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NGAUS Conference set for nearby Indianapolis

Offers Kentucky Guardsmen their best opportunity to attend

The 123rd Annual National Guard Association of the United States Conference is coming to nearby Indianapolis, Indiana Saturday through Monday, August 25-27, affording members of the Kentucky National Guard their best opportunity to visit the National Guard's highlight event of the year.

For the majority of attendees, the conference begins Saturday at 10 a.m. with the opening of the Exhibit Hall at the Indiana Convention Center. The first Business Session opens Saturday at 12 Noon with the Roll Call of the States. One of the most popular events, the Saturday evening Governor's Reception, takes place

the Sunday Business Session, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday features the National Guard Association of Kentucky's popular "Kentucky Night" celebration, to which everyone attending the conference is invited. Monday's Business Session runs from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon and features separate Air and Army Guard breakouts and talks by



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Kentucky native (Henderson) General Joseph W. Ralston, Supreme Allied Commander Europe and Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command, will be a keynote speaker at the 123rd NGAUS Conference in Indianapolis.



Brig. Gen. Robert Cundiff accepts the Senior Minuteman trophy during the business session of the 70th Annual National Guard Association of Kentucky Conference this past February at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington. Brig. Gen. Cundiff joined the U.S. Army on 10 Nov 1944 and saw action in Central Europe during World War II. He told the Army and Air Guard officers present how much he treasured his time in the Army and the Kentucky National Guard, with the highlight of his career being his term as commander of the 2/138th Field Artillery Battalion in Vietnam from 1968-69. Brig. Gen. Cundiff eventually rose to the position of Assistant Adjutant General. (photo by David Altom)



from 7-10 p.m. at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, featuring the exhibit, "A T. Rex Named Sue."

General Joseph W. Ralston (see opposite) keynotes



MG Groves announces Army Guard leadership changes

On June 21, Maj. Gen. John R. "Russ" Groves announced multiple changes in the Kentucky Army National Guard full-time and M-Day leadership.

Here is a synopsis of the changes and their effective date:

1. COL ALLEN ABEL WILL REPLACE COL MELVIN SHELLEY AS 149 BDE CMDR EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 01.
2. CPT JOHN LUTTRELL WILL BECOME THE S-1, 149 BDE EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 01.
3. MAJ SCOTT CAMPBELL WILL REPLACE LTC CHARLES PEDEN AS 2-123 BN CMDR EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 01.
4. MAJ JOHN BARTON WILL BECOME XO, 2-123 AR BN EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 01.
5. MAJ BOB SNYDER WILL REPLACE LTC MIKE SUTTON AS 103 FSB CMDR EFFECTIVE 1 SEP 01.
6. MAJ CALVIN COVANY BECOMES THE XO OF THE 103 FSB EFFECTIVE 1 SEP 01.
7. MAJ CURTIS DUNN BECOMES COMMANDER OF THE 103 CHEM BN IN OWENSBORO EFFECTIVE 1 AUG 01.
8. MAJ SCOTT FOWLER BECOMES THE XO OF THE 103 CHEM BN EFFECTIVE 1 JUL 01.
9. MAJ WILLIAM PEVELER BECOMES THE S-3 OF THE

103 CHEM BN EFFECTIVE 1 AUG 01.

10. MAJ RONDAL TURNER WILL REPLACE LTC R.P. WATSON AS CMDR 1-623 FA BN EFFECTIVE 1 SEP 01.

11. LTC JUDY GREENE-BAKER WILL REPLACE MAJ JOE LIVERS AS CMDR 1-238 GS BN EFFECTIVE 1 AUG 01.

12. LTC JOHN POWELL WILL REPLACE LTC BEN ADAMS AS CMDR 1-75 TP CMD BN EFFECTIVE 1 SEP 01.

13. MAJ THOMAS BARRIER WILL REPLACE LTC POWELL AS RRM EFFECTIVE 1 SEP 01.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By LTC Steve Bullard, 165th Airlift Squadron
President, National Guard Association of Kentucky



Hello everyone! Welcome to our new-look Kentucky Guardsman newsletter. Our goal is to get this newsletter out to you at least twice yearly, and hopefully improve it each time. I very much would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to attend the 123rd Annual General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States August 25-27 in Indianapolis. Even if you can only come up for a day, it's worth it just to experience the national conference, enjoy visiting hundreds of corporate exhibitors and their impressive displays, see your peers from across the nation and share some hospitality with your fellow Kentuckians. It's very unlikely you'll ever have the conference this close again in your career, so now's the time to take advantage of it. I strongly encourage you to spend at least one night, either Saturday night or Sunday night. Saturday is the always enjoyable Governor's Reception, while Sunday night features our famous "Kentucky Night" celebration. If the spirit of the evening overtakes you and you can't drive back, we can find a place on the couch for you. Unfortunately, time constraints have prevented us from getting our newsletter out earlier -- so we'll pay the extra \$10 if you register for the conference late. Come on up and join us!

Company Grade/Warrant Officer Registration Fee Drawing

By the way, Maj. Byrnes Fairchild of the Continuity Committee came up with the great idea of paying the way (the \$125 registration fee) for as many company grade/warrant officers as possible. Several of us have contributed \$125 each to a pot, and we've covered the registrations of eight young Guard officers thus far. The association is contributing up to \$1,000 in addition to the money already raised, so more money is still available. If you'd like to contribute, or if you are a young officer or warrant officer and would like to attend the NGAUS conference, please contact Maj. Barry Metcalf at the association (800-251-2333 or 564-7500).

Changes Over the Years

I've served on the executive council for 10 years now, with a previous term as president (1998-99). Frankly, we struggled to get through the 1990s, faced with declining numbers of Guardsmen, a heavy mortgage payment on our building in Frankfort and a national trend away from command emphasis that made association membership "mandatory." Our membership numbers dropped from the traditional 100 percent to the 70 percent range from the early 1990s to today. But we still accomplished good things (see our Kentucky Guard tuition assistance program), things seem to be stabilizing now, and our command structure in general is growing ever more supportive of our association role. We came out of a big hole that saw us fall some \$37,000 in debt by the end of 1999 and are operating in the black again. Maj. Barry Metcalf of the Kentucky Air National Guard came on board as our paid executive director in early 2000 at the direction of then-President LTC Don Conover. Maj. Metcalf has turned around our insurance program, the association's life blood. Our Kentucky National Guard recruiters have been brought up-to-date on the benefits of the program and are doing a wonderful job letting new Guardsmen know what we have to offer -- any Guardsman, by the way, new or "old," can get \$10,000 free insurance for a year just by signing up with us. When Maj. Metcalf came on board, we only insured 40 percent of our active and retired Guardsmen -- down from over 70 percent in 1990 -- now we're back above 50 percent and are heading for 60 percent, with a goal of 1,000 new policies this year. Maj. Metcalf and Ms. Jackie Purdy have their hands full at the association. We've dropped from five full-time employees to two over the past few years, making us far more reliant on volunteer assistance than ever before. Most people don't know that we are responsible for landlord duties (through our Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation) on our National Guard Association building, the adjacent "White House" (now used as rented living quarters) and our two apartment buildings located behind our main building. The landlord duties for our multiple tenants, ranging from Guardsmen living in our apartments to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, make for a full-time job by itself, and Maj. Metcalf has excelled in this area. These past couple of months he's fixed sewer problems, painted doors, replaced two air conditioners, repaired the ceiling in our board room, fixed appliances for tenants, and more. He has to do all this in addition to his NGAky responsibilities to our executive council and membership. Members of our executive council have always been great at stepping up. CW4 Frank Willey has excelled at managing our financial affairs for a decade now. Maj. Tim Barrett is chairing our insurance committee, which is currently reviewing ways to improve our program further. Capt. Brian Wertzler did a great job as our conference chairman in Lexington. Col. (Promotable) Jan Camplin recently helped us get a \$5,000 grant from the Kentucky Colonels to go toward our building debt. I could mention many more people, but we don't have room. Lastly, if you have any suggestions as to how we can improve our Kentucky conference, please let me know by email (sbullard@aik.org), home phone 502-243-9494 or work phone 502-491-4737. I hope to see you in Indianapolis!

