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**Base now has  
single number  
for all  
emergencies:  
  
111**



KyANG photo illustration by Senior Master Sgt. Dave Tinsley and Staff Sgt. Dale Greer

## New phone service will enhance safety

By Staff Sgt. Dale Greer  
Cargo Courier Editor

For base emergencies, one call does it all. A new emergency reporting number — 111 — went online this month, replacing three older telephone numbers and ending confusion over which agency callers should contact.

Calls placed to the new number go directly to Central Security Control, where dispatchers will route the information to the appropriate emergency team and get the fastest response 24 hours a day.

"This new system makes it a heck of a lot easier for everyone," said Master Sgt. Shawn Burt, security police superintendent.

"Not only have we simplified the reporting process, but we also will be able to get help where it's needed as soon as possible."

The old system was flawed, Burt said, because one of the emergency numbers routed calls to the base fire department. The fire station is only staffed 2/3s of the time, however,

and calls sent there late at night would have gone unanswered.

Central Security Control will now serve as a kind of telephone traffic cop.

"If we get a call about a fire, we'll know if our fire department is here. They'll be the first ones we call if they are here. But if they're not here and it's a structural fire, we're going to call 911 and get the Louisville fire department to respond. If it's an aircraft problem, we're going to call the Louisville airport's fire and rescue team."

The new system — called BERP, for Base Emergency Reporting Point — also will speed response to medical emergencies.

"We'll call 911 first, but then we'll follow up real quick with our fire department to get some of our EMTs there as soon as possible," Burt said.

Master Sgt. Keith Smith, assistant chief of training for the base fire department, said that could mean the difference

between life and death in severe trauma cases.

"We'll be able to get a quicker response to anyone who's having a medical emergency or who's injured," Smith said, adding that it often takes 15 minutes or more for Louisville ambulances to reach the base after a call.

"While we're waiting for the ambulance to arrive, our EMTs can start doing a primary assessment and start taking vital signs, so that when the ambulance does arrive, we can give all the pertinent information to the city paramedics and they will know what course of action to take."

"There also are a variety of injuries that could happen out here. An aircraft maintenance person could fall off the top of a plane and sustain a severe laceration with severe bleeding. Our personnel could get on the scene quickly and apply a dressing and start controlling the bleeding."

"We refer to the first hour after trauma as the golden hour. The actions you take in that first hour can greatly influence whether the victim lives or dies."

# Integration of air and space an essential goal for continued success

*Editor's note: This is the first installment of a series on the skills and values the Air Force must possess for success in the next half century.*

**T**he Air Force is committed to complete integration of air and space. That vision is reflected in the core competency of "air and space superiority" that the Air Force's senior leadership recently defined.

Core competencies represent capabilities the Air Force brings to the nation to support the national military strategy and are part of the Air Force's new strategic vision, "Global Engagement: A Vision for the 21st Century Air Force."

The other Air Force core competencies are global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

Air and space superiority combines two core competencies from the Air Force's earlier strategic vision, "Global Reach, Global Power." The air and space link is now even stronger in Global Engagement.

"Air and space superiority prevents adversaries from interfering with operations of air, space or surface forces and assures freedom of action and movement," said Sheila E. Widnall, secretary of the Air Force.

"The control of air and space is a critical enabler for the joint force because it allows all U.S. forces freedom from attack and freedom to attack.



**WIDNALL**



**FOGLEMAN**

"With air and space superiority, the joint force can dominate enemy operations in all dimensions: land, sea, air and space."

Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Air Force chief of staff, noted that while air and space superiority is lethal against enemy forces, it saves American lives.

That view was echoed as recently as last fall when the Air Force received a letter from a man whose brother served as a Marine during Desert Storm in 1991.

"I believed at that time and continue to believe that the greatest threat to (my brother's) safety was from air attack," said Brit Ferguson of Stephenville, Texas.

"This danger never materialized," he continued, "and he came home safely because of the absolutely outstanding job that the U.S. Air Force did in rapidly gaining and then maintaining overwhelming air supremacy."

This core competency, now modified to include space, fits comfortably into Global Engagement.

"Gaining air and space superiority is not

just operationally important," Fogleman said, "it is also a strategic imperative for protecting American lives throughout a crisis or conflict. It is the precursor for dominant maneuver and the basis of full-dimensional protection."

