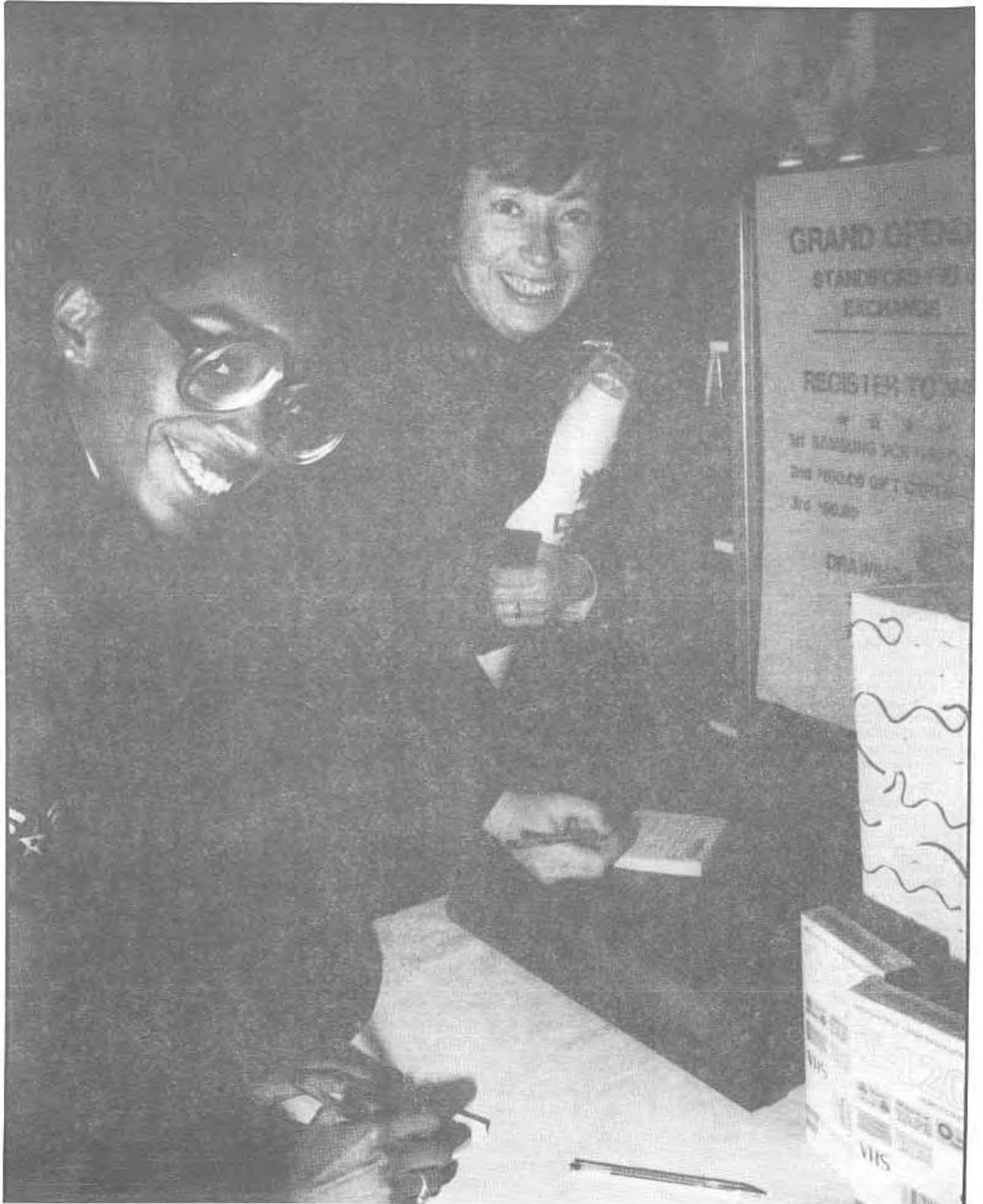


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Grand Opening excitement

Sgt. Angela Burch and SSgt. Elke Adams, 123d RMS, register for the door prizes at the AAFES BX that opened here. For more information and photos see page 4.

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Deadline for publication of articles in **The Phantom's Eye** is Friday following drill for the next UTA.

Bean Soup Feast serves up success

Once again unit members have outdone themselves by serving up a terrific Bean Soup Feast - a unit tradition for many years.

