

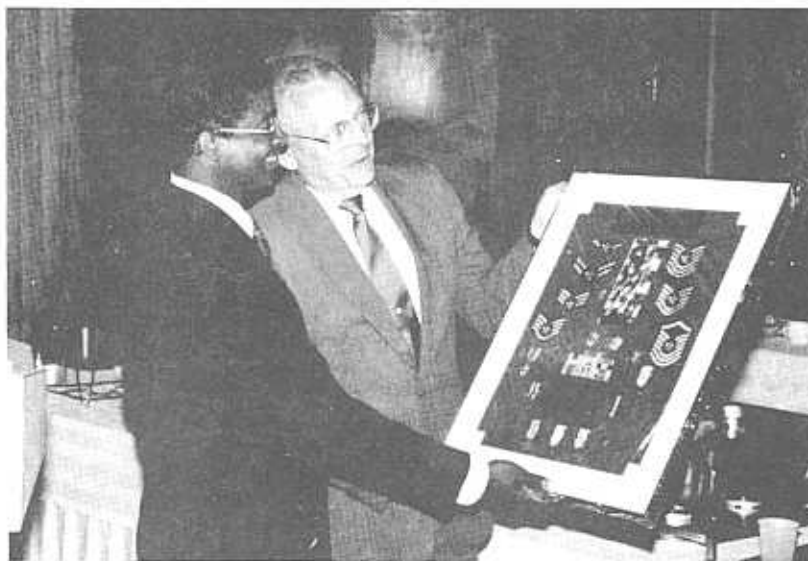
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Hornung bids farewell, is sorely missed



KyANG photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dave Tinsley

Capt. Dennie Lewis, left, joined Col. Ed Hornung last month in looking back at 37 years with the Kentucky Air National Guard. Hornung enlisted as an airman basic, saving every rank and medal throughout his career. See the colonel's tribute on Page 4 of this month's Cargo Courier.

Guard, Reserve get ARC help

The American Red Cross' "Employment Skills Assistance Project" is financially helping National Guard and Reserve veterans of Desert Shield and Desert Storm hone their job skills.

Qualified Guard veterans will receive up to \$175 to use for resume writing, interviewing, communications skills and job-hunting workshops, as well as for vocational, technical and skill-building courses.

Personnel who supported the war stateside also may be eligible for this one-time-only grant. Either the service member or spouse may apply, and dual-service-member families, where both were activated, may both apply.

Full-time guardsmen, reservists and recruiters are not eligible. DoD is funding the program with a \$13.5 million grant. Eligible members can get more information by calling the Red Cross.

50th anniversary bases

Air Force bases that were established during 1942

Laughlin AFB, Texas -- Named in honor of 1st Lt. Jack Thomas Laughlin, who died when his B-17 bomber aircraft was shot down over Java. He was the first of nearby Del Rio, Texas, residents to die in World War II.

Grissom AFB, Ind. -- Originally a Navy base, it was named in honor of Lt. Col. Virgil "Gus" Grissom, an original astronaut who, with two other astronauts, died in a fire aboard an Apollo spacecraft at the Kennedy Space Center.

Peach State stands ready for AFT

By Tech Sgt. Jeff Sansbury
Cargo Courier Editor

Hundreds of Kentucky Air National Guardsmen arrive today in Savannah, Ga., to begin a week of annual training in the Deep South.

Of the newest equipment to be tested: some of the 10 new C-130H cargo planes which bring the unit's fleet to a full strength of 12. Members of the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing and the 165th Tactical Airlift Squadron are leaving Standiford Field and carrying aircraft maintenance personnel, supply specialists, medical technicians and other selective units to the Air National Guard's combat readiness training center in southeast Georgia.

While dozens of flying sorties are scheduled most days, ground personnel can expect proficiency training in combat arms, chemical warfare survival and physical fitness. The Savannah training site is one of three ANG bases that contain such facilities to train reserve flying units.

The base is well-known to KyANG veterans and has served the unit for decades. During alternate years the unit has deployed to Gulfport, Miss., Alpena, Mich., and U.S. bases overseas.

