



The Kentucky Guardsman

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NGAKY Prepares for 125th NGAUS Conference

Plans are underway for the National Guard Association of Kentucky to attend the 125th annual National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) conference to be held in Biloxi, Mississippi from 14 - 17 September.

Major General D. Allen Youngman, The Adjutant General of Kentucky, will lead a delegation of 45 officers and guests to Biloxi, Mississippi. The theme for this year's conference is, "Now More Than Ever", and will concentrate on the present and future role of the National Guard.

The conference will kick off on Sunday afternoon September 14th with a ribbon cutting and grand opening reception at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center. The opening reception will be followed by a TAG's Delta Blues Party and Company Grade/Warrant Officer Mixer both beginning at 1900 hours.

On Monday morning a Fun Run will be conducted at Keesler AFB. That afternoon a Company Grade Professional Development Seminar will be held.

See 125th NGAUS Conference, page 4 ...



Colonel Michael Dornbush, President-Elect NGAKY, addresses the Association's members during last year's Annual Conference. COL Dornbush will become the President of the NGAKY at the conclusion of our next state conference in February 2004.



NGAKY establishes dues collection goals

The NGAKY Executive Council has established the following goals for dues collection for 2003 - 2004. It is the goal of the Council to collect 90 percent of state association dues and 80 percent of national association dues from eligible officers during the next year.

Bob Snyder, NGAKY President, calls on all officers to support both organizations. "Without the support of our members we will not have the financial resources to carry out the important missions of both associations. Now more than ever, we need the support of our officers so we can continue to represent their interests before state and national legislative bodies."

In the past, both organizations had 100 percent of the officers in Kentucky as dues paying members, but this has not been the case in the last several years. The Executive Council is striving to meet this year's goals and then aim for 100 percent state dues collection and 90 percent national dues collect next year.

Legislative priorities for the NGAKY

It is a difficult year to establish legislative priorities, given the many issues facing the National Guard and its soldiers and airmen. Never before have so many issues concerning the National Guard been so widely discussed at the national level. During the past year there has been much talk about providing health care to members of the Guard and at the same time much discussion about the need to improve on the Guard's retirement plan. There have also been a number of discussions about the proper role of the National Guard and how best to organize the Guard for future missions.

Bob Snyder, President of the NGAKY, said, "The legislative priorities of the Association change on a daily basis based on what is occurring in the U.S. Congress." He went on to explain that "it is critical to respond to issues immediately because legislation is moving very quickly and sometimes faster than our congressmen can hear from their constituents."

See Legislative Priorities, page 7 ...

CW5 Joe Wilkins, long time friend of NGAKY retires

Much of the success the Association has had recruiting corporate sponsors and exhibitors rests with CW5 Joe Wilkins, who recently retired from the National Guard after 41 years of service. Mr. Wilkins joined the military on June 27, 1960. He has served the Guard in numerous assignments throughout Kentucky and has served in many positions within the NGAKY to include being a member of the Executive Council.

Mr. Wilkins was the last serving Kentucky Guardsman to have earned the Berlin Crisis Service Ribbon. The NGAKY salutes Chief Joe Wilkins on his retirement.



CW5 Joe Wilkins is presented with the Legion of Merit medal by MG Youngman. Mr. Wilkins wife, Frances, is also pictured above.



Please make plans now to attend the 73rd Annual NGAKY Conference that will be held from 20 -22 February 2004 at the Drawbridge Villager Premier Hotel, 2477 Royal Drive, Fort Mitchell, KY 42017.

President's Message



By LTC Lewis R. "Bob" Snyder
President, National Guard Association of Kentucky

It's hard to believe it's been eight months since we published the last issue of the *The Kentucky Guardsman*. I can truly say that it is difficult to get everything completed these days. I wrote a good deal of the last issue with several other officers submitting articles. Once the articles were written they were sent to LTC Steve Bullard (our editor) for formatting and placing into a PageMaker document for printing. Steve has been deployed so this time I had the opportunity to learn PageMaker and format the newsletter, in addition to writing a substantial portion of the document.

I want to personally thank Lieutenant Colonel Bullard for his past support and for the effort he has contributed toward producing a quality magazine for our members. I can personally tell you, it takes a great deal of time to create this publication. I would also like to ask for volunteers to assist with the next newsletter. Do you know PageMaker? Would you like to write an article? Have you taken some pictures that may be of interest to other officers of the Kentucky Guard? If so, please consider submitting an article or picture for possible publication in our next edition -- which we hope to publish before the end of the year.

After 18 months as your president, my term will be ending when Major Bob Hayter returns from Bosnia sometime within the next month or so. I have enjoyed serving as your president and serving on the Executive Council for the past 14 years. Many of the officers who have served on the Board for many years are already retired or will be retiring soon. I mention this because we must do something to get our junior officers more involved in our Association and also to get more senior officers interested in taking a leadership role within the Association.

Colonel Michael Dornbush will take over as president of the Association at the end of February 2004 and he is a great individual with many good ideas. He has served on the Executive Council for several years and understands how the Association operates. Colonel Dornbush also understands the importance of educating junior officers about the Association.

It's been a very challenging year since our last conference due to the deployment of the Major Bob Hayter (President Elect 2003), Major Tim Barrett (Vice President - Army), Major Todd Lally (Vice President - Air), LTC Steve Bullard (Immediate Past President), and at one point seven additional members of the Council. Your Council has worked diligently to keep the Association's business moving forward and I believe they have done an excellent job. In those areas where we should have done more, we hope you will understand that we have done the best we could given our limited staff resources and limited funds.

In fifteen years, when the loan on the Foundation's building is paid in full, we will have additional money to accomplish all of our missions. I am hopeful that we can find a way to pay off the building loan before fifteen years, so we can get on with more important business. We have lowered the mortgage interest rate again this year and we did not increase the length of the loan, so progress is being made.

I look forward to the day when the Association can hire at least one additional staff person to help with membership services and legislative affairs. We need the additional person to help make this organization successful. At present, the funds are not available, but they will be someday. I encourage each of you to contribute your membership dues and also to make a special donation to both the Association and the Foundation.

I want to personally thank Major (Ret.) Bob Linkous, our acting Executive Director, for taking a difficult job when I asked him to for little pay and for giving twice as much as one should expect. I appreciate having had the opportunity to be your president and I hope I have made a difference.

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(If you are only attending the business session, there is no fee to be paid, but please still submit this registration form.)

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Unit _____ Spouse / Guest _____

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ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Do you plan to attend the Exhibitors Reception Friday evening? _____ # attending _____

Do you plan to attend the Business Session Saturday morning? _____ Yes _____ No _____
(see proposed agenda)

Does your spouse plan on attending the Business Session? _____ Yes _____ No _____

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Major & CW3 (\$35.00)	Number Attending _____	Total \$ _____
LTC & CW4 and CW5 (\$45.00)	Number Attending _____	Total \$ _____
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125th NGAUS Conference set for Biloxi, MS

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The first conference business session will also be held on Monday. This session will feature speeches by key military leaders.

On Monday evening the delegates will take part in the Governor's Reception that will be held outside of the Biloxi Convention Center. Governor Ronnie Misgove (D-Mississippi) has invited all the delegates to be part of the diverse state of Mississippi as he showcases Mississippi's distinctive cultures with entertainment and food.

Tuesday will feature another business session with military leaders talking about the role of the National Guard in current and future operations. Lieutenant General Blum, Chief of the National Guard Bureau is scheduled to speak during the conference.

On Tuesday evening the Kentucky Delegation will host a Kentucky Night featuring country ham, bourbon ball candy, and mint juleps. Several hundred NGAUS delegates and exhibitors will take part in Kentucky Night activities.

LTC Bob Snyder, NGAKY President, said, "Kentucky Night is a great opportunity for our delegates to mix with delegates from other states and to show them good southern hospitality." He went on to say that this event "provides us with the opportunity to talk to many military vendors about coming to the NGAKY state conference and how their participation can help both the Association and their business."

Wednesday will feature the final business session of the conference as well as separate break out sessions for the Army Guard and Air Guard.

The finale of the conference will be held Wednesday evening when the delegates will join together for the formal All States Dinner.

The NGAUS conference is a great opportunity to interact with key military leaders and hear directly from the National Guard Bureau about issues concerning the Guard. The conference provides a great networking opportunity and sufficient down time so delegates have plenty of free time to socialize with friends and colleagues. Make plans now to attend next September's conference in Las Vegas.