I would like to say a special thanks to the many guardmembers and retirees who spent numerous hours over the hot stoves making the day such a huge success. The delicious bean soup and cornbread have earned quite a reputation in the local area as we serve more than 1,500 people each year. We even compete with local fast-food restaurants providing carry-out curb service.

Not only did we all have a good time serving up the soup, but we raised thousands of dollars for local children's organizations such as the Louisville Deaf Oral School, Kentucky Easter Seal Society, Boy Scouts of America and Trooper Island.

We are still receiving thank-you notes from past recipients of funds raised during the Bean Soup Feast.

Events such as this prove once again what an exceptional group of people you are - I am proud to serve as your commander and to be a member of the Kentucky Air National Guard.



Brig. Gen. John L. Smith
 Wing Commander

Chaplain's Column

By Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Curry

James Hilton's novel **Lost Horizon** fascinated us with its account of Shangri-La, where nothing had changed for hundreds of years. Yet how dreary and depressing it would be if that were true; a child remaining always a child, workers forever in the same job, living in the same house, wearing the same clothes.

In actuality, nothing stays the same for more than a moment. Nature's cycles are always in change, through the seasons and through the years.

Trees sprout as seedlings, growing steadily through the annual cycles of bud, blossom, full leaf, and then dormancy, until the old trees die and fall to make place for new. The famous architect Louis Kahn pointed out that sunlight itself is never constant; it changes in direction and intensity every minute of the day, every day of the year. Change is part of the natural order and helps make life interesting.

The next 12 months are going to be very interesting for all of us in the KyANG. I trust that we will adapt well to these changes and accept the challenges and growth that will come with change.



Chaplain Thomas Curry

Isn't it great to know that we serve a God who never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is our strength and constant guide through life's inevitable changes.

Guardsmen of the Year

Wing names top airmen for '87

By SSgt. Kenneth W. Wade and
SSgt. Jenny L. Montgomery

The NCOIC of the command post and a radio communication repairman were both recently honored as Kentucky Air National Guardsmen of the Year for 1987.

SMSgt. Jerome "Al" Gering, 123d TRW, was selected in the E-5 and above category, and SrA Scott G. Roche, 123d CAM, was selected in the E-4 and below category.

Both of these men represent the best of the



KyANG Photo by SSgt. Jenny Montgomery

Airman of the Year
SMSgt. Jerome A. Gering

best in our unit, said Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander. "They are true professionals and very valuable members of our team."

Sergeant Gering and Airman Roche represented the Air Guard in the Soldier of the Year competition - meeting a board at Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort.

SMSgt. Al Gering

"I was very honored," said Sergeant Gering on his selection. "I feel it's a prestigious award nomination. The fact that hard work and dedication are being recognized goes a long way in making it worthwhile."

Sergeant Gering has been a member of the KyANG since 1970 and has spent the majority of his time working in the command post area. He became a technician with the Guard in 1973.

"I've been involved in quite a few different offices (within the command post)," said Sergeant Gering. He has been NCOIC of the command post since 1980 and supervises base operations, flight records and operations administration.

Sergeant Gering also finds time to be active outside his work responsibilities. He is currently vice president of the KyANG Athletic Association and also coaches girl's softball for the Hikes Point Optimist Club.

SrA Scott Roche

Airman Roche joined the KyANG in 1985 and works full-time as a supervisor for Budget Car Rentals.



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Airman of the Year
SrA Scott G. Roche

Surprised to learn of his selection, Airman Roche said he thought his receipt of the John Levitow Award for the NCO Preparatory Course Class 87-1 aided in his selection as Airman of the Year. The Levitow Award is given to the student who demonstrates both excellence in academics and leadership.

"It is hard to say" what made me stand out as the Kentucky Air Guardsmen of the Year, said Airman Roche. "I think there are others who are just as good or better than me, they were just not noticed."

His advise for the next person who is up for Guardsman of the Year is "Relax, be yourself and remember your military bearing."

NCOAGA brings memorial to Louisville

The Vietnam Traveling War Memorial "Moving Wall" will be on display in Louisville, sponsored by the Kentucky Chapter of the Air National Guard NCO Academy Graduates Association.

A 1/2-scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., the Moving Wall will be set up in front of the Louisville Zoo August 4-10.

"The members of the NCOAGA thought this would be a nice community project," said SSgt. Elke Adams, local NCOAGA chapter president. "Vietnam veterans in Louisville and the surrounding area may not have a chance to go to Washington, so we wanted to bring the Moving Wall here."

