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Planes of Thunder display draws nearly 50,000

More than 35 military aircraft showcased

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

The cool, windy day didn't stop the 50,000 people from pouring into the KyANG base to witness Planes of Thunder static display April 21.

More than 35 aircraft were on display as part of Thunder Over Louisville the opening ceremonies of the Kentucky Derby Festival.

Pilots and aircrews flying in the airshow were on hand to greet visitors to the base to discuss their state-of-the-art aircraft.

Event Coordinator Maj. Ken Dale said he was extremely pleased with how the annual event turned out.

"Everything went so smoothly and the people really seemed to be enjoying themselves."

This year's display featured a four-ship A-10 demo team, two B-1 Lancer bombers, the F-15E Strike Eagle, F-18 Hornet, P-51 Mustang and AH-64 Apache helicopter.

"All the aircrews feedback was very positive," said Dale. "I even received comments that this was the best airshow they had ever seen. They complimented the professionalism of the operations and maintenance folks at the Kentucky Air Guard."

It is estimated that over 1 million people actually witnessed the airshow itself, said Dale.

"Once a year we get this opportunity to show-off the U.S. militaries airpower from the Kentucky Air Guard, and I'm very happy to see that our community is so receptive to us," he said.



Senior Master Sgt. Terry Lutz/KyANG

ABOVE: The crowd waits in line to see the popular Navy MH-53 Sea Dragon helicopter that is used for airborne mine counter



LEFT: Staff Sgt. Joshua Haney from the 123rd Special Tactics Flight talks with visitors to the base about what his job entails.

Operation RiverBats

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Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler/KyANG

Wing must be dedicated to the profession of arms

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gain, I will discuss the wing's vision which is to become, a powerful, harmonious military organization, comprised of proud citizens, dedicated

to the profession of arms, prepared to successfully wage war, and provide world class service to community, state and nation.

In the last issue of the Cargo Courier you will recall that I began to break the Vision statement of the 123rd into its various parts in an attempt to make sure that every member of the wing understood what it is that we want to be so that we could all travel down the same road to get there.

At that time we talked about what kind of an organization we want to be—"a powerful, harmonious military organization" and what that entailed. This month I want to talk about what kind of people are needed to fulfill the second part of the vision,—“comprised of proud citizens, dedicated to the profession of arms.”

We must never forget that every member of the 123rd joined because they wanted to—whether it be for extra money, educational benefits, their interest in airplanes or for the military camaraderie. One thing that everyone has in common however is pride in our country.

Because we are fortunate to be a part of this great state and nation we feel an obligation to serve. That is why we never lack for people to volunteer and answer the bell when we are called to support contingency operations abroad or emergency operations in Kentucky.

We are, and always want to be, an organization that responds not because of coercion or arm-twisting, but because of a sense of



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

obligation and duty to community, state, and nation. We must continue to capitalize on this concept of citizenship and the pride that results when people realize the obligations inherent in the concept, and then fulfill that obligation.

Never before in the modern history of our country have such a small percentage of our population served in the military. This is true in our neighborhoods, as well as City Hall, the Statehouse, and Congress.

Because of this we can only survive and flourish if our pride in citizenship is so visible that it creates a very positive impression, and has a lasting effect upon our neighbors as well as our leaders. Our pride and enthusiasm must be contagious if we are to recruit and win the support of our elected officials.

Along with pride in citizenship our folks

must be dedicated to the profession of arms.

We must realize that the military is not merely a job, it is a way of life. Every member of this organization must look at themselves not as part-time but as full-time airmen with part-time availability. We are members of the military all of the time—we are on duty only some of the time.

As members of the military we have certain obligations such as adhering to regulatory requirements, and living up to the tenets of duty, honor, country and the core values of integrity, service before self, excellence in all we do, empathy and a spirit of fun. NCO's and officers must think of themselves as leaders and live up to the responsibility of leadership.

Airmen must constantly strive to learn more and become the best orders clerk, wrench bender or services person in the Air Force.

We represent, and are a product of all of those proud airmen who came before us, and we must never do anything that will bring dishonor on this unit and those who served before us. The profession of arms, like citizenship has some unique obligations that take dedication and commitment to fulfill.

Just as we are citizens all of the time, we are members of the profession of arms all of the time which both require dedication, pride and commitment.

Next month we will talk about the final piece of our vision, and when we are through maybe we will all have an understanding of what we really want to be.

Thanks loads!

Michael R. Harden

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Operation RiverBats...

