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Kentucky Wins National Award

by Thomas D. Riddell

The Kentucky National Guard has been selected winner of the 1972 'minuteman Mike Award' for Community Service during the 1972 Easter Seal Telethon.

The Award presentation was held during the recent Adjutant General's Conference in Texas. Kentucky's AG, Richard Frymire, accepted the award on behalf of the Kentucky Guard.

Kentucky competed with thirteen other states to win the award in Community Action Program. Other awards included, Public Information, Command Information, High School Program, and a General Category.

W. T. Isaac, representing the National Easter Seal Society in Chicago, also presented the Kentucky National Guard a plaque to salute the 'Samaitians in Green.'

Isaac said "the National Easter Seal Society would like to express their deep appreciation to the Kentucky National Guardsmen who have demonstrated such interest and concern for the welfare of handicapped children."

The Kentucky National Guard collected \$98,434.66 during the Easter Seal Telethon. This collection point in Ravenna netted over \$1,300.

Nickles and Dimes Pay Off

by Thomas D. Riddell

When all the nickles and dimes were counted the Kentucky Army National Guard had collected \$98,434.66 for the Easter Seal Campaign for crippled children according to Col. Edward H. Milburn, state coordinator for the drive.

The drive was held on the same dates as the 2nd Annual Easter Seal Telethon broadcast direct from Los Angeles with Bob Hope as emcee.

The Kentucky National Guard's endeavors on behalf of the 1973 Easter Seal Campaign received national recognition through a film produced by the State Department of Public Information.

The State Radio-TV Section produced the film "Samaritans in Green" for the National Guard.

The film featuring Cardinal Hill Hospital in Lexington, was selected by the national Easter Seal Society and was shown on nationwide television during the National Easter Seal Telethon April 8.

Contributions to the Army National Guard in the viewing area of the stations

was credit to the Telethon. Donations to the Telethon over three television stations amounted to \$167,305.00 said W. T. Isaac, executive director of the Kentucky Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Despite the adverse weather conditions of rain all over the state on Saturday and

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Guard To Study Ecology

The Kentucky National Guard is helping collect 650 water samples from tributaries feeding five selected lakes for a year-long federal-state anti-pollution project.

The first work began a few days ago under supervision and training of state specialists.

The guardsmen will continue periodic sampling at 47 stations on lake tributaries to try to assess a process called eutrophication. Eutrophication caused by excess chemical nutrients, overstimulates aquatic plant growth.

The participating Guard units will be from Paducah, Glasgow, Tompkinsville, Monticello, Somerset, Barbourville, Williamsburg, Harrodsburg, and Danville.

William D. Ruckelshaus, the EPA administration, said in a letter to Adj. Gen. Richard Frymire that the Guard offers the proven dependability, capability and tested organizational structure essential to a program of this kind.

Frymire said Tuesday that Guardsmen will operate from their local units, generally on weekends, each month for a year.

'UNK' Wheeler Serves 44

by Thom Parish

"I wouldn't have missed any part of it. In fact, I got involved in everything the guard did." Chief Warrant Officer 4 William E. Wheeler, of the United States Property and Fiscal Office, State Headquarters, Kentucky Army National Guard, Frankfort, said before he retired.



CW4 Wheeler

Mr. Wheeler, supervisory accounting technician, has been with the Kentucky National Guard for 44½ years, and he recalls earlier years in the guard, dating back to his enlistment in August 1927.

He remembers active service in the Pacific during World War II and in Korea, early horse-drawn field artillery battalions, assistance during the Ohio River Valley Flood of 1937, and emergency service during coal mine strikes in 1939.

"There would be so much you wouldn't be able to write it all down," he said.

Mr. Wheeler first enlisted into the Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 138th Field Artillery, Kentucky Army National Guard, Louisville. "When I first got in, they had horse-drawn artillery with French 75 millimeter guns," he recalls. The horses were kept until 1933 or '34 and the French guns until 1942.

In the summers, horses were pooled and sent via rail from the Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana Guards to Fort Knox for annual training. "The Ohio horses had the longest trip, 24 or 28 hours, and they were pretty wild when they arrived at camp," Mr. Wheeler says—mainly for water, even though they had one water stop en route.

Maneuvers changed considerably when the horses were replaced by trucks and jeeps. The battery was then more or less restricted to roads and no longer had the freedom of cross-country travel.

In 1939, during coal mine strikes in Harlan and neighboring counties, Mr. Wheeler assisted in the movement of supplies and equipment from Louisville to the struck area.

In January 1941, Wheeler was activated with the 1st Battalion, 138th Field Artillery to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, with maneuvers in Louisiana and finally Oahu, Hawaii, when the outfit's title was changed to Headquarters Battery, 138th Field Artillery Battalion. By this time, he was a master sergeant.

In December 1945, Mr. Wheeler returned to Kentucky. Having completed his obligation, he remained out of the service until November, 1946, when he reenlisted as staff sergeant with State Headquarters, Kentucky Army National Guard in Frankfort. In 1948 he was appointed warrant officer and transferred to the 452nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Louisville, where he served until 1955.

