



# The Kentucky Guardsman

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## Kentucky Guard stands tall in War on Terror

**Mobilizations top 6,000 with 59 percent of Guard deploying at least once**

More than 6,000 Kentucky Guard troops have mobilized since Sept. 11, 2001 in support of the Global War on Terrorism, compiling a record of excellence in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Balkans, and in approximately 50 nations throughout the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Central and South America, even Antarctica.

Currently more than 1,550 Kentucky National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are mobilized in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle and 1,156 are directly fighting the war on terrorism in and around Iraq as part of a seamless integration with the active duty military. However, at no time has the Kentucky National Guard force in the Commonwealth dropped below 50 percent. The

**Kentucky has "the finest Guard in the nation."**

**Governor Ernie Fletcher  
NGAKY Conference, 12 Feb 05**

Kentucky National Guard stands poised to meet any mission, responding both to the citizens of the United States and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, at any time or place.

According to the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs Public Affairs staff, through 6 May 2005, 618 current members of the Kentucky Air National Guard (out of 1,167) have deployed at least once for a total of **53%**. Of 6,299 current members of the Kentucky Army National Guard, 3,808 have deployed at least once for a total of **60%**.

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**617 Military Police Company team leader Leigh Ann Hester (center front) and her fellow soldiers from the Richmond, Ky.-based unit achieved international fame 20 March by killing 27 insurgents and capturing one, along with the weapons pictured, during a firefight southeast of Baghdad, Iraq.**

## 127th NGAUS Conference set for Honolulu, Hawaii 17-19 Sep.



The 127<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States will take place in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii from 17-19 September 2005. The purpose of the conference is to have fun, network and establish resolutions for our 2007 Legislative Agenda.

### TRAVEL PACKAGE IS GREAT DEAL

The NGAUS Conference Planning Committee has been planning since January. The committee has

Significant dates to remember:

- **14 July** – NGAKY deadline to receive registration forms and fees.
- **29 July** – Last day to request deposit refunds.
- **17 Sep** – First Business Session begins.
- **18 Sep** – Last day to request registration refunds.
- **19 Sep** - Conference ends.

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arranged for a NGAKY Group Travel Package for \$1,315 per person provided by TOTAL TRAVEL, INC from 14-21 September 2005. So far we have 55 people registered for the travel package leaving from Louisville and Nashville on 14 Sept. and returning on 21-22 Sept. Several others are making their own arrangements.

We have 35 rooms and a hospitality room for the Kentucky delegation at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki, 2424 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815, TEL (808) 923-1234, TEL (800) 233-1234, FAX (808) 923-7839, [www.waikiki.hyatt.com](http://www.waikiki.hyatt.com).

The Conference committee has planned a "Stars & Stripes Tour" to visit historic symbols of freedom and perseverance. We'll see Pearl Harbor's U.S.S. Arizona Memorial, the "Mighty Mo" Battleship Missouri, plus the National Memorial cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl Crater. Other Oahu activities include [Adventures](#), [Cultural Activities](#), [Golf](#), [Horseback Riding](#), [Kayaking](#), [Luau's](#), [Scuba Diving](#), [Snorkeling](#), [Fishing](#), [Surfing](#), and [Whale Watching](#).

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Gov. Ernie Fletcher addressed the 74th Annual National Guard Association of Kentucky Conference Business Session 12 February in Lexington. See story on page 4.

## President's Message

By CW5 Dean E. Stoops  
President, National Guard Association of Kentucky



I am pleased to have this opportunity to let you know what is going on in the National Guard Association of Kentucky (NGAKY) and the Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation (KNGHF). I am also very excited to have the opportunity to lead these organizations during this very pivotal year of transition and restructuring. The challenges we face as an organization are enormous, yet I believe we are well positioned to see each as an opportunity to better serve our members and their families.

During my tenure as President-Elect, I worked closely with President Dornbush, the Board of Directors, Committee members and the NGAKY staff to identify the critical issues that affect these two organizations – individually and collectively – and initiate courses of action that would improve the operations, services, and financial stability of both.

Since 12 February 2005 we have made many changes to the way the NGAKY and KNGHF are run. All these changes are necessary for the health and welfare of our association. Most of the changes have to do with staff functions, internal operations, and financial management.

### Staff

MAJ Wendell Calhoun was initially appointed as the Secretary-Treasurer on 14 February 2005. However, during the last week of March 2005, he was notified that he would be deployed to Afghanistan in mid-April. Following discussions with President-Elect MAJ Michael Abell, I appointed MAJ Brian Wertzler as the new Secretary-Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman on 1 April 2005. This is a critical position for the NGAKY and I am very pleased to have MAJ Wertzler as our new Secretary-Treasurer. He will have a key role in helping manage our NGAKY finances and developing internal controls.

Mrs. Kim Knight (photo, page 13) – a longtime supporter of the NGAKY – was hired as the new Associate Accountant to replace Ms. Hilarye Dailey. Kim brings with her an extensive experience and background in bookkeeping and accounting processes. In addition, her husband and son are both members of the KYNG. Although Hilarye has been our accountant for the past three years, she is a full time employee of the Justice Cabinet. While she is a faithful employee of the association working nights and weekends, Hilarye and I felt it was necessary to hire an accountant that could work during the business day and coordinate directly with the Executive Director on financial issues. I want to express my thanks to Hilarye for her dedicated and faithful service these past three years, and gratitude to Kim for accepting this responsibility. This is another critical position for the NGAKY and I am confident Kim will do a great job.

On 1 March 2005 I appointed Ms. Amanda Weakley (NGAKY Insurance Manager, photo page 13) as temporary Executive Director, pending the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. On 12 April 2005 the Board unanimously approved Amanda as the new Executive Director for an initial period of one year; after which, the decision to retain her as the Executive Director will be reviewed by President Abell and the Board of Directors.

### Finances

Last year COL Dornbush and I discovered several serious problems associated with the management of NGAKY and KNGHF finances. Although we began making changes in September 2004, it became clearly evident by January 2005 that significant changes were required to correct the deficiencies. As a result, Col Dornbush, MAJ Abell and I worked closely during the past four months to overhaul the way we do business. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the officers, volunteers, and new staff considerable progress is being made in the areas of accounts receivable, accounts payable, developing an annual budget, improving internal controls and accounting processes, property management and getting caught up on overdue audits and taxes.

### Committees

I am pleased to announce that all the standing and special committees are actively engaged in the business of the association. In fact, a few of the committees are very active, meeting regularly and working on the important issues that face our members. The Finance & Investment Committee, Chaired by MAJ Brian Wertzler, is working diligently to restructure the management of our finances as mentioned above; while MAJ Anthony Adams and our Personnel

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# Fletcher, Inge, Storm headline 74th NGA Ky Conference

## Governor proposes income tax exemption, Storm outlines new mission initiatives

Governor Ernie Fletcher, NORTHCOM Deputy Commander Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Inge and Kentucky Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm headlined the 74<sup>th</sup> annual National Guard Association of Kentucky conference in Lexington 11-12 February 2005.

Gov. Fletcher pledged to seek a military pay income tax exemption for Kentuckians serving their nation and Commonwealth, Gen. Storm outlined future missions headed to the Kentucky National Guard and Gen. Inge praised Kentucky's role in the Global War on Terrorism.

