's office is providing VHS copies of KET tapes plus workbooks to units around the state. Guard members who need to

#### CHAPTER FOURTEEN:

How Many? How Long? How Big? How Heavy?



study for the GED can gather in organized classes or borrow the tapes for individualized study--and it's all free.

#### E-5's Will Need It

Beginning in 1989, there will be an extra incentive for getting a GED. National Guard regulations stipulate that starting the first of that year, the GED or a higher

educational diploma will be needed for promotion to E-5 (Currently, that stipulation applies to E-6.)

"The Guardsmen who want to stay in, to progress, are going to have to have it," says CPT Roth. "We want to help them, but they have to work at it."

He has made some suggestions about organizing the GED classes, but no exact

guidelines must be followed.

The classes being offered by the 307th at Central City are being held on Tuesday nights.

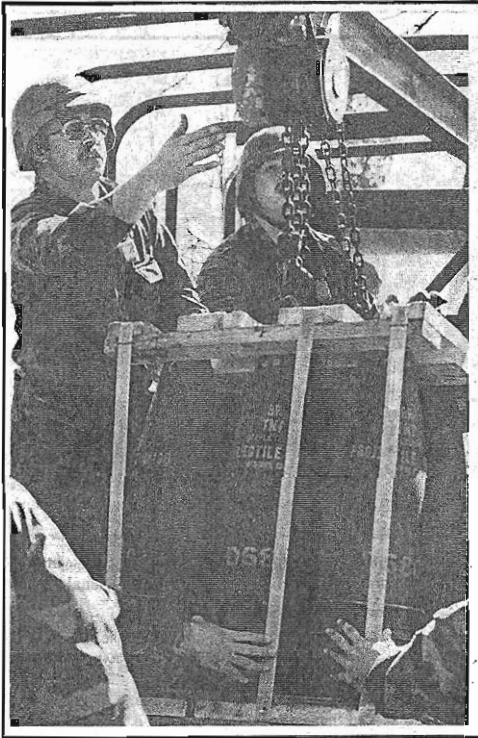
#### "I need the education"

SGT Tony Rafferty, another member of the 307th in the classes, says he enrolled so he can qualify for E-6. The 34-year-old tank mechanic from Owensboro says getting a GED will also prepare him for the future.

"If I have to have another job, I couldn't get it without a GED. And," he adds, "I feel I need the education."

Although some of the people who took a basic-education test scored too low to get into GED classes, CPT Roth says he's trying to help them, too. He is referring them to Adult Basic Education classes in their area, and he hopes to be able to provide them with materials to upgrade their basic skills.

The program is getting attention outside Kentucky, too. DANTES (the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support) and other state National Guards are monitoring the program to see how well it works.



**HEAVE-HO!**  
Members of C Battery, 623d Field Artillery, Monticello, load 8-inch Howitzer shells to transport to the firing line on one of Fort Knox's artillery ranges during the unit's March drill. (Photo by SGT Rick Baker, 133rd PAD)



**WHAT GUN?**  
A gun crew from 623d Field Artillery, Monticello, camouflage their Howitzer prior to firing during training exercises. (Photo by SGT Rick Baker, 133rd PAD)

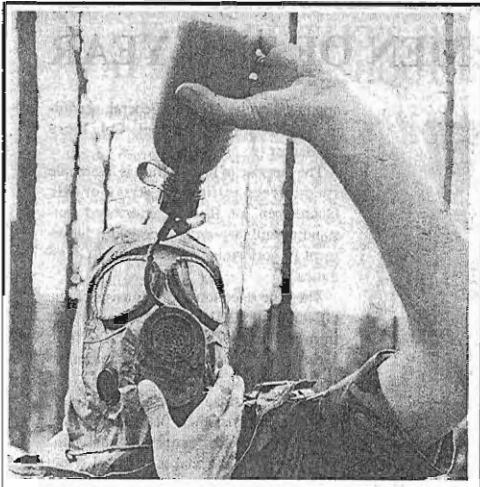
# DOING IT IN THE SPRING FIELD TRAINING



**ZAPPP!**  
Members of B Co. of the 2/123rd Armor prepare their tank for "combat" on a laser range at Fort Knox. (Photo by SP4 Chuck Bogardus, 133rd PAD)



