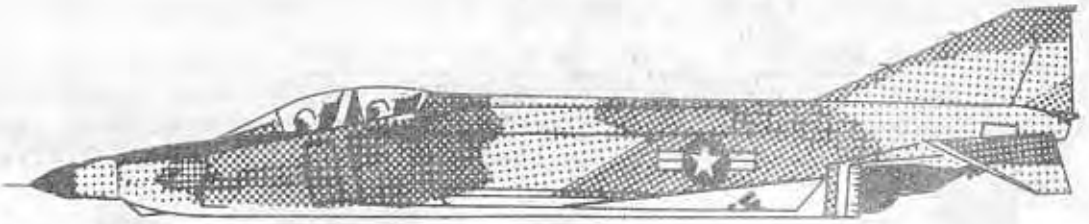




THE PHANTOM'S EYE



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AG AT FORMATION

MEDALS TO BE PRESENTED

Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, will present awards during Commander's Call today in the hangar at 3:20.

Among the general officers on the reviewing stand will be: Brig. Gen. Frew W. Cross, Assistant Adjutant General for Air; Brig. Gen. William P. Gast, Chief of State Staff; and Brig. Gen. Fred F. Bradley, 123d TRW Commander.

The Legion of Merit, one of the Air Force's highest non-combat medals, will be presented to Col. (retired) Eugene F. Kinnaird, a command pilot with over 13,000 flying hours.

In addition, two current command pilots and two veteran non-commissioned officers will receive federal or state decorations from the Adjutant General.



ARPC PROJECT AWARENESS BRIEFING: Colonel James R. Blackwell, Special Assistant for ANG Affairs, Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC), will be visiting the base during the January UTAs. His team will provide briefings of interest to all reservists.

These briefings will be presented to all officers at 0945 hrs, Sunday UTA, in the briefing room of the new operations building. The briefing team will provide information about ARPC, the Reserve Retirement System, Reserve Officers Personnel Act (ROPA) and the OER system. There will be some time allotted for questions and answers following each briefing.

Briefings for enlisted personnel will be presented on closed circuit television (CCTV) on Saturday and Sunday afternoon (1230-1330 hrs, Channel 4). After these presentations Colonel Blackwell and the briefing team will be available for a question and answer period in the protestant chapel Sunday afternoon from 1330 hrs to 1430 hrs.

ASSOCIATION MOVES MEET TO LEXINGTON: The annual conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky will be conducted outside of Louisville for the first time in more than 10 years in March. The 48th annual conference is set for March 2-4. The meeting is set for the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington. The conference will also feature another "first," as the Army and Air officers conduct separate business sessions. Each branch will hear from their respective representatives from the National Guard Bureau. These sessions are set for the end of the morning business meeting.

IN-FLIGHT MEALS MUST BE REPORTED ON TRAVEL VOUCHERS: Recent audits conducted at two Air Force bases by the USAF Audit Agency indicates that some members who travel are failing to report use of in-flight meals on their travel vouchers. Willful failure is subject to the penalty stated on the reverse of DD Form 1351-2 "Travel Voucher or Subvoucher."

In-flight meals, excluding in-flight snacks and meal service furnished by commercial air carriers on a courtesy basis, are defined in appendix J, Vol I, Joint Travel REgulations, as being the equivalent of meals in a government mess. Members who have these meals are required to report them on their travel vouchers. Failure to show this meal information is a violation of AFR 177-103, Travel transactions at base level.

Concerning travel vouchers, para 13-6, AFR 177-103, reads: "Regardless of the degree to which someone else prepares the form, the traveler is entirely responsible for the truth and accuracy of the information on it and on the substantiating documents. If the traveler signs the certificate on the form stating that the statements are true and complete, they attest that they are aware of their responsibility and have properly discharged it."

ANG OFFICERS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR USAF ACADEMY INSTRUCTOR DUTY: The U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO, has announced that starting with the 1979-80 academic year it will add qualified Air National Guard officers to its faculty. The Academy will start with the recall of two ANG officers who are qualified to teach either English or philosophy. Tours will be for 2-4 years. Following are the academic and service requirements for ANG officers applying for AFA instructor duty. *Master's degree in English or philosophy for 1979-80 selection. *Be in the grade of captain or major with at least three years active duty. *Have recent college level teaching experience in English or philosophy. Applications must be submitted on AF Form 125 in accordance with Table 5, AFR 45-26. Application should contain the statement "I am applying for duty as an instructor on the faculty of the USAFA." Applications must arrive at ARPC/DPRP, 7300 1st Ave, Denver, CO. 80280, by 31 Jan 1979. NGB contact is Major Clarence Johnson, Autovon 225-1068.

SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES IMPORTANT TO GUARD MEMBERS: Effective in January of this year a number of changes were made to Social Security rules. One change of importance to Air Guard members is that of qualifying for minimum social security. Prior to this year workers received credit for a quarter coverage if they earn \$50 or more in a three month calendar quarter. Under the new provisions, workers will get one quarter of coverage for each \$250 of earnings in a calendar year, up to a total of four quarters for annual earnings of \$1,000 or more. Some members in the past scheduled five days of active duty in each quarter in order to get the social security credit. This will no longer work. Each member should study this change to determine the impact on their social security credit.

GRADUATES

AB Jerry L. Ball.....CSS
Personnel Spec1, Keesler AFB
TSG Gary J. Eettag.....CAM
Egress Sys, Shaw AFB
SSG Donald B. Keeling.....CAM
Inertial/Radar Nav, Keesler AFB
AB Craig C. Klutts.....165 TRS
Intelligence, Lowry AFB
SSG Allen J. Massingille.....CAM
Egress, Shaw AFB

TSG Charles B. Poole.....CAM
AGE, Sheppard AFB
AB Marsha A. Robinson.....Hosp
Lab Spec1, Sheppard AFB
AMN Donald H. Revell III.....CAM
AGE, Chanute AFB
AB Dana C. O'Neil.....165 TRS
Imagery Interpreter, Lowry
Maj John C. Ogden.....165 TRS
Safety, Lowry AFB
AB John W. Seay.....WSSF
Security Police, Lackland AFB

Commanders Comments

The first unit training assembly (UTA) in the new calendar year is an opportunity time to inform you of the established goals for the Kentucky Air National Guard during 1979. They are:

AN ACCIDENT FREE FLYING YEAR. Currently, the 123d leads all 12AF wings in this area. Your efforts are an important contribution.

SUPPORT THE AIR FORCE MISSION TO "FLY AND FIGHT." This requires viable training, efficient resources management, and concern for the welfare of personnel.

PROMOTIONS

MSG Charles L. Benedict.....CAM
MSG Jack D. Dunn.....TRW
TSG George R. Clark.....CAM
TSG Gary B. Sims.....Hosp
TSG Andrew Vinosky.....CAM
SSG Richard G. Eaton.....CE
SSG Thomas J. Hunt.....CE
SSG Glendon R. Lay.....CE
SSG Michael T. Loftus.....Wx Flt
SSG John M. Medley.....165 TRS
SGT Elizabeth J. Anderson.....Wx Flt
SGT John M. Bell.....CSS
SGT Malcolm Caudill Jr.....CAM
SGT Ronald G. Reeves Jr.....CAM
SRA John B. Goben.....CAM
SRA Larry S. Johnson.....TRW
SRA Jeffery S. Marean.....CAM
SRA George E. McDonald.....CE
SRA Peggy L. Phillips.....CSS
SRA James A. Rice.....CAM
SRA Steven Williams.....TRW
SRA Thomas R. Yoder Jr.....CAM
A1C Stephen L. Bradley.....CSS
A1C Austine D. Hinkle.....TRW
A1C Elizabeth A. Huff.....CSS
A1C Elnora M. Keaton.....CAM
AMN Marcus B. Johnson.....CAM
AMN Joanne F. Kitchen.....Hosp
AMN Jude A. Kolb.....165 TRS
AMN Marsha A. Robinson.....Hosp

MAINTAIN TACTICAL READINESS: "DEPLOY RAPIDLY AND FIGHT IMMEDIATELY."

It's essential that we be ready for any contingency before it happens.

DEVELOP STRONG LEADERSHIP THROUGH PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AND SELF-HELP. Leadership needs to be addressed through professional training: (enlisted) NCO, Senior NCO and Leadership Schools; (officers) Squadron Officer's School, Command and Staff, Air War College, or ICAP.

ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF THE KY ANG: NATIONALLY - BE RECOGNIZED AS THE #1 RECCE UNIT; LOCALLY - BE RECOGNIZED AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE COMMUNITY. Image is all-important and requires planning and in-depth involvement.

