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**PROCLAMATION**—Gov. Julian Carroll signs a document proclaiming February as "Spirit of '76 Month," as Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, left, and Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, Army Guard recruiting and retention manager, look on. Governor Carroll issued the proclamation to show his support for the Kentucky National Guard and to ask community leaders to assist in the current recruiting effort. (Photo by Steve Mitchell, Ky. Dept. of Public Information)

## Spirit of '76 hits 500

"Operation Spirit of '76" was largely responsible for more than 500 new enlistments in the Kentucky Army National Guard during the first six weeks of the year, according to Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, recruiting and retention manager. The Air Guard gained 21 new members during the same period.

Those enlistments brought Air Guard strength to 98 per cent and the Army Guard to 95 per cent. The Army Guard was 510 people short of 100 percent Jan. 1, but that number has been reduced to 275.

"January was the best month we've had in a long time," Colonel Alfaro said. "We enlisted 341 people, including 171 high school seniors."

Gov. Julian Carroll gave his support to the Guard and the current project by proclaiming February as "Spirit of '76 Month" in Kentucky. In the proclamation he said that "Guardsmen have shown deep commitment to their communities, states, and nation for more than two hundred years, protecting lives and property in times of local emergency and national (see "Spirit" on page 4)

## Conference set; nominees picked

Plans for the 45th annual conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky have been finalized and the nominations committee has announced its selections.

The nominations will be made formally to the officers attending during the first business session March 6. All activities are set for Louisville's Executive Inn West March 5-7.

The officers selected for consideration are: President: Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, State Headquarters, and Lt. Col. Robert Dezarn, 201st Engineer Battalion; Vice-President, Army: Capt. Ray Canady, 149th Infantry Bn., and Capt. Charles Clark, 198th Military Police Bn.; and Vice-President, Air: Maj. William Hays, 123d Combat Support Group, and Maj. Joseph Kottak, 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing.

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted, and the election will be conducted by secret ballot as required by the Association's constitution. Pre-printed ballots will be available at the election committee's desk throughout the business session.

Maj. Lou Sabel, who has headed the conference committees, has announced that the cost of the weekend event will be prorated by military pay grades. The action was taken to encourage junior officers to attend.

Conference registration will open at noon March 5, and the President's Reception will begin at 7 p.m.

Business sessions will begin at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 6. Principal addresses will be made by Will Hill Tankersley, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Reserve affairs; Carl Clewlow, deputy assistant secretary of defense for civilian personnel policy; and Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General. Representatives of the National Guard Bureau and the National Guard Association of the U.S. will also address the group.

Activities for the officers' wives are also set for Saturday, beginning with an 11:30 a.m. luncheon. Mrs. Purcell Lee, noted Kentucky folklore scholar and humorist, will display part of her collection (see "Conference" on page 3)



# Army Guard announces AT locations

Most Kentucky Army National Guard units will be away for annual training at the same time this year, according to Lt. Col. Harold Loy, chief of the training division. He said that most units will train in late May and early June.

"Training for the artillery units will be basically the same as last year," he said. "They'll be going to Camp Shelby, Miss. from May 21 to June 5 and training with artillery and engineer units from Mississippi as well as with other Army Reserve and Army National Guard units. The XXIII Corps Artillery will again serve as the troop command."

Units going to Camp Shelby include: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, XXIII CA; HHB, 138th Field Artillery Group; 2nd Battalion, 138th FA; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 103d Supply and Service Bn.; 203d General

Support Company; 303d Gen Sup.; 130th Light Equipment Maintenance Co.; 306th Maintenance Co. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 198th Military Police Bn.; 223d MP Co.; 438th MP Co.; 441st Medical Detachment; and 471st Med Det.

The two medical units will train with medical sections from Mississippi.

Most armor units and some other organizations will train at Fort Knox from May 22 to June 5. The units set to participate include: HHC, 149th Armored Brigade; 1st Bn., 149th Mechanized Infantry; 2nd Bn., 123d Armor; 201st Engineer Bn.; 207th Engr Co.; and 2123d Transportation Co. (-).

Part of the 2123d Trans Co. will provide transportation for a bicentennial caravan tour of the state. The caravan is jointly sponsored by the Guard and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. will be the training site for the 413th Maintenance Co. June 4 - 20 and part of the 2113th Trans Co. will train at Gulfport, Miss., while the remainder will train in Frankfort.

The 1st Bn., 123d Armor and 1st Bn.,

623d FA will travel to Fort Hood, Tex. July 29 to Aug. 15 to work with active units in the affiliation and roundup programs.

The 202d Army Band will again tour the state from June 26 to July 10, while the 133d PID will be tasked with supporting annual training at all major sites.

The Kentucky Military Academy will move its annual training site to Fort McClellan, Ala. this year to undergo joint training with the Alabama Military Academy June 10 - 26. The Kentucky NCO Academy will also train at the Alabama site.

Warrant officers from the newly-formed 470th Med Det will receive medical training at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., while enlisted crew chiefs and medical aidesmen will work with an air ambulance platoon at Fort Campbell.

"I think we have a good program set this year," Colonel Loy said. "We have our people going where they can get some realistic training and we've provided them with the support they'll need."

## NEWS...in brief

### Aviation Day

The Kentucky Air National Guard, in conjunction with officials at Standford Field in Louisville, has planned "Aviation Day" June 5. Current plans include shows by the Thunderbirds, the Air Force's aerial demonstration team, and the Golden Knights, the Army's precision parachuting unit. Air Guard facilities will be open to the public for the event. The GUARDSMAN will announce details as they are made available.