**CONVOY CONTROL**  
CW3 Darrel Rexroat, 140th Signal, the Bluegrass Parkway as they n



**SLUUURRRPPP!!**

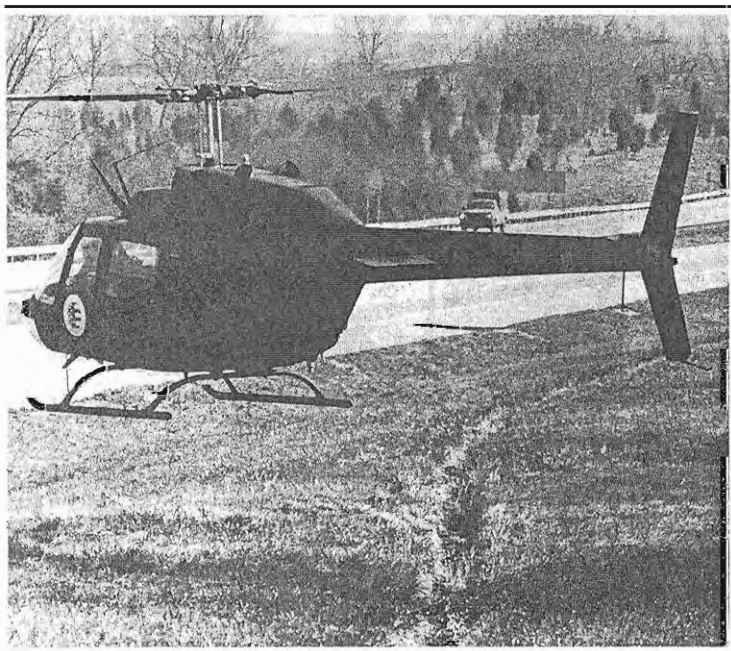
SP4 Steve Clark, 441st Med Det (HEL AMB), found out he needed an extra hand when trying to get a drink of water while wearing his protective mask during NBC training. The extra hand, by the way, belongs to SGT Creath Karsner. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



**PREFLIGHT**

UH-60 Crewchief SSG Richard "Pedro" Upchurch wipes the dew off the windshield of his Blackhawk helicopter as 718th Aviation Co. pilots and crews prepared for an early morning troop-lift mission during their Spring FTX at Ft. Knox. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)

## E WOODS G EXERCISES



1, and MAJ Harry Houchins, HHC 35th Avn Bde, hover their OH-58 observation helicopter near r progress of a convoy headed to Ft. Knox for the 27-29 March FTX. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



**MARCHING ORDERS**

Squad members from the 2113th Aviation Maint. Co. are briefed by SGT Larry Prewitt before moving out during drill in small unit tactics at Ft. Knox. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)

# KENTUCKY'S OUTSTANDING GUARDSMEN OF THE YEAR

By CPT Frank Mattingly

1987 is the first year two Guard members have been selected for the honor of Guardsmen of the Year.

Sgt. Jenny L. Montgomery (123rd Combat Support Squadron) Ky Air National Guard was selected outstanding Kentucky Guardsman of the year in category E-1 through E-4.

Selected in the E-5 through E-9 category was Staff Sergeant Herbie Jackson Jr., Grayson, S-1 SGT of the 201st Engineer Battalion, Ashland.

Sgt. Montgomery, a member of the Guard for two years, is assigned to the Consolidated Base Personnel Office and serves an additional duty as editor of the *Phantom's Eye*, the Base paper.

Montgomery, the mother of an eight year old son, Matthew, is a junior at the University of Louisville pursuing a degree in communications.

She received the Kentucky Merit Ribbon from BG Fred Bradley, Assistant AG-Air, during ceremonies held at the National Guard Association of Kentucky Conference held in Louisville, 28 February.

According to Sgt. Montgomery "it was a great honor to be selected Guardsman of the year because of the quality of the competition and because an Air Guardsman has not been selected in some time."

A member of the Army Guard for 10 years, SSG Jackson received the Kentucky Merit Ribbon from BG Robert L. DeZarn,



SGT JENNY L. MONTGOMERY

Deputy Adjutant General.

In civilian life he is employed by ARMCO Steel where he is on special assignment reporting production at ARMCO Ashland Works.

