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Guard members invite their ministers to base

By Maj. Sae Na
KyANG Chief of Public Affairs

A dozen local ministers spent the day here May 19 after being invited on base by Guard members who attend their churches.

The visits were part of Clergy Appreciation Day, which is designed to give ministers a better understanding of what KyANG members do while on duty.

The day's activities included a base tour, a local orientation flight aboard a Kentucky C-130, and lunch in the dining hall.

"Clergy Appreciation Day enables ministers to better serve their members who serve in the Air Guard," said Lt. Col. Tom Curry, wing chaplain.

"The clergy are getting to see firsthand what the life of a someone in the Guard is like."

It also lets clergy know how crucial the support they offer to unit members can be, Curry said.

"With our people frequently spending time away from home, it's important that their ministers offer support to not only the person in the Guard but their families left at home," Curry said.

Pastor Willie Hunter of Newburg Apostolic Church visited the base for a second time to attend clergy day.

Hunter said he can now better serve KyANG members in his congregation because of what he's learned during the two visits.

"I have a great appreciation for the hard work and sacrifice my Guard members and their families endure to serve our nation and also to protect our state," Hunter said.

"Also just being allowed to come and visit the base is a great time. I hope I am asked back again next year."

In addition to fostering understanding, Clergy Appreciation Day is an important tool for creating awareness among local ministers about the need for Guard chaplains, Curry noted.

"This day is very important," he said. "I pray we can make it a continuous event."



Maj. Sae Na/KyANG



Master Sgt. Charles Simpson/KyANG

TOP: Pastor Willie Hunter of Newburg Apostolic Church and Chaplain Tom Curry prepare for an orientation flight during Clergy Appreciation Day.

BOTTOM: A dozen local ministers board a KyANG C-130 Hercules for a short flight.

KyANG must be prepared to successfully wage war

This is the third and final segment of articles that attempts to explain and expand on our vision statement. This month we will talk about our purpose—why we are necessary now, and why we will be vital in the future.

Prepared to successfully wage war and add value to community, state and nation.

This statement is the essence of why we exist. Any National Guard unit in the country exists to serve two masters—its state and nation.

This fact is what separates us from the active-duty Air Force or Army, and even separates us from the Reserves. We have a mission to support the vital interests of the United States and to also support our fellow Kentuckians when called upon during state crisis.

The vision of an organization is a simple statement of what it wants to become. The 123rd must always strive to better perform its mission. This translates into readiness, and readiness for this unit means being “prepared to successfully wage war.” We must never shirk that responsibility.

Readiness is what we are about. It is imbedded in the core of our organization. It is why we exist, why the American people pay our salaries, supply us with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities, and hold us in such high esteem and respect.

It is an ironclad fact that the “Total Air Force” could not do its job without the Air National Guard and the 123rd Airlift Wing.

When a theater CINC calls for tactical airlift he does not care whether he gets it from



**Col. Michael Harden
123rd Airlift Wing Commander**

the active Air Force or the Air Guard, because he knows the Air Guard can deliver.

We have built this position of respect over the years because we take pride in our ability to maintain readiness with a mostly part-time force.

It is critical that every member of this wing be prepared both mentally and physically to go to war, win and then return home with honor. Leadership at all levels must ensure that the wing is supplied with good people, and that these people are motivated and trained to do their job.

Equipment must be procured and maintained to allow our airmen to do their jobs in facilities that are comfortable, are conducive to mission accomplishment and foster pride in their surroundings.

Anything less is unacceptable and will

undermine our reputation and future survival as a relevant combat force.

Not only do we strive to be ready to “successfully wage war,” we must also be ready to assist our neighbors during state and community crisis. We must support state officials when called and make our people, equipment and facilities available.

This state mission makes us unique in the military forces of our nation, and we should welcome the call and never shirk from this responsibility. We want the community to know that we are ready to help. We want them to take pride in the Kentucky Air Guard as a unit that is ready to assist across the world or across the street.

Only by maintaining our excellent reputation in the community can we continue to recruit our neighbors and motivate the young people of our community to join our organization.

Well there you have it. It has taken me three columns and several months to explain what I mean by our one-sentence vision statement. I firmly believe that this statement sums up what we want to become, and if we are successful in attaining this vision the 123rd will be always be a formidable force. I hope you believe it, too.

