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A key feature of the updated instruction, released Aug. 2, is the return of heritage to the enlisted corps — chevrons on the sleeves and circles around the U.S. insignia.

"Over the years, we’ve made changes that made sense at the time, but had the effect of moving us away from our heritage," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley.

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The circle around the U.S. was eliminated in 1991, said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos of the Air Force Uniform Board.

"Yet, every uniform board since received requests to return that to the enlisted force, so it has been done," she said. "Wearing the circle on the lapel has a lasting heritage that dates back to April 27, 1918."

The change will include the removal of senior NCO shoulder boards from the blue uniform and from all upper garments, except the optional wool sweaters. The updates also will include information about the new air staff badge and new space badge.

Other changes:
- Desert combat uniforms are now only authorized on civilian flights to and from the area of responsibility.
- Air Force personnel are not authorized to wear desert boots with the battle dress uniform.

As a reminder, Oct. 1 marks the mandatory wear of physical training gear. All Airmen will be required to have one running suit, two T-shirts and two pair of shorts. Also beginning in October, enlisted Airmen will receive an increase in their clothing allowance to offset the increase of the mandatory number of T-shirts and shorts from two to three sets in October 2007.

Air Force officials emphasized that Airmen should not wait until October to purchase these items. The revised AFI will clarify wear of the PT gear by specifying how and when to wear it, and provides recommendations to the chief of staff for a final decision," Sergeant Athnos said.

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He received his commission in 1974 through the ROTC program at Texas Christian University.

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Governor unveils new tail flash on C-130 fleet

Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Kentucky’s adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm, unveiled a new paint scheme for the 123rd Airlift Wing’s C-130 fleet during a ceremony held at the Air Guard base June 25.

The Kentucky Air Guard’s eight Hercules transports now feature the now-feature the “Unbridled Spirit” logo on their vertical stabilizer wings, proudly identifying their Kentucky heritage wherever they fly around the world, Governor Fletcher said.

The new tail flash is part of a statewide, brand new campaign designed to promote Kentucky’s image. The same “Unbridled Spirit” logo already appears on state license plates, Web sites, road signs and other items.

The goal is to “harness the pride and passion Kentuckians have for our state, and showcase that pride to the rest of the world,” Gov. Fletcher when announcing the campaign.

Kentucky aircrews and C-130s regularly deploy worldwide to provide airlift services in support of U.S. military and humanitarian operations, including several mobilizations for missions in Southwest Asia as part of operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Kentucky’s adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm (center) to unveil a new C-130 paint scheme as Col. Mark Kraus, commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing, looks on.

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By Maj. Kirk Hibrech Kentuck Joint Forces Public Affairs

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky National Guard has named Col. Howard P. Hunt III as Joint Forces Air Component Commander and Chief of Staff for the Kentucky Air National Guard, effective July 1.

"It’s a great day to be a Kentucky National Guard Airman, and I am so pleased to have Col. Hunt further serve the Commonwealth in this capacity," said Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm, Kentucky’s adjutant general.

"I am confident in his leadership abilities and believe he is a strong asset to the Kentucky National Guard," as Joint Forces Air Component Commander — also known as the JFACC — Hunt will be responsible for providing air support to all Joint Task Force operations.

Prior to his selection as JFACC and Chief of Staff, Hunt served as commander of the 123rd Maintenance Group. Under his command, the unit provided aircraft maintenance and flight support functions for the 123rd Airlift Wing during Operation Iraqi Freedom and multiple peacetime missions.

During his 32-year military career, Colonel Hunt also has served as the state’s Executive Support Staff Officer at Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard.
Volunteerism for border mission proves American spirit of service alive in 123rd

by Capt. Dale Greer

Col. Mark Kraus
123rd Airlift Wing Commander

As modern day Minutemen, that spirit is a part of who we are, and it is alive and thriving in our 123rd Airlift Wing today.

Last UTA, the call went out for volunteers to deploy and assist with the securing of our border in the Southern United States. With only sketchy details of the mission, duties to be performed, your start dates or the dangers to be faced, more than 120 members of the 123rd raised their hands to say, “Send me.”

