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

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.

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MG Groves announces Army Guard leadership changes


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.
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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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BY LTC STEVE BULLARD

President, National Guard Association of Kentucky

Hello everyone! Welcome to our new-look Kentucky Guard Association 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 for one 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 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 Saturday. Saturday is always the 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. Bates -Fairchild of the Continuity Committee came up with the great idea of paying the (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 committed to funneling $2,000 in additional 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 decreasing number of Guardsmen, a heavy mortgage payment on our building in Frankfort and a national trend away from command emphasis that made association membership “manditory.” 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 $17,000 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 lifeblood. 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, makes 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 Caplin 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 (stbullard@aiik.org), home phone 502-243-9494 or work phone 502-491-4737. I hope to see you in Indianapolis!

The Kentucky Guardsman, a publication of the National Guard Association of Kentucky.
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

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

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· 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

The NGAUS is an active email news alert system. 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 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, material 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 outsourcing 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 1, 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.
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Rumsfeld unveils $329.9 billion Department of Defense budget

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 pasting 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 do nothing 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.”
NGAKy Conference 2001 in pictures:

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.

Col. (Retired) Al Alfaro and LTC Freddie Waggoner review “The Paper Trail of the KY National Guard” display at 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.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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**MAJ CISSELL, Leo D. III – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 13 May 01**

**MAJ FJALREY, David M. – HQ STARC, 16 Feb 2001**

**MAJ ORANGE, Terry M. – HHC 63D AVN GP, 31 Jan 2001**

**CPT ARAKELIAN, Michael H. – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 14 May 01**

**CPT CURTIS, Christopher H. – CO (F-DT1) 135® AVN, 7 Jan 2001**

**CPT HASS, Bryant L. – HQ STARC, 29 March 2001**

**CPT WELCH, Timothy M. – 165th AIRLIFT SQUADRON, 2 Jul 01**

**1LT LUNDROHM, Andrew A. – HHH 213/FA BN, 29 May 2001**

**1LT YARBROUGH, Brandon T. – HQ 238® REG, 16 May 2001**

**2LT PADRON, Matthew J. – HHC 206®, 23 May 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**

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**LTC GENTRY, Thomas L. – HQ STARC to 135® AVN, 17 May 2001**

**LTC JONES, Charles T. – HHC 1/123D AR BN to HQ STARC, 1 Feb 2001**

**LTC SMITH, George R. III – HHC(-) 213/FA BN to HQ STARC, 1 May 2001**

**LTC ZOELLER, Edward M. – HHC 63D AVN GP to 135® AVN, 1 March 2001**

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**MAJ MUSLI, John K. – HHC 138® FA BN, 11 Feb 2001**

**MAJ MITCHELL, William P. – HQ 238® REG, 21 Jan 2001**

**MAJ PUCETTI, Gregory P. – HQ STARC, 11 May 2001**

**MAJ REED, T.153® MO CO, 16 March 2001**

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**State promotions date of board pending federal recognition**

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Reassignments

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.

CPT Ray, Marcus D. — Area Security Officer to Commander, HHD 119 BN, 1 May 2001
CPT Wantland, John C. — DET Commander to Area Security Officer, HHD 118 BN, 1 May 2001

Separations

Maj Gen Davidson, Michael W. — HQ STARC, 17 July 2001
Cpt Leslie, James W. — 123rd Airlift Wing, 28 Apr 01
Ltc D’Arienzo, Henry R. — HQ STARC, 31 March 2001
Cpt Pepenlo, Yvonne — DETS Kystarc to U.S. Army (active duty), 31 Jan 2001
Cpt Clark, Jeffrey S. — DETS Kystarc, 1 Jan 2001
Cpt Cooksey, Wesley A. — 165th Airlift Squadron, 6 Jan 01

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The following remarks are from the NGAKy 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, it is 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 your 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.

Starting March 1st, you will be paid only one 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 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.

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 - but only one day pay for the 8 hour drill period.

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 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 enjoy by being a Guard 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 be finding new full time employment.

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Maybe you are sitting there now and thinking - well I have been a Guard member for a long time - it can't be true. You are probably right, but I am going to tell you why. Everything that I have mentioned thus far that might be cancelled, plus more than 200 other benefits you enjoy by being a Guard 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.

Thank you, President Conover, General Officers and Members, for allowing us this time on the program today.
KNGHF Scholarship recipients express gratitude

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

March 27, 2001
KNGHF
1111 Louisville Road
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

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.

In Memoriam

Sergeant Georgia Giles
Separated from 223rd MP Co.
13 Jan 2001
Ch ć 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 Brane
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 63rd 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

Photos by
David W. Altom
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
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 a 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 announcements, 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.

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?