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KyANG deemed mission-ready at IGX



Tech. Sgt. Mark Rines/KyANG

ABOVE: Staff Sgt. Tom Downs, a video production specialist in the 123rd Communications Flight, edits video footage while in MOPP level 4.

RIGHT: Staff Sgt. David Johnston, Master Sgt. Troy Glenn and Tech. Sgt. Ron Shear, all firefighters from the 123rd Civil Engineers Squadron, listen closely as an inspector explains their tasking.



Senior Airman Aleica Willis/KyANG

Unit receives green dot from exercise inspectors

By Staff Sgt. Dave Tors
Cargo Courier Staff Writer

Enduring the discomfort of MOPP level 4 conditions for hours at a time, 69 members of the 123rd Airlift Wing met the challenge of an Inspector General's exercise held Nov. 4 to 9 in Gulfport, Miss.

The wing's Readiness, Civil Engineering, Personnel, Comptroller, Firefighting and Combat Camera sections each earned "green dots" for their performances, signifying the highest possible rating for wartime proficiency.

The grading criteria represent a change for longtime wing members, who are accustomed to receiving ratings like "outstanding" or "excellent."

"With the new method for ratings, you get a green dot for capable, a light green dot for capable with a few discrepancies or a red dot for not being able to do the job," explained Col. Bill Leslie, wing commander.

Leslie said the exercise, which combined KyANG forces with more than 400 airmen from other units, provided an extremely realistic setting for evaluation.

In addition to simulated bombings and chemical attacks, members faced genuine severe weather, including downpours and multiple tornado warnings.

"I was very pleased with the results," Leslie said.

Senior Master Sgt. Glenn Farquhar, readiness flight chief for the 123rd Civil Engineers Squadron, was equally happy with the inspectors' findings.

"Our inspector told us we were the best readiness flight he's seen," Farquhar said.

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Patriotism is key to a successful Air Guard

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s I begin my career as the State Command Chief Master Sergeant, I feel it is my duty to report to you what I hope to achieve in this position.

In these early stages of my tour, I am starting out with many questions but few answers. I hope by the end of my stint in this position and with the help of many others, we can arrive at solutions to several of the problems I feel are facing us today.

My primary duties will be to serve as the senior advisor to the adjutant general and assistant adjutant general for air on matters affecting the enlisted personnel in the Kentucky Air National Guard.

I can sum up my personal agenda with just two concepts: enlisted training and increasing patriotism among the ranks.

With a background in enlisted training, I am familiar with many of the common problems associated with preparing our troops for their daily jobs. Yet the hardest part of this job is mentally preparing individuals rather than physically training them.

This involves promoting high morale and motivation in the units, an attitude of urgency and importance within the upper ranks, and a general clarity of what is our mission.

A few months ago, I was watching a Sunday morning talk show and a former Supreme Commander of NATO talked about what he thought was the biggest problem facing military troops today.

Above even pay and equipment, he said we had lost a clarity of purpose.

Simply put, our troops don't clearly understand what we stand for, why we do the things that we do, and even to a large ex-



**Command Chief Master Sgt. Kenny Fogle
Kentucky Air National Guard**

tent, who is our enemy.

We all should be aware that the flag means different things to each generation. The flag meant something different to our parents than it means to us, and it means even something different to our children.

People who live only in good times have difficulty identifying with a loss of freedom or threats to their general security. We must often stop and think what our American way of life really means to us and how easily this could be lost.

Passing this sense of urgency and importance along to the younger generation is critical to the United States as we know and love it. Our freedoms and security depend upon those of younger generations.

Are we being clear in how we relate what the flag means to us when we recruit and train our younger troops—and even more important, are we getting the word out to all of our children what it means to live in the greatest democratic society in the history of the world?

Patriotism is a hard concept to teach, especially when our economy is going so great and most of us are sitting pretty fat and happy in these good times.

This NATO commander also made a statement that we can all relate to. He said retention among the ranks is higher for those who have had a meaningful role in our military and have served in some conflict or special operation.

This makes sense.

A feeling of belonging and a purpose to put on the uniform gives each of us a sense of pride and does, in fact, build in us a truer patriotic outlook.

In that way, each of us as supervisors and trainers can work to make our younger troops better.

Instead of complaining about their work ethic and bad attitudes, we need to include them in our family and show them that they do belong.

We need to give the next generation a reason for joining the Guard and more of a reason to stay once they get in.

I look forward to serving in this position, which I am taking very seriously. I pledge to be open to everyone from the lowest rank to the highest and will give each concern equal consideration and weight.

Let me work for you, and together we can make this a better Air National Guard and a more effective United States military.

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Air Guard sets new record in CFC 2000

62 percent increase posted since 1998

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

The Kentucky Air Guard set a new record in November when it raised more than \$46,000 in the Combined Federal Campaign 2000.

"The outcome of this campaign was just remarkable," said Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, who helped organize the base drive.

"This unit's gift-giving is outstanding. The donations just keep getting larger every year."