### Army Sweater

The Army Uniform Board has approved a green sweater as an optional purchase item. The sweater, shade 44 Army Green, is available in post exchanges for about \$10.

### Award Winner

SSgt. Bobby R. Duvall, of the 307th Maintenance Company, was the distinguished graduate in his Field Communications Electronics Equipment Repair Course at Fort Sill, Okla. recently. He completed the course work with a 99.16 per cent mark.

### OCS Applications

The Kentucky Military Academy is now accepting applications for the 1976-77 school year. Class XIX will begin May 15 and annual training is set for June 10-26 at Fort McClellan, Ala. More information about the program can be obtained from Capt. Clyde Wiseman or SFC Curt Hurlie, 502-564-7878. Applications must be at the Academy by May 1.

### Number Switch

The 118th Light Equipment Maintenance Company in Burlington will become the 130th March 1. The former designation was already in existence in the California National Guard.

## Aviator aids lost pilot

CW3 Bill Tomlinson, an aviator with the 470th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance), was instrumental in guiding a pilot to safety Jan. 28 near Frankfort.

Mr. Tomlinson was returning from a mission in late afternoon when an unidentified woman pilot on a flight from Charleston, W. Va. to Seymour, Ind. reported to Bluegrass Field in Lexington that she was lost and low on fuel. He relayed radio transmissions for her and volunteered to help her land in Frankfort.

"She was about 18 miles from Frankfort when she reported trouble," Mr. Tomlinson said. "I turned on my landing lights after we had determined her approximate position and we flew toward one another. When she picked up my lights, I turned and escorted her to the Frankfort airport."

About a mile from the landing strip,

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tion of antiques and share her stories of Kentucky's past. A style show will be presented by "The Sporting Thing," a St. Matthews shop.

Following those events, transportation will be available to Baker's Square, other shopping areas, and to the "flea market" at the Exposition Center.

A banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. March 6, and "The Wilderness Road New Breed," a part of the 202d Army Band, will provide music for dancing after the meal.

the woman ran out of fuel and had to land without power. She did so successfully.

"Under the circumstances," Mr. Tomlinson reported, "she did an excellent job. The winds were deceptively strong and that can cause problems for any pilot."

The woman is an employee of Exec Air in Seymour.



BEAN SOUP—SSgt. Gary W. Stormes dips up bean soup for one of the more than 2,000 people who attended the Air Guard's sixth annual bean soup fest recently. The event raised \$2,600 for the Youth Activities Council.

## Two communities dedicate armories

New armories were dedicated in Cynthia and Central City in January and both occasions brought excellent community response.

A bicentennial ball and a special edition of the "Cynthiana Democrat" highlighted the Jan. 17 dedication of the new Harrison County home of Detachment 1, Company D, 201st Engineer Battalion. The \$600,000 armory houses 82 members.

More than 300 people turned out to help dedicate the Central City home of the 307th Maintenance Company. A well-attended dance followed the Jan. 24 activities.

Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, delivered the principal address on both occasions, filling in for Gov. Julian Carroll who had to cancel because of minor surgery.

The general noted that both units had been organized May 1, 1974 and had quickly gone over the 100 per cent strength mark.

## 201st sets games

The 201st Engineer Battalion has scheduled the third annual "Greater Ashland Area Volleyball and Table Tennis Tournament" for March 31-April 3 at the Ashland Armory. Last year's event raised more than \$2,300 for the Youth Activity Council.

Competition is set for boys and girls in both junior and senior high divisions and two classes are planned for the adult matches. Team and individual trophies will be awarded.

MSgt. Bill Bryan will accept volleyball entries until March 1. He can be reached at (606) 325-8411.

SP6 James D. McClelland, Jr. will take table tennis applications until March 15. His number is (606) 325-2050.

For more information about the tournament, contact Command Sergeant Major Edwin F. Conley, Jr., the tournament chairman, at (606) 325-2050.



**PRESENTATION**—Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire presents a bicentennial flag to Thelma Taylor, chairwoman of the Harrison County Bicentennial Committee. She was instrumental in publicizing the dedication of the Cynthia Armory and in arranging for bicentennial events included in the day's activities. (Photo by SP4 Tom Murphy)

## Garrett offers legislation

Several bills that, if enacted, will benefit members of the Kentucky National Guard, had been introduced in the Kentucky Senate at press time.

The principal piece of legislation was introduced by Senator Tom Garrett of Paducah. Numbered Senate Bill 141, the legislation would create an "educational encouragement fund" to be applied as 50 per cent tuition at any state-supported university, college, community college, or vocational education school.

The funds could be used by full-time or part-time students. To be eligible, Guardsmen would have to be in good standing with their units throughout the semester during which the funds would be applied.

The bill would carry an initial \$25,000 appropriation.

The second proposal would give current Guardsmen with at least three years of service in the Kentucky National Guard a

five-point benefit on state merit system examinations. People who have been discharged after at least six years of honorable service in the Kentucky Guard would also receive the benefit.

## Spirit

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freedoms in times of national emergency."

He also encouraged community leaders to support their local units.

"I've been very pleased with the response we've had everywhere," Colonel Alfaro said. "Nearly every newspaper in the state has used material on the project and many radio and television stations have devoted a lot of air time to us. The Guardsmen who have gone to their local media to discuss the Guard have done an outstanding job."

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