

# Kentucky Long Rifle Chapter (ACT) Newsletter

FALL 08

## KLRC Headline News

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Just a reminder to everyone; we are making the newsletter available online only. I would encourage the leadership to print the newsletter out and distribute it throughout the facility.

Myself, Dan Newman and Jimmy Simmons just got back from our annual business meeting in Alexandria, VA. We return bearing some good news and some news that we don't usually like to hear. But FIRST, the good news.

For those of you who have deployed in support of contingency operations, (OIF, OEF or ONE) President Bush has directed OPM to modify the original memo (Nov03). In the new memo (Aug08) the President directs a provision to allow veterans to receive "5" days of admin leave for EVERY contingency deployment. The link to the FAQ can be assessed by clicking [here](#). You may also access the memo from OPM by clicking [here](#). If you are viewing this in printed format, see the last page for the printed links to these hyperlinks.

Last years NDAA (National Defense Appropriations Act) had a provision within it to allow technicians who have been discharged due to combat related injuries to continue work with their agency as a non-dual status employee. The law has been passed, however, we will need some time to research the details prior to requesting the agency to grant these provisions to employees who fit into this category.

## Presidents Korner

On a National level, our leaders in Washington are taking a breather, making plans on how to tackle our issues with the new administration and the new 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Membership is growing steadily. It is becoming ever apparent that our newest and forthcoming members are viewing our efforts as very productive to their job security and livelihood. These same bargaining unit members also are beginning to realize that it isn't that they don't need the union; they are realizing that our efforts are producing favorable results. Favorable results are not free and they come at a monetary cost borne by dues paying members. Many of our newest members have expressed a desire to share the burden of providing the necessary funds to operate our organization efficiently and effectively. My thanks go out to those who have joined our ranks. Your voice will be heard.

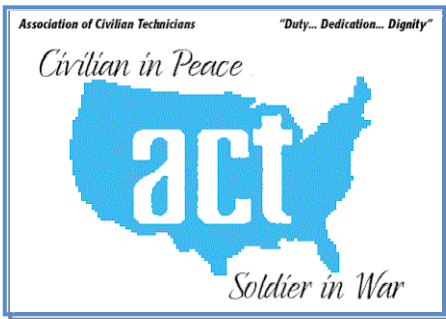
Lastly and the news some may not want to hear is that we may need to raise the rate of dues withholding at least temporarily to sustain National ACT due to the hundreds of tech deployments nationwide. Currently we are at .007 of your base pay and some proposals lean toward maybe .008 or .0085. As we understand, our current dues are some of the lowest as they pertain to other Federal sector unions. Nothing has been put on paper to raise the rate, however it is imminently coming forth.

Our website address has changed to [www.klrc83.com](http://www.klrc83.com). Our phone number also has changed to (502)607-2945 and in the event a situation merits immediate attention, call (270)319-7031.

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*POST deployment  
Admin Leave Extended  
To EVERY deployment*

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## Presidents Korner (cont)

Our elections went fairly smooth and we had a change to mention here in this issue.

PRESIDENT	Michael Woosley (MATES)
Exec VP	Daniel Newman (MATES)
Eastern Regional VP	<b>Harold Betts (FMS-1) (Unseated J. Caudle)</b>
Central Regional VP	William Buechele (FMS-8)
Western Regional VP	VACANT and still looking for a good man/woman
Treasurer/Secretary	David Gingerich (MATES)

Chief Steward	Randall Servidio (UTES-2)
Steward	Jimmy Simmons (UTES-2)
Steward	James Lewis (UTES-2)
Steward	Jeremy Chapman (MATES)
Steward	Josh Astrologo (MATES)
Steward	Chris Searcy (AASF)
Steward	Scott Foster (AASF)
Steward	Brian Ciresi (FMS-8)
Steward	David Zuacha (Retired)
Steward	John Caudle (CSMS)

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*Kentucky Long Rifle  
Stewards continue to  
professionally represent  
their members*