This year's donations surpassed the 1999 figure by nearly \$8,000 and eclipsed 1998's number by \$18,000—a whopping 62 percent increase.

In fact, KyANG donations ranked No. 1 per capita among all area Combined Federal Campaign agencies.

Frymire attributes much of the campaign's success to those who participated in the leadership-giving program by making donations of at least \$750 to publicly demonstrate the organization's commitment. Eleven unit members exceeded the \$750 figure.

"The unit's leadership giving is what helped us to really come through," Frymire said. "When our leaders show such a commitment to the cause, it helps us all give a little more to assist those who are less fortunate."

The Combined Federal Campaign works as a charity-fund manager. It collects and distributes the donations of federal employees to public service agencies across the country.

The Kentucky Air Guard's donations were part of a regional effort by federal agencies in the Louisville and Southern Indiana area which raised more than \$1.25 million.

Other participating agencies included the U.S. Post Office, Fort Knox and the Veterans Affairs hospital.

"It just feels great to know that there are so many caring and generous people in the Kentucky Air National Guard," Frymire said.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Rines/KyANG

Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, KyANG base coordinator for the Combined Federal Campaign 2000, presents a \$46,070 donation to CFC manager Tina White.



Eleven members of the Kentucky Air Guard each donated at least \$750 to the Combined Federal Campaign 2000. These "Leadership Givers" were, in front from left, Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, Col. Mike Harden, Col. Bill Leslie, Lt. Col. Tom Marks, Maj. Phil Howard; in back from left, Senior Master Sgt. Russ Slinger, Lt. Col. Mike Dornbush, Chief Master Sgt. Bob Allen and Tech. Sgt. Jeff Romig. Not pictured were Chief Master Sgt. Rich Cwiak and Tech. Sgt. Curtis Hall.

Let the games begin.



Senior Airman Aleica Willis/KyANG

Inspection

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“And that’s compared to some readiness flights that have eight people compared to our office of only four.”

“I think we were well prepared. They threw stuff at us, and we knew how to react.”

Next month, the wing’s aviation package will be inspected at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, to determine its combat readiness.

That evaluation, called an Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection, actually will take place as KyANG members fly resupply missions for Operation Joint Forge, the multinational peacekeeping mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina.



Maj. John Cassell III/KyANG

ABOVE: Master Sgt. Marty Fautz of the 123rd Civil Engineers Squadron staffs the communications center.

LEFT: Tech. Sgt. Ron Shears suits up in preparation to extinguish a simulated fuel-spill fire.



ABOVE: Tech. Sgt. James Bobbitt, also of 123rd Civil Engineers, aged structures on a map.

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ABOVE: Tech. Sgt. Joe Shelton of the 123rd Civil Engineers Squadron helps construct a tent city.

LEFT: Staff Sgt. Bill Christopher and Tech. Sgt. Robert Jameson take cover.



Maj. John Cassel III/KyANG
s Squadron, plots dam-



LEFT: A KyANG firefighter battles a blaze from the simulated aircraft.

Senior Airman Aleica Willis/KyANG

Cat Call

Paws, the Louisville Panthers hockey team mascot, visits the base during the December drill to encourage KyANG members to attend the Panthers' game against the Kentucky Thoroughblades tonight.

Staff Sgt. Dan Paul from the 123rd Communications Flight gets an opportunity to try on the Panthers' gear during Paws' visit.



Master Sgt. Charles Simpson/KyANG

Thank those who spent their holidays keeping the peace

With the holidays just behind us, most of us are trying to adjust back to our normal everyday lives.

During the past several weeks, many of us were finishing off the Christmas turkey, drinking toasts to the New Year, watching football games and generally having a good time.

However, some folks spent their holiday seasons overseas and away from their families in support of the AEF.

Others spent their holidays getting ready to take their turns in the deployment, preparing to leave their loved ones behind, and enduring thoughts of the separation.

But for most Americans, they went on with the party atmosphere with little awareness of the gifts being given to them by the military—and especially by their neighbors in the Guard.

During the close of the season, when we recall the message of "Peace on Earth," may we all remember that the gifts that the Guard gives at Christmas, New Years and throughout the year are indeed gifts of peace-

keeping in the midst of a dangerous world. On behalf of all those left behind, thanks for the gift.

*Blessings,
Chaplain Von Almen*

Chaplain's Column

Bean Soup 2001 to be held in March

The Kentucky Air National Guard's major social event of the year, Bean Soup 2001, is scheduled to be held March 22 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the fuel cell hangar.

Tickets for the event will go on sale beginning Feb. 3.

The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Last year, Bean Soup 2000 raised a record-breaking amount of more than \$10,000 for the WHAS Crusade for Children.

This year's charity event will again be open to the general public.

For more information contact Lt. Col. Rich Frymire at ext. 4589.

2001 car decals now available

Drivers must renew any parking decals that expired in 2000 as soon as possible.

To renew your decal, stop by the 123rd Security Forces customer service office with your vehicle registration, proof of insurance and your car's current decal number.

Also, remember that if you sell your vehicle, it is your responsibility to scrape the parking decal off and return the shavings to security police.