Strategic attack and interdiction, Fogleman said, are "crucial to the outcome of any battle. They're not possible without air superiority. Effective surface maneuver is impossible without it. And so is efficient logistics.

"The bottom line is that everything on the battlefield is at risk without air and space superiority.

"Moreover, if air dominance is achieved and joint forces can operate with impunity throughout the adversary's battle space, the joint force commander will prevail quickly, efficiently and decisively."

The Air Force secretary added that defense against ballistic and cruise missiles is an increasingly important element of the air and space superiority core competency.

"The proliferation of cruise and ballistic missiles threaten Americans and America's interests and is one of the developments that accelerates warfare along the air-space continuum. The Air Force is moving aggressively to counter this threat."

Although the global and theater missile threats now are addressed separately, Fogleman said, over time they will merge into a common missile defense architecture, becoming a single counter air and space missile defense mission.

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# Thoroughbred Express web site gets new look, enhanced features

By Staff Sgt. Dale Greer  
Cargo Courier Editor

The 123rd Airlift Wing's web site has a new look, with redesigned pages, enhanced graphics and more features than ever.

New additions include a section on Thunder Over Louisville, as well charts for computing reserve pay and retirement pensions.

The site's webmaster, Senior Master Sgt. Dave Tinsley, also has added a search engine that allows browsers to scan the site for a particular word or phrase.

The site continues to carry job openings and electronic versions of The Cargo Courier.

Now, however, visitors can download Acrobat PDF files of the newspaper that look exactly like the printed version.

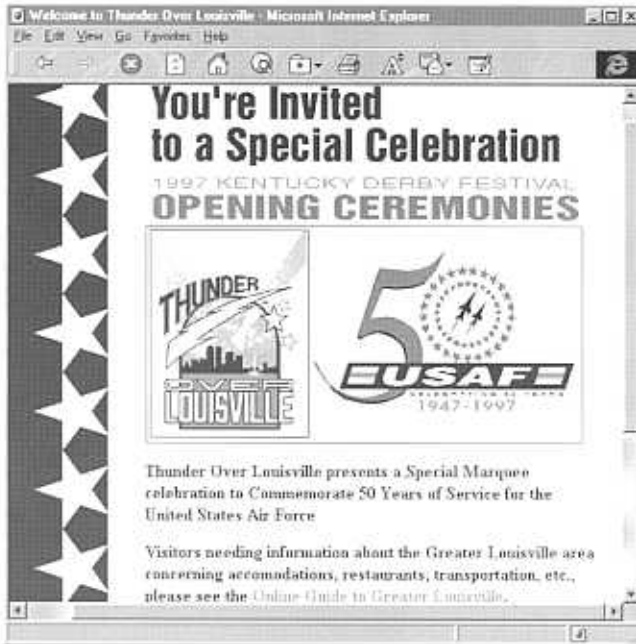
Those files can then be saved to the visitor's hard drive for later printing or off-line viewing.

Adobe Acrobat Reader, available free from Adobe Systems, is needed to view PDF files.

Tinsley credited Master Sgt. Terry Lutz, a graphics and photography supervisor, with giving the site its unique look.

"Terry did a wonderful job with the graphics and redesign," Tinsley said. "It's one of the best looking Web pages I've seen."

The address is <http://www.kyang.win.net>.



Reserve drill pay effective January 1, 1997

Retirement Pay Information

Here are the one-day reserve drill rates effective January 1, 1997, reflecting the 3 percent rate included in the 1997 Defense Authorization Act. In general, a weekend drill is worth four one-day drills.

Grade	Years of Service									
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	Grade	12	14
<b>Commissioned Officers</b>										
0-10	245.34	253.97	253.97	253.97	253.97	263.72	263.72	0-10	278.33	278.33
0-9	217.43	223.13	227.89	227.89	227.89	233.68	233.68	0-9	243.40	243.40
0-8	196.94	202.65	207.66	207.66	207.66	223.13	223.13	0-8	233.68	233.68
0-7	163.64	174.77	174.77	174.77	182.61	182.61	193.19	0-7	193.19	202.65
0-6	121.28	133.25	141.99	141.99	141.99	141.99	141.99	0-6	141.99	146.82
0-5	97.01	113.90	121.78	121.78	121.78	121.78	125.45	0-5	132.22	141.08
0-4	81.78	99.67	106.21	106.21	108.18	112.95	120.66	0-4	127.44	133.25
0-3	75.98	84.95	90.83	100.49	105.30	109.07	114.98	0-3	120.66	123.62
0-2	66.26	72.36	86.94	89.86	91.72	91.72	91.72	0-2	91.72	91.72
0-1	57.53	69.07	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	0-1	72.36	72.36
Commissioned officers with more than four years active duty as an enlisted member										

# The Cargo Courier shares award for best paper

The Cargo Courier tied for best funded newspaper this year in the National Guard Media Contest, officials announced recently.