Personnel will be housed on base while some members are bringing their families for an extended vacation. The area offers superb coastal resorts at nearby Charleston, S.C., Hilton Head Island and Augusta, Ga. Those driving can expect about 15 hours of mountains, swamplands and plenty of warm autumn breezes.

Commander's Column



KyANG proud to serve in hurricane relief effort

This article is being written as I am sitting on the ramp at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina, waiting for a load of hurricane-relief cargo to be transported to Homestead, Fla. It feels good to be back on the road again.

We received the last of our 12 new C-130H aircraft on schedule Saturday, 29 August, and the next day we were pressed into action. A call came in at 1030 hours Sunday, asking for four aircraft to support the hurricane relief effort. We contacted 24 volunteer crewmembers by noon and were airborne with the first two aircraft by 1500, while the second two aircraft departed shortly thereafter.

Early in the week we transported the first group of security police and engineers into Homestead AFB to secure the base and evaluate the extent of damage. It feels good to be using our new aircraft in this massive relief effort.

Back home the airport expansion project is showing progress. We had the ground-breaking ceremony for the new east parallel runway, and renovation has started on the old avionics building. We expect the contract to be given on the new operations and training facility this month and construction to begin in October of this year. Contracts on the new hangar complex and the temporary MAPS building will be prepared in November.

My hat is off to all of you who have

pitched in to keep our base looking good while we are waiting for construction of the new facilities to begin.

We have a new commander at the Airlift Mobility Command, Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman. General Fogleman replaced Gen. H. T. Johnson as commander of the Transportation Command and Airlift Mobility Command in change of command ceremonies at Scott AFB, Ill., on 25 August.

After the ceremony, General Johnson expressed to me how much he enjoyed being with us during the arrival ceremony of our first new C-130H aircraft, and how impressed he was with the men and women in our unit. He could see the pride in each of you and he thinks we will be one of the leading C-130 units in the Air Force.

Many of you have expressed to me how proud you are to be a member of the Kentucky Air National Guard, and how good you feel about the changes taking place. I certainly appreciate your encouraging comments and your kind support. Let's keep improving our attitudes and morale, and it will be hard for us to fail.

One of the things that we could work on to improve our image is dress and appearance. Some of you have become a bit lax during this period of transition. Let's take a closer look at our uniforms and grooming standards so that we can show the pride we feel.



Col. Stewart R. Byrne
Wing Commander

Awards & Decorations

Kentucky Merit Ribbon

Lt. Col. Patricia Horsey

Meritorious Service Medal

Master Sgt. James Swanner Jr.
Master Sgt. Walter Tinsley
Maj. Donald Sedlacek

Bronze Star Medal

Maj. Donald Sedlacek

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Advisory panel created to hear KyANG matters

By Senior Master Sgt. Harris Borland
KyANG Advisory Panel Chairman

Comments, ideas and suggestions; we all have them. Now we have a way to share them with those in command.

How many times have you said to yourself, "If I were in charge, this is how I would do things to improve the Guard?"

The adjutant general's office in Frankfort has developed the Kentucky Air National Guard NCO/Airman Advisory Panel. This panel, consisting of NCOs from various units, meets quarterly to consider your recommendations on how to better serve KyANG enlisted personnel.

Morale, comfort, safety and equality for each guardsman are but a few topics addressed by the panel. The panel was not developed to serve as a "gripe hotline," but relevant comments will be considered and presented to the assistant adjutant general of the ANG.

Most of us do not have immediate

access to command-level personnel. Our senior enlisted advisor, Chief Master Sgt. Martin Anderson, is working to provide these avenues to individuals who need personal assistance or who have recommendations to make the KyANG better.

The panel is an easy way to let your voice be heard. Just obtain an AGO Form 24-5 from your orderly room, fill it out and return it to any panel member. You may also mail it to:

KyANG NCO/Airman Advisory Panel, Hq KyANG, Boone NG Center, Frankfort, KY 40601-6168.

The panel is designed to help all enlisted members. If you recognize a problem and bring it to the attention of your command, you may be helping others as well as yourself.

The adjutant general's office is sincerely concerned about your well-being. Please let your voice be heard. If you have any questions about this panel, please refer to KyANG regulation 45-9.

