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KyANG awarded Metcalf Trophy

Wing does it again, bringing home 3rd major honor this year

By Tech. Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

The 123rd Airlift Wing was selected in April to receive the National Guard Bureau's Curtis N. "Rusty" Metcalf Trophy as recognition of the unit's outstanding achievements in 2001.

The honor, given annually to the airlift or air refueling flying that demonstrates the highest standards of mission accomplishment in the Air National Guard, is the third major award the wing has received this year.

The unit also recently earned its 11th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Solano Trophy as the best Air National Guard unit in the 15th Air Force.

Brig. Gen. Rick Ash, assistant adjutant general for air, says he's excited about the Metcalf Trophy—but not surprised.

"This most recent in a long list of awards once again underscores the fact that the men and women of the Kentucky Air National Guard carry on a heritage of service before self," Ash said.

"Lengthy lists of awards such as those amassed by the Kentucky Air Guard are not only the result of rising to meet challenges, they are also due to a dedication to superior performance on a daily basis.

"The demonstrated excellence of our people is a vital contribution to our national defense. Wherever I go, I am honored and proud to represent these true American patriots."

To be considered for the trophy, units are evaluated on exercises and deployments, human resources, safety, unit awards and community service.

During 2001, the wing excelled in a variety of missions at the forefront of world, national and community events.

The 123rd answered the call as the lead unit in an Air Expeditionary Force deployment to Ramstein Air Base, Germany,

in support of Operation Joint Forge, the multinational peacekeeping effort in Bosnia.

After Sept. 11, the wing was tasked to activate more than 500 troops to participate of the War on Terror in both Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Since being called to active duty, the wing's special tactics troops, airlift control flight personnel and other unit members have deployed overseas in support of the war. Others have deployed to various stateside locations or remained here in Louisville for homeland defense purposes.

Locally, the unit sponsored several com-

munity relations events such as Planes of Thunder, a static display of aircraft held in conjunction with the annual Thunder Over Louisville airshow and fireworks demonstration, marking the start of the city's Kentucky Derby Festival.

The wing also raised more than \$51,000 in the 2001 Annual Combined Federal Campaign, ranking the Kentucky Air Guard No. 1 per capita among federal agencies in the Louisville and Southern Indiana region.

The wing's commander, Col. Michael

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Senior Airman Valerie Gholson/KyANG

Brig. Gen. Ed Tonini, Kentucky Air Guard chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Rick Ash, assistant adjutant general for air, Col. Michael Harden, wing commander, and Col. Cora Jackson, wing vice commander, display the Curtis N. "Rusty" Metcalf Trophy, which recently was awarded to the 123rd Airlift Wing. The trophy is given annually to the airlift or air refueling unit in the Air National Guard that demonstrates the highest standards of mission accomplishment. The wing also won a Metcalf Trophy in 1994.

Today's one of the good old days you'll be talking about years from now

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ince many Kentucky Air Guard troops have been called to active duty after Sept. 11, unit members have undergone training and gained experience

that is invaluable.

For traditional Guard members that only serve one weekend a month and 15 days a year on annual field training, being activated for even a short period of time has provided years worth of experience in just a few months.

Without a doubt, the Kentucky Air Guard has at this moment the best trained, highest quality members in its illustrious 55 year history. One of the many factors that give us the edge over other military or terrorist organizations throughout the world is our high-quality training and our emphasis on continuing and higher education.

We are a skilled, highly technical force. People say that our young people aren't what they used to be. I agree—in many ways they are better.

They might not be as willing to fight the wars as they were fought in the past. But they have learned that to outwit their enemy, they have to outthink them and apply technical skills that were unheard of just a few years ago.

With advances in education and training, our current enlisted force could rival any military leadership in much of our country's history. Couple this education and training with the experience of the senior enlisted leadership and you'll see that we are in the process of building a National Guard orga-



**Command Chief Master Sgt.
Kenny Fogle
KyANG State Headquarters**

nization that will set the standard even higher for what we expect from this elite military force.