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Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon and General Tommy Franks, Commander in Chief, U.S. Forces Command. The All-States Dinner concludes the conference Monday evening from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

NGAKy Hospitality Room

The National Guard Association of Kentucky will be operating out of its Hospitality Room, located in the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis Downtown at One S Capital Center, throughout the Conference, and will stay open late each evening. Everyone is welcome to stop by and enjoy our hospitality. The hotel telephone number is 317-632-1234. The NGAKy has rooms reserved at the Hyatt (\$125 per night) for those needing accommodations. The Hyatt is right next to the Indiana Convention Center.

Conference registration information is available from the NGAKy office at 800-745-3144. The "on-time" deadline for submitting the registration fee of \$125 (which entitles you to admission to conference events, including the Governor's Reception and the All-States Dinner) is July 24, but, if any Kentucky Guardsman wishes to register after that date, the NGAKy will pay the extra \$10 late charge for them.

You must pay the registration fee in order to enter the Business Sessions or the Exhibit Area.

Kentuckians encouraged to come, at least for a day

"We strongly encourage everyone to come and see what the national conference is all about, even if it is just for one or two nights, or even just for a day," said NGAKy President Lt. Col. Steve Bullard. "Not only are the business sessions available, but the Governor's Receptions are always extremely enjoyable and the Kentucky Night celebration is the highlight of the conference for most of us. It's not likely the conference will be this close to us again for years."

Other conference events, for those planning on spending the entire weekend, include the annual golf tournament Friday, August 24, at the Eagle Creek Country Club; the Adjutants General Reception (invitation only) August 24; the free Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer August 24 at the Murat Shrine Temple (7-10 p.m.); the Fun Run August 25; plus the Retiree Luncheon at the Indiana War Memorial, also August 25.

Company Grade/Warrant Officer Registration



Fees Comped

Maj. Byrnes Fairchild of the NGAKy Continuity Committee is collecting money by donation to try and pay the \$125 registration fee for as many company grade and warrant

officers as possible. Several people have already donated to the cause, and the association is contributing up to \$1,000. Our goal is to encourage our young officers to attend this year's conference with as little financial pain as possible. If you are a company grade or warrant officer and register for the conference, we will try to pay your registration fee for you. If you would like to donate to the fund (or are a young officer/warrant officer registering for the conference), please contact Maj. Barry Metcalf at the association.

Trading Pins Available

NGAKy staff members will provide each attendee with five Kentucky trading pins for hospitality room hopping. Additional pins are available for \$1.25 each.

Register prior to the Conference

If you plan on attending the NGAUS Conference, please contact Maj. Metcalf or Ms. Jackie Purdy and pay your fees prior to the conference.

MG Groves announces Army Guard leadership changes

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14. LTC STEPHEN ROBINSON IS BEING REASSIGNED TO DEFENSE MOVEMENT COORD EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 01.
15. LTC MIKE SUTTON WILL BE ASSIGNED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE EFFECTIVE 1 SEP 01.
16. MAJ JOHN CONTI WILL BE ASSIGNED AS A DEFENSE MOVEMENT COORDINATOR EFFECTIVE 1 AUG 01.
17. MAJ JOE LIVERS WILL BE ASSIGNED AS PLANS OFFICER IN THE POMSO DIVISION EFFECTIVE 1 AUG 01.
18. LTC BILLY J. WEST WILL REPLACE LTC KELLY GOAD AS THE OPERATIONS OFFICER IN THE 238 REGIMENT EFFECTIVE 1 AUG 01.
19. MAJ TINA RIDDLE WILL BE ASSIGNED AS THE ASST OPNS OFFICER IN THE 238 REG EFFECTIVE 1 JUL 01.
20. MAJ MICHAEL GILKEY WILL BECOME THE S-4 IN THE 238TH REGIMENT O/B 1 AUG 01.
21. LTC BEN ADAMS WILL BE ASSIGNED AS THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION MGT EFFECTIVE 1 SEP 01.
22. LTC KELLY GOAD WILL BE ASSIGNED AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL EFFECTIVE 1 AUG 01.
23. LTC WATSON WILL BE ASSIGNED AS THE DEPUTY DOL IN THE DIRECTORATE OF LOGISTICS EFF 1 SEP 01.
24. MAJ GREG YATES WILL BE REASSIGNED FROM HIS PRESENT POSITION AS THE AO/S-3 OF 1-75 TP CMD TO THE GS-11 SAFETY SPECIALIST POSITION IN THE DIRECTOR OF MILITARY PERSONNEL DIRECTORATE
25. LTC FREDDIE WAGGONER WILL BE ASSIGNED AS THE FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF PLANS, OPERATIONS TNG AND MILITARY SUPPORT EFFECTIVE 1 NOV 01.
26. LTC LARRY BAXTER WILL ASSUME COMMAND OF THE NEW 206 CHEM BN IN RICHMOND 1 SEP 01.
27. MAJ JEFFREY STEVENS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE S-3 POSITION IN THE 206 CHEM BN 1 SEP 01.

RECENT LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES:

- 4.8 percent pay raise
- Thrift Savings Plan for Guard members
- Family eligibility to participate in the Military Dental Plan
- Improved Montgomery GI Bill Benefits
- \$90 million for full-time manning
- \$500 million for military construction
- \$540 million for operations, training, maintenance and readiness
- \$700 million for modernized equipment

OUR FUTURE:

The NGAUS represents all members on issues that have an impact on you directly today and in the future:

- Pay and allowances
- Educational benefits
- Unit full-time manning levels
- Military construction funds for new armories, air bases, training sites and maintenance facilities
- Force structure, equipment and modernization
- Funding for critical training
- Missioning of units

Sign up for NGAUS email alerts!!!

The National Guard Association of the United States now has an active email news alert system and Congressional Action Team. If you are interested in receiving these updates, please visit the NGAUS website at www.ngaus.org. If you have any problems logging in or don't know your NGAUS membership number, please contact Nick Lashinsky, public affairs assistant, at 202-454-5301.

Leaders of Army National Guard/Reserve don 3rd star

From ArmyLink

Maj. Gen. Roger Schultz, Director of the Army National Guard, and Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, Chief of the Army Reserve, were promoted to the rank of lieutenant general June 13 in a ceremony at the Pentagon.

Previously, the heads of each Service's reserve forces were authorized 2-star rank, but Congress authorized the higher ranks in the FY 2001 National Defense Authorization Act.

Since 1989, the number of Army deployments has grown by over 300 percent, yet The Army's active and reserve forces have shrunk by over 40 percent. The missions of the post-Cold War environment, coupled with downsizing, necessitated increased use of the reserve components. With approximately 54 percent of today's Army now in the reserve components, the Army routinely calls upon the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard to help carry out the National Military Strategy.

Many of the capabilities that are essential for operations in the 21st century reside primarily in The Army's reserve components. Civil affairs, water purification units, military police and other capabilities required to support current operations in Bosnia,

sustains two of the Army's major installations and 12 regional support commands. These regional Kosovo and Southwest Asia are now routinely provided by Army National Guard and Army Reserve units.

For nine months last year, the 49th Armored Division, Texas Army National Guard, provided the headquarters and leadership on the ground for U. S. Army active and reserve forces in Bosnia. The Army Reserve's 8th Battalion, 229th Aviation from Fort Knox, Ky., an Apache attack aviation battalion, one of only three combat units in the Army Reserve, performed the combat aviation mission in Bosnia from August 1999 to March 2000. More than 15,400 Army Reserve soldiers have supported the missions in Bosnia and Kosovo since 1995. In October, the 29th Infantry Division, Virginia Army National Guard, will provide the headquarters and leadership for U. S. Army active and reserve forces in Bosnia.

As the director of the Army National Guard, Lt. Gen. Schultz oversees 350,000 Soldiers, 3,200 Army National Guard facilities in 2,700 communities, and an annual budget of \$7.5 billion.