The Moving Wall is a tribute to the dead or missing-in-action Americans whose names - 58,022 of them - are written on the wall. John Devitt, inspired at the dedi-

cation of the National Memorial in November 1982, created the Moving Wall.

With the assistance of Gerry Haver and Norris Shears, along with the support of other members of Vietnam Combat Veterans Ltd., the wall was designed and built from original blueprints and negatives borrowed from Washington.

The 250-foot-long, six-foot-high model is made of 74 hinged, black plexiglass panels mounted on wood frames.

Mr. Devitt, in an article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, said he built the wall because visiting the memorial in Washington made him feel better than he had at any time since he went to Vietnam in 1967.

"I wanted other Vietnam vets and families to see it because it is a recognition of the fact that we all stood together in the most adverse times and stuck it out," he said in the article.

The idea for bringing the Moving Wall to Louisville was suggested by MSGT Stephen J. Daponte, 123d RMS, who had seen it in Ohio.

Mr. Devitt, who has been travelling across the country with the Moving Wall since October, 1984, does not charge for bookings to display the wall. However, compensation for expenses is required and this averages up to \$5,000.

Sergeant Adams said the NCOAGA needs all the assistance they can get from Guardmembers and from the local community - both time and money. All money raised for the Moving Wall's display will go toward it's upkeep and traveling expenses.

To donate money or offer assistance, contact Sergeant Adams at 364-9603 or MSGT. James Kessler, 364-9441.

Grand opening draws shoppers

The grand opening of the AAFES Base Exchange at Standiford Field attracted more than 300 curious shoppers who had anxiously awaited the store's opening.

Connie Semmler, exchange manager, and Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander, officially opened the BX March 5 with a ceremonial ribbon cutting. The exchange is located in the old base club building, next to the Credit Union.

Throughout the UTA weekend, the exchange offered many specials and provided free refreshments on their opening day.

Door prizes were also given. Crystal Davis won a VCR, June Briney won a \$100 shopping spree, and TSgt. James Rice won a \$50 shopping spree, according to Ms. Semmler.

The exchange stocks clothes, health and beauty aids, cigarettes, beer, military clothing items, auto accessories, etc. Anything that is not stocked at this exchange and is carried by AAFES can be ordered.

Store hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays and UTA weekends. The store will be closed on the Monday and Tuesday following a UTA weekend.



Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander, Connie Semmler, exchange manager, and Brian DeMoss, Fort Knox Exchange representative, cut the ribbon to open the BX.



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Connie Semmler assists customers who crowded into the exchange for their first look at its offerings.



Capt. Daniel G. Jones Jr., and MSgt. Martin F. Anderson, 123d MSS, dream about their next promotion.

Journalist covers Panama KyANG member assists Guard public affairs units

By TSgt. Nathaniel Mack III
KyANG Recruiter

Very few photojournalists get the opportunity to test their skills in such locations as Costa Rica, Honduras, and Panama. Today, these are controversial areas where even veteran photojournalists would give their eyeteeth to get a story that would propel their careers to even higher heights and perhaps, the cover of Time Magazine.

However, for Kentucky Air Guardsman SSgt. Jeffrey S. Sansbury, 123d TRW public affairs, being in South America is not only an opportunity to test his photojournalism skills, but to also teach other guardsmen and reservists from the United States how to perfect their skills as well.

Sergeant Sansbury, while serving his annual field training at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., was the only airguardsman selected in November, 1987, to serve a seven month tour of duty with the Southern Command Headquarters in Panama.

His duties while there, require him to gather newsworthy information in South America involving American troops and to also act as liaison for Public Affairs Detachments. Each PAD consists of a 13 member team of public affairs Army Guardsmen and Reservists performing their annual field training.

In Washington, D.C., Chief of Plans and Policies, Lt. Col. Chuck Blische of the National Guard Bureau Public Affairs Office says this operation to train guardsmen in South America began in the early 80s. Its goals were to give guardsmen and reservists actual field training in photojournalism, radio, TV, and other media skills. He also said the entire operation is run totally by guardsmen like Sergeant Sansbury, and thus far the operation has been a huge success.

Sergeant Sansbury says it's an honor and truly an experience to be in South America doing what he loves best -- photojournalism. He also said it's given him the opportunity to see how the rest of the world lives and the opportunity to try out new ideas.

