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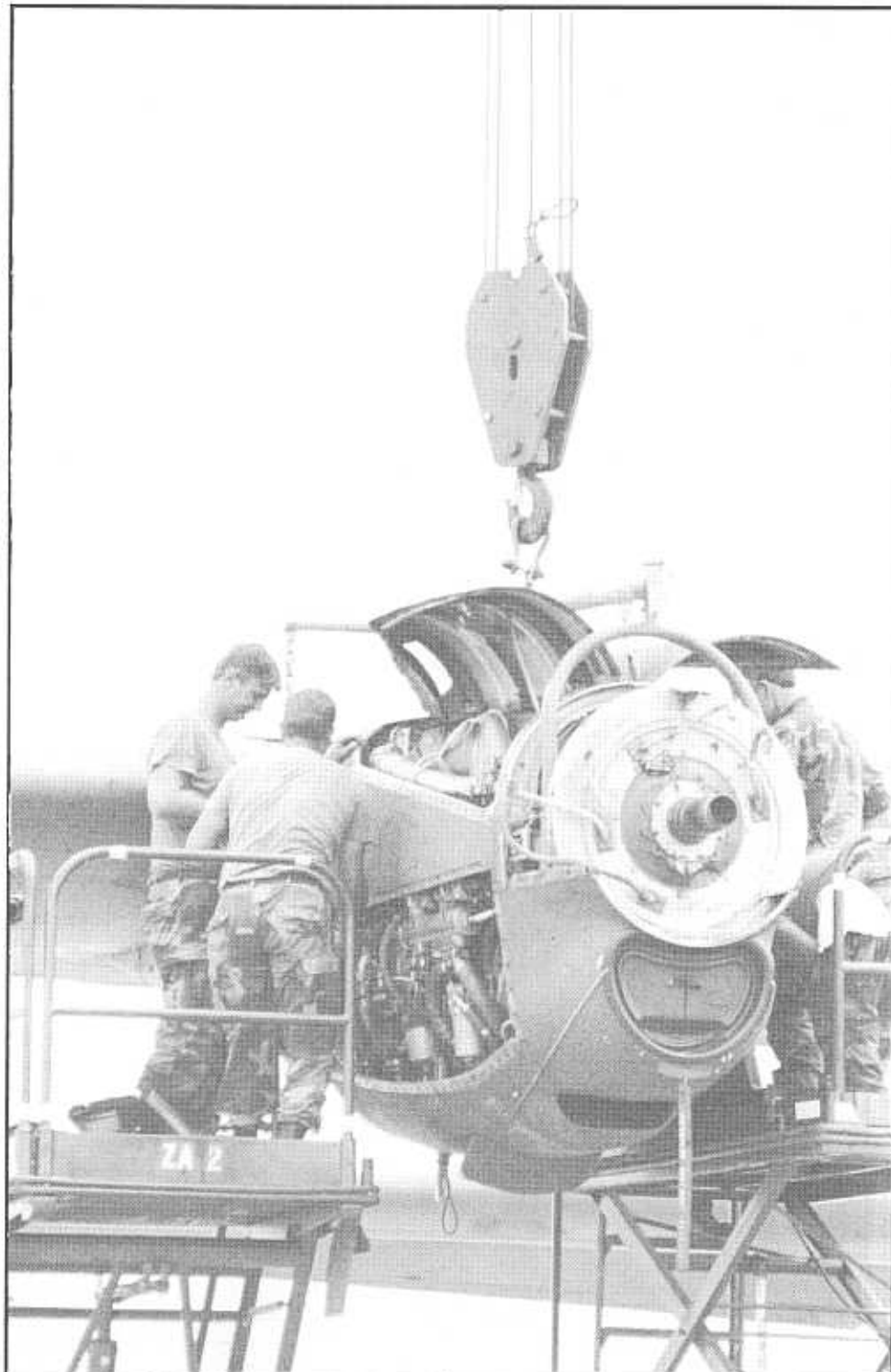
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# Commander's Column



**Brig. Gen. John L. Smith**  
Wing Commander

## Desert Shield Operations

An event occurred on 2 Aug 90, Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, that has since had a significant impact on our operation and will continue to impact us for an extended period of time. I am very proud to say that our unit has stepped forward and supported this operation in an exemplary manner. As this operation continues we will need the support of many others if we are to do our share of the tasking being levied down.