As the chief of the Army Reserve, Lt. Gen. Plewes oversees 205,000 Soldiers and an annual budget of nearly \$4.2 billion. The Army Reserve maintains and



Then Maj. Gen. Roger Schultz accepts his commission as a Kentucky Colonel from Maj. Gen. Russ Groves during the NGA Ky Business Session February 17. (David Altom photo)

commands function as "virtual installations" with facilities in 1,300 sites across all 50 states, most US territories, and Europe.

Army, Air Force secretaries named by President Bush

Energy company vice president Thomas White becomes Army Secretary

Army News Release

Thomas E. White became the 18th secretary of the Army May 31 after being nominated by President George W. Bush earlier in the month.

At his confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, White identified four objectives he will pursue as Army secretary including investing in people, assuring readiness, transforming the Army into a lighter, more lethal force and adopting sound business practices.

"Transformation encompasses every aspect of our Army," White said. "It is more than just an Interim Armored Vehicle, or a beret, or a Future Combat System. Every aspect of the Army [including] doctrine, organization, training, leadership, materiel and equipment, recruiting and advertising, acquisition, infrastructure, and much more must all change together in a holistic manner."

Before his appointment as Army secretary, White was the vice chairman of Enron Energy Services, the Enron Corporation subsidiary responsible for providing energy outsource solutions to commercial and industrial customers throughout the United States. He was also responsible for the Enron Engineering and Construction Company, which managed an extensive construction portfolio with domestic and international projects.

Applying his business experience to his new job, White said the Army must "share the burden of achieving the military capabilities America needs and do so in an affordable manner. To that end I will take a hard look at opportunities for increased outsourcing and privatization of non-core functions."

The Army secretary is the Army's senior civilian, responsible by statute for all matters relating to Army manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications and financial management.

White began his service to the nation in 1967 when he graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and was commissioned as an Armor officer. His career included two tours in Vietnam, command of the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and, later, command of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He culminated his military career in 1990 with the rank of brigadier general.

His decorations and badges include: the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Aviator Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab.



James Roche sworn in as Air Force Secretary

By Nick Lashinsky
www.ngaus.org
(June 5, 2001) —

James G. Roche was sworn in as the 20th secretary of the Air Force June 1 during a Pentagon ceremony.

President George W. Bush nominated Roche for the position May 7 and he received Senate confirmation later in the month.

Roche will work closely with the secretary of defense and help to implement policy and program decisions including the organizing, training, equipping, and providing for the welfare of its nearly 355,000 men and women on active duty, 180,000 members of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve, 160,000 civilians, and their families.

"I am honored to be confirmed as secretary of the Air Force and to join one of the most innovative, dedicated and respected teams the world has known," Roche said. "I appreciate the confidence and trust the president, the secretary of defense and the Senate have in me to lead this proud aerospace team. I consider it an esteemed privilege to have this opportunity to serve the Air Force's outstanding men and women."

Prior to this appointment, Roche held several executive positions with Northrop Grumman Corporation, including corporate vice president and president of the Electronic Sensors and Systems Sector. Prior to joining Northrop Grumman in 1984, he was Democratic staff director of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee.

Roche is a retired Navy captain and recipient of the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy for the Navy's most improved combat unit in the Pacific in 1974.





Kentucky Lieutenant Governor Steve Henry addresses Kentucky National Guard officers at the 70th Annual National Guard Association of Kentucky Conference at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington February 17 as then NGAky President LTC Don Conover looks on. (David Altom photo)

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Rumsfeld unveils \$329.9 billion Department of Defense budget

Courtesy American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 28, 2001 - The fiscal 2002 DoD budget request concentrates on service members, who would receive at least a 5 percent pay raise, further reductions in out-of-pocket housing expenses, and better housing and facilities.

Defense officials said the request totals \$329.9 billion, a \$38.2 billion increase from fiscal 2001 and \$18.4 billion more than the "blueprint" submitted by the Bush administration in February.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the budget marks the largest increase since the Reagan-era budget of 1985. The goals of the amended budget, he said, are to restore military morale, bolster readiness, begin the military transformation process, streamline and upgrade DoD's infrastructure, and reform DoD's organization, facilities and processes.

But, Rumsfeld continued, it does not fix problems caused by consistent recent underfunding. He said that when the Cold War ended and the drawdown began, the

United States received a peace dividend. The United States went from spending 5 or 6 percent of gross national product on national defense to around 3 percent.

"The coasting went on too long," Rumsfeld told reporters during a briefing June 27. "Underfunding in significant accounts has created a series of shortfalls with respect to very important key categories."

He said shipbuilding is on a path to a "steady state" of 230 vessels. "I'm not in the position to say at this moment exactly what number of ships we need in the United States Navy, but it is very clear that it is considerably more than 230 ships." The Navy currently has 310.

The aircraft fleet is growing older and age brings problems, he said. Older aircraft require more maintenance and are available for missions fewer hours. "We have an aging aircraft fleet in all the services," Rumsfeld said.

Infrastructure is in the same situation. He said private firms recapitalize their facilities every 57 years. DoD, with its historic buildings, would probably want to recapitalize every 67 years.

"We're currently up in the 190-years recapitalization," he said. "We are not investing on an annual basis at a level sufficient to deal with the obvious problems that happen to all types of buildings, sewers, roads — all the things that are necessary for a large enterprise like the defense establishment."

Rumsfeld said that the increase in budget will not fix these problems. He said there are examples in the budget — such as shipbuilding — where the trend line was very negative, and it is still negative. "You'll find instances where the trend line was negative and it is now less negative," he said. "We'll find instances where things have leveled off and in some instances where they're improving, but still below the target needed."

"The point is that you can simply not do everything in a single year," he said. "There is no way that it can be done. It took years to get into this circumstance, and it's going to take some years to get out of it."



Outgoing NGAky President LTC Don Conover (2000-2001) congratulates new President-Elect Maj. Bob Snyder (2002-2003) following his selection by acclamation during the February 17 Business Session. (David Altom photo)

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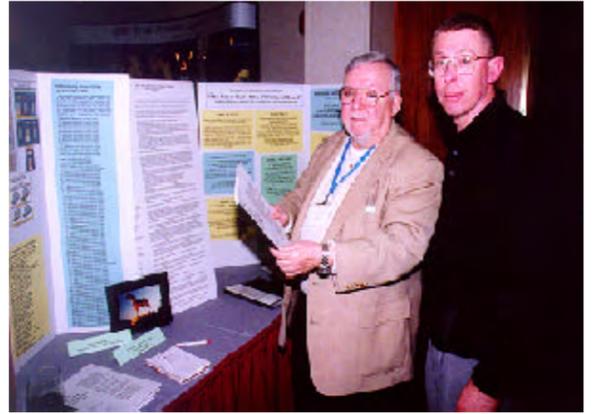
NGAKy Conference 2001 in pictures:



The 202nd Kentucky Army National Guard Band.



Recipients of the 2001 Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation Joseph R. Craft Memorial Scholarships are giving a standing ovation during Saturday's business session.



Col. (Retired) Al Alfaro and LTC Freddie Waggoner review "The Paper Trail of the KY National Guard" display at the Friday night exhibitors' reception.



Dick Langstratt of AAR Cadillac (right) receives a "Run for the Roses" portrait from DNV Photography in appreciation for exhibiting at the NGAKy's 70th annual conference from association President LTC Don Conover. CW4 Joe Wilkins (back) emceed the Friday night exhibitors' reception.



Maj. Gen. Roger Schultz (center right), director of the Army National Guard, is escorted to the podium during the business session by Maj. Gen. Russ Groves and Sergeant at Arms Lt. Kristin Soldner (left) and Lt. Tammy Hurst.



Ed Butkera of AM General receives a "Man O'War" portrait from DNV Photography in appreciation for exhibiting at the NGAKy's 70th annual conference from association President LTC Don Conover as CW4 Joe Wilkins looks on.



CW2 Vic Young and Capt. Allen Slusher try out the Fire Arms Training System (FATS) equipment during the Friday night exhibitors' reception.



