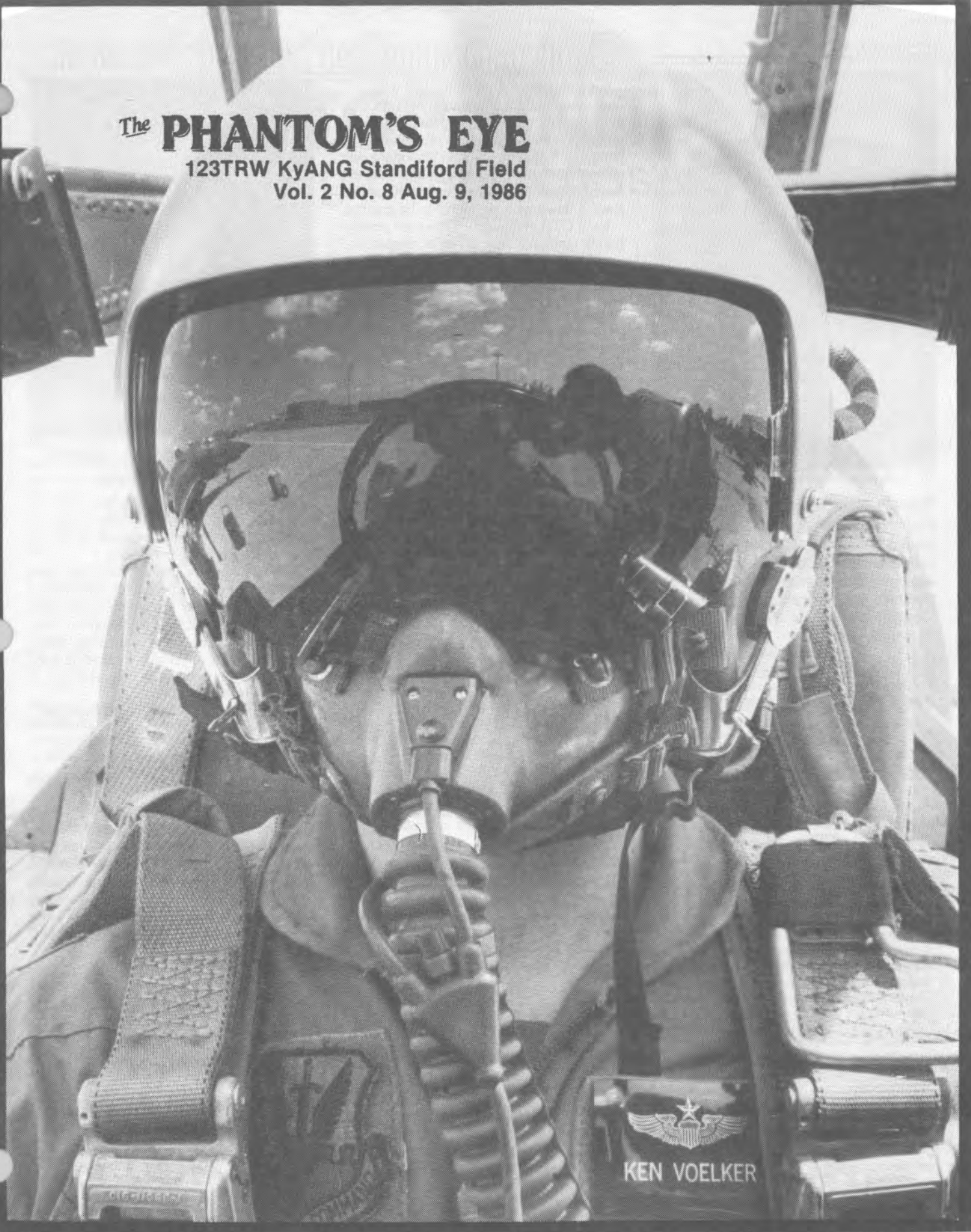


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KyANG Photo by Amn Dennis Robinson

Ready for take-off

Maj. Kenneth Voelker, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, prepares for flight. Major Voelker was one of the 320 members of the KyANG who traveled to Germany in July. See pages 4 and 5 for story.