And how much does Sergeant Sansbury love what he's doing, "I've always been fascinated with media in general and my goal in life was never to make a lot of money at what I did. What's important to me is job satisfaction."

Lieutenant Colonel Blische said he's always looking for Guardsmen of Sergeant Sansbury's caliber to fill the positions in South America. He added those Air Guardsmen with experience in dark room processing, editing, radio, TV, and any other media talents, can contact him if



U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Patrick Swan

SSgt. Jeffrey S. Sansbury
At Albrook Air Station

they are interested in the seven month tour of duty in South America.

You can contact Colonel Blische at: The NGB-PA Office, Room 2E, 258 Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310-2500.

Sure Pay Are you ready for mobilization?

By MSgt Walls
AFAFC/XSLD

The threats facing the United States are worldwide. Military strategy of the United States is based on deterrence of war. Should deterrence fail, however, we must be prepared to meet whatever threat we face by applying the appropriate force.

For example, the ability to effectively execute and support a conventional war is one option. Hence, planning for such a conflict — especially protracted hostilities — is essential.

If the United States were to engage in conventional war today, would your dependents be financially stable? Personal financial planning by military members is essential during peacetime to ensure dependents receive adequate financial support in the event of an emergency.

Now is the time to assess personal financial situations and determine how to meet the needs of your dependents should you be mobilized or your dependents evacuated from the emergency area.

To assume there will be no interruption in our pay service should an emergency arise would be foolish. The contingency plans for the Air Force state: "...no United States Treasury checks will be forwarded into the emergency area."

What does this mean to a local payee — a member who receives a treasury check from a local accounting and finance office? All mid-month and end-of-month pay for local payees who are either assigned or mobilized to the emergency area will be suspended by the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center.

We can only assume that the emergency area will not be on home soil. Central payees whose checks are sent directly to a stateside financial organization will continue to receive their net pay through the SURE-PAY system.

Military members, therefore, who are not participating in the SURE-PAY system should consider the consequences their dependents could face should the member be mobilized under short notice to an area of hostility.

If you were mobilized today and your pay suspended, how would your dependents be financially supported in your absence?

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Choose SGLI designation carefully 'By Law' may not be best solution

By Maj. Gary Napier
Legal Officer

We are all aware of the military's campaign to ensure "personal readiness" of all military members. Yet I repeatedly hear military members proclaiming that they are either too young, single or have little if any property, so they see no need to plan for the welfare of their family in the event of their premature death.

The need is highlighted by the following true story. (The name is changed to protect the innocent.)

Airman Jane Sergeant was a single, first-term airman. Upon her enlistment in the military, Airman Sergeant completed all enlistment documents, including the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) Form. Each military member receives \$50,000 in term life insurance benefits by virtue of their military status and payment of a small premium.

Airman Sergeant's family circumstances were never discussed. She made the bene-

ficiary designation "by law." Airman Sergeant did not name specific beneficiaries to receive the \$50,000 insurance proceeds.

Airman Sergeant was raised by her mother. Her mother and father divorced when she was an infant. Her father moved to Timbuktu when Airman Sergeant was an infant and had never seen her, nor paid any child support despite the fact that the court had ordered him to do so.

Airman Sergeant died in an automobile accident at the age of 20. She was never married.

Several questions are raised: 1) Who did Airman Sergeant want to receive the \$50,000 insurance benefits? 2) Who actually received the \$50,000 life insurance benefit? 3) Why?

The probability is that Airman Sergeant wanted the \$50,000 insurance proceeds to be paid to her mother since her mother was the only parent who raised her. She had not seen her father in years. He had never visited with Airman Sergeant and

never paid her mother child support, despite a court order to do so.

The answer to who received the insurance is that \$25,000 went to the mother and \$25,000 went to the father.

Why? The reason Airman Sergeant's wishes were not accomplished is because of the "by law" designation on the SGLI beneficiary election form. "By Law" means that when specific beneficiaries are not identified the insurance proceeds pass according to statutes. Those statutes specify that a mother and father share the proceeds equally.

The result: Airman Sergeant's mother who had devoted her life to Airman Sergeant lost \$25,000.

The moral to the story is simple: Personal readiness is real. It has real meaning and eliminates hardship to your family.

As a member of this unit the resources are available to assist you to become "personally ready." Don't assume your affairs are in order. Be sure.