I’m exceedingly pleased to tell you that your response leads the nation to assist with this important mission — and it represents to me the rekindling of that same American spirit of service witnessed that cold, wintry New Year’s Eve in Trenton long ago.

The Army and Air National Guard will have an important role to play along our southern-most border over the next two years, strengthening the security of the entire nation.

It will succeed only with a commitment of our time and talent, and I’m very proud that many of you have stepped forward to offer both. My heartfelt thanks to all for your magnificent commitment to service and willingness to answer the call.

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No contribution to the role of Minutemen could have been greater than the answer of our citizen volunteers.

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WASHINGTON — Twenty-four-hour news cycles and the demand for real-time data and images dictate an adjustment in how the Air Force is organized in order to better leverage its capabilities and provide timely and focused information to the public, the Air Force chief of staff said recently in a memorandum.

“To help build a versatile and formidable communication capability, I approve the concept of realizing two functional areas — public affairs and multimedia — into a relevant strategic communication structure that will provide operational capability for today and into the future,” he wrote.

The realignment will take place first at the Air Staff level. Multimedia will realign from the Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer to the Office of Air Force Communication and the Office of Public Affairs (SAFPA)."

“The goal of strategic communication is to inform and appropriately influence key audiences through collaborating and integrating our communication efforts,” said Brig. Gen. Erv Lessel, director of Air Force Communication. “Through this realignment, both multimedia and public affairs will be operationally aligned to help achieve that goal.”

The career field managers for public affairs and multimedia began studying the merger of the career fields in November 2005. Several meetings took place to compare trends and data and then develop a plan and timeline of how to move forward.

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In the speech, General Moseley said the current bomber fleet is adequate to meet America’s needs today, despite its age — but that’s likely to change in the future without a new platform.

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This new endeavor comes at a time when the Air Force budget is strained, 40,000 Airmen are on their way out the door, and remaining Airmen are tightening the belt. Yet a stealthy, long-range bomber is needed more than ever. The average age of the force’s aircraft is 23.5 years. It’s the oldest inventory the Air Force has operated since its beginning in 1947.

The first B-52 rolled off the assembly line February 1955 and the 51-year old aircraft design makes up more than half of the Air Force’s bomber inventory. That’s equivalent to a police department using a 1955 Dodge Monaco for its patrol car.

The B-52 will be more than 90 years old before it retires.

Furthermore, the increasing age of Air Force aircraft requires more dollars invested to modernize their capabilities. Quite simply, “Old aircraft strain the budget,” said Colonel Shorb. “The critical nature of current funding impacts the ability to modernize and sustain current fleets.”


“The way we fight wars is changing. We must ensure our force is structured to meet future emerging threats.”

But the major also said shortfalls in the budget could prevent the Air Force from providing the air and space capabilities America needs.

“During Operation Iraqi Freedom, bombers delivered two-thirds of the total Air Force tonnage while flying roughly five percent of all Air Force strike sorties, Colonel Shorb said. These bombs were dropped against an enemy without anti-access systems; so essentially, the door didn’t need to be kicked down.

The same accomplishments would’ve been thorny had Iraq’s anti-access system been developed.
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Guard officials were working against the clock to deploy 4,500 Army Guardsmen and 1,500 Air Guardsmen to the Southwest by Aug. 1, so Colonel Hunt started calling colleagues at the state headquarters of Air Guard units around the country, making officials aware of the immediate need to solicit volunteers for the mission.

In less than a month, the goal was met. Colonel Hunt praised Kentucky’s Airmen for their superior volunteerism, noting that the state’s response was among the top two or three in the nation. Colonel Dornbush also was pleased. “It’s been a real rewarding experience for Kentucky to take a lead in this effort to know that we’re part of something the president and secretary of defense have made clear is very important to the security of this country,” he said.

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This new endeavor comes at a time when the Air Force budget is strained, 40,000 Airmen are on their way out the door, and remaining Airmen are tightening the belt. Yet a stealthy, long-range bomber is needed more than ever. The average age of the force’s aircraft is 23.5 years. It’s the oldest inventory the Air Force has operated since its beginning in 1947.

The first B-52 rolled off the assembly line February 1955 and the 51-year old aircraft design makes up more than half of the Air Force’s bomber inventory. That’s equivalent to a police department using a 1955 Dodge Monaco for its patrol car.