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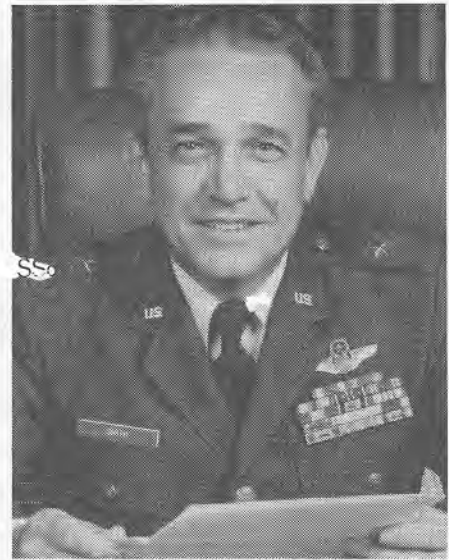
Commander's Column

I'm sure that unit personnel are well aware that we are fully into ANG/DOD directed drug testing. The goal of this program is to deter the use of illegal drugs. Although detection plays an important role, deterrence is the primary goal. Let's review the basics of the program and ANG policy toward those who are found to be positive.

Each UTA 2 percent of the base population is randomly selected by computer for urinalysis testing. All testing is done by modern "state of the art" equipment at certified laboratories. The equipment used can detect as little as 5 NG/ML of THC metabolite from the ingestion of cannabis (marijuana). Additionally, all specimens screened are also tested for one of the following: cocaine, amphetamine, barbiturate, PCP, or opiates, with emphasis on cocaine. If positive, a second test using a different analysis is conducted by another certified laboratory.

Individuals found positive will be notified by their respective unit commander regarding pending administrative actions. ANG policy is that drug abuse is incompatible with ANG standards of conduct. The illegal or improper use of drugs by ANG members can be detrimental to the ANG mission. The policy is intended to maintain standards of behavior, performance, and discipline for mission accomplishment. The incompatibility of drug abuse and the standards of the ANG make it essential that commanders take swift and firm action against drug offenders.

Evidence obtained through urinalysis or furnished by the member may be used to



BRIG GEN JOHN L. SMITH
Wing Commander

establish a basis for discharge and characterization of discharge. As a rule, discharge will be characterized as under other than honorable conditions.

Military members who fail to comply with an order to provide an urine sample for the testing program may be subject to punitive or administrative actions for failure to obey a lawful order. The commander may again review the order to provide a urine sample at any time after refusal to obey a prior order has been documented.

Let's work together and not complicate our lives — let's be drug-free.

Chaplain's Column

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Thomas Curry

Greetings to all in the KyANG. As your new Protestant Chaplain I want you to know how delighted I am to be on board.

Let me encourage you to take advantage of our ministry. Perhaps you have an issue in your life you've wanted to share with someone, but never felt like you could. Or

perhaps you have a topic you've always wanted to talk over with a minister. Do come by, and I'd be happy to share with you.

I will be visiting the different squadrons in our unit each month. You will see me during roll call in the near future. I look forward to meeting you. In the meantime **DO** call upon me and **DO** come to Chapel - Sundays at 9 a.m.

TOP UNIT

KyANG engineers chosen as best

The 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron, Kentucky Air National Guard, was recently awarded the Air National Guard Civil Engineering Association Outstanding Civil Engineering Unit Award for 1985.

"We are very proud to have such a dedicated and professional organization. Congratulations to each and every member for a job well done," stated Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, director Air National Guard.

The ANGCEA presents this award annually to the civil engineering unit that demonstrates excellence in training, unit readiness, manning, OJT upgrading, retention and support of civic activities. Only a few CE units have received this award since the association began giving it just five years ago, according to Lt. Col. William D. Seiber, 123rd CES commander.

"I'm extremely pleased with this award and for the effort our people have put forward to make this an outstanding unit," said Colonel Seiber. The formal presentation of the award will be made at Anaheim, Calif., Aug. 14 during the Air National Guard Civil Engineering Workshop.

"The major emphasis has been on training," said Colonel Seiber. This is evident by the number of training programs initiated and developed by the unit.

Although there are no local capabilities to train approximately 45 heavy equipment operators assigned to the unit, this did not stop the unit from seeking other training sites for their people. During 1985, 13 people were sent to Equipment Operator School at Camp Perry, Ohio and Annville, Pa. Other training for heavy equipment was arranged through



Fort Knox for UTA weekends. All firefighting training is conducted at Savannah, Ga. "The fact that we don't have training facilities here hasn't deterred us from getting our people qualified," explained Colonel Seiber.