As new aircraft arrive, deadline nears for training

Aircrew proficiency upgrading at the Kentucky Air National Guard is moving forward at a rapid pace as new C-130H aircraft arrived here in late August. All 12 aircraft are to be in place and flying sorties this month, said Col. Stewart Byrne, the KyANG wing commander, in a special briefing to the adjutant general last month.

The conversion has had two phases of training. First, a basic course encompassing academics, simulator and actual flight training (four flights). Phase II evaluates mission readiness. This portion involves everything in combat training, such as personnel drops and cargo airdrops to designated drop zones.

Maj. William Ketterer, from the training and stan/eval branch here, explained that instructors have been in a continuous training mode for quite some time. Ketterer also attributed maintenance personnel with a superb performance in enabling the 165th Tactical Airlift Squadron at Standiford Field to have the necessary aircraft available to meet its training goals.

"Safety has been paramount in all we do," he stated.

Memorial built for Korean vets

A memorial honoring Korean War veterans will be completed by 1995, the 42nd anniversary of the armistice. The memorial will be located on the Washington Mall, across the reflecting pool from the Vietnam War and Lincoln memorials. The Korean War took the lives of 36,437 Americans; 103,284 were wounded and 8,177 are declared missing in action. Of 7,140 taken prisoner, 2,701 died in captivity.

Groundbreaking set for women's war memorial

Courtesy of Air Force News Service

The design for the Women in Military Service Memorial has been approved and groundbreaking is set for November 1993. The memorial, to be built at the entrance of Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, will honor women who served throughout America's history, from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm.

A feature of the memorial will be a computer database that documents the stories of women who served. Servicewomen, veterans or their dependents can call 1-800-I-SALUTE to re-

ceive further information on registering in the database.

Retired Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught is heading up the fund-raising drive for the memorial. According to Vaught, \$12 million must be raised before next year's groundbreaking. She urged all Americans, men and women, to call the toll-free number and contribute to the project.

Says Vaught, "The Women in Military Service Memorial will not only pay tribute to the 18 million women who served throughout our history, but will also create a lasting legacy for the generations to come.

Col. Hornung's address had wisdom, true merit

"Rather than look at one another, rather than looking at the unit as a whole, it's time to get back to basics."

A tribute by Lt. Col. Gary Napier
123rd Staff Judge Advocate

A great friend of the Guard retired from the unit after a distinguished 37-year career. Col. Ed Hornung wore every rank from airman basic to senior master sergeant, from captain to full colonel. He had been nearly everything to the Kentucky Air National Guard, from aircraft mechanic to deputy commander for support.

You might recall Col. Hornung's parting words to us. As he was awarded the Legion of Merit Award, he said, "We don't have to be number one."

What does this mean? Wasn't this troubling, as in all of our military careers we have heard and been pushed to be number one? Excel, excel, excel?

I personally was troubled. But then I reflected on what the colonel really said. He said two things:

"We don't have to be number one; be the very best you can be." Perhaps when the mind hears the first part of his message, the mind simply shuts down. It is contrary to our teaching.

But look closer. What did he mean, "Be the best you can be" in light of the first part of his quote, "We don't have to be number one?"

Perhaps what this distinguished soldier is telling us is to look inward. Perhaps what he is saying is that, rather than look at one another, rather than looking at the unit as a whole, it is time to get back to basics.

It's time for each of us to reflect upon ourselves, for each of us individually to rekindle integrity, honesty, com-

In True Blue style, Col. Hornung enjoyed the University of Kentucky boxer shorts given to him by Lt. Col. Thomas Marks Jr. during the farewell banquet last month.



KyANG photos by Senior Master Sgt. Dave Tinsley

Capt. Mike Dornbush, left, shared thoughts with retiring Col. Ed Hornung during a commander's call Aug. 2 that recognized the colonel's 37 years' service to the Kentucky Air Guard.

petence, professionalism and team spirit; all of those things that we seem to be looking for from this unit.

Perhaps the message is, the unit as a whole can never give us those things until we give those things to the unit.

Perhaps the message is, if we individually get our house in order, we will in time realize that we have become "number one."

Indeed, there was wisdom in Col. Hornung's words.