To date we have a number of people who have volunteered for various duties in support of Desert Shield; their locations vary from CONUS to OCONUS and the area of operations. It is important to note, volunteered, they have not been mobilized. They are Guardsmen who have volunteered. It is through such actions by Guardsmen across this nation that has minimized

the Presidential 200K callup. It is the intent to continue to support this operation in this fashion.

I want to point out that for those who are not directly involved it is important that we pick up and fully support those mission and operations that continue in addition to Desert Shield. If this cannot be done through volunteers then we all face the potential for call up.

As C-130B airlifters we are being asked to increase our support to Volant Oak, Guard Lift, Rotators, and can expect to assume some of the MAC channel missions in the near future. To do this means a unit effort not individual effort. It will take a total team effort for us to meet this operational requirement.

The bottom line is that's why we are here. You've done a superb job and I know each and every one of you will, when asked, give some time and be an active participant in our mission. Participation will keep our operation in Louisville with our families. Have a great day.

# Chaplain's Column

## Successful leadership tips

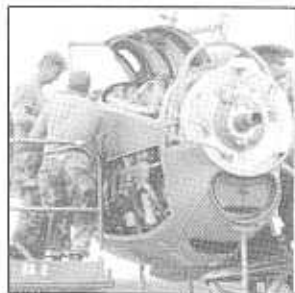
By Chaplain (Capt) Thomas Curry

Leadership is a task for all of us, in one place or another. Some provide leadership in the military, the community, on the job and in the home.

Here are some tips for successful leadership from Dale Carnegie:

- Give honest praise and appreciation.
- Be careful to call attention to peoples' mistakes indirectly.

- Talk about your own mistakes before criticizing the other person.
- Ask questions instead of giving direct orders.
- Praise the slightest improvement and praise every improvement.
- Give the other person a fine reputation to live up to.
- Use encouragement. Make the fault seem easy to correct.
- Make the other person happy about doing the things you suggest.



Maintenance crews install engine during Annual Field Training. See Page 5 for story.

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# Mideast Update

## Operation Desert Shield

### KyANG provides vital support

By Maj. Toby Harrell  
Asst. Public Affairs Officer  
and TSgt. Jenny Montgomery  
Editor

Activation, call-up, deployment. These are words that have been in the minds of many Reservists in the past few weeks.

Flying in support of Operation Desert Shield, members of the KyANG have hauled tons of cargo to various stateside bases. The unit has had many people volunteer for various duties, ranging from tours within the United States to tours overseas.

In fact, as of Sept. 11, the KyANG logged more than 1,500 extra mandays. The unit has flown 137 sorties, consuming 384 hours of flight time. Once the 165th Tactical Airlift Squadron crews deliver the cargo, longer range strategic airlifters take the material to its ultimate destination.

Lt. Col. Michael Harden, commander of the 165th TAS, said the aircrews have already enjoyed the intense flying his unit has done. "The guys really feel a sense of accomplishment," Colonel Harden said. While not getting much local training accomplished, the aircrews are glad to be contributing to the Middle East effort and getting away from the routine of simulated assaults and air drops.

Colonel Harden stressed that morale of all the aircrews is high. Despite the long duty days and time away from home, there has been "no grumbling. Everybody is highly motivated."

The loadmasters and flight engineers deserve a special pat on the back, Colonel Harden said. The C-130s are flying many hours away from home base and the engineers have worked hard keeping the airplanes in good shape. And once the Hercules transport planes are on the ground, it is the loadmasters' job to get the cargo on or off quickly

and safely. Combine the long days, large cargo loads and the summer heat on an airfield ramp, and the potential for an accident can be high.

Colonel Harden also is glad to have some experienced "MAC types" on hand. The squadron commander said Maj. Scott Bietry has been invaluable during the recent operations. Major Bietry, who flew C-130s on active duty, knows the MAC system. "He knows who to call, when to call and how to call them. His experience has been a big help."

To keep the planes in the air during such intense flying conditions has required a great deal of effort from the maintenance crews also. Each sortie flown has two crew chiefs on board, said Col. Austin "Pete" Snyder, deputy commander for maintenance. There were many days when crews worked around the clock to support the added mission requirements, he added. This support has included the use of both the technician workforce and traditional guardsmen. **Cont. on Page 4**

### Troop deployment nears third month

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The massive U.S. military airlift of more than 100,000 U.S. troops to Saudi Arabia began its second month Sept. 7.

Air crew and support personnel from Strategic Air Command deployed to the area Aug. 11 to form and support an air bridge over the Atlantic.

SAC's tanker fleet has performed more than 3,000 refuelings and more than 2,000 sorties with 10,000 tanker flying hours and 6,000 passengers hauled. In addition, there has been no degradation of alert commitments, SAC officials said.