The 123rd, which is 112 percent manned has an annual UTA attendance rate of 95 percent. They have received above average ratings on their last Operational Readiness Inspection and also the Management Effectiveness Inspection.

In submitting for the award, Colonel Seiber cited the unit's participation in several major deployments and special projects.

In March five members of the unit were deployed to Wyoming ANG Base to construct a base entrance sign. Construction consisted of a three foot high, 100 foot long sign of concrete blocks with a brick facing and electric service.

In July 1985, 54 members of the unit were deployed to Rhein-Main AB, Germany where

a terrorist car bomb was detonated 200 feet from their living quarters. No members of the Kentucky unit were injured, and the unit volunteered to assist in damage assessment, bomb damage repair, explosive ordinance reconnaissance and debris clean-up. They also conducted a search of their work area to insure no other explosive devices had been planted.

That same month 15 firefighters of the unit were deployed to Hahn AB, Germany. Members of the 123rd CES firefighting unit assisted members of the Hahn AB fire department during an actual F-16 fire which had fully engulfed the mid-fuselage and tail section of the aircraft.

Along with their training support to other units, members of the 123 CES have provided various construction skills to civic projects. They aided the Louisville USO toward completion of new facilities in the recently constructed passenger terminal building at Standiford Field. For their efforts in this project the group received a plaque for the USO's appreciation.

The unit has also been contacted by the Boy Scouts of America, Old Kentucky Home Council, to assist in the construction of a new Boy Scout Campsite and Recreation area.

Members of the unit also participate annually in fund raising events for charitable organizations in the local community. Recipients of the money raised include the Kentucky Easter Seal Foundation, Kentucky Society for Children and Adults with Autism, Louisville Deaf Oral School and Kentuckiana Crusade for Children.

Briefs

Position changes

Several staff position changes have been made in the Kentucky Air National Guard in the past several months.

Col. Pete Snyder became the deputy commander for resources, replacing Col. Dwight Pounds who became the education

and training staff officer at HQ KyANG. Colonel Pounds replaced Col. Robert Lawrence who will retire at the end of August.

Maj. Forrest Nelson became the commander of the 165th Weather Flight in June, replacing Lt. Col. Russell Durham who retired.

Placement of DOD tags

A reminder to all operators of private autos-the only acceptable placement of DOD and base stickers is the left corner (driver's side) of the front bumper, according to security police officials. People who need another sticker can go to the Pass and ID section and pick one up.

All people exiting the O & T Bldg., after duty hours, should be aware that if they exit via the front doors they must contact the front gate at ext. 401 or 402 so they can ensure that the building is once again locked. Preferably, other doors can be used, according to the security police.

COMBAT

123rd TRW 'survives' training

By Capt. Jeff Butcher
Public Affairs Officer

As more than 320 Kentucky Air Guardsmen boarded their transport aircraft it was evident they were going home as survivors of a simulated combat scenario few will ever forget.

"If put on a college grade level, our people left Zweibruecken with a 4.0 GPA," explained Col. Joseph L. Kottak, deputy commander of the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, for operations. "We were harmonious, a team . . . we jelled. We got, hopefully, the worst taste of war any of us could ever experience."

Coronet Shoshoni presented the 123rd TRW with its first real test of integrating in to an active duty scenario. From day one the 123rd and the 26th TRW of Zweibruecken began to make the transition from two separate wings into one super recce outfit. It was an unique situation for both units.

The operation had two phases. The first week involved the build up for an all-out sortie surge generation. In comparison, week two had almost as many sorties with the addition of a "Salty Nation" chemical warfare attack exercise.

In the end, the 123rd Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron personnel were really tested alongside their aircrews. And in the final analysis, the general consensus of the aircrews was that maintenance performance made the difference.

"We came here to train with our European counterparts," said Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, 123rd wing commander. "Some people believe that 'air is air,' and that flying in one vicinity is the same as flying in another. That simply is not true, and the significance of coming to Germany is that we trained in the NATO environment. Our aircrews were seeing different things, and that is why the training was so vital."

