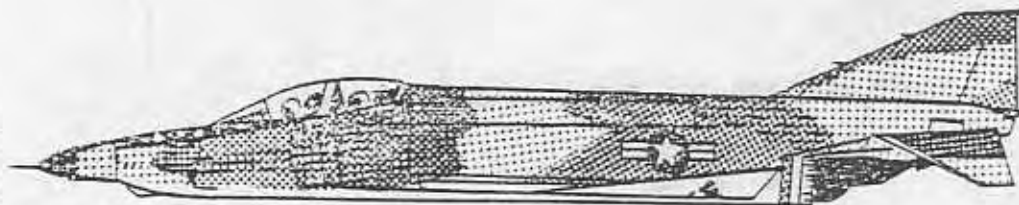




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BEAN SOUP FESTIVAL

It's time again for the annual Bean Soup Festival and Guard members are being asked to support this worthwhile charity. Last year we raised over \$2,500 for local charities. The feast will be March 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will consist of bean soup, desserts, corn bread, salads, and drinks. The donations will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

The Bean Soup Feast committee is issuing calls for help on three fronts in order for this year's event to be bigger and better than 1982's fund raiser.

According to MSgt John Lundergan the committee is looking for door prizes which will be given out to the people that day. Anyone who has an employer who would like to obtain some free publicity through a donation should contact Lundergan, ext 589, or Major Ed Hornung at ext 485. Any size door prize would be appreciated.

Guard members are also being encouraged to publize the Bean Soup Feast with their local employers. Anyone can place a phone order and come out here and pick up the food. The number is 566-9406. No deliveries will be made.

The last front ticket sales. Individuals are being urged to obtain them now, expecially those persons who are not out here during the week.

NCO's To Get Top Honors Today

Two special awards will be presented during this afternoons commander's call. They are going out to TSgt James M. Smith, NCOIC 165th TRS and MSgt William R. Moore, Jr., 123d Comm Flt.

TSgt Smith is being recognized as the "Outstanding Air Guardsman" for 1982. He was selected from several other entrants for this particular honor.

MSgt Moore has been singled out as the "Outstanding Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Senior NCO" in the Tactical Communications Division for 1982.

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION MEETS, ELECTS ADAIR: The National Guard Association of Kentucky has elected Capt. Glenn Adair, 123d Combat Support Squadron, as the new president of the organization for 1983-84.

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WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THE WAR ENDED

By Capt Jeff Butcher
123d TRW/PAO

Saturday, January 27, 1973 where were you? Some of us were still in high school, others were in the Air Force in the states and the more "fortunate" few were in Southeast Asia celebrating the signing of the Paris Peace accords; we thought.

For me I was just getting use to being overseas, the body metabolism was stabilized (no more kluge revenge) jet lag was gone and survival phases — bear, need ride, where's the bathroom, please don't shoot, how much do you charge — were being learned.

Why are we writing this story because January 27 was the tenth anniversary marking the signing of the Paris Peace accords. Very few of us in the war zone realized at the time how significant this action was to be.

Once the word was received U-Tapao Royal Thai Navy Air Base went on standdown.

Captain Charles T. Fenley, 123d Weather Flight was assigned to 10th Weather Flight at U-Tapao. He was briefing C-130 and C-141 crews on the 7 to 7 shift and missed the main festivities there. "I didn't believe it was really over," he said. Following his shift he went to his Air Force Concrete Chotto (barracks term) and slept.

In Guam at Andersen AFB business went on as usual without a standdown. Major Irv Pope, 123d RMS, was serving with the 3rd Munitions Maintenance Squadron then. "I don't think people realized what was going on because we kept counting bombs and loading them on B-52's. (Guam had a third of the B-52 force and U-Tapao had the other third with the remaining Buffs in the states). SSgt Philippe M. Abrigo, 123d CAM, experienced a similar situation as he continued pulling 780-equipment inspections on B-52's.

And now the rest of the story: U-Tapao was indeed a different situation. Everything was quite except the cargo runs and reconnaissance activities. The clubs brought out free beer and food, (the chicken sandwiches were like McChickens today). The beer lines were long but got shorter as the evening progressed because the troops quickly spread off base to carry the message to the Thais. Partying, singing, dancing continued throughout the evening but come morning First Shirts were going through the barracks rousing individuals to go back to work. Why? The war really wasn't over and wouldn't be until August 15 or that year. And now you know the rest of the story.

In January 1983 the Red River Valley Association, better known as the "River Rats," paid tribute to those who did not return from the Vietnam War. A plaque-presentation and wreath-laying ceremony were held at Arlington National Cemetery.

Formerly the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association, members took the name "River Rats" because they flew over the Red River in Vietnam. Their goal is to pass along the lessons learned in the Vietnam War. The Association also offers scholarships to children of crewmembers who flew Southeast Asia missions or participated in the aborted Rescue Attempt in Iran.

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"A CLOSER LOOK"

There's an old proverb that goes, "You can never step foot twice in the same place in a flowing stream." Another adage says, "You can never go home again."

How true. How true.

These quaint sayings take on new meaning everytime I go to the barber and discover additional gray hairs. They come in loud and clear each time I discover another wrinkle or two. And they really catch your attention when you reach that 30th, or 40th, or 60th birthday. Or when your "little boy" can't wear your shoes or clothes because they're too small.

Yep, life has a way of moving on whether we want it to or not.

Many of us approach these changes with fear and trepidation. We're complacent creatures by nature, i.e., we like the security of familiar faces and places. So, when unexpected tragedy strikes us or when we're thrust into a situation we've never experienced before, "fear" has us in its death grip. Our blood pressure rises, our heart pounds like a jackhammer in an empty oil drum, and we feel like fighting. . .or fleeing.

Why do we panic? Why are we threatened by life's uncertainties? If we're honest, we can be certain that these uncertainties will come. So, why the fear and trembling?

Part of it may be our personal sense of inadequacy. We're fearful of risking and/or failing. Our self-esteem hinges upon our competency in a given situation. To be confronted with "new ground" is to trigger the 'ole "I can't do it" syndrome.

Another hidden "fear agent" may be a resistance to change. "We like things the way they are." Once again, this sense of "satisfaction" leads to very shallow living. In fact, it ultimately leads to stagnation and fossilization. Refusing to grow is inviting a premature death. And there are many—some of you reading this article—who are just existing. You're not "living." Your life is mediocre and mundane. You live in a rut, which is nothing more than a grave with both ends kicked out.

How can we move from the corner of Fear and Despair to Abundant Life Boulevard?

The first step is to be Honest. Too many of us deny our real feelings, deceive ourselves and others. You can go to every psychiatrist, every counselor, every preacher or priest, pray 100 times a day, etc., but if you're not honest with God and yourself you're destined to be miserable.

One thing that has helped me is to get in touch with the life of Christ. He was the Son of God who became man. That's okay and sounds good, but the clincher comes in Hebrews 5:8-9, which records: "THOUGH HE WAS A SON, YET LEARNED HE OBEDIENCE BY THE THINGS WHICH HE SUFFERED. AND BEING MADE PERFECT, HE BECAME THE AUTHOR OF ETERNAL SALVATION UNTO ALL THEM WHO OBEY HIM."

A commentary on this passage is seen in various places in Jesus's ministry. The most penetrating is the Garden of Gethsemane account. After drawing Peter, James and John aside, He confessed to them that He was very sorrowful and heavy-hearted. And His wrestling with God's will further reveals that the "peace that passes all understanding" comes only after confessing our needs and submitting ourselves unto a "Godly reign" in our hearts.

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God's peace is not found in the absence of problems; rather, it's found in the midst of them. It's realizing that unexpected problems are going to come. It's remembering that life's changes are going to require us to enter "new ground and lonesome valleys." But the difference is that we have the assurance that there's One who'll never leave us nor forsake us.

It's also remembering that God's grace and strength are more than sufficient. And, "that all things do work together for good to those who love the Lord, who are the called according to His purpose."

May God bless you with the courage to face tomorrow. May He grant you resurrection hope in this day of hopelessness. Remember: there's no mattress as firm as the promises of God and no pillow as soft as the arms of Jesus.

Dare to live now! God's blessings upon you as you launch out into the deep!



PROJECT LOW SMOKE: The 123 TRW, KyANG was recently selected to receive the first component kit for installation on RF-4 engines that will eliminate the black trailing smoke which is characteristic of the F-4 aircraft. The engine addition will not only help clean up the environment but will also help to avoid detection during combat. Four other Guard units throughout the United States will also soon be receiving low smoke kits.

Installation of the kit will be done during periodic inspections. Current figures indicate that a savings of approx. \$3000 will be realized per inspection after modification has been completed. All KyANG F-4s should be completed in two years.

CHANGES IN RETIREMENT TO BE STUDIED: Several proposed changes in the civil service retirement system may soon be studied. Some of these include working until age 65 rather than 55, raise contributions to the retirement fund to 9% of gross wages in 1984 and 11% in 1985, compute retirement benefits on 5 highest years rather than highest three.

Also proposed was bringing the entire civil service work force under the present social security system. Many factors are of course going to be considered, such as no new money coming into the present civil service retirement fund. Another approach would be to modify the present civil service retirement system to include voluntary participation in the Social Security pension system. Present civil service employees would not be affected but would be encouraged by financial incentives, such as withdrawing their own contributions at retirement plus interest from the federal government.

NIGHT AT THE RACES: Free beer and cokes from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The parents Auxillary of Boy Scout Troop 344 will be sponsoring a "NIGHT AT THE RACES" on March 26, 1983 at St. Luke's School, Jim Hawkins Dr., Treasure Island Subdivision starting 7:30 pm. Door prizes after every race. 50¢ admission.

Military Clothing must be kept serviceable at all times. If you have clothing in need of exchange contact the IE center in Base Supply.



FATIGUE UNIFORMS DESERVE PROPER WEAR.

For some Kentucky Air National Guard members last month's drill marked the first time since basic training they'd taken their fatigue uniforms out of mothballs.

Here are some tips from AFR 35-10 on proper wear of the utility uniform so the wing will look sharp when the inspectors drop in.

The basic uniform includes a cotton or durable press shirt and slacks. For men the bottom of the trousers should barely rest on the front of the shoes or boots without a break in the creases (when not bloused). Women's unbloused trouser legs should rest on the front of the shoes or boots with a slight break in the creases.

Wear the blue belt with the black buckle and tip. The tip should extend beyond the buckle, but no blue fabric should show.

An undershirt is required wear under the uniform shirt. It must be olive drab or green. Black socks must be worn with combat boots or white socks can be worn under the black socks when a double pair is required for comfort.

Men can wear plain black oxford shoes, low-quarters or combat boots. Women must wear black oxfords or combat boots. They can wear black or green overshoes. Men's overshoes are black.

Grade insignia, badges, insignia and organizational emblems must be subdued. Enlisted men wear four-inch sleeve chevrons. Enlisted women will wear three-inch chevrons (they can wear three- or four-inch chevrons with the men's uniform). Officers will wear regular-size embroidered grade insignia on the green utility cap. Enlisted people will not wear grade insignia on the green hat. The colored baseball caps are a local-use item authorized by Brig. Gen. Carl D. Black.

Women can wear a clear plastic rainscarf or white net windscarf over the hat.

Authorized outer garments include field jacket, parka, raincoat and (for men) all-weather coat.

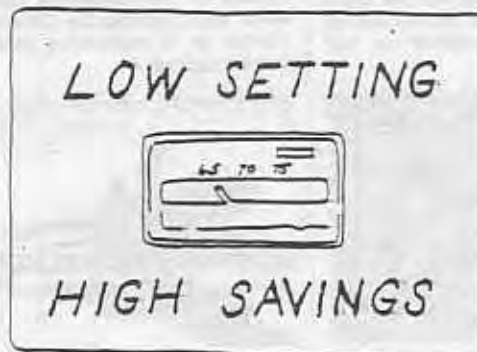
Guard members can wear black or grey gloves and blue, black or grey earmuffs with outer garments. They can carry a plain, solid dark blue or black umbrella in the left hand when weather conditions warrant, as long as it doesn't violate safety practices. A grey scarf can be tucked into the collar of the outer garment.

Women can carry the black handbag in the left hand.

Men and women can wear the olive green sweater in their duty sections. It will not be worn as an outer garment except while they are performing duty.

Guard members should not wear the fatigue uniform to off-base businesses for extended shopping, dining or socializing.

PACER SAVE: A new program to save money on repair of RF-4 engines is now underway. The engines are now being overhauled by our CAM Sq. instead of sending them to the depot. The savings per engine averages \$72,000 to \$77,000.