Local runner prepares for NGB marathon

A member of the KyANG will run on the Kentucky National Guard team at the Fifth Annual National Guard Bureau Marathon May 1.

MSgt. David M. Orange Sr., NCOIC fuel cell maintenance 123d CAM, is part of the 7-man team running in the Men's Open 26-mile marathon in Lincoln, Neb. MSgt. James (Mike) Dawson, team captain, said this is the first time that he knows of that an Air Guard member has run the marathon with the team.

Runners are selected from volunteers based on their running times. To qualify, runners must have completed within the past 15 months, a Marathon with a mile pace of 9:09 or a Half-Marathon with a mile pace of 8:00.

Although all seven members of the team run in the Marathon, only the times from

the first five finishers count toward each team score, said Sergeant Dawson. Awards are given to the top five teams, along with individual awards. The fastest individuals will go to the National Guard Bureau to run in the Marine Corps Marathon, he said.

Sergeant Orange has been diligently preparing himself for this grueling task. "I've been averaging 30 miles a week since January first," he said. He started in March running 9 miles, two to three times a week. In between those days he runs three to six miles. Each week he will increase his mileage by three, so that he will be up to a 21 mile run before the race. He usually runs five to six days a week. Prior to the race, he expects to run at least one 21-mile run prior to the race.

"I also bike two to three times a week. It saves the legs and exercises the same muscles, but doesn't hurt the knees and ankles," Sergeant Orange said.

His philosophy in running is "I always go out to do better, not to just do good."



KyANG Photo by TSgt. Jerry Becker
MSgt. David M. Orange Sr.
Avid runner.

Briefs

UCMJ changes

Recent changes to the UCMJ will affect members of the National Guard when they perform duty or training in Federal service under Title 10, United States Code.

This includes initial active duty for training or active duty for training. Traditional National Guard duty or training performed under Title 32, such as annual training, or full-time National Guard duty, is unaffected by the new UCMJ changes.

The UCMJ changes were made in Section 804 of the 1987 DOD Authorization Act which amended Articles 2 and 3 of the UCMJ, stated James C. Hise, Chief Counsel of the National Guard Bureau, in all All-States Letter.

"The only effective change to existing law as it relates to National Guard members resulting from these amendments is that a member of the National Guard who has committed a violation of the UCMJ while performing duty or training in Federal service under Title 10, United States code, may be ordered back to active Federal service for the purpose of investigation, court-martial, or nonjudicial punishment," he stated.

Members performing duty under Title 32, United States Code, remain subject solely to jurisdiction under the State Military Codes.

Savings Bonds

The Treasury Department will have no new allotments for payroll deduction of \$50 and \$75 bonds effective July 1, the Department of Defense announced.

This applies to all Air Force pay systems, military and civilian. Any \$50 and \$75 bonds which were established prior to that date will continue - only new starts will be affected, said SMSgt. Elizabeth J. Church, NCOIC disbursement accounting.

"It should be noted, however, in some cases change actions to existing bonds must be accomplished as stop and start transactions," said Sergeant Church. "This type of change will no longer be done, since the effect is a new bond start."

People may wish to purchase a larger bond or extend the number of months of purchases to avoid problems.

Tax Reform law

**By SMSgt. Elizabeth J. Church
NCOIC Disbursement Accounting**

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 contains changes which will be implemented over several years. For tax year 1988 there are versions available of the Form W-4 and revised employer Federal Income Tax Withholding rates.

A penalty may be assessed by the Internal Revenue Service for underpayment but not for overpayment of Federal Income Tax.

The new version of 1988 Form W-4 is on



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New Recruiter

TSgt. Dorenda K. Stackhouse talks with A1C Simon J. Harris Jr., graphics specialist. Sergeant Stackhouse joined the KyANG recruiting staff in Feb

order and will be in both the military and civilian pay offices. Only new members and those wishing to change withholding need file this Form W-4.

Quarters for reservists

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members and their dependents are authorized to use government quarters on military installations.

Members may occupy quarters on a space available basis when the member is not in a duty status. This is the same category as an active duty member on leave.

This includes all ANG and Reserve personnel actively involved in participating in their respective program. Any ANG or Reserve member with a valid red identification card is in active status.

Quarters on military installations generally cost approximately \$9 to \$10 a day.

Sports jacket available

KyANG sports jackets, in maroon and silver, are available for \$55. Orders are being taken this drill weekend.