The paper shared first-place honors in the funded newspaper category with the Oregon Air National Guard's Aircoop.

The Cargo Courier's editor, Staff Sgt. Dale Greer, also won several individual awards.

Greer won first place in both the newswriting and photojournalism categories; and second place in the picture story competition. He was named the National Guard's top Public Affairs enlisted member for 1996, as well.

Competition in the annual event usually is stiff. A panel of top military and civilian

journalists evaluates entries from Army and Air Guard units around the country before reaching its decisions.

Winners in the National Guard competition will go on to compete with reserve and active duty entrants from around the world in the Air Force Media Contest to be held later this year.

# Thunder begins to roll

## *Airshow promises u*

By Staff Sgt. Dale Greer  
Cargo Courier Editor

The Kentucky Air Guard is teaming up with the annual Derby Festival next month to throw one of the biggest Air Force birthday parties ever.

Organizers expect nearly a million people to attend Thunder Over Louisville, the airshow that kicks off the two-week Kentucky Derby Festival on April 19-20. Thunder will pay tribute to the Air Force's 50th anniversary this year, and officials have planned a bash that the Derby Festival committee can only describe as "awesome."

That may sound like a bold claim, but consider that Thunder will feature a two-day static display of more than 120 aircraft — virtually every plane currently being flown by the Air Force, plus a variety of historic warbirds. Estimates call for 250,000 visitors to attend the static display

alone, which will be located at the Kentucky Air Guard's new base at Louisville International Airport.

Thunder also will include a 7-hour airshow over the Ohio River featuring a performance by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds. In addition, officials have scheduled fly-bys of more than 100 planes reflecting a half century of Air Force history. And aircraft from the other armed services will fly in salute to the Air Force, as well.

Finally, no birthday celebration would be complete without candles — in this case, Roman candles. The Thunder airshow will conclude with the largest fireworks show in North America.

Lt. Gen. Lloyd Newton, Air Force assistant vice chief of staff, said he is "pleased and excited" to be a part of this celebration, which the Air Force recognizes as one of the premier events honoring its golden anniversary.

"I am confident, with the massive display of Air Force aircraft and airpower, a performance by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, and the best fireworks display and light show anyplace in the world, that Thunder will be all that we hope for — and much, much more," Newton said during a recent press conference on base.

Newton noted that Thunder provided an excellent opportunity to highlight the Air Force's history because the Derby Festival draws a higher percentage of the region's population than any other civic event in America.

"We were stunned," he said, "by the magnitude this event takes on."

Maj. Gen. Donald Shepperd, director of the Air National Guard, noted the lead role the National Guard would have in the cel-



Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dave Tinsley

bration.

"It's fitting," Shepperd told officials gathered in the base hangar, "that we take part in a celebration like Thunder Over Louisville, with all the spectacle and the splendor of this, at the site of one of our premier Air National Guard units in our most modern base."

The theme for Thunder this year is "A Wild Blue Thunder," and officials don't want to disappoint. The static display, for example, will give visitors unprecedented access to 50 years of Air Force history, from World War II aircraft and Vietnam-era jets to the ultra-modern F-117 Stealth fighter and C-17 Globemaster III.

"That means people are going to be able



# Unforgettable birthday celebration

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—Maj. Gen. Donald Shepperd,  
Air National Guard Director

to see aircraft for the first time that they’ve never seen before, and very possibly may never see again,” said Thunder’s producer, Wayne Hettinger.

Plans call for aircraft to be displayed on 87.5 acres of the Guard base and Louisville International Airport. Planes will be parked tip to tail on ramps, taxiways and even part of a runway in order to accommodate them.

“Basically, we’re planning on bringing in just about everything the Air Force flies,” said Maj. Ralinda Gregor, the Kentucky Air Guard’s public affairs chief.