In Military Airlift Command, officials say the airlift to the Middle East is running at a pace equivalent to the height of the Vietnam War. The command's fleet of airlifters have flown more than 2,500 missions, carrying in more than 130 million pounds of cargo

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### ANG director voices appreciation

By Maj. Gen. Philip Killey  
Director, Air National Guard

As you may be aware, the past few weeks have been hectic and full of change for the nation, the active military, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Air National Guard. I appreciate your support, patience and understanding as we voluntarily participate in the execution of Operation Desert Shield.

The use of volunteer Air National Guard forces has allowed our president to direct an aggressive and flexible response to the very unpredictable and fast moving situation in Southwest Asia. Most importantly, it has allowed us to keep our mobilization options open. As we all know, mobilizing the Guard and Reserve

sends an escalation signal that must be used not only at the right time militarily, but also at the right time politically. Use of your forces on a volunteer basis has allowed the president that flexibility.

Please pass the following message to all your ANG units who have men and women in a volunteer status:

"You are playing a very important role in our national security. Whether

you are flying or supporting vital air refueling and airlift missions, or are utilized in a standby status to keep options open to the president, your role is significant and I commend and thank you. Please pass to your family and loved ones my heart felt thanks for their understanding during this period. Warm regards."

# Mideast Update

## 123d TAW crews log 384 hours

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Along with maintaining the increased flying requirements, many individuals in the KyANG have volunteered their expertise in support of Desert Shield in areas ranging from mobile aerial support to disaster preparedness. The unit has spent \$49 thousand in travel and per diem and \$76 thousand in supplies and equipment for Desert Shield.

The Air National Guard makes up 35 percent of the Air Force's tactical airlift capability, so every Air National Guard unit counts. With the morale, motivation and ability shown by the KyANG, there is no doubt the goods will be delivered on time, on target. Activated, called up or deployed are terms that really do not affect the KyANG. The bottom line is getting the job done.

## Postal Service, VA prepare to assist

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and more than 93,000 people. "We're averaging about 75 flights a day into the area," a spokesman said.

The 12-ounce restriction on mail to APO and FPO addresses in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf was lifted Sept. 7. The military postal support system in Saudi Arabia and sufficient airlift capabilities are now in place to handle the increased volume of mail.

All classes of mail up to the maximum weights allowed is being accepted. Currently, it takes about seven days for first class mail to reach Saudi Arabia.

On the health-care front, the nation's largest health-care system -- Veterans Administration Hospitals -- is ready to accept military people if hostilities break out in the Middle East.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Ed-

ward J. Derwinski announced that VA's plan as a backup to military hospitals is in place.

"We are standing by with equipment, supplies and the resources of our medical system if the need arises," he said.

VA's backup plan has been in place since legislation was passed in 1982 establishing the VA-Department of Defense Contingency Hospital System, but this is the first time the plan has been activated.

Under the plan, VA Medical Centers serve as the primary backup DoD Hospital System in time of overseas conflict or a national emergency. Currently, all VA Hospitals have been designated to accept casualties.

To help keep Desert Shield troops up-to-date on world events, Armed Forces Radio and TV service officially went on the air in the Middle East Sept. 14. People deploying should bring FM radios to receive AFRTS transmissions.

# Legal Brief

## New regulation covers fraternization, sets guidelines

By Lt.Col. Gary Napier  
Legal Officer

Air Force Regulation 35-62 became effective on 16 April 1990. This regulation expresses the official Air Force Policy on Fraternization.

First, the regulation defines fraternization as follows: "Fraternization. Personal relationships between officers and enlisted members which violate the customary bounds of acceptable behavior in the Air Force constitute fraternization and must be avoided."

This regulation expresses the reason for the new policy. "Inappropriate familiarity can result in or create the appearance of favoritism, preferential treatment or impropriety. Such relationships degrade morale and discipline and must be avoided.

"Personal relationships between Air Force members become matters of official concern when they adversely affect morale, discipline or mission accomplishment."

In regard to the propriety of relationships between officer and enlisted members the regulation reads:

"It follows that officers do not date enlisted members or share their off-base living quarters, personal vacations, or weekend trips with enlisted members. Officers do not attend social gatherings, gamble with or frequent clubs, bars or theaters on a personal, social basis with enlisted members."

However, the regulation also provides "reasonable accommodations of married couples and related members may be appropriate."

