

Notes to Consider...

Man-at-Arms:

Low Profile Small Arms of the GWOT, M40/M24 Sniper Rifles

By G.S. Morris — 26 November 2018



Our last low profile small arms of the GWOT are the M40/M24 Sniper Rifles. These sniper rifles are based upon the bolt-action Remington Model 700 and have been in service since the mid-1960s (Marine M40) and the late-1980s (Army M24).

The Marine Corps' Model 700 Short Action lengthed M40 is chambered in the 7.62x51mm NATO exclusively. As mentioned in our look at the still in service M14 Rifle, the 7.62x51mm NATO pretty well matches the M1 Garand .30-06 M2 load of WWII/Korea in a short action lengthed cartridge.

The Army's M24 is based upon the Model 700 Long Action. Most often encountered in 7.62x51mm, the M24 is capable (with a bolt/barrel swap) of also being chambered in .300 Winchester Magnum, and the .338 Lapua Magnum.

The M40 and M24 continue to be updated. The Marine Corps recently fielded folding stocked and silencer ready M40A5s and the Army has a full blown chassis rifle in the M24E1 chambered for .300 Winchester Magnum (with an honest 1,000 meter maximum effective range).

Though semi-automatic sniper rifles appear to be the future, it is foreseeable the enduring Remington Model 700-based M40 and M24 will remain in both active duty and National Guard armories for a service run that could approach that of the centenary of service for the still standard issue M2 Machine Gun.

Next Week: History

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Congressman Rogers Applauds Army Corps Plan for 2019

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) applauds the 2019 Work Plan released today by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which includes multiple projects in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The plan includes critical water and wastewater expansion, tourism development, environmental clean-up efforts and flood control projects in Kentucky's Appalachian region.

The Army Corps' plan is directly funded by one of the federal funding packages passed this fall by Congress for fiscal year 2019. Congressman Rogers, who serves as Chairman Emeritus of the House Appropriations Committee, voted in support of the funding for the Army Corps.

"The Army Corps provides vital work for our rural communities every year, protecting Southern and Eastern Kentuckians from future flood damage, improving basic infrastructure needs in our mountainous region and boosting economic development in our small counties," said Congressman Rogers. "Each year, I have the opportunity to advocate for important projects in our region and I applaud the Army Corps for aligning its priorities with those of Eastern Kentucky. This year, I was especially proud to work with Corps leadership to help secure additional funding to bolster efforts to remove debris and trash from Fishtrap Lake - an issue that has plagued the Fishtrap area for far too long. Together, we are making significant progress in our communities."

The 2019 Work Plan includes the following projects in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District:

\$1.869 million for water and sewer projects as part of the Southern and Eastern Kentucky Environmental Infrastructure Program (Section 531);

\$300,000 for additional debris clean-up efforts at Fishtrap Lake;

\$9.8 million for several other nonstructural flood control projects (Section 202), such as relocation, elevation, floodproofing and restoration of wetlands. The plan includes \$5.5 million for Harlan County, \$4 million for Pike County and \$300,000 for Bell County.

Inspirational Thoughts Into God's Word

By Lynetta Hunter

Rarely do things adapt together so perfectly, especially with so many pieces to fit together, but the task God gave to Nehemiah was a puzzle no one expected to see worked. All Nehemiah really knew was that he had a burden with a passion and maybe, just maybe, if God would work things out, he would go to Jerusalem and release the weight of compassion he was carrying. Many people saw the need for the city walls to be rebuilt, but Nehemiah felt the need. Many people were content with the fact but Nehemiah would never be satisfied until his people were endued with integrity once again.

Out of millions of people, Nehemiah was chosen for the job, not the job of solely building or completing the task, but the job of beginning the first stages, which involved much intimidation and conflict from their enemies. But something had to give and to his surprise, everyone started giving when he gave in to what was in his heart.

Revival has to begin somewhere, sometimes it starts by one person's obedience, even if the venture does seem impossible, then the floodgates of Heaven open up and puzzle pieces come out of nowhere and start fitting together. Then the burden turns into a blessing, sadness into satisfaction, and the impossible into a miracle.

