

## Notes to Consider...

Man-at-Arms:

Low Profile Small Arms of the GWOT, Non-Standard Issue Pistols  
By G.S. Morris — 19 November 2018



Back in '05 I was waiting on a helicopter in Iraq when I happened to notice another waiting soldier with an unusual pistol in his holster. Having previously owned one of the same pistols in the 1990s (a Heckler & Koch Universal Service Pistol (HK USP)), I understood the soldier wasn't carrying a then generally issued US service pistol (M9 or M11) and as is my wont, I went over and chatted him up about his extraordinary sidearm.

Turned out, the soldier was a member of the recently formed Joint Improvised Explosives Device (IED) Task Force.

According to the trooper, the organization's commander was a pistolero and given the unit's high profile, had secured the purchase of "off the shelf" HK USPs in caliber .45 ACP for all the task force's members. An interesting footnote, but not at all surprising as HK is no stranger to supplying US military small arms, currently providing the Pentagon with the MP5 Submachine Gun; Mk23 Pistol; 416 Carbine; and G28 Sniper Rifle.

I will be the first to admit I was surprised the Army's Modular Handgun System board selected the Sig Sauer P320 as the newly designated M17/M18 over Glock's entrant (now commercially available as the G19X). I was even more shocked to learn Glock's entrant wasn't capable of mounting a miniature red dot sight (MRDS), as the MRDS is the coming future of military handgun sighting systems just as sure as regular red dot sights (Aimpoints) have come to dominate military carbine sighting systems. It also didn't hurt the Sig design has a modular chassis, making future frame/slide upgrades a cinch.

However, an interesting thing to watch over the next decade will be whether the Sig Sauer M17/M18 will replace the Glock M17 and M19 pistols which have been in service now for over a decade with our Special Operations Command (SOCOM), and the M007 (a Gen5 Glock 19M) issued within the last two years to Marine Corps CID Special Agents and the President of the United States' Marine One crew and security detail. Stay tuned.

Next Week: M40/M24 Sniper Rifle

*I could not have sat down and wrote out a better Son than the Lord gave me 27 years ago. Happy Birthday, Caleb Hayden Morris.*

## Inspirational Thoughts Into God's Word

By Lynetta Hunter

It didn't take Nehemiah long to find out that opposition from some of the people was as prevalent as the others' favor. He had been a cupbearer in Persia, now he found himself being an activist, peace maker, and prayer warrior.

God had filled him with all the qualities that later became known as the Beatitudes (Mt. 5), and he used them all to campaign on behalf of his people who were as broken as the walls he was sent there to rebuild. He didn't waste time arguing with his enemies, their conflicting words and threats meant nothing compared to the work that needed to be done. When they turned against him, He turned to God. When they used words to discourage and hinder him, he used words to pray for strength and recompense.

Nehemiah stepped into the mission alone, but soon realized God had spent years preparing them all for this time in history. Eliashib, the sons of Hassenaah, Hattush and the rest of the construction crew had no idea their professions and hobbies were training to help with this mission. Some were assigned to pray, others to watch, and some were called to fight, but all had a purpose in this great work. It took one person to step up, act on what was in his heart, and trust God, then everything and everyone else fell into place and an amazing work of God was completed.

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**OUTDOOR WALK THRU PLAY**

**Nov 29th -30th  
Dec 1st -2nd**

**SHOWTIMES  
•6:00 PM  
•8:30PM  
EACH NIGHT**

Grace Covenant Ministries  
(Annville Institute)  
190 Campus Drive  
Annville, KY 40402

\*Wear Boots  
\*Arrive 20 min early  
\*Shuttle buses will be running from near by parking lots  
Presented By: Local Churches

## Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet releases October 2018 Unemployment Report

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 15, 2018) - Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary October 2018 unemployment rate was 4.5 percent, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics (KYSTATS), an agency within the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. The unemployment rate for October 2018 was unchanged from September 2018.