Second Lieutenants Richard Shackelford and Travis Carpenter, the state's "Junior Minutemen."



Col. Donnie Storm (left) and Drew McLandrich of Heater Meals in Cincinnati speak during the Friday night exhibitors' reception.



LTC Rick Branscum (left) visits with Enlisted Association representatives, including Ann Sherfinski (seated at right), Friday night.



Capt. Jim Elkins (right) speaks with Dick Langstratt of AAR Cadillac Friday night.



CW5 John Osborne (left) examines Tyvek Protective Apparel's protective gear display Friday night.



Photos by David W. Altom



“Junior Minuteman” 2Lt. Richard Shackelford and his wife, Deanna, at the Saturday night banquet.



Col. Donnie Storm and his wife, Monica, (left) greet Maj. Gen. John R. Groves and his wife, Barbara, during the Saturday evening reception line.



Officers of the 201st Engineers take advantage of the Saturday evening banquet: From left, 1Lt. J.B. Richmond and Cindy; Capt. Jerry Morrison and Rebecca; Maj. Mike Ferguson and Mary Jo; and Capt. Brian DeMers and Deborah.



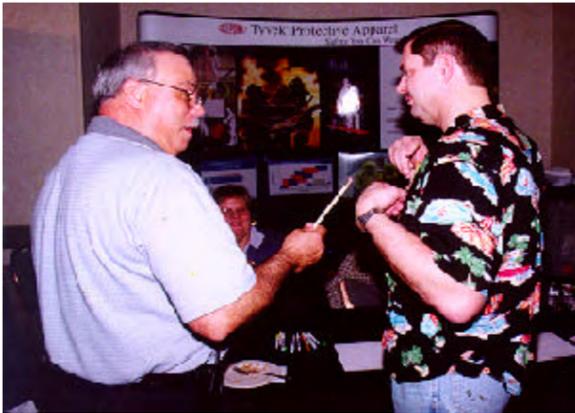
Denise Yates of DNV Photography in Lexington shows her photo wall to an unidentified Guardsman during Saturday's business session.



2Lt. James C. Bishop discusses USAA's wide range of programs and benefits during the Friday night exhibitor's reception.



More from the 201st Engineers at the Griffin Gate: From left, 1Lt. Paul Wyckop; Capt. Jerry Morrison; 2Lt. Joe Whitt; Capt. John Minter; Maj. Mike Ferguson and Capt. Brian DeMers.



CW5 Dean Stoops (right) examines the Tyvek Protective Apparel display during the Friday night Exhibitor Reception.



Conference Planning Committee Chairman Capt. Brian Wertzler thanks conference attendees at the conclusion of the Saturday evening banquet.



The AcoustiKats from the University of Kentucky provided the Saturday evening entertainment.



Kay Van Hoose of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization program discusses Anthrax issues with new NGAKy Vice President for Army Maj. Bob Hayter during Friday night's exhibitors' reception.



Col. Allen Abel and his wife, Carol, (right) review the Defense Logistics Information Service display.



An unidentified Guardsman discusses programs of the Special Operations Forces Support Activity during Friday night's exhibitors' reception.

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APPOINTMENTS

MAJ CISSELL, Leo D. III – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 13 May 01
MAJ FARLEY, David M. – HQ STARC, 16 Feb 2001
MAJ ORANGE, Terry M. – HHC 63D AVN GP, 31 Jan 2001
CPT ARAKELIAN, Michael H. – 165th Weather Flt, 9 Jun 01
CPT CURTIS, Christopher H. – CO F(-DET1) 135th AVN, 7 Jan 2001
CPT HAAS, Bryant L. – HQ STARC, 29 March 2001
CPT WELCH, Timothy M. – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 2 Jul 01
1LT LUNDBOHM, Andrew A. – HHB 2/138th FA BN, 29 May 2001
1LT YARBROUGH, Brandon T. – HQ 238th REG, 16 May 2001
2LT PADRON, Jean P.A. – 617th MP CO, 5 May 2001
2LT CALDWELL, Andrew F. – 206th EN BN, 7 May 2001
2LT CAMPBELL, Steven L. – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 22 Jun 01
2LT CUMMINGS, Jeremiah J. – HHC 63D AVIATION GROUP, 20 May 2001
2LT DECKER, Mary S. – 123 Airlift Wing, 20 Apr 01
2LT HARTMAN, Frederick Robert V – DET 1 940th MP CO, 5 May 2001
2LT HARTMAN, Robert F. – DET 1 940th MP CO, 5 May 2001
2LT KELLER, Shawn P. – HQ KyANG, 22 Jun 01
2LT MARRERO, Vanessa M. – HHD 206th CHEMICAL BN, 5 May 2001
2LT SCHACKELFORD, Walter N. – HHB 138th FA BDE, 12 Jan 2001
2LT TROWELL, Latonia – 123 Airlift Wing, 20 Apr 01
CW2 EVANS, Craig S. – HHC 63D AVN GP, 2 Feb 2001
CW2 RIDDLE, Steven B. – RAID DET, 20 May 2001
WO1 RAND, Matthew S. – HQ STARC, 23 March 2001

PROMOTIONS (to grade shown)

State promotions date of board pending federal recognition

* Awaiting Federal Recognition

BRIG GEN COLLINS, Stephen D. – HQ STARC, 23 May 2001
COL DORNBUSH, Michael J. – HQ KyANG, 29 June 01
COL GAVIN, Michael P. – HHC 2/123D AR BN, 18 April 2001
COL HEAD, James D. – HQ STARC, 3 Jan 2001
COL MARKS, Thomas J. – 123 SUPPORT GP KyANG, 7 Apr 01*
COL SHANNON, Anthony S. – HHC 63D AVN GP, 3 Jan 2001
COL SHARPE, Franklin C. – 123 OPS GROUP KyANG, 30 Mar 01
COL VAN LEUVEN, Michael J. – HQ KyANG, 29 Jun 01
COL YAPLE, Robert J. – HQ KyANG, 29 Jun 01
LTC BRENTS, Charles E. – DET5 KYSTARC, 18 April 2001
LTC BROWN, Jeffrey L. – HHC 206th EN BN, 3 Jan 2001
LTC BULLARD, Steven P. – 165th Airlift Squadron, 6 Jul 01
LTC CARILLO, Connie S. – 123d Medical Squadron, 10 April 01*
LTC COCANOUGH, James T. – HQ STARC, 21 April 2001
LTC DALE, Kenneth J. – 165th Airlift Squadron, 19 May 01*
LTC DOLAN, Patrick J. – HHB 138th FA BDE, 11 May 2001
LTC FOSTER, Deborah J. – 123d MPF KyANG, 7 Jan 01
LTC GENTRY, Thomas L. – HQ STARC, 3 May 2001
LTC HOGAN, Stephen R. – HQ STARC, 3 Jan 2001
LTC MATHEWS, James H. Jr. – 75th TRP CMD, 3 Jan 2001
LTC MULLANEY, Cornelius T. – 41st Civil Support Team, 8 May 01*
LTC NELSON, Gregory – 123rd Airlift Wing, 6 Jul 01
LTC OWENS, Karlas – HHC 1/149th IN BN, 21 Jan 2001
LTC ROBINSON, Stephen A. – HQ STARC, 3 Jan 2001
LTC SCULLY, Shaun A. – HHD 198th MP BN, 3 Jan 2001
LTC SHOOP, Diana G. – 123 Med Squadron, 4 Feb 01*
LTC TRUMP, John T. – DET5 KYSTARC, 18 April 2001
LTC WHELAN, Ronald J. – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 6 Jul 01
MAJ BOWERS, Kathryn M. – 123d Ops Support Flt KyANG, 19 May 01
MAJ CONNELLY, Patrick R. – HQ STARC, 20 May 2001
MAJ DUNLAP, Christopher T. – 165th Airlift Squadron, 28 Mar 01
MAJ FERGUSON, Michael S. – HHC(-) 201st EN BN, 20 May 2001
MAJ GORTER, Barry D. – 165th Airlift Squadron, 12 Jun 01
MAJ LEISTENSNIER, Elizabeth J. – 123 AIRLIFT WING, 4 Feb 01