The B-52 will be more than 90 years old before it retires.

Furthermore, the increasing age of Air Force aircraft requires more dollars invest to modernize their capabilities. Quite simply, “Old aircraft strain the budget,” said Colonel Shorb. “The critical nature of current funding impacts the ability to modernize and sustain current fleets.”


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But the major also said shortfalls in the budget could prevent the Air Force from providing the air and space capabilities America needs.

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New guidance issued on wear of uniform items

Senior NCOs to lose shoulder-board option

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — An update to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Air Force Uniform Dress and Appearance, contains revised guidance for a number of items, including enlisted chevrons.

A key feature of the updated instruction, released Aug. 2, is the return of heritage to the enlisted corps — chevrons on the sleeves and circles around the U.S. insignia.

Over the years, we’ve made changes that made sense at the time, but had the effect of moving us away from our heritage,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley.

“Chevrons on sleeves and circles around the U.S. insignia are historical symbols of the enlisted corps — chevrons on the sleeves and circles around the U.S. insignia.

The circle around the U.S. was eliminated in 1991, said Senior Master Sgt. Dana Athnos of the Air Force Uniform Board.

“You, yet every uniform board since received requests to return that to the enlisted force, so it has been done,” she said. “Wearing the circle on the capel has a lasting heritage that dates back to April 27, 1918.”

The change will include the removal of senior NCO shoulder boards from the blue uniform and from all upper garments, except the optional wool sweaters.

The updates also will include information about the new air staff badge and new space badge.

Other changes:

— Desert combat uniforms are now only authorized on civilian flights to and from the area of responsibility.

— Air Force personnel are not authorized to wear desert boots with the battle dress uniform.

As a reminder, Oct. 1 marks the mandatory wear of physical training gear. All Airmen will be required to have one running suit, two T-shirts and two pair of shorts. Also beginning in October, enlisted Airmen will receive an increase in their clothing allowance to offset the increase of the mandatory number of T-shirts and shorts from two to three sets in October 2007.

Air Force officials emphasized that Airmen should not wait until October to purchase these items. The revised AFI will clarify wear of the PT gear by specifying that when doing organized PT, the shorts and T-shirts will be worn as a set and not mixed with civilian clothes; however, at other times the PT gear, to include the running suit, can be worn with civilian clothes.

More clarification will be provided about sister service badges, as well as cell phone use in uniform. New guidance about the wear of flight clothing also is incorporated in the updated document.

“The Air Force Uniform Board, chaired by Air Force A1, reviews any matters related to Air Force uniforms involving possible improvements, and in turn, provides recommendations to the chief of staff for a final decision,” Sergeant Athnos said.

“It’s a deliberate process that is focused on our mission.”

Governor unveils new tail flash on C-130 fleet

By Capt. Dale Greer

WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Kentucky’s adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm, unveiled a new paint scheme for the 123rd Airlift Wing’s C-130 fleet during a ceremony held at the Air Guard base June 25.

The Kentucky Air Guard’s eight Hercules transports now feature the commonwealth’s “Unbridled Spirit” logo on their vertical stabilizer wings, proudly indentifying their Kentucky heritage wherever they fly around the world, Governor Fletcher said.

The new tail flash is part of a statewide branding campaign designed to promote Kentucky’s image. The same “Unbridled Spirit” logo already appears on state license plates, Web sites, road signs and other items.

The goal is to “harness the pride and passion Kentuckians have for our state, and showcase that pride to the rest of the world,” Gov. Fletcher when announcing the campaign.

Kentucky aircrews and C-130s regularly deploy worldwide to provide airlift services in support of U.S. military and humanitarian operations, including several mobilizations for missions in Southwest Asia as part of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Kentucky’s adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm (left) joins Gov. Ernie Fletcher (center) to unveil a new C-130 paint scheme as Col. Mark Kraus, commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing, looks on.

Hunt selected as JFACC, Chief of Staff for KyANG

By Maj. Kirk Hilbrecht

KENTUCKY JOINT FORCES PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Hunt also has served as the state’s Executive Support Staff Officer at Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard.