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- TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)
  -Timothy Kenney, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
  -Leslie Kirgan, 165th Airlift Sq.
  -Christopher Phebus, 123rd Special Tactics Sq.
  -Michael Phillips, 123rd Airlift Wing
  -Robert Risem, 123rd Medical Sq.
  -John Wardrip, 123rd Maintenance Sq.

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- Airman 1st Class Christopher Fulmer, 123rd Student Flt.
- Senior Airman Valerie Gholson, 123rd Communications Flt.
- Staff Sgt. Daniel Marks, 123rd Weather Flt.
- Airman 1st Class Kimberly Powers, 123rd Student Flt.
- Tech. Sgt. Patrick Vannmeter, 123rd Special Tactics Sq.
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### Cargo Courier places second in national contest

The Cargo Courier has once again been named one of the top newspapers of its kind in the National Guard, placing second in the National Guard Bureau’s 2002 Media Contest.

The honor marks the seventh time in the past eight years that the paper has placed in the top two. The newspaper’s editor and primary contributor during the contest evaluation period was Capt. Dale Greer, Senior Airman Mark Flener, Tech. Sgt. Mark Rines, Staff Sgt. Tommy Downs and Senior Airman Philip Speck. Mundell also placed third in the feature-writing contest, earning her second national writing award.

### KyANG state headquarters honored with fifth AF organizational excellence award

By Tech. Sgt. Amy Mundell

Cargo Courier Editor

The Kentucky Air Guard’s state headquarters has again been awarded the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for exceptional accomplishment, making this the unit’s fifth such honor.

The award, which is given annually to the top 10 percent of all headquarters units, recognizes the KyANG for its performance from May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2002.

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AIR FORCE NEWS

Blue, silver AEFs get rotations back on track

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

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AEF rotation,” said Maj. Gen. Timothy A.
Pepper, special assistant for AEF matters at
the Pentagon. “Additionally, we can expect
some aircraft, aircrew and associated main-
tenance rotations to be transitional two
AEFs as we attempt to get them back to
the normal schedule next spring.”

The blue AEF will be on call to fulfill
mission requirements between July and
November, and Pepper said. Silver will be on call
from November through March.

“The magnitude of the various combat-
ant commanders’ continuing requirements
throughout the world will dictate the num-
ber of airmen that we will have to deploy,” he
said.

According to the general, airmen in AEFs
9/10 and 1/2 who were identified to support
Operation Iraqi Freedom but did not deploy
will likely be the most valuable to deploy with
the blue or silver AEFs.

“Ideally, as we go through the process of
(matching people to these AEFs), those that
have been home the longest from a previous
deployment will be matched to deploy first,”
he said. “There may be some exceptions but I
certainly hope not many. We will start with
AEFs 9/10 and reach forward, as needed, to
fill requirements.

“Most of the major command deployment
taskings will be made by June 10 and airmen
should receive their notifications in a
mouth after,” he said. “However, if a (major com-
mand) cannot fill a particular tasking, the
AEF Center (at Langley Air Force Base, Va.)
will have to source it to another (major com-
mand), which may delay some individual
notifications.”

These transitional AEFs will allow the Air
Force to get currently deployed airmen back
to their homes, he said.

The combatant commanders are already
releasing forces that were deployed, but
those forces may need to remain in theater
until the Air Force can fill those require-
ments and get enough assets in theater to
bring them home, he explained.

“We would like to rotate people home
more quickly but the bottom line is that it
takes time to do that,” Peppe said. “But we are
working the issue as hard and as fast as we can.”

“Airmen need to understand that the AEF is
starting ‘as advertised,’” he said. “It was
designed, from the start, to ‘flex,’ as neces-
sary, to meet the widest range of combatant
commander requirements. A transition pe-
riod like the one we are experiencing now is
likely to be the exception rather than the
rule, in the environment—crisis action—to an-
other—steady state.”

“Since it’s beginning, I think the AEF has been
a great success,” he said. “I don’t believe it was
ever designed to handle a situation
like the one we’ve been through, but I think
it worked well. We were able to use it to
time…identify people to meet the com-
batant commanders’ requirements.”

Split disbursement now mandatory for travelers

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
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WASHINGTON — All military travelers must now select
the split disbursement option on their travel voucher claims
to directly pay their government travel card expenses, according
to finance officials. This is normal as we move from one AEF oper-
ating environment—crisis action—to another—steady state.”

“The success we have enjoyed in Iraq
is just one of the ‘battles’ in the war against
murderous and evil forces intent upon
destroying us. There are many battles yet
to be fought, and the end of the war is
a long way off.

Take pride in your performance thus far—but be prepared for the future be-
cause there are still much to be done.