State Transportation Crews Ready to Respond to Winter Weather This Snow and Ice Season

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 13, 2018) – Stocked salt supplies, trained maintenance crews and 1,400 plow trucks are ready to respond during this snow and ice season. Approximately 2,000 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) snowfighters are responsible for maintaining more than 28,000 miles of road during winter weather events.

"November is the launch of snow and ice season for the Cabinet, and our crews are prepared to respond to the effects winter weather can have on our roadways," said KYTC Secretary Greg Thomas. "While Kentucky weather can be unpredictable, we've done our best to prepare and encourage drivers to also take steps now to be ready on the road when conditions change."

KYTC crews and support staff have been briefed and trained on best practices for snow and ice removal in an effort to keep motorists moving on Kentucky roadways. A statewide brigade of trucks and plows are ready for deployment before, during and after winter weather events, and a strike force of eight plows is positioned for district deployment from Frankfort during major winter weather events. The Cabinet is stocked with a supply of 340,000 tons of salt, 1 million gallons of salt brine for anti-icing and 1 million gallons of calcium chloride, an additive to salt for deicing.

"Our mission for snow and ice removal is to keep traffic moving safely with an emphasis on maintaining mobility along critical corridors and priority routes," said Andy Barber, state highway engineer. "Our statewide teams strive to provide a uniform response to achieve safe driving conditions on Kentucky roadways while considering environmental and economic factors to most efficiently use state dollars."

During routine snow and ice occurrences, crews operate using snow and ice priority route maps for maximum efficiency of equipment and materials usage. Additionally, KYTC has expanded the use of automatic vehicle location (AVL) units to approximately half of state-owned trucks. This technology captures air and pavement temperatures, speed data, and salt or liquid distribution rates during response activities. This provides helpful information and informs decisions regarding how to efficiently apply materials. The data captured electronically will also reduce the amount of manual recordkeeping of staff hours and materials used during events.

"KYTC is committed to exploring the most effective ways to treat roadways, and AVL units provide us with more data than ever to gauge our performance during and after snow events," said Barber.

For severe winter storm events, the Cabinet has established a snow emergency plan similar to state emergency plans for other major weather events (e.g., floods, hurricanes and earthquakes). The snow emergency plan will allow available resources within each county to be deployed as needed to ensure optimal mobility for the highest priority routes that lead to critical locations, such as medical facilities. The Cabinet's snow and ice information website, snowky.ky.gov, provides details about priority routes, helpful winter weather tips, fact sheets and videos on salt application and snow removal.

Partnering with the public to prepare

Safe roadways are a shared responsibility, especially during inclement weather when risks increase. KYTC encourages motorists to prepare for winter and remain safe by following these tips:

- Stock vehicles with ice scrapers, jumper cables, blankets, a flashlight, cell phone charger, non-perishable snacks and first aid kit.
- Winterize vehicles. Have your car battery, tire pressure and brakes checked. Make sure your heater, defroster, headlights and windshield wipers are working properly.
- When snow and/or ice are on roadways, drive slowly no matter what type of vehicle you're in. It takes more time and distance to stop your vehicle in adverse weather conditions, so break early and slowly.
- Pay attention to weather advisories. Weather will impact your commute on some level.
- Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shaded areas. These are all candidates for developing black ice—a thin coating of clear ice that can form on the pavement surface that may be difficult to see.
- Travel only as necessary during major snow events. It's better to be stranded at home than on the road.
- Maintain a safe distance from snowplows and other heavy highway equipment.
- Do not pass snowplows on the shoulder.
- Allow more time to travel for routine commutes.
- Know before you go. Download the free Waze app or visit goky.ky.gov to check traffic conditions before you travel.
- Eliminate distractions while driving (e.g. using phone and eating).
- Cooperate with the expectations of the Quick Clearance law, which requires drivers to move vehicles to the shoulder in the event of a non-injury crash.

Throughout the winter season, KYTC will be highlighting the men and women across the state who serve on the frontlines and behind the scenes of the Cabinet's snow and ice removal efforts. Follow @KYTC and like our page on facebook.

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Sand Gap - Clover Bottom: Whistle Stop, Fill Up's Gas and Grocery, & Big Hill Market

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JOURNEY THROUGH BETHLEHEM

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