History of KyANG

123rd trades armed flights for cameras

By Tech Sgt. John Martin
123d Wing Historian

On Sept. 28, 1958, the Louisville Courier Journal ran a feature about the KyANG, entitled: "From Fighters to Spectators." The article explained how the unit was to be trained in unarmed aircraft -- a first in the 12-year history of the KyANG.

Instead of being a fighter unit, our mission would instead be focused upon reconnaissance, which would remain our primary function until January 1989.

During those 31 years as a TAC unit, the mission of the KyANG was to be the "eyes and ears" of the Air Force by using aerial photography for all branches of the armed services.

From Sept. 22-23, 1960, the KyANG sponsored the Air National Guard Regional Conference in Louisville. One hundred and twenty-three commanders from 12 states and the District of Columbia attended the conference.



Photo is from the KyANG historical archive

In 1960, Brig. Gen. Philip Ardery presented a bouquet of roses to the mother of Capt. John Shewmaker during dedication ceremonies here that changed the name of our base to Shewmaker ANG Base. In 1976 the FAA ordered the base renamed Standiford Field ANG Base. Shewmaker was a KyANG pilot who died in combat in 1951, while deployed to Korea with the Kentucky Guard's 165th Fighter Bomber Squadron. He is considered one of our first heroes.

On Sept. 7, 1966, Maj. Paul Nelson, Air Force advisor to the KyANG, was ordered to South Vietnam and placed on temporary combat orders for a period of no less than 60 days. His mission was to fly the RF-101 "Voodoo" aircraft on reconnaissance missions in South Vietnam.

The KyANG received notification on Sept. 20, 1988, that the unit would be redesignated as the 123d Tactical Airlift Wing, ending 31 years as a reconnaissance wing. The gaining com-

mand would be the Military Airlift Command from the former Tactical Air Command.

By the September UTA in 1990, the 123rd logged 384 flight hours and spent \$49,000 in travel per diems, with an additional \$76,000 spent on supplies and equipment in support of Operation Desert Shield. With the outbreak of hostilities in the Persian Gulf just 7 weeks prior, the Air Force ordered most ANG units to a high level of readiness in preparation of possible war.

Command Editorial

By Gen. Merrill A. McPeak
Air Force Chief of Staff

"When we think of the birth of the U.S. Air Force, we usually focus on Sept. 18, 1947, the day Executive Order 9877 defined our roles and Stuart Symington was sworn in as our first secretary.

But our genesis really occurred two months earlier, on July 26, when the National Security Act was signed into law. That law designated that a national military establishment, headed by a ci-

Air Force marks 45 years

vilian secretary of defense, provide unified direction of the armed services. It also provided for a third military department, the Air Force.

The Air Force was created largely as a result of airpower lessons learned during World War II. Over the past 45 years, we have demonstrated repeatedly the wisdom of forming a separate air arm within the Department of Defense. Today, we are building a new Air Force anchored firmly on the foundation laid 45 years ago, but tailored to

a mission for the '90s and beyond -- defense of the United States through control and exploration of air and space.

During these times of turbulence, it is well to remember that our heritage is rooted in a document -- the National Security Act -- that dramatically changed the organization of airpower and opened the door to the evolution of the world's finest air and space force."

Sutherland captures 1st place during 165th triathlon games

By Capt. Ralinda Gregor
Assist. Public Affairs Officer

With a wide lead, Mark Sutherland beat 12 other competitors in the 165th Tactical Airlift Squadron Triathlon held July 25 in New Albany, Ind.

Sutherland completed the 500-meter swim, 15-mile bike ride and 5K-run in 1:13:27. Second and third place was captured by Todd Tabb and Christopher Lowe with times of 1:15:07 and 1:17:12, respectively.

Sutherland, a 165th squadron pilot,

organized the event to enable KyANG members to compete in a shorter race than the triathlons held locally. He hopes to make it an annual event and attract more participants from outside the 165th.

A crew of spouses and 165th members marked the course, timed the competitors and handed out refreshments. The course followed a scenic route along New Albany's riverfront area, providing the competitors some visual relief from the high heat and humidity on race day.

Reenlistment bonus offered here

Time is running out for a new Air National Guard "bonus" program to aid the force structure realignment. It is designed to offer eligible members a strong incentive to retrain into hard-to-fill career fields. Sign up ends Sept. 30.