New Army Chief of Staff is sworn in

General Peter J. Schoomaker
35th Chief of Staff of the Army
Arrival Message (1 August 03)

This afternoon I stood in the office of the Secretary of the Army and was sworn in as the 35th Chief of Staff of the Army. Thirty-four other distinguished leaders have preceded me — well-known stewards of our Army. It is a great honor to walk in their footsteps.

Twenty-three years ago I stood in another place — in the Iranian desert on a moonlit night at a place called Desert One. I keep a photo of the carnage that night to remind me that we should never confuse enthusiasm with capability. Eight of my comrades lost their lives. Those of us who survived knew grief ... we knew failure...but we committed ourselves to a different future.

There were some important things we did not know about the future that night. We did not recognize that this was a watershed event... that the military services would begin a great period of renewal that continues to this day.

See **Chief's Message**, page 10 ...



New Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker is sworn in as the 35th Chief of Staff by The Honorable Les Brownlee, acting Army Secretary, in the Pentagon Aug. 1. Schoomaker's wife, Cindy, is holding the Bible. As the Army Chief of Staff, Schoomaker will be responsible for the training, equipping, readiness, and welfare of the Army. He will also serve in a dual role as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. U.S. Army photo by Jerome Howard.

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Lieutenant General H. Steven Blum is the new Chief of the National Guard Bureau



Lieutenant General H Steven Blum Chief, National Guard Bureau

Lieutenant General H Steven Blum serves as Chief, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va. As Chief, he is the senior uniformed National Guard officer responsible for formulating, developing and coordinating all policies, programs and plans affecting more than half a million Army and Air National Guard personnel. Appointed by the President, he serves as the principal advisor to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army, and the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force on all National Guard issues. As NGB Chief, he serves as the Army's and Air Force's official channel of communication with the Governors and Adjutants General. Prior to his current assignment, General Blum served as Chief of Staff, United States Northern Command.

General Blum has commanded at every level to include a Special Forces Operational Detachment-A, a Light Infantry Battalion and an Infantry Brigade, and a Division Support Command. Prior to commanding the 29th Infantry Division (Light), General Blum served as Assistant Adjutant General for Army, Commanding General, Maryland Army National Guard, and Assistant Division Commander (Support), 29th Infantry Division (Light). General Blum served as the Commanding General for Multinational Division (North) SFOR-10 in Operation Joint Forge, Bosnia Herzegovina.

EDUCATION:

1968 University of Baltimore - BA Degree - History,
1973 Morgan State College - MS Degree - Social
Science, 1989 Army War College

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Aug 71 - Sep 72, S-3, Detachment B3, Company B, 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, Maryland Army National Guard
2. Oct 72 - Aug 74, Air Operations Officer, HQs Detachment, 5th Special Forces Bn, 20th Special Forces Group, Maryland Army National Guard
3. Aug 74 - Aug 76, Battalion S-2, Headquarters Detachment, 5th Special Forces Battalion, 20th Special Forces, Maryland Army National Guard
4. Sep 76 - Nov 77, Recruiting and Retention Officer, HQs Det, Maryland Army National Guard
5. Nov 77 - Aug 78, Commander, Special Forces Operations Detachment-A, Company B, 5th Special Forces Battalion, 20th Special Forces, Maryland Army National Guard
6. Sep 78 - Oct 78, Recruiting and Retention Officer, HQs Det, Maryland Army National Guard
7. Oct 78 - Jun 81, Special Forces Operations Officer, Command and Control, Headquarters, Maryland Army National Guard
8. Jul 81 - Sep 81, Marksmanship Program Administrator, Headquarters Detachment, Maryland Army National Guard
9. Oct 81 - Sep 82, Training Administrator, HQs Detachment, Maryland Army National Guard
10. Oct 82 - Nov 84, Director Plans, Operations and Training, Headquarters, State Area Command, Maryland Army National Guard
11. Dec 84 - Jul 85, Mobilization Operations Officer, Headquarters, State Area Command, Maryland Army National Guard
12. Aug 85 - Sep 87, Battalion Commander, Headquarters, 1st Bn, 115th Infantry, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Maryland Army National Guard
13. Oct 87 - Oct 88, Executive Officer, Headquarters, 3rd Brigade, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Maryland Army National Guard
14. Nov 88 - Jan 89, Operations and Training Officer, Headquarters, State Area Command, Maryland Army National Guard

15. Jan 89 - Aug 92, Director, Plans, Operations, and Training, Headquarters, Maryland Army National Guard
16. Sep 92 - Jul 95, Commander, 3rd Brigade, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Maryland Army National Guard
17. Jul 95 - Aug 96, Commander, Division Support Command, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Maryland Army National Guard
18. Aug 96 - Jul 99, Assistant Division Commander, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Maryland Army National Guard
19. Aug 99 - Oct 01, Commanding General, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Virginia Army National Guard
20. Oct 01 - Apr 02, Commanding General, Multi National Division (North), SFOR-10, Operation Joint Force, Bosnia and Herzegovina
21. Apr 02 - Aug 02, Commanding General, 29th Infantry Division (Light), Virginia Army National Guard
22. Aug 02 - Apr 03, Chief of Staff, United States Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado
23. Apr 03 - Present, Chief, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Virginia

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit (with 2 bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Meritorious Service Medal (with 2 bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with 1 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (with 1 bronze Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (with 1 silver Oak Leaf Cluster), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star Device), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device and gold Hourglass Device), Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, NATO Medal, Special Forces Tab Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge, Canadian Parachutist Badge

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New General Officers for Kentucky

100% Units

General Hank Morrow, Chief of Staff, Headquarters Kentucky Air National Guard, Frankfort, Kentucky was promoted to Brigadier General on June 23, 2003. He also serves as the ANG Advisor to the USAF Assistant Surgeon General for Expeditionary Operations, Science and Technology and on the DOD Directed Energy Weapons Collection and Analysis Task Force for the Defense Intelligence Agency. General Morrow received his Air Force commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, in 1977.

General Morrow continued his education in Europe at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, completing a master's degree in Aeronautical Science in 1984. An outstanding graduate of undergraduate pilot training, General Morrow has served as an F-111 and F-16 instructor pilot. His flying assignments include two tours in Europe, one in the F-111F, and one in the F-16. After completing the USAF F-16 Fighter Weapons School in 1985, he was assigned to Hill AFB, Utah, and served as both a squadron and wing weapons officer.

Prior to joining the Kentucky Air National Guard in March 2002, General Morrow served as Commander, 149th Fighter Wing, TXANG. His previous experience with the Texas Air National Guard also includes assignments as 182 Fighter Squadron Commander, 149FW Operations Group Commander, Director of Operations, HQ TXANG, and Vice Commander, 147th Fighter Wing, Houston, Texas. General Morrow is a combat veteran and command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours in trainer and fighter aircraft.

Dates of Promotion:

Second Lieutenant, 22 December 1977
 First Lieutenant, 14 May 1980
 Captain, 14 May 1982
 Major, 26 September 1991
 Lieutenant Colonel, 15 October 1995
 Colonel, 30 July 1999
 Brigadier General, 23 June 2003



Brigadier General Hank Morrow

General Norman E. Arflack, Assistant Adjutant General (Army) was promoted to Brigadier General on February 2, 2003. As Assistant Adjutant General for Army, he serves as an assistant and advisor to the Adjutant General.

General Arflack is responsible for STARC's contingency planning and execution when called to federal active service. While serving as commander, he appropriately balances the requirements of readiness, modernization, structure and sustainment to further the effectiveness of the Army National Guard as mobilization entities. He represents the Adjutant General when authorized and during peacetime assumes the role as the chief trainer for the STARC Headquarters to ensure its operational readiness upon mobilization.

General Arflack is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University. He is also a graduate of the Army War College.

General Arflack has served as a platoon leader, company commander, battalion S3, battalion S4, battalion executive officer, battalion commander, brigade commander, Chief Training Division, Director of Logistics, Director of Personnel, Military Personnel Officer, Director of Plans and Operations, as well as several other positions in Headquarters, State Area Command.

In his full time capacity he serves as the Deputy Adjutant General where he coordinates and supervises the functioning of activities of the office of Adjutant General. He acts as executive officer of the Adjutant General with responsibility for administrative functions including personnel matters, purchasing of supplies and equipment, and financial accounting and budgeting. General Arflack develops departmental budget estimates and requests. He advises the Adjutant General on policy matters. General Arflack also develops, interprets, applies and enforces policies approved by the Adjutant General.

Dates of Promotion:

Second Lieutenant, ARNG, 29 Jun 75
 First Lieutenant, ARNG, 28 Jun 78
 Captain, ARNG, 18 Jul 80
 Major, ARNG, 7 Dec 87
 Lieutenant Colonel, ARNG, 19 Dec 91
 Colonel, ARNG, 26 May 98
 Brigadier General (LINE), ARNG, 02 Feb 03



Brigadier General Norman Arflack

The following units collected 100% NGAKY dues during the last collection year. THANKS!