A powerful, harmonious, military organization, comprised of proud citizens, dedicated to the profession of arms, prepared to successfully wage war and add value to community, state and nation.

—So Sayeth the Load

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Up to bat: Kentucky Air Guard



A record crowd of more than 1,250 KyANG family members is expected at tonight's RiverBats game against the Durham Bulls. Gates open at 5 p.m.

RiverBats schedule of events

KyANG pre-game events on Slugger Field

- 5:41 p.m. Welcome to Operation RiverBats
- 5:42 p.m. KyANG video "The Best" on Pepsi Vision
- 5:50 p.m. KyANG honorary baseball team
- 5:55 p.m. Special Tactics parachute jump
- 6:01 p.m. Col. Mike Harden throws ceremonial first pitch
- 6:10 p.m. KyANG Color Guard
- 6:12 p.m. KyANG Little Leaguers take the field
- 6:12 p.m. National Anthem by Senior Airman Stephanie Hilbert
- 6:14 p.m. C-130 Hercules fly-by
- 6:15 p.m. Play ball!

KyANG game events on Slugger Field

- 2nd inning KyANG recruiting video on Pepsi Vision
- 3rd inning Squadron names scrolled on Pepsi Vision
- 3rd inning KyANG Little Leaguer races Buddy Bat
- 4th inning Col. Harden delivers RiverBats radio commentary
- 5th inning KyANG kids in recycling race
- 6th inning Airmen of the Year names appear on Pepsi Vision

Cargo Courier awarded again

The Cargo Courier has again been named the best newspaper of its kind in the National Guard, taking top honors in the National Guard Bureau's 2000 Media Contest.

The paper also scored an award at the Air Force-level media contest, earning third place for overall excellence in its division for 2000.

Significant contributors to the Cargo Courier were Staff Sgts. Amy Ziegler and David I. Tors, Master Sgt. Charles Simpson, Tech. Sgt. Mark Rines and Senior Airman Alecia Dennison.

1st Lt. Dale Greer, wing public affairs officer, also was honored when he was named 2000 National Guard Journalist of the Year—his third such title. Greer took home first place in the Guard Bureau's news article competition, as well.

Softball Tourney held Aug. 15-18

The annual Air Guard Softball Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 15 through 18 in Boise, Idaho.

The tournament, which is open to all guard members, features six divisions—men's open, women's open, men's over 35, men's over 45, coed and fast pitch.

Every team is guaranteed to play at least three games.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Ralph Barney at ext. 4326.

AFVC offers vacations

The Armed Forces Vacation Club is a space-available program that offers Department of Defense-affiliated personnel the opportunity to take affordable condominium vacations around the world for \$234 per unit per week.

For more information, visit www.afvbclub.com.

National Guard invited to a day at the Downs

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

Members of the Kentucky National Guard will have an opportunity June 30 to spend a day at the races at Churchill Downs.

Free admission through the pass gate will be granted to anyone with a military ID card.

Brig. Gen. Ed Tonini, chief of staff for the Kentucky Air Guard, said the day allows Churchill Downs to salute military members, particularly those in the National Guard.

“Churchill Downs has always been a good friend to military members,” he said.


“This day is the Saturday before the Fourth of July, allowing the Downs to honor military members before such a patriotic day.

“I’m sure it will prove to be a fun day for anyone. Churchill Downs and thoroughbred racing are really a part of our community’s fabric of life.”

As a bonus, free, full-color limited-edition posters promoting the Kentucky Air Guard will be given to the first 8,000 people through the gate.

Called “Heading Down the Stretch,” the poster features a Kentucky C-130 flying over Churchill Downs’ twin spires.

Two of the days’ races will be dedicated to the National Guard—one to the Army and the other to the Air. Representatives from



Heading Down the Stretch

**KENTUCKY AIR NATIONAL GUARD
THOROUGHBRED EXPRESS STABLE**

All KYANG Aircraft Are Named After Thoroughbred Champions

Aircraft #1231 - Man O' War	Aircraft #1234 - Bold Venture	Aircraft #1237 - Flying Ebony	Aircraft #1651 - Brokers Tip
Aircraft #1232 - Secretariat	Aircraft #1235 - His Eminence	Aircraft #1238 - Foolish Pleasure	Aircraft #1652 - Strike the Gold
Aircraft #1233 - Exterminator	Aircraft #1236 - Citation	Aircraft #1239 - Assault	Aircraft #1653 - Chateaugay

CHURCHILL DOWNS

both will award the trophy to the winning thoroughbred’s connections after each race.