The responsibility of these challenges is everybody's job. In the words of Abraham Lincoln: "You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."

ENLISTMENTS

SSG Harold W. Craig.....CE
SSG Ronald G. Fetchko.....CAM
SSG Steven K. Gage.....WSSF
SSG Anthony C. Glass.....Comm
SSG Ray L. Lammlein.....TRW
SSG Robert F. McAllister.....TRW
SSG Phillip L. Overton.....TRW
SGT Ronald L. Bartlett.....CAM
SGT Mark A. Dodds.....Hosp
SGT Larry J. Lee.....CSS
SGT Bettie A. Sloan.....TRW
SRA Glen J. Curl.....WSSF
SRA Mary J. Shippee.....Hosp
SRA Robert B. Oliver.....Wx Flt
A1C Steven C. Holaday.....CAM
A1C David P. Pisarcik.....CAM
A1C Gregory W. Sutton.....CAM
AMN Charles W.D. Church.....CAM
AB Kim T. Madison.....CAM
AB Gregory A. Smallwood.....CE
AB Vicki L. Stoffregen.....TRW



The F-15 Eagle

When the USAF sought an air superiority aircraft to meet the threat envisioned for the 1980s and to increase their air strength in NATO, they chose the F-15 for its unmatched maneuverability, ease of maintenance, high safety, and survivability. The Japan Defense Agency selected the F-15 Eagle as the most capable and cost effective next generation fighter. When Israel sought a fighter aircraft to counter the threat anticipated in the 1980s, they chose the F-15. A squadron of F-15s are enroute from Langley AFB to Saudi Arabia at the request of the Saudi Arabian government.

SAFETY SEZ

Does winter driving make you nervous? You can lessen the strain on you and your car by following these tips of the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards.

To see and be seen is vital in winter motoring. Danger can come from any direction, so before you start out, clear the glass of all ice and snow—not just peepholes. Operate the heater and defroster a few minutes before you get under way. Keep your headlights clean, too.

Winter road conditions change as fast as winter weather, so be on guard. Anticipate stops and slow down gradually, especially when approaching intersections. They can be unexpectedly slippery because of the polishing effect stopping and starting traffic has on snow and ice.

Never jam on the brakes on a slippery surface—you'll only lock your wheels and go into a skid. Stay calm and pump the brake with hard rapid jabs and you'll retain steering control.

If you do go into a skid, act quickly, but don't overreact. Slowly take your foot off the gas and steer in the direction the rear of the car is skidding. You'll feel the car regain-

ing a grip on the road; then straighten your wheels. Don't apply your brakes until the car is under control.

Use extra caution in warming temperatures or when the sun is out. Ice can be wet at 30° F and twice as slippery as "dry" ice at zero. Some sections of roadway can be icy when other surfaces are dry—underpasses because of shading, overpasses because of cold air beneath. If you hit an unexpected ice patch, ease up on the gas, hold the wheel steady and roll through.

If you get stuck in snow, you may be able to get out with a rocking motion of the car. Get the snow away from the front tires by turning them back and forth. Use a slight pressure on the gas and move the gear selector rhythmically between forward and reverse. Check your owner's manual for warnings on rocking, and be sure to avoid racing the engine or spinning the wheels. You'll only dig in deeper and maybe cause overheating and transmission failure.

If you prepare your car for winter and take care to follow winter driving rules, chances are you'll enjoy the cold-weather season with fewer headaches and motoring problems.

THE FOOTFALL OF THE YEARS

The start of another year makes us acutely aware of the passing of time and its meaning for our lives. Whatever our joy, whatever our sorrow, the years pass by with the footfalls of a destiny that none can hold back or stay. We may succeed in holding back the waters of the sea, change a river's course, level mountains, and erase the forests of an ancient age, but nothing can stay the passing of time.

We stand together at the time-beat of another year. We shall be faithless if we think that we are only prisoners of time.

As we face the new year, we shall be wise if we will resolve to put away all pettiness of mind, all smallness of spirit. We shall be finer if we give our talents and our hours to the service of the best we know, and not to give ourselves to the passing, the temporary and the unworthy. It will be well with us if during the coming year we shall give more time to learning of God in worship, in prayer, in study and meditation and less of self, if we learn more of love and less of hate.

As this new year begins we can and must learn; the footfalls of the years can either be the treadmill to oblivion or the discovery that they are the heartbeat of Eternal Love.