Army Guard Units

- HBB, 2/138th FA Brigade
- HHSB, 1/623rd FA Battalion
- Btry A, B, C, 1/623rd FA Battalion
- HBB, 2/138th FA Battalion
- Btry A, B, C, SVC 2/138th FA Battalion
- HHC 63d Aviation Group
- CO F (DET 1) 135th AVN
- DET 11, Opn Spt Airlift CMD
- Recon Air Interd Det (RAID)
- Det 3 CO H 171st AVN
- Recruiting Command
- 75th Troop Command
- Company B and C 201st EN Battalion
- Company A, B and C 206th EN Battalion
- HHD 206th EN Battalion
- HHD 206th Chemical Battalion
- HHD 103rd Chemical Battalion
- Det 1, 298th Chemical Company
- 299th and 301st Chemical Companies
- 307th Maintenance Company
- 2113th Transportation Company
- 231st MI Company
- Company A 1/123rd Armor Battalion
- 1103rd MP Det (Law & Order)
- Det 2, HHC 35th IM (M)
- 940th MP Company
- 141st Pers Svc Det, 133d PAD, 202 Army Band

Air Guard Units

- State Headquarters, KyANG
- 123d Mission Support Group
- 123d Services Flight
- 123d Mission Support Flight
- 123d Civil Engineer Squadron
- 123d Security Forces Squadron
- 123d Communications Flight
- HQ 123d Logistics Group
- 123d Logistics and 123d Maintenance Sq
- 123d Logistics Support Flight
- 123d Operations Support Flight
- 123d Airlift Control Flight

2003 NGAKY/NGAUS Dues Structure

RANK	— NGAKY —	— NGAUS —	TOTAL
WO-1	\$15.00	\$26.00	\$41.00
CW-2	\$15.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
CW-3	\$20.00	\$46.00	\$66.00
CW-4	\$25.00	\$59.00	\$84.00
CW-5	\$30.00	\$73.00	\$103.00
0-1	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$45.00
0-2	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
0-3	\$20.00	\$59.00	\$79.00
0-4	\$25.00	\$72.00	\$97.00
0-5	\$40.00	\$85.00	\$125.00
0-6	\$45.00	\$108.00	\$153.00
0-7	\$60.00	\$123.00	\$183.00
0-8	\$60.00	\$139.00	\$199.00

Life Memberships

NGAKY \$150 — NGAUS \$1,000

Retired Life Memberships

NGAKY \$50.00 — NGAUS \$125.00

(NOTE: Retired members have life memberships only - no annual dues)

News from Capitol Hill - A legislative update

Reserve health-benefits too costly

We have all the major military associations working for improved health benefits for the reserve component, but the Pentagon has strong objections to any plan to provide "full-time military health care to part-time service members" according to Rick Maze, Army Times staff writer. He said the opposition is so strong that it is "creating doubts about whether a planned study of guard and reserve health benefits will lead to any changes."

A month ago we thought we had a good chance of getting some form of additional health care for our members, but that fell apart during the evening of July 17th. We did get a small victory in the Senate when it supported a proposal between Senator John Warner (R-Va.), the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the House to authorize another study of this issue as a compromise between the Senate and the House.

The study will likely have a report date late enough into the second session that it will be too late to make to get anything into the next authorization bill. This basically will take the pressure off the legislators until after next year's elections.

The following account is provided by Christopher Prawdzik with NGAUS:

With the National Guard and Reserves as pawns in the defense authorization chess game, a last-minute agreement has virtually moved Tricare hopes for National Guard and Reserve personnel off the table in the current Congressional session.

Even though specifics are greatly disputed, they will have to wait at least a year.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told lawmakers in a July 8 letter that providing Tricare on a cost-share basis to the Guard and Reserve would cost \$5.1 billion a year, forcing cuts in other areas of the defense budget.

That amount is 17 times the \$300 million the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated for the program earlier this year.

Retired Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, NGAUS president, said that Rumsfeld's figure assumes nearly every eligible Guardsman and Reservist would enroll in Tricare, not just the one in five who lack medical insurance.

The \$5.1 billion figure is wildly out of sync with every enrollment and cost projection," Alexander said. "It's clearly an attempt to scare Congress from its planned, prudent investment in the health readiness of American's citizen soldiers."

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., was equally adamant.

"I can't imagine where [Rumsfeld] would have gotten the figure that this would cost billions of dollars," he told the Associated Press.

Rumsfeld said he would recommend that President Bush veto the defense authorization bill if it included the Senate plan to expand Tricare.

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Then, on July 16, Daschle introduced an amendment to H.R. 2658, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for 2004, which would provide Tricare coverage to National Guard and Reserve forces. The measure passed 93-2.

The Senate also overwhelmingly approved the program in a May amendment to the authorization bill.

The original Senate plan would offer annual Tricare coverage to Guardsmen and Reservists, with fees waived upon mobilization. Enlisted members would pay \$330 for individual coverage and \$560 for family coverage. Officers would pay \$50 more.

The premiums are about the same as military retirees and their families pay for a year of Tricare coverage.

This was a compromise between Daschle and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who served in the South Carolina Air National Guard during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Senate and House conferees were scheduled to address the issue in conference, but the same day Daschle introduced his Tricare amendment to H.R. 2658, Graham agreed to a compromise among Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the Defense Department and the House that would authorize another study on Tricare. This could put the Tricare issue on the shelf until after the 2004 election.

---- Now is the time to contact your legislators and let them know your opinion on this issue. You can contact your legislators toll free by calling the NGAUS Capitol Hill Hotline at 1-888-642-8799.

Other Guard/Reserve Issues:

H.R. 742 (Cosponsors: 124): Reduces the age for receipt of military retired pay for non-regular service from 60 to 55. Introduced by Rep. Jim Saxton (R-N.J.). Referred to Armed Services Committee.

H.R. 1369 (Cosponsors: 7): Allows above-the-line deductions for overnight travel expenses for Guard and Reserve. Introduced by Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-Minn.) and referred to Ways and Means Committee.

H.R. 1466 (Cosponsors: 26): Reduces the health insurance costs for family coverage of reservists called to active duty. Introduced by Rep. Michael Capuano (D-Mass.) and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

S 202 (Cosponsors: 23): Allows a deduction for expenses in connection with services as a member of a reserve component. Introduced by Senator Mike DeWine (R-Ohio) and referred to Finance Committee.

S. 647 (Cosponsors: 11): Provides funding for a continuation of health benefits plan coverage for reservists called or ordered to active duty
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and their dependents. Introduced by Senator Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) and referred to the Armed Services Committee.

S 715 (Cosponsors: 2) Repeals the calendar year limitations on the use of commissary stores for reservists. Introduced by Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and referred to the Armed Services Committee.

Many other bills have been introduced that impact the Guard and the military in general. The following websites provide updated information about legislation impacting the military.

NGAUS at www.ngaus.org
Association of the United States Army at www.ausa.org
Military Officers Association of America at www.moaa.org

NGAKY Legislative priorities Continued from page 1

The NGAKY continues to hear from our members about two major issues: the need for improved health care benefits and the need to lower the age at which you can begin to draw your military retirement. Favorable legislation has been introduced concerning both of these issues, but there is little hope that anything can be passed this year given the current budget situation and the major opposition coming from the Pentagon. We will continue to work for your best interest and we ask each of you to talk to your congressmen. They need to hear from the grassroots about matters that are of concern to each of you.

Other issues that we have followed may appear to be less public, but nonetheless they are important ones. They range from opposing the syphoning of Guard funds to provide weapons for State Defense Forces which are not needed since we already have the National Guard, the USA Freedom Corps and other legitimate structured vehicles for those who want to volunteer to serve their community and state.

We have also talked with the Kentucky legislative delegation about our opposition to the consolidation of military appropriations accounts. We view this as just another effort of the active component to take charge of the funds appropriated for the National Guard.

We have also talked to the Kentucky delegation about the need to keep all of Kentucky's twelve C-130 aircraft in Kentucky. Your Executive Council passed a resolution stating that our top priority is to work to retain Kentucky's twelve C-130 H 2.5 aircraft.

In addition to these policy issues we are also very interested in securing additional funds for a new or expanded state Emergency Operation Center (\$13 million) and additional funds for the counterdrug program. Last January, Bob Linkous, our acting Executive Director, attended a legislative action seminar at NGAUS and also participated in the "Storming of Capital Hill." He delivered our appropriation requests to each member of the Kentucky delegation.