MAJ MILLS, John K. – HHB 138th FA BDE, 11 Feb 2001
MAJ MITCHELL, William P. – HQ 238th REG, 21 Jan 2001
MAJ PUCSETTI, Gregory P. – HQ STARC, 11 May 2001
MAJ REED, Kenneth J. – DET1 1163 MED CO, 16 March 2001
MAJ REED, Sylven B. – CO C 103D FSB, 3 May 2001
MAJ ROSE, Douglas P. O. – 123 Airlift Wing, 10 April 01
MAJ SHERMAN, Mark L. – CO F(-DET1) 135th AVN, 12 Feb 2001
MAJ TRAVIS, Gary D. Jr. – HQ STARC, 12 Feb 2001
MAJ VELANDER, David D. – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 19 May 01
MAJ WEBER, Allison C. – 123 Airlift Wing, 1 Jun 01
MAJ ZACHMAN, David S. – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 28 Mar 01
CPT BROWN, Judith A. – DET1 223rd MO CO, 30 March 2001
CPT CLOUSE, John H. – CO C 103D FSB, 20 May 2001
CPT HOWAY, Bryan M. – Co. E, 1/149th IN BN, 10 June 2001
CPT MANNING, William D. – CO C 103D FSB, 1 June 2001
CPT MARTIN, David L. – 123 Med Squadron, 7 Mar 01
CPT MAYNARD, Rosa D. – HHD 198th MP BN, 3 May 2001
CPT MIGLIORE, Vincent J. Jr. – HHC 149th BDE, 7 June 2001
CPT PEVELER, William D. – HHC 1/123D AR BN, 7 March 2001
CPT TOMICA, George C. – 123 Log Support Flt, 10 April 01
CPT WHEELER, Adrian H. – DET1 223D MP CO, 29 March 2001
CPT YOUNG, Stephen A. – HHB 138th FA BDE, 11 Feb 2001
1LT BEST, Michelle D. – 123d Student Flight KyANG, 18 Jun 01
1LT BLEDSOE, William A. – CO C 1/149th IN BN, 9 May 2001
1LT EDLIN, Yogi D. – 123d Medical Squadron, 13 Mar 01
1LT GILLESPIE, Charles R. – BTRY C (DET1) 2D BN 138th FA, 15 May 2001
1LT JOSLIN, Jeffrey S. – CO A 2/123D AR BN, 29 May 2001
1LT RICE, Michael K. – CO C 103D FSB, 12 March 2001
1LT SOLDNER, Kristin R. – 123 MSF KyANG, 23 April 01
CW5 HAGA, Ronald M. – HHC 63D AVIATION GROUP, 3 May 2001
CW5 OSBORNE, John M. – HHC 63D AVN GP, 21 March 2001
CW5 STOOPS, Dean E. – HHC 63D AVN GP, 11 Feb 2001
CW4 GIBSON, Delynn H. – DET11 OSAC, 21 Jan 2001
CW4 MATTOX, David A. – CO F(-DET1) 135th AVN, 16 March 2001
CW3 BARKER, David L. – HQ STARC, 21 Jan 2001
CW3 GABHART, Shawn D. – DET 11 OSAC, 3 Jan 2001
CW3 SALYERS, Kerry D. – DET 11 OSAC, 3 Jan 2001
CW2 CHRISTIANO, Nancy L. – HQ STARC, 29 April 2001
CW2 WILLEY, Matthew T. – CO B 1/114th AVN BN, 26 Jan 2001

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LTC GENTRY, Thomas L. – HQ STARC to 75th TRP CMD, 17 May 2001
LTC JONES, Charles T. – HHC 1/123D AR BN to HQ STARC, 1 Feb 2001
LTC SMITH, George R. III – HHC(-) 201st EN BN to HQ STARC, 1 May 2001
LTC ZOELLER, Edward M. – HQ STARC to HHC 63D AVN GP, 1 March 2001
MAJ BRANSCOM, David D. – HHC 149th BDE to HQ STARC, 1 April 2001
MAJ CALHOUN, Wendell L. – HHC 1/123D AR BN to HHC 149th AR BDE, 1 Feb 2001
MAJ HAMM, Robert G. – HHC 206th EN BN to 75th TRP CMD, 1 Feb 2001
MAJ LONKARD, Jimmie C. – HQ 238th REG to HHC 1/123D AR BN, 1 May 2001
MAJ POPE, Johnnie H. Jr. – HHB 2/138th FA BN to 75th TRP CMD, 1 March 2001
MAJ SCHNEIDER, Charles M. – HQ STARC to HHD 198th MP BN, 11 Feb 2001
MAJ THURSBY, Todd O. – HQ STARC to HHB 2/138th FA BN, 1 March 2001
MAJ TURNER, Arthur W. – HHC 206th EN BN to HHD 198th MP BN, 1 Feb 2001
MAJ VASQUEZ, Terry R. – HHC 63D AVIATION GROUP to HHB 111th ADA BDE New Mexico, 7 Feb 2001
MAJ WELCHER, Bill G. – HHC 149th BDE to HHC 1/123D AR BN (Battalion Commander), 1 Feb 2001
CPT BARTON, Robert D. – HQ STARC to HHC 206th EN BN, 1 Feb 2001
CPT CHO, Yong K. – HHC 206th EN BN to HHD 206th CHEM BN, 1 March 2001
CPT CLINE, John M. – CO A 1/123D AR BN to HQ STARC, 1 Feb 2001

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 CPT HAWTHORNE, Dennis R. – 75th TRP CMD to HHB 2/138th FA BN, 1 Feb 2001
 CPT JONES, Julie A. – CO C 103D FSB to DET5 KYSTARC, 1 March 2001
 CPT KOENIG, Jeffrey P. – CO E –DET1 206th EN BN to HHC 206th EN BN, 1 March 2001
 CPT LEMLEY – CO C 103D FSB to HHC 2D BN 239th INF Indiana ARNG
 CPT MORRISON, Jerry L. – HHC 201st EN BN to CO A 201st EN BN, 15 Feb 2001
 CPT NEAL, Todd C. – HHC 149th BDE to DET1 SPT 3D BN 20th SFG, 1 Mar 2001
 CPT PATTON, Lindsey D. – CO A 201st EN BN to HHC 201st EN BN, 15 Feb 2001
 CPT PEVELER, William D. – HHC 149th BDE to HHC 1/123D AR BN, 15 Feb 2001
 CPT PICKERRELL, Timothy L. – HQ 238th REG to HHB 138th FA BN, 10 Jan 2001
 CPT QUINKER, Robert J. III – HQS STARC to SIGNAL CORPS, 3 May 2001
 CPT REED, Kenneth J. – DET 1 HHC 1/149th IN BN to DET 1 1163 MED CO, 14 March 2001
 1LT ARMBRUSTER, Edward F. – CO A 201st EN BN to CO B 201st EN BN, 22 Feb 2001
 1LT BAKER, Todd J. – HHC 1/123D AR BN to 152 MECH IN, Indiana ARNG
 1LT BEASLEY, Shelly R. – 307th MAINT CO to HQ 1BN 75th TRP CMD, 1 April 2001
 1LT BLACKBURN, John B. – CO C 1/123D AR BN to DET2 HHC 2/123D AR BN, 1 Feb 2001
 1LT BRANDENBURG, Craig C. – CO A 1/123D AR BN to DET2 HHC 2/123D AR BN, 1 Feb 2001
 1LT BROZAK, Mark Anthony – CO C 1/123rd AR BN to HHC 63D AVIATION GROUP, 1 May 2001
 1LT BULLARD, Kendricke B. – HHC 1/123D AR BN to 212th SIG BN Arkansas ARNG
 1LT DAVENPORT, Kevin P. – CO A 2/123D AR BN to CO C 2/123D AR BN, 1 March 2001
 1LT ENDRESS, Gregory L. – HHC 1/123D AR BN to CO A 1/123D AR BN, 1 Feb 2001
 1LT HUTCHINS, Eric S. – CO B 2/123D AR BN to BTRY A 1BN 201st FA WV
 1LT KELLER, Jonathan P. – DET 1 CO D 206th EN BN to HQ 238th REG, 15 April 2001
 1LT MANNING, William D. – HHSB 1BN 623D FA to CO C 103D FSB, 31 May 2001
 1LT MEADORS, William J. – HHC 1/123D AR BN to HHC 2/123D AR BN, 1 March 2001
 1LT PERDUE, William C. – DET2 HHC 2/123D AR BN to HHC 2/123D AR BN, 1 Feb 2001
 1LT PRATER, Danny K. – CO A 206th EN BN to CO E –DET1 206th EN BN, 1 March 2001
 1LT RODRIGUEZ, Ismael Jr. – CO C 103D FSB to 31st CSD, Delaware ARNG
 1LT RUSSELL, Andrew P. HHC 1/123D AR BN to HHC 2/123D AR BN, 1 March 2001
 1LT SHACKLETT, Jerry L. – HHC 1/123D AR BN to HHC 1/149th IN BN, 1 June 2001
 1LT SCHMITT, John W. – HHC 2/123D AR BN to 41st Civil Support Team, 9 April 2001
 1LT WADE, Darien C. – DET2 HHC 1/149th IN BN to HQ 238th REG, 1 Feb 2001
 1LT WILSON, Mark A. – BTRY B 1BN 623D FA to HHSB 1BN 623D FA, 1 April 2001
 2LT BUSSABARGER, Darin G. – HHC 1/123D AR BN to 231st MI CO, 1 May 2001
 2LT CHASTAIN, Mark A. – 207th MAINT CO to 940th MP CO, 1 May 2001
 2LT GREGORY, Scott A. – HHC 1/123D AR BN to CO B 2/123D AR BN, 1 March 2001
 2LT HINKLE, Gregory – HHB 2/138th FA BN to BTRY A (-DET1) 2nd BN 138th FA, 1 April 2001
 2LT LOEWEN, Erik W. – HHB 2/138th FA BN to 111th FA, Virginia ARNG
 2LT ROBINSON, Phillip D. – CO B 1/114th AVN BN to CO F(-DET1) 135th AVN, 23 March 2001
 CW3 BROWN, Russell E. – CO B 1/114th AVN BN to 149th AVN Texas ARNG, 6 April 2001
 CW3 GRIDER, Kenneth H. II – CO B 1/114th AVN BN to DET 3 CO H 171st AVN, 1 April 2001