“Some of these planes have never been in the Louisville area.”

Other activities will include performances by

the Air Force Band of Flight and the Air Force Tops in Blue. Exhibits will honor the golden anniversaries of the Kentucky Air Guard and Louisville International Airport, both of which also turn 50 this year.

For the grand finale, organizers have planned a fireworks show that will make the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1996 Summer Olympics pale in comparison.

“We’re up to 44 tons of fireworks, and that will ignite in 28 and a half minutes,” Hettinger said of the display.

The fireworks show is so big, it will take more than 40,000 custom-made shells to illuminate the sky. That’s enough to fill 10 tractor-trailer rigs.

Col. Edward Tonini, the Kentucky Air Guard’s chief of staff, said the event offers the perfect way to honor our Air Force legacy.

“All these activities will paint Louisville Air Force blue that weekend,” Tonini said.

“No other event has the potential to more profoundly demonstrate the golden heritage and boundless future of the United States Air Force.”

**HELP NEEDED:** The Thoroughbred Club is seeking volunteers to work concessions during Thunder.

Volunteers are needed for both days to serve as managers and servers in the concession booths.

Managers will work all day, while servers will work in shifts.

The booths are scheduled to be open Saturday from 0800 to 1500, and Sunday from 0800 to 1700, said Senior Master Sgt. Mike Mitro, the club’s secretary.

The contract for concessions is being administered by a corporation of retirees, and money generated by the sales will be divided among the organizations that supply manpower to operate the booths, Mitro said.

The effort also will help generate money to establish a base snack bar and club, he said.

For more information, call Mitro at extension 4633.

The wing’s public affairs staff also is seeking help compiling photographs for a 50th anniversary yearbook.

If you have photographs that you believe may be of interest, please call the public affairs office at (502) 364-9431.

On base, dial 4431.

You also may send e-mail to 104355.76@CompuServe.com.

Photographs of aircraft, deployments and wing training activities are especially wanted.



# Women's military memorial passes construction midpoint

**Air Force News Service**

WASHINGTON — Construction of the Women in Military Service to America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, Va., has passed the halfway point, the builders said recently.

If the weather holds, construction should be complete this summer, giving officials of the memorial foundation about three months to furnish offices, set up museum displays and prepare for dedication ceremonies now set for Oct. 18.

The women's memorial project will convert Arlington National Cemetery's 75-year-old main entrance gate into a shrine honoring the nation's 1.8 million service women and veterans.

Designed by Weiss-Manfredi Architects of New York, the memorial will house a museum, 196-seat auditorium, a Hall of Honor and an education center on women's military history.

It also will house a computerized military women's registry, created to allow military women to showcase their contributions to military service.

While construction continues, foundation officials still are campaigning to open

the museum debt-free.

Spokeswoman Molly Whalen said the foundation still needs to raise about \$6 million — money that will be used to cover the costs of furnishing the museum and equipping the memorial's education center.

Commemorative coin sales, a federal restoration grant and donations from foreign governments, civic groups and corporate sponsors are paying most of the costs.

The foundation hopes to continue earning corporate funds and raising money through individual and group donations.

The foundation also is looking to register more service women into the museum's computerized memorial register.

The database will contain names, photos and brief biographical sketches of women who served in the armed forces, the uniformed Public Health Service, and various service auxiliaries.

It also will include a section that pays homage to women in the Red Cross and the United Services Organization.

*For information on the memorial, call (800) 222-2294 or write to The Women's Memorial, Department 560, Washington, D.C. 20042-0560.*

## Rules change for retirees' license plates

Retirees with 20 years of service now may purchase the Kentucky National Guard license plate for their automobiles.

The law previously mandated 25 years of service to qualify for the plate.

Purchasers must show proof of service in the Guard and pay a one-time fee of \$25.

The change became effective last year.

## Commander sets up phone hotline

The 123rd Airlift Wing now has a Commander's Hotline for comments, suggestions and concerns. The line is open 24 hours a day.

On base, dial 4400, extension 8. Off base, call (505) 364-9400, extension 8.

# Low self-esteem can be self-fulfilling prophecy

Self-esteem. What is it? Who has it? Where does it come from? And how do you get it?

