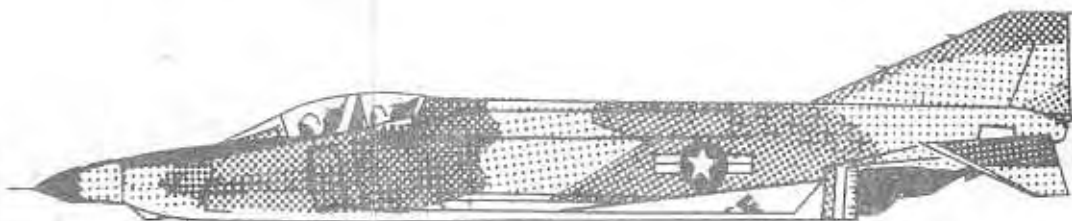




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PHOTO FINISH 78 COMPETITION, OCT 15-21

The 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing's four geographically separated tactical units will participate in "Photo Finish '78," a major photo reconnaissance competition involving six ANG and two Regular Air Force groups scheduled October 15 through 21 at Travis Field, Savannah, Georgia.

The wing, additionally has been designated by the National Guard Bureau to command and control the operation, provide supervisory and technical support and furnish the project officer. A meeting of project officers from all involved units, to draw up rules, was held in Louisville this past week.

Competition in acquiring day and night targets over the four day span is the objective. The 123d Reconnaissance Technical Squadron, Little Rock, will serve as judges and will name the day, night and overall winner. Possibility exists that the overall winner may represent the United States at the next scheduled NATO Reconnaissance competition "Royal Flush."

Lt. Colonel Pete Snyder, project officer, explained that four wings (two ANG and two USAF) will provide 24 mission aircraft with air crews. From the 123d TRW the following units are listed: 165th TRS, Louisville; 124th TRG, Boise, Idaho; 152d TRG, Reno, Nevada; and the 155th TRG, Lincoln, Nebraska. From the 117th TRW he named the following units: 117th TRD, Birmingham, Alabama; 187th TRG, Montgomery, Alabama. The Twelfth Air Force, Austin, Texas will send the 67th TRG. The Ninth Air Force Shaw, South Carolina, will send the 363rd TRG.

The 183d Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield, Illinois will provide combat support for the mission.

Air crews from the Kentucky unit will be announced by next uTA and reported in the Phantom's Eye.

INSURANCE RATES DROP: Kentucky Air Guardsmen who take Serviceman's Group Life Insurance get a pay raise of sorts in July. The insurance rate dropped from \$3.40 per month to \$3.00 based on \$20,000 of coverage. The rates of insurance dropped proportionately.

KY ANG DRILL DATES

14 & 15	Oct 78
4 & 5	Nov 78
2 & 3	Dec 78
13 & 14	Jan 79
10 & 11	Feb 79
10 & 11	Mar 79
14 & 15	Apr 79
12 & 13	May 79
9 & 10	Jun 79
14 & 15	Jul 79
11 & 12	Aug 79
8 & 9	Sep 79

READINESS IS OUR PROFESSION

CLUB BUILDING FUND MOVING ALONG: The KyANG Club, since announcing plans to build a new structure just a few months ago has already collected over \$6000 toward its goal. Major Edgar Schulz reports that a number of fund raising projects are underway. Club membership and multi-year memberships are the cornerstone of the effort. If you have not yet joined consider extending for two additional years. Other fund raising projects include chances on a wall rug and the sale of tee-shirts and pen and ink prints of the Ky RF-4C by Conley. Prints are signed and numbered and sell for \$5 each.

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kentucky is currently conducting its annual membership drive. Dues for this association are only \$5 which includes an association license plate for the front of your car. All enlisted members of the Air National Guard will be receiving an application shortly. The organization rolls have swelled to over 1000 and their goal is to reach 1500. More information can be obtained from Bob Denton in the Photo Lab or Sam Condor in the 165th orderly room.

RF-4C MODEL NEARS COMPLETION: A 6' 3" scale model of the unit mission aircraft, the McDonnell-Douglas RF-4C is complete to the point of its final paint job. TSgt. Richard Scanlan of the periodic maintenance shop is responsible for this impressive creation. Chances are being sold for names to be painted on the aircraft after it is camouflaged. Pilots, WSOs, Crew Chiefs and assistant Crew Chiefs that would like to have their names on the model should buy chances in the snack bar today. The model will be completed in time for the August 27th, 30 PLUS I reunion. Proceeds of the drawing will go to the KyANG club building fund.

CAM SQUADRON ANNOUNCES HIGH FLYER: Results of the second quarter of 1978 and annual field training competition for outstanding maintenance person has been determined. Second Quarter High Flyer is awarded to TSgt Bobby T. Strunk and AFT, Savannah High Flyer is awarded to SSgt. Walter F. Sonder. The entire wing extends congratulation to these men for a job well done.

CCTV UPDATE: The Closed Circuit television system at the Air Guard now has new capability with the addition of some new equipment from the National Guard Bureau. Lt Col. Jack Crowner reports that the bureau has issued a new color monitor and cassette playback unit to the inventory. A number of professionally produced tapes are being sent regularly from the production studio of the Air Guard at Buckley ANG Base in Colorado. This weekend saw delivery of a much needed special effects generator that allows our CCTV production crew to professionally produce training video tapes locally using our own specially trained people. During annual training this year, SSgts Larry Brannin, Bob Bowling and Alex Felinski redesigned the studio console to allow for the addition of the new equipment with the hope to also improve the picture quality and provide new service to the State Staff office, new Operations building and other locations.

IF IT WAS THERE YESTERDAY, IT MIGHT NOT BE THERE TOMORROW! This weekend marks the beginning of a massive area switching on the base. The reason for the moves is the long awaited completion of the ultra-modern Wing Operations Building. Operational areas including the command post, pilot planning, weather, intelligence, photo lab, all wind DO activities, the 165 TRS, the base operations functions and the personal equipment section will be vacating the hangar and moving to greener pastures. Those areas being vacated will be quickly claimed by other non-operational sections including maintenance, chapel services, and communications. The next issue of Phantom's Eye will detail the series of new homes including a layout of the entire new Ops building. You'll have a chance to preview the building during the August 27th 30 PLUS I reunion.

WEAR YOUR UNIFORM TO THE REUNION: It is requested that current members of the Kentucky Air National Guard wear your uniform to the reunion. It is not mandatory but will be extremely helpful in identifying you. It also is an asset to the recruiters.