Whether you are at home or still de-
ployed, take pride in what you have
done and what you have yet to do.

We will do it together, and with the
same sense of duty and honor that our
fathers and grandfathers displayed dur-
ing World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

They, like you, fought so that our coun-
try would continue to be the bea-
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We are ensuring that our future, and
our children’s futures, are filled with
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COMMANDER’S CALL

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ing in a tent in the
middle of the desert, de-
ployed as a member of
the 486th Air Expedi-
tionary Wing along
with folks from the Thoroughbred Ex-
press, people from three or four other
Guard and Reserve units, and a smatter-
ing of active duty Air Force members.

While we might come from different
units, we all have the same values and
the same reason for being here.

Just like our unit members who are
deployed in Germany, the folks we have
to other desert locations, and all of our
people who had to stay back home to
support us, we share a common sense of
patriotism, duty and honor.

When our country was attacked on
Sept. 11, 2001, our president told the
members of the military to “get ready.”

For the 123rd, it didn’t take long since we
pride ourselves on always being ready.

From that time until this very day, we have
been fully engaged in our nation’s endeavor to
rid the world of all of those evil forces
who would seek to destroy us.

Our folks have been, and continue to be,
the at the forefront of this war, whether
deployed or at home.
Ramstein Delta Squadron continues relief in Algeria

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In addition, two C-130s from the 123rd Airlift Wing flew supplies from Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Military pay info available online

Leave and earnings statements are now available 24 hours a day on the internet. The MyPay web site, located at MyPay.dafos.mil, was established to allow issues to be handled online. The site recently was redesigned so that information is easier to access.

MyPay allows KyANG members to change home addresses, request W-2s, and print and view travel vouchers, to name just a few of the services.

This is access from any computer with an Internet connection and a browser capable of encrypting data.

In order to use the site, airmen will need a personal identification number to access pay information. A PIN may be requested online at the site or by calling (800) 390-2378.

The PIN then will be mailed to the registrant’s home address of record.

Retirees can stay in touch via e-mail

Retirees members of the Kentucky Air National Guard who wish to receive information about base events can now do so via e-mail.

Command Chief Master Sgt. Mike Mitro of the 123rd Airlift Wing is compiling a list of e-mail addresses and plans to send regular updates to the group.

"This is a great way to keep people in touch with what’s going on out here," Mitro said.

Retirees who are interested in receiving the information may contact the command chief by e-mail at michael.mitro@kyang.ao.af.mil or by phone at 364-5465.

Excellence

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t general for Air and commander of the KyANG, said the award is a tribute to the men and women of state headquarters.

"It’s indeed an honor to once again be recognized as an excellent organization," Ash said. "As with all good units, each excellence is due to the dedication and hard work of our members, whom Ash said were among the best in the nation.

"Of course I don’t need an award to know that, but the confirmation sure is nice," he added. "More than that, many of the personnel in the headquarters previously served in the wing, which is why I feel confident in saying that the Kentucky Air Guard overall is composed of the best and brightest in the Air Guard."

During the latest award period, KyANG state headquarters personnel successfully developed innovative programs and initiatives of national importance while continuing to support units involved in airlift, peacekeeping and combat missions.

"Although no one particular accomplishment was deemed award-winning in itself, it is the sum of many accomplishments and the culture that wins awards," Ash said.

"If I had to summarize the accomplishments, it would be that in addition to setting the course for the Kentucky Air Guard, the headquarters staff is among the most engaged of any in the Air Guard.”

Major accomplishments that helped secure the award include the creation of the Your Guardians of Freedom community relations campaign, which was embraced at the national level; development of the state Seismic Disaster Emergency Plan; and serving the pilot unit for the formal mentoring program.

Headquarters personnel also devoted countless hours of administrative and technical assistance to the wing, which was heavily tasked with deployments and inspections.

"We strive to add value to and provide assistance for the wing,” Ash said. “State headquarters personnel live up to very high standards, and I’ve never been disappointed.”
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The faster the heart recovers to a normal rate, the more likely it will be able to handle physical exertion.

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The member then will curl up and forward until his or her elbows touch any part of the thigh or knees before returning to the start position with the shoulders on the mat. This is one repetition.

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The incorrect motion is to lower your upper body until your upper arm is not at least parallel to the floor. For each incorrect motion performed, 1 point is deducted from the total score.

The testing helps evaluate the different ways people think and operate, said Chief Master Sgt. Bob Wagner, human resource advisor in state headquarters.

“Emergenetics shows us our differences and identifies our strengths,” he said. “When we can see this, we can put together teams of people who get the job done better and more effectively.”