In addition to the races, the Junior Jockey Club will be open all day for children 12 and under. The club is located near gate 10.

Gates open at 11 a.m., and the first post

time is 12:40 p.m. Admission for those without an ID card is \$2, except for children 12 and under, for whom admission is always free.

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

Precise planning used to capture poster image

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

After months of planning, the perfect photo for “Heading Down the Stretch” is complete.

More than a dozen people helped create the signature image for the Kentucky Air Guard poster, including personnel from Churchill Downs, which figures prominently in the photo.

“This was really an intricately planned mission,” said Brig. Gen. Ed Tonini, who originated the photo concept.

“We had to get just the right angle, which required several fly-bys.”

The mission took two different aircraft—one to be photographed and another to carry photographer Bill Kight, a

friend of the Kentucky Air Guard, Tonini said.

Taking the photo itself was the easy part, Kight said.

“The hardest part of all this was the pilots’ flying in formation at exactly the right time over Churchill Downs,” Kight said.

“If it weren’t for the excellent formation flying of these pilots this would not have been possible.”

Many factors had to come together at the right time, such as weather, the availability of aircraft and getting the planes in the right place at the right time, Kight said.



KyANG aircrew members assisted photographer Bill Kight in securing the photo.

Posters featuring the distinctive image were sent to politicians throughout the state, said Tonini, KyANG chief of staff.

Steps taken to fix hazardous office furniture

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

Another KyANG's furniture system collapses creating a stir but fortunately not seriously hurting anyone.

May 20 in the Visual Information office in the Headquarters Building a three section filing system fell while office personnel rushed to hold the cabinet up.

This is the fifth reported incident since 1995.

Tech. Sgt. Michael Myers blames the problem on round plastic caps at the top of the cabinets which basically hold the pieces of the furniture together.

"Of the three incidents that were investigated, the caps were found to be 100% of the problem," he claimed.

Luckily, Myers said, replacement metal

caps arrived on base May 17th, which will help to eliminate the problem.

Members of the 123rd Civil Engineers Squadron are beginning to replace any caps which appear to be faulty.

"As time increases and the furniture ages, the risk factor increases," Myers said.

The Wing Safety office has the following tips to help unit members protect themselves:

- Inspect the caps, paying close attention to any cracks
- Only open one file drawer at a time
- Ensure that the heaviest items are filed at the bottom

"Don't take a chance of anyone getting hurt, Myers said. "Don't try to brace

the cabinets, just get out of the way."

Master Sgt. Charlie Simpson said it was just natural reaction to stop the files from falling.

"I was just opening the top shelf and the walls came crashing down. I leaned against them to stop them from falling," he said.

"Thank goodness there were enough people around to rush and help hold it up."

Tech. Sgt. Bill Lewis who was also at the scene reports he just heard a big boom.

"Everyone ran in to help Charlie. It was great to see everyone come together to help him," he said. "Someone really could have been hurt."

While there haven't been any serious injuries, one member of the visual information office did strain her back while trying to hold the drawers up.

For information, contact the wing safety office at ext. 4407.

KyANG members can access e-mail from anywhere

Members of the KyANG can now access e-mail via a web browser and Internet connection.

The web-based e-mail is simple to use and requires no complicated client configurations. Browsers must, however, be capable of establishing a secure connection with 128-bit encryption, said Senior Master Sgt. Dave Tinsley of the 123rd Communications Flight.

All that's needed to log on is an alias, which for most users is firstname.lastname. You also will need to know your domain user name and password.

The web-based e-mail is not as feature-packed as Microsoft Outlook, but it does offer users the ability to check their e-mail from anywhere in the word, Tinsley noted.

The URL for web-based e-mail is <http://www.kyloui.ang.af.mil/exchange>.

For more information, contact the help desk at ext. 4357.

Gun Club

Master Sgt. Mark Ferris, First Sergeant for the 123rd Aircraft Generation Squadron, shoots at the Jefferson Club in April.

The newly equipped KyANG Shotgun Club invites unit members to join. For information contact Senior Airman Larry Burba at ext. 4638.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bill Hall/KyANG



Enlistments, promotions, retirements & separations

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

- Staff Sgt. Theodore Bothur**,
123rd Mission Support Flt.
- Senior Airman Christopher Chamberlain**,
123rd Logistics Sq.
- Wilmer Halfhill II**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Senior Airman Jason Rowe**,
165th Airlift Sq.
- Airman 1st Class Robert Stanley**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.

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)

- Jennifer Knabel**,
123rd Communications Flt.

SENIOR AIRMAN (E-4)

- Philip Guptill**,
123rd Airlift Wing
- Eric Pocker**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)

- Steven Campbell**,
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Shaun Cecil**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Dana Corbin**,
123rd Medical Sq.
- Margaret Curtsinger**,
123rd Mission Support Flt.
- Kelly Drescher**,
123rd Medical Sq.
- Derek Hebner**,
165th Airlift Sq.
- Leslie Kirgan**,
165th Airlift Sq.
- Jason Michel**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.

- Samuel Rose Jr.**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Douglas Thiery**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)

- Larry Brinegar**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Richard Chenault**,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
- John Downs**,
123rd Special Tactics Flt.
- Dennis Flora**,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Danny Gregory**,
165th Airlift Sq.
- David Kammer Jr.**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Kevin Kaufman**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Jason Lainhart**,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Christopher Middleton**,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
- John Miller**,
123rd Medical Sq.
- Jeffrey Noel**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Ronald Schmitz**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- James Tenney**,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Michael Wilson**,
123rd Airlift Control Element

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

- Tech. Sgt. James Bobbitt**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Robert Buckman**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Hettinger**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Master Sgt. Leonard Johnson**,
123rd Logistics Sq.
- Master Sgt. Nathaniel Mack III**,
123rd Mission Support Flt.
- Master Sgt. James McKenzie**,
123rd Logistics Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Herbert Shown**,
205th Combat Communications Sq.

The following individuals have separated from the Kentucky Air National Guard:

- Tech. Sgt. Jean Barron**,
123rd Medical Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Kristopher Beasley**,
123rd Logistics Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Mary Cornelius**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Lt. Col. Henry D'Arienzo**,
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Thomas Downs**,
123rd Communications Flt.
- Master Sgt. Debra Hall**,
123rd Airlift Wing
- Senior Airman Jeremy Kapka**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Capt. Phillip Koloff**,
123rd Medical Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Marni Konsmo**,
123rd Mission Support Flt.
- Maj. Robert Macke**,
165th Airlift Sq.
- Senior Airman David Murray Jr.**,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Susan Paul**,
205th Combat Communications Sq.
- Senior Airman Joseph Paulowski**,
205th Combat Communications Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Leslie Scott**,
123rd Operations Support Flt.
- Tech. Sgt. Jason Schroeder**,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Douglas Sharp**,
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Geoffrey Shumaker**,
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Senior Airman Darjanikk Smith**,
123rd Logistics Sq.
- 1st Lt. Kevin Sullivan**,
123rd Maintenance Flt.
- Master Sgt. Kristina Swenson**,
123rd Medical Sq.
- Senior Airman Lewis Walker**,
123rd Communications Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Jimmy Woodall Jr.**,
123rd Logistics Sq.

The following individuals have separated as enlisted members to become commissioned officers in the Kentucky Air National Guard and reservists of United States Air Force:

- 2nd Lt. Mary Decker**,
123rd Airlift Wing
- 2nd Lt. Latonia Trowell**,
123rd Airlift Wing

Roche sworn in as 20th Air Force secretary

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—James G. Roche was sworn in as the 20th secretary of the Air Force June 1 during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

David O. Cooke, director of administration and management for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, administered the oath of office.

Roche was nominated by the president on May 7 and confirmed by the Senate on May 24.

As secretary, Roche is responsible for the functioning and efficiency of the Air Force, the formulation of the service's policies and programs and the timely implementation of decisions and instructions of the president and the secretary of defense.

"I am honored to be confirmed as the secretary of the Air Force, and to join one of the most innovative, dedicated and respected teams the world has known—the United States Air Force," Roche said.

"I appreciate the confidence and trust the president, the secretary of defense and the Senate have in me to lead this proud aerospace team. I consider it an esteemed privilege to have this opportunity to serve with the Air Force's outstanding men and women.