REASSIGNMENTS

MAJ RIGG, Bart A. – Commander to S-3, HHC(-) 201st EN BN, 1 May 2001
 CPT RAY, Marcus D. – Area Security Officer to Commander, HHD 198th MP BN, 1 May 2001
 CPT WANTLAND, John C. – DET Commander to Area Security Officer, HHD 198th MP BN, 1 May 2001

SEPARATIONS

MAJ GEN DAVIDSON, Michael W. – HQ STARC, 17 July 2001
 COL LESLIE, Clifton W. – 123 Airlift Wing, 28 Apr 01
 LTC D'ARIENZO, Henry R. – 123 APS, 6 Apr 01
 LTC FOSTER, James C. – HQ STARC, 31 March 2001
 LTC GARDA, Jennifer S. – DET5 KYSTARC, 14 July 2001
 MAJ GLISSON, Shawn D. – CO C 103D FSB, 28 Feb 2001
 MAJ GEURIN, Stephen G. – HHC 206th EN BN, 15 May 2001
 MAJ GUINN, Helen R. – DET5 KYSTARC, 26 April 2001
 MAJ MACKE, Robert J. – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 4 Mar 01
 MAJ MANGUM, David C. Jr. – HQ STARC, 1 April 2001
 CPT CEPERO, Yvonne – DET5 KYSTARC to U.S. Army (active duty), 31 Jan 2001
 CPT CLARK, Jeffrey S. – DET5 KYSTARC, 11 Jan 2001
 CPT COOKSEY, Wesley A. – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 6 Jan 01
 CPT COPELAND, Frank P. – CO B 201st EN BN, 21 Feb 2001
 CPT KOLOFF, Philip E. – 123d Med Squadron, 12 Apr 01
 CPT KYLE, Stephen D. – HQ 238th REG, 28 March 2001
 CPT METCALF, Mark H. – HHB 138th FA BDE, 1 March 2001
 CPT MOWERS, Patrick W. – DET5 KYSTARC, 15 April 2001
 CPT RODRIGUEZ, Janet F. – DET2 KYSTARC to HHC 88th RSC USAR Fort Snelling, 13 March 2001
 CPT SMITH, Anthony G. Sr. – HHD 198th MP BN, 3 Feb 2001
 1LT CARPENTER, Mark L. – HHC 2/123D AR BN to 100 DIV (IT) USAR, 8 March 2001
 1LT JOHNSON, Michael B. – DET 1 BTRY C 1/623D FA, 1 March 2001
 1LT PERDUE, William C. – HHC 2/123D AR BN, 1 June 2001
 1LT ROBY, Christopher E. – CO B 2/123D AR BN, 31 March 2001
 1LT SULLIVAN, Kevin L. – 123 MXS/4 May 01
 1LT WALLS, Christopher L. – HQ STARC, 15 April 2001
 1LT WILEY, John D. – DET 1 SPT CO 2BN 20th SF GRP, 20 May 2001
 CW4 GRIDER, James C. – 307th MAINT CO, 30 June 2001
 CW4 HOLLON, Hager L. – HQ STARC, 6 June 2001



Maj. Gen. Michael Davidson, former Adjutant General of Kentucky, retired from his position as Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard Matters on July 17, 2001.



Col. Bill Leslie retired from the Kentucky Air National Guard on April 28, 2001 following the completion of his tour as Commanding Officer of the 123rd Airlift Wing. He was succeeded by Col. Michael Harden.

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Col. Jerry Heaton -- message from the retired ranks

The following remarks are from the NGA Ky Conference Business Session this past February. Many people have asked that they be reproduced in the Focus. Col. Heaton served as Executive Director of the National Guard Association of Kentucky for 26 years and is a recipient of the association's prestigious Billy Wellman Award.

Thank you President Conover, General Officers and Members.

You may wonder why your retired delegation might be up here with a message for you today. Yes, is it a fact, we are all retired and we no longer have a horse in this National Guard race. But those of you who have been around for a while and have grown up in the Guard know that it sort of gets into you blood. The National Guard affects your daily life, your family and your lifestyle. Just because our members are retired, most of us are still very interested in our former units and the changes that affect you today. We may not be as up to date as you are on your activities, but we certainly are still interested and we know a lot about how we got where you are today.

I have come here to announce some major changes you could face. Most all of these changes are going to take place on the first of March this year.

Everyone here has become accustomed to receiving a day's pay in accordance with your rank for every 4-hour assembly you attend. In other words, two days pay for 8 hours on the job. Effective on March 1 st, that will change and you will no longer get two days pay, but only one days pay for the 8 hour drill period.

Another change: In the past you have received the same pay as the equivalent grade of an officer on active duty. Effective March 1st, that is going to change too. For example if you are a Captain, your base pay has been approximately \$115 per day - the same as the base pay of a Captain on Active duty. Starting with your drill period in March you will no longer receive \$115 per day - but instead your daily base pay for a Captain in the National

More news that is not so good: Starting March 1, there will be no retirement pay. You will not earn any "retirement points" which until now were used in computing your future retirement pay. You may not notice that too much because if you were like me, while I was active in the Guard, retirement pay was not much on my mind. I didn't join the National Guard with the thought that some day, I might receive a check when I retired. However, If you were in my shoes, today, you would know that the loss of that benefit would have a major impact on my current lifestyle. Since I am, and our group is already retired, this won't affect us, but as I just noted, March 1st is just around the corner and it will affect you.

Everything I have mentioned thus far that might be cancelled, plus more than 200 other benefits you and I enjoy by being a Guard member or a retired Guardsman, would not have occurred had it not been for the National Guard Associations at the State and National level.