The assessment identifies four different ways people think: analytical, conceptual, structural and social. It also measures behavior traits such as expressiveness, assertiveness and flexibility.

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This test is not timed to encourage slow, controlled motion.

The results of all five tests are to be entered into a secure Air Guard web site, and a “fitness age” (or physiological age) will be determined for each component, as well as a total weighted average.

This enables an individual to easily grasp his or her level of fitness and have a benchmark on which to improve.

In order to meet minimum standards, a member’s fitness age must be no more than seven years over his or her chronological age.

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Prior to testing, each member will complete a fitness assessment questionnaire.

If an individual answers “yes” to any question on the questionnaire, it must be reviewed by a medical liaison officer before the member can proceed with the tests.

After each member completes the test cycle, the fitness program manager enters the assessment findings and provides the individual with a copy of the fitness age results.

The fitness program manager is appointed by the wing commander.

In addition, unit commanders appoint a unit fitness program manager and at least one fitness assessment monitor. These individuals help administer the assessments.

For more information on the Air Guard fitness program, contact Knuteson at ext. 4035 or your unit fitness program manager.

As part of the new standard, Air Guard members will be required to complete a three-minute step test using the 11.75-inch step shown above.

Senior Airman Wendy Haight, from the wing’s services flight, administers the flexibility portion of the test to Senior Airman Ann Brasseaux, also from services, at the Base Annex June 8.


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

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“Ideally, as we go through the process (of matching people to these AEFs), those that have been home the longest from a previous deployment will be matched to deploy first,” he said. “There may be some exceptions but I certainly hope not many. We will start with AEFs 9/10 and reach forward, as needed, to fill requirements.

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Whether you are at home or still deployed, take pride in what you have done and what you have yet to do. We will do it together, and with the same sense of duty and honor that our fathers and grandfathers displayed during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. They, like you, fought so that our country would continue to be the beacon of freedom it has always been.

We are ensuring that our future, and our children’s futures, are filled with freedom, safety, security and prosperity. You are doing a dynamite job, and I can’t tell you how proud I am to serve with you in this struggle for our nation’s survival.

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WASHINGTON — All military travelers must now select the split disbursement option on their travel voucher claims to directly pay their government travel card expenses, according to finance officials. The Air Force is operating “as advertised,” he said. “I don’t believe it was ever designed to handle a situation of this size of the one we just had but I think it worked well. We were able to use it to timely ... identify people to meet the combatant commanders’ requirements.”

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Promotions, retirements & separations

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:

MASTER SERGEANT (E-7)
- Michael Cunningham, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Paul Greene, 123rd Airlift Control Flt.
- Raymond Johnson, 123rd Services Flt.
- Kevin Pitchford, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Tony Sizemore, 123rd Maintenance Sq.

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT (E-8)
- Michael Cunningham, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Paul Greene, 123rd Airlift Sq.
- Tony Sizemore, 123rd Maintenance Sq.

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)
- Margaret Bennett, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Kevin Gaud, 123rd Maintenance Sq.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)
- Timothy Kenney, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Leslie Kigman, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Christopher Phebus, 123rd Special Tactics Sq.
- Michael Phillips, 123rd Airlift Wing
- Robert Rines, 123rd Medical Sq.
- John Wardrip, 123rd Maintenance Sq.

The following individuals have retired as members of the Kentucky Air National Guard and reservists of the United States Air Force:

- Timmy Kenney, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Leslie Kigman, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Christopher Phebus, 123rd Special Tactics Sq.
- Michael Phillips, 123rd Airlift Wing
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Cargo Courier places second in national contest

The Cargo Courier has once again been named one of the top newspapers of its kind in the National Guard, placing second in the National Guard Bureau’s 2002 Media Contest.

The honor marks the seventh time in the past eight years that the paper has placed in the top two.

Tech. Sgt. Amy Mundell was the newspaper’s editor and primary contributor during the contest evaluation period. Significant contributors were Capt. Dale Greer, Senior Airman Mark Flener, Tech. Sgt. Mark Rines, Staff Sgt. Tommy Downs and Senior Airman Philip Speck.

Mundell also placed third in the feature-writing contest, earning her second national writing award.

KyANG state headquarters honored with fifth AF organizational excellence award

The Kentucky Air Guard’s state headquarters has again been awarded the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for exceptional accomplishment, making this the unit’s fifth such honor.

The award, which is given annually to the top 10 percent of all headquarters units, recognizes the KyANG for its performance from May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2002.

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Return from BAGHDAD

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The Guard members were among the first troops to arrive at the airport while the fight for Baghdad was still underway. The group also was the first Air Force unit of its kind to enter the city.