During the deployment 14 RF-4C Phantoms were launched June 28 in two waves, 30 minutes apart. Two of these airframes were maintenance backups. In Wave II one Phantom developed hydraulics problems and returned to station along with another Phantom under the buddy system. Consequently, only 11 of the scheduled 12 RF-4s arrived in Zweibruecken.

Following a day of orientation flights with members of the 26th TRW the 123rd began to gear up for the sortie generation surge days.

While the aircrews, maintenance and other support personnel were conducting flying operations, representatives from the 123rd were developing community relations with local German national officials. Brig. Gen. Fred F. Bradley, Kentucky's assistant adjutant for air, and General Smith, called on the Lord Mayor's office. The primary objective was to present three forms of recognition from the Kentucky governor, Louisville mayor and Jefferson County county judge-executive offices. The generals presented an Honorary Kentucky Colonel certificate and an Honorary Captainship for the Belle of Louisville, plus a proclamation announcing that Louisville would observe July 4, 1986 as Zweibruecken Day.

Tuesday brought the first day of actual simulated combat frags for the aircrews. Eleven airframes were mission capable, and 36 sorties were scheduled and flown. However, the afternoon schedule was altered somewhat due to a 26th TRW aircraft accident. Both pilots ejected safely.

Maintenance problems did develop which required numerous additional manhours to supply the needed assets for the next day's flying activities.

Maintenance control and base operations were pressure packed from the initial aircrew briefing until the last sortie was completed. And once again maintenance specialists were hard at it to pass normal downtimes to keep airframes mission capable.

Week one ended with two ships staying in the local area as the remaining aircraft made cross country flights to Spain, Italy, Great Britain and Germany. The partial slowdown made it possible for the unit to prepare for the upcoming "Salty Nation" exercise.

'We're going to war,' Lt. Col. Gary Burge

Salty Nation began off base as personnel dawned their chemical warfare gear prior to entering the base gate. Twelve hour shifts for a 72-hour period was the order.

Lt. Col. Gary M. Burge, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron commander, briefed, "We are going to war."

That's what happened. The exercise was designed to see how well people could perform the mission with bombs going off, sniper attacks, chemicals filling the air, casualties on the ground, hospital triage

units in full operation and total disruption of flying activities.

The observers wanted to see, for example, how people would react if two crew chiefs were taken out while the aircraft was being parked. In one case, two other airmen jumped in and completed the post flight re-generation as if it was a routine operation for them.

During the exercise 24 sorties were scheduled each day. All sorties were launched, although not as scheduled due to the various attacks, and recovered.

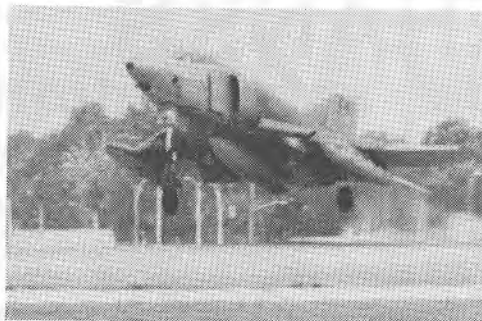
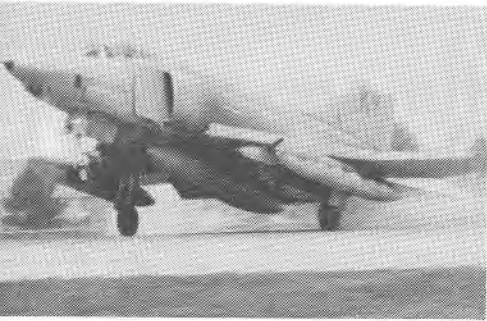
Even though the primary concentration was on the maintenance and flying activities, the support elements were also busy. Total support of the mission involved people from transportation, food services, communications, civil engineering, personnel, logistics, base services and disaster preparedness.

"Our mission was a 'resounding success,'" said General Smith. "We accomplished everything we set out (200 sorties scheduled and flown) to do, and today, we're a better unit than we were last month. A lot of people don't believe that a reserve unit can fully integrate into an active duty unit. We proved this wrong, and showed Zweibruecken how well we can make the transition. It went perfectly smooth."



KyANG Photo by SSgt. Charles Simpson

Maj. Lawrence Redman is greeted by son.