...Take me out to the ballgame

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

Take me out to the ballgame is what members of the Kentucky Air Guard will be saying June 9 as they leave drill to head out to Slugger Field for Operation RiverBats as the Louisville RiverBats take on the Durham Bulls.

KyANG night will feature a night jam-packed with festivities beginning 30 minutes prior to the 6:15 p.m. game start time.

The evening will begin with 40 person honorary baseball team followed by the members of the Special Tactics Squadron parachuting into the stadium to deliver the baseball for the ceremonial first pitch to the 123rd Airlift Wing Commander Mike Harden, said Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, event coordinator.

"Our unit will participate in events practically the entire evening," he said.

"About 30 Kentucky Air Guard kids who play Little League even have a chance to participate by taking the field after the RiverBats run unto the field."

The unit's own color guard will present the colors as the KyANG soloist sings the National Anthem.

"Not only will baseball fans get an opportunity to see KyANG's very own Col. Harden throw the ceremonial pitch but our unit will get another chance to shine in the eyes of those in the community,"



Tech. Sgt. Bill Lewis/KyANG

KyANG recruiters Master Sgt. Tery Moore, Tech. Sgt. Chris Tellis, Staff Sgt. Ted Bothur, and Senior Master Sgt. Rose Farquhar join Louisville RiverBats Promotions Manager Chris Sobczyk to plan for Operation RiverBats.

Frymire said.

"This night is expected to be fun-filled, help enhance morale and will be great for recruiting purposes."

In addition, Frymire said, recruiters will be giving away seat cushions to the first 1,000 customers through the gates.

The unit's goal is to attract 1,000 active

and retired members, families and friends to the game, he said.

May 20 is the last day to purchase tickets for Operation RiverBats. Tickets are \$6 each for adults and children.

For tickets, contact Lt. Col. Rich Frymire at ext. 4589.

Strategic planning used for Harden's ceremonial pitch

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

When Col. Mike Harden, the 123rd Airlift Wing Commander takes the field to throw the ceremonial pitch at the Louisville RiverBats game on June 9, it won't be his first trip to the baseball diamond.

As a matter fact, it's not even close.



From Little League to Trinity High School to active duty Air Force, playing baseball has been a significant part of his life.

When he was asked how many years he played, he only commented, "too many years to count!"

Since Col. Harden agreed to throw the first pitch, he said he has been thinking about his pitch delivery.

"After thinking about it, I have decided to use either a fastball or curveball. I think that I will use a modified fastball that will travel at least 60 feet 6 inches."

Then he added, "I feel great about it—I

just hope my arm feels great after it's over."

Harden is so serious about his pitch that he has even considered what type of wind-up to use.

"I considered using the Juan Marichal and his high leg kick, but I've decided against that.

The high leg kick would be nice, but I don't want to look like a hot dog, so I think I'll use the Don Larson 'no wind-up' delivery."

Harden anticipates a large turn out.

"I hope everyone comes out not only so I can show off my pitch but so the Kentucky Air Guard gets the opportunity to show off our great organization."

KyANG breaks records again

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

Once again the Kentucky Air Guard hosted a successful Bean Soup feast March 22 raising more than \$11,000 for the WHAS Crusade for Children which is a 440 percent increase over a two year period.

The day was picture perfect, according to Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, event coordinator.

"The day went so smoothly and above all else we raised money for the children," he said.

"I'm just thrilled because each year just seems to get better and better. A random customer even commented it was the best Bean Soup to date."

Frymire's excitement also stems from breaking so many records this year.

Not only was the dollar figure higher this year, the Bean Team served a record number of customers and had a record high on carry-out meals totally together totaling more than 2,300, he said.

"This event really couldn't be possible without hundreds of volunteers who unselfishly gave their time and energy to help at the event," he said.

"The men & women out here make honest effort to make the community we live in a better place for us all."

Lt. Col. Frymire and members of the Bean Team will appear on WHAS-TV on Sunday, June 3 to present the Crusade for Children the \$11,000 check.

2001 Bean Soup



ABOVE: Master Sgt. Tech. Sgt. Jason Smith late chip cookies for

TOP LEFT: Staff Sgt. of the 123rd Aircraft

BOTTOM LEFT: Chief Iron is interviewed b



Odyssey



Leon Allen from the 123rd Maintenance Squadron and Staff Sgt. Tim Nash from the 123rd Aerial Port Squadron prepare chocolate Bean Soup.

James Embry and Staff Sgt. Tim Nash, both members of the 123rd Aerial Port Squadron, clean trays.