Recently, I have attended various functions for members retiring from the Guard. A common theme from all of these retirement ceremonies is the reluctance of the person to go.

While most say they are looking forward to their retirements, I dare say if given the choice to leave or go on one more mission, they would still be right here beside us.

There is a reason that no one wants to leave, and I hope that those of us who are

neering this point in our lives pass on to those who follow us this passion and dedication to the Kentucky Air Guard.

Remember, young KyANG troops: Today is one of the good old days you'll be talking about years from now. The experience you are gaining and the friends you are making, these memories will stay with you a lifetime.

As I have heard our commanders say on more than one occasion, our greatest resource is our people. No truer words have ever been spoken.

There are some who feel they can have too much training and are ready to go home, back to school or back to work.

Yet even for these members, they are forever changed by what they have experienced during since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

I hope they, too, will remain as members of the unit for many years to come and pass on to the next generation the experience and skills they have gained.

However, should they choose to leave, just remember: You can take an airman out of the Guard, but you can't take the Guard out of an airman. Our gift to the community and to our country in the people we send back can't be measured in dollars alone.

Membership in the KyANG has benefits that will only continue to grow in each of us, in our communities and in the United States of America.

—Command Chief Master Sgt.
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Situational awareness can save your life and the lives of others

By Lt. Col. Kenny Dale
Chief of Base Safety

You can't see it, you can't smell it, you can't hear it and you can't even touch it.

What is it, you ask? It's complacency — and being complacent can kill you.

By just being aware of your surroundings, you can prevent the death or injury of yourself or your co-workers.

Just a few weeks ago, the Kentucky Air Guard suffered a tragedy when civilian contract construction workers who were putting siding on a new building here became complacent (see sidebar).

I'm sure the construction team had put up siding hundreds of times, and their being in familiar territory made it easy for them to pay less attention to what they were doing.

But they weren't practicing situational awareness, and because of it one worker was

killed and the other two suffered minor injuries.

While installing the siding, the men moved their scaffolding and accidentally hit a power line.

All Guard members owe it to themselves and their families to be safe and not become a statistic.

Use check lists, think about what you are doing and pay attention to safety briefs.

Take the extra time to ensure you are doing things correctly and safely.

When you begin to think, "I've done this a thousand times and I know what I'm doing—I don't need the book," that's when you need it most because you have become complacent.

Don't be a statistic. Don't become complacent. Remember: Take time to do things the right way to ensure you make it home to your family at the end of each duty day.

1st woman receives stripe in EPP

By Tech. Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

Master Sgt. Monica Rich was recently given a new stripe in an out-of-the-ordinary way.

Rich, an administrative clerk in state headquarters, was selected to receive a promotion to senior master sergeant even though no slot for this rank was available to her.

The Exceptional Performance Program allows individuals worthy of promotion on base to be nominated and promoted to senior noncommissioned officers even when the stripe is not available in the duty section.

Rich is the first woman to be nominated and honored with such a promotion in the program's four year history.

"She has been active in the Kentucky Air Guard and spent time at the Guard Bureau," said Chief Bob Wagner, KyANG's human resource advisor.

"Here in Kentucky, besides working her normal duties, she has brought her civilian talent to the Kentucky Air Guard. She is a computer specialist in civilian life and has transferred that skill to become the database manager of our Mentoring Program."

Rich's involvement in areas outside what is normally expected of her position made her a natural to be promoted through the program, Wagner said.

Master Sgt. Dwight Riggle of the 123rd Civil Engineers Squadron also received a stripe this year. He is the squadron's first sergeant, is an active member of the base First Sergeants Council and participates in local community functions.

Since only two troops can be promoted each year through the program, Wagner said, the competition is tough.

"Our unit is full of individuals who go the extra step to assure success for their area and the unit as a whole. That makes it difficult to select one individual over another in programs like this.

