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Best *of the* Best

Shepherd, Lucas, Brawner named wing's top airmen

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

Being a member of the Kentucky Air National Guard requires the highest standards of dedication and discipline.

But 22 of the unit's members recently met the Airmen of the Year Board to determine who was a cut above the rest.

After extensive evaluation by the board of five KyANG chiefs, Master Sgt. Michael Shepherd, Tech. Sgt. Greg Lucas and Senior Airman Christopher Brawner emerged as the "best of the best" for 2000.

The competition was exceptionally tough this year because more airmen are vying for the honors, said Chief Master Sgt. David Orange, command chief master sergeant for the 123rd Airlift Wing.

"The unit has had outstanding airmen for 50 years, but until just a few years ago, participation in the Airmen of the Year program was minimal," Orange said. "Now the program has grown so that everyone has a chance to be nominated."

Shepherd, an assistant dock chief in the 123rd Aircraft Generation Squadron, was selected as Senior NCO of the Year. The airman has served in the Kentucky Air Guard for more than 20 years.

Chief Master Sgt. Bob Allen, superintendent of the 123rd Aircraft Generation Squadron, said Shepherd is very deserving of the award.

"Mike always goes out of his way to ensure all of his duties are accomplished.

"He really works hard to help out the

younger troops by giving them support when they need it, whether it be personal or at work."

Shepherd is responsible for helping aircraft mechanics and other specialists perform their duties on the inspection docks. He also researches current publications to ensure that up-to-date procedures are being used.

The NCO is active in community service programs as well, including little league sports and the Parent-Teacher Association Council. For his off-base activities, Shepherd received a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

He also makes himself readily available to help out during special base events. For example, Shepherd volunteered his services during KyANG Family Day, Bean Soup 2000 and Thunder Over Louisville.

Lucas, the wing's outstanding NCO, is an airfield management technician assigned to the 123rd Operations Support Flight.

Chief Master Sgt. Sheila Atwell, superintendent of the 123rd Operations Support Flight, said Lucas is always looking for a better way to do things.

"He is very motivated and a self starter. He gets things done before they need to be done. He is always looking ahead

"Basically, he eliminates problems before they have a chance to arise," Atwell said.

Lucas received special recognition for refining the flying procedures in his unit to better utilize equipment and personnel.

Like Shepherd, Lucas is involved in com-



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LUCAS



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Things KyANG members should know

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eing members of the Kentucky Air National Guard requires following certain standards along with being in tune to what's going on around

base. Below are some important issues that each member should be aware of.

When representing the military do you know what you can and can't do while in uniform, or as a representative of the KyANG?

Here are a few examples: While in uniform, you should not go to the mall on an extended shopping spree, but, as a matter of convenience, you can stop on the way home after duty and pick up last-minute items you may need that evening.

You should not spend the evening at the local off-base pub or your favorite restaurant while in uniform.

You should not offer comments to the press while in uniform, unless you are an official spokesman on matters pertaining to the unit.

You should not identify yourself, in person or in writing, as a member of the Air Guard when involved in political campaigns or when making public statements supporting, endorsing or criticizing political candidates, military or national policy. This includes letters to newspaper editors.

If you are ever in doubt, ask your supervisor or the legal office.

Another issue is the usage of morale calls while deployed.

With our heavy involvement in the Air Expeditionary Force and Expeditionary



Col. Bill Leslie
123rd Airlift Wing Commander

Combat Support, we are deployed more than ever. While deployed, in locations where you have access to DSN, you are authorized morale calls.

You can call our base switchboard via DSN and be "patched" to your home phone. These can only be "routine" DSN precedence and must not incur any cost to the government.

If your home is not within the base local calling area, the base operator cannot make a long distance call for you.

If you have a credit card with AT&T, MCI or Sprint, you can be connected to one of them and charge the call to your card.

For those without a calling card, you can be connected to 1-800-ATTCOLLECT for collect calls.

Remember, the government must not incur any cost. Calls also cannot interfere with operational requirements and should not exceed 15 minutes.

