

# ★ BRIGADE NEWS ★

TO INFORM ITS OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS & NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

## GRADUATION EXERCISES FIRST AND FOURTH CANDIDATE COMPANIES



Lieutenant Colonel Thomas K. Turnage, Commandant of the 1st Candidate Company, rendering farewell remarks to the Graduating Officer Candidates. Sitting immediately behind Col. Turnage is Major General William F. Dean, USA (Ret) Major General Earle M. Jones, the Adjutant General, and Major General Homer O. Eaton Jr. Commanding General, 40th Armored Division. The other dignitaries shown represented their commands in the presentation of Insignia to those graduates who were that day sworn as Second Lieutenants.

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### CLASS X (1959-60) CAL ARNG OCS

Reorganization of the CAL ARNG has undoubtedly slowed administrative, thus probably had an effect on applications for attendance in Class X. To insure that no applicant lacks the opportunity to indicate his desire to enroll, OTAG has extended the original suspense date for acceptance of applications.

At press time seven members of the 114th Brigade had made application for enrollment in Class X OCS CAL ARNG. Three had received acceptance, they are:

O/C Keith D. Bishop	3071 C Street	San Diego
O/C Joseph D. Gasher	3330 San Francisco Ave.	Long Beach
O/C Miguel A. Madrigal	4342 39th St.	San Diego

### RETIRING BRIGADE ARMY ADVISOR TO BE HONORED AT FT. MACARTHUR

Colonel WILLIAM H. FRANCIS, Army Advisor for the 114th AAA Brigade since June of 1956, will retire from active service 31 July. Officer personnel of the units of the Brigade attending ANACDUTRA at Ft. Mac Arthur, will honor him with a cocktail party on the evening of 3rd July at the Officers Club, Ft. MacArthur.

On the following day, Saturday 4th July, all Brigade units training there, will participate in a Retirement Parade for the esteemed Colonel.

### 93rd ARMY BAND TO PARTICIPATE IN CEREMONIES OF 4TH JULY

CWO Fred Jenswold and his 93rd Army Band will journey to Ft. Mac Arthur on the morning of 4th July as a drill, to provide music for the Parade to be conducted on the Middle Reservation Parade Grounds honoring the Brigade's retiring Army Advisor, Colonel William H Francis.

### WEARING OF NAME PLATES

Although not required for personnel of the California Army National Guard, the wearing of name plates is encouraged by the Brigade Commander. When worn, the nickel plated pin type plate is desirable, it will be centered on the flap of the right breast pocket, the top of the plate even with the top edge of the flap.

4TH MISSILE BATTALION, 251ST ARTILLERY IS CONGRATULATED

Maj. Gen. E. J. McGaw, CG, 6th Region, U. S. Army Air Defense Command, recently congratulated our 4th Missile Bn (NIKE AJAX), 251st Artillery. A portion of his letter is reproduced below:

"I extend congratulations to the officers and men of the 4th Missile Battalion (NIKE AJAX), 251st Artillery on the advent of their Organization Day, 1 June 1959.

Since its integration into the Los Angeles Defense, your battalion has upheld the fine tradition which it inherited and has established for itself a unique role in the military history of this country, setting an example which now serves to inspire other National Guard units throughout the United States. The manner in which the members of your command have performed their assigned duties is deserving of the respect of all members of the Armed Forces and the American public.

I commend you and your fellow officers and men for your past achievements and assure you that I am confident that your future accomplishments will enhance the fine record which you have earned through diligence and devotion to the United States."

ARMY EXTENSION COURSE ENROLLMENTS

Officers and enlisted men currently enrolled in the Army Extension Course Program who have been transferred to new units or are members of units that were recently redesignated as a result of reorganization, are urged to furnish the appropriate school administering the extension course, their new unit designation. This will enable this headquarters to process extension course correspondence with a minimum of delay.

GUIDONS:

Guidons have been requisitioned by USPFO for all units which have been or are being redesignated. They will be issued automatically when they are received by USPFO. The Units do nothing.

EVERY MAN TO HIS OWN LABOR ORGANIZATION  
The Editor

A study of the currently exhibited attitude of legislators, both State and National, leads one to believe, they are of the opinion there is no longer a need for that Great Body of Servants known as the National Guard. True, the Guard since its inception, has existed for the purpose of defense of State and Country from attack within or from without.

However, over the years, many of its personnel have given so much of their time and energy that they have established a vested interest. Thus, in this day of organization and pressures, those individuals who entered the service through loyalty find they are now facing a situation much the same as many other bodies of workers who find it necessary to protect an estate they have developed.

The Guardsmen today find that what they created years ago as a social organization, now apparently may have to assume the role of their Labor Organization to fight for the very existence of the Guard.

Some examples of happenings which tend to prove the point are:

- (1) The continued pressure to reduce the strength of the ARNG to 360,000 which has to be continually battled by the National Guard Association of the United States .
- (2) The recent effort in our own California State Legislature to put through AB 2187 which would reduce the period of Military leave for governmental employees to 30 days of such leave, with payment of salary for the first 14 days only. Thus, radically modifying Section 395 of the California Military and Veterans Code .
- (3) The now apparent loss of the uniform allowance for officers of the California NG which has been granted annually since WW II.

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Action on the part of The National Guard Association of California has been recognized to have been a big factor in staving off success for AB 2187. But this is not the end. It is recognized, by those in a position to judge, that this is probably only the beginning of a long series of attacks on the existence of the Guard.

Thus, like many others who have had to organize and lobby at the legislature for the protection of their vocation, members of the National Guard Associations are apparently going to have to follow suit to protect their avocation.

### FINANCIAL CONTROLS ON EXPENDABLE SUPPLIES

Federally appropriated funds made available to this state for the last several years have been substantially less than the amount needed to provide the property, including repair parts, requisitioned by units and activities from the USPFO. Because it would be unrealistic to expect that the gap will be closed by receipt of larger fund allotments in future years. The AG states there is no alternative to our reducing our acquisition of property to those items deemed to be of greatest essentiality within the funds available. This reduction can be best accomplished, General Jones says, by the use of financial controls on unit acquisition of property. An outline of the procedure to be used is being distributed to all units.

The establishment of these controls on the procurement of the expendable items concerned by units and organizations of the California ARNG will enable an equitable distribution of available items among all units and obtain maximum participation by commanders in relating the procurement and conservation of property to the limitations of federal funds allotted the state.

### TOP BRASS ATTEND SR. OFFICERS P.M. COURSE

The Brigade Commander, Brig. Gen. Clifford F. Beyers and Exec. Officer, Col. Bryant Kearney attended the Senior Officer's Preventive Maintenance Course at Fort Knox 26 March to 3 April. They both agree that the instruction which was presented in an outstanding manner was most edifying.

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### MISSILE FIRING - ANOTHER FIRST FOR CALIFORNIA

Word has been received from the United States Army Air Defense Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, that two missile batteries of California's Package 5-NG elements of the 1st and 2nd Missile Battalions (NIKE-AJAX), 250th Artillery, have "maxed" the missile assembly tests which must be passed to qualify for conducting actual missile firing. Batteries A and D scores 100% followed by C with 99.9% and B with a score of 99.4%.

It is believed these were the first National Guard units to attain a perfect score.

At last reports "B" of the 1st Missile Bn 250th Artillery had completed its shoot with a 100% score having obtained 3 kills for 3 missiles.

These units will become a part of the 114th AAA Brigade the 1st of October. It is with much pleasure that we observe the fine performances of these units. To them our heart felt congratulations.

### NCO ACADEMY

Due to the problems involved with the reorganization of the California Army National Guard, it has not been possible to prepare adequately for the conduct of an NCO Academy during ANACDUTRA 1959. By the time this reaches you, this will have been announced officially and this is merely to advise that there will be an NCO Academy conducted during ANACDUTRA 1960 and information will be in the hands of all concerned by 1 January 1960.

### SR NO. 1 2 FIELD TRAINING PAYROLLS

Military Department SR No. 1-2 on ANACDUTRA payrolls is being written. Changes are primarily confined to wording and organization of material.

### DEACTIVATION OF UNITS OF THE 114TH AAA BRIGADE

On 1st October the 251st AAA Group and the 183rd AAA Det (Opns) will be deactivated. Officers and enlisted personnel will be transferred to other San Diego units with the bulk of the enlisted men going into the Brigade headquarters Battery.