Over 500 officers and nearly 40 exhibitors attended the annual conference, which featured an exhibitors reception, business session and military banquet and ball. Entertainment at the banquet and ball was provided by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne All-American Chorus and the 202<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Army National Guard Band.

During the business session, the officers, retirees and senior enlisted guests approved legislative resolutions and elected Maj. Michael Abell president-elect, Maj. John Luttrell vice president for Army and Lt. Col. Connie Allen vice president for Air. The Kentucky Air National Guard held an additional breakout business session to review its New Missions Team "Vanguard" initiatives in preparation for the post-BRAC era. At the conclusion of the banquet Saturday evening, CW5 Dean Stoops took over as president of the association from Col. Michael Dornbush.

### Gov. Fletcher

Gov. Fletcher praised the sacrifice of Kentucky National Guard soldiers and airmen and their families, calling Kentucky "the finest Guard in the nation" and pledging to give Kentucky Guardsmen the support they need to defend the nation and the Commonwealth.

In his keynote business session address, Gov. Fletcher also asked Kentucky Guardsmen to support his tax modernization initiatives, Jobs for Kentucky, saying the Commonwealth's revenue system is rooted in the pre-World War I era.

"We would never never never send you into battle with equipment that old - why would we lead a Commonwealth with a 100-year-old tax system?" he said.

As part of his long-term tax modernization program, Gov. Fletcher pledged to seek to exempt military pay from Kentucky's personal income tax. The \$16 million exemption program would help pay for itself by bringing soldiers at Fort Campbell back from Tennessee into Kentucky and would further encourage Kentuckians to join the National Guard or active duty service, he noted.

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**"It is an honor to serve with you and the rest of the men and women of the Kentucky National Guard who so bravely lay their lives on the line for their country."**

**Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm**

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### Gen. Storm

Gen. Storm effusively praised the efforts of Kentucky Guardsmen in the Global War on Terrorism.

He praised Kentucky for being one of three states to meet its FY2004 recruiting goals and set an FY2005 end strength goal of 6,575 for the Army Guard and 1,225 for the Air Guard. "Recruiting is my number one priority," Gen. Storm stressed, a "command responsibility" which holds the key to the Kentucky Guard's growth in Transformation and future opportunities.

The Air Guard, he noted, is aggressively pursuing future mission opportunities under the Vanguard initiative. Growth opportunities targeted by the Kentucky Air Guard include an Air Mobility Division of approx. 50 senior aircrew members, who would provide airlift command and control to worldwide combatant commanders, and an Air Intelligence Squadron of between 50-to-400 new personnel who would provide worldwide airborne reconnaissance in support of the Air Force Special Operations Command.

On the Army Guard side, he said, there will be multiple opportunities under Transformation. The 133<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Public Affairs Detachment will no longer be a split state unit with Tennessee. In FY 2006, the MPAD will go to a full 20-person detachment.

In addition, in FY2006, the 63<sup>rd</sup> Aviation Group will move from under Third Corps to report to NORTHCOM, going from 13 UH-60 Blackhawks down to 10 and gaining three medevac HH-60 helicopters, he said. The 63<sup>rd</sup> will also move from five OH-58R aircraft to six OH-58, transitioning from a RAID unit to a

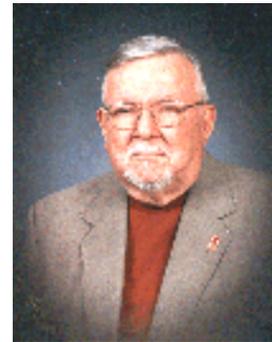
Security and Surveillance Company. Echo Company, 135<sup>th</sup> Aviation, will change its mission from a general support role to an assault company.

In FY2008, the 149<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team will be restructured from a heavy to light brigade, and will include a new signal company and a new engineer company, Gen. Storm noted. The 1/149<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion will move under direct control of the 149<sup>th</sup> BCT and no longer fall under the 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division.

Kentucky will be restructuring its engineer community in FY2008, he said, converting from two engineer battalions to one consisting of a horizontal company, a vertical company, a Unit of Action support company, a SAPPER company, a haul platoon and a Facilities detachment. The number of engineers will actually increase from 842 to 877 and equipment will include 34 5-ton dump trucks, 12 D7 Dozers, and eight 20-ton dump trucks.

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## If seriously interested in the military history of the Kentucky National Guard - You should have these books.



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# House approves 2006 Defense Authorization bill

## Focus on Major Procurement Overhaul, Force Protection and Personnel Benefits

U.S. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) May 25th announced that H.R. 1815, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, was approved in the U.S. House of Representatives by a bipartisan vote of 390-39.

H.R. 1815 authorizes \$441.6 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense (DOD) and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. The bill also authorizes \$49.1 billion in supplemental funding to support current operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the global war on terrorism.

Hunter's statement follows:

"This legislation serves as the annual policy and funding blueprint for the vast national security activities of the Departments of Defense and Energy," said Hunter. "Our first priority is to ensure that the men and women of our armed forces receive the most optimal equipment, weapons systems and training they need to guarantee our continued success in the global war on terrorism.

"We have extraordinary people operating in the warfighting theaters, battling against enemies with new and unforeseen techniques and tactics. As our adversaries continue to evolve, we must continue to improve our military's flexibility and agility; and through this bill, I am confident that we have given our servicemen and women the tools they need to get the job done."

Highlights of the bill include:

- Authorizes **\$441.6 billion in budget authority** for the Department of Defense (DOD) and the national security programs of the Department of Energy.
- Contains an additional **\$49.1 billion in funding** to support the global war on terror's operational costs, personnel expenses and procurement of new equipment.
- Authorizes funding for **force protection** needs in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, including **Up-armored Humvees, tactical wheeled vehicle recapitalization and modernization programs, night vision devices and improvised explosive device (IED) jammers.**
- Recommends additional **increases of 10,000 Army and 1,000 Marine active duty personnel** to sustain our required missions.
- **Permanently increases the death gratuity to \$100,000;** extends to one year (from six months) the amount of time dependents of deceased servicemembers can stay in housing or receive housing allowances; and expands travel authorizations for families of hospitalized servicemembers.
- Provides a **3.1% pay raise** for members of the armed forces. **Increases amounts paid for active duty enlistments, reserve enlistments and active duty re-enlistments.**
- **Increases the maximum amount of hardship pay from \$300 to \$750 per month.**
- Focuses on the need to **rein in the escalating costs of major procurement programs and calls for acquisition reform** to ensure that critical warfighting needs are met. Much of the escalating costs can be tracked to DOD's failure to adhere to

technological maturity guidelines and a rush to enter the system development and demonstration phase of procurement. H.R. 1815 requires DOD to evaluate and monitor changes in baseline cost estimates, and sets strict standards regarding accounting and cost management.