Is this inconsistent? Perhaps! There

are many unanswered questions and gray areas about this new regulation. However, one thing is abundantly clear: we have a new policy that attempts to eliminate any "inappropriate fraternization" which may result in or "creates the appearance" of favoritism or impropriety.

Does this new policy have teeth? The regulations states:

"The full spectrum of administrative actions, including, but not limited to, counseling, reprimand, removal, demotion, loss of NCO status, adverse comments in performance reports and processing for administrative separation, are also available as corrective tools. Instances of actual favoritism, partiality, or misuse of grade or position may also constitute violations of the UCMJ, as does fraternization, and can result in punitive action.

# Safety

## Planning can increase survival from unexpected fire

By Sgt. Lennie Wheeler,  
KyANG Fire Rescue Services

A fire starts in your house, late at night. In 30 seconds, a dropped match can become a fire burning out of control.

The heat is intense, the super-heated air scorches your lungs. The fire's thick black smoke gushes through your house. It's so dark you can't find your way through your own room. The fire's toxic gases put your family into a deeper sleep. They don't wake up to hear the fire raging outside their door.

Only minutes have gone by since the fire started and it's too late to escape.

Every year 6,000 Americans die in

fires. Many of these deaths could be prevented with proper pre-fire planning. The use of smoke detectors is essential in detecting a fire in its early stages, and allowing your family time to safely escape. A pre-planned escape route with a back-up route and lots of practice drills will help to reduce the panic and confusion during an actual emergency.

We hope you never experience the horror and tragedy that fire brings, but if you are prepared and have your pre-fire plans in order, your chances of survival will be greatly enhanced.

If you would like to learn more about pre-fire planning in your home, please call the Kentucky Air Guard's rescue technical services department.

## Fire Prevention Week

By Sgt. Lennie Wheeler  
KyANG Fire Rescue Services

Way back in 1922 the National Fire Protection Agency realized the need for a combined national effort to educate the public in fire prevention and fire safety. That was when President Warren G. Harding proclaimed fire prevention week. This tradition is still honored today.

Every year fire departments across the nation work toward that one week in October when they can have the public's interest. Their efforts are focused on educating the public in ways to prevent/survive fires. Many of today's efforts are directed toward children through their schools with the hopes that good habits are developed at an early age and carried into adulthood.

We at the Kentucky Air Guard Fire and Rescue agree with this idea and are recognizing Fire Prevention Week during the October UTA. Fire Prevention Kits will be available for everyone and we especially hope that those with children will take a Fire Prevention Kit home.

For more information on Fire Prevention Week or the free kits, call the Fire Department Technical Services office at Ext. 624.

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# Deployments

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## Civil engineers deploy to Spain

### Construction crews, firefighters receive valuable training

By Maj. Jeff Butcher,  
Public Affairs Officer

Sixty-two members from the Kentucky Air National Guard made a big success recently on their first visit to Zaragoza Air Base in Spain.

During mid-July the majority of them, 45, were part of the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron's construction group. These individuals were presented 25 different work orders, according to Maj. Jerry O'Hearn, troop commander. He said 19 of these were completed. Another 12 members were firefighters and the rest were support personnel.

"There were several jobs we knew going in we couldn't finish 100 percent," stated MSgt. Larry Walker, assistant operations superintendent. "One project had 20 different types of materials coming from several European countries. Some items weren't to be received until October."

"We obtained the type of experience that we just don't get at home station," said SMSgt. John Logsdon, operations superintendent. "Everything worked out positively. Over 75 percent of our people worked in their respective career fields. The remaining individuals, due to the specific work orders, had to fall back on their civilian job experience," Sergeant Logsdon pointed out.

This group is part of an on-going force structure within the ANG. It is called Prime Beef, or Base Emergency Engineering Force.

Sergeant Logsdon went on to explain, "Our advance party negoti-

ated out the various projects several months ago. Unfortunately part of the work orders were contingent on another ANG civil engineering unit preceding the 123rd. Their deployment was cancelled. This did cause some scheduling problems," he said.

The three-man advance team did the final negotiations with four projects having high priority for Zaragoza. The team consisted of Sergeant Logsdon, Sergeant Walker, assistant operations superintendent, and SMSgt. Richard Wilson, fire chief.

"We arrived Saturday afternoon, supervisors reviewed all job sites Sunday afternoon and we were ready to go to work at 0700 hours Monday," Sergeant Walker added.

"The Spanish were quite helpful, especially Mr. Jaime Castillo from the work control unit, Sergeant Logsdon remarked. "Obstacles did develop with unfamiliar tools, vehicles and channels of communication. When we didn't have the right tools, we made new one to complete the job. Or we pulled material out of salvage. It definitely gave us excellent training as we learned new work systems, meshing it all together for the final products."

Major projects included: base clinic -- parking lot grading, curbing, mortar work on the building and

painting; base service -- remodeling for civilian personnel move; arts and crafts -- drywall, electrical outlets for a new office; and munitions -- electrical, security and door weatherproofing.

The 12 firefighters also received valuable training on the world's largest fire truck, the P-15 and another version, the P-2. The KyANG is slated to receive two new P-2s in the near future. The KyANG had almost received enough training to become certified on the P-2 prior to their departure.

Col. Michael D. Miller, 406th group commander, said: "This is quite an impressive list for two weeks worth of work."

Colonel Miller suggested that this type of Air Guard work tells the story of what the Guard can do for us. It gives active duty members and civilians a much better appreciation of what guardsmen are capable of performing.

# KyANG units train in Michigan

## 1st wing deployment since conversion to tactical airlift

By TSgt Jeff Sansbury  
Public Affairs Office

Marking its first wing deployment as a tactical airlift force, the Kentucky Air National Guard brought its troops and planes last month to Phelps-Collins ANG Base for some annual training and combat readiness exercises.

About 350 members from selected units deployed to the combat training site near Alpena, Mich., for eight days in July. Seven C-130B cargo planes and a C-12 transport plane headed the deployment, proving clockwork precision in bringing the troops and supplies to the northern Michigan airbase, which sits along Lake Huron near the Canadian border.

Kentucky's 123d Tactical Airlift Wing served host to the 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment of the Army Reserve. Based at Scott AFB in Illinois, the soldiers delivered dozens of UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters for training of their own. Some units, like food services, integrated with their Air Guard counterparts.

"I had a real good week up there. For most of us, it was the first time we've spent an entire week together under the airlift mission," said Sgt Tyler Vincent, a supply specialist with the 123rd Resource Management Squadron and a former soldier of the Army Reserve. "If only for eight days, the inter-service training was invaluable. Some day, I know it'll pay off."

"There's just something about the airlift mission -- it allows the unit to blend together, unlike our old reconnaissance mission," added SrA Shawn Keller, also of the 123rd RMS and a former Marine Corps reservist. "Because we flew aboard our own air-

craft, from start to finish, it gives us a clear understanding of how air transport works. It tends to make things gel."

During the final days of training, the 165th TAS and 123rd TAW competed for top in combat flying. The day-long evaluations included enemy avoidance skills, cargo drop zone accuracy, and takeoff and landing performance from dirt air strips.

The 165th TAS found better marks than the wing flyers, but in the final competition the following day, the Air Force advisor staff proved their teachings and experience were solid. Lt. Col. James Frazier was the command pilot for the advisors while Maj. John Britton lead the 165th.

But perhaps the KyANG's support units were unaware of the aircrew war games -- elsewhere on base, ancillary training took precedence over the remaining officers and enlisted members.

The small arms range allowed for training on the M-16 rifle and the .38 calibre pistol. For those who hadn't fired since Air Force basic training, the full size .56 calibre shell was new for M-16 marksmen. It required precise concentration and was fired at 100-yard targets.

And yes, it was very loud and it gave its shooters a moderate 'kick.'

On the other side of the base, instructors demonstrated the upgraded face masks for chemical warfare protection, and members practiced their life saving skills.

Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, the 123rd wing commander, was pleased with the Alpena deployment and said it showed balance and completeness.

"It wasn't intended for all 1,200 members (KyANG), but it was proportionate among the wing units, and it did provide everything we anticipated," the general said. "We met our goal."

Phelps Collins is one of four combat training sites of the Air National Guard. It covers more than

600 acres and is used by active and reserve forces of all branches of service, all year-round.

Named in honor of Capt. Phelps Collins, the first U.S. aviation casualty of World War I, the base opened in 1939 to serve as an Army indoctrination camp for soldiers headed for Europe. When World War II and the Korean War ended, the Air National Guard was handed the base in 1953, said SMSgt. David Penn, who is permanently assigned to the medical readiness training section at Phelps Collins.

The base can accommodate virtually any mission and will accept any aircraft except the B-1 and B-52 bombers. It also has an underground military hospital that is fully operational, said Sergeant Penn.

"The base is extremely useful for our purpose. It provides excellent navigational challenges," explained Col. John Greene, the 123rd's deputy commander for operations. "It offered lots of coastlines, forests and good terrain, though it lacked the rolling hills we were hoping for."