For more information please contact Master Sgt. Christopher Burt at ext. 4677.

CORRECTION

A photo caption in the December edition of the Cargo Courier incorrectly identified the honor Col. Robert Williams received during a farewell ceremony in November. Williams received a Kentucky Colonel certificate.

The following day, the former Support Group commander was awarded a meritorious service medal.

Airmen finally approved to wear Korean War medal

Staff Report

Air Force veterans who served in the Korean War are now authorized to wear a medal that was offered to them more than 50 years ago but was never issued.

The Korean War Service Medal was created in 1951 by the government of the Republic of Korea to honor U.S. service members.

However, the U.S. Constitution prohibited service members from receiving presents or titles from foreign governments without consent from Congress.

A 1954 law allowed service members who served in the war after June 26, 1950, to accept decorations and awards from foreign governments, but the exemption was not made retroactive until August 1999.

In July, the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, released the following guidance:

U. S. service members who served in the combat zone between June 25, 1950, and July 17, 1953, are eligible for the medal.

The service must have been performed while on permanent assignment or temporary duty within the territorial limits of Korea or on waters immediately adjacent for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.

This includes those who served in actual aerial combat operations over Korea.

The eligibility period and the criteria were specified by the Republic of Korea and cannot be waived, according to personnel officials.

For more information, contact the Air Force Personnel Center at (800) 558-1404.

Approved legislation to provide closer ties between USAF, CAP

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—Recently approved legislation promises to usher in a “new era” of cooperation between the Air Force and its auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol.

“The legislation will foster a closer relationship between the Air Force and the Civil Air Patrol,” said Brig. Gen. Robert Bishop, deputy director of operations and training for air and space operations at the air staff, and chairperson of the CAP Management Improvement Team. The legislation is included in the Fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act.

“Over the past year we have worked closely with Air Force representatives to strengthen our important relationship,” said Brig. Gen. James Bobick, Civil Air Patrol national commander.

“In July, Civil Air Patrol signed a new Cooperative Agreement and Statement of Work that further defines our partnership,” Bobick said.

“Another significant milestone was achieved in August when the CAP National Board approved a revised constitution and bylaws that contains provisions for a Board of Governors and outlined the selection process for corporate officers. It also defined the powers of those officials and their responsibilities, defined criteria for membership and included provisions for a Membership Action Review Board.”

On July 1, 1946, President Harry Truman signed Public Law 476 that incorporated CAP as a benevolent, nonprofit organization. Two years later, Congress passed Public Law 557, which permanently established the CAP as the auxiliary of the new U.S. Air Force. This law also gave the service secretary the authority to provide financial and material assistance to the organization.

As the most significant legislation affecting the organization in nearly 50 years, the Fiscal 2001 NDAA establishes clear lines of authority and clarifies the level and type of support CAP will receive as an auxiliary of the Air Force, such as equipment, financial and personnel support.

The new law significantly broadens the ability of the Air Force to support the Civil Air Patrol at every level.

“The Air Force now has the authority to pay CAP members for travel and per diem when they are performing Air Force missions,” Bishop said. “Before, there was only one provision in the law that allowed payment for travel and per diem, and that was in the event of a national emergency. Quite often it didn’t work out in the context they are being used today.”

Furthermore, Bishop said, “The Air Force can also pay for the organization’s training activities as an auxiliary of the service, so it’s not coming out of the members’ own pockets. Previously, other than getting reimbursed for fuel spent on their aircraft, there was no federal law for the Air Force to reimburse them.”

The legislation also authorizes CAP, in its capacity as a nonprofit organization, to use government provided assets.

“For the first time, the CAP will now have the legal authority to use equipment and other things given to them by the Air Force and other federal agencies to accomplish its missions as a nonprofit corporation within the limits of the law and governing regulations,” Bishop said.

“Previously, there were no clear guidelines,” he said.

In years past, CAP members typically provided their own aircraft and other support out of their own pockets. But now the organization can use the resources given to them by the Air Force and other federal agencies in their role as a nonprofit corporation.

CAP’s three primary missions are now eligible to fall under the umbrella of the Air Force. Its three missions are aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services.

“As we move into the new millennium, we look forward in the months ahead to strengthening our ties and establishing a much closer relationship between our auxiliary and our Air Force.” Bobick added, “The passing of the jointly proposed legislation marked the positive culmination of history making cooperative efforts between members of Congress, the Air Force and Civil Air Patrol. With these defining structures in place, Civil Air Patrol is better, stronger and truly positioned for the future.”

Farewell

RIGHT: Lt. Col. Paul Rhodes, vice commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing, awards Lt. Col. Larry Ortkiese with a Meritorious Service Medal at his retirement ceremony Oct. 22. Ortkiese, who last served as the wing's chief of safety, spent 27 years in the Kentucky Air Guard.



LEFT: Rhodes presents Senior Master Sgt. Paul Bell with an official Kentucky Colonel certificate at a ceremony held during the October UTA. Bell served 37 years in the Kentucky Air Guard. His last post was NCOIC of ground safety.

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