Facts on Four Fighters

Phantom

The 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing of the Kentucky ANG recently received praise from headquarters when Director of the Air National Guard, Major General John B. Conaway, described them as "one of the most outstanding reconnaissance units in the world." One event that helped prompt that praise was the exceptional performance by the 123rd and their MCAIR-built RF-4C Phantom during the wing's first participation in the biennial NATO photo-reconnaissance exercise "Best Focus." The 1982 competition was held at Karup Air Station, Denmark.

Four international aircrew and five photo interpretation teams were formed from among participating NATO air units from the U.S. (the 123rd), Denmark, England, Norway, West Germany, and the 10th TRW — a USAFE unit based at RAF Alconbury. Participants competed in locating, photographing, and identifying assigned targets consisting of Army-deployed artillery and support equipment placed around the countryside, left in the open or hidden. Teams with 123rd personnel captured first, second, and fourth-place honors. A 123rd RF-4C aircrew, who were winners of an earlier "Photo Finish" tactical reconnaissance tournament in the U.S., was part of the number one international team at Karup.

At the close of "Best Focus 82," Norwegian Lieutenant General I.T. Narvhus singled out the 123rd in his remarks, noting that "It's quite a feat for part-time personnel to drop into the European environment and impress all the other competitors as you have done."



Eagle

The 1st Tactical Fighter Wing, stationed at Langley AFB, Virginia, is, in the words of wing commander Brigadier General Eugene H. Fischer, "Number 1!" His pronouncement came about as a result of the wing's record-setting performance with the MCAIR-built F-15 Eagle during a recent Operational Readiness Inspection code-named "Coronet White." This four-day exercise was held in late August, and was the first conducted under a new USAF readiness requirement that each aircraft participating in an ORI must fly at least three missions per day.

1st TFW pilots and maintenance crews surpassed the USAF requirement, averaging a takeoff every eleven minutes while operating at a "round-the-clock" pace. Seventy-one of the 72 Eagles assigned to the wing participated in the exercise, with the aircraft averaging nearly four, one-hour missions per day. Wing pilots logged as many hours in the four-day ORI as they normally do in a month, while exceeding their own goal of 1000 sorties by 73 flights. Maintenance personnel also set a new record by "hot pit" refueling 222 aircraft in one day. Average turnaround time for refueling, arming, and maintenance checks was 65 minutes, with one of just 13 minutes!

Pilots from the 27th, 71st, and 94th Tactical Fighter Squadrons flew the F-15s and personnel from the 1st Aircraft Generation, Component Repair, and Equipment Maintenance Squadrons kept the planes in top-flying condition. All the participants contributed to the successful ORI, which was described by General Fischer as "a momentous occasion for Langley."



Hornet

"We have an absolute winner on our hands!" was the declaration made by 410 Squadron, CFB Cold Lake, Canada regarding receipt of their first two CF-18 Hornets. Arriving at the Canadian Forces base on 26 October 1982, CF-18 188901 and 188902 were greeted by an enthusiastic gathering of squadron personnel and dignitaries.

After extensive acceptance checks, Canada's newest fighter acquisitions were pronounced ready for pilot training. In the first week of operations with their new MCAIR-built CF-18s, 410 Cougar pilots exceeded "even the most optimistic predictions." The plan was to accomplish 16 sorties in 14 days; instead, 18 sorties were completed in 4.5 days and 20 had been flown in the first five, for a total of 22.2 hours. Number 188901 flew three sorties during the second day of operations.

Findings reported by 410, after their first week with the Hornet, include: "CF-18 is the easiest aircraft squadron trainees have ever flown; exposure to all air-to-air and air-to-ground radar/ weapons modes showed amazing results for this early stage of training; majority of training effort will be necessary to exploit the infinite number of avionics system combinations; transition to Head Up Display, as primary flight instrument for all VFR/IFR operations, has been easier than expected; and not one airframe or engine snag has occurred all week. Access to aircraft systems and its layout are excellent. This aircraft is a maintainer's dream."

In all, the arrival of the CF-18s brought what 410 Squadron referred to as "a fighter pilot's early Christmas" and "a dream come true."



Harrier

In September 1982, U.S. Marine Corps pilots from VMA-231, MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina, flew 11 of their AV-8As off the USS NASSAU and into Denmark for participation in two NATO exercises — Northern Wedding and Bold Guard. One-hundred and fifty VMA-231 maintenance technicians plus 40 augmentees from H&MS-32 were attached to the 4th Marine Amphibious Brigade and embarked aboard the NASSAU to keep Harriers flying at peak performance levels.