KyANG Photos by Amn Dennis Robinson

The first RF-4 to land on the unit's return, flown by Col. Joseph Kottak.



KyANG Photo by Sgt. Jeff Sansbury

Col. Joseph Kottak explains exercise to reporter



KyANG Photo by Sgt. Jeff Sansbury

tenance crews, along with others, worked with technical gear ready.



KyANG Photo by Sgt. Jeff Sansbury

Not creatures from outer space, but members of the KyANG simulating combat conditions.

THANKS

Organizations send appreciation for support

By SSgt. Jenny Montgomery
Editor

One of the many things that makes being a member of the Kentucky Air National Guard so enjoyable and rewarding is the emphasis that is placed on helping others.

During the wing's annual Bean Soup Feast held in April, monies were raised to donate to various charitable organizations throughout the state. Much of that money has already been handed out and has been put to great use during the summer months to help needy children.

According to Lt. Col. Edwin H. Hornung, chairman KyANG Youth Activities Fund, approximately \$5,000 from the Bean Soup Feast were donated to five different charities. There are still a few more charities yet to receive money, according to the Colonel.

The following are excerpts from several letters received by Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander, on behalf of the unit's support of these organizations.

"Thank you again for your most generous gift from the Youth Activities Fund for camperships for disabled children in the Jefferson County area to attend Camp Kysoc and Camp Green Shores. . . We could not continue this service to the disabled without help from you and others. Camp is in session now and will run through August 9. . .

"We certainly enjoyed the good food and fellowship during the Bean Feast this past April and really do look forward to it each year."

Heidi Miller, CCD, Director
Camping and Recreation Camp Kysoc, Camp Green Shores

"I was elated to receive the gift from the Kentucky Air National Guard to the Old Kentucky Home Council, Boy Scouts of America. I immediately relayed it to the Scouting people. They have informed me that your gift may be instrumental in putting the campaign for the new Scout Camp over the top. . ."

Joel A. Carlson
Special Agent in Charge U.S. Dept. of Justice

"On behalf of the Scouts and leaders of the Old Kentucky Home Council, let me express my sincere appreciation for the pledge from the Kentucky Air National Guard to the Camp Development Campaign."

"Your pledge, along with many others, will make it possible to develop the new camp to serve thousands of young people for years to come. There has never been a time when your investment in Scouting is more needed or will do so much for the benefit of the community."

Allan M. Lansing, M.D., PhD.
Campaign Chairman Old Kentucky Home Council

"We were delighted to receive the very generous gift from the Kentucky Air National Guard. A most sincere thank you from all the Louisville Deaf Oral School.

Last year we had 25 new students join our program — a very large increase for a small school! Consequently, this month we will begin renovation of the lower level of our school to serve as an additional Parent-Infant Center. The lovely gift from the Kentucky Air National Guard could not have come at a better time."

Lynn Peter
Director of Development The Louisville Deaf Oral School

NCOAGA Conference boasts success

The KyANG hosted the 1986 Air National Guard NCO Academy Graduates Association National Seminar in Louisville July 20 to 25 at the Galt House.

Mayor Jerry Abramson and County Judge Executive Harvey Sloane were among the distinguished guests at the seminar's opening ceremonies July 21. Other distinguished guests for the seminar included Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, director of the Air National Guard, Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, adjutant general of the Kentucky Guard, and

Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, air commander of the Kentucky Air National Guard.

Approximately 200 Guardsmen from around the country participated in the annual seminar hosted by the Kentucky Chapter of the NCOAGA. The purpose of the five-day conference was to provide management refresher training for Air Guard non-commissioned officers.

"As far as I can ascertain, the only complaints during the conference were very minor, we received very good comments

from people," said MSgt. Robert Denton, planning committee co-chairman. Several thank-you notes were received by the Kentucky guardsmen hosting the event. One card read, "The blanket of roses go to you, the winner."

"I think everything went off really well," added Sergeant Denton. "People said they are looking forward to coming back to Kentucky for the National Guard Bowling Tournament in May and the Enlisted Association National Guard of the United States Conference in September."

BUG BUSTERS

By Lt. Col. Ed Tonini
HQ KyANG Public Affairs

What do you do when your base is being overrun by Japanese Beetles and your unit is about to deploy to the rose capitol of Western Europe? You call in "Bug Busters" — an element of the award winning 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron.