Under the program, called "Operation Internal Harvest," eligible enlisted members who retrain into critical AFSCs may receive a \$2,500 reenlistment bonus or participate in the Student Loan Repayment Program.

In certain cases, the eligible member will be able to receive the cash bonus and participate in SLRP.

The Air National Guard Readiness Center has identified critical AFSCs at each unit. Two categories have been established: skills currently filled between 86 percent and 89 percent of authorized strength; and those manned below 85 percent.

If an eligible member reenlists for six years and agrees to retrain into a field manned between 86 percent and 89 percent, they will receive the \$2,500 cash bonus or SLRP participation. If the member retrains into a career field below 85 percent, they will be eligible for both the cash bonus and SLRP.

Under Operation Internal Harvest,

an eligible member may reenlist now, regardless of the time remaining on their current enlistment contract. To be eligible for Operation Internal Harvest, a member must meet these eligibility requirements:

1. Agree to reenlist for six years, retraining into a critical AFSC.
2. Agree to attend formal technical training school, if required.
3. Have less than 10 years total military service (as of date of reenlistment) to be eligible for the cash bonus or less than 20 years total service to be eligible for SLRP.
4. Reenlist no later than Sept. 30, 1992.

According to Master Sgt. Jenny Montgomery, the Kentucky Air National Guard's career and education manager, there are 10 critical AFSCs to be filled under this program here. All but two AFSCs are eligible for both the bonus and SLRP. Under the SLRP, 15 percent of \$500 of an existing student loan is paid for by the government. Members eligible for SLRP can receive this payment annually on their reenlistment anniversary over the next six years.

Montgomery said personnel interested in the bonus should be aware that it is not a lump sum; it is paid in six annual installments on the member's reenlistment anniversary.

Officer, enlisted promotions

The following members are promoted in the Kentucky Air National Guard and as a reservist of the U.S. Air force. Congratulations for a job well done.

To Airman (E-2)

James Barker, 8123rd STUFD
Emmanuel Fowler, 123rd MAPS
James Parker, 8123rd STUFD
Todd Tingle, 8123rd STUFD

To Senior Airman (E-4)

James Bell Jr., 123rd RMS
George Garrett, 123rd COMMF
Robert Geary Jr., 123rd RMS
Kathleen Gregg, 123rd SRVSF
Hector Martinez, 123rd MAPS
Craig Smith, 123rd SPF
William Varney II, 123rd MAPS
Jeffrey Vincent, 123rd MAPS

To Staff Sgt. (E-5)

Dennis Brian, 123rd MAPS
Robert Brown Sr., 123rd RMS
Mark Schwab, 123rd TAW
Pamela Thomas, 123rd TAC HOSP
Tyler Vincent, 123rd RMS

To Tech Sgt. (E-6)

Walter Brewer, 123rd CAMS
Kenneth Shuler, 123rd RMS
John Staples, 223rd COMS

To Capt. (O-3)

Deborah Foster, HQ, KyANG
Patrick Wimsatt, 123rd RMS

To Lt. Col. (O-5)

Robert Cannon, HQ, KyANG
Daniel Wells, 123rd MSS

DoD meets hazardous waste goals early

By F. Peter Wigginton
American Forces Information Service

DoD has met its hazardous waste reduction goals one year ahead of schedule.

The department originally hoped to dispose of 50 percent of its hazardous waste between 1987 and 1992. However, according to data compiled by the Defense Environmental Management Information System, DoD hit the target at the end of 1991.

Further, recently released figures show disposal reached 53.9 percent, nearly 4 percent above projections. Even more encouraging, industrial-type facilities reduced hazardous waste by 63.5 percent during the reporting period. These facilities normally account for about 60 percent of all hazardous waste generated. They include shipyards, maintenance depots and air logistics centers.

Also significant is that these reductions occurred during the increased activities associated with Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. According to Tom Baca, this demonstrates that the department's pollution prevention investments are paying off. Baca is deputy assistant secretary of defense for environment.

"I am proud of the efforts that the department has made," Baca said. "The future is even brighter as we develop new technologies and processes leading toward the drastic reduction and elimination of the use of hazardous materials."


He noted the department has won two

Environmental Protection Agency awards. The agency presented one award to the Navy Exploratory Development Program, Warminster, Pa. It gave the other award to Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash.

EPA commended the Navy for developing a unioat paint, which reduces volatile organic compounds and hazardous waste by 67 percent. The new product permits a one-coat application instead of the traditional two primers and top coat operation. EPA lauded Fairchild for its comprehensive pollution prevention planning and implementation efforts.

The agency also named the Army Depot Systems Command, Chambersburg, Pa., a runner-up for an award because of its program to pool pollution prevention research and development among several depots.

Baca explained the reduction numbers are for all DoD installations in the United States that shipped hazardous waste off-site for treatment and disposal. Each service and the Defense Logistics Agency submit reports annually to Baca's office to report on their progress toward the reduction goal. Hazardous wastes tracked for the goal are based upon 1987 amounts.

In 1987, DoD reported a total of 174,000 tons of hazardous waste that had to be disposed. According to the new figures, 80,000 tons remain to be eliminated. 

165th's Young leaves AMS with high honor, top rating

Submitted by Lt. Col. Daniel Wells
Commander, 8123rd Student Flight

Before graduating from the Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson ANGB in Knoxville, 2nd Lt. Joel Young left a very favorable impression on the academy. At the July 29 awards banquet, Cadet Young was recognized for his many achievements.

Lt. Col. Rowan Bronson, the AMS commandant, announced the following

awards at the banquet on the evening prior to graduation. The Honor Squadron Award went to Cadet Young's cadet squadron. The award recognized "the squadron whose overall performance in academics, military professionalism and physical training was rated to be the best."

In addition to being a part of the best squadron at AMS, Cadet Young was recognized for three important personal accomplishments. First, one of the top

honors of the night, the Military Achievement Award, went to Cadet Young. This award recognizes "outstanding performance in personal inspections, military drill, military bearing and behavior."

He also received the AMS Physical Fitness Award, along with the Distinguished Graduate Award, presented to the top 10 percent of the class.

Young is now attending pilot training at Columbus AFB, Miss. After graduation from pilot training, he'll join the 165th Tactical Airlift Squadron at Standiford Field. Young was a senior airman prior to his commissioning.

World historical facts

It happened in September

SEP
01

Soviet jet fighter shoots down Korean airliner; 269 people killed, 1983.

SEP
02

Japan officials surrender to allies, ending World War II, aboard USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay, 1945.

SEP
03

Great Britain declares war on Germany following Germany's invasion of Poland, 1939.

SEP
04

Live transcontinental television begins, 1951.

SEP
05

Soviet Congress of People's Deputies votes to restructure the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics into a voluntary confederation of states, 1991.

SEP
07

Labor Day

SEP
08

Spanish expedition establishes first permanent European settlement in North America at what is now St. Augustine, Fla., 1565.

SEP
09

Congress authorizes first iron-hulled U.S. Navy ship, gunboat USS *Michigan*, 1841.

Two Japanese aircraft launched from a submarine bomb Oregon forests hoping to start forest fires, 1942.(thru Sept. 10).

SEP
11

Annapolis Convention issues call for a convention in Philadelphia to draft U.S. Constitution, 1786.(thru Sept. 14).

SEP
13

Congress picks New York City as site of U.S. capital, 1788.

SEP
14

Marines repulse Japanese forces in the Battle of Edson's Ridge on Guadalcanal, 1942.

SEP
15

Japanese submarine fires six torpedoes off the Solomon Islands; sinks aircraft carrier USS *Wasp* and a destroyer, damages battleship, 1942.

SEP
16

Three U.S. volunteer fighter squadrons flying with Great Britain's Royal Air Force — called the Eagle squadrons — become part of U.S. Army Air Force, 1942.

SEP
17

U.S. Constitution signed, 1787.

SEP
18

National POW/MIA Recognition Day

SEP
20

USS *Constitution* launched at Boston, 1797.

SEP
21

B-29 Superfortress makes its first flight at Seattle, Wash., 1942.

SEP
22

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

SEP
23

Brig. Gen. James Doolittle takes command of U.S. Twelfth Air Force in England, 1942.

SEP
24

U.S. Supreme Court created, 1789.