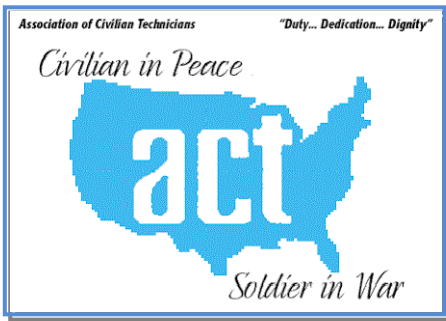
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The National Guard Retention and Recruiting ACT of 2008 (HR6438) that is in the US House will most likely not make it out of the US House this Congress. It appears that the original sponsor will re-introduce the bill and we hope that at least the same amount of Co-sponsors join REP Courtney in the next round. Personally, I'm disappointed at our US Representatives for not co-sponsoring this bill. A potential reason for non sponsorship could be the lack of emails, letters and/or phone calls from their constituents (YOU). Without these efforts by you in your district, the odds of getting this bill into law is very slim. No action by the public (dual status techs, family members and friends in this case) translates to no action by Congress. I will continue to encourage each of you to partake in your career and benefits path by contacting your Congressman during key legislation that affects our careers and/or benefits.

We have completed for the most part our setup for Union apparel (hats, shirts, etc) but we are waiting on a link to their website so that you may purchase items.

Also, by now, most of you have received your link to the dental plans discount program link. I would encourage each of you to look closely at the program available (the gold card looks best). If you need the link again, email your request at [michael.woosley@klrc83.com](mailto:michael.woosley@klrc83.com). If you desire, you may also pay for the program using monthly payments, however you must call Adam Goldstein direct. Call me if you need further details at 270-319-7031.

# GO UNION!!



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## Beer 4 My Horses

penned by D. Gingerich

I'll take the lead this quarter on recognizing some of our leadership.

Chris Searcy at the AASF has proven to be a valuable asset to the bargaining unit members there at BNGC. He continues to be proactive (*NOT REACTIVE*) in dealing with situations at the BNGC. Chris was able to convey your (BU members) concerns pertaining to a speed BUMP that was installed in front of USPFO. I want every BU member to know that Chris went above and beyond to initiate the process that essentially had the obtrusive device removed. Just a reminder from your President, Board of Directors and Stewards, **PLEASE SLOW DOWN!** There was an obvious reason the device was installed. Lets recognize managements efforts to attempt to remedy that problem.

**GREAT OUTCOME** and **GREAT JOB CHRIS!**

I would like in the future to receive emails from the membership noting superior performance by our Stewards. You can do so by clicking on [here](#).

We'll make every attempt to post the success stories here in this section.

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*KLRC Stewards OTJ*  
*(on the job)*

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## APPLYING FOR A JOB?

Another note worthy of mention... hopefully everyone has made the effort to develop their resumes. As most of you are aware, the job announcements are now on USAJOBS. By clicking on [this link](#), you can visit the Kentucky National Guards website that lists all technician vacancies.

Negotiate some duty time with your on site management teams to develop these resumes. Reasonable time should be granted to apply for these jobs as well. Don't abuse this priviledge or management granted resources.

Not only can you build your resume on USAJOBS, you can build your resume using [this tool](#) located on the AKO Portal. *You must use **fortknox11** as your validation entry.*

Additionally, you can get some very useful tips from the [USAJOBS site](#) that can assist you with preparing your resume.

Those of you who are confused by this new procedure, I would recommend speaking the issue with your immediate supervisor and/or [email me](#) for further advice.