During the combat flying exercises, members of the wing and squadron intelligence units provided simulated threat briefings and counter tactics for KyANG aircrews.

Maj. Jerry Yankee, the 123rd's chief intelligence officer, briefed members on enemy weapons systems and their capabilities. With its resources and training, the unit can advise troops on the people, power and political science of enemy forces.

"Information is sometimes the only weapon against enemy threat," explained 1st Lt. Don Stevenson, an intelligence officer assigned to the 165th TAS. "Aside from the tactical power, intelligence can be the single greatest asset."

Even during training exercises, added Major Yankee, the mock scenario requires detailed briefings.

"In the end," he said, "that's why we came here."

# Health Update

## Coronary heart disease -- America's #1 killer

Submitted by Capt. David Granstrom  
Health Promotions Coordinator

Coronary heart disease -- CHD -- remains the number one killer of Americans.

High blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and smoking are the three major modifiable risk factors for CHD; the first two risk factors can be altered/changed in part by diet. Many Americans consume a diet high in fat, saturated fat, cholesterol,

calories and sodium. More than 50 percent of adults have blood cholesterol levels that put them at increased risk for CHD; 25 percent are at especially high risk because of their high blood cholesterol levels. Thirty percent of adults have high blood pressure.

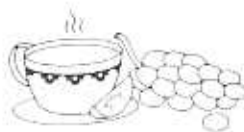
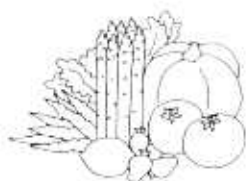
Scientists have shown that cutting down on total fat -- especially saturated fat -- as well as cholesterol will help reduce high blood cholesterol levels. They also recommend

that people with high blood pressure cut back on excess sodium. It is also apparent that cutting out excess calories, along with increasing physical activity, will help reduce obesity, which in turn helps reduce high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol levels.

The public, however, is not sure how to make diet changes -- which foods to choose and which to eat less frequently -- to be consistent with dietary guidelines. A logical place to help them is at the point where they buy food. The Stay Young at Heart Program promotes heart-healthy food choices while eating away from home, and makes people aware of foods they can prepare at home. The program is based on sound nutrition principles stated in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's joint publication, "Nutrition and Your Health ... Dietary Guidelines for Americans." The guidelines are:

- \* Eat a variety of foods
- \* Maintain desirable body weight
- \* Avoid too much fat, saturated fat and cholesterol
- \* Eat foods with adequate starch and fiber
- \* Avoid too much sugar
- \* If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

### Choosing Low-Fat, Low-Cholesterol Foods





# News

## Ceremony rededicates local Vietnam Memorial

### NCOAGA needs volunteers for parade, displays

The KyANG Noncommissioned Officers Academy Graduates Association will participate in a Rededication of the Vietnam Memorial at the Southwest Government Center on Dixie Highway here in Louisville on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The following day, November 11, is Veteran's Day, originally known as Armistice Day. A national holiday, this day is set aside to honor those who have served in all American wars.

The ceremonies for the rededication will also include representatives from veteran's groups, the United States Army, Army National Guard and the county judge. A flyover of C-130s and Army National Guard helicopters is also planned.

There will be a parade beginning at 10 a.m. The NCOAGA is seeking volunteers to march in the parade, as representatives of the Kentucky Air National Guard. Parade assembly will

be at 9 a.m., Dixie Manor Shopping Center. The Rededication Ceremonies begin at 2 p.m., in front of the Memorial. People who want to volunteer should contact SMSgt. Jim Kessler at Ext. 436 or SSgt. Elke Adams at Ext. 648.

Static displays will also be set up in Levy's parking lot near the Memorial. Tentatively the Combat Control Team, Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, Disaster Preparedness, Recruiting and the Hospital will have displays. Anyone else who would like a display, or would like to help in this area should contact Sergeant Kessler or Sergeant Adams.

"General Smith and the Adjutant General are very supportive of our involvement," said Sergeant Adams. "It's all voluntary."

## Air Force Chief of Staff addresses NAACP

Washington (AFNS) -- He couldn't think of a more appropriate occasion for his first address as Air Force Chief of Staff "because the Air Force and the NAACP share a common priority -- people."

"As an organization, however, we have different stated goals," said Gen. Michael J. Dugan, guest speaker at the 81st annual National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Convention's armed services and veterans affairs dinner at the Baltimore Hotel in Los Angeles.

