



# *The TAGram*

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*An executive communication from the Chief, National Guard Bureau,  
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## **Oklahoma TAG Moves to TSA**

The Governor of Oklahoma announced that effective Monday, 21 October 2002, Major General Stephen Cortright, The Adjutant General for more than seven years, resigned to accept a position with the Transportation Security Administration. Brigadier General Harry M. Wyatt Jr., the Chief of Staff for the Oklahoma Air National Guard, has been named as the Acting Adjutant General.

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## **National Guard Counterdrug Programs Recognized during Red Ribbon Week**

Florida's "Knight Vision" Drug Demand Reduction Program is this year's National Guard recipient of the Secretary of Defense Award for Community Drug Awareness. This award is presented for outstanding drug awareness programs in each of the services during Red Ribbon Week. Florida's "Knight Vision" program uses recruiters and student instructors to teach the dangers of drug use to elementary, middle, and secondary schools. Also presented during Red Ribbon Week is the Fulcrum Shield Award, which recognizes youth programs associated with the military. This year, the New Hampshire National Guard Drug Demand Reduction Program and the Dover New Hampshire Youth-to-Youth Program were the recipients.

Red Ribbon Week began in 1985 in response to the murder of DEA Special Agent Kiki Camarena. This observance has grown over the years to encompass school districts, businesses and other agencies.

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## **North Carolina Counterdrug Task Force in Action**

The North Carolina National Guard Counterdrug Task Force was instrumental in the apprehension of two teenagers in Wilson, NC, for trafficking Ecstasy. Law enforcement agents arrested the youths and seized almost 1,000 pills with a street value

of \$35,000. North Carolina's Counterdrug members assisted with case support, intelligence analysis, and provided observation support using both ground teams and helicopters assigned to the North Carolina Counterdrug Reconnaissance and Aerial Interdiction Detachment (CD-RAID).

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## **Classroom Governance Initiative**

Distributed learning related issues such as classroom ownership have been expressed by the states. To address these concerns the user community, together with the National Guard Bureau, formed the Governance Working Group. This group is developing a roadmap for how Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) governance issues will be addressed in the future. This ADL Governance Initiative has drafted a matrix identifying organizations responsible for addressing distributed learning issues in 25 functional areas from classroom maintenance to strategic planning. Also, there will be five Functional Area Teams to identify, prioritize, and address issues related to a given functional area. State involvement is critical if this initiative is to succeed and if stakeholders are to be full participants in the evolution of distributed learning within the Guard. Through this initiative, stakeholders will establish organizational roles and responsibilities and solid business processes, identify requirements, and initiate policy reform to support the intelligent transformation of the National Guard's learning culture.

This initiative has been endorsed by the ARNG Distributed Learning and Training Advisory Council (DLAC), Information Management Council (IMC), NGB CIO, ARNG CIO, NGB-ART, NGB-AIS, NGB-ARO, and the Distributive Training Technology Program (DTTP), Program Management Office (PMO); it will be briefed at many forums over the next few months.

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## **Internal Review Update**

The consulting firm of KPMG has completed all Internal Review site visits with the exception of Germany. Visits to the NGB-IR sites in Texas, Connecticut, Arkansas, and Washington went well according to feedback from the Supervisory Auditors. While in Washington, DC, on 21 October 2002, Maj Gen Roger Lempke and the NGB-IR Advisory Committee TAG Representative met with KPMG officials to discuss IR/AAA consolidation. KPMG sent a comprehensive survey on 21 October 2002 to all DA, NGB, and Reserve Commanders. KPMG will finish its current contract on 16 November 2002 and is scheduled to provide an out-brief to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller on 21 November 2002.

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## **Air National Guard Mobilization Survey**

The time for the Air National Guard Mobilization Survey has arrived! The ANG will conduct an ANG-wide survey to collect empirical data in three areas: the mobilization process, the sustainable level of effort that the ANG can plan for over the long term, and quality of life issues associated with the mobilization and today's high tempo. The data will be used to support ANG senior leadership decisions and shape ANG positions as the U.S. military adjusts to a post-September 11<sup>th</sup> security environment. This survey will also help address issues and concerns raised by members of the Adjutant General Strategic Planning Committee. Your support for this survey is critical to ensure the best decision-making for the Air National Guard to remain ready, reliable, and relevant. Please encourage every member of the Air National Guard in your state to participate in this survey. The web-based survey will be available at noon EST Friday, 8 Nov, at <http://www.angsurvey.xservices.com>, and run through 0800 13 Jan 03. The survey can be accessed from any location and does not require a .mil address.

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## **Mobilization Symposium, 18-20 November**

The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Dr. David Chu, along with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (OASD/RA), will host a Mobilization Symposium 18-20 Nov 2002 in Alexandria, Virginia. The purpose is to review and improve the effectiveness of current mobilization policies and processes. The conference is intended for flag officers and their accompanying field grade subject matter experts. Several Adjutants General have been specifically asked to attend to assure strong National Guard representation. Other General Officers with substantive input to OSD-level mobilization policy changes may attend as well. An on-line discussion Forum has been established for Mobilization officers and leaders to express their concerns and recommendations. The postings to this Forum will be used as inputs to the symposium panel discussions. ANYONE with Mobilization experience, responsibility and insights is encouraged, indeed requested, to register for and contribute to this on-line discussion group. Please encourage your mobilization experts to participate in this forum. Registration, the agenda and the forum can be accessed at <https://forum.ra.pentagon.mil/mobsympos/>

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## **Staff Congressional Delegation Field Visits**

In an effort to educate legislators, key staffers and their constituents about ongoing homeland security training, the staff of NGB-HS and NGB-PL will be conducting a series of Staff Congressional Delegation Field Visits. The first of these will occur 6-7 Nov 02 at Logan Airport in Boston. The 1<sup>st</sup> CST, MA National Guard, will participate in

an exercise with 32 local, state, and federal agencies. This exercise is one of the many great example of interactive Homeland Security training operations conducted nationwide and designed to continually improve the preparedness of the country's responder communities to WMD threats.

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## **Legislative Update**

The President signed both the Defense and Military Construction Appropriations Bills on 23 October. Taken together, the two bills provide an increase of nearly \$36 billion over the amount Congress appropriated for defense and military construction in fiscal 2002. That reflected the largest one-year hike since President Ronald Reagan began his defense buildup in 1981. The bills are the only two appropriations measures Congress has passed this session. All other agencies are covered under a Continuing Resolution until Nov 22.

Because the Defense Authorization Act is still tied up in conference, several funding-related measures important to the National Guard are on hold: a Jan 03 pay raise, new military construction projects, and end-strength increases in full-time manning.

Members of the Military Construction Subcommittee of the SASC indicate they will look for legislative vehicles during the upcoming "lame duck" session to attach milcon authorization if the defense authorization act is not passed.

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## **National Guard Migration to Oracle Web-based Application**

The timeline for the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System (DCPDS) migration to the Oracle Web-based application has been extended by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy, Mr. Charles Abell. The new date for the migration of all DoD sites, including the National Guard, is now scheduled for May 2003 (vice February, as previously planned). The basic DCPDS application will become web-enabled, providing users enhanced functionality and easier navigation. Functional Systems Qualification Testing (SQT) commenced on 14 October, while NGB participation in testing began this week. Delaying the migration until May 2003 will allow an extended testing period, to include NGB testing of unique applications and requirements, as well as ensuring required web based hardware will be in place. NGB-HR has contracted with the Defense Information System Agency (DISA) in San Antonio Texas for DCPDS computer equipment and maintenance support for all States, Territories and the District of Columbia.

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## **Commander in Chief Titled Reserved for POTUS**

Effective immediately, the title of "Commander in Chief" is to be used only in reference to the President of the United States. So states a 24 Oct 2002 memorandum from the Secretary of Defense. The memo proscribes the new titles of the former "CINCs" as "Commander", followed by the command name. Additionally, the memo indicates use of materials such as signs and stationary is authorized until supplies are exhausted or until the next scheduled maintenance period during which signs may be changed without extra cost to the taxpayer.

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

**Homeland Security Table Top Exercise**, Sandusky, OH 5-7 Nov,  
**Mobilization Symposium**, Alexandria, VA, 18-20 Nov  
**ANG Senior Leadership Conference**, Denver, CO, 1-5 Dec