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**A time for healing**

A young boy looks closely at the names listed on the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial "Moving Wall," during opening ceremonies August 5. The Wall was brought to Louisville through the efforts of the KyANG NCO Academy Graduates Association. See Page 5 for more photos and story.

**Safety**

Once again a major holiday weekend is upon us — Labor Day. I'd like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of safety.

If you travel during the holiday, remember to buckle up. Also, if you have children, a new Kentucky law being enforced requires youth 40 inches long and under, to be in a child safety seat. Let's do our best to make the end of this long, hot summer an enjoyable and safe holiday.

On another note, we are now deep into the unit's conversion to the C-130B and the tactical airlift mission. We have many people away at long, demanding technical schools retraining, and many more will soon be leaving for schools. We need to remember how this can impact the family unit. We need to work together to provide support for those families who have to endure the separation.

The KyANG is not only a military organization, it is a large family. Each of us needs to be willing to support the other, especially during the demanding times that are upon us.

I'm confident that each of you will excel at the various technical schools required to begin our new mission and return ready and willing to give this new mission your all.



**Brig. Gen. John L. Smith**  
Wing Commander

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Deadline for publication of articles in **The Phantom's Eye** is Friday following drill for the next UTA.

**Commander's Hotline**

A dedicated telephone line and answering machine has been installed to record questions or problems you as guardmembers may have about the unit or your entitlements.

The commander's office will make every effort possible to find suitable answers for questions posed. The Hotline will appear each month in the "Phantom's Eye" in a question and answer type format.

It is not the intent of this program to circumvent the normal chain of command, but to ensure that the chain is working.

\*To ensure your question is not too long and is understandable, please write out the question before calling and read it to the answering machine.

**If you have any questions or comments about the Kentucky Air National Guard, call 637 and leave your message!**

# Drug Testing Program

## Less than 1% tested positive

Since the inception of the KyANG Drug Testing Program two years ago, less than one percent of those tested were found positive.

With only 0.9 percent positive cases, Kentucky is well below the Air National Guard level which reported 2.3 percent positive cases between October 1986 and March 1987.

In comparison, the Air Force Reserves reported 2.7 percent positive cases and the Air Force reported 1.3 percent positive cases. (Note: Statistical techniques used by the ANG and the AFRES are the same, but the USAF uses a variant method which produces lower overall percentages.)

Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander, is pleasantly surprised by the low findings. Based on the national average of two percent, it was expected the unit would have a higher percentage.

"This shows that our people are not habitual drug users," said General Smith. "It says a lot about the quality of people we have here."

Data on the KyANG Drug Testing Program

was compiled for the period May 1, 1986 through 30 April 1988, by Lt. Col. Edwin H. Hornung, deputy commander for support. During that time, 565 selections were made, with approximately 24 members scheduled for testing each month.

When the program was first initiated, the National Guard Bureau mandated that each unit make a random test of two percent of its population monthly. A forthcoming revision to ANG Regulation 30-2 does not lock ANG units into the two percent quota. ANG units will be allowed to test one percent of their population, but may use quotas up to two percent.

Of those tested, five individuals were reported to be positive. One case tested positive for cocaine, 0.2 percent, and four cases tested positive for marijuana, 0.7 percent.

Sixty eight percent of the cases tested negative and 20.5 percent were rejected. Rejections were caused for a variety of reasons, ranging from an insufficient sample to the sealing tape being placed incorrectly on the container. Shipping containers that did not

completely meet the strict guidelines of the Air Force regulations were rejected to protect the rights of the individual and to maintain the integrity of the program.

Those individuals who did test positive during this program were discharged from the KyANG. Each person waived the right to a discharge board, according to Colonel Hornung. Since the ANG does not provide for drug rehabilitation, discharge is the appropriate action, according to National Guard Bureau officials.

Of the 565 selected, 11.9 percent were female and 88.1 percent were male. This mirrors the unit's demographics which is 12.9 percent female and 87.1 percent male.

