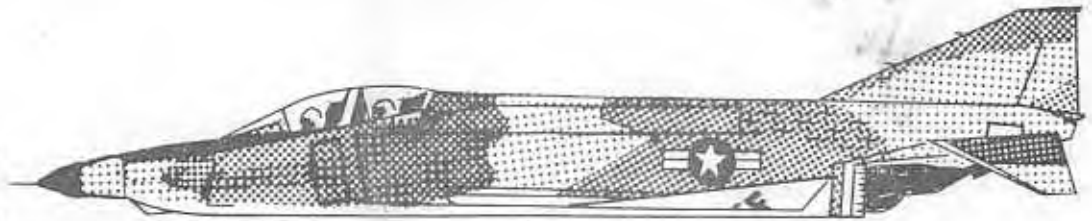




THE PHANTOM'S EYE



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DEPLOYMENT PLANS ANNOUNCED: Colonel Carl B. Black, the 123rd Tac Recon Wing Commander revealed today that the unit had reached the hard fought C-1 Combat Readiness Rating on 15 Aug. This rating resulted in an immediate request to National Guard Bureau Headquarters for a major deployment this fall and another one in the spring. Col. Black indicated that the unit has a 97-99 percent chance of picking up an assignment. NGB and Air Force Planners normally offer deployment exercise assignments to units which have recently attained the C-1 status. "I hope to know soon" if we have been selected, the wing commander said.

WING SETS NGB RECORD: The 165th Tac Recon Sq set an Air National Guard unit record last month in making the fastest conversion from a non-combat ready status to fully combat ready status in only a ten month period of time, according to Lt. Col. John Smith, wing deputy commander for operations. The task was accomplished between November 1976 and August 1977. The USAF standard calls for a one year block and some units have taken two years to accomplish the conversion.

"We were pretty fortunate in that the crews took time off from their personal jobs to go to school, Col. Smith said. Adding, "This personal sacrifice was very instrumental in setting the conversion record."

REUNION HUGE SUCCESS: The KYANG's 30th Anniversary Reunion held on Sunday August turned out to be an enormous success. A crowd estimated between 9,000 and 10,000 moved in and out of the base on a beautiful afternoon. Static displays of 34 aircrafts including 3 Mustangs were the highlight of the show. Colonel William P. Gast, chief of staff estimated that 40% of the crowd were present or past members of the unit, while 60% were guest interested in aviation and the mission our unit performs. All three Louisville television stations took film of the event and reported on their Sunday evening newcasts.

STAFF MEMBERS RENEW MEMORIES: Two members of the State Staff, Brig General Lawrence Quebbeman our Assistant Adjutant General for Air and Colonel William P. Gast got an opportunity to take a ride in the F-51 Mustang. Since both cut their eye teeth on the Mustang their feeling of exhilaration was almost beyond description. Both rode in the featured "Gunfighter" P-51.

ANNIVERSARY BOOK ORDERS NEEDED: Personnel who have not ordered their books, entitled "Mustangs to Phantoms 1947-77" are encouraged to place their orders before close of business on Sunday. The editorial staff will have to make a determination on the amount of copies which will be needed. The advanced sales will aid them and will save the buyer \$3.00. The publication price after this weekend will be \$15.00. Individuals are urged to stop by the state staff office in the O & T Building and check out the proof sheets. For more specific information personnel are being asked to call ext (on base) 12. The publication is expected to be available by the December UTA.

COMMANDER ON THE "HOT SEAT":...A new CCTV feature to start in October will be the opportunity for the members of the Kentucky Air National Guard to question the top Commanders about any item of information they would like to know more about. Colonel Carl Black, Air Commander has consented to sit on the "Hot Seat" and answer any and all questions that pertain to our unit. It's requested that all questions be sent to the IO (Information Office) and the questions will be answered on CCTV ..channel 4 during the next UTA. Please be brief and to the point regarding any question to be directed toward the Commander. If the question needs to be asked of other Commanders or General Bradley please indicate when submitting the material to the Information Office.

FASHION SHOW & DANCE POSTPONED: The 2nd Annual Children's Hospital Fashion Show & Dance sponsored by the women of the KyANG and scheduled for October 22nd has been postponed until early spring 1978.

ENLISTED PROMOTIONS: Congratulations to the following men and women on their promotions which were effective September 1st...

TO MSGT:	Paul Brooks	123rd CAM Sq
TO TSGT:	Kenneth E. Conner	123rd CAM Sq
	William T. Johnson	123rd CAM Sq
	Daniel B. Kennedy	123rd CAM Sq
TO SSGT:	James T. Bently	123rd CE Flt
	Larry T. Brannin	HQ123d CSGp
	Ralph F. Bronger, III	123rd CAM Sq
	James E. Brown	123rd CAM Sq
	William E. Buck	HQ 123d CSGp
	Frederick C. Burks	123rd CAM Sq
	Mark B. Hall	123rdCAM Sq
	Leonard E. Johnson, Jr.	HQ 123d TRWg
	James L. Kirby, II	123rd CAM Sq
	Lewis M. Lamberth Jr	HQ 123d CSGp
	Stephen H. Leslie	123rd CAM Sq
	William R. Moore Jr	123 Comm Flt
TO SrA	Donald B. Fox	123rd CAM Sq
	James S. Frans	123rd CAM Sq
	Sheryl J. Hagy	HQ 123d TRWg
	Kenneth J. Hazelwood	123rd CE Flt
	William T. Ketterer	165th T R Sq
	Dennis H. McGowan	123rd CAM Sq
	Tully C. Parsons Jr	123rd CAM Sq
	Donald A. Swift	123rd Mob Ft
TO A1C	Margaret P. Hood	HQ 123d CSGp