Operation Exotic Dancer???

Some 80 Kentucky Army National Guardsmen did what comes naturally in a very natural bivouac area near Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

The Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 149th Armor Brigade are participated in Operation Exotic Dancer VI, a joint mission with the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines from March 23 to April 11.

And life in the woods hasn't seriously altered daily living schedules.

Maj. John Miller hasn't forsaken the physical conditioning program he uses as a high school football coach in Bowling Green. While his fellow officers shower, Miller does pushups on the pine-needed ground.

Communications platoon leader Lt. Don Young of Bowling Green is no stranger to the communications field, or the early hours of the military.

Except instead of serving as a communications officer, in civilian life he works as a disc jockey on radio station WBNG in Bowling Green from 6 to 10 a.m.

Another early riser, who's no stranger to the outdoors, is the Brigade Commander Gerald Price of Utica.

Price, a 28 year Guard veteran, is a rural mailman and farmer.

The Kentucky units commanded Army opposition forces in the mission and had two infantry groups attached to it from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

During this time he went on active duty with this unit to then Camp Rucker, Alabama and then Camp Polk, Louisiana. In August 1951, he went to Korea on casual status with the 7th Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division, serving between Yonchon and Cherwon in the Summer, Fall, and Winter 1951 Campaigns. He had become Chief Warrant Officer 4 by this

time. From January 1952 to July 1952 he served in regimental supply in Hoakaido, Japan, after which time he came home to the 452nd Armored Field Artillery Battalion in Louisville. In September 1955, he moved back to Frankfort with the United States Property and Fiscal Office, State Headquarters, Kentucky Army National Guard, where he has remained until today.

Mr. Wheeler was married in December 1939. He and his wife, Margie, live on Brown's Perry Road, Frankfort and have two children, Evalynn, a student, and Elmer, a mechanical engineer in the aircraft space industry in Phoenix, Arizona.

"The unique thing about our mission is that we are an armor unit, but the units attached to us are infantry. We don't anticipate problems. It's just that we'll be moving men instead of tactical equipment," said Capt. Jack Jeanette.

"It's a whole new ball game," said Major Thomas Lett, of Henderson, who added it was the first time the unit has trained with the other states.

Lett said 90 percent of the unit is from Bowling Green area.

The Kentucky unit served as a headquarters for the all National Guard provincial brigade that makes up the entire Army force opposing Marines and Regular Army Airborne units participating in the massive exercise.



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Governor Supports Kentucky Guard

Gov. Wendell Ford has signed a Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserves.

The statement said, in part, "We recognize the National Guard and Reserve as essential to the strength of our nation and the maintenance of world peace. They require and deserve the interest and support of the American business community, as well as every segment of our society..."

"If these volunteer forces are to continue to serve our nation, a broader public understanding is required of the total force concept of national security—and the essential role of the Guard and Reserve within it. The Guard and Reserve need the patriotic cooperation of American employers in facilitating the participating of their eligible employees in Guard and Reserve programs, without impediment or penalty."

According to Adjutant General Richard L. Frymire, the statement is part of a nationwide movement to gain employer support of the Guard and Reserve.

"The Governor signed the statement as the representative of the state of Kentucky setting an example for other employers across the state," Gen. Frymire explained.

Air Guard Moves Operations

On 2 April 1973 the 123 Tactical Reconnaissance Group moved several RF101 'Voodoos' to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. All training missions will be flown from there until about 1 November 1973. This move was brought about due to Runway 1-19 (longest runway) at Standford being closed for extensive repairs and addition of 14 inches of concrete on top of entire runway.

Flying and mission support will be accomplished by use of a combination of Air Technician TDY, year round annual training, unit training assemblies and additional flying training periods. Pilots and support personnel will be shuttled to and from 'Wright-Patt' by our 2 C-54 transports, 1 assigned and 1 borrowed.

Other training, scheduled maintenance, physicals, immunizations and mounds of paperwork will continue to be performed at Shewmaker ANG Base. Permission has been granted to our qualified Instructor Pilots to take off and land on the shorter runway at Standford. This will permit periodic and scheduled aircraft maintenance to be performed where our shops and extensive equipment is available.

"Flight for Life"

Kentucky's national guard has long been recognized as an aid in times of upheaval in the Commonwealth, but the guardsmen's role is not just a peacekeeping one. More and more they are being recognized as 'angels of mercy.'

This is especially true of the army aviation unit.

The latest incident involved a life-saving effort near Barbourville in which a guard helicopter air-lifted an auto accident victim to a Lexington hospital.

In the Civil Defense medical emergency operations plan, the guard pilots have two possible responsibilities—transporting medical teams into disaster areas plus evacuation of the sick and injured to proper medical facilities.

It's A Big Come Down

by James W. Sewell

It's a big come-down from Captain to Private First Class, but from Lieutenant Colonel to Pfc. is worse than ever!

Nevertheless, that's what happened to Bruce Bolner and Kenny Fitzpatrick, both of Ashland, when they joined the Kentucky National Guard's 201st Engineer Battalion.

