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FAC SPOTLIGHT:
**Office of Policy & Audit Helps
Raise Money for Franklin Co.
Animal Shelter**

Gerry Hoppman and the staff in the Office of Policy and Audit (OPA), in conjunction with the Central Kentucky Chapter of the Association of Government Accounts (AGA), decided this year's community outreach project would benefit the Franklin County Humane Society.

Generous support and in-kind donations from Frankfort area businesses meant the Central Kentucky Chapter of AGA had a variety of items and services for a silent auction during its 25th Annual Accounting and Auditing Update conference held recently in October.

Conference goers could choose from a variety of baskets containing donated items related to pet care and healthy lifestyle.

The silent auction garnered \$285. It is anticipated that AGA national will match each dollar for a total of \$570.00

According to Gerald Hoppman, executive director of OPA and the community service director for the AGA, all proceeds will go to the Franklin County Humane Society for a new animal shelter in Frankfort. The projected budget for the new 13,400 square foot, state-of-the-art facility is \$3 million. The new facility will replace the current building, which is prone to flooding.



**Employee of the Quarter for the
Office of Administrative Services Recognized**

In early October the first class of employees of the quarter (EOTQ) were announced. At that time Kim Hurst was out for a few weeks, so Secretary Landrum finally had the opportunity to recognize Kim last week and thank her for her service and dedication.

KIM HURST

**Administrative Branch Manager
Office of Administrative Services**



Envelopes are crucial to the Department of Revenue to issue tax notices and collect funds. In early August the vendor that supplied the envelopes notified the cabinet that they wanted to cancel their contract. Kim was proactive and before the master agreement expired she ordered more envelopes than normal to cover DOR's needs during the transition process. Once the potential supply problem was discovered she did an exemplary job communicating with OPS, DOR, OGC, OAS, and the vendor—responding to questions with facts and figures. She investigated and found an envelope that could be used in place of one that was in the shortest supply and coordinated with DOR on changes to processes to be able to use the new envelope. Fortunately, the substitute envelope was not needed as the vendor supplied envelopes before DOR ran out. Kim is to be commended for identifying the problem and finding an alternative solution.



**ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016**



Pictured from left to right are some members of the AGA Chapter Executive Committee: Phil Nally, Chapter President; Peggy Willhite, AGA member; Tommy Richie, Historian; Lisa Luncford, Programs Director; and Gerald W. Hoppmann, Community Service Director.

Veterans Day 2016

By Norman E. Arflack, Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

The 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War offers a broader scope for appreciating the service and sacrifice of all Kentuckians who served.

It's a persistent myth that National Guard members never served on foreign soil in support of their active duty counterparts. In fact, there have been multiple Kentucky National Guard units that served not only honorably, but heroically in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

On April 19, 1968, the 2d Battalion, 138th Field Artillery with units in Louisville, Bardstown, Elizabethtown and Carrollton, Kentucky were ordered to active duty by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Among 24,500 men who were ordered to active duty in 88 units across the United States, 570 were Kentucky Guardsmen and 750 Kentucky Air Guardsmen.

The spirit of the Kentucky men showed in their disregard for a Department of Defense policy, which disallowed two brothers serving together in a combat zone. The 2d Battalion had numerous pairs of brothers serving in combat, as well as many who had brothers serving with the U.S. Regulars in South Vietnam.

The 2d Battalion's responsibility was to provide fire support for the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division, whose home is Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

The evening of June 19, 1969, was a quiet one for Charlie Battery on Tomahawk Hill. There had been few attacks by the enemy in the previous days and fire missions were at a minimum. It was pouring rain, and many of the off-duty men of Charlie were watching a James Bond movie or thinking about their loved ones back home.

At approximately 0145 NVA sappers attacked. They completely overran the defending infantry, killing and wounding most of them. A Bardstown man shouted the first alarm and the destruction was on. The enemy sappers threw satchel charges into the bunkers, killing and wounding many.

The enemy felled nine Kentucky Guardsmen, but lost 23 on the battlefield. The Kentuckians took one prisoner, from which they learned much so that no such attack would occur again.

**Veterans Day is
November 11**

**Be sure to thank our
veterans and active
service members for
their service to our
country!**

Senior Commander in Vietnam, General Creighton Abrams, said the 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery, was "one of the best trained, and absolutely the best maintained battalion-sized units in Vietnam."

Approximately 125,000 Kentuckians served in the Vietnam War, of which 1,105 gave the ultimate sacrifice.

More recently, following the attacks of 9/11 Kentucky National Guard members have deployed approximately 18,000 times in defense of this great nation. Tragically, 15 Kentuckians have lost their lives in support of these missions. The Guard's efforts have not gone unnoticed as three members of the 617th MP Company were decorated for their actions that saved countless lives at Salman Pac south of Baghdad. SSG Timothy Nein received the Distinguished Service Cross while Lea Ann Hester and Jason Mike were awarded the Silver Star.

Kentucky National Guard members are ordinary citizens who perform in an extra ordinary manner in defense of their country. They stand ready, not only to perform their assigned state missions but, to deploy as necessary to support their active duty counterparts.

It's dry out there...Be careful with bonfires or campfires!!!



When it gets hot, vegetation like leaves and grass dry out.



Low humidity and lack of rain will make vegetation more flammable.



Wind spreads flames faster. A small campfire can spread quickly.



Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!

Photos of the Week . . .

Goodbye & Good Luck to Stephanie Williams, Office of Procurement Services

After 15 years in the Office of Procurement Services, Stephanie Williams decided she was ready for something different. On Nov. 1 she started a new position with the Transportation Cabinet—one that is not related to procurement. She is Stephanie is the director of motor vehicle licensing and registration .

Last week, her co-workers in OPS, had a going away celebration.

Photo L-R: Susan Noland, Jenifer Taylor, Kathy Robinson, Shelby Luby, Stephanie Williams, Joan Graham, Debbie Mathews, Tracy Gritton, Carrie Willard



Procurement Services Halloween Door Decorating Contest and Costumes



Photo right: OPS staff decorated their office doors for Halloween and Deputy Secretary Mark Bunning selected the winner. Tracy Gritton was the very deserving winner. **Photo above:** OPS staff who dressed up for Halloween L-R Amy Monroe, Shelby Luby, Emy Womack and Kathy Robinson.