Taking another look at the random breakdown, those selected were: 89 percent white; 10.8 percent black; and 0.2 percent other. This also follows the unit's demographics which is 88 percent white, 11.5 percent black and 0.5 percent other.

Names for the testing were determined through a random computer selection process witnessed by a volunteer each month. Of the individuals randomly selected, there was one incident of an individual being selected four times and nine individuals who were selected three times.

# Hospital building under construction

By SSgt. Jeff Sansbury  
Public Affairs Office

A four-year effort paid off last month when construction began on the Kentucky Air Guard's most valued building project ever — a new composite training facility.

Guard officials in Washington and Frankfurt gave the construction project the green light July 11, with a 430-day completion date.

The \$1.3 million price tag makes it the KyANG's biggest project to date, and has taken nearly four years to plan. The building site is located between the United Parcel Services' air ramp and the security police station here.

"I'm quite pleased. There's been some very hard effort in putting this thing together," said Maj. Thomas J. Marks Jr., commander of the 123d Civil Engineering Squadron. "We've been anxious."

The one-story, 14,000 square foot building will become home to the 123d Tac Hospital, the 123d Mission Support Flight, the 123d Communications Flight and a new telecommunications center. The project includes the relocation and renovation of former offices in

the O&T Building, which will make room for expanded operations of the 123d TRW headquarters.

An additional 60 to 70 parking spaces will be created.

A Louisville-based construction firm was awarded the building contract under a military construction program. Civil engineers of the KyANG will oversee the project, but none of its members will be physically involved.

"Like many projects, there's sometimes a snag in the original plans. We've been fortunate, though, that this one is turning out pretty well," explained retired Lt. Col. William D. Seiber, who developed the initial plans when he commanded the 123d CES. "I think it's a real compliment to our base, both professionally and in appearance."

The Airport Authority of Jefferson County recently announced a proposed \$300 million expansion of Standiford Field, which if approved, would force the relocation of the Kentucky Air National Guard base and surrounding businesses and neighborhoods.

An initial environmental analysis and other prerequisite studies could take about 18 months, the air board said. If the expansion is approved, the KyANG would not be affected before 1993, when work could begin on the Airport Authority's proposed runway through the KyANG base.

With four years of planning and implementing the new composite training facility, Kentucky National Guard officials are not about to abandon the project due to the proposed airport expansion. If the KyANG facility is cancelled, the opportunity for a future project would be slim, Colonel Seiber admitted.

"Lots of things can happen. It'll be awhile before we hear anything official (on the airport expansion)," said Major Marks. "We're going through with our project."

# Congressman Hopkins visits

Congressman Larry J. Hopkins, Kentucky Sixth District, recently visited the KyANG and received an orientation flight in the RF-4.

The senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, Congressman Hopkins said he thoroughly enjoyed his flight in the F-4.

His pilot for the orientation ride was Col. Joseph L. Kottak, 123d TRW vice wing commander. Prior to the flight, Congressman Hopkins was briefed by members of the life support section on emergency procedures in the aircraft.

Later that same day, Congressman Hopkins visited Fort Knox Commander Maj. Gen. Thomas Tait and received a ride in an M-1 Abrams Tank.

"I'm a big fan of the Guard. It plays a crucial role in the defense of our nation," stated Congressman Hopkins. "The RF-4 flight reconfirmed my belief of the important role tactical reconnaissance plays in our military." Congressman Hopkins has also flown in the SR-71. Although he said he is not overjoyed with the planned conversion, he recognizes the fact that it will be in the long term best interest for Kentucky.

"I'm very proud to have established an excellent working relationship with the Kentucky Guard."

Congressman Hopkins said that he will be working to expand and modernize the equipment the KyANG receives. He plans on using his position in Congress to see the Guard gets what they need.