- **Encourages shipbuilding procurement reforms** to combat the ever-increasing costs currently undermining construction programs and putting future Navy capabilities in jeopardy. H.R. 1815 places a cap on the procurement costs of the Virginia class submarine and Future Major Surface Combatant-destroyer, Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and LHA Replacement (LHA(R)) programs. It also requires the Secretary of the Navy to initiate programs to develop reduced-cost alternatives.
- Requires the GAO Comptroller General to submit an **annual review of the Future Combat Systems (FCS)** program including an analysis of established performance, cost and schedule goals. This major Army program has problems including technology immaturity and requirements instability.
- Requires the **establishment of a contingency contracting corps** to meet the needs of command-

ers on the battlefield. The corps will facilitate the **rapid acquisition** of critically needed goods and services in response to delays and other deficiencies in DOD's ability to quickly meet the force protection needs of our troops.

The Senate is expected to pass its version of the FY 2006 Defense Authorization Act in the near future. The House and Senate will then meet in conference to reconcile the differences between the two bills.

### Interested in Cancer Insurance?

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## NGAKy priorities include state tax exemption

The National Guard Association of Kentucky (NGAKY), in General Conference, assembled in Lexington, Kentucky, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005 approved 22 resolutions sponsored by NGAUS and 26 total resolutions written and sponsored by the NGAKY including one Floor Resolution to support Kentucky House Bill 40 Amendment (\$5 license plate renewal fee to support the Kentucky Veterans Trust Fund). Two resolutions were related to Kentucky legislative issues and one was related to NGAKY membership.

The remaining 45 resolutions regarding National legislative issues and NGAUS issues were forwarded to NGAUS legislative staff. This packet of resolutions represents issues that are highly relevant for discussion and vitally important to our membership. The NGAKY submitted this packet to NGAUS to be considered in September 2005, during the 127<sup>th</sup> NGAUS Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Legislative Priorities 2005 NGAUS in 2005 include:

- a. TRICARE for the National Guard
- b. Guard and Reserve Retirement
- c. Tax Incentives for Employers
- d. Full-Time Manning
- e. Proper Equipping of Deployed Personnel
- f. Aviation Modernization
- g. Funding for Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams

NGAKY Legislative Priorities for the NGAKy in 2005-2006 include:

- a. Exempt Military Pay from Kentucky Income Tax
- b. State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) For Members Of The KYNG
- c. Greater Protection For Service Members Who Are Single Parents

### National Guard Association of Kentucky (NGAKy) Membership Report

One of our highest priorities this year is to increase our membership. As you can see from the membership numbers from last year we have a lot to do.

	<u>NGAKy</u>	<u>NGAUS</u>
<b>Final 2004-2005</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>71%</b>
<b>Final 2003-2004</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>58%</b>
<b>Final 2002-2003</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>67%</b>

Our membership goals for 2004 – 2005 were NGAKY = 90% and NGAUS = 79%. We'll continue to set high goals for FY2005-2006. It is essential that Executive Council members take an active role in contacting members who delay paying their dues. The only way we will increase our membership is for commanders and Executive Council members to reach out to their officers and educate them on what the association is doing for them and their families. Dues Collection for Membership Year 2004 – 2005 by Commands (April 2004 through March 2005). Membership numbers by command are reported by each executive council member during our meetings. Some commanders and executive council members are doing a great job getting the word out, but we still have a long way to go. Congratulations to the 2/75th Recruiting Battalion for 100% membership in both NGAKy and NGAUS!

# MG Vaughn named new Army Guard director

## LTG Schultz set record for longest tenure with 7-year term

The Senate confirmed Maj. Gen. Clyde A. Vaughn for promotion to lieutenant general and to become the new director of the Army National Guard.

He had been assistant to Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for National Guard matters. He was principal adviser on all National Guard matters to the chairman and also liaison between the Pentagon and the Guard bureau.

Gen. Vaughn, an engineer officer with extensive experience in Latin American Operations served as was deputy director of the Army Guard and deputy director for operations, readiness, and mobilization for G3/G5 United States Army.

He will replace Lt. Gen. Roger Schultz, who stepped down from the post after seven years-the

longest serving Army Guard director.

Gen. Schultz joined the Iowa Army Guard in 1963 and spent four years as an enlisted soldier before earning his commission in 1967.

Before leaving for Washington, he served as deputy adjutant general for the Iowa Army Guard.

As he said farewell to the troops on May 24, his

sentiments were about the primary event that shaped the last several years of his tenure.

"I thank the [Army Guard] soldiers who responded to the 9/11 attacks who didn't have any orders," he said. "I thank the 213,220 soldiers who have responded to the nation's call." And he also thanked the 241 Guardsmen who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

## Law to affect SGLI payments, premiums

Defense and Veterans Affairs officials are ironing out details of programs that will expand benefits provided through Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

The \$82 billion supplemental legislation signed into law by President Bush May 11 increases maximum SGLI coverage to \$400,000 and provides payouts of up to \$100,000 for service members with traumatic injuries, explained Stephen Wurtz, the VA's deputy assistant director for insurance.

The increased SGLI coverage will take effect Sept. 1, and the so-called "traumatic SGLI" benefit, December 1. Mr. Wurtz said the legislation directs that both benefits will be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001.

Traumatic SGLI benefits will be retroactive for troops who have lost limbs, eyesight or speech or received other traumatic injuries as a direct result of injuries received during Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. The benefit does not apply to service members suffering from disease.

Monthly premiums for maximum SGLI coverage will increase from \$16.25 to \$26.

## 127th NGAUS Conference set for Honolulu, Hawaii 17-19 Sep.

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The \$125 Conference Fee includes Conference Sessions, Company Grade & Warrant Officer Mixer, Spouse Brunch, Governor's Reception, Company Grade Luncheon & Caucus, Warrant Officer Luncheon & Caucus, and the States Dinner. The attire for the entire conference is Class B short sleeve shirt and local Hawaiian dress for all the functions including the States Dinner. No stuffy formal dress/mess attire needed.

Our travel coordinator is Jaquita Harlan, TEL 800-292-5572, Email [jaquita@totaltravelserviceinc.com](mailto:jaquita@totaltravelserviceinc.com). Conference travel and registration information is posted to the NGAKY web site at [www.ngaky.org](http://www.ngaky.org). See Conference Registration Form. For more information contact the NGAKY at (502) 564-7500 or (800) 251-2333. Email [ngaky@fewpb.net](mailto:ngaky@fewpb.net) or [AmandaWeakley@fewpb.net](mailto:AmandaWeakley@fewpb.net).