The trip from Cherry Point to Denmark took the Harriers first to Great Britain via Goose Bay, Labrador and involved four in-flight refuelings. The return trip was via RAF Yeovilton and the Azores and involved five in-flight refuelings. The Squadron was away from home for one month and operated aboard ship for nearly three weeks.

Close-air support for advancing ground units on the Danish Jutland and West German shores was provided by Harrier pilots who faced low ceiling conditions and limited visibility because of fog. Extremely bad weather forced numerous sortie-cancellations but there were only three maintenance aborts during the entire exercise. During Northern Wedding, all navigation was done visually by matching map markings with terrain features to find targets. Pilots practiced short takeoffs, vertical landings, and "ground loitering" (moving into an area and awaiting direction).

Noting that aircrews operated "as they would at Cherry Point," VMA-231 executive officer Major Jonn Dempsey added "maintenance personnel did a great job" of keeping all 11 Harriers flying.



1983 AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE FUND CAMPAIGN: The 1983 AFAP Campaign began on February 28. ANG support of this extremely worthy effort continues to increase. Recent figures show that approximately twenty-six percent of all the applicants to the General George S. Brown Senior Student Loan Program were members of the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. The dollar value of those approved loans was about eight million dollars. The Air Force Aid Society Assistance, the Air Force Village and the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home are all available to guardsmen and women.

You are urged to consider making a contribution. You can do so by completing the form below and sending your contribution directly to the Air Force Assistance Fund, P.O. Box 277, Randolph AFB, Texas 78148. Even if you have not yet benefited from any of the AFAP programs your contribution will still be very meaningful and may possibly be returned to you and other ANG members many times over in the future. This year's slogan, "We'll keep helping as long as you do" tells the whole story.

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WSSF HAS NEW COMMANDER: 1stLt Kenneth W. Peters has been named commander of the Weapons Security Support Flight. Lt. Peters works as Chief of Security Police at Standiford Field during the week. He has been with the unit since Nov 1980. The Weapons Security Support Flight is 100% manned at present.



BUDGETING PROCESS TO BE REVAMPED: The Budget process for the entire Air National Guard is about to undergo a major procedural change as of October 1, 1983 according to Capt. Bob Williams, 123d Comptroller.

Today National Guard Bureau has six different sub-project areas with some 25 different line items which they allocate money to the unit to spend. Funds are provided on a fiscal basis with each commander requesting funds under the various categories.

Beginning FY 1984 with the inception of the Resources Management System (RMS) units will be given one lump sum. Then the base Financial Board will meet and provide each commander with (yet to be determine) a specific amount of dollars for them to manage. According to SSgt. Michael Lueken, budget and accounting analyst, everyone will have their own pot in each quarter to manage thus replacing the various sub-project areas.

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Joining Capt. Adair are Chief Warrant Officer-4 Edwin Birdwhistell, HqKyAG, president-elect; Capt. Howard Hunt, 123d Cmbt Spt Sq, vice-president for Air and Capt. Norman Arflack, Cmdr A/240th Calvary, vice-president for Army.

The newest member to the Executive Council for the KyANG is Capt. Joann Knight. She joins Colonel John Smith and LtCol Pate Snyder.

The 1984 conclave will be held at the Seelbach-Convention Center on February 25-26 in Louisville.

MILITARY PAY EXPENSES NEARING ALL TIME HIGH

Yesterday, during the Financial Board meeting Capt Bob Williams, 123d Comptroller, announced that civilian personnel pay could hit the \$6.3 million dollar mark this year. The average biweekly payroll for the most recent period is \$241,943.75, an all time high. Military pay for UTAs, Annual Field Training, Special Training Schools and Proficiency Schools will reach a \$3.9 million figure this year. The budget items together will account for over \$10.2 being spent in Kentucky by Air Guard individuals. And according to economists each dollar spent turns over several times in the respective community.

ARMED FORCES DAY DINNER

The 1983 Louisville Armed Forces Day Dinner Committee will host this year's event at the Galt House on May 20, 1983. Tickets are \$15 a piece. People should see Lt Col Neil Woodcock for further information and tickets. The dress will be either a business suit, white mess dress or the new blue mess dress. The annual Louisvillian observance is one of the country's oldest such events drawing attention to the military.