Legislature passes House Bill 64



Colonel (retired) Harold Loy (left), State Director of the Selective Service System, presents Senator Dan Kelly (R - Springfield) with a framed certificate of appreciation for his support in getting HB 64 passed during the 2003 Legislative Session.

House Bill 64, an act relating to the United States Selective Service system, was passed by the Kentucky Legislature and signed into law by Governor Paul Patton. This is one of the bills which the NGAKY supported during the last legislative session.

Colonel Harold Loy, NGAKY Continuity Chairman and State Director of the Selective Service, coordinated the effort to get HB 64 passed. Colonel Loy credits Senator Kelly with being the key legislator responsible for the passage of HB 64.

This act created a provision which ties registration for the selective service for males age 18 to 26 to the driver license renewal process. In states with comparable legislation, Selective Service works with the Department of Public Safety or Motor Vehicles to include a consent statement on all applications or renewals for driver's permits, licenses, and identification cards. The statement informs the applicant that by submitting the application, he is consenting to being registered with Selective Service if he is required to do so.

Selective Service has the challenge of reaching more than 5000 young men in America who turn 18 every day with a message that they're not always interested in hearing. "It's especially gratifying to see state governments take this issue so seriously," said Lew Brodsky, acting director of the Selective Service System. "By tying registration directly to something that is a top-of-mind association for pretty much every young man in America – the ability to get a driver's license – states are sending the clear message that they support registration and expect young men to take their responsibilities seriously."

A young man who fails to register, if prosecuted and convicted, may face a fine up to \$250,000 and/or a prison term of up to five years. Even if not tried, a man who fails to register before turning 26 years of age will find many doors permanently closed. For example, he will not be eligible for federal student loans to include Pell Grants. He will also not be eligible for Federal Job Training or for jobs in the Executive branch of government or the U.S. Postal Service.

Kentucky Guard in Pictures: Aviation Day, Bosnia, Promotions, and Retirements



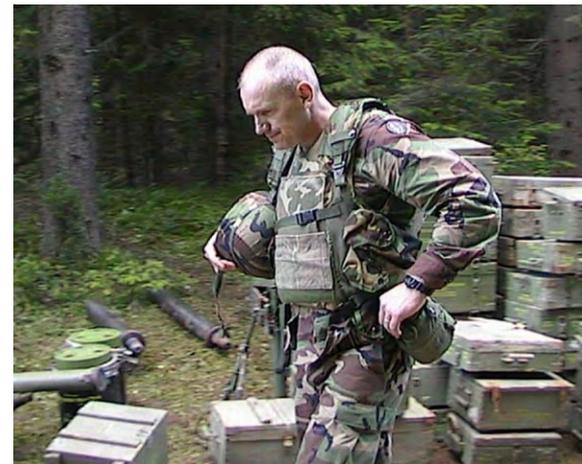
COL Ricky W. Branscum (left), Commander 63rd Aviation Group, and COL Benjamin F. Adams III (right), State Army Aviation Officer, receive a Black Hawk Flag from Mr. Tom Nicolett (left) and Mr. Joe Ferreira (right). This flag was presented by Sikorsky to help celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the UH-60 helicopter in the Kentucky Guard. (See related story on Page 13)



Major General Youngman congratulates Norman Arflack and his wife, Cindy, on his promotion to Brigadier General. BG Arflack is a former President and Executive Director of the NGAKY. (See article on page 6)



General Youngman presents Brigadier General Hank Morrow with a blue one star general's flag during his promotion ceremony. (See article on Page 6)



Lieutenant Colonel Scott A. Campbell, Task Force Orphan Commander, walks past several confiscated weapons. LTC Campbell is serving in Bosnia as part of Stabilization Force (SFOR) 13. (See related article on Page 11)



General Youngman is pictured here during a recent retirement ceremony in Frankfort. To General Youngman's right are, Col Allen Abel and his wife Carol, Major Cameron Roberts and his wife Cynthia, and CW5 Joe Wilkins. Several other retired officers and soldiers were recognized at the ceremony to include: CW4 Hager Hollon, 1SG Richard Spencer, 1SG Gregory Routin, 1SG James Caudle, MSG Charles Eblen, SFC Kenneth Bruner Jr., SFC John Geddes Jr., SFC George Wright, SFC Albert McDonald Jr., SFC Danny Hollon, SSG Judy Woods, and SGT Jennifer Beatty.



1LT Bob Geary talks with Christine Stoops (left) and Amanda Weakley (right) during the August 9th Capital City Airport Aviation Day.

The 2003 NGAKY Conference at the Galt House, Louisville



Retired members of the Kentucky National Guard.



Steve Buttleman, Principal Bugler, Churchill Downs, calls the units to order.



Major General D. Allen Youngman, the Commanding General of the Kentucky National Guard.



Captain Jay Padgett and the Graefenburg Baptist Church Choir.



The Kentucky Air National Guard posts the Colors during the opening session of the 72nd Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky.



LTC Bob Snyder, President NGAKY, presents Bill Skipper, President of American Systems International Corporation and NGAKY Lobbyist on Capitol Hill, with a world globe memento in appreciation for the speech he delivered during the NGAKY conference.



Members of the 138th FA Brigade announce their presence during the roll call of units.

BG Earl L. Doyle Retires from the Kentucky Army National Guard



BG Doyle received quite a surprise during the NGAKY conference when his family and Major General D. Allen Youngman presented him with the Army Distinguished Service Medal.

Thanks General Doyle for a job well done!



General Doyle has served this Nation, the United States Army and the National Guard for the past 35 years. He was commissioned in 1968.



BG Edward Tonini, former Chief of Staff, Kentucky Air National Guard, presented an excellent speech describing the Guardians of Freedom program he developed and manages for the Air Force. This is an outreach program designed to build and sustain public support for America's airmen in direct support of the global war on terrorism. General Tonini serves as the Director of Your Guardians of Freedom, in the office of the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C.

(Editor's Note: Photos on this page were taken by SSG David Altom, HQS STARC Public Affairs Office)

Chief's remarks ...

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We did not know that we were at the start of an unprecedented movement to jointness in every aspect of our military culture, structure, and operations... a movement that must continue. We also did not realize that we were in one of the opening engagements of this country's long struggle against terrorism... a struggle that would reach our homeland and become known as the Global War on Terror.

Today, our Nation is at war and we are a critical part of the joint team — an Army at war. This is not a new war. Our enemies have been waging it for some time, and it will continue for the foreseeable future. As the President has stated, "This is a different kind of war against a different kind of enemy." It is a war we must win, a war for our very way of life.

War is both a physical reality and a state of mind. War is ambiguous, uncertain, and unfair. When we are at war, we must think and act differently. We become more flexible and more adaptable. We must anticipate the ultimate reality check — combat. We must win both the war and the peace. We must be prepared to question everything. What is best for the Nation? What must endure? What must change?

This war has demonstrated that our Soldiers, civilians, and families are up to the task. It has also provided new insights into the current operating environment. Can we sustain our high performance with our current methods of preparation? Can our Combat Training Centers better reflect the joint context in which we will fight? Are we organized for the long haul? We must answer these questions and more. We need to be mindful that the world has changed and it will never return to what we knew before. As my great friend, Dick Meadows, always said, "The Army ain't like it used to be...and it never was."

Sustained engagement of our Army will be the norm, not the exception. How do we man the Army in a way that provides cohesive, high performing units in this reality of continuous engagement?

Our recent combat operations reinforce the requirements for units and echelons that are flexible and tailorable. Can we balance our force structure and develop increased modularity so as to enhance our critical role in effective joint contingency operations while maintaining our campaign qualities?

We have already shown that we have innovative and adaptive leaders. But our enemies are adapting as well. Will our development programs continue to produce leaders who can meet this challenge?

Leadership and courage are easily recognized as prerequisites at the tactical level, but they are essential at the operational and strategic levels as well. Are we developing the George C. Marshalls for the new era?

The National Guard and Army Reserve are indispensable, full members of the team. Do we have the proper mix of both active and reserve units? Are we properly balanced? Is all of our structure readily accessible to meet the requirements of this and future wars?

As we transform the Army from the current force to the future force we must ask these questions and more. While some things will change, others will not.

The American Soldier remains indispensable. Our Soldiers are paramount and will remain the centerpiece of our thinking, our systems, and our combat formations. As General Creighton Abrams taught us, "People are not in the Army, they are the Army."

We are, have been, and will remain a values based institution. Our values will not change and they are non-negotiable. Our Soldiers are Warriors of character. They exemplify these values every day and are the epitome of our American spirit. They are the heart of the Army.