Starting March 1st, the Department of Defense will begin to recall much of the straight-off-the-assembly-line equipment that you have been using in recently years. The C-1 30H aircraft comes to mind, the MLRS equipment which some of our units received before the active duty units got similar equipment. Most of that newer equipment will be recalled and returned to the active forces. Instead, our Kentucky units will begin receiving equipment, which is no longer needed by the active forces, and this will be what you will have to use



for training. Of course it won't mesh with the active forces for example our radios won't talk with theirs, but if you are called up, but that is all right, you will just have to make do. Unfortunately, this change may affect your unit moral but probably no one will care because no one will bother to say anything about it to anyone of importance who could make a difference. Anyway, starting now, the guard will be only equipped with hand-me-down type equipment.

This next change will drastically effect the way we do business in the future. If you are serving as an AGR member, that program is going to be phased out and there will no longer be an AGR program. The technician program will be affected too because that will be cut back. Unfortunately, a number of you will need to be finding new full time employment.

Why would all this happen? I am going to tell you. Everything I have mentioned thus far that might be cancelled, plus more than 200 other benefits you and I enjoy by being a Guard member or a retired Guardsman, would not have occurred had it not been for the National Guard Associations at the State and National level. Because of those Associations and their members working as a team, you and I enjoy hundreds of really important benefits.

Maybe you are sitting there now and thinking - well most of these benefits would have occurred without the Associations existence. Let's jus take the first benefit I talked about - your pay. Let me just ask you, for a moment, trade places and now consider yourself an active duty officer in the Active Army or the Active Air Force. You work eight hours and some days maybe twice that for one day's pay. Do you think that you, while on active duty, would think it a good idea to pay an part time officer a full day's pay for only four hours of training? I suspect not. The active forces never have considered us a good as they are - or at lea4t, even if they found it true, they would never admit it. I am confident they would favor fewer benefits and less daily pay for a part time force. So who do you suppose got all these benefits for us? Do you think our representatives in Congress are just sitting there thinking; how can I help our reserve forces today? I will give you a moment to just ponder on these questions.

The reason the retired delegation wanted a few moments on your program today is because we recently learned that currently only 60 percent of National Guard officers in Kentucky are members of the State and National Association. Also, look around the room. How many National Guard officers are here today participating in this annual conference? If you don't know, based on advance registration plus some estimates on those who registered this morning and allowing for those mobilized to duty elsewhere, I think you will find less than half of our Guard officers are represented here.

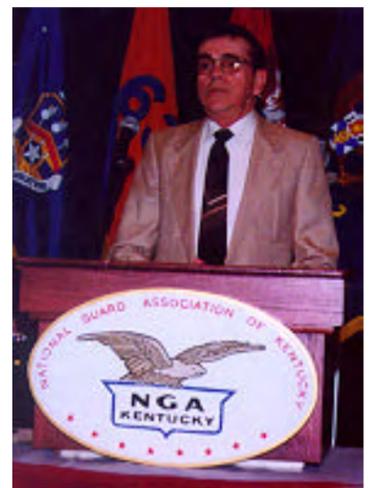
I recall a TV program, "I Dream of Jeanie." Some may recall that same program in which a genie would appear out of a bottle and could change things simply by either nodding her head, or was it wiggling her nose - I don't remember. POOF - things would change to make things more convenient for her "master" who was an Air Force Major. Most of the time though, she would get his requests confused and end up putting him an awkward or embarrassing situation. Because of this, it

was an entertaining, funny show.

Ladies and gentlemen, if I had that same power of that genie today you probably would not find it entertaining or funny. I would nod my head or wiggle my nose, in order to turn off, for one month, starting March 1 st, every benefit that you and I enjoy which was obtained by your National Guard Associations at the State or National Level. I am confident that you would be shocked at what you would lose and just how much you would lose. I am confident that after one month, you would stand in line asking to be Association members and wanting to pay membership dues.

So the message today from your retired community: You need to be aware just how important your Associations have been to us all in the past, and just how important they are to you today and how important they will be to you in the future. The Associations by themselves, the buildings are nothing. But the Associations with strong membership working as a team - focused on the needs of the Guard and its members, are powerful. You likely do not realize the influence we can muster collectively.

Our appeal to you today is to heed this message and do the right thing. This message needs to be conveyed to every member in the Guard, whether they are here or not. You need to be sure your peers know this message and see that they do the right thing. You, as leaders, need to be sure your subordinates know this message and do the right thing.



Col. Jerry Heaton
Kentucky National Guard
(Retired)

What is the right thing? The right thing is to be active in your associations' activities and help them focus on the needs of the Guard. You need to be an active participant in informing our congressional and executive branches of government at the State and National level of our needs and desires. The first step in doing the right thing, is to be sure that you, your peers and your subordinates are active, dues-paying members of both the state and National Associations. Just being one or the other is not enough and just paying your dues is not enough.

In 1993 Kentucky Guard Officers had 100 percent membership in both associations and that was true for 12 years prior to that. The fact that we are at 60% today tells us that you may not know or appreciate what you have or what you may someday lose.

Ladies and Gentlemen do the right thing. Don't put this off. You need to correct this now. I hope we don't need to have a genie in a bottle nod her head or wiggle her nose to get your attention.

Finally, this message is one from your retired delegation; no elected officer of this Association or the National Association; no commander or anyone else asked us to be on the program today. In fact it is the other way around. This is something your retired delegation thought ought to be said and as a retired member, they ask me to speak on their behalf. On their behalf, I say thank you for your attention today. We urge you to do the right thing.

Thank you Colonel Conover for allowing us this time on the program today.

KNGHF Scholarship recipients express gratitude



April Conway accepts her scholarship from NGAKy President LTC Don Conover February 17 as her father, SSG Joseph Conway (Kentucky National Guard Retired), looks on.

February 19, 2001

KNGHF
1111 Louisville Road
Frankfort, KY

To all the members of the Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation:

I would like to express my gratitude to you for the \$600 scholarship I received on February 17, 2001. I was honored to attend your conference at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort. Please know that the money you presented me with will be put to good use, in that it will cover the unexpected expenses – and, believe me, there are many – that come along with a college education. Again, my parents and I appreciate your gracious gift. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
April Dawn Capps
Junior, Morehead State University



Michael Wade accepts his scholarship from NGAKy President LTC Don Conover February 17 as his father, LTC Avert Wade, looks on.



April Dawn Capps accepts her scholarship from NGAKy President LTC Don Conover February 17 as her father, CSM Harold W. Capps, looks on.

March 27, 2001

KNGHF
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Frankfort, KY

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the National Guard Scholarship Committee for choosing me to receive one of the scholarships. The money was put to good use. It was a great honor to accept the award at the conference. I enjoyed attending it and was treated with utmost respect. I would also like to thank my Dad for spending much of his time in the National Guard to make it possible for me to receive this honor.

Thank you,
Jessica Goodpaster



Jessica Goodpaster accepts her scholarship from NGAKy President LTC Don Conover February 17 as her father, Capt. Jimmy Goodpaster (Kentucky National Guard Retired), looks on.

To arrange a visit by NGAKy staff to your unit to brief your soldiers or airmen on their association insurance benefits and more, call 800-251-2333

Photos
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David W. Altom

Wilkins, McCallie receive George Rogers Clark Outstanding Young Officer Awards

Capt. Brent Wilkins and Capt. John McCallie were honored with the National Guard Association of Kentucky George Rogers Clark Outstanding Young Officer Award during the Business Session of the 70th Annual NGAKy Conference at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington February 17.

Capt. Wilkins commands the 207th Maintenance Company, consisting of 175 personnel in 10 platoons and sections. He was honored for his work in developing a dynamic and flexible training program. He is also pursuing a Masters' Degree in Public Administration and maintains a 3.89 GPA.

Capt. McCallie is an engineering officer with the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron of the Kentucky Air National Guard. He was honored for his work in developing concepts for an emergency response MARE exercise and assisting in the design, development and production of aircraft and parking maps for community outreach events including Thunder Over Louisville, Bean Soup Festival and Family Day at the Air Guard Base in Louisville.