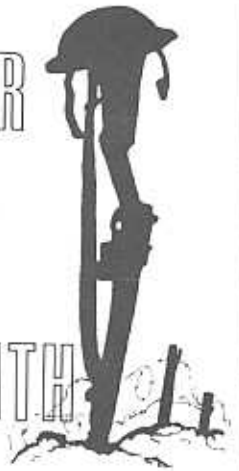
"The NAACP, for over 80 years, has dedicated itself to the concept of racial

justice for all Americans. The Air Force, established as a separate service over 40 years ago, is dedicated national defense."

General Dugan sees the relationship between the Air Force and the NAACP as symbolic and complementary.

"The efforts of the NAACP directly benefit the Air Force," he said. "Dynamic NAACP programs which attack hatred, bigotry and poverty improve the fabric of our nation. A better society also means a better Air Force. This is because Air Force people are products of our society."

**ON THE  
11TH HOUR  
OF THE  
11TH DAY  
OF THE  
11TH MONTH  
IN 1918 . . .**



. . . World War I came to an end. Six hours earlier, an armistice had been signed.

For many years, this event was commemorated during Armistice Day, a national holiday. Armistice Day has evolved into Veterans Day, also celebrated on Nov. 11, which honors those who have served America in all wars.

## ⑥ Changes to Survivor Benefit Plan reduces premiums, adds coverage

By MSgt. Mary A. Peterson, USA  
American Forces Information Service

Recent changes make the Survivor Benefit Plan less expensive for most retirees and provide additional coverage when the beneficiary receives Social Security.

The formula for computing monthly premiums changed in April to a flat 6.5 percent of retirees' monthly pay. This change, said Tom Tower of DoD's Compensation Policy Office, should save money for most participants. "The old cost formula may be cheaper for those with low coverage," he said.

The Survivor Benefit Plan is an annuity program designed to provide the family up to 55 percent of monthly military retired pay after the retiree's death. Generally, the surviving spouse is a lifetime beneficiary until a remarriage. Children can be beneficiaries provided they are under age 23, unmarried and attending school.

The annuity falls when the surviving spouse reaches age 62. "For those spouses, the annuity could be reduced to no less than 35 percent of the retired pay on which SBP was selected," Mr. Tower said. "The spouse is expected to be eligible for Social Security payments at this time." With the recent change, retirees will be able to fill the gap by

purchasing a supplemental plan expected to be available in fiscal 1992, he said.

Mr. Tower expects premiums for supplemental coverage to be more costly than the basic plan premiums. "DoD subsidizes 40 percent of the basic survivor's benefit plan costs, but current law provides no subsidy for the supplemental coverage," he said. DoD is still working out the monthly premiums.

The decision to enroll in the Survivor Benefit Plan must be made at retirement and is irrevocable. There are plans, however, to have an open season during fiscal 1992 for retirees to enroll.

"There have been only two open seasons in the program's 18-year

existence," Mr. Tower said. This open season -- which Mr. Tower said may be the last -- will allow retirees to also increase their coverage. "Service finance centers will notify retirees of their options in advance of the open season."

The plan primarily provides financial support to retirees' spouses and families, but it also protects families of active duty military members who continue on active duty beyond the 20-year service mark.

These members receive free maximum plan coverage until they retire; should they die on active duty, Tower said, their survivors' monthly benefits are offset by the Department of Veterans Affairs' portion of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.



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# On This Date

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## September 22

National Hunting and Fishing Day

Before 21-year-old patriot Nathan Hale is hanged by the British as a spy, he utters the famous, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country," 1776.

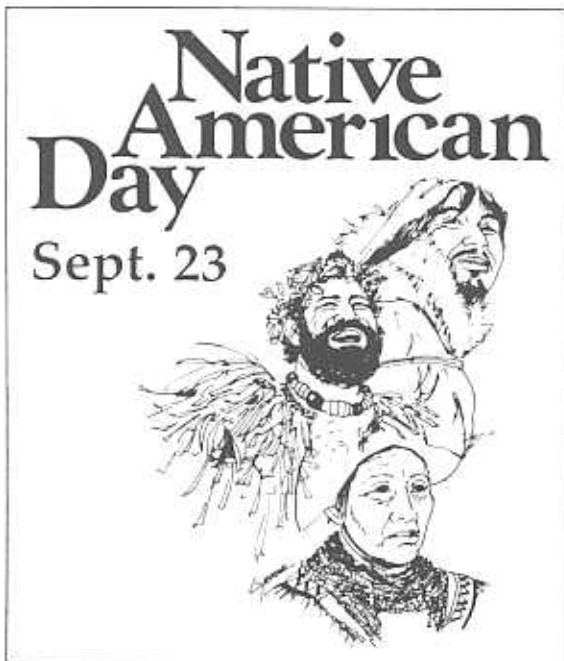
Office of Postmaster General established, 1789.