"Unfortunately in Kentucky we have far more deserving individuals than we have slots. EPP allows us to promote a limited number of these individuals without having to have a specific slot. For the program to be successful, we need to keep getting nominations that represent the best of our unit."

For information on how to nominate an individual, contact Chief Master Sgt. Bob Wagner at ext. 4135

Contract worker dies after accident on base

Cargo Courier Staff Report

A contract construction worker died June 17 after being electrocuted here when the scaffold he was moving touched a power line.

Rueben M. Cardwell, 31, was rushed to Norton Audubon Hospital where he pronounced dead just before noon, according to the Kentucky Air Guard's Base Safety Office.

He was employed by Merrick Construction Co. and was working on a new building to house the 41st Weapons of Mass Destruction's Civil Support Team when the accident occurred.

At about 11 a.m. that morning, Cardwell and two other men were moving the scaffold, which was on wheels, to a new location to finish hanging vinyl siding. In the process, the scaffold made contact with a 7,200-volt power line.

Base emergency crews were immediately notified and attempted to revive Cardwell before the Louisville Emergency Service arrived and took the worker to the hospital.

The other two men who were pushing the scaffold, also from Merrick, managed to escape with minor injuries. One of the workers suffered minor burns to his hand.

The incident has been declared an accident by the Base Safety Office.

Cardwell, of Louisville, was a third-generation sheet metal worker for Local #110 and is survived by his wife, daughter, mother and stepfather, father and stepmother, grandfather, brother, sister and four stepbrothers, according to *The Courier-Journal*.

Fairchild's retirement brings out the stars

Maj. Gen. Verna Fairchild's retirement ceremony here last month drew generals from across the country.

More than 400 family, friends and Air Guard personnel joined Fairchild June 8 as she marked the culmination of an accomplished 34-year career.

Among them were Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, director of the National Guard Bureau, and Brig. Gen. Allen Youngman, Kentucky's adjutant general.

During his visit, Davis also took time to tour the base, talk with troops and speak at the local chapter of the Military Order of World Wars luncheon.

Davis' wife, Shirley, visited with KyANG members as well, and met with the base Family Support Team.

—Tech. Sgt. Amy Ziegler



Senior Master Sgt. Terry Lutz/KyANG

ABOVE: Brig. Gen. Allen Youngman, the commonwealth's adjutant general, awards Maj. Gen. Verna Fairchild with her first oak leaf cluster for the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal.



LEFT: Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, director of the National Guard bureau, talks with 123rd Operations Group Commander Col. Bob Yaple and the aerial port's Chief Master Sgt. Tommy Downs.

BOTTOM LEFT: Davis' wife, Shirley, visited with Paula McLane, and other members of the base family support team.

BELOW: More than 400 people packed into the Base Annex here for Maj. Gen. Fairchild's retirement ceremony.



Senior Airman Philip Speck/KyANG



Senior Master Sgt. Terry Lutz/KyANG

Davis speaks to group, greets new officers

Cargo Courier Staff Report

The director of the National Guard Bureau recently praised the members of the Maj. Gen. Ben Butler Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars for their support of youth leadership conferences and the difference they are making with local youth.

"These conferences provide a framework for the civilizing influence of government," Lt. Gen. Russell Davis said June 7 during a MOWW luncheon held in the base dining facility.

"MOWW provides a reinforcing message we want our youth to act upon in their schools, their families and our places to worship," Davis added.

Speaking to an audience of more than 90 chapter members, Davis committed the National Guard's support to helping maintaining the MOWW.

The chapter's new staff for 2002-2003 also was announced at the luncheon. Lt. Col. Rich Frymire was named commander; Capt. Dave Clements, senior vice commander; Col. Tom Marks, junior vice commander; Lt. Col. Jesse Turley, treasurer; 2nd Lt. Mary Decker, the adjutant; Lt. Col. Paul Rhodes, chaplain; and Lt. Col. Mark Kraus, marshal.