Just prior to the unit's Coronet Shoshoni deployment CE received a message alerting all flying units of the sensitivity of some western states and foreign countries to the spread of the Japanese Beetle. The insects which have a ravenous appetite can cause serious damage to fruits, vegetables and flowers. Since the CE squadron commander, Lt. Col. William Seiber, had visited Zweibrucken during a planning

visit he realized that the area around the base was the rose capital of Western Europe.

Japanese Beetles love roses, but Seiber was certain the rose growers wouldn't feel the same about the insects. So when the entire Standiford Field area was overrun with millions of the little critters he knew there was a problem. Seiber contacted the National Guard Bureau and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and together they came up with a solution. All support aircraft were sealed and fumigated with a powerful fogger insecticide. Additionally, bug bags with a scent that attracted the insects were also placed around the base away from the flightline.

In a little over a week more than 150 pounds of insects were collected in the bags and many others were swept up from the flightline. The USDA representative estimated that there are about 7,000 insects to the pound. That means that our CE Bug Busters captured and killed over a million beetles and in the process helped avert a potential serious problem with their German hosts.

Congress approves retirement changes

Washington (AFNS) — After two years of study and debate, Congress has approved legislation changing the military retirement system for people who enter on Aug. 1 or later. Those now on active duty or already retired are not affected.

In order to encourage longer service, the new retirement system initially reduces retired pay for those who retire before reaching 30 years' service but adjusts retired pay at age 62. That early reduction is one percentage point off the current retirement rate for each year before 30 years' service.

For instance, people who retire under the new system after 20 years' military service will initially draw 40 percent of their high-three average basic pay, compared to 50 percent now. That means a 10 percent penal-

ty for retiring 10 years before reaching 30 years' service. At age 62, retired pay will be recomputed to what it would have been without the penalty.

Under the new system, future military retirees will receive annual cost of living adjustments one percent below the inflation rate as measured by the consumer price index. Presently, retirees are entitled to COLA raises equal to inflation.

However, the new system also provides for a one-time COLA "catch-up." At age 62, future military retirees will have their retired pay adjusted to what it would have been, assuming full COLA raises all along. After that one-time catch-up adjustment, their COLA raises will resume at one percent below the inflation rate.

Prior service enlistees who return to active duty after Aug. 1 will be eligible to retire under the current system if they initially entered service before Aug. 1.

Although the Air Force opposed any change to military retirement, the changes mandated by Congress preserve the basic structure of the system and protect those who typically are no longer actively employed in a second career beyond age 62. Moreover, despite these changes, the military retirement system remains competitive with the best private sector plans by offering immediate retired pay after 20 years of service, relatively high multipliers, adjustment for inflation, and no member contributions, Air Force officials say.

Greyhound extends bus passes

Greyhound Lines, Inc., has extended its military Ameripass and package express discount programs to reservists, national guardsmen in non-drill status and their families through Dec. 31, 1986.

Military Ameripasses provide passengers with half-price bus tickets and unlimited travel throughout the Greyhound system. The 30-day Ameripass costs \$169 versus the regular \$349, and the 15-day ticket is priced at \$119 versus \$249. With this extension, those eligible now include active duty and retired military, national guardsmen

and reservists in active and non-drill status, foreign military serving with U.S. Forces in the continental U.S., and family members of all of the above. A valid identification card must be presented to verify eligibility.

Active duty military and their family members also qualify for a discount on the 7-day Ameripass. The pass costs \$94 versus the normal \$189. Retirees, guardsmen, reservists and foreign military personnel do not qualify for this discount.

Children under five years of age may ride free with an adult paying passenger. All other children under 12 years of age may travel half

the adult fare. Greyhound has imposed no blackout travel periods and no weekend or holiday restrictions.

With the extension, Greyhound's package express program will be open to active duty military, national guardsmen and reservists, their family members and retirees. Foreign military personnel and family members of retirees are not eligible for this program. Package express allows eligible personnel to ship or receive packages up to 100 pounds anywhere in the nationwide Greyhound system for \$10 or less.

Safety Notes

By SMSgt. Louis Colgate
NCOIC, Safety

We are asking the help of all members of this unit to eliminate FOD. FOD is "Foreign Object Damage."