### LETTER FROM HEAVEN:

Some things I'd like to say  
but first of all to let you know  
that I arrived okay  
I'm writing this from Heaven  
where I dwell with God above  
where there's no more tears  
or sadness there is just eternal love  
Please do not be unhappy  
just because I'm out of sight  
remember that I'm with you  
every morning, noon & night  
That day I had to leave you  
when my life on Earth was through  
God picked me up and hugged me  
and He said I welcome you  
It's good to have you back again  
you were missed while you were gone  
as for your dearest family  
they'll be here later on  
I need you here so badly  
as part of My big plan  
there's so much that we have to do  
to help our mortal man  
Then God gave me a list of things  
He wished for me to do  
and foremost on that list of mine  
is to watch and care for you  
And I will be beside you  
every day and week and year

and when you're sad  
I'm standing there  
to wipe away the tear  
And when you lie in bed at night  
the day chores put to flight  
God and I are closest to you  
in the middle of the night  
When you think of my life on Earth  
and all those loving years  
because you're only human  
they are bound to bring you tears  
But do not be afraid to cry  
it does relieve the pain  
remember there would be no flowers  
unless there was some rain  
I wish that I could tell you  
you wouldn't understand  
But one thing is for certain  
though my life on Earth is over  
I am closer to you now  
that I ever was before  
And to my very many friends  
trust God knows what is best  
I'm still not far away from you  
I'm just beyond the crest  
There are rocky roads ahead of you  
and many hills to climb  
but together we can do it  
taking one day at a time  
It was always my philosophy  
and I'd like it for you too

that as you give unto the World  
so the World will give to you  
If you can help somebody  
who is in sorrow or in pain  
then you can say to God at night  
my day was not in vain  
And now I am contented that my  
life it was worthwhile  
knowing as I passed along the way  
I made somebody smile  
So if you meet somebody  
who is down and feeling low  
just lend a hand to pick him up  
as on your way you go  
When you are walking  
down the street  
and you've got me on your mind  
I'm walking in your footsteps  
only half a step behind.  
And when you feel the gentle breeze  
or the wind upon your face  
that's me giving you a great big hug  
or just a soft embrace  
And when it's time for you to go  
from that body to be free  
remember you're not going  
you are coming here to me  
And I will always love you  
from that land way up above  
Will be in touch again soon  
P.S. God sends His love.

— Author Unknown



**In Memory of Robert Henderson**  
Killed in Ad Diwaniyah, Iraq, April 17, 2004  
It has been one year since my dear husband was taken from all of us. To me it seems like yesterday that those 3 men in army dress showed up to tell me the worst news of my life. I know there are many people out there whose life Rob touched in some way. He was a very selfless man who went above and beyond the call of duty, not only with the National Guard but also at home's, and in everything he did in life. He made the ultimate sacrifice so that others in his platoon would not have to. I know he is truly missed by so many people. I will spend the rest of my life making sure that he is not forgotten.  
Please visit the website I have made for Rob:  
[www.inlovingmemoryof.net/RobertHenderson](http://www.inlovingmemoryof.net/RobertHenderson)

# Images from the year in the Kentucky Guard



In Memory of Spc. Jonathan A. Hughes of Lebanon, Ky., 623rd Field Artillery, killed in action in Iraq on 19 March 2005.



In Memory of James Alexander Sherrill of Ekron, Ky., 2123rd Transportation Company, killed in action in Iraq on 19 March 2005.



In Memory of Spc. Eric L. Toth of Edmonton, Ky., 623rd Field Artillery, killed in action in Iraq on 30 March 2005.



Maj. Gen. Donald Storm presents a long-awaited Bronze Star and Purple Heart to Staff Sergeant Doug Green of the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron, Kentucky Air National Guard. Sgt. Green earned the medals in Vietnam in the mid-70s, but had never been presented the medal.



Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester, one of the many heroes of the 617th MP Co.'s 20 March firefight in Iraq.



Capt. Todd Lindner, commander of the 617th MP Company, leads the way in Iraq.



A vehicle from the 617th MP Co. damaged in the 20 March firefight in Iraq.



MSG Robert Michaud of the 133rd Public Affairs Detachment trains in soldiering skills at Camp Blanding, Florida.



Gov. Fletcher holds the first press conference of the 2005 General Assembly to announce an economic investment in Bluegrass Station.



Maj. Gen. Donald Storm congratulates newly minted Maj. Gen. Steve Collins and his wife, Becky, following his promotion pinning 27 May.



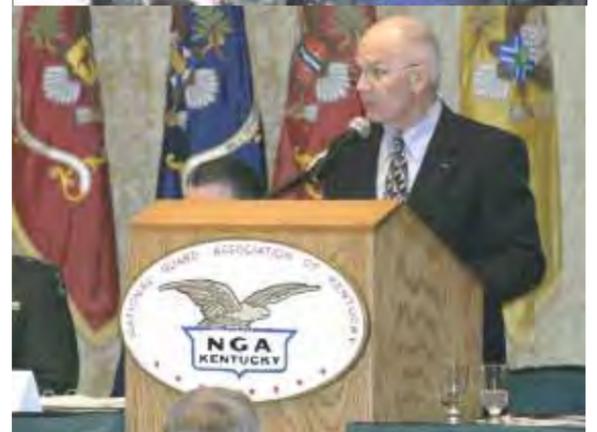
Maj. Gen. Donald Storm and Faye Culver pin Brigadier General stars on former association president Lonnie Culver 20 March in Frankfort.

# The 2005 NGAKy Conference in pictures ...



Photos by  
Sgt. Major (Ret.) Jeff Martin

# The 2005 NGAKy Conference in pictures ...



# Images from the year in the Kentucky Guard



Soldiers from the 223rd MP Company place a marker honoring Sgt. Darrin Potter in the ground in front of the Buechel Armory in Louisville. Sgt. Potter died 29 Sep 2003 in Iraq.



Gov. Fletcher greets an Army Guardsman at the 2005 Kentucky Derby in Louisville.



Army Guardsmen prepare for media control at the 2005 Kentucky Derby in Louisville.



SSG Barry Holt of the 617th MP Company re-enlists from his hospital bed in Iraq after being wounded on patrol 30 Jan 05.



The Adjutant General, Monica and daughters Meredith (center) and Kara (left) enjoy the 2005 Kentucky Derby in Louisville.



MSG Jeff Romig of the Kentucky Air National Guard inspects tanks of petroleum distillates headed to an Antarctic field from McMurdo Station, Antarctica, in December 2004.



SSG Michael Roberts of the 2123rd Transportation Company greets his niece Kaliah in Louisville upon his return from Iraq on 6 Feb 05.



A full house welcomes the 2123rd Transportation Company at the Kentucky Air Guard base in Louisville upon its return from Iraq on 6 Feb 05.



Ryan Brown of the 2123rd Transportation Company kisses his girlfriend upon his return from Iraq on 6 Feb 05.



MSG James Johnson and TSG Frank Tallman of the Kentucky Air National Guard in Louisville become the first Reservists to make the U.S. Air Force Rifle Team.



# Masters, Gearlds named to senior state posts

## Command Chief Warrant Officer and Command Sergeant Major

Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm, Adjutant General for Kentucky, announced 18 January the selection of Phillip D. Gearlds as the Kentucky Army National Guard's newest State Command Sergeant Major and announced 9 February the appointment of CW5 Kenneth Masters as Command Chief Warrant Officer.

Gearlds succeeds former State Command Sergeant Major John D. Gipe, now Command Sergeant Major for the Army National Guard of the United States in Washington, D.C.

"Command Sergeant



CSMGearlds

Major Gearlds is the prime choice for this job," said Gen. Storm. "His dedication to the welfare and readiness of Kentucky's Soldiers is unparalleled. I am confident that the Kentucky Army National Guard is in good hands with Command Sergeant Major Gearlds."

A member of the Kentucky Army Guard since 1981, the Glasgow resident is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. His most recent assignment was as command sergeant major for 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 623<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery (Multiple Launch Rocket System). He and his wife, Pamela, are residents of Glasgow, where they are the parents of Kristy, Jonathan and Jennifer.