As long as the United States Army has existed we have transformed...and we always will. For four years under General Shinseki our Army has asked hard questions and made tough choices. We will continue to go where the answers to those questions take us. Our azimuth to the future is good. The Army must remain relevant and ready.

Our Army has much to be proud of. It is the preeminent land force in the world — and continues to be respected by our friends... and feared by our enemies. We set the standard. We were part of the joint team that defeated the Taliban in Afghanistan

and took down a brutal regime in Iraq. Today we are deployed and conducting contingency operations at an unprecedented pace. Our Soldiers, civilians, and their families set the standard every day for selfless service.

The Army continues to serve our great Nation well and faithfully as it has in the past. For more than 228 years, the Army has never failed the American people, and it never will.

As an American Soldier, I have never left your ranks; but it is a great privilege to wear our uniform once again.

Quotable

Manual on military leadership:
Good leaders develop through a never-ending process of self-study, education, training, and experience.

Dwight D. Eisenhower:
Leadership: the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

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A report from Bosnia

By Major Alan Slusher
Task Force Orphan
Bosnia

Greetings Friends and Family,

We are about halfway through our time here in Bosnia (article written in May 2003). Things are going smoothly, we have relatively little excitement.

Well...that all changed last weekend. Acting on a tip from an anonymous intelligence source, we conducted a very successful raid and seized about \$500,000 worth of weapons, ammunition, and explosives. It was our first truly tactical deployment since we arrived. Our intelligence reports indicated a hunting lodge that was probably a front for a local militia type organization, and a surrounding area about 10 kilometers square that had some suspicious movements in it (discovered by aerial and satellite surveillance). This area, located in the Opstina (or county) of Han Pijesak has long been suspected of harboring and supporting war criminals.

We deployed about 40 men from Alpha Company to establish a perimeter, and after the area was secure, we then deployed about 50 men from Charlie Company to conduct a thorough search of the area. We expected the entire operation to last about three days.

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Captain Dean Gosney, a Kentucky Army National Guard engineer officer, is shown here working with SFOR 13 in Bosnia. CPT Gosney is holding a U.S. manufactured Browning .50 caliber machine gun. This weapon was likely captured from the Dutch United Nations forces that were not able to prevent a massacre in this area during the civil war.

For those of you in the National Guard with me, I thought of this as a MUTA 5 with live rounds and hand grenades. My group went in next with the TOC, or Tactical Operations Center, to run the headquarters and track the progress of our search operations. I have managed to promote myself out of all the fun jobs I ever had, so the only people in after me were the logistics folks (civilians), who brought our tents, water truck, and portable latrines. Although I helped plan this soiree, I didn't get to spearhead it. Maybe someday I'll accept the fact that I am 36 and not 22 anymore.

We had reports of armed guards in the area, but no one was around except a few civilian loggers when our forces arrived. A group of Italian soldiers conducted an uneventful search of the Hunting Lodge. Turns out it was actually a hunting lodge, but was still very suspicious by its proximity to the stash we found. The Italians left after a few hours, and we began our square-by-square search. It wasn't long until we found the first of ten bunkers. These were old ammunition storage bunkers from the Cold War era Yugoslavian Army. This area used to be a Yugoslavian training base. Two were caved in, six were empty, but two contained a LOT of illegal goods. See the attached pictures for descriptions of the loot.

After the first day, we didn't find anything, but we did finish our search over the next three days. It was GREAT to live out in the woods and get off base for a few days. The support team brought out hot breakfast everyday,

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Major Alan Slusher is shown here with some of the 80mm anti-tank launchers that were seized during a SFOR 13 raid. During these raids the task force is likely to find cases of rifles, ammunition, hand grenades, rifle-launched grenades, and mortar ammunition. On a recent raid they found a Browning .30 caliber machine gun and a Thompson .45 caliber submachine gun.

Commenting on the impact of these raids, Major Slusher said, "I'm not stupid enough to believe that seizing everybody's weapons will do anything to deter violence, but I do know this was a serious blow to somebody's wallet." Major Slusher said that SFOR 13 is "very satisfied with our efforts."

and soup and coffee every night so we didn't have to eat MRE's the entire time. We had a small aid station, the battalion TOC, and the mess serving area all in tents, but the weather was great. No rain the entire time, and temperatures were mild, mid 70's at the high and 50's at night.

Today, we found another, smaller stash. The details are still unfolding, but it looks like this may not be such a boring mission after all.

Editor's Note: Over two hundred Kentucky Army National Guard soldiers are supporting SFOR 13 in Bosnia. Most of the soldiers are from the HHC 2-123rd Armor Battalion and Company C 1-149th Infantry Battalion. There are also several soldiers from Company C 206th Engineer Battalion and from the Detachment 2 (Forward) HHC 35th ID (M).

Brigadier General James R. "Ron" Mason, former commander of the 149th Armor Brigade and current Deputy Commander of the 35th Infantry Division (Mechanized), is the Commander of the Multinational Brigade in Bosnia.



MNB (N) Commander Brigadier General Ron Mason (left), and Command Sergeant Major David Wright unfurl the 35th Infantry Division (Mechanized) colors during the Transfer of Authority ceremony. (Picture by MSG D. Keith Johnson)

For more information please visit the 35th Division's website at: <http://www.ks.ngb.army.mil/35id/sfor13.htm> .

BG Mason will become next 35th ID (M) Commander

A Division Change of Command ceremony will be conducted on November 8th between Major General Lloyd Krase (pronounced "cross") outgoing 35th Division Commander and Brigadier General Ron Mason the current Deputy Commander. The change of command ceremony will take place at the Division Headquarters at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. (Time to be announced later.)

BG Mason received his commission through OCS in 1974. His assignments have included command of units from the company level to the brigade level. He has held many staff level positions to include the Deputy Director of Personnel for the Kentucky ARNG.

Posting of the Guard



(For the most part, the promotion dates are state order dates, pending Federal Recognition. Although we attempt to verify this information, it is not 100 percent complete because we do not receive all the orders cut each year. We are working to correct this problem.)

PROMOTIONS

BG Arflack, Norman E. – HQ STARC KY ARNG, 2 Feb 03
COL Kraus, Mark R. – 123d Operations Group, KYANG, 1 Feb 03
COL Perkins, David Clyde - HQS STARC KY ARNG, 03 Jun 03
COL Richie, Joseph Michael - 75th Troop Cmd, 26 Jun 03
COL Smith, George Robert III - HQS STARC KY ARNG, 09 Jun 03
COL Waggoner, Freddie Robert - HQ STARC KY ARNG, 23 Jan 03
LTC Branscom, David Douglas - HQS STARC KY ARNG, 20 Jun 03
LTC Carlisle, Brian Keith - HHC 63D Aviation Group, 20 Jun 03
LTC Denny, William Alan - HHC 1/149th IN BN (Mech), 14 Mar 03
LTC House, Louis T. – 123d Medical Sq, KYANG, 1 Feb 03
LTC Housum, Timur J. – 165th Airlift Sq, KYARNG, 1 Feb 03
LTC Isaacs, John Taylor Junior - KY ARNG Medical Cmd, 19 Jan 03
LTC Mazurek, Harold Edward - KY ARNG Medical Cmd, 20 Jun 03
LTC Scherzer, George E. – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 1 Mar 03
LTC Schneider, Charles Michael - HHD 198th MP BN, 20 Jun 03
LTC Waggener, James W. – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 7 Jun 03
MAJ Abell, Michael Anthony - HHC 149th BDE 35th ID (M), 20 Dec 02
MAJ Hans, Charles A. - 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 9 Aug 03
MAJ Johnson, Wesley Wyatt - KY ARNG Medical Command, 20 Mar 03
MAJ Newell, Catherine A. – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 12 Jul 03
MAJ Ray, Marcus Delanie - HHD 198th MP BN, 23 Jan 03
MAJ Shackelford, Richard Allen - KY ARNG TRAINING SITE COMMAND, 28 Jan 03
MAJ Stephens, Michael Webb - HHC 63d Aviation Group, 23 Jan 03
CPT Arthur, Robert Mills III - HQ 238TH Regiment (CA), 7 Dec 02
CPT Boyd, Rodney O. – 123d Services Flt, KYANG, 1 Feb 03
CPT Cole, Jeffrey Dale - IATR HHC 1/149th IN BN (Mech), 26 Feb 03
CPT Eads, Derek Michael - 299th Chemical Co, Smoke/Decon - 24 Apr 03
CPT Fuson, Stephen Michael - HHC 1/149th IN BN (Mech), 08 May 03
CPT Hall, Adam Reid III - Co A 206th EN BN (Hvy Div), 24 Apr 03
CPT Gee, Shawn Patrick - HHD 103RD Chemical BN, 23 Jan 03
CPT Johnson, Katrina K. – 123d Logistics, KYANG, 11 Jan 03
CPT Knuteson, Kristin R. – 123d MSF, KYANG, 7 Jun 03
CPT Mattingly, Joseph Eric - HHC 63D Aviation GROUP, 27 Feb 03
CPT Moltzan, Michelle D. – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 12 Jul 03
CPT Page, David Bruce - Public Affairs Ofc HQS STARC KY ARNG, 20 Jun 03
CPT Prater, Danny Kyle - HQ 28th Regiment (CA), 01 Apr 03
CPT Rice, Michael Kenneth - 1163 Medical Co (ASG) (-), 16 Jul 03
CPT Richmond, James Brian - HHC (-) 201st EN BN (CBT) (Corp), 08 May 03
CPT Shacklett, Jerry Lynn - HHSB 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS), 26 Feb 03
CPT Sherman, Theodore Randolph - HHB 138th FA BDE, 08 May 03
CPT Simpson, Eddie Dewayne - HHC 149TH BDE 35TH ID (M), 15 May 03
CPT Vetrano, Steven Anthony - HHD 103rd Chemical BN, 08 May 03
1LT Caldwell, Andrew Franklin - Co A 206th EN BN FWD, 05 May 03
1LT Campbell, Steven L. – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 22 Jun 03
1LT Decker, Mary S. – 123d Airlift Sq, KYANG, 20 Apr 03
1LT Keller, Shawn P. – HQ, KYARNG, 22 Jun 03
1LT Maggard, Freddie Wayne II - 2/75th Rec BN, 22 Jun 03
1LT Shackelford, Walter, N. - HHB 2/138TH FA BN 155 SP, 14 Dec 02
1LT Spencer, Jason Gary - Co A 1/149th IN BN (Mech), 12 May 03
1LT Trowell, Latonia R. - 123d Airlift Sq, KYANG, 20 Apr 03
CW5 Livingston, Donald Eugene Jr. - HQ STARC KY ARNG, 13 Dec 02
CW4 Knifley, Rollin Eugene - Recon Air Interd Det (Raid), 18 Apr 03
CW3 Atkinson, Robert Claude - 307th Maint Co FWD, 05 Aug 03
CW3 Blakley, Stephanie Marie - HHC 63D Aviation Group, 20 Jun 03
CW3 Boyle, John Arthur Jr. - Recon Air Interd Det (Raid), 21 Mar 03