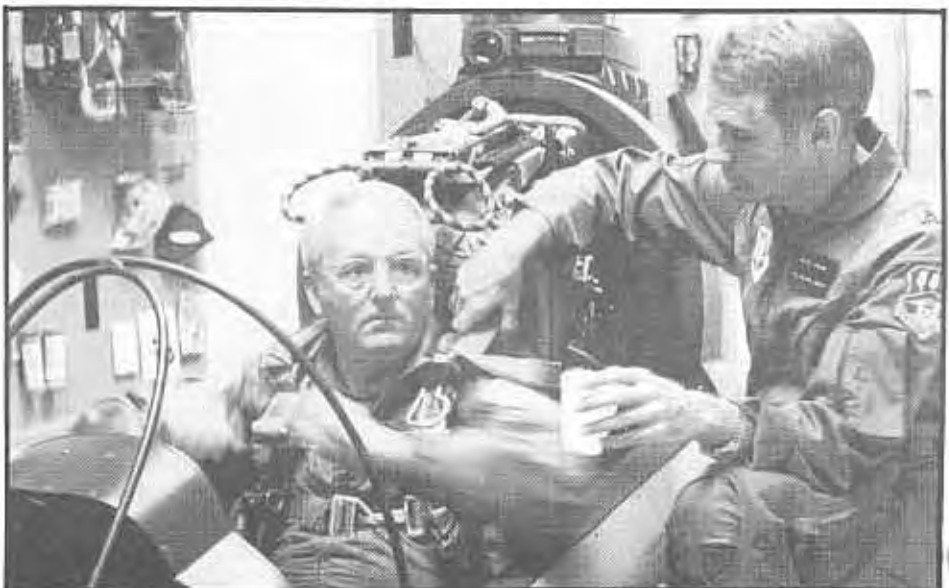
"I know America can count on the Guard, and the Guard can count on Congressman Hopkins."



TSgt. Mark Shirley, 123d CAM, assists Congressman Hopkins out of the RF-4



After his flight, Congressman Hopkins is joined by General Davidson and Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander.



Congressman Hopkins is assisted by Brig. Gen. Michael W. Davidson, adjutant general of Kentucky, during ejection briefing.

KyANG Photos by SMSgt. Dave Tinsley

# 'MOVING WALL'

By SSgt. Jenny Montgomery  
Editor

A time for remembering. A time for healing.

Thousands, touched in some way by the Vietnam War, gathered at the Traveling Vietnam Veteran's Memorial "Moving Wall" to contemplate the past and hope for the future.

The Moving Wall was brought to Louisville through the efforts of the KyANG NCO Academy Graduates Association. On display at the Louisville Zoo between August 4 and 10, it is estimated that 10,000 people visited the Wall, said SSgt. Elke Adams, president of the NCOAGA.

Open for viewing 24 hours a day, people visited the Wall throughout the night and the early hours before dawn. Often they left mementos. Poems, flowers, champagne, photographs and articles from military uniforms brought to life the countless names engraved on the Wall. More than 58,000 lives are represented on the Wall; 1,064 are Kentuckians.

It was difficult to be near the Wall and not be touched by those looking for the names of their loved ones: brothers, husbands, sons, daughters.

The following poem was one of many left at the Wall. It captures some of the emotion felt as one stood near it.

## Things you didn't do

remember the day I borrowed your brand new car and I dented it?

I thought you'd kill me but you didn't, and remember the time I dragged you to the beach, and you said it would rain, and it did?

I thought you'd say I told you so but you didn't, and the time I flirted with all the guys to make you jealous and you were?

I thought you'd leave me but you didn't, and the time I spilled blueberry pie all over your brand new car rug?

I thought you'd drop me for sure but you didn't, and the time I forgot to tell you that the dance was formal and you showed up in jeans?

I thought you'd smack me but you didn't. Yes, there were lots of things you didn't do, but you put up with me, and you loved me and you protected me.

and there were so many things I wanted to make up to you when you returned from Vietnam, but you didn't.