The Adjutant General praised Masters as the ideal choice for the Command Chief Warrant Officer position, with his 39 years of military experience. He will oversee mentorship, education and warrant officer program recruiting for the Kentucky Army National Guard's 122 warrant officers.

Masters was promoted to Warrant Officer 1 in 1982 in his position as the Guard's Quartermaster Policy and Action Officer. He has served as the

property book officer for Headquarters State Area Command and now Joint Force Headquarters Kentucky since 1984.



**Command Chief Warrant Officer CW5 Ken Masters presents his first coin to WO1 Jimmy Miller, an Information Systems Technician at Boone Center, who was recognized as the state's newest officer during the 74th annual NGAKy Conference in February.**

## Fletcher, Inge, Storm headline 74th NGAKy Conference

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Gen. Storm proudly noted that Kentucky is getting a Fires Brigade, one of only 11 fires brigades in the Army and only six in the Guard. The Kentucky Guard competed against 18 states for this unit. This new unit will be built around the 138<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade. The Fires Brigade will consist of a support battalion, a new signal company, a target acquisition battery out of the Indiana Army National Guard, an HHB, and the 1-623<sup>rd</sup> battalion will convert to the High-Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS). Also, under this new brigade, Gen. Storm said, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 138<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery will convert to a general support battalion and be attached to the 138<sup>th</sup> Brigade for command and control purposes.

Gen. Storm concluded his remarks by highlighting SSG Barry Holt of the 617<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, who re-enlisted for six years while lying in his hospital bed following his severe wounding by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) while on a mounted patrol on a main supply route for Baghdad on 30 January 2005.

This is "a Soldier who exemplifies service above self... this is a Soldier who epitomizes the Warrior Ethos," Gen. Storm said in praising SSG Holt. "It is an honor to serve with you and the rest of the men and

women of the Kentucky National Guard who so bravely lay their lives on the line for their country," he concluded.

### Gen. Inge

Gen. Inge, deputy commander of United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM) and vice commander, U.S. Element, North American Aerospace Defense Command (USELEMNORAD) at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, was the keynote speaker for Saturday evening's banquet.

"We live today and will live in the future in troubled times," noted Gen. Inge, saying it was appropriate to come together and celebrate our mission and successes, even though many people, including his own son, remain deployed.

"This war is global. Not just Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. It's here, too. That gives you added responsibility. We at Northern Command worry about it every day. What do we worry about? That we are here to deploy to an event in our homeland, and that our people might die because we weren't prepared. We have planes over our homeland every day (Operation NOBLE EAGLE). We've flown 39,000 sorties over our homeland since 9-11, 70 percent of them by the National Guard.

"We're seeking better ways to share intelligence. We're working on common operations," Gen. Inge said, noting that the Navy and Coast Guard are providing daily maritime defense operations and the National Guard is monitoring activities on land, with Guard and active duty forces "woven together into all of this.

"You ought to be thankful we have dedicated people like yourselves who serve our nation," he said, paying tribute to Kentucky "for the way you've risen up to defend our country" in its well-documented efforts in the Global War on Terrorism.

"We haven't had an event in our homeland in three years. It's not because they haven't been trying - we've made them fail," Gen. Inge said.

"Our older generations got us here. Your generation is fighting this war. We've both got to look out for, grow and shape that next generation, to teach them competence... Instill in them a will to win. If they don't have that drive to succeed, don't let them lead your sons and daughters. We must win for the good of the nation, to preserve our freedom and rights.

"When you mobilize the National Guard, you mobilize the nation - and the nation won't fail. I believe our nation is in good hands," Gen. Inge said.

## Association building available for meeting rentals

**The Conference Room and the Library/Small Meeting Room in our Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation Building on U.S. 60 in Frankfort are available for half (\$100) and full (\$200) day rentals for meetings and training events. For more information, contact the NGAKy/KNGHF office at 502-564-7500 or 800-251-2333 or [ngaky@fewpb.net](mailto:ngaky@fewpb.net)**



Conference Room



Library/Small Meeting Room

# Posting of the Guard



## PROMOTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Collins, Stephen Douglas, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, MAJ GEN, 28 Apr 05

Morrow, Henry C., HQ KY AIR GUARD, MAJ GEN, 1 Oct 04

Culver, Joseph Lonnie, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, BRIG GEN, 6 Mar 05

Greene Baker, Judy A., KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, COL, 18 Feb 05

Jones, Charles Thomas, HHC 149TH BDE 35TH ID (M), COL, 12 Nov 04

Adams, Samuel G., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, LTC, 1 Jan 05

Barrett, Timothy Stephen, HHC 149TH BDE 35TH ID FWD 3, LTC, 14 Apr 05

Boyd, John R., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, LTC, 1 Mar 05

Campbell, Philip W., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, LTC, 16 Nov 04

Fendig, John Philip, HHB 138TH FA BDE, LTC, 18 Oct 04

Fowler, Scott Keith, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, LTC, 24 Jan 05

Fox, Joseph W. A., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, LTC, 1 Nov 04

Hamm, Robert Gene, HHC 206TH EN BN REAR, LTC, 19 Nov 04

King, Steven Travis, HHC 201ST EN BN(CBT)(CORP), LTC, 16 Feb 05

Metcalf, Barry C., 123 OPERATIONS GROUP, LTC, 1 Oct 04

Richardson, Benny Ray, KYARNG ELE JFHQ FWD 17, LTC, 20 Apr 05

Rose, Douglas P., 123 OPERATIONS GROUP, LTC, 11 Apr 05

Schachtner, Terrance J., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, LTC, 1 Oct 04

Shoop, Jeremy J. C., 123 OPERATIONS GROUP, LTC, 23 Jan 05

Toby, Johnnie Mark, HHB 138TH FA BDE, LTC, 13 Apr 05

Turner, Arthur Wayne, 1103RD DET LAW AND ORDER, LTC, 21 Dec 04

Tyson, Sharon Kay Joseph, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, LTC, 23 Dec 04

Witsaman, Paul G., 123 OPERATIONS GROUP, LTC, 16 Nov 04

Bates, John Louis, HHB 138TH FA FWD 2, MAJ, 30 Dec 04

Clark, Michael Anthony, 75TH TROOP CMD FWD, MAJ, 11 Dec 04

Cline, Christopher William, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, MAJ, 11 Feb 05

Cutter, Christopher Michael, HHD 103RD CHEMICAL BN, MAJ, 4 Jan 05

Dyke, Mikal Shane, HHB 138TH FA FWD 2, MAJ, 17 Mar 05

Gosney, Dean Russell, HHC 201ST EN BN(CBT)(CORP), MAJ, 4 Apr 05

Hatmaker, Micky, HHC 149TH BDE 35TH ID FWD 3, MAJ, 26 Apr 05

Hawthorne, Dennis Ray, 75TH TROOP CMD, MAJ, 30 Dec 04

Honican, Philip Wayne, HHB 138TH FA BDE, MAJ, 18 Mar 05

Hunsaker, Donna M., 123 AIRLIFT WING, MAJ, 4 Dec 04

Kirkpatrick, Kevin Ray, 75TH TROOP CMD FWD, MAJ, 3 Feb 05

Lewis, Dwight General, DET 2 HHD ARNG AREA MOB CMD, MAJ, 25 Jan 05

McCarty, Thomas Sumner, HHC 206TH EN BN (HVY DIV), MAJ, 7 Jan 05

Neal, Todd Christian, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, MAJ, 28 Apr 05