"Over the past decade, our nation has de-



James Roche
Secretary of the Air Force

manded increasingly more effort and sacrifice from the Air Force team—our active-duty airmen, civil servants, Guardsmen, Reservists and contractors—and that team has responded brilliantly," Roche said.

"The American people have the highest confidence in our military forces and are jus-

tifiably proud of the Air Force's numerous achievements and bright future.

"We must now respond to this century's new and emerging national security environment by fostering even more constructive relationships among the services to more fully integrate for joint and combined operations," he said.

Roche, a retired Navy captain, was a recipient of the Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy for the Navy's most improved combat unit in the Pacific in 1974.

"(I look) forward to piloting the journey ahead for the Air Force," he said.

"My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as its admired past. My pledge is that I will serve the way Air Force men and women do every day throughout the world, with integrity, selflessness and in earnest pursuit of excellence."

"We welcome Secretary Roche and his family to the Air Force team," said Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff.

"The secretary has had a distinguished and successful military and civilian career," Ryan said.

"He brings a unique and valuable combination of military experience, executive management expertise and proven leadership that will be an asset to our Air Force and our nation. I look forward to serving with him."

Chief discusses quality-of-life issues

By Staff Sgt. Amy Parr
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—The Air Force's top enlisted person, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Jim Finch, addressed quality-of-life issues before the House Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Installations and Facilities on May 9.

In his remarks, he addressed the continuing need for improved quality of life for the more than 400,000 enlisted active-duty, Reserve and Guard members he represents.

"We, the Air Force, are committed to taking care of our people and their families, who can be found in just about all corners of the world," he said.

Finch relates the welfare of these people to Air Force readiness. But, he said, "because quality of life is a broad term, with different meanings to everyone, we continue to pur-

sue improvements in several areas."

In written remarks, the chief identified core quality-of-life priorities: adequate manpower, improved workplace environments, fair and competitive compensation and benefits, balanced tempo, quality health care, safe and affordable housing, enhanced community and family programs, and enriched educational opportunities.

"Our Air Force comprises true professionals, willing to give their lives, if necessary, to accomplish the mission," he said. "I believe this level of dedication and commitment deserves a standard of living equal to their contribution to America and at least comparable with their civilian counterparts."

Even though he said he appreciates the initiatives taken last year by Congress in the National Defense Authorization Act, more must still be done to retain America's best and brightest, he said.

Pay raise targets midlevel NCOs

WASHINGTON—Some midlevel noncommissioned officers will see an increase in their pay July 1 thanks to the fiscal 2001 National Defense Authorization Act.

Unlike last year's July 1 pay table reform where 75 percent of military members saw a raise, this year's reform targets E-5s to E-7s with six to 26 years of service.

The Jan. 1 pay raise for 2002, in keeping with the economic consumer index, will be a minimum of 4.6 percent.

For more information on pay increases or to see a pay chart, visit the DOD Military Pay and Benefits Web site.

Leslie says farewell to KyANG after 32 years

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

Col. Bill Leslie, who most recently served as commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing, retired from military service April 28, completing an impressive career that spanned more than 32 years.

Leslie was commissioned in March 1969 and, after completing pilot training, became a traditional Air Guard member in December 1970. Eight years later, he was hired as a full-time flying training instructor on base.

From there Leslie progressed in responsibilities within the wing, being selected as an assistant flight leader in the 165th Tactical Airlift Squadron in 1980 and a flight leader in 1981.

The following year he was named chief of flying safety before assuming commander of the 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron from September 1983 to July 1985.

Leslie's next post was wing chief of standardization evaluation, a position



Col. Bill Leslie

he held until September 1989 when the colonel was appointed director of operations at State Headquarters in Frankfort, Ky.

Leslie returned to Louisville to serve as

the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing's deputy commander of operations in July 1991.

In September 1992, he was assigned as the Air National Guard advisor to the Commander, United States Air Forces Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where he was active in planning Air Guard participation during operations Provide Promise and Joint Endeavor.

In October 1996, Leslie was appointed to the post of wing vice-commander back in Kentucky, a position held until October 1999 when he was named commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing.

Leslie is a command pilot with more than 6,000 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, RF-101, RF-4C, C-12F, C-131 and C-130B/E/H models. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with two devices, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Combat Readiness Medal with five devices and the Humanitarian Medal.

Col. Michael Harden reassumed command of the 123rd Airlift Wing effective March 4.

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