Bolner and Fitzpatrick are two of the top ROTC students at Paul Blazer High School in Ashland. Bolner, a cadet Lieutenant Colonel, is battalion commander, the highest attainable student rank in Paul Blazer's ROTC program, while Fitzpatrick is a captain and company commander.

According to Fitzpatrick, the boys will receive commissions on completing college, then have two years left in the military as officers in the Army Reserve.

Fitzpatrick plans to attend Morehead State University, where he says he is looking forward to enrolling in the ROTC program. He plans to major in forestry.

Bolner, who was nominated for admission to West Point, has applied for an Army ROTC scholarship to the University

of Kentucky. He plans to major in electrical engineering.

During their college careers, both will attend weekend National Guard meetings once each month, plus two weeks field training each summer.

The 201st Engineer Battalion has launched a campaign to recruit high school seniors with two or more years of high school ROTC.

Jackson Gives Blood

Company C, 201st Engineer Battalion of the Kentucky National Guard has been busy in its home town Jackson.

Saturday, April 17, in conjunction with the Central Kentucky Blood Center of Lexington, sponsored a visit of the blood center's mobile unit.

Forty-four guardsmen and other citizens of the Kentucky donated 107 pints of blood to the center.

The blood was collected as an installment from the newly-formed Jackson National Guard Blood Donors Club. The initial supply will serve to register donors and their families in the club.

Chief 'Tells It Like It Is'

by Thomas D. Riddell



General and Ms Frymire

"Nothing less than 100 percent is acceptable," stated MG Richard Frymire in his address to the 42nd Annual National Guard Association Convention held at the Galt House in Louisville.

Frymire along with Major General Francis Greenleaf and Senator Walter Dee Huddleston were the main speakers at the convention.

It was apparent that recruiting and retention was the essence of Frymire's comments, stating that he wants unit strength throughout the Guard to read 110 percent by 31 May or sooner.

The Air Guard has been given the Spatz Trophy, presented to 'the' outstanding Air Guard Unit in the Nation, as their goal for the year by General Frymire.

"There has been a laxity concerning the professional education of our officers," said Frymire. "I do not plan to hold back a junior officer who is professionally qualified because a senior officer has failed to do his homework."

The General said "The development of a professional and effective staff at all levels is one area which needs emphasis."

"I know that you share my goal in making the Kentucky Guard the best in the Nation," were Frymire's closing remarks at the Convention.



Senator Huddleston

Frymire To Examine Manpower

by Thomas D. Riddell

Readiness to perform assigned mission in the Nations defense is the basic concern of the National Guard, but readiness depends utterly upon 'people'.

A Special Committee on Manpower created recently by Major General Henry W. McMillan, President of the National Guard Association of the United States, meet at Camp Blanding, Florida, for two days (13-14 March) to examine ways in which NGAUS can assist the Army and Air National Guard in maintaining the required recruiting and retention levels.

Chairman of the committee is Major General Charles A. Ott, Jr., California. Members are Major Generals John C. Baker, New York, Richard L. Frymire, Jr., Kentucky, and Dana L. Stewart, Ohio, heads of the National Guard in their States; Brigadier General Otto E. Scherz, Texas and Colonel Donald E. Morris,

Arizona.

Pentagon officials who meet with the committee include Dr. Theodore C. Marrs, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), Lieutenant General Harris W. Hollis, Chief of the Army's Office of Reserve Components; Major General Francis S. Greenleaf, Chief, National Guard Bureau, and members of their staffs.

And so 'people', how to get them, how to retain them, how to train them, and how to relate to them as living, breathing, thinking individuals rather than as 'bodies', was the dominate topic of the series of discussion.

"Traditionally the Guard is a voluntary force; we will have to prove again that this is true," said MG Floyd L. Edsall, President of the Adjutant Generals Association, which says it all.



General Greenleaf

Retired Officers Get-To-Gether

"It was the greatest spot of the night" said Ret. LTC Louis Langford, continuity chairman of the Retired Office of the Kentucky National Guard Association."

"It was a gamble but it paid off," said Langford, "We weren't sure of the response, but we had 122 Officers to visit our hospitality room and eight General Officers dropped by to see us."

Langford along with CPT Charles Suter and CPT Al Harrison paved the way for the first such get-to-gether for the Retired Officers.

Suter commented that all the 122 visitors stated they didn't want to 'let it die.'

Langford will again be the chairman of the association's continuity committee next year and said he, "hope to keep the ball rolling for next year."

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the cooling conditions on Sunday, the volunteer Guardsmen, from all areas of the state, gave their time and effort to ask the motoring public to make contributions to the Easter Seal campaign.

According to a spokesman of the U. S. Weather Bureau at Standiford Field, Louisville, there was not a dry place in Kentucky during the day-time hours Saturday April 7.

Volunteers from 51 of the state's 52 National Guard units have participated in weekend Easter Seal drives. The other unit will schedule its campaign at a later date, said Col. Milburn.

Col. Milburn and Isaac expressed their deep appreciation to the many contributors for their great support of this program, now in its 50th year of service.