REASSIGNMENTS

BG Arflack, Norman E. - from Director to Dep Cdr, W8A2 HQ STARC KY ARNG, 02 Feb 03
MAJ Davis, Stephen C. - from ISO to Temp Position, HQS STARC KY ARNG, 02 Sep 03
CPT Benton, Michael W. - from Commander to Maint Off, HHSB 1st BN 623d FA, 13 Feb 03
CPT Smither, Robert Sargent II - from Instructor to TAC Ofcr HQ 238th Reg (CA), 03 Jan 03
CPT Wilson, Mark A. - from Maintenance Off to Commander, HHSB 1st BN 623d FA, 13 Feb 03
2LT Jones, Franklin Lashaune - from FD Ofcr to Plt Ldr, Btry C 2/138th FA BN, 01 Aug 03
2LT McKinney, Jacob Benjamin - from FD Ofcr to Platoon Ldr, Btry C 2/138th FA BN, 01 Aug 03

TRANSFERS

COL Lile, James Richard - Cmdr 75th Troop Cmd to Dir HQS STARC KY ARNG, 01 Jun 03
LTC West, Billy Jack - Ops Ofcr S3 HQ 238th Reg (CA) to Counter Drug Intel Ofcr HQ STARC KY ARNG FWD 3, 11 Jun 03
MAJ Abney, Brian Keith - Avn Sfty Ofcr HQS STARC KY ARNG (8A2AA-100) to S3 Air HHC 63d Avn Grp, 11 Apr 03
MAJ Barrett, Timothy Stephen – Environmentalist HQ STARC KY ARNG to Chemical Officer HHB 138th FA BDE, 7 Feb 03
MAJ Barrett, Timothy Stephen - Chemical Ofcr HHB 138th FA BDE to Environmentalist HQS STARC KY ARNG, 05 Jun 03
MAJ Covany, Calvin James Jr. – Maint Mgt Off, HQ STARC KY ARNG to Executive Officer, HHB 2/138 FA BN, May 03

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MAJ Galloway, James Walter - Asst S-3 75th Troop Cmd (78FAA-200) to Supply Sys Tech HQS STARC KY ARNG, 01 Aug 03
MAJ Gilkey, Michael William - S1 HHB 138th FA BDE to Logistics Ofcr S4 HQ 238th Reg (CA), 05 Jun 03
MAJ Lee, Charles Ray - S6 HHB 138th FA BDE to C-E Off HHB 2/138th FA BN 155 SP, 21 May 03
MAJ Morrow, Andrew S - Chief Inspector HQ STARC KY ARNG to Executive Ofcr HHC 206th EN BN (Hvy Div), 22 Jan 03
CPT Campbell, Adam Joseph – Fire Support Officer HHB 2/138th FA BN 155 SP to Cmdr Btry B 2/138th FA BN, 3 Mar 03
CPT Davis, Richard Bradley - S-1 HQ 1st BN 75th Troop Cmd to Cmdr 2113th Trans Co, 30 Jan 03
CPT East, Jackie Ray - Detachment Cmdr DET2 SPT Co 1st BN 20th SF Grp to S2 HHB 2/138th FA BN 155 SP, 28 May 03
CPT Grebe, David Lance - Cmdr HHC 206th En Bn (Hvy Div) to Cmdr HHD 206th Chemical Bn, 20 Jan 03
CPT Honican, Philip Wayne - Tactical Intel Ofcr HHB 138th FA BDE to S1 HHB 2/138th FA BN 155 SP, 21 May 03
CPT Moore, Matthew Donald – Fire Support Officer HHB 2/138th FA BN 155 SP to Liaison Officer HHB 138th FA BDE, 7 Feb 03
CPT Preston, Teresa Smither – Clinical Nurse KY ARNG Medical Command to Medical-Surgical Nurse Det 1 1163d Medical Co (ASG), 1 Feb 03
1LT Bishop, Amy Anne - Maint Control Ofc 307th Maint Co (DS) to Platoon Ldr DET 2 307th Maint Co (DS), 01 Feb 03
1LT Caldwell, Andrew Franklin - Platoon Ldr Co A 206th EN BN FWD to Ops Ofcr Co A 206th EN BN (Hvy Div), 29 Jul 03
1LT Cann, Mark Edward – Platoon Ldr Co B 1/149th IN BN (Mech) to Platoon Ldr Det 1 HHC 1/149th IN BN (Mech), 1 Feb 03
1LT Cann, Mark Edward - Platoon Ldr DET 1 HHC 1/149th IN BN (Mech) to Cmdr DET1 SPT Co 3rd BN 20th SF Grp, 05 May 03
1LT Carpenter, Travis Clay – Fire Direction Officer Det 1 Btry A 2/138th FA BN to Platoon Ldr Btry B 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS), 7 Feb 03
1LT Carpenter, Travis Clay - Platoon Ldr Btry B 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS) to Platoon Ldr Btry A 2/138th FA BN, 21 May 03
1LT David, Matthew John – Fire Support Officer 2/138th FA BN 155 SP to Liaison Officer HHSB 1st BN 623D FA 7 Feb 03
1LT Davis, James Travis – Plans Officer HQ STARC KY ARNG to Platoon Ldr HHB 138th FA BDE, 07 Feb 03
1LT Gillespie, Charles Robert – Platoon Ldr Det 1 Btry C 2/138th FA BN to Platoon Ldr Btry C 1st BN FA 623D FA (MLRS), 7 Feb 03
1LT Jones, Kevin Matthew - Platoon Ldr DET 2 307th Maint Co (DS) to Maint Control Ofc 307th Maint Co (DS), 01 Feb 03
1LT Kaak, David Otto – Platoon Ldr Btry B 2/138th FA BN to Platoon Ldr Btry C 1st BN 623d FA (MLRS), 7 Feb 03
1LT Kendrick, Dean Allen, Platoon Ldr HHB 138th FA BDE to S6 HHSB 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS), 7 Feb 03
1LT Lanham, Edward Eugene Jr - Platoon Ldr Btry A (-DET1) 2nd Bn, 138th FA to Maint Ofcr HHB 2/138th FA BN 155 SP, 02 Aug 02
1LT McDowell, Angela Maier – Tactical Intel Officer 231st MI Co to Tactical Intel Officer HHB 138th FA BDE, 7 Feb 03
1LT Mitchell, Timothy Lewis - Platoon Ldr 2113th Trans Co to Platoon Ldr 307th Maint Co FWD, 04 Jun 03
1LT Naylor, Matthew Evan – Platoon Ldr Btry C 2/138th FA BN to Platoon Ldr Btry B 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS), 7 Feb 03
1LT Neal, James Richard Lee Jr - Ops Ofcr 2123rd Trans Co (-) to Maint Control Ofc 207th Maint Co (DS), 19 May 03
1LT Palmgreen, Michael Brandon, Fire Direction Officer Btry B 2/138 FA BN to Platoon Ldr Btry A 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS), 7 Feb 03
1LT Roush, Donald James - Platoon Ldr HHB 138th FA BDE to Platoon Ldr 372 Maint Co (-) (Non-Div) (DS), Cleveland OH, 13 Jan 03
1LT Sallee, Joseph Brian – Platoon Ldr Btry B 2/138th FA BN to Platoon Ldr Btry A 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS), 7 Feb 03
1LT Sherman, Theodore Randolph – Platoon Ldr Det 1 Btry A 2/138th FA BN to Fire Control Officer HHB 138th FA BDE, 7 Feb 03
2LT Boone, John Malcolm – Tactical Intel Officer HHB 138th FA BDE to Fire Support Officer HHB 2/138th FA BN 155 SP, 7 Feb 03
2LT Caldwell, Andrew Franklin – Platoon Ldr Co B 206th EN BN (HVY DIV) to Platoon Ldr Co A 206th EN BN FWD, 29 Jan 03
2LT Goff, Susan Marie - Tactical Intel Ofcr HHC 149th BDE 35th ID (M) to Tactical Intel Ofcr 255th MI Co, Jackson MS, 14 Dec 02
2LT Kendrick, Dean Allen – Platoon Ldr HHB 138th FA BDE to S6 HHSB 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS), 7 Feb 03
2LT Isham, Eric Scott - Platoon Ldr Co A 2nd BN 123rd AR to Platoon Ldr Co B (-) 2nd BN 123rd AR, 01 Feb 03
2LT Jackson, Diana Louise - Mat Control Off QM Sup Co GS (-) to Ops Ofcr 2123rd Trans Co (-), 19 May 03
2LT Jones, Franklin Lashaune – Fire Direction Officer Det 1 Btry C 2/138th FA BN to Platoon Ldr Btry C 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS), 7 Feb 03
2LT Jones, Franklin Lashaune - Platoon Ldr Btry C 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS) to Fire Direction Ofc Btry C 2/138th FA BN, 21 May 03