HARD H FERGUSON  
JE • RICKIE J JACOBS  
OLD S LOCKWOOD  
ROBERT L RODRICK  
ROBERT D WOOD

KyANG Photo by TSgt. Jerry Becker



KyANG Photo by SMSgt. Dave Tinsley

Mother and sons locate a familiar name



KyANG Photo by SrA Simon Harris

Chaplain (Capt) Thomas Curry contemplates

# SENTRY PARTNER

## Spouses get first-hand look from KC-135

By SSgt. Jeff Sansbury  
Public Affairs Office

Karin Hogan has always been curious about her husband's job as an Air National Guard jet pilot. It's natural, she'll tell you.

And many spouses of KyANG flightcrew members share that curiosity. So after years of sending their husbands off to fly, the wives got to go, too.

"It's about the greatest thrill I've ever experienced," said Mrs. Hogan, whose pilot-husband is Capt. John Hogan of the 165th TRS. "I mean, how many wives 'really' get to see what their husbands do at work?"

Known as "Sentry Partner," about 50 wives got the chance during July's UTA to slip into a flight suit, tour the base operations and then go aloft in a KC-135 to watch their husbands' RF-4C aircraft refuel in flight. The outing was the Kentucky Air Guard's third since 1983, and was also its last.

After 42 years, the Kentucky Air Guard is trading its fighter jets for C-130B transport planes. The conversion to a tactical airlift mission is scheduled for this fall, with the first operational aircraft arriving here in January.

"I think everybody will miss the Sentry Partner exercise. Especially this last one, because of history's sake," admitted Lt. Col. Bill Leslie, the project coordinator. "It gave the wives a clear understanding of our job here, and that's important. Sentry Partner was really special."

The 157th Air Refueling Group of the New Hampshire Air National Guard provided the tanker support, as 32 RF-4C refueling sorties were conducted during three days of Sentry Partner. The program provides orientation rides for the spouses of flightcrew members, and gives them a chance to see what their husbands do for their "extra" job in the Air Guard.

Laughter broke out when Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, the 123d TRW commander, gave spouses a pre-flight briefing on Saturday morning.



KyANG Photo by SSgt. Jeff Sansbury  
1st Lt. Brad Richy and his wife, Gwen, get briefed prior to their flights.

"One thing's for sure: the crew looks a lot better than most days," he joked. "You're in for a real treat."

The wives sat nervously yet tentatively as General Smith explained flight plans of the two-hour mission. "You won't get this chance again," he reminded.

Lying on their stomachs at 21,000 feet, two women at a time saw the jets flying alongside the KC-135 tanker's wing. Each was allowed to call their husband's jet to the chute, then look down as the aircraft docked from 20 feet to take on 300 gallons of fuel in 60 seconds.

Nancy Fabing, a former KyANG member whose navigator-husband is Maj. Howard Fabing, told the KC-135 "boom" operator she was surprised at how close the jets were tailing.

"This is sooooo neat," she said. "We looked at each other and waved. I'll bet he was surprised to hear my voice over that radio!"

The National Guard Bureau also allows a similar program for employers of ANG members.

"It's kind of sad to see it end, but we're anxious to learn more about the new C-130s," said Karin Hogan. "Sentry Partner is important to the wives. It showed us that our guy don't just show up for work, get into the cockpit and fly off."

"There's some delicate work involved, and I think our crew members are the greatest," she said.

During a private cookout Saturday, the atmosphere was a little different. While their husbands ate and bragged about flying, the wives did, too!

## Conservation efforts pay off

By Maj. Rick Gabhart  
Energy Conservation Committee

It has been nearly 15 years since the first oil embargo started a substantial energy conservation effort in the United States, and statistics show that these efforts have paid off.

The "Scientific American" reports that since the oil embargo, the U.S. Gross National Product has grown 35 percent without any increase in energy consumption or decrease in the quality of life.

Why? Energy use is more efficient today.