Peters, Donald Edward, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, MAJ, 7 Jan 05

Smith, Robert E., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, MAJ, 7 Nov 04

Tomica, George G., 123 MAINTENANCE GROUP, MAJ, 11 Apr 05

White, James E., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, MAJ, 4 Dec 04

Arnett, Jeffrey Lane, HHB 138TH FA FWD 2, CPT, 13 Apr 05

Campbell, Steven L., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, CPT, 22 Jun 05

Carpenter, Travis Clay, HHB 2/138TH FA BN 155 SP, CPT, 4 Apr 05

Davis, Terry Lee Jr., HHB 138TH FA FWD 2, CPT, 7 Mar 05

Decker, Mary S., 123 SUPPORT GROUP, CPT, 20 Apr 05

Geary, Robert L., 123 AIRLIFT WING, CPT, 2 Nov 04

Grant, Clay William Ray, HHC 149TH BDE 35TH ID FWD 3, CPT, 26 Apr 05

Groves, Ashley E., 123 AIRLIFT WING, CPT, 12 Jan 05

Gustafson, Brian Keith, BTRY A 1ST BN 623D FA (MLRS), CPT, 22 Apr 05

Keller, Shawn P., HQ KY AIR GUARD, CPT, 22 Jun 05

Kuntz, Travis Allen, HHC 149TH BDE 35TH ID (M), CPT, 28 Mar 05

McKinney, Chris Alan, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, CPT, 27 Jan 05

Metcalf, Mark Hammonds, 75TH TROOP CMD, CPT, 23 Mar 05

Morlen, Kris Allen, 298TH CHEMICAL CO (-), CPT, 12 Oct 04

Palmgreen, Michael Brandon, HHC 149TH BDE 35TH ID FWD 3, CPT, 30 Dec 04

Sallee, Joseph Brian, HHB 2/138TH FA BN 155 SP, CPT, 8 Nov 04

Serie, William Martin, 2113 TRANS CO, CPT, 30 Dec 04

Shackelford, Walter Nawan, HHB 2/138TH FA BN 155 SP, CPT, 16 Feb 05

Shumaker, Geoffrey D., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, CPT, 20 Feb 05

Stokley, Robin R., 123 AIRLIFT WING, CPT, 2 Nov 04

Trowell, Latonia R., 123 AIRLIFT WING, CPT, 20 Apr 05

Warren, Joe Walton Jr., BTRY B 1ST BN 623D FA (MLRS), CPT, 22 Apr 05

Whitt, Dennis Joseph, 41ST CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM, CPT, 12 Oct 04

Willis, Linda G., 123 AIRLIFT WING, CPT, 4 Dec 04

Wilson, Anthony Douglas, HHB 138TH FA BDE, CPT, 29 Oct 04

Bobsin, Jennifer L., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 1LT, 22 Nov 04

Cantu, John A., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 1LT, 18 Apr 05

Clements, Nicholas J., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 1LT, 18 Apr 05

Ferrell, William Eric, 2113 TRANS CO, 1LT, 13 Oct 04

Grant, Rickey Scott, CO C 2ND BN 123RD AR, 1LT, 12 Oct 04

Lewis, Danielle N., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 1LT, 21 Feb 05

Spicer, Gabriel Dean, HHC 63D AVIATION GROUP, 1LT, 14 Dec 04

Steele, Kevin Michael, 141ST PERSONNEL SERVICE DET, 1LT, 26 Feb 05

Taylor, Micah Dickson, 617TH MP CO (-) CBT SPT, 1LT, 15 Dec 04

Westmoreland, Roxanne E., 165 AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 1LT, 21 Feb 05

Agnew, John David, CO C 1/149TH IN BN (MECH), 2LT, 9 Mar 05

Brewer, Vernon Dwayne, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, 2LT, 18 Dec 04

Combs, Larry Dennis, HHB 2/138TH FA BN 155 SP, 2LT, 28 Oct 04

Crispin, Jeffrey Matthew, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, 2LT, 7 Mar 05

Dehaven, Grant Douglas, HHD 206TH CHEMICAL BN, 2LT, 19 Dec 04

Dulen, Bazie Junior III, CO A 206TH EN BN (HVY DIV), 2LT, 31 Jan 05

Griffith, Daniel Clayton, CO A 201ST EN BN(CBT)(CORP), 2LT, 7 Mar 05

Irvine, Ryan O'Neal, 1163 MEDICAL CO (ASG) (-), 2LT, 13 Apr 05

Lane, Jeremiah Breachley, CO F (-DET 1) 135TH AVN 35ID, 2LT, 19 Dec 04

McPherson, Terry Lynn, KY ARNG MEDICAL COMMAND, 2LT, 31 Mar 05

Mitchell, Bradford Scott, 207TH MAINT CO (DS), 2LT, 2 Mar 05

Prink, Erin Marie, 1163 MEDICAL CO (ASG) (-), 2LT, 13 Apr 05

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# President's remarks: Make a difference, be involved

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Committee remain busy working on staff related issues. CW4 (Ret) Frank Willey, Chairman of the Insurance Committee, is spearheading the effort to improve our State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) program and provide some benefit to each Kentucky Guardsman; while MAJ G. Tom Roach, Legislative Committee Chairman, and CPT Shawn Dawley, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, are also working closely with the Adjutant General on this SSLI initiative and other important State and National Legislative priorities that I expect to be very fruitful in the coming year. Col Michael Harden and the Awards Committee continue to work on various awards and scholarship programs offered by the association. The Continuity Committee, chaired by COL (Ret) Roger Green, is preparing a history of the NGAKY to help benefit future association officers and members. The Time and Place Committee, chaired by MAJ Raymond Slusher; and the NGAKY Conference Committee, chaired by CPT Tim Culver, are making preparations for next year's annual conference and continue to make plans for future conferences. In April 2005, I chartered two new committees to provide greater emphasis on two specific areas of importance: The Technology Committee, chaired by MAJ Charles (Chuck) Lee, is a new Advisory Group appointed to assist with Information Technology issues regarding hardware, software, and information system improvements for the NGAKY. The Grant Committee, chaired by Lt Col Connie Allen, will conduct research and prepare requests for financial and equipment grants on behalf of the KNGHF. In March and April 2005, I established specific goals and objectives for each committee that I believe will improve our association and foundation. I am confident our focus in these areas, and the appointment of enthusiastic leaders as committee chairpersons, will continue to move us in a positive direction for years to come.