The preliminary October 2018 jobless rate was down 0.1 percentage points from the 4.6 percent recorded for the state in October 2017.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for October 2018 was 3.7 percent, also unchanged from September 2018, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates from the Current Population Survey of households. The survey is designed to measure trends in the number of people working. It includes jobs in agriculture and individuals who are self-employed.

Kentucky added 1,590 individuals to its civilian labor force in October 2018. This brings the state's labor force to 2,075,251. The number of people employed in October was up by 193, while the number unemployed increased by 1,397.

"Kentucky's employment situation was relatively unchanged in October," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) Associate Director Mike Clark, Ph.D. "While both the number of people working and the number of people unemployed increased, these increases were not statistically significant."

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 2,200 jobs in October 2018 compared to September 2018. Kentucky has added 10,400 jobs since October 2017, a 0.5 percent employment growth.

Nonfarm data is provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics program. According to this survey, five of Kentucky's 11 major nonfarm North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors saw employment increases from the previous month while five declined and one was unchanged.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector increased by 1,600 jobs from September 2018 to October 2018, a gain of 0.6 percent. Durable goods manufacturing increased by 1,100 jobs, accounting for approximately two-thirds of the rise in total manufacturing. Employment in nondurable goods manufacturing added 500 jobs in October. Kentucky's manufacturing employment was up by 3,000 since October 2017.

The financial activities sector added 600 jobs from September 2018 to October 2018. This sector gained 2,400 jobs since last October. Within the sector, the finance and insurance subsector added 200 jobs and the real estate, rental and leasing subsector added 400 jobs.

Employment in the other services sector was up by 300 positions from September 2018 to October 2018. Other services rose by 900 jobs from a year ago for a growth rate of 1.4 percent since October 2017. Other services sector includes repairs and maintenance, personal care services and religious organizations.

Employment in Kentucky's construction sector grew by 100 jobs from September 2018 to October 2018, an increase of 0.1 percent. Over the past 12 months, construction employment is up by 100 positions.

Employment in Kentucky's mining and logging sector rose by 100 jobs from September 2018 to October 2018. Employment in this sector is up 300 positions since October 2017.

Trade, transportation and utilities sector was unchanged in October 2018, but has grown by 7,400 positions or 1.8 percent since October 2017. Wholesale trade added 400 positions in October 2018. Transportation, warehousing, and utilities gained 900 jobs. These gains were offset by a decrease of 1,300 jobs in the retail subsector.

"Employment in Kentucky's transportation, warehousing, and utilities subsector continues to grow steadily, showing gains in ten of the past twelve months," said Clark. "Since October 2017, employment in this subsector is up 7,700 jobs."

Employment in the professional and business services sector lost 2,300 jobs from September 2018 to October 2018, a loss of 1.1 percent. This sector is down 100 jobs since October 2017. The job losses were concentrated in the administrative and support and waste management subsector, which lost 3,000 jobs. Employment in the professional, scientific, and technical services subsector added 400 positions. Employment in the management of companies increased by 300 jobs.

"The administrative and support and waste management subsector tends to show significant swings in employment from month-to-month," said Clark. "However, the overall trend for employment in this subsector has been relatively flat."

The government sector decreased by 1,300 jobs in October 2018. Federal government employment increased by 200 jobs; state government employment was unchanged; and local government declined by 1,500 jobs. Total government employment is down 500 since October 2017.

The leisure and hospitality sector decreased by 1,000 jobs from September 2018 to October 2018. The decline occurred entirely in the accommodations and food service subsector, which fell by 1,000 jobs in October 2018. Employment in the arts, entertainment and recreation subsector was unchanged in October. Since October 2017, leisure and hospitality has lost 2,800 positions or 1.4 percent.

Information services sector lost 200 jobs in October 2018. This sector has declined by 600 jobs since October 2017. The industries in this sector include traditional publishing as well as software publishing; motion pictures and broadcasting; and telecommunications.

Education and health services sector lost 100 jobs in October 2018. Within this sector, health care and social assistance added 200 jobs and educational services lost 300 jobs. Employment in education and health services for October 2018 was up 300 since a year ago.

Civilian labor force statistics include nonmilitary workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.