To order a jacket contact MSgt. John Logsdon at on base ext. 435. The price of the jacket includes monogramming.

Super Saver fares

The use of Super Saver Fares in conjunction with official TDY travel is an effective way to conserve travel dollars, said the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center in a recently published letter.

Traffic Management Offices will be encouraging order-issuing/approving officials to make greater use of advance purchase fares through improved travel planning.

Finance center officials stressed however, that the greater the discount, the greater the penalty. The penalty is 100 percent on some Super Saver Fares that are booked 30-days in advance of travel.

Only Super Saver Fares available to the general public may be used.

Bits-n-Pieces

Appointments:

2nd Lt Deborah J. Turdy, HqKyANG

PROMOTIONS:

To Major:

William T. Ketterer, 165th TRS

To Captain:

Richard L. Frymire Jr., 165th TRS

John P. Hogan, 165th TRS

David C. Patrick, 165th TRS

To 1st Lt:

Jane K. Wagner, 123d MSS

To CMSgt:

Daniel J. Miller, 123d MSS

To SMSgt:

Todd H. Beasley, Hq KyANG

Esley W. Hiser, 123d CAM

William R. Moore, Jr., Hq KyANG

Steven L. Otto, 123d MSS

To SSgt:

Kevin M. Bourke, 165th TRS

Jeffrey D. Brown, 165th TRS

Robert M. Cain, 123d CAM

Robert T. Cochrane, 123d RMS

Mark H. Crane, 123d CAM

Lee M. East, 165th TRS

Richard A. Finck, 123d RMS

Richard A. Furman, 123d CAM

Michael D. Henson

Johnny L. Holton, 123d CAM

Ronald P. Lucas, 123d CAM

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Michael A. Mudd, 123d CES

Steven W. Peters, 123d CES

Edward L. Rachford, 123d RMS

Ricky E. Roberts, 123d CAM

Jeffrey T. Rogers, 123d WSSF

Wanda F. Saltsman, 165th TRS

Sherman A. Skinner, 123d CAM

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Timothy P. Dougherty, 123d RMS

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Jonathan M. Fulkerson, 123d WSSF

John A. Hagan, 123d CAM

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Tony R. Sizemore, 123d CAM

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Jimmy L. Spencer, 123d WSSF

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Margaret M. Bradley, 123d TRW

Mark A. Brown, 123d CAM

Darryl J. Loafman, 123d WSSF

Pamela Y. Smith, 165th TRS

Mark A. Thurman, 123d CAM

Wendy L. Wilson, 123d RMS

To A1C:

Joseph W. Fischer Jr., 123d WSSF

Lawrence W. Horton, 123d CAM

Ronald D. Huckleberry, 123d WSSF

Nisa L. Kaelin, 123d CES

Rondall E. Maddox, 123d RMS

Patrick L. McCool, 165th TRS

Cathy R. Mudd, 123d RMS

Cynthia J. Rentrow, 123d CAM

Kenneth D. Rhodes, 123d CAM

Matthew K. Spaulding, 123d MSS

So Long!

The following have recently been discharged from the KyANG. Our sincere thanks to all of you, and good luck.

TSgt Jimmie R. Cash, 123d Tac Hosp

SSgt Audrey L. Barney, 123d Tac Hosp

SSgt William R. Caughey, 123d RMS

SSgt Joetta L. Clayton, 123d MSS

SSgt Steven M. Dooley, 123d CES

SSgt James T. McCoy, 123d MSS

SSgt Herbert D. Shown, 123d MSS

Sgt Thurston C. Willoughby, 123d CES

Sgt William E. Sale Jr., 123d RMS

Sgt Paul E. Simon, 165th TRS

SrA Gary M. Wathen, 123d CAM

A1C Kristopher L. Rothman, 123d MSS



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Retirements

SMSgt. Louis V. Colgate, 123d TRW ground safety NCOIC, left, will retire from the KyANG the end of this month. SMSgt. William R. Moore Sr., 123d RMS transportation, retired from the Guard in February.



Under duress?

Maj. Paul J. Rhodes, 165th TRS, seems to enjoy being placed under arrest by a member of the Louisville Police Department. Major Rhodes was "arrested" and taken to "jail" at the Louisville Galleria to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Bail set by a judge had to be paid before Major Rhodes could be released.

KyANG Photo by SMSgt. Dave Tinsley