You are normally limited to one call per week, except for emergencies. Do not use the base 1-800 number for morale calls.

The last issue, is the 2001 Bean Soup Odyssey. I'm sure you've noticed a lot of publicity for our annual charity fund-raiser. Last year we raised a record \$10,000 for the WHAS Crusade for Children. We need your help to break that record this year.

As always, the event is open to the public. It's an opportunity for us to add value to the community and to let the local populace know who we are and what we do.

It's our opportunity to help a lot of kids, in addition to taking part in the fun event.

We need volunteers to help in every area, from directing parking to serving soup.

We need your help in publicizing the event at your place of employment, your church and civic organizations.

If you can do nothing else, buy tickets for your family and bring them out to enjoy a great meal at a great price.

It takes only a little effort on your part to help our children, our community and our Kentucky Air Guard.

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2001 Bean Soup Odyssey... ...Promises to be out-of-this-world

**By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor**

The Kentucky Air National Guard's 2001 Bean Soup Odyssey will be held March 22 in the Fuel Cell Hangar, and this year's charity event promises to be the biggest yet.

Proceeds will again benefit the WHAS Crusade for Children, which last year received \$10,000 from the Kentucky Air Guard.

Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, event director, said the KyANG "Bean Team" has been

preparing for several months to put on an unprecedented display.

This year's event, Frymire said, will feature the "Menu of the Millennium"—bean soup, vegetable soup, corn bread, salad, cole slaw, desserts and a drink.

The flightline also will be open to the public, and several military aircraft such as the C-130 Hercules will be on display along with all-terrain vehicles, fire trucks, and Army ground-fighting vehicles.

"This is our golden opportunity to do something special for our local community as well as showcase our extraordinary base

facilities," Frymire said.

"All the hard work we do for the event really pays off when hand over the check to the Crusade. It really lets us see that we can make a difference in our community."

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, and can be purchased at the door. Carry-out service will also be available.

For more information on the event, or to volunteer or donate a dessert, contact Frymire at ext. 364-9589.



Master Sgt. Charlie Simpson/KyANG



Tech. Sgt. Bill Lewis/KyANG



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ABOVE: Chief Master Sgt. Sheila Atwell, Chief Master Sgt. Tommy Downs and Master Sgt. Mary Decker expect to serve more than 2,500 people at Bean Soup.



Master Sgt. Charlie Simpson/KyANG

ABOVE LEFT: Staff Sgt. Michelle Self serves soup at Bean Soup 2000. This year she will be directing services at the food line.

ABOVE RIGHT: Chief Master Sgt. Dave Orange, Col. Bill Leslie, Lt. Col. Rich Frymire and Lt. Col. Paul Rhodes flash 2001 Bean Soup Odyssey tickets.

NEAR LEFT: Lt. Col. Bill Ketterer works behind the scenes at last year's event.

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Night with the Panthers

More than 300 KyANG members and their families gathered Jan. 6 at Freedom Hall to watch the Louisville Panthers play the Kentucky Thoroughblades during Air National Guard night.



Tech. Sgt. J.P. Roth, an intelligence specialist in the 123rd Operations Support Flight, takes a ride on the Zamboni during halftime.

KyANG photos by Senior Master Sgt. Terry Lutz

Fogle named top enlisted advisor for HQ

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

After spending more than four years in the Air Force at seven different bases, Kenny Fogle decided he had moved around enough.

Although he loved the military and the opportunity it provided to see the world, Fogle didn't think the experience was in the best interests of his family.

So he left behind his career as a Chinese Mandarin linguist, moved back to his hometown in Bardstown, Ky., and joined the Kentucky Air National Guard.

Nineteen years later, Fogle has been appointed the KyANG State Command Chief Master Sergeant. In the new post, Fogle will work directly for Brig. Gen. Richard Ash, Kentucky's assistant adjutant general for air.

"I'll be the voice of the enlisted to the General," Fogle said.

"I plan to express the enlisted point of view along with some of my own ideas regarding training and mission readiness."