According to Jackson "being selected Outstanding Guardsman of the Year is a reflection on the training that I received over the years from the Officers and NCOs that have been over me."

Jackson and wife Nancy have two children, daughter Stephanie and son



SSG HERBIE JACKSON

Norman, and one grandson Darik.

Jackson is actively working in the unit with the GED education program through KET.

The 1986 Outstanding Kentucky Guardsmen of the Year Award is divided into two categories for personnel serving in grades E-1 through E-4 and E-5 through E-9 in accordance with FORSCOM Circular.

The state winner is selected from among the major command winners and is selected annually by the State Selection Board

appointed by the Adjutant General, according to Director of Personnel, Col. Larry C. Barker.

The purpose of the program is to provide special recognition for Army or Air Guardsmen for their demonstrated outstanding military excellence and achievement in performing their National Guard duties.

The state selection board consists of one officer from HHD KyARNG, one officer from HHD ANG and a senior NCO from each of the major commands according to KyARNGR 672-5-1.

Each Guardsman is first screened by his company boards, then Battalion Boards, Major Command Boards and finally the State Board which makes the final selection.

The annual winners receive the Kentucky Merit Ribbon, The Kentucky Outstanding Enlisted Guardsman of the Year Award and future consideration for promotion ahead of contemporaries according to CSM Robert L. Bailey.

The criteria for selection is the outstanding performance of duty assignment and MOS qualification, drill attendance (including AT), leadership, personal appearance/military bearing, general military knowledge, recruiting and retention efforts, oral expression and attitude, knowledge of current events and civic involvement, efforts of self-study, loyalty to Unit and Kentucky National Guard.

## COLONEL LOY RETIRES AS CHIEF OF STAFF

By Mike Lynch

How much more can be said about an officer who has been recognized with the Bronze Star, Service Medals for Korea and Vietnam, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and, most recently, the Legion of Merit?

Those are some of the decorations which Chief of Staff COL Harold O. Loy received during a military career that came to an end in March with his retirement at 55.

Of himself, COL Loy says, "I've been very fortunate. When I got commissioned, I figured I'd never go above lieutenant ... at the most, a captain."

A native of Taylor County, Kentucky, Loy joined a Bardstown unit of the National Guard as a Sergeant in 1955, after having served with the Army in Korea. He rose through the ranks to serve in command assignments with the 2nd Battalion of the 138th Field Artillery—with which he served a year in Vietnam—and as Adjutant of the old XXIII Corps Artillery in Louisville. In '74, he was assigned to the Adjutant General's office as Chief of Operations and Training, was promoted to Lieutenant

Colonel and then Colonel before becoming Chief of Staff in 1984.

"I would not have been able to do this without the help of a lot of people. I'm one of the few that have started out as a poor country boy—and not too smart—and have reached this office."

People who have worked with this "poor country boy" are more generous in their praise.

Plans, Operations and Training Director, COL Ed Gill says, "He's always been willing to listen, and he's been positive in taking action to solve problems."

COL Larry Barker, who has known Loy for 20 years and worked with him in Frankfort for seven, calls him "probably one of the most loyal, dedicated bosses I've had."

Barker and fellow officers in Frankfort will miss Loy.

"He's got the Guard and its individuals at heart," Barker added.

Loy says he had plenty of good memories from three decades of commissioned service, from his service in Vietnam, to



Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman presents retiring Chief of Staff Colonel Harold O. Loy the Legion of Merit at the meeting of the National Guard Association of Kentucky in Louisville. (Photo by KyANG)

handling disaster assistance provided by the Guard after tornadoes struck Louisville in 1974 to a vastly improved National Guard.

Twenty years ago, he says, "People thought the Guard was sort of a Mickey Mouse outfit. If you ever went to an all-out war, maybe you'd call them in and train them. That's completely changed."

Despite controversy which still envelops America's Vietnam experience, Loy is proud of his service there.

"We went to do the best job that we could, and we did. We received a lot of acclaim for the capabilities of the battalion

and the proficiencies of the people."

He may be leaving the Guard, but his family will still be there. One of his four children, Diane, a medical intern in Louisville, is also a Captain with the 475th MASH.