## Membership

This past year we made significant improvement in our membership. Membership Committee Chairman LTC Steve Bullard and I, along with many Executive Committee members and commanders, worked diligently on improving our membership numbers this year. By working harder, smarter, communicating better, and partnering with our corporate sponsors, we improved our NGAUS membership from 58% in 2003/2004, to 71% in 2004/2005. In addition, we also increased our NGAKY membership from 69% in 2003/2004, to 78% in 2004/2005. By improving our NGAUS membership 13% over last year, and by paying your national dues by 31 March 2005, the NGAKY received a ten percent rebate of nearly \$1,800 in April. According to NGAUS records, this represents the first time the NGAKY has paid Early Bird dues since the program began in 1969 – another major accomplishment. Well done to everyone who worked so hard on the membership drive.

## A Call to Service

Each of us are leaders in an all volunteer force and therefore recognize the importance of supporting the things we believe in. The NGAKY and the NGAUS is only as good as the people who participate in these organizations. Our mission is to represent you. To work to improve your pay, benefits, equipment, and quality of life. So help us to help you, your family, and our military by getting involved in the NGAKY. To make a difference, *you* must be involved. Being a leader or volunteer in the NGAKY is not easy, and in some cases it is a lot of hard work, but I promise you that you will be rewarded with the satisfaction of knowing that you are serving your fellow National Guard soldiers and airmen, and helping lead our association, our members and their families to a better future.



AMANDA WEAKLEY, Executive Director

Your Support is Critical. If you cannot be a volunteer, at least be a member. Your membership in the NGAKY and NGAUS is critical to our success, which in turn benefits you, your family, the KYNG, and our military. As a professional officer, I urge you to join both the state and national associations and remain a member through your career and retirement. If you would like to get involved or simply have questions about membership, please email me ([Dean.Stoops@us.army.mil](mailto:Dean.Stoops@us.army.mil)) or call the NGAKY staff at (800) 251-2333.



KIM KNIGHT  
Associate Accountant

**The Way Ahead** - Our future is bright. Our challenges are being met by those with a passion for service to our association and its members. And, we understand what must be done to meet these challenges. As our military wages the Global War on Terrorism – and our families share the burden of separation from those deployed and training, I am honored to serve as your association President. Please accept my heartfelt thanks to those who serve, and who have served and warmest wishes for a safe summer wherever this newspaper may find you.

## Posting of the Guard

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Richardson, Stacy Emmanuel, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, 2LT, 29 Nov 04  
Riley, William Garrad, HHB 2/138TH FA BN 155 SP, 2LT, 9 Dec 04  
Sapp, Bronson Mitchell, HHB 2/138TH FA BN 155 SP, 2LT, 6 Feb 05  
St. Charles, Frank Ignatius IV, HHC 63D AVIATION GROUP, 2LT, 18 Dec 04  
Taylor, Frank Tedford, HHC 2/123RD AR BN, 2LT, 3 Mar 05  
Youngman, Bradley Robert, HHD 103RD CHEMICAL BN, 2LT, 11 Dec 04  
Gibson, Delynn Howard, DET 11 OSAC, CW5, 17 Mar 05  
Pack, Beverly Louise, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, CW5, 2 Feb 05  
Daulton, Marvin Ray, KY ARNG TRAINING SITE COMMAND, CW4, 8 Dec 04  
Knight, Darrell Steven, DET 11 OSAC, CW4, 15 Dec 04  
McCoy, William Lee, DET 1 B 1/189TH, CW4, 18 Nov 04  
Castle, Marty Duane, KY ARNG TRAINING SITE COMMAND, CW3, 7 Nov 04  
Haydon, Mark Coleman, 2113 TRANS CO, CW3, 4 Feb 05  
Otten, John Anthony, HHC 149TH BDE 35TH ID FWD 3, CW3, 8 Apr 05  
Frye, Justin Matthew, E CO 135TH AVN, WO1, 1 Mar 05

Miller, James Alden III, KYARNG ELEMENT JOINT FORCE HQS, WO1, 4 Feb 05  
Parker, William Franklin Sr., 307TH MAINT CO (DS), WO1, 12 Nov 04  
Webber, Louis Mason, 207TH MAINT CO (DS), WO1, 12 Nov 04

## In Memoriam

Albin, Johnna - Spouse of John Albin, 3 April 2005  
Alford, James - Retired, 5 March 2005  
Bush, Sandra - Spouse, 8 May 2005  
Cole, Etna - Spouse of Earl Cole, Jr., 2 April 2005  
Gerald, Gatewood - Retired, 13 April 2005  
Hall, Jerry - Retired, 19 May 2005  
Hughes, Jonathan - 623rd Field Artillery, 19 March 2005  
Hunt, James - Separated, 20 April 2005  
Isaacs, William - Co. B 206th Engineers, 5 March 2005  
Linkous, John Jr. - Retired, 31 March 2005  
Sherrill, James - 2123rd Transportation Company, 3 April 2005  
Shumate, Donald - HHC 1/149th Brigade, 14 May 2005  
Toth, Eric - 2123rd Transportation Company, 30 March 2005

## Kentucky's military legacy...

### Gen. Daniel Weisiger Lindsey Adjutant General of Kentucky, 1864-1867

The ninth Adjutant General of Kentucky, Gen. Daniel Weisiger Lindsey, earned a nationwide reputation "for the intelligent, earnest and courageous discharge of his duties, and was such as to reflect the highest credit upon him, both as a soldier and a gentleman," according to the 1887 publication *Kentucky: A History of the State*, by Battle, Perrin, & Kniffin.

Gen. Lindsay served as a key leader of Union forces in Kentucky in the Civil War and was named Adjutant General in the summer of 1864 by Governor Thomas E. Bramlette, serving in that position until the fall of 1867. Born in Frankfort on 21 October 1835, he was a proud descendant of the earliest Kentuckians, who achieved success in the practice of law and business. Lindsey graduated from the Kentucky Military Academy in Frankfort in 1864 and from the Louisville Law School in 1858, entering the practice of law in his hometown with his father, State Representative Thomas N. Lindsey.

With the possibility of war on the horizon, Gen.

Lindsey, a staunch Union man in favor of sustaining the federal government, joined the Kentucky State Guards and rapidly rose to the rank of captain. Shortly after the war began, while camping with the State Guards at Alexander's Woods in May 1861, he learned that the State Guard was not to be used in aid of the Government. He promptly marched his company to its armory in Frankfort and resigned his commission. Shortly afterwards, Camp Dick Robinson was opened in Garrard County by George Nelson, the first Union recruitment and training center in the Commonwealth, over the protests of Governor Beriah Magoffin, who proclaimed Kentucky "neutral." Lindsey headed there immediately to assist in organizing Federal troops from Kentucky and received a commission as a colonel from the Military Board of Kentucky to raise a regiment.

Lindsey soon recruited and organized the Twenty-Second Regiment of Kentucky and mustered in at Camp Swiger in Greenup County on December 12, 1861.

The regiment was immediately ordered to service in the field. Col. Lindsey, with his command, participated in the campaigns in the Big Sandy Valley under Gen. James Garfield and under Gen. George W. Morgan against and around Cumberland Gap and on to Memphis, Tenn., where he was placed permanently in the command of a brigade. He took his brigade to Gen. U.S. Grant and fought under Grant and Sherman at Arkansas Post, Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss. His health suffered from nearly two years in the field, until, on 14 October 1863, he resigned his command to accept the position of inspector general of Kentucky. He assumed command of the Kentucky Guard in the summer of 1864 and oversaw the military defense of the Commonwealth through the end of the war, as most fighting moved south and east away from Kentucky.