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### THE BRIGADE STAFF FOR ANACDUTRA 1959 Ft MacArthur

CLIFFORD F. BEYERS	Brig. Gen.	Commanding
BRYANT KEARNEY	Col.	Exec. Officer
JAMES T. BREWER	Lt. Col.	S-3
JACK M. ATKINS	Major	Comm. Officer
WILLIAM HEDRICK	Major	Radar Officer
ROBERT P. LOGAN	Major	S-2
OTTO W. WALGAST	Major	S-4
ROGELIO BENAVIDEZ	Capt.	Motor Officer
GLENN M. BOECK	Capt.	Asst. Radar Officer
MANUEL A CAUDILLO	Capt.	Btry. C. O.
EDWARD M. HALL	Capt.	S-1
FRANK A HAWN	Capt.	Asst. S-3
PAUL J. KING	1st Lt.	Aide
FRANK F. STONE	CW03	Asst. S-4
JOHN E. BECKMAN	CW02	Food Advisor
BERT H. LEONARD	CW02	Radar WO
FRANK L. Webber	CW02	Personnel WO

Recent losses to the Brigade Staff are CW04 Howard D. Stebbins who, due to occupational interference, transferred to ING, Captain Robert Mitchley who due to occupational interference resigned.

### RECENT PROMOTIONS OF 114th AAA Brigade Officers

KENNETH W. BANDEL, Major, Hq 251st AA Group to Lt. Col.  
WILLIAM HEDRICK, Capt. 114th Brig. Hq to Major  
EUGENE L. GROHS, 1st Lt. Hq 3rd Gn Bn 251st Arty to Capt.  
ROBERT O. WOOLRIDGE, 1st Lt. "B" 1st Bn. Bn. 251st Arty to Capt.  
2nd Gun Battalion of 251st Arty, losses Chaplain to AD

Chaplain (Capt.) JOE M. ELLISON, Chaplain of Hq & Hq Btry. 2nd Bn 251st Artillery has been transferred to an Extra TOE position having been ordered to active duty with Army of the United States 1 April, 1959.

THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION of the UNITED STATES WILL CONDUCT ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS IN OCT. 1959. IT IS PLANNED THAT THE 1960 CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN HONOLULU OAHU PROBABLY IN OCTOBER.



O/C Paul L. Corrier, Jr. Btry B 730th AAA Bn, Coronado, being presented with Insignia during the Graduation Exercise by Colonel Bryant Kearney, Executive Officer of the 114th AAA Brigade.

San Diego County Guardsmen who graduated from the California National Guard Officers Candidate School on Sunday, May 24. Members of the Fourth Company conducted exercises at the South Pasadena Junior High School, South Pasadena.

Paul L. Corriere, Btry B 730th AAA Gun Battalion, age 24, single, of 412 B Avenue, Coronado, son of Mr. Paul L. Corriere, Sr. same address.

Gary B. Hill, Btry B 746th AAA Gun Battalion, age 24, married, of 5705 Bates Street, San Diego, son of Mrs. Aleta M. Hill, 2143 33rd Street, San Diego.

Wallace Mohr, Btry A 746th AAA Gun Battalion, age 27, married, of 7048 Tait Street, San Diego, son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Mohr, 3427 Egan Street, San Diego.

Michael H. Muirhead, Btry B 730th AAA Gun Battalion, age 23, single, of 625 Margarita Street, Coronado, son of Mr. Clarence Mohr, same address.

Lester J. Wadsworth, Hq & Hq Battery, 114th AAA Brigade, age 23, single, of 382 Sandy Street, El Cajon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Wadsworth, Sr. same address.

Millard H. Dorntge, Hq Btry 217th AAA (AW) Battalion, age 22, single, of Box No. 539, El Cajon, son of Mrs. Mary Dorntge, same address.

Ronald D. Atkinson, Btry A 217th AAA (AW) Battalion, age 21, single, of 4787 Constance Drive, San Diego, son of Mr. Harry V. Atkinson, same address.

#### MORE GUARD UNITS GET NIKE DUTIES

The Army will assign 24 more Army National Guard Nike batteries to the defense of key cities 30 June and September. These batteries represent elements of 14 National Guard Air Defense Missile Battalions in seven States.



Brigade Headquarters gets new Major Brig. Gen. Clifford F. Beyers C. G. pins the Oak Leaf on Captain William Hedrick, Brigade Radar Officer.