For example, even though 15 billion square feet of floor space has been built, energy costs for buildings have decreased by \$45 billion. Improved building items include windows, insulation, infiltration control (sealing cracks), more efficient lighting systems, heating and cooling systems, and appliances.

Electricity use has become so efficient that many new power plants have been put on hold because utilities now believe that it is cheaper to improve user energy efficiency than it is to build more generating capacity. Some even offer incentives to

users to encourage them to use energy more efficiently.

Conservation is a proven "source" of energy that is pollution-free and will take us a long way toward becoming energy independent. We have only begun to see the effects of energy conservation measures initiated during the past 15 years. As conservation technologies improve and become more widely implemented, savings and energy security will be even greater.

## KyANG Sports Round-up

By TSgt. Mike Mitro  
123d CAM

Welcome to the first edition of the KyANG sports column. Our objective is to inform you of what is happening in the world of sports around the base, and hopefully increase participation in these sports program. Contact me at ext. 455 if you have any input to the column.

### KyANG supports 4 softball teams

**35 and older team** — In last year's Air National Guard Softball Tournament, the 35 and older team brought back to Kentucky the third place trophy. The team's great defense and timely hitting has carried over to this year. Playing on Monday evenings at Bertram Field in Okolona, the team has compiled a record of 5 wins and 2 losses with both losses by only one run each.

Coach Dennis "Herbie" Hall has the "old" men hitting and running at full speed, making them feel young again. "They have the confidence from last year's tournament and it hasn't slowed them down a bit, plus the fan support has been great and that has made it an even better time for all," said Coach Hall.

### Women's team comes a long way

In 1982 the women of the KyANG along with the wives of some KyANG members, formed their first softball team. It was a team that was short on talent, but loaded with enthusiasm and spirit. They played every minute of every game with the intensity of a worthy competitor. Since that

time, the talent has improved tenfold and the spirit is just as high.

In last year's ANG Softball Tournament, a 7 a.m. Saturday game and 2 runs kept the women from finishing in the top of the women's teams. This year the women are playing in a tough league at Resurrection Field on Poplar Level Road on Thursday nights. If you are looking for an enjoyable evening, go out and watch the women play and enjoy yourself — I know the women enjoy it.

**Co-ed for the fun of it** — For the first time at the ANG Softball Tournament there will be a co-ed division, so the KyANG players decided to put together a co-ed team. The team consists of players from the women's team and the three men's teams and they play on Friday nights at Bertram Field. Watching the men learn to hit with their opposite hitting hand is a grand (and hilarious) time.

**Third men's team** — A third men's ANG team has started playing at Bertram Field this year on Wednesday nights. The team is made up of some veteran players and new players with little or no experience. They have managed to win 2 games this year.

This is the Air Guard party team — and party they do. In the past, the Air Guard teams have always taken home the "concession stand" award — this team is well on their way. Coach Mike Hassler said, "We're young and inexperienced, but having a fantastic time and holding our own."

**Roonies finding times tough** — The Roonies, coached by John Logsdon and Lou Price, find themselves in a tough knockdown.

knockout league at Guardian Angel on Preston Highway on Tuesday nights. A lack of hitting has been the biggest downfall for this team on Tuesdays. On Thursday nights the team plays at Bertram Field and the hitting greatly improves to a standing of 5 wins and 2 losses and 1 game out of first place. They recently competed in a Louisville Softball Club Tournament and finished second.

### ANG Softball Tournament

The Air National Guard Annual Softball Tournament is currently being hosted in San Antonio by the Texas ANG. The tournament began Wednesday and ends tomorrow. The KyANG has three teams participating: a co-ed team; a ladies team; and a 35 and older team. We wish each of the teams good luck.

### KyANG Athletic Association

The Athletic Association was formed in 1983 by various members of the Air Guard to enhance the comradery of the sports teams, and to serve, control and promote the activities of the membership. Initially formed for the benefit of the softball teams, it is open to all members and supporters of the KyANG.