## September 23

First day of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere and first day of spring in the Southern Hemisphere, 11:55 a.m. EST

Former Marine Gene Tunney defeats Jack Dempsey to win world heavyweight boxing championship, 1926.

John Paul Jones, his ship heavily damaged off the coast of England, refuses to surrender, telling the British ship's captain, "Sir, I have not yet begun to fight." Jones and his men go on to capture the British ship and win the battle, 1779.



## September 24

U.S. Supreme Court created, 1789.

Babe Ruth plays his last game with the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium, 1934.

## September 25

First American newspaper published in Boston in 1690. The *Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick* is declared offensive and suppressed after one issue.

U.S. Congress meets in New York and adopts 12 amendments to the Constitution. The first 10 become known as the Bill of Rights, 1789.

## September 26

Battle of Yorktown, last combat of the Revolutionary War, begins, 1781.

Battle of Meuse-Argonne begins. Germans retreat and surrender on Nov. 11, 1918.

*Abbey Road*, Beatles' last album, released, 1969.

## September 27

Marines conquer a Japanese stronghold in Palau Islands in a decisive World War II battle, 1944.

The first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean liner occurs when the steamship *Arctic* sinks with 300 people aboard, 1854.

## September 28

Two U.S. Army planes land in Seattle, Wash., having completed the first round-the-world flight (elapsed time, 175 days), 1924.

## September 29

Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)

U.S. War Department establishes a Regular Army with a strength of several hundred men, 1789.

## September 30

Gold Star Mother's Day

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy dedicated, 1943.

Last day of federal fiscal year.

# Briefs

## Vacancy in Disaster Preparedness

The Recruiters are looking to fill a vacancy in the Disaster Preparedness Career Field.

If you are interested in retraining into the 242X0 area, contact the Recruiting Office at Ext. 422. They will be filling this position from within the Kentucky Air National Guard.

## Promotions

### To MSgt:

Harold E. Farmer, 123d CES  
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Patrick J. Fields, 123d CES  
Jerry W. Green, 123d CES  
Anthony J. Hettinger, 123d CES  
Michael J. Walters, Wea Flt

### To TSgt:

Deborah D. Cox, 123d MSS  
Michael K. Smith, 123d SPF  
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### To SSgt:

Lotus J. Austin, 123d SPF  
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Emmitt Gabbard Jr., 123d SPF  
John D. Green, 123d CES  
Delano J. Jewell, 123d SPF  
Katrina Kerberg, 123d RMS  
Keith A. White, 123d RMS

### To SrA:

Angela D. Alvis, 123d SVF  
Coszetta E. Black, Tac Hosp  
Shannon D. Dossey, 123d CES  
Robert Heck Jr., 123d CES  
Archie L. Roberts, Tac Hosp

### To AIC:

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### To Amn:

Jimmy D. Childress, 123d SPF  
Steven B. Copas, 123d SPF  
Ronald A. Schmitz, 123d CES  
Darren B. Stinnett, 123d MAPS

## Support mail for Operation Desert Shield

If you would like to send mail to service members involved in Operation Desert Shield, the Postal Service has provided addresses. Mail is a major morale booster to troops who are away from their families and especially to those who do not have a family to receive mail from.

To contact a ground troop, such as the Army, Air Force or Marines, mail to:

**Any Service Member  
Operation Desert Shield  
APO New York 09848-0006**

To contact a service member aboard a ship, mail to:

**Any Service Member  
Operation Desert Shield  
FPO New York 09866-0006**

These addresses should not be used to contact a specific person. If the person's address in Saudi Arabi is not yet know, mail letters to the person's last known address and it will be forwarded. Mail takes from seven to 12 days.

## Editor's Note

The staff would like to apologize for any inconvenience caused by **The Cargo Courier** not being published for the August UTA. This was due in part to the Editor's attendance at the NCO Academy.

It is a pleasure to note however, that **The Cargo Courier** was missed which was evident from the numerous inquiries about the "missing issue."

Your support and continued readership is greatly appreciated.  
TSgt. Jenny Montgomery  
Editor

## THANKS

When you're in the Air Guard, you're one of the things America gives thanks for this time of year. Particularly for your efforts in defending this country. So thanks. And keep up the good work.



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AMERICA'S SKIES.**