SrA Valerie Gholson/KyANG

Lt. Gen. Russell Davis, director of the National Guard Bureau, greets the newly appointed officers of the Maj. Gen. Ben Butler Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars during a luncheon here June 7.

From the left are Col. Tom Marks, junior vice commander; Capt. Dave Clements, senior vice commander; Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, commander; Davis, guest speaker at the event; 2nd Lt. Mary Decker, adjutant; Brig. Gen. Allen Youngman, the Adjutant General of Kentucky; and Lt. Col. Paul Rhodes, chaplain.

KyANG's marksman compete

**By Master Sgt. Darryl Loafman
Marksman Team Custodian**

The Kentucky Marksmanship Team's pistol and rifle squads both took home third-place trophies following a regional combat rifle and pistol match held the weekend of June 12 at Camp Butler, N.C.

The Kentucky pistol team's competitors were Master Sgt. John Martin, Master Sgt. Darryl Loafman and Staff Sgt. John White, with the Air Guard, and Army Guard Spec. Scott Davis.

Last year, this same team finished in first place. This year, however, the team fought very hard to pull out a close third-place finish against very strong teams from Florida, Puerto Rico, Virginia, New York and two teams from North Carolina.

The rifle team, made up of three Kentucky Army Guard members and one KyANG member, Staff Sgt. Frank Tallman, also finished a close third place.

While neither group had a win in the team combat matches, Kentucky did have a bright spot in Tallman, who took second place overall in the individual combat rifle matches.

A Guard member from North Carolina won first place by a mere eight points.

The team's next match is at the Bluegrass State Games, which will be held in Lexington later this month.

To more information or to try out for next year's state team, contact the base marksmanship coordinator, 1st Lt. Chris Bishop, at ext. 4038 or Master Sgt. Darryl Loafman at ext. 4897.

123rd to serve as host for UPS Plane Pull

The Kentucky Air National Guard will once again serve as host for the UPS Plane Pull when teams gather here Aug. 3 to compete in the charity fund-raiser.

Each team will attempt to move a 210,000-lb. Boeing 757 along a 12-foot course in the quickest time.

The event helps raise money for Special Olympics Kentucky, which provides the developmentally disabled with the opportunity to participate in sporting competitions.

For information or to join a KyANG team, contact 2nd Lt. Latonia Trowell at ext. 4637.

Wing members serve as best recruiting tool

By Master Sgt. Linda Tussey
123rd Airlift Wing Recruiting Supervisor

Members of the Kentucky Air Guard know that what makes the unit special is our people. We are mission-oriented, dedicated and enthusiastic. We even have a trophy case full of honors to prove it.

More than that, our unit members serve as our biggest recruiters.

Currently, more than a third of the inquiries regarding unit membership are the result of someone having talked to a current wing member.

With Stop-Loss being lifted in nearly every AFSC, there will be new opportunities for troops to separate or retire.

This makes it even more important that we share with others the benefits, camaraderie and fun we have at the Guard to ensure we stay fully staffed.

The base recruiters continuously seek new applicants and usually make contact with about 100 individuals for every one person who actually enlists.

Recruiting becomes more difficult when trying to meet the needs of the wing along with the needs of the applicant.

In order for KyANG to be successful, we must marry up the two to have a win-win situation.

To do this, we must talk with senior leaders and unit members to find out where the openings are and research the requirements for those positions.

We must also spend time getting to know



Senior Airman Valerie Gholson/KyANG

Each Kentucky Air Guard recruiter makes contact with about 100 individuals for every one person who actually enlists. The base recruiters are, from left, Master Sgt. Scott Crimm, Tech. Sgt. Ted Bothur, Senior Master Sgt. Rose Farquhar, Master Sgt. Linda Tussey, Tech. Sgt. Chris Tellis and Master Sgt. Tery Moore.

our applicants.

In addition, it's important to find out what needs and criteria the wing and the career field have for new recruits.