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2LT Mattingly, Robert Stephen – Fire Direction Officer Btry B 2/138th FA BN to Platoon Ldr Btry B 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS), 7 Feb 03

2LT Mulder, Frank Jewell Doug Jr - Platoon Ldr 298th Chemical Co (-) to Chemical Ofcr HHSB 1st BN 623D FA (MLRS), 14 Feb 03

2LT Padron, Jean Paul Anthony – Platoon Ldr Det 1 617th MP CO CBT SPT to Tactical Intel Officer 231st MI Co, 15 Mar 03

2LT Spicer, Gabriel Dean - Platoon Ldr E Co 135th Avn to Liaison Ofcr HHC 63D Avn Grp, 01 Aug 03

CW4 Falin, William Thomas Jr - Excess Warrants W8A2 HQ STARC KY ARNG to Det Cdr Recon Air Interd Det (Raid), 28 Jan 03

CW4 Wise, Ronald Coleman - Pdn Control Ofcr Co F (-DET 1) 135th Avn 35ID to Tng Mgr W8A2 HQ STARC KY ARNG, 01 Mar 03

CW3 Riddle, Steven Bower - OH-58 Pilot W8A2 HQ STARC KY ARNG to OH-58 Pilot Recon Air Interd Det (Raid), 28 Jan 03

CW3 Riddle, Steven Bower - OH-58 Pilot Recon Air Interd Det (Raid), to Avn Maint Ofcr Trip Q 4/278th ACR, TN ARNG, Alcoa TN, 01 Jul 03

CW2 Bowling, Stephen Jack - OH-58 Safety W8A2 HQ STARC KY ARNG to OH-58 Safety Recon Air Interd Det (Raid), 28 Jan 03

CW2 Griffin, Richard Douglas - Excess Warrants W8A2 HQ STARC KY ARNG to OH-58 Pilot Recon Air Interd Det (Raid), 28 Jan 03

CW2 Slattery, Danny Wayne - Excess Warrants W8A2 HQ STARC KY ARNG to OH-58 MTP Recon Air Interd Det (Raid), 28 Jan 03

CW2 Whitney, William Porter III - Excess Warrants W8A2 HQ STARC KY ARNG to OH-58 Pilot Recon Air Interd Det (Raid), 28 Jan 03

CW2 Wright, Robert Travis - Excess Warrants W8A2 HQ STARC KY ARNG to OH-58 Pilot Recon Air Interd Det (Raid), 28 Jan 03

APPOINTMENTS

LTC Bauwens, Revone – HQ, KYANG, 6 Mar 03

MAJ Elling, Stephen – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 13 Feb 03

CPT Clements, Nicholas – 123d Mission Spt Flt, KYANG, 18 Apr 03

CPT Hilbretch, Kirk – HQ, KYANG, 16 Jan 03

CPT Hunsaker, Donna – 123d Medical Sq, KYANG, 28 Mar 03

CPT Lipke, David W – 123d Medical Sq, KYANG, 30 Jan 03

2LT Cantu, John – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 18 Apr 03

2LT Carlson, Brian E. - HHC 2/123rd AR BN HVY Rear, 26 Feb 03

2LT Lewis, Danielle – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 18 Feb 03

2LT Peterson, Jerry C. - HHD 206TH Chemical BN, 9 May 03

2LT Roop, Shawn D. – Co C 206th EN BN, 14 Mar 03

2LT Shumaker, Geoffrey - KYANG, 19 Jun 03

2LT Spicer, Gabriel D. – E Co 135th AVN, 13 Dec 02

2LT Steele, Kevin M. - HQ 1st BN 75th Troop Command, 26 Feb 03

2LT Taylor, Micah D. - DET 1 617th MP CO CBT SPT, 15 Dec 02

2LT Westmoreland, Roxanne – HQ, KYANG, 18 Feb 03

2LT Willis, Linda – 123d Medical Sq, KYANG, 17 Mar 03

2LT Willoughby, Mark - 123 Airlift Sq, KYANG, 27 Jun 03

2LT Yaden, Robert P – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 27 Jun 03

RETIREMENTS - SEPARATIONS

LTC Foster, Deborah J. – 123d MSF, KYANG, 6 Mar 03

LTC Raines, William A. – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 10 Aug 03

LTC Simpkins, James F. – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 13 Apr 03

LTC Swain, Jeffery Keith - 75th Troop Cmd, 09 Apr 03

LTC Wheeler, John D. – 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 2 Apr 03

MAJ Brummett, Phillip Gregory - W8A2 HQ STARC KY ARNG, 31 Mar 03

MAJ Deboskey, Joseph A. - 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 13 Mar 03

MAJ Drane, William Joseph - KY ARNG Medical Cmd, 28 Feb 03

MAJ Jones, Kristie L. - 123d Logistics Sq, KYANG, 21 Mar 03

MAJ Mayfield, Charles W. – 123 Support Group, KYANG, 6 Apr 03

Welch, Timothy M. - 165th Airlift Sq, KYANG, 21 Mar 03

CPT Minor, Glenn Stuart - HHD 198th MP BN, 28 Feb 03

CPT Neal, Todd Christian - DET1 SPT Co 3rd BN 20th SF Grp, 06 Feb 03

1LT Cook, David Michael - HHD 2/138th FA BN 155 SP, 28 Jan 03

1LT Linkous, Tracy Patrick – HHC 149th BDE 35th ID (M), 22 Nov 02

1LT Streetman, William Craig - DET 1 410th QM Sup Co (GS), 16 Jan 03

2LT Cook, Jessica Elaine - 617th MP Co (-) CBT SPT, 19 May 03

CW2 McVey, Steven Alan - DET 1 B 1/189th, 28 Feb 03

Kentucky Army National Guard Celebrates 20 Years of the UH-60 Black Hawk

On August 9th the Kentucky Army National Guard celebrated 20 years with the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter in a special ceremony at the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF), Boone National Guard Center, in Frankfort, Kentucky. The guest of honor for the ceremony was Mr. Sergei Sikorsky, son of Igor Sikorsky, inventor of the helicopter. Also in attendance were several dignitaries from Sikorsky Aircraft, Inc., the Kentucky National Guard, and the local community.