As for the retirement rules which require Loy to step down at 55, he has no complaints: "It's good because it gives other people an opportunity to move up."

For Loy, retirement is a matter of moving on. He plans to stay in Frankfort, build a new house and look for a new job. "I need to work. I'm too young to retire. I'll do something else."

## KyGUARD TAKES 2ND AT 2ND ARMY SHOOTOUT

Members of Headquarters Company 1/149th Inf. Bn. (Mech) light machine gun team out-scores nearest competitor by 404 points to take second overall at 2nd Army Marksmanship Championships held at Fort Benning, Ga. in March. From left to right: SSG Ray Patterson, Ingles, took one first, one second in individual matches and second overall; SP4 David Moss, Somerset, took two thirds and a third overall in the novice class; SGT Troy Karriker, Eubank, took two thirds and a third overall, SGT Bobby Middleton, Gray, took one second, one first and first overall.



# NCO's

## A NEW EVALUATION

A new concept for a Non-commissioned Officer Evaluation Reporting System recently approved by Army's Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr., is due to replace the existing five-year-old Enlisted Evaluation Reporting System by year's end.

In approving the concept, Wickham noted that it's a "far better approach to NCO professionalism," providing a complete measure of a young soldier's development, with a positive indication that the Army is sensitive to the growth of its NCO corps.

The concept derives from extensive input from the entire Army. It establishes the direction the new system will take while guiding the choice of techniques offered by the form as well as the evaluation policies to be included in the regulation, said Sgt. Maj. Clyde Goode, chief of NCO evaluation systems policy at the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center in Alexandria, Va.

Before the December 1987 implementation date, the Army will distribute a draft version of the form in April. Goode explained

that as the draft makes its way to the major commands it also will set in motion an Army-wide education process to introduce the form.

Dedicated to NCO excellence, the new report will emphasize the important role the NCO plays in the Army's success, providing the focal point for NCO pride. The report's name change reflects this new focus, Goode said.

Although it is too early to tell exactly what the new form itself will look like, a number of items appear to be certain, he added. It will include rating scales for Army values and NCO requirements; the requirements for "bullet narratives" instead of prose; a move away from numerical ratings; "trigger words" with expanded definitions for the NCO requirements; dedicated blocks for the physical fitness test and height and weight measurements; a structured duty description which will include

key performance elements and additional duties; and a change in names and roles for rating officials. —ARNEWS

## WEIGHT FOR HEIGHT TABLE

(Screening Table Weight)

Effective October 1, 1986

Weight for Height Table (Screening Table Weight)					Effective October 1, 1986			
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## BOSSLIFT '87

Want your civilian employer to see what you really do when you go to annual training with your Guard unit???

If you're in one of the units attending AT this year at Ft. Stewart, GA (12-28 June) your commander will soon have nomination forms available to put your boss's name in the bar for one of the 40 seats on BOSSLIFT 87. The trip will consist of a one-day visit via National Guard aircraft to Ft. Stewart with ground transportation to field training sites. The tentative date for the BOSSLIFT is 19 June. Employer nominations must be submitted to the ESGR office by unit commanders no later than your May drill.



#### CHANGE OF COMMAND

Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman (left) prepares to pass the flag of command for the 138th Field Artillery Brigade from outgoing commander COL Julius L. Berthold (right) to new Bde Cdr COL Thomas R. Ice (center). Ceremonies were held March 21 at 138th FA Bde Headquarters in Lexington. (Photo by SSG Hugh Smith, 133rd PAD)

## COMMISSARY RULES RELEASED

The Department of Defense late last month released the long-awaited rules on expanded commissary use by National Guard and Reserve members. The new rules took effect on 30 March.

They will allow Guard members to use commissaries a maximum of 14 times during the year, throughout the year. Previously, Reserve Component soldiers could use commissaries only during annual training or while on active duty for 72 hours or longer.

A Guard member's authorization to use commissaries will be his or her December 1986 leave and earnings statement (LES). Those LES's are to be validated for commissary use (based on a soldier's 1986 AT and active duty)

Each soldier's LES will reflect the number of days he or she is entitled to use a commissary.

Guard members will also have to present a valid military ID card at the commissary. Family members entitled to the commissary privilege will present an Army Guard/Reserve Family Member ID. (If that card is unavailable, another photo ID may be acceptable to the commissary.)