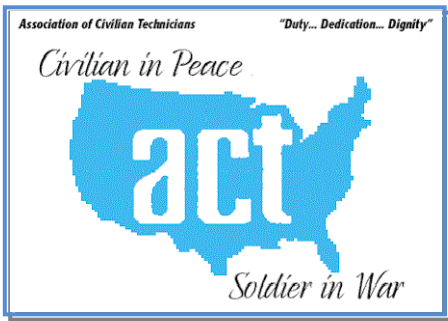
Just in case, here is the link to the USAJOBS site for KyARNG jobs  
<http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/jobsearch.asp?q=ky08>

Here is the link for the AKO resume builder.  
[http://www.petersons.com/testprep/code/prompt.asp?sponsor=10&test\\_id=47&referer\\_ty pe=EG&Slfrom=/army&pageType=Resume%20Builder](http://www.petersons.com/testprep/code/prompt.asp?sponsor=10&test_id=47&referer_ty pe=EG&Slfrom=/army&pageType=Resume%20Builder)

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***DON'T** let the good  
jobs get away!!*

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## Member Birthdays (Oct through Dec)

Temeasha Scott	1 Oct
Michael Ramage	2 Oct
Randall Servidio	8 Oct
James Robertson	11 Oct
Brian Ciresi	17 Oct
Robert Long	25 Oct
Terry Burden	25 Nov
James Lewis	3 Dec
Michael King	14 Dec
Dan Newman	17 Dec
Dwight Miller	26 Dec
Derek Gentry	27 Dec
Anthony Huddleston	30 Dec

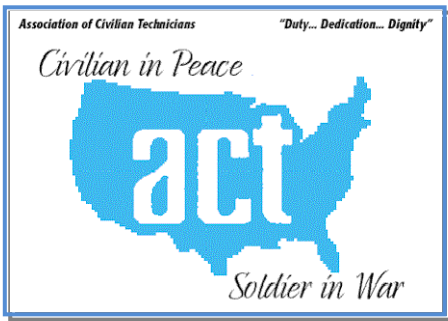
## Service Recognition

Aubrey Wooten	15yr
Michael Woosley	10yr
Daniel Newman	10yr
Harold Betts	10yr
Jeff Judd	10yr

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## Upcoming Events & Holidays

The following events are only tentative and are subject to change. For the most current information, log onto the Unions website at [www.klrc83.com](http://www.klrc83.com)

- 13 Oct Columbus Day
- 4 Nov General Election (Make sure you **VOTE**) (Visit [Wikipedia](http://Wikipedia))
- 11 Nov Veterans Day
- 13 Nov Board of Directors Meeting
- 14 Nov Membership Meeting (Call your Steward for time/location)
- 27 Nov Thanksgiving
- 25 Dec Christmas

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## Reminder to All Labor Representatives

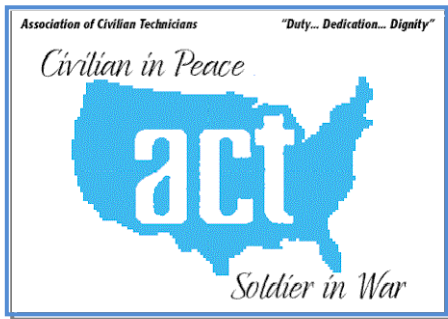
Remind your membership to utilize the Union resources within your facility prior to going outside. As always, its best to try to handle those simple problems in house. If something needs to go outside your perimeter, by all means give me a call. Everyone is doing really great working with management, and lets keep that up.

Conduct meetings (ideally quarterly) and make sure you pass on the meeting minutes to David Gingerich.

Cordially

Mike Woosley, President

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Deployment Admin Leave FAQ <http://www.opm.gov/oaca/compmemo/2003/2003-14C.asp>  
Original Deployment Admin Leave Memo <http://www.opm.gov/oaca/compmemo/2003/2003-14.asp>  
ACT Website [www.actnat.com](http://www.actnat.com)  
Chapter Website [www.klrc83.com](http://www.klrc83.com)  
5 USC Website [http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/uscode05/usc\\_sup\\_01\\_5.html](http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/uscode05/usc_sup_01_5.html)  
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32 USC Website [http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/uscode32/usc\\_sup\\_01\\_32.html](http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/uscode32/usc_sup_01_32.html)  
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20 CFR Website <http://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/cfr.php?title=20&type=chapter&value=1>  
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[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owastand.display\\_standard\\_group?p\\_toc\\_level=1&p\\_part\\_number=1910](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owastand.display_standard_group?p_toc_level=1&p_part_number=1910)