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***An executive communication from the Chief, National Guard Bureau,  
to the Adjutants General of the Several States***

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### **Major General Tuxill Nominated as Maryland TAG**

Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. nominated Major General Bruce F. Tuxill to the State Senate for Adjutant General of the State of Maryland. Major General Tuxill is currently serving as the Acting Adjutant General until he receives State Senate confirmation. Prior to this, Major General Tuxill was the ANG Assistant to the Commander of US Air Forces Europe (USAFE). As Adjutant General, Major Gen Tuxill will be responsible for the Maryland Military Department, which includes the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Air National Guard, Maryland Emergency Management Agency and Maryland Defense Force.

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### **2002 DoD Family Readiness Award**

The Reserve Component Family Readiness Award Program was established in 2000 to recognize the top unit in each Reserve component that demonstrated outstanding family readiness while maintaining superior mission readiness. One unit from each Reserve component will receive a 2002 Reserve Family Readiness Award. This year's 2002 DoD Family Readiness Award winners for the National Guard are the Nebraska Air National Guard's 155th Air Refueling Wing and the South Carolina Army National Guard's 263rd Army Air and Missile Defense Command. The official awards presentation in which each unit and component representatives will be formally recognized for their superior program will commence on 14 February 2003 at 1000 hours in the Hall of Heroes at the Pentagon.

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### **International Affairs**

The Fourth Annual Western Hemisphere Senior Reserve Leaders Conference, hosted by US Southern Command was held 28-30 Jan 03, in Miami, Florida. Representing NGB were: Mr. Christopher Gardner, LTC Ken Sharpless and Major Phil Johnson. The conference provided a forum to promote USSOUTHCOM's theater goals

and objectives. Specific conference discussions focused on the continued development of the Western Hemisphere Nation Reserve Forces, in terms of their structure, organization, training, roles and responsibilities, as well as how Reserve force are integrated into the nations regular armed forces to meet their many challenges and missions set forth by their respective governments. MG Allen Youngman, TAG, KY, provided a briefing on their successful partnership with Ecuador--the NGB State partnership program was lauded by several countries in attendance.

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### **Merging of Military Personnel Appropriations**

The OSD Comptroller merged the Active, Guard and Reserve Military Personnel Appropriations into one appropriation for each Service in the FY04 President's Budget. The effort was introduced by OSD without the knowledge of OSD Reserve Affairs or any of the Services. There is concern about the consequence to the National Guard.

### **Air National Guard Financial Management Metrics**

The ANG Directorate of Financial Management and Comptroller has developed a series of metrics designed to recount performance in 11 important FM controlled processes at our 88 wings. A prototype of this product is being demonstrated to Wing comptrollers and USPFOs during the upcoming Bi-annual ANG FM conference in Crystal City, VA (4-6 Feb). When ultimately deployed to the ANG/FM web page, each metric will be displayed in a web-based, user friendly, Windows environment. Ranking by unit, in relation to an established standard, is the format of presentation. The user will have a variety of "drill-down" capabilities to use as tools for data review. Government travel card statistics, IMPAC performance, interest penalty payments, a series of Mil Pay measures and prior year budget "fall-in" are among areas of interest portrayed in this initiative

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### **NEW C-CW CONOPS TRAINING**

The CSAF directed an aggressive program to train all active, Guard and Reserve personnel under a new Counter-Chemical Warfare Concept of Operations that will increase sortie rates and maximize the survivability of air base personnel. The leadership of the ANG must do everything possible to ensure our people are trained before sending them into harms way. Serious emphasis and support is needed throughout the chain of command within each state to maximize this directed training effort.

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## **ANG MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**

The FY 2004 military construction (MILCON) budget request has been sent to OSD for final clearance prior to submittal to Congress in mid February. The ANG program contains only four (4) projects for approximately \$60 M. As in past years, the AF MILCON scoring model precludes the ANG from receiving a larger share of the budget request. The future year defense plan (FYDP) contains projects for approximately \$450 M that will be eligible candidates for Congressional adds.

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## **NGB-IR Update**

NGB-IR attended the DA Internal Review Steering Group Semi-Annual meeting, 21-24 Jan 03. During this meeting, the Army Auditor General provided an overview on the current and proposed structure and responsibilities of the Army Audit Agency. He addressed the proposed AAA/IR consolidation for which he said there has not been a target date established as to when Secretary White will make a decision on the consolidation. He also stated that no date has been established on the final brief by KPMG to ASA-FM on the IR study. This effort was directed by ASA-FM and involved visits to five National Guard states. NGB-IR is still waiting for a draft copy of the report for the AAA audit performed on Federal Oversight of the National Guard.

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## **Air Guard Medical Capabilities Configured to be Responsive to State Emergency Response Needs**

All Air National Guard Medical Squadrons have been reorganized to provide highly flexible capability packages for Military Support to Civil Authorities (MSCA) response or wartime taskings. Plans, Operations and Military Support Officers (POMSOs) are encouraged to work closely with State Air Surgeons to incorporate these capabilities into their State Emergency Response plans.

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## **Conferences/Meetings/Hearings/Events**

AGAUS Mid-Winter Conference, 21-24 Feb 03, Washington DC