Fogle has extensive knowledge of personnel training since he worked in the field



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

at the Kentucky Air Guard for nearly 10 years. He says he wants to put more emphasis on training.

"We just never know when we could be

called up, and we've got to be ready," he said. "That's why our mission readiness is so crucial."

Ash said Fogle was selected for the position because of his strategic mission plans.

"He is very interested in how we can get more training and get airmen to tech schools quicker," Ash said.

"He is someone who can take charge and manage his own agendas and time. He cares about the organization and genuinely cares about the enlisted troops.

"With Fogle serving as the Command Chief Master Sergeant, he'll be the person I go to when I need to find out how a policy will affect the enlisted force and how it is perceived," Ash added.

Fogle, who replaces Chief Master Sgt. David Pope, is not new to the role of representing others.

In his civilian job at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in Frankfort, Fogle works as a public advocate for citizens who have concerns on highway issues, airports and related matters. He also is the cofounder and a four-term president of the United Way of Nelson County and has served on the Nelson County School Board for more than seven years.

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munity-service programs.

During 1999, he helped raise funds for Kentucky Special Olympics, the Kentucky Sheriff's Association and the Leukemia Society of America.

Lucas also volunteered to support base charitable activities such as the United Parcel Service-sponsored Plane Pull and the Technician Charity Golf Scramble.

Brawner, a parachute rigger and repair specialist with the 123rd Maintenance Squadron, was named KyANG's outstanding airman of the year.

Senior Master Sgt. Roger Hamilton, 123rd Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Element Leader, said Brawner is an all-around great worker.

"He is the type of guy that wears his uniform well and has great interaction

with people throughout the base.

"Brawner has a strong interests in his co-workers and is always helpful and ready to volunteer his services," Hamilton added.

Brawner, who also acts as his shop's safety representative, helped a co-worker design a parachute safety pin that was substantially less expensive than the previous component, resulting in a cost savings of 50 percent.

Moreover, the airman is always one of the first in his unit to volunteer for deployments, and he served as his unit coordinator for the Combined Federal Campaign, which last year raised more \$46,070 basewide—a new record.

Off base, Brawner volunteered his time to speak against drug use in local schools.

Shepherd, Lucas and Brawner will be honored tonight at Woodhaven Country Club. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Orange at ext. 4444.

Photographs to be taken at 2001 Bean Soup Odyssey

Retirees and former Guard members are invited to have group photographs taken by aircraft static displays during 2001 Bean Soup Odyssey on March 22.

The photos will be displayed in the 123rd Airlift Wing's Heritage Hall in the Logistics Complex.

Photos of Guard members who served during the days of the RF-101 Voodoo will be taken at 1 p.m. while pictures of personnel who served during the RF-4C Phantom era will be taken at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Kenny Coogle at ext. 4102.

Reserve, National Guard forces to begin participating in nuclear-related missions

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—The Department of Defense announced a policy revision Jan. 11 that will allow reserve forces to participate in highly sensitive nuclear-related missions previously barred to reservists.

The authority to appoint reservists in duties involving access to nuclear weapons and nuclear-related command and control will rest with the unified combatant commanders.

“The number of Reserve and National Guard forces to be used in nuclear-related missions will be up to commanders to determine, as they work through this process,” said Charles L. Cragin, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for Reserve Affairs.

“However, a major structural barrier to full integration of the force has been shattered with this determination.”

This initiative is a result of a two-year, DoD-wide collaborative effort, called the Reserve Component Employment 2005 Study, which made recommendations to the secretary of defense for new and better ways to employ the reserve forces and foster better integration in the total force.

The study included participants from the active, Reserve and National Guard components of the Services and representatives from the office of the secretary of defense,

the joint chiefs of staff, the unified combatant commands and DoD combat support agencies.

The RCE-05 study and the lengthy discussions that followed it demonstrated there were many instances that reservists could meet the same stringent standards of the personnel reliability program as their active-duty counterparts.

was not considered sufficient to provide adequate continuous evaluation for personnel reliability purposes.