Master Sgt. Tom Downs of the 123rd Aerial Port Squadron and WDRB-TV 41 reporter Jim Bulleit.



ABOVE: The Bean Team served a record crowd of more than 2,300 customers.

LEFT: Master Sgt. David Fink from the 123rd Maintenance Squadron delivers a bean soup meal to one of a record high 584 carry-out customers.

Photos by Master Sgt. Charles Simpson/KyANG



Air Guard delivers even in the cold weather

KyANG supports Operation Deep Freeze in Antarctica

By Maj. Sae Na
KyANG State Public Affairs Officer

Members of the Kentucky Air Guard joined the New York Air Guard in Operation Deep Freeze delivery both people and supplies to McMurdo Station, Ross Island at the South Pole in **December**.

Ten personnel from the 123rd Maintenance Squadron and the 165th Aircraft Generation Squadron traveled to the bottom of the earth donning their parkas and bunny boots to offer assistance in support of the National Science Foundation and their studies of the Ozone Hole, ice sheets and the dynamics of the Southern Ocean.

Master Sgt. Gary Dunlap from the maintenance squadron's engine shop said the trip was a great opportunity to learn to work in an extremely cold environment.

"Not only was it a neat experience traveling to such a different environment, I'm really glad I got the chance to gain a great deal of knowledge about working on aircraft in such cold weather. The experience was so outstanding, I'd gladly go back again."

Other members of the unit who partici-



Staff Sgt. Will Robertson/KyANG

Kentucky and New York Air Guard units deliver both supplies and people to McMurdo Station, Antarctica's largest community.

pated felt the same way including Capt. Matt Stone, the logistics management officer.

"It was just such a different type of place," Stone said. "I feel fortunate that I was able to see a part of the world that few would ever experience."

The airman witnessed a place where the

coldest temperature on earth was recorded—a glacial temperature of 128.6 degrees below zero and where during the summer months the temperature can routinely dip to 50 degrees below zero.

During winter months the population of McMurdo Station which is Antarctica's largest community is a mere 250 persons.

Being a buddy to someone can prevent suicide

Which individual is most effective or responsible for preventing suicide? The Wing Commander? The First Sergeant? The Security Police? The mental health unit? The Chaplain? The real answer is you.

You are the person who notices that someone has a problem. Buddy Care basics require that we all be acquainted with the signals of suicide such as talking about suicide, drastic changes in behavior, withdrawal from friends or social activities, lost interest in hobbies, work, school, etc., preoccupation with death, increased use in alcohol or drugs.

An individual who is contemplating suicide usually is experiencing many problems, like divorce, death of a spouse, pending disciplinary action, financial difficulty, alcohol abuse or has a history of past suicide attempts.

What can you do to take care of your buddy? First, know the warning signs. Pick up the pamphlet entitled suicide preven-

tion in your orderly room and study the signals.

Second, you can intervene by talking with someone you suspect may have suicidal thoughts or feelings. Discern if they are considering suicide and how far they have planned to do so. Use direct language to discern if they are suicidal.

Third, get help. The first sergeant, commander, chaplain, hospital personnel, security police or mental health professionals are resources to assist you and your buddy.

Most of all take any threat of suicide seriously. It is not true that those who talk about suicide do

not commit suicide.

Remember, nothing can hurt your buddy more than suicide. Behavioral medicine is a non-punitive helping agency. Many suicides are preventable if people get help early. Your early buddy care may save someone's life.

—Lt. Col. Tom Curry, wing chaplain



USAF to begin the transformation of space

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON—The Air Force is stepping out to implement decisions from the Secretary of Defense to transform the way military space is managed and organized.

The service will put into motion recommendations made by the congressionally chartered Space Commission, a group that looked at national security space activities and suggested steps to strengthen and streamline how national leaders, the Department of Defense and the Air Force manage space.

The DOD recently reviewed the report and agreed with its recommendations.

"This is an historic event in the Air Force's ongoing pursuit of aerospace integration and advanced space capabilities, and we are excited to tackle these new challenges," said Acting Secretary of the Air Force (Dr.) Lawrence J. Delaney.

"We recognize the trust the Secretary of Defense has placed in the Air Force and we are ready to implement his directives."

Air Force Space Command Commander Gen. Ed Eberhart describes this transformation of space as a critical step.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the Air Force," Eberhart said.

"We're excited about what this will mean for all aspects of our space program, and especially what it will mean for

America's security.

"We're working closely with our service partners and all of DOD to implement the commission's recommendations."

