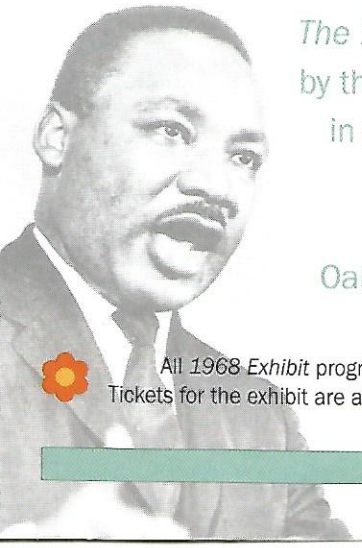
Recommended by 9 out of 10 hippies.

THE 1968 EXHIBIT

February 7 through May 10 at the History Colorado Center

See vintage album covers and Jimi Hendrix's purple jacket. Witness the reality of Vietnam with a full-size Huey helicopter and other gear. View a program from Dr. Martin Luther King's funeral and a camera that photographed Bobby Kennedy the night he was shot. *The 1968 Exhibit* brings this pivotal American year to life. In conjunction with the exhibit, History Colorado presents *El Movimiento*—a first-hand look at Colorado's Chicano movement.

The 1968 Exhibit was developed by the Minnesota History Center, in partnership with the Atlanta History Center, the Chicago History Museum and the Oakland Museum of California.



All *1968 Exhibit* programs happen at the History Colorado Center. Tickets for the exhibit are available online at www.HistoryColoradoCenter.org.

Photos below: (MLK) Courtesy Library of Congress; (RFK) courtesy LBJ Library. Photo by Yoichi R. Okamoto.

Family Fun

1968 Hippie Haven Lounge

Soak in the ambiance of 1968 while relaxing in a lounge area designed for families. Explore some fun activities, find out what happened in '68 on your birthday and check how your 2015 outfit compares with what would have been acceptable in 1968.

The lounge is open 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. on:

- Saturday, February 7
- Monday and Tuesday, February 16 and 17
- Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28
- Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4
- Saturday, May 9

Be There or Be Square: A Date with '68

Monday, February 16, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Jump back in time to 1968! Learn how *The 1968 Exhibit* was built. Discover crafts of '68, learn to macramé and have a swingin' '60s fashion show. Blasting off to outer space, we'll learn about the Apollo 8 mission and astronauts. Groovy, baby!

Macramé Me

Fridays, March 27 and April 3, 11 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Join us to learn a popular craft from 1968—macramé. Learn the technique and create your own small plant hanger. Drop in for this activity before or after visiting the Hippie Haven Lounge.

EXTENDED EVENING HOURS!
Open till 9 p.m. every third Tuesday: February 17, March 17 and April 21.

Robert G. Beabout, Lt. Col., retired, Denver

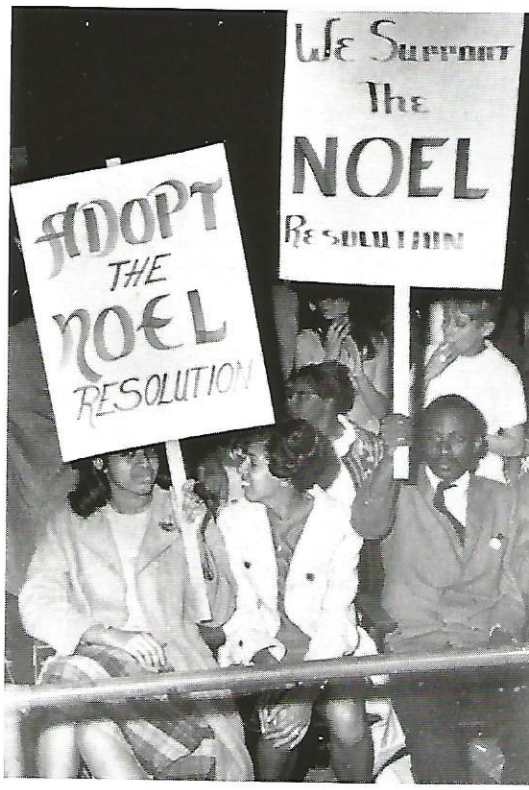
January 26th, 1968, over 900 Colorado Air National Guard members were called to active duty in the U.S. Air Force. This was in reaction to the capture of the USS *Pueblo* by North Korea. The Tet Offensive commenced about the same time in Vietnam.