Self-esteem is the image you have of yourself — the way you feel about yourself and your accomplishments. The more positive your feelings, the higher your self-esteem.

The extent to which you love and respect yourself has a lot to do with how well you relate to the world around you, and, consequently, with how much stress there is in your life.

High self-esteem makes you effective, productive, capable and lovable. Low self-esteem makes you feel ineffective, worthless and unloved. Because the way you view yourself is learned, however, you can change your self-perceptions. Positive experiences and ful-

filling relationships will increase your self-esteem, while negative experiences and troubled relationships will lower it.

Positive self-esteem is important because it:

- Fosters a willingness to try new things and accept new challenges

- Promotes flexibility and acceptance of new ideas and approaches to problems

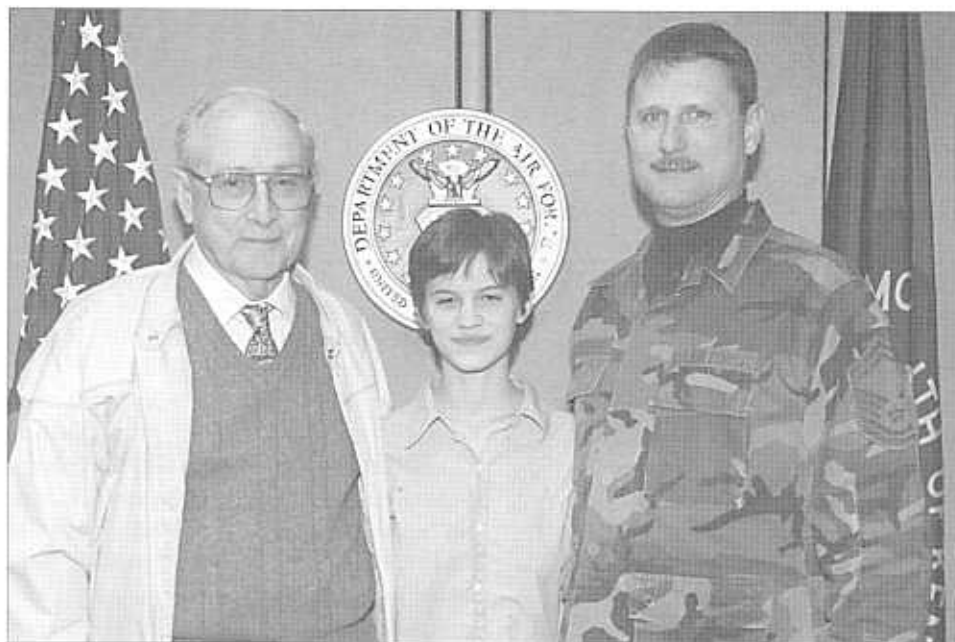
Low self-esteem impairs life because it:

- Promotes poor performance
- Distorts your view of yourself and others, while magnifying an unhappy personal life

The effects of low self-esteem can be a vicious cycle. In effect, it's a self-fulfilling prophecy: "As a person thinketh in his heart, so he is" (Proverbs).

—Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas Curry





KyANG photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dave Tinsley

## Family Tradition

Jessica Farquhar kept family tradition alive last month when she joined the wing, becoming the third generation of Farquhars to wear Kentucky blues. Her grandfather, Sam (left), retired from the 123rd Maintenance Sq. in 1980 after more than 25 years of service. Jessica's father, Glenn (right), is the wing's disaster preparedness chief.

## Promotions and honors in the Kentucky Air Guard



*The following servicemembers have been promoted in the Kentucky Air National Guard and as reservists of the United States Air Force:*

### TO AIRMAN (E-2)

- Travis Howard,  
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Gerald Murphy Jr.,  
123rd Security Police Sq.
- Frank Morgan III,  
123rd Security Police Sq.

### TO AIRMAN 1ST CLASS (E-2)

- Russell King,  
123rd Civil Engineering Sq.

### TO SENIOR AIRMAN (E-3)

- Andre Provencher,  
123 Maintenance Sq.
- Clinton Saul,  
123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Duane Wariner,  
123rd Aerial Port Sq.

- Mark Wilson,  
123rd Medical Sq.