In today’s environment, the level of involvement by reservists can greatly exceed the participation and duration requirements.

Reserve integration into PRP, and therefore the nuclear mission, was accomplished by more closely defining the minimum standard for continuous evaluation as it would apply to all personnel.

“Continuous evaluation is now defined as direct observation based on no fewer than 12 working days per month, with no more than 14 days between any two working days,” Cragin said.

“This was determined to be the minimum level of direct observation required to meet the spirit and intent of the program for the total force.”

Many Reservists perform up to 15 days of military service each month, and therefore, can be considered under the continuing inter-

active process that is a critical element of the PRP.

The new policy will help national security, in addition to being another successful milestone in the DoD effort to integrate the active and reserve forces.

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—Charles L. Cragin
Principal deputy assistant secretary of defense

PRP is the program used for evaluating the overall fitness of individuals for access to nuclear missions and is based on close and direct observation of the behavior of each individual by the chain of command, medical authorities, and the individual’s peers. It is a process of continuous evaluation.

Reservists previously were excluded from certification as the presumed level of service—one weekend a month and a single two-week active duty period each year—

Additional uniform specifications now in effect

Air Force News Print

WASHINGTON—Personnel officials said the 95th Uniform Board’s results are now in effect. The results of the board include:

- When wearing ribbons, all—including devices—are required.
- Fingernail length can not interfere with duty performance or hinder proper fit of safety equipment or uniform items.

- Attaché cases, gym bags, backpacks and women’s purses are authorized to be carried in either hand but cannot interfere with giving a proper salute.

- Attachments for access badges/passes are authorized (plain dark blue or black ropes, silver or plastic small link chains, and clear plastic chain) as long as they do not interfere with safety.

They must be conservative and free of advertisement.

- The re-sized mini-badge is authorized for wear when available for purchase.

Although the topic of name tags was not addressed by the board, questions continually arise, according to personnel officials.

The AFI states that name tags must be “laminated ultramarine blue plastic material with white, block-style letters engraved on the plastic and a clutch-type fastener.”

Epoxy resin covered or coated name tags are not authorized.

Second enlisted Vietnam hero to receive Air Force Medal of Honor

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—A pararescueman, killed in action during the Vietnam War, is now the service's second enlisted man to receive the Medal of Honor since the Air Force became a separate service in 1947.

Airman 1st Class William H. Pitsenbarger was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for treating wounded soldiers, despite coming under intense enemy fire and being mortally wounded himself, during a battle April 11, 1966, outside Saigon, Republic of Vietnam.

For his actions that day, Pitsenbarger, a veteran of 300 rescue missions, was awarded the Air Force Cross, the second highest award for valor, and the highest award the Air Force can bestow.

At the time of the original award, according to Department of Defense officials, so many of the eyewitnesses were wounded or killed in action there was not enough information available for the DoD to accurately assess Pitsenbarger's bravery and justify award of the Medal of Honor.

Subsequent eyewitness reports, developed during the 1990s, led senior defense officials and congressional leaders to conclude that the Medal of Honor would more suitably recognize Pitsenbarger's heroism.

On the day of his death, the 21-year-old was not on duty but volunteered his services on the rescue mission. When the team arrived at the scene he dropped from the rescue helicopter to help lift the wounded to safety.

William F. Pitsenbarger accepted the Medal of Honor on his son's behalf in a ceremony Dec. 8 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

New findings indicate Gulf veterans misused pesticides

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—Department of Defense investigators have found that troops occasionally misused pesticides during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Senior defense officials said they cannot confirm or rule out a connection between pesticides and illnesses some veterans have been experiencing since the war.

"We're not able to make a link epidemiologically," said Bernard Rostker, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. Rostker also serves as special assistant to the deputy secretary of defense for Gulf War illnesses, medical readiness and military deployments.

DoD released an environmental exposure report Jan. 12 that examined the use and potential long-term health effects of pesticides during the Gulf War.

Veterans have reported a wide array of unexplained illnesses that some suspect may be related to their use of and exposure to pesticides during the war.