One hundred forty of the guardsmen were deployed to Korea, 376 were deployed to Phan Rang, Vietnam, and the remainder were deployed to various Air Force facilities worldwide. The 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron, with twenty F-100 jet fighters, was moved from Buckley to Phan Rang, Vietnam. I was a fighter pilot with the 120th.

During the eleven-month tour in Vietnam the 120th showed outstanding performance. Our airmen were highly experienced and set new standards. The aircraft operational ready rates and ordinance reliability rates were above Air Force standards by over 10 percent. The 120th flew over 5,000 combat sorties. Two Silver Stars, twenty-six Distinguished Flying Crosses, and five Purple Hearts, plus numerous Air Medals, were awarded. I flew 239 of the combat missions.

Of course a combat zone is never rosy. The base came under attack seventeen times during our stay. One airplane was destroyed during a ground attack and two were shot down. Two crewmen were lost. During one six-month period we recorded twenty-six hits on our aircraft. The only hit I took was friendly fire. Things can get mixed up under fire!!!

Facing page: On April 30, DU students staged a sit-in in the school registrar's office, demanding more say in campus affairs. Courtesy University of Denver Special Collections and Archives.



In April, school board member Rachel Noel initiated a plan to integrate Denver's public schools. Courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Collection. X-28759

In March, Democratic state senator George Brown and other civil rights leaders endorsed a study blaming decades of racism for the riots in America's cities. Courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Collection.

The Colorado Air National Guard was deactivated on April 30, 1969, and returned to Governor Love's command authority.

The 120th was established in 1923. It was the first flying unit in our nation's National Guards. Over the next 91 years it continues to produce outstanding performance and act as the cornerstone for the other units composing the Colorado Air National Guard.

March 2
(Denver)—City civil rights leaders endorse a national study blaming systemic racism and years of discrimination for the riots plaguing many American cities in the '60s. State senator George Brown, a Democrat representing Denver, says, "It's not new for black America. But it's good news that parts of white America are willing to admit the same thing."

March 15
(Silverthorne)—Construction begins on the westbound bore of the Eisenhower Tunnel—known then as the Straight Creek Tunnel. A ceremonial dynamite blast set off by engineer Charles Schumate signals the start of the project, intended to make travel between eastern and western Colorado easier. The tunnel opens in 1973, with the eastbound bore completed in 1979.

March 16
(Duluth, Minnesota)—The University of Denver men's hockey team wins the NCAA Division I national championship after beating the University of North Dakota, 4–0. Hundreds of cheering fans meet the team at Stapleton Airport on their return to Denver.

March 31
(Denver)—Colorado's Civil Rights Commission works to update and revise state anti-discrimination laws. Existing laws, according to director James Reynolds, cover only "obvious discrimination" and give the commission little power to act. Updated laws will cover "more subtle" forms of racial discrimination.

April 5
(Colorado)—Denver Mayor Thomas Currigan and acting Governor Mark Hogan urge "reason and restraint" following the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. In a joint radio broadcast, the two report only scattered incidents of violence in Denver and elsewhere in the state. Hogan declares April 7 an official day of mourning in Colorado.

April 6
(Colorado Springs)—Soldiers from Fort Carson are deployed to Chicago to quell violence in that city after MLK's assassination. More than 5,000 federal troops are sent to Chicago, Washington, D.C., and other cities to curb rioting and vandalism.

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