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# CONNECTIONS

BARKLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY



**Open Gate Garden Club members Sally Wilkins and Carolyn Roof (left) laid a wreath in honor of Veterans Day at the Blue Star marker in front of the airport terminal. Airport staff and visitors who are former veterans took part in the wreath ceremony. (Right of wreath) - Ann Bowers, Brenda Reese, Sam Poole, Terry Simmons, and Connie Kramer.**

## Soldiers Honored by Garden Club Ceremony

Open Gate Garden Club laid a wreath at the airport at the Blue Star Memorial Byways marker in honor of Veteran's Day.

Open Gate sponsored the marker and dedicated it in April to honor all who are, have, and will serve the country in the armed forces and in special recognition of local National Guard who have served in Iraq. The Blue Star Memorial is a project

of National Garden Clubs. It was started following WWII to recognize those who served and was

named for the Blue Star Mothers whose sons and daughters served in that war.

The project was made possible by grants from Principal Financial Group, city and county beautification boards; donations from individuals; and assistance by the airport personnel.



## Update:

### National Guard Building Construction At The Airport

**By Steven King, LTC National Guard, KY**

Construction is progressing on the Paducah Armed Forces Reserve Center, a 60,000 square foot facility, that will house units from the Kentucky Army National Guard, the United States Army Reserve, and a local chapter of the Civil Air Patrol. It is co-located with a 20,000 SF Field Maintenance Shop that provides maintenance support for the vehicles and equipment of the National Guard Soldiers stationed at the AFRC as well as other National Guard units in the area. This facility will greatly enhance the using units readiness posture to support both state and federal missions.

Being co-located with the Barkley Regional Airfield is a benefit to the Kentucky National Guard. It provides a greater capacity to be ready to respond to emergencies or catastrophes that may occur in the region.

The project broke ground in September 2007. The work is being performed by a local Design/Build Team from Paducah. It is led by A&K Construction and J. Patrick Kerr Architects. Other design consultants are GRW Inc of Lexington, KY.

Presently, the foundation work is approximately 70-75% complete. Floor slabs will begin to be poured next week with wall structures starting sometime early in the new year.

The projected completion date is fall of 2008.

# Decorating The Airport With Local Art

Harolyn Tucker was waiting for a departing flight three years ago when she struck up a conversation with Jackie Jones, Barkley Regional Marketing Director. The two discussed a group Harolyn had joined called the Decorative Artists of Paducah. Although the name indicates it's only for Paducahans, Harolyn explained that the 27 members were from several towns throughout the region and that their goal was to enjoy painting and expose the community to a variety of painting techniques.

Decorative Artists are also known for their involvement in numerous civic projects. When a display case in the terminal became available, the two ladies started making plans for how the airport and the artist group

could work together to decorate the terminal.

According to Tucker, when word goes out that the club is ready to decorate the airport case everyone brings in her work.

“We fill the display case five times per year with oil, pencil, acrylic, and water color painting on a variety of surfaces such as gourds, wood,

flower pots, canvas, totes, purses, scarves... You name it, we've painted on it,” Tucker said. The members also produce needle work and quilts.

They volunteer to greet quilters who arrive at the airport during the annual Quilt Show. They also make a special effort to have a quilt-related display for Quilt Show week.



Wanda Stephens, Pat Perilloux, Harolyn Tucker, and Ruth Kaufman are four members of Decorative Artists of Paducah who have been displaying their art in the airport terminal for the past three years.

## Airline Schedule

### Departures

NW 2782.....6:35 a.m.

NW 3017.....11:56 a.m.

NW 3085.....4:35 p.m.

### Arrivals

NW 2781.....10:59 a.m.

NW 3105.....3:59 p.m.

NW 2710.....8:37 p.m.

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