Incidentally, as of 30 March, Guard members and their families can no longer use a commissary with active duty orders and DA Form 2A (pink) as authorization.

Each time a Guardsman or authorized family member visits a commissary, the LES will be punched, voiding one of the authorized visits.

## I.D. TAGS AND CARDS A MUST

Dog tags and ID cards—don't head for the field or an aircraft without them.

Department of the Army has issued new guidance that requires all soldiers, Active-Guard-Reserve, to be properly identified when they are training in the field or traveling on military business. This means you must wear your dog tags with the metal necklace and carry an up-to-date ID card. They are essential in identifying a soldier in case of death or serious injury.

A third element of the guidance requires soldiers to have panoramic (full mouth) dental X-rays in their health record and in a separate, secure filing system.

While many National Guard members are starting to receive panoramic X-rays, interim dental records are used, including the Standard Form 603 and/or civilian dental records. As a minimum, a Guard soldier's health records should include the name and address of a civilian dentist where X-rays or other charts may be on file.

In most cases for National Guard members, dental records will remain on file at the home station and/or dental facility approved by the state's adjutant general, even when units or individuals are on orders for training. If a unit or individual must deploy with dental records, under no circumstances will the dental records be carried along with soldiers on the same means of transportation.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### GROUND BREAKING THIS MONTH FOR MASON COUNTY

Groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled for 2 p.m. 14 April for the third temporary home of Company A, 206th Engineer Battalion in Mason County. The Maysville-Mason County Industrial Development Authority will build the 8,500-square-foot building on 3 acres of land in the county. It will serve as an intermediate home for Company A until a larger, permanent armory can be built.

### PERMANENT GI BILL PASSES U.S. HOUSE

The U.S. House of Representatives last month passed legislation to make the New GI Bill permanent. The current version of the bill, which was a test extension of the GI Bill, has a June 30, 1988, application deadline. The measure, passed by the House on a 401-2 vote, would remove that deadline. The sponsor of the bill, Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery and several other members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee visited Ft. Knox last month to talk to active Army enlistees and Kentucky National Guardsmen about the education benefits of the GI Bill. The measure he sponsored must now be approved by the U.S. Senate.

### 133rd PAD SWEEPS SECOND ARMY J-AWARDS

Television and newspaper coverage of events ranging from the 350th Birthday of the National Guard to medical training exercises in the mountains of Honduras won seven awards for journalistic excellence from Second Army for the 133rd Public Affairs detachment March 21 in Atlanta, GA.

The Second Army area includes Guard and Reserve units in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

The unit received three second place, three third place and one honorable mention for its broadcast and print media work during 1986.

## SHRINKING DOLLARS

### INCAP PAY NO LONGER AS GENEROUS

National Guard members who are hurt in the line of duty during military training or while traveling to or from training are eligible for incapacitation pay if they miss work. But with the enactment of the 1987 Defense Authorization Act, the amount of "incap pay" a Guardsman can receive has been reduced considerably.

Any military person who is injured or contracts a disease in the line of duty after 13 November 1986 falls under the new rules. The maximum period of payment usually cannot exceed six months, and any private income-protection insurance will count against the incapacitation pay.

For people who hold civilian and military jobs, the rules generally allow payment only at the lower wage rate.

Soldiers who cannot work either their civilian or military duty as a result of the injury or illness will be paid their civilian pay level or the military grade, whichever is less.

If the soldier can work the civilian job but not the military

duty, the "incap pay" will equal the pay for inactive duty training which he or she misses.

The injured person who cannot work the civilian job but still performs military duty will receive incapacitation pay based on his or her military grade and service length (not to exceed the civilian salary).

An unemployed soldier who cannot perform military duty is limited to incapacitation pay only for inactive duty training missed during the recuperation (If the jobless soldier misses no training duty, he or she receives no incap pay.)

The rules also place the burden of proof of lost civilian wages on the soldier.

Claims for incapacitation pay across the nation have been soaring, and in Kentucky last fiscal year, incap pay topped \$200,000 for the first time.

If you're still confused (or even more so), the best thing to do is contact MSG Walt Reichenbach at Boone Center in Frankfort, at (502) 564-8549.