KyANG does offer incentives to troops if they enlist in critical AFSC career fields, but this is rarely what sells the individual on actually joining the unit.

What does sell them is the stories they

hear and the sense of "stepping into the blue" they feel upon enlistment.

Volunteer opportunities to assist with seeking new applicants are available on the base Intranet. Recruiters currently are requesting help at the Kentucky State Fair from Aug. 15 to 25.

For more information, please contact the base recruiting office at ext. 4889.

New ribbon authorizations made since Sept. 11

Cargo Courier Staff Report

Since the War on Terror began Sept. 11, some military members are now authorized to wear two additional ribbons.

Personnel who were not previously authorized to wear the National Defense Service Medal may now do so as long as they are on active duty or are a drilling member of a reserve component in good standing.

Members who already wear the ribbon are authorized to wear it with a bronze star device.

The medal is now authorized for service during these dates:

—June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954

—Jan. 1, 1961 to Aug. 14, 1974

—Aug. 2, 1990 to Nov. 30, 1995

—Sept. 11, 2001 to present

Military members who served even one day during these time frames are eligible.

The other major change that has taken place applies only to the reserve components.

The Armed Forces Reserve Medal with the "M" device is now authorized for members who served on orders for even one day in any of the following operations:

—Desert Shield/Storm, Persian Gulf

—Restore Hope, Somalia

—Uphold Democracy, Haiti

—Joint Endeavor/Guard/Forge, Bosnia

—Desert Fox, Northern/Southern Watch, Persian Gulf

—Allied Force, Kosovo

—Noble Eagle, United States

—Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan

Members who have served in more than one contingency will denote the second and each succeeding award of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device by wearing an Arabic number next to the device, indicating the number of times the it has been awarded.

For more information, contact the NCOIC of Personnel Records, Master Sgt. Gary Spaulding, at ext. 4745.

Selected demobilization begins for USAF

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—Air Force officials announced June 17 that a planned demobilization of reserve component forces would be limited in scope, affecting only selected groups of people across the service.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said Air Force officials are formulating a plan to determine the right mix of active-duty, Reserve and Guard forces.

“Our mobilized guardsmen and reservists want to know when to expect demobilization,” he said in the May 3 edition of “The Chief’s Sight Picture.”

“The deputy chief of staff for air and space operations is coordinating an effort to evaluate our mission needs and determine which Air Force specialties can be demobilized as soon as possible. At the same time, we are evaluating where, when, and how to shift from a crisis response mode—with heavy reliance on mobilized Guard and Reserve—to our ‘new steady state,’ which would utilize volunteer guardsmen and reservists to help meet our mission taskings.

“We need these results to determine our long-term requirements for our mobilized members and how long to continue Stop-Loss for those in our most stressed skills.”

More than 30,700 Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard men and women were

called to duty following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Another 7,900 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve volunteers are serving on active duty.

Most of those will remain for the duration of their activation orders, said Michael L. Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs.

“Many will serve until the expiration of the period of mobilization specified in their activation orders,” Dominguez said, “unless that period of mobilization is extended by the secretary of the Air Force. When the command that issued the original mobilization determines that the specified forces are no longer required to perform the mission for which they were mobilized, they will be demobilized.”

Other situations, such as involving a rotational plan agreed to by the affected active-duty and reserve component commands, will also likely result in demobilization, Dominguez said.

Other guidelines apply for those Reserve and Guard people who were ordered to active duty following the terrorist attacks.

“Under certain circumstances,” Dominguez said, “individual reserve component members ordered to active duty may be deactivated and discharged, or returned to reserve component control without the necessity of SECAF-level approval.”

Those circumstances include discharge for cause (for conduct or performance problems), medical reasons or personal hardship, when the needs of the Air Force will allow it.

Other circumstances include deactivation when the person is determined to be unqualified for medical reasons, when he or she is experiencing an unexpected temporary hardship, or when he or she is deemed unqualified because of a lack of prescribed training.

