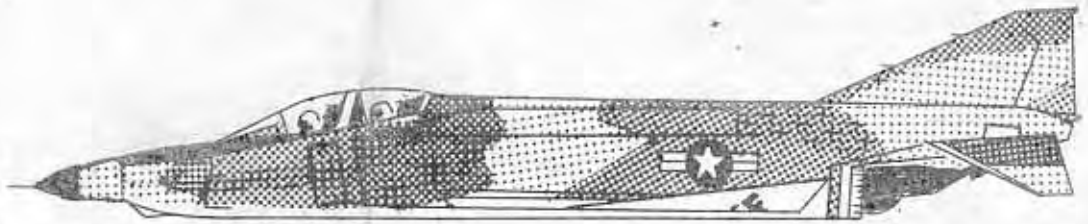




THE PHANTOM'S EYE



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TAC COMMANDER VISITS: Four-star Gen Robert J. Dixon, commander of Tactical Air Command, arrived here at about 10 a.m. today for a brief visit to the Kentucky Air Guard. It gave the TAC commanders chance to see first-hand how a Guard unit is accomplishing its transition to new aircraft, our new Phantoms in this case. Gen Dixon has been a fighter pilot in three wars and has served as deputy chief of staff for personnel, commander of an air division for SAC, and head of the Military Personnel Center. He also has been vice commander of 7th Air Force in Southeast Asia in 1969-70. The briefing for Gen. Dixon was led by Col. Fred F. Bradley, 123d wing commander, in the conference room of the O&T Building immediately on the TAC commander's arrival. It marked the first time a TAC commander has visited the Kentucky Air Guard on a drill weekend and is regarded as a strong indication of interest in the role of the Air Guard in total defense policy.



Gen. Robert J. Dixon

ARMED FORCES WEEK: Saturday was Armed Forces Day in the United States. Louisville's observance featured a community-wide banquet at the Galt House and a special appearance by the commander-in-chief, President Gerald Ford. The President's remarks included a complimentary mention about our conversion to the RF-4 Phantom II's. Because this is the nation's bicentennial year, this Armed Forces Week is particularly significant. Perhaps it is an appropriate time to reflect on our heritage of freedom and the strong role the National Guard has played in this accomplishment. We pause to offer tribute to the stalwart men and women who have served in the Air Guard, some of whom have made the supreme sacrifice-----names like Merkel, Shewmaker and Sanders. We salute the retirees who watch now from the "sidelines" and look to the younger members for strength and leadership in the future.

MOM!! HE'S MAKING EYES AT ME!! If you think the women of the Kentucky Air Guard look good in their uniforms, wait until you see them in fashions from Lady Kathryn's, one of Louisville's most elegant fashion shops. Our WAFs are sponsoring and starring in a benefit fashion show June 19th at the Galt House. Civilian Guard personnel will also be modeling some of the latest threads. Following the fashion show is a dance, with music by the Metros, a popular local rock group. Tickets for the show and dance are \$6 per couple and \$3.50 stag; they're available from any of the WAFs. Proceeds from the night will be donated to the Endocrinology Department at Norton-Children's Hospital. SSgt. Jerry Aldred, show coordinator, is hunting for a commentator for the fashion show. So, anyone looking for a bird's eye view.....

NEED MONEY? JOIN THE KYANG CREDIT UNION: Recent action by the board of directors of the KYANG Credit Union makes it possible for guardsmen (and women) to become members of the organization. A minimum deposit of \$5 and 25¢ to cover bookkeeping costs opens a savings account that pays 5.75%. Future loans will be fully secured by deposits. The loan rate will be 9%.

CURRENT SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE KYANG CREDIT UNION include full savings and insurance benefits with loans available by mid-summer. Credit Union offices will be open this afternoon from 4:30-5 in room 151, O&T Bldg. Members of the board of directors include, Melvin Richardson, president, Edwin Harnung, vice-president, Carole Crawley, secretary, Norman Gentry, treasurer. Others are Sam Duncan, George Duncan and Roy Adams.

GETTIN' BIGGER: Our wing now has a new group member. It's the 148th Tac Recon Group which flies out of Duluth, Minnesota. It too is equipped with Phantom II's.

YOUTH CAMP SPOTS AVAILABLE...FREE!! Our unit is again sponsoring 25 boys and girls at Camp Green Shores on Rough River near McDaniels, Ky. (where?). The camp, which is for underprivileged kids, runs June 21-26 and is for 12-14 year olds. There are still spots open for this exciting trip. Col. Joel Stokes has applications and details. Parental consent and a physical are needed. Physicals are being given this afternoon....so if you know someone who qualifies, get moving!

IN THE AIR AND EVERYWHERE! Kentucky's Bicentennial salute to aviation will be held Saturday, June 5th at Ft Knox. At 11 AM the fabulous Thunderbirds perform. They'll be followed by a KYANG flyover and the Confederate Air Force flyover. Shortly after noon there will be an aerobatic demonstration and a show by the Kentucky Experimental Aircraft Association. The afternoon show includes flyovers by the Army, free-falls by the Golden Knights and another Thunderbird show. Should be a lot of fun and visual excitement.

THUNDERBIRD FORMER GUARDSMAN: Maj. Chris Patterakis, commander/leader of the USAF Thunderbirds, was once a member of the California Air Guard. Maj. Patterakis, now in his second season with the precision aerobatic team, entered the USAF as an enlisted man through the Aviation Cadet Program. He joined the California ANG and there attained a lifelong dream--flying fighters. He broke in with the F-86 Sabre with the Guard and later rejoined the Air Force through the Air Training Command.

DANGER! FUNNEL CROSSING: What would you do if you came 'eyeball to eyeball' with a real tornado? Here are some pointers about self-protection: If you are at home, open windows and doors and take refuge in the basement, or in the center of the house -- but away from windows and glass. In an office building go to a designated shelter area or an interior hallway on the lowest floor. If in a factory, move to areas designated for shelter. If you are in a shopping center (or anywhere else, for that matter) do not go to your car. In open country move away from the tornado at a right angle. If there's no time, get out of the car and take refuge in a ditch or depression, placing your hands and arms over your head as a shield. Trailers can be especially dangerous -- get out and take cover elsewhere.

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