Capt. Brent Wilkins



Capt. John McCallie

In Memoriam

Sergeant Georgia Giles
Separated from 223rd MP Co.
13 Jan 2001

Chief Master Sergeant Donald E. Durham
Retired from 123d CES,
Kentucky Air Guard
3 Apr 2001

Sergeant Valor Moore
Separated from 123d Armor
16 Jan 2001

Master Sergeant James Allen
Retired from OMS 11
4 Apr 2001

Sergeant James N. Brown
Retired from HHC 201st En Bn
26 Jan 2001

Major Joe Harvey Howard
Retired from 206th En Bn
17 Apr 2001

Colonel Robert Lawrence
Retired Kentucky Air Guard
15 Feb 2001

Chief Warrant Officer 4 William C. Heim
Retired Kentucky Army Guard
26 Apr 2001

Specialist Michael Brame
Co C 2/123d Armor
15 Feb 2001

Lieutenant Colonel Jack Ballard
Retired Kentucky Army Guard
13 May 2001

Master Sergeant Karen Renn
Retired from
Kentucky Air Guard
16 Feb 2001

Chief Warrant Officer 4 James E. Cary
HHC 63d Aviation Group
23 May 2001

Sergeant Jerry Huffman
Retired from
2123d Trans Com
11 Mar 2001

Sergeant Robert E. Raymond
Separated from Kentucky Air Guard
29 May 2001

I am the Guard

Civilian in Peace. Soldier in War . . . of security and honor, for three centuries I have been the custodian. I am the Guard. I was with Washington in the dim forests, fought the wily warrior, and watched the dark night bow to the morning. At Concord's bridge, I fired the fateful shot heard round the world. I bled on Bunker Hill. My footprints marked the snows at Valley Forge. I pulled a muffled oar on the barge that bridged the icy Delaware. I stood with Washington on the sun-drenched heights of Yorktown. I saw the sword surrendered . . . I am the Guard. I pulled the trigger that loosed the long rifle's havoc at New Orleans. These things I knew - I was there! I saw both sides of the War between the States - I was there! The hill at San Juan felt the fury of my charge. The far plains and mountains of the Philippines echoed to my shout . . . On the Mexican border I stood . . . I am the Guard. The dark forest of the Argonne blazed with my barrage. Chateau Thierry crumbled to my cannonade. Under the arches of victory I marched in legion - I was there! I am the Guard. I bowed briefly on the grim Corregidor, then saw the light of liberation shine on the faces of my comrades. Through the jungle and on the beaches. I fought the enemy, beat, battered and broke him. I raised our banner to the serene air on Okinawa - I scrambled over Normandy's beaches - I was there! . . . I am the Guard. Across the 38th Parallel I made my stand. I flew MiG Alley - I was there! . . . I am the Guard. Soldier in War, Civilian in Peace . . . I am the Guard.



I was at Johnstown, where the raging waters boomed down the valley. I cradled the crying child in my arms and saw the terror leave her eyes. I moved through smoke and flame at Texas City. The stricken knew the comfort of my skill. I dropped the food that fed the starving beast on the frozen fields of the west and through the towering drifts I ploughed to rescue the marooned. I have faced forward to the tornado, the typhoon, and the horror of the hurricane and flood - these things I know - I was there! . . . I am the Guard. I have brought a more abundant, a fuller, a finer life to our youth. Wherever a strong arm and valiant spirit must defend the Nation, in peace or war, wherever a child cries, or a woman weeps in time of disaster, there I stand . . . I am the Guard. For three centuries a soldier in war, a civilian in peace - of security and honor, I am the custodian, now and forever . . . I am the Guard.

National Guard history and news on the Internet

The history of the National Guard is readily obtainable on the Internet through a variety of sources.

Shown below are some of the heritage prints available from the National Guard Bureau (www.ngb.dtic.mil). NGB features an outstanding image gallery of heritage prints, a presidential series and state missions. The prints may be ordered in numerous sizes. The site has short histories of the Army and Air Guard and is chock-full of current National Guard information.

For a local connection to National Guard news, we recommend signing up for the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs' "dma e-news" - an email newsletter featuring a steady flow of an

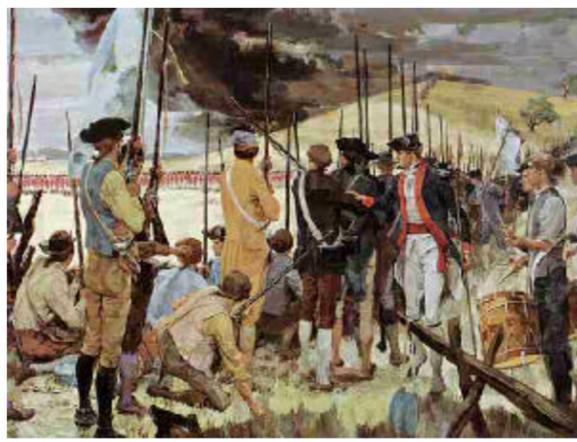
nouncements, media advisories and releases and related information from the Kentucky Air and Army National Guard, the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs and the Kentucky Department of Emergency Management.

To sign up, visit <http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/military/enews.htm> or call Jason LeMay at 502-607-1246.

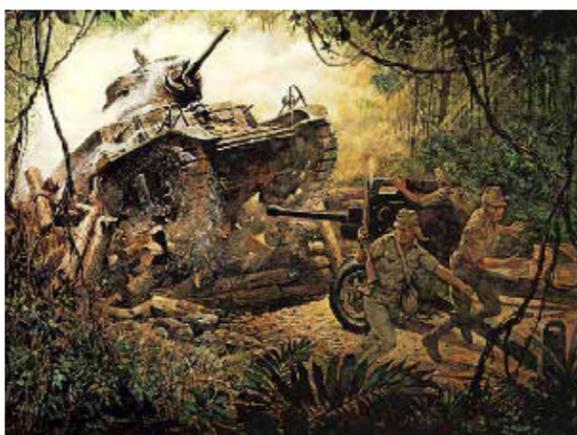
Also, Colonel Al Alfaro (Kentucky Army National Guard Retired) is maintaining an email newsletter called the "Paper Trail of the Kentucky National Guard," which explores in detail various eras of the Kentucky Guard's history. He also provides notice of interesting history lectures and programs. For more information, contact Colonel Alfaro at AAlfaro99@aol.com.



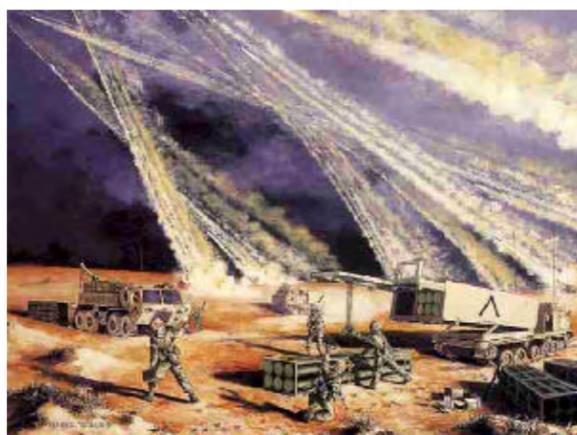
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NGAUS message forums offer exchange of ideas

The National Guard Association of the United States now offers a "message board" section of its www.ngaus.org website. **The message board is a great way for you to exchange ideas, thoughts, and express yourself. The NGAUS staff has divided the message board into different discussion categories to help you separate exactly what you want to read or say. Here are the current areas of discussion:**

- [Create Your Own Topic](#) (last updated: 7/17/2001 9:26:24 AM)
- [Health Insurance for Guardsmen](#) (last updated: 7/12/2001 4:36:19 PM)
- [Aviation Modernization](#) (last updated: 5/18/2001 12:47:57 PM)

How big a problem is it? Are you considering getting out because Army Guard helicopters are frequently grounded for safety reasons? Do you worry the Air Guard's missions could suffer because it lacks updated aircraft? What do YOU think?