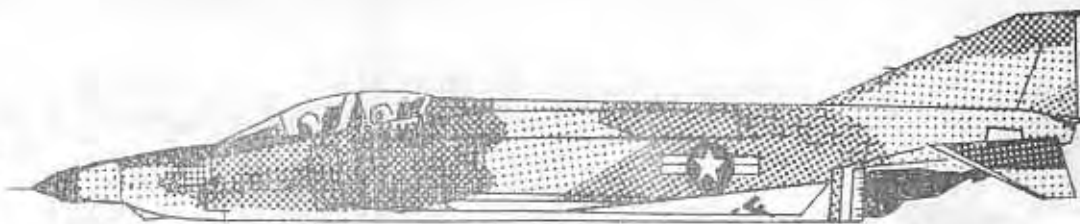




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AIR GUARD WINS FLYING SAFETY AWARD: The Air National Guard in 1976 had the lowest aircraft accident rate in its history, 3.25 per 100,000 hours of flying time. This was also the lowest rate of any of the Air Force commands. In recognition of this, Air Force Chief of Staff David C. Jones announced the Air National Guard, considered a separate AF command, had been selected to receive the Benjamin D. Foulois Memorial Award. This award is presented annually to the Air Force command with the most effective aircraft accident prevention program. Of course Kentucky's contribution to this feat was an accident free 1976. We certainly own a share of this award.

KYANG PARTICIPATION IN DERBY FESTIVAL: Once again in 1977 the Air National Guard is cooperating with the Kentucky Derby Festival Committee and Churchill Downs by means of supplying security and medical personnel at some of its functions. The 103rd rendition of the Run for the Roses will be witnessed by 30 security Air Guardsmen and by 5 members of the TAC Hospital. The Derby Festival Balloon Race will also demand support of some of our people.

ARMED FORCES DAY DINNER DANCE: This years Armed Forces Day Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, May 20 at the brand new Commonwealth Convention Center in downtown Louisville. The invited speaker is the Vice-President of the United States, Walter Mondale. A few tickets are still available from Capt. Neil Woodcock at \$13 per ticket. The chairman of this years event is Brig. Gen. John Conaway, "The Washington Connection," who will also serve as Master of Ceremonies. Music will be by the popular group, the Metros.

CLOCK CHANGING TIME!: Last night, not tonight was the correct time to set your clocks and watches ahead to reflect daylight saving time. A good number of the members of the unit, including the writer of this article, got caught, literally, with his pants down. Be sure to reset all your clocks in your office and at home as a single dependable clock that tells you a lie about the correct time could cause you a red face.

BASS FISHING DERBY RESCHEDULED: The Kentucky Air National Guard Fishing Derby originally scheduled for Saturday, April 30 has been rescheduled to Sunday, May 1st. The Derby will be held at Green River Reservoir between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Entry fee is \$10 per boat (2 man boat). For more information call John Hourigan, (on base) 90 or Roger Hamilton, (on base) 79.

NEW PREGNANCY RULE FOR GUARDSWOMEN: Members of the Air National Guard who become pregnant will not be permitted to perform active duty or active duty for training (field training) according to a new regulation, ANGR 160-02. Pregnant Air Guardswomen can however attend UTAs. All Guard activity must cease, however, Six (6) weeks prior to the scheduled date of birth.

WAF MEETING: There will be an important meeting of all enlisted female members of the Kentucky Air National Guard in the Wing Conference Room of the O&T Building, today at 1330 hours.

LONGEVITY RIBBON FOR GUARD: The Air Force has changed the criteria for award of the Air Force Longevity Ribbon for Air Guardsmen. Under the old rules, only active duty in any of the Armed Forces could count toward the award. Now, all service which is valid for retirement purpose counts for this four year medal, both for the original award and for the bronze oak leaves denoting multiple awards. A silver star is used to indicate a period equal to five oak leaves (20 years). The change is described in the latest change to AF Reg 900-48.

TRY TO GUT IT OUT: The Information Office gets copies of all orders. One of these sets of orders stood out as exceptionally tough and demanding. We thought we would recognize the physical sacrifice and offer our moral support to the individual concerned. Our State Headquarters Flight Surgeon, Lt. Col. Samuel Cooper is being ordered to six days of duty in May to attend the 48th annual scientific meeting. It is being held at the Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. It's well documented how physically demanding such a tour can be.

MAY UTA DATES: Mark them down now! It will be Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22.

30 YEAR PUBLICATION ADVERTISING AVAILABLE:

A limited number of pages of advertising in the 30th anniversary publication are currently available. Rates range from \$900 for a two page spread down to \$100 for a one-eighth page ad. A special sponsor page is also available for \$25 per line. If you or your company might be interested, contact Captain Tonini at (on base) 38 or (bell) 240.

1977 FREEDOMS FOUNDATION CONTEST: The 1977 Freedoms Foundation letter writing contest for Armed Forces members is based on the theme "My responsibilities in keeping my country free." Individuals on active duty or serving in the Reserve Components (including ANG) have until Nov 1, 1977 to submit their 100 to 500 word essays, poems or articles on the 1977 theme to the Awards Administration, Freedom Foundation, Valley Forge, PA 19481. All entries from the Armed Forces are in a separate competition called "Valley Forge Patriots Awards" and must include name, rank, social security (service) number, service designation, military address and permanent address. Principal winners will receive the coveted, encased Honor Medal and \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, with other winners receiving Savings Bonds.

GET THAT STICKER ON: A random sampling of the vehicles entering the base this morning showed that there are a large number of people who have not obtained registration stickers for their cars. It will become mandatory very soon so take a couple of minutes and get the sticker and put it on the left front bumper of your car.

MISSING PERSONS FOUND: The list of Kentucky Air Guardsmen without addresses is somewhat smaller today thanks to your help. We still need a lot more. If you haven't checked, please give it a try especially the old-timers. Your assistance is our only hope of reaching these men. The list is posted in the lobby of the O&T Building.