In January, 1868, he rejoined his father in the practice of law in Frankfort. After his father's death in November 1877, he continued alone, becoming recognized as one of the most successful lawyers in the State. A prominent member of the Whig Party prior to the war and the Republican Party following the war, Gen. Lindsey became a popular community leader who steadfastly refused to run for high public office. In July 1868, he became a director of the Branch Bank of Kentucky, and took over as president of the bank in July 1884. He served for many years on the Frankfort City Council and became president of the Capital Gas and Electric Light Company of Frankfort. A vestryman of the Ascension Church (Episcopal) of Frankfort, he married Miss Katherine McIlvaine Fitch in January 1854. They had three sons and two daughters.

Gen. Lindsay lived in the Vest-Lindsey House on 401 Wapping Street in Frankfort, which is open for tours during the week. He died on 4 August 1917 and is buried in the Frankfort Cemetery in Section G, Lot 434, Grave 16.

## Historical Foundation Scholars

The Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation (KNGHF) June 3 announced the selection of its scholarship recipients for 2005. Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship award.

Recipients include:

### Commissioned/Warrant Officer Category

Miss Sarah Graetz, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. David Graetz, Joint Force Headquarters, Kentucky.

### Enlisted Category

Miss Kasie Lee Moore, daughter of SFC and Mrs. Michael R. Moore, A Company, 201st Engineers

### Retired Category

Mr. Brian Andrew Kinder (no photo available), son of Maj. (Ret.) and Mrs. Dwight E. Kinder

### Deceased Category

Miss Emily Renee Huffman, daughter of SFC Kenneth Eugene Moore.

Clockwise from top:  
Sarah Graetz, Emily  
Renee Huffman,  
Kasie Lee Moore



## Kentucky Guard E-Museum changes

URLs well that Ends Well — Change in web address of KYNG E-Museum

Due to changes to the Department of Military Affairs website domain addressing, the Kentucky National Guard E-Museum can now only be accessed at <http://www.ky.gov/agencies/military/kyngemus/>

The former address <http://www.military.ky.gov/kyngemus/> is not functioning at this time and the <http://www.military.ky.gov/> address takes you to the new Kentucky Department of Military Affairs home page <http://dma.ky.gov/>. Please update your bookmarks and shortcuts. Thank you for your patience while we work through this transition.

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Acceptance into the plan is guaranteed for new recruits under the age of 45 as long as an application is submitted within 60 days of joining the National Guard. Spouses under age 45 may enroll at benefit rates up to those elected by the servicemember. Unmarried children up to age 23 may be covered for up to \$20,000.

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## **‘Freedom Is not Free’ -- 2005 Essay Contest**

Winner 2005 Essay Contest

### **Freedom is Not Free**

**Jacena LouEllen Winburn**  
Senior, Henry County High School

Freedom is not now, nor has it ever been free,  
Just look at what it's costing someone even as young as me.  
The Army has taken my Daddy away to that distant land,  
To fight for America and to make a democratic stand.

He was not here to put up our Christmas tree,  
In March, my eighteenth birthday will be very lonely,  
When April rolls around, he misses my first and only Senior Prom –  
We'll mail him the thousands of pictures that will be taken by my Mom.

Summer and May, at High School graduation, it's all up to me.  
Then on to August, my first day of college, and where is he?  
Freedom is not free,  
The price is the absence of my Daddy.

“Cowgirl up,” is one of the things he would say,  
“Don't let those tears get in your way.  
I love and I approve of you –  
And I want you to be proud of me, too!

“You've got to stand for something,  
Because someday, it will mean everything.  
Practice what you preach,  
Live what you teach.

“Who you are shows in where you go,  
What you are shows in how you get there, so –  
Mind your manners, live a full life and love God,  
Always be aware of the path that you trod.”

The worry, sadness and pain in my Mother's eyes,  
Show even when she doesn't let us see her cry.  
“Head up – chin out,  
God, duty and country IS what it's all about.”

“We struggle to get by without him each and every day,  
Don't believe it – it doesn't get any easier, by the way.  
The flagpole in our yard holds the symbol of this great country,  
Sometimes it just reminds me that Daddy's not here with me.



But, I'll always love the strength in my Daddy's hands.  
He taught me to be patriotic, to volunteer,  
and what it means to be a true American.  
It's not how much money you have, or status quo,  
It's answering the call, when asked to go.

He raised his hand and said, “Here am I, send me,”  
No, to me, Freedom never has been and never will be “Free.”  
The cost, I must willingly and without regret, gladly pay –  
Because, I am my father's daughter today and every day.

Editor's Note: Jacena is the daughter of MSG John Geisler and his wife, Debi. MSG Geisler is currently deployed to Iraq with the Paducah-based 2123<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Company. He most recently was assigned to Service Battery, 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 138<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery in Louisville.

## **Kentucky stands tall in global war on terrorism, fares well in BRAC**

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Overall, **59%** (4,426 of 7,466) of the current members of the Kentucky National Guard (Army & Air) have deployed at least once.

“Kentucky National Guardsmen have stood every front in this war,” Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm, the Adjutant General of Kentucky, told the National Guard Association of Kentucky's 74th annual conference in February. “From guarding our airports and military installations in Operation Noble Eagle to securing democracy for oppressed people in Iraq and Afghanistan in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, from peacekeeping forces in Bosnia and Kosovo to guarding detainees in Guantanamo Bay, I feel we have set the standard in providing a trained and ready force to meet the challenges of these operations head on.”

### **Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC)**

The Kentucky National Guard fared well in the recently announced Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) process. The Kentucky Air National Guard will pick up four additional C-130H aircraft, tentatively from the Tennessee Air National Guard base in Nashville, bringing the 123<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing back to 12 aircraft no later than, and most likely well before, FY2011. In February 2005, the wing lost three C-130H aircraft to the Air National Guard unit at Boise, Idaho, and another aircraft to the Aircrew Modernization Program test bed program. The Air Guard will also gain an Aerial Port Squadron from the ANG base closure of Mansfield, Ohio, tentatively set for FY2007-08.

The Army Guard was left largely untouched by BRAC. The existing Army Guard armory in Paducah is closing, but plans are for the armory to be relocated to a “readiness center” on property leased by the Barkley Airport Authority

“I'm pleased to say that we did not suffer any losses with the Kentucky Guard,” Gen. Storm said. “This is a direct testament to the role our Guard Soldiers and Airmen are playing in the global war on terrorism and the active duty component's dependency on the Guard to complete the mission. The Kentucky National Guard is indeed a growth organization and I think you'll see great things out of us in the coming years.”

### **Kentucky Military History online!**

[www.military.ky.gov/kyngemus/](http://www.military.ky.gov/kyngemus/)

The Kentucky Military History Museum emphasizes the service of the Kentucky Militia, State Guard, and other volunteer military organizations, from the Revolution through the Gulf War. Displays include an impressive collection of firearms, edged weapons, artillery,



uniforms, flags, photographs, personal items, and other equipment that illustrates the Commonwealth's martial heritage. The KMHM is operated by the Kentucky National Guard and the Kentucky Historical Society.

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