We have had FOD to six engines in the last 15 months. This needless waste has consumed 880 work hours which equates to \$12,320 in labor cost alone. The parts used to repair these engines cost approximately \$596,000, for a total outlay of \$608,320.

The source of FOD can sometimes be traced, but many times we only know that the engine is damaged. If you work around the airplanes, please be extra careful about laying items where they can be ingested into the engine. If you don't work around the planes, please pick up any items that could find their way onto the ramp or

runway and then be sucked into the engine intake.

Seat Belt Use

The safety office took a survey during the recent MEI and found that approximately 50 percent of the personnel leaving the base were wearing seat belts. Air Force Regulations require the use of personal restraints "seat belts" by all individuals while riding in vehicles on base. Please do the safety staff and your loved ones a favor — make an effort to wear your seat belts at all times, and not just on base where they are mandatory.

Remember, we are well into the "101 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER." This period began on Memorial Day and runs through Labor Day. During these critical 101 days, fatalities have historically increased. Please take extra precautions to keep you and your family from becoming a victim of these statistics.

Bits-n-Pieces

Promotions:

TO: 1st Lt.

Mark A. Sutherland

TO: MSgt.

Margaret P. Hood
Paul E. Wright

TO: TSgt.

David L. Stoffregen

So Long!

The following have recently been discharged from the KyANG. Our

sincere thanks to all of you, and good luck.

Col. Grady L. Dickinson
Capt. Barbara S. Dickinson
SSgt. Craig T. Bush
SSgt. Christian E. Larmee
SSgt. Steven B. Jackson
Sgt. Joseph L. Kippes, Jr.
SrA Michael G. Baxtron
SrA Thomas B. Yancy
SrA John R. Karlen
AIC Kevin D. Mahaney
AIC Pamela S. Shacklette
AB Mark T. Nellums

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Ribbon and/or Oak Leaf Cluster

MSgt. Donald L. McDonald
MSgt. William H. Crutcher
MSgt. William C. Murphy
MSgt. Larry W. Walker

TSgt. Thomas A. James
TSgt. Mard R. Ferris
TSgt. David A. Goatley
TSgt. Joseph A. Goodin
SSgt. David L. Koontz
SSgt. David A. Sauber
SSgt. Robert S. Gamble
SSgt. Norris W. Hester
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SSgt. Dennis L. Thompson
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Sgt. Michael A. Buckley
SrA Florine D. Curtis
SrA Philip A. Elery

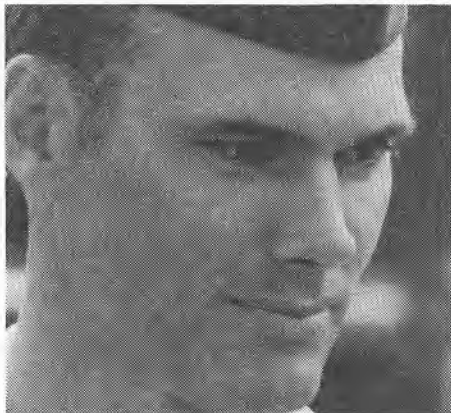
Appointment

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Thomas T. Curry

Phantom Views

The Department of Defense has directed an anti-smoking campaign to "decrease the use of tobacco," which prohibits smoking in auditoriums and classrooms and also in eating and working areas unless adequate ventilation is available.

How do you feel about this decision and will it affect you?



SSgt. Gene Hancock
123rd RMS

"I agree — I'm not a smoker so I'm all for not smoking."



TSgt. Cynthia Gibson
123rd RMS

"I don't like smokers. I had to take medicine for smokers around me."



MSgt. Tim O'Mahoney
123rd CES

"Good idea, however, do need to designate smoking areas for people to smoke in. Smoking bothers people's sinuses and smokers need to respect others' rights."
(Smoker)



Col. Dwight Pounds
Hq KyANG

"If they want to smoke let them do it in the POL (fuels) area."



SSgt. Kenneth Bishop
123rd WSSF

"Good idea. I'm a smoker, but I don't think it's fair to smoke around people who don't smoke."



Sgt. Gerrald Manlavi
123rd CAMS

"I think it's a great idea. I can't stand cigarette smoke."