The procedures for deactivating those men and women who have volunteered and been accepted to remain on extended active duty differ slightly, Dominguez said.

“They will be deactivated on the day before the date of entry on extended active duty,” he said.

Dominguez added that the responsibility for a suitable transition time for those who demobilize rests with commanders.

“Commanders will ensure that members who are deactivated or discharged are allowed adequate time to complete necessary travel and complete medical evaluation, if required,” he said.

“They will also be allowed time to use any accrued leave, if they desire.”

Wing- and base-level military personnel flights have more information on the demobilization of Air Force reserve component people.

Air Force releases most specialties from Stop-Loss

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—Air Force personnel officials announced June 21 the release of most Air Force specialty codes from Stop-Loss, a Defense Department program designed to retain members of the armed forces beyond established dates of separation or retirement.

This announcement comes as a result of the latest review of AFSCs by the major commands, Air Staff, Air Reserve Component, Secretariat and the Air Force Personnel Center, and applies across the board to both active-duty and Air Reserve Component members, said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy at the Pentagon.

The officer career fields remaining on Stop-Loss restrictions are 11S, 12S and 31P.

The enlisted career fields remaining on Stop-Loss restrictions are 1A1X0, 1A1X1, 1C0X0, 1C0X1, 1C0X2, 1C1X0,

1C1X1, 1N0X0, 1N0X1, 1T2X0, 1T2X1, 2F0X0, 2F0X1, 3P0X0 and 3P0X1.

Middleton said Air Force members with an approved date of separation or retirement in those career fields approved for release are free to separate or retire almost immediately.

Officials are developing guidance for the release of all personnel remaining on Stop-Loss and expect to make the announcement to the field within the next couple of weeks, she said.

“Any released active-duty or ARC member, not mobilized or deployed, with an approved expiration of term of service, date of separation or date of retirement may be allowed to separate or retire no earlier than July 1,” Middleton said.

Active-duty and ARC members who are deployed in support of ongoing operations or are either voluntarily or involuntarily on active duty to support ongoing operations will not be released until they return from their deployments or they are demobilized.

KyANG promotions



The following individuals have been promoted to the rank indicated as members of the Kentucky Air Guard and reservists of the United States Air Force:

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS (E-3)

- Nicholas Ash**,
123rd Student Flt.
- Rachel Cowley**,
123rd Student Flt.
- Ann Fangman**,
123rd Student Flt.
- Travis Goodwin**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Jason Sanderson**,
123rd Student Flt.
- John Wadsworth IV**,
123rd Student Flt.

SENIOR AIRMAN (E-4)

- Kevin Atkins**,
165th Weather Flt.

- Otis Broderick**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Jason Denny**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Elizabeth Lucas**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- James McCrocklin**,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Jeremy Miller**,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Anthony Young**,
123rd Security Forces Sq.

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)

- Tyra Allen**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Tonia Brown**,
123rd Services Flt.
- Michael Boyle**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Chad Chamberlain**,
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Jeremy Francis**,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Monte Goldring**,
123rd Airlift Wing

- Stephanie Hilbert**,
123rd Airlift Wing
- Brian Robinson**,
165th Airlift Sq.
- Wesley Vardeman**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Jonathan Vincent**,
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Nathaniel Welsh**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)

- John Carrico**,
123rd Medical Sq.
- John Cantu**,
165th Airlift Sq.
- Thomas McKinney**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.

MASTER SERGEANT (E-7)

- Anne Amrein**,
123rd Operations Gp.

Metcalf

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Harden, said he couldn't be prouder of the unit's troops.

"What more can I say about these folks. These men and women come out and work hard every day and deserve the honor of the Metcalf Trophy.

"This award," Harden said, "is just a small way of thanking folks for being dedicated and committed to the Thoroughbred Express."

This is the second time the wing has been awarded the Metcalf Trophy. The unit also received the honor in 1994.

The trophy will be formally presented to Harden at the National Guard Association of the United States annual conference in September.

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