The intensive planning underway by the Air Force and other services will implement the Space Commission's far-reaching set of recommendations involving space organization and management improvements, to include career force devel-

Command and enhancing space career and professional development.

The SMC realignment under AFSPC will involve Air Force Materiel Command; and its four-star commander is enthused by the way ahead.

"SMC becoming part of Air Force Space Command consolidates space acquisition and operations functions under one commander, creating a strong center of advocacy for space systems and resources," said Gen. Lester Lyles, AFMC commander.

"Space priorities will be set by a single command—Air Force Space Command—ensuring the Air Force continues to provide unrivaled military space capabilities and leadership.

"AFMC, meanwhile, will still provide acquisition and science and technology support to AFSPC after SMC has been realigned."

Gen. Michael E. Ryan, Air Force chief of staff, described the changes ahead in the DOD and Air Force space program as comprehensive and far-reaching, a true watershed event.

"As a nation, we are more dependent on space than ever before for our economic and security needs," Ryan said.

"These changes to our space program are necessary, and truly profound. It's an exciting time to be on the leading edge of the transformation of our military space capabilities."

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—Gen. Michael E. Ryan,
Air Force Chief of Staff

opment, acquisition, operations, budgeting, and planning at the national, DOD and Air Force levels.

Among the commission's specific recommendations the Air Force will be designated as the executive agent for space within DOD and the undersecretary of the Air Force will be assigned as the Space Acquisition Executive and Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

The commission also recommended realigning the Space and Missile Systems Center to become part of Air Force Space

Air Force leaders send Armed Forces Day message

by Dr. Lawrence J. Delaney
Acting Secretary of the Air Force and
Gen. Michael E. Ryan
Air Force Chief of Staff

WASHINGTON—When President Truman first established Armed Forces Day in 1950, he created a single day to celebrate the dedication, sacrifice and excellence of all the military services.

The theme of that first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense"—a precursor of our future.

Through five decades our military members—airmen, sol-

diers, sailors and Marines—have teamed with our civilian counterparts to create the greatest military in the world.

This joint team is the embodiment of integrity, service, excellence, and is "Teamed for Defense" like never before.

On May 15, Armed Forces Day, the nation pays homage to our military men and women, our civilian members, our families, and the communities who support us.

If you wear, or have worn, the American military uniform, this is a day to be proud and to savor the respect of a grateful nation.

We sincerely thank each and every one you for your service before self commitment to our nation.

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:

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS (E-3)

•**Aisha Coley,**
123rd Support Gp.

SENIOR AIRMAN (E-4)

•**Heath Back,**
123rd Maintenance Sq.
•**Margaret Bennett,**
123rd Airlift Control Element
•**Amanda Blackburn,**
123rd Logistics Sq.
•**Jonathon Gray,**
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
•**Chevon Griffith,**
123rd Services Flt.
•**Michael Helton,**
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
•**James Nalley Jr,**
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
•**Cutty Parker,**
123rd Services Flt.
•**Randall Vargas,**
123rd Airlift Wing

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)

•**Michael Ferguson,**
123rd Communications Flt.
•**Stephanie Slayton,**
123rd Logistics Sq.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)

•**Earnie Cays,**
123rd Medical Sq.
•**Jeffrey Hunt,**
123rd Communications Flt.
•**Donald Jordan Jr,**
123rd Maintenance Flt.
•**John Roth Jr,**
123rd Operations Support Flt.
•**Brendan Scott,**
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
•**Carl Shaffer,**
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
•**Karen Spencer,**
123rd Logistics Flt.
•**Derek Williams,**
123rd Operations Support Flt.

MASTER SERGEANT (E-7)

•**Barry Steenbergen,**
123rd Security Forces Sq.

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

•**Staff Sgt. Gary Harrell,**
165th Aerial Port Sq.

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

•**Capt. Wesley Cooksey,**
165th Airlift Sq.
•**Staff Sgt. Gary Hampton,**
205th Combat Communication Sq.
•**Senior Airman Chance Harrig,**
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
•**Staff Sgt. Christopher Jackson,**
123rd Maintenance Sq.
•**Technical Sgt. Michael Kersting,**
123rd Civil Engineers Sq.
•**Maj. David Klaus,**
165th Airlift Sq.
•**Tech. Sgt. William Martin,**
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
•**Staff Sgt. Matthew Rickert,**
123rd Student Flt.
•**Senior Airman Brett Utterback,**
123rd Aerial Port Sq.

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