Mr. Sikorsky spoke on the history of the helicopter and delighted the audience with personal memories about the early days of aviation with such pioneers as Howard Hughes, Charles Lindbergh, Orville and Wilbur Wright and his father, Igor.

Sikorsky Aircraft representatives Tom Nicolett, Joe Ferreira, and Sergei Sikorsky presented a special plaque commemorating the event to Maj. Gen. D. Allen Youngman (Commanding General, KYNG) and Maj. Gen. (Ret) Billy G. Wellman, who was Adjutant General when Kentucky received the first UH-60s.

Col. Benjamin F. Adams III (State Army Aviation Officer) and Col. Ricky W. Branscum (Commander, 63rd Aviation Group) received a large flag from Sikorsky featuring the familiar Black Hawk. Also on hand was the Kentucky National Guard flight crew who flew the first UH-60 from the Sikorsky factory in Connecticut to the Kentucky Army National Guard AASF. Maj. (Ret) Brad Bailey, CW4 (Ret.) Wallace Walker, and Staff Sgt. (Ret) Larry W. Slaughter received miniature aircraft Black Hawk models to commemorate their flight and the integration of the National Guard into the modern Army Aviation community.

Background

The first UH-60 Black Hawks assigned to the National Guard went to Kentucky on January 31, 1983. The first unit to receive them was the 2113th Aviation Maintenance Company, later to become F Company, 135th Aviation. The Kentucky Army National Guard currently has eight UH-60L Black Hawks assigned to E Company, 135th Aviation Regiment and seven UH-60A models assigned to Detachment 1, B Company, 1/189th Combat Support Aviation Battalion.

In the past two decades Kentucky Army National Guard Black Hawks have become a familiar sight in the Commonwealth, fighting forest fires in eastern Kentucky, performing critical airlift missions during winter storms and floods, along with missions as diverse as supporting fish and wildlife surveys and aviation education efforts. Most notably, Kentucky law enforcement agencies have received extensive support from Black Hawk crews in the statewide counterdrug mission.

The Kentucky Army National Guard is proud to be part of that history!

Kentucky Army National Guard Black Hawk deployments include:

Hurricane Hugo, the United States Virgin Islands (1989)

Disaster Relief Support, Rhode Island (1995)

Hurricane Fran, North Carolina (1996)

Operation New Horizons, Ecuador (1998)

Operation New Horizons, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua (2002)

Supported 7th Special Forces, JRTC, (1999); supported SEAL TEAM 4 training 1999-2002

Supported Special Warfare Training Center at FT. Bragg, NC on 2003 for ROBIN SAGE Exercise (Phase IV of Special Operations Qualification Course)

Special achievements:

20 Years with over 31,000 Blackhawk hours flown.

30 Year Lindbergh Award for accident-free flying.

The UH-60 Black Hawk is the Army's front-line utility helicopter used by air assault, air cavalry, and aeromedical evacuation units. It is designed to carry 11 combat-loaded, air assault troops, and it is capable of moving a 105-millimeter howitzer and 30 rounds of ammunition. First deployed by the US Army in 1978, the Black Hawk's advanced technology gives the U.S. Army capabilities it never had before. In addition, modified versions of the UH-60 operate as command and control, electronic warfare, Search and Rescue, and Special Operations platforms.

Editor's Note: This article was written by CW5 Dean Stoops, NGAKY Executive Council Representative for the 63d Aviation Group, and by SSG David Altom, HQS STARC Public Affairs Office. The NGAKY welcomes and encourages the submittal of articles from our members.



Kentucky's first UH-60 Black Hawk flight crew receives miniature helicopters from Sergei Sikorsky: Major (Ret.) Brad Bailey, CW4 (Ret.) Wallace Walker, Mr. Sikorsky, and Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Larry W. Slaughter.

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NO EXEMPTIONS: It doesn't matter if you are on active duty, inactive duty, or are engaged in a high risk occupation, once accepted, you are fully covered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT: This feature allows you to receive 50% of your death benefit (amount of coverage) to help with your health care should you contract a terminal illness. To receive the accelerated death benefit, you must be under age 69, have been diagnosed by a physician, and given a life expectancy of 12 months or less.* The benefit is paid only once and the future death benefit payment is reduced by such amount (premiums are not reduced). The rest of your benefit would be paid to your beneficiaries at the time of your death.

* Receipt of accelerated death benefits may affect eligibility for public assistance programs and may be taxable. Prior to applying for accelerated death benefits, insureds should consult with the appropriate social services agency and qualified tax advisor.

SPOUSE COVERAGE: It may be possible to double your family's financial protection as your spouse is also eligible to apply for this coverage. The only restriction being that his or her death benefit (coverage amount) cannot be greater than your own. Coverage will reduce 50% at age 60, and again at age 65.

DEPENDENT CHILDREN COVERAGE: With one low monthly premium, you can secure \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000 of coverage for each of your eligible dependent children.

PAYROLL DEDUCTION: For your convenience, you may elect to have your premiums automatically deducted from your monthly pay.** With this option, you never have to waste money on postage, or worry about a late or missing payment.

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Questions and Answers

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Why is it called "Level to Age 50?" Once accepted, your rate*** - is designed to remain the same (or level) until you reach age 50.

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What if I'm already 50 or older? As long as you (and your spouse) are under the age of 60, you may both apply for this coverage – provided you are still a member of the National Guard. Your rate will be determined by your age at the time of enrollment, and adjusted accordingly.

What happens if I leave the Guard, switch units or transfer out of state? As long as you continue to pay your premiums, and remain a citizen of the United States, and the group policy remains in force, leaving the Guard will have no effect on your ownership of the coverage.

*** Rates are not guaranteed even though they are expected to remain level to age 50 and after the increase at age 55.

PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENT OF A PREMIUM FOR INSURANCE DOES NOT MEAN THERE IS ANY COVERAGE IN FORCE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE AS SPECIFIED BY NEW YORK LIFE.

Rumsfeld praises LTG Blum

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld applauded Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum's early efforts as Guard Bureau chief and outlined areas he thinks will allow the Guard Bureau and DoD to work even closer together.

"Your initial steps to instill a greater joint focus in the National Guard Bureau (NGB) staff are on the mark," Rumsfeld wrote in a letter to Blum dated July 30.

Rumsfeld then suggested Blum assemble proposals to foster a better relationship among the defense secretary's office, joint staff and Guard Bureau.

He also said Blum should "intensify" efforts to ensure the Guard "remains an effective participant" in joint forces, as well as formulate plans that strengthen the Guard's ability to respond to homeland defense needs.

Perhaps most important, Rumsfeld wants a better working relationship with U.S. Joint Forces Command and the Bureau to "change and modernize the mobilization and demobilization process."

"Nothing the military has been asked to do since World War II is as important as the task we face today — fighting the war on terrorism," Rumsfeld wrote. "You and the national citizen-soldiers are key to winning that war, at home and abroad." (Article provided by NGAUS)

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AWARDS . . .

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Corporal David Curtis (left) and Corporal Toni Bumgardner (center), members of the 1103d Military Police Detachment (Law & Order) Kentucky Army National Guard, train with Specialist Herring (right), 34th MP Company, United States Army, Fort Knox, during Annual Training 2003. The 1103d MP Detachment integrated its soldiers with active duty soldiers in order to conduct realistic mission oriented training for its soldiers. CPL Curtis, CPL Bumgardner, and SPC Herring are shown here as they performed a community awareness and bicycle patrol on the streets of Fort Knox during Memorial Day 2003.

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Photographs will be judged on pictorial composition, originality, subject interest, and visual appeal consistent with the theme of “Kentucky Citizen Soldiers in Action.” Photographs need not have been taken during the last year. All photographs are eligible as long as the photograph is of a Kentucky National Guard Unit or individual. Only the person that took the photograph may submit the photograph to this contest. Photographs that have previously been submit to this contest are ineligible. No entry fee is required. Up to three entries may be submitted per person.

On the back of each photograph submitted, tape a sheet of paper indicating your name, address, phone number, name(s) of person(s) and/or unit(s) in the picture, and when and where photograph was taken. *Please do not write on the back of the picture(s)*. Photographs will be retained by the KNGHF and may be displayed in the Foundation’s building and/or in other Foundation or National Guard Association of Kentucky publications (including our website) without any payment to the photographer. Proper credit will be given if your photograph is used in one of our publications.

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