DoD interviewed 900 Gulf War veterans on their pesticide use during their time in Southwest Asia, and the RAND Corp. surveyed another 2,000 on the same issue.

The RAND survey found roughly half the troops serving in the area reported using DEET insect repellent nearly every day, said RAND Senior Statistician Ron Fricker.

Other pesticides were used much less frequently—only about 6 percent of troops said they used permethrin, the No. 2 pesticide.

The most widely misused products were pet flea and tick collars, Fricker said.

"We found that about 3 percent, or 13,000 people, actually wore a pet flea or tick collar either over their clothes or over their shoes," he said.

Investigators also found evidence of widespread use of pest strips.

During the Gulf War, the Environmental Protection Agency recommended using one pest strip for each 1,000 cubic feet of tent space; the EPA today recommends

about half a strip for that space.

"And we have examples not only of one pest strip going up in that volume, but if one's good, two must be better, and three should even be better than that," he said. "So it's quite clear that we overused them."

Other survey findings: 31 percent used more than one pesticide; 9 percent used three or more; and 39 percent used none at all.

RAND also carefully reviewed literature on health effects associated with pesticide exposure and found no evidence of long-term health effects.

Findings of the literature review fell into two general categories. There was no evidence of ill effects in literature on four of the studied pesticides: lindane, DEET, permethrin and d-Phenothrin.

"We felt ... we could pretty much rule them out as something that would cause long-term, chronic effects," said RAND Director Ross Anthony.

A second set of results deals with substances known as acetylcholinesterase inhibitors, including organophosphates and carbamates, Anthony said.

The researchers found instances linking these substances to symptoms similar to those reported by some Gulf War veterans—fatigue, muscle and joint pain, headaches, cognitive problems and sleep disorders.

"We note that there is a reported biological role of acetylcholinesterase in the symptoms that provide some plausibility for the illness that we see in Gulf War veterans," Anthony said.

He warned, however, that results should be used carefully.

Some Gulf War veterans were exposed to other acetylcholinesterase inhibitors, in particular nerve agents and pyridostigmine bromide, which troops received to protect them against nerve agents, he said.

"I would also point out that similarities in symptoms alone are insufficient to draw conclusions and that we should look at these (results) with some caution," he said.

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:

SENIOR AIRMAN (E-4)

- Kevin Knight,
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Michael Palazzo,
123rd Maintenance Sq.

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)

- William Ciarlante,
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Joshua Haney,
123rd Special Tactics Sq.
- Jason Johnson,
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Russell King,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
- Gregory Smith,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)

- Jean Barron,
123rd Medical Sq.

- Brad Douthat,
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Rodney Jarboe,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
- Robert Robinson
165th Airlift Sq.

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

- Tech. Sgt. Marvin Allen Sr.,
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Richard Buckles,
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Roy Dennison,
123rd Mission Support Flt.
- Master Sgt. Keith Gibson,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Kidd,
205th Combat Communications Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Jimmie Sherwood,
123rd Logistics Sq.
- Lt. Col. Paul Stone,
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Theodore Strahle,
123rd Logistics Sq.
- Master Sgt. Robert Wright,
123rd Services Flt.

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

- Airman 1st Class Christopher Bowers,
123rd Student Flt.
- Staff Sgt. Joseph Clark,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Airman 1st Class Ross Davis,
123rd Student Flt.
- Staff Sgt. Paul Keys,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Maj. Peter Lazzari,
165th Airlift Sq.
- Senior Airman Emilia Agrinoni-Malave,
123rd Airlift Wing
- Senior Airman Mike Markins,
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Senior Airman Harold Moore III,
205th Combat Communications Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Shelly Portman,
123rd Medical Sq.
- Airman 1st Class Travis Ramsey,
123rd Student Flt.
- Airman 1st Class Cory Robertson,
123rd Logistics Sq.
- Senior Airman Grant Schaffer,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
- Airman 1st Class Robyn Smith,
123rd Student Flt.
- Staff Sgt. Emil Star III,
123rd Maintenance Sq.

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