This year's officers are Jimmy Smith, president; Al Gering, vice president; Debbie Fields, secretary; and Mike Lueken, treasurer. The annual dues paid each year go to paying the franchise fees, league fees, softball fees, and the ANG National Tournament fees. If you have any questions concerning the association, feel free to contact any of these individuals.

### Annual picnic fun

SSgt. Tanya Ellis, left, and A1C Ca-landra Moore, 123d MSS, find a comfortable spot to enjoy their picnic lunch. The picnic is an annual event of the KyANG and includes plenty of food, socializing, and sports.



## Conaway assumes new position

Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, director, Air National Guard, was recently nominated to fill the new position of Vice-Chief, National Guard Bureau.

Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr., chief, National Guard Bureau, recommended General Conaway for the position which was established to assist the chief, NGB in "carrying out his statutory and regulatory responsibilities."

The establishment of this position was recommended in a recently conducted NGB Organizational Study, and was approved by the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

According to General Temple's office, action has begun to select a new Director, Air National Guard, and General Conaway will function as both the Air Guard Director and as the Vice-Chief, NGB.

## Hornung new CDS; Thornton assumes MSS command

Lt. Col. Edwin H. Hornung recently assumed the position of deputy commander for support. He replaced Lt. Col. William D. Seiber who retired.

Replacing Colonel Hornung as commander of the 123d Mission Support Squadron is Lt. Col. William T. Thornton, formerly chief of intelligence for the wing.

## Penalties for DWI

One of the nation's most controversial social and safety issues is the pervasive problem of driving and drinking.

It might surprise you to know that the United States is really pretty "soft" in its handling of the drunk driving problem.

Here's a small list of the penalties other countries impose:

El Salvador — execution by firing squad for the first offense.

France — one year in jail, a \$1,000 fine and a mandatory three-year license suspension.

Soviet Union — driver's license is revoked for life.

Bulgaria — a second conviction carries death penalty.

Turkey — drunk drivers are driven 20 miles out of town and forced to walk back.

Australia — names of drunk drivers are published in local newspapers under "Drunk and In Jail."

Finland — automatic one-year sentence to hard labor.

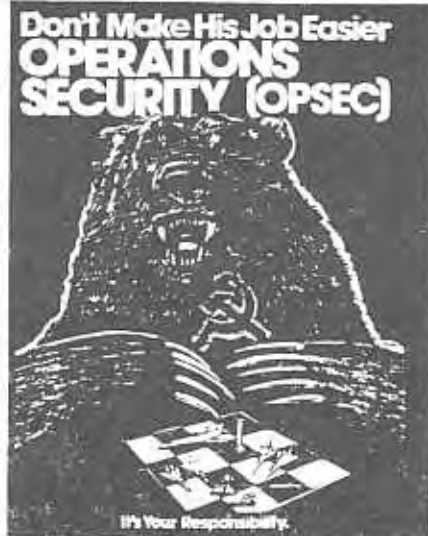
Malaysia — not only is the drunk driver

jailed, but his or her spouse is also incarcerated.

Obviously, drinking and driving is considered a very serious offense in many other countries. Maybe we should consider it one, too. Courtesy of the Air Scoop

## Correction

Last month's Phantom's Eye incorrectly stated that dependents are not allowed in the Base Exchange. Dependents are allowed in Base Exchanges and Class VI stores with proper identification.



## Army Guard News



### Operation 'Haylift'

At left, SP4 Todd Green and PFC William Rucker, both of Co. E, 135th Aviation in Frankfort, help remove bales of hay and load it onto a conveyor in sweltering 90-degree heat. Below, employees of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture packed the hay into the National Guard truck as a jet leaves Standiford Field behind them. The hay was sent from Oregon and was delivered to some of Kentucky's drought-stricken farmers with the help of the Kentucky Army National Guard in July. This load was sent to Dixon, in Webster County.



Army National Guard Photos by Mike Lynch