### TO STAFF SGT. (E-5)

- Michael Butler,  
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Lloyd Davis,  
205th Combat Comm. Sq.
- Shawn Dawley,  
165th Airlift Sq.
- Alan Johnson,  
123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Kenneth Link,  
123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Kristofer Sharpe,  
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Patrick Sledge,  
123rd Logistics Grp.
- Martin Tracy,  
123rd Combat Control Flt.
- Kent Wernert,  
165th Airlift Sq.

### TO TECHNICAL SGT. (E-6)

- Lotus Austin,  
123rd Security Police Sq.

- Ronald Huckleberry,  
123rd Security Police Sq.
- James Johnson,  
123rd Combat Control Flt.
- Shawn Keller,  
123rd Logistics Sq.
- Terry Rodgers,  
123rd Mission Support Flt.
- Annmarie Smith,  
123rd Medical Sq.
- Tyler Vincent,  
123rd Services Flt.

### TO MASTER SGT. (E-7)

- Teresa Adams,  
123rd Logistics Sq.
- Kenneth Ashby,  
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Kenneth Bishop,  
165th Airlift Sq.

*The following individual distinguished himself as an honor graduate at the U.S. Air Force Airman Leadership School:*

- Senior Amn. John Johnson

# February marked KyANG's 50th year

*Editor's note: The Cargo Courier was not published last month due to budget cuts. This column originally was scheduled to run in February — the Kentucky Air Guard's birth month.*

**By Tech. Sgt. John R. Martin**  
123rd Airlift Wing Historian

February marked our 50th Anniversary as the Kentucky Air National Guard — one of the finest active or reserve units in the nation.

Throughout those 50 Februaries, the 123rd has risen to meet all challenges, faced its darkest moment and continued its standard of excellence the nation has come to expect.

It all began Feb. 16, 1947, when the KyANG received federal recognition and was assigned both the 123rd Fighter Group and the 165th Fighter Squadron.

It was at this time that our unit flew the time-honored P-51 "Mustang" aircraft, 25 of which were assigned to Kentucky from other units in Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois.

These aircraft, originally called NA-73s, were designed to fly for the Royal Air Force in 1940. They were the most effective fighter aircraft of World War II.

Also created that day were the 165th Fighter (Utility Flight) Squadron; 165th Weather Station, Type "A"; Headquarters Detachment, 223rd Air Services Group; and Detachment "A," 223rd Air Services Group. Other units would be created over the ensuing years, but these few were the first for the 123rd.

By Feb. 1, 1949, the wing already was beginning to demonstrate its standard of excellence when several pilots from the 165th were asked to fly in formation at the inauguration of President-elect Harry S. Truman.

Other significant events that occurred in February:

•1976: Reconnaissance missions for the KyANG continued as the very first of 24

RF-4C "Phantom II" aircraft arrived at Standiford Field and the 123rd began its conversion from the F-101 "Voodoo."

The Phantoms would become a type of trademark for the KyANG, as their bellowing vapors and exhaust flames could clearly be seen by motorists on the expressways.

During this period of the unit's history, onlookers sometimes lined the fence rail on Grade Lane just to watch the aircraft take off.

Others complained about the thunderous noise the Phantoms could produce upon takeoff.

•Then Col. Carl D. Black accepted the Tactical Air Command Flight Safety Plaque for the 123rd.

•1985: The Wing earned its fifth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, making it one of the most decorated units in the Air Force.

•1991: The Department of Defense an-

nounced that the KyANG would undergo another conversion, this time to the C-130 "H" model aircraft.

The radical conversion was set for April 1992.

•1992: A Kentucky C-130 crashed into a hotel and restaurant in Evansville, Ind., killing all five crewmembers.

On board the craft that day were pilot Maj. Richard Strang; co-pilot Capt. Warren Klingaman; navigator 1st Lt. Vincent Yancar; flight engineer Master Sgt. William Hawkins; and loadmaster Master Sgt. John Medley.

•1992: The KyANG began sending personnel to Bosnia as the ANG joined the humanitarian relief effort.

•1994: During Operation Provide Promise, a Kentucky native and Guard member, Lt. Col. Rick Ash, was selected to command the Delta Squadron, which controlled flight operations out of Rhein Main AB, Germany, and over Bosnia and the surrounding countryside.



KyANG historical archive

Kentucky's first aircraft were P-51 Mustangs like this one being refueled in 1954. Atop the plane is Capt. Bill Gast, who, a few years earlier survived a crash during takeoff at Standiford Field.