Boss Lift displays future of Guard role

By Tech Sgt. Jeff Sansbury
Cargo Courier Editor

LANEY AFB, Va. -- Frank Von Allmen last donned his fatigue uniform nearly 40 years ago, but this summer he relived that experience by returning to the military community. After visiting a number of bases from all the branches of service, Von Allmen left with the same respect he carried from the Marine Corps back in 1953.

Thanks to "Boss Lift," a program sponsored by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, he and dozens of non-military citizens were reunited or introduced to the modern armed forces and its reserve components. The Kentucky Air National Guard hosted the deployments, flying its guests aboard C-130H transport planes for a real taste of modern National Guard service.

"The resources they have, the training they receive...it's all different than what I recall," said Von Allmen, president of Interface Micro Systems, a consulting agency in Prospect, Ky. "They (reservists) deserve this, and we can't afford to be without them."

Created in 1972, the ESGR organized a committee to promote an understanding of the Guard and Reserve. The importance of employer support was its main role.

Between July and September, the Kentucky Committee for ESGR coordinated three such Boss Lift deployments -- the to Fort Knox and another to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. While those deployments lasted only one day each, the final Boss Lift brought nearly 30 men and women to Virginia for a three-day "tour of duty." After landing at Langley AFB, the ESGR members and volunteer guests visited U.S. Navy shipyards near Norfolk, observed a Coast Guard reserve training station at Yorktown and discovered a unique Army mission located at historic Fort Eustis. Each base tour included a visit to a reserve component facility.

Judy Dillard, a compliance investigator for the U.S. Department of Labor in Louisville, found herself peering into the cockpit of a Stealth fighter jet that flew combat missions in the Persian Gulf War. Later that day she met F-16 crew members of the Vermont Air National Guard, stationed at Langley as part of the continued Air Guard presence.

"We wanted so much for these guests to be here. They're taxpayers and employers, and what they learn from these reserve missions is very important," said Ed Holloway, chairman of the Kentucky Committee for ESGR. "As we continue through the '90s and face defense budget cuts and troop reductions, the Guard and Reserve will be handed more responsibility in the defense of our nation. Our employers and bosses will be asked to understand and support these men and women in their growing role."

The attention given to the civilian guests was impressive. During their arrival at each base, the Kentuckians were greeted personally by the local commander and given a private orientation briefing before continuing on. Small business owners, school superintendents and insurance executives all discovered the importance of reserve armed forces.

The ESGR hopes these American neighbors will relate more closely with their citizen-soldier employees during the next call-up or summer camp deployment. The ESGR acts as an embassadorman service for reservists and their employers, if and when there may be problems that result from the employee participation in the Guard and Reserve.

Steve Bullard, director of communications at Associated Industries of Kentucky, is executive director of the state ESGR committee. He's also a captain and C-130 navigator for the 165th Airlift Squadron, so Bullard is sympathetic to the needs of both employers and reservists.

"The ESGR encourages mutual effort from both sides. It's a must," Bullard explained. "If mediation is needed, we're there to help. In the end, hopefully both parties will appreciate the concerns we all face."
Commander's Column

Thanks for joining ACC

Brig. Gen. Stewart Byrne, the 123rd Airlift Wing commander, would like to share the following welcome letter from Gen. John Loh, the ACC commander.

I extend to each of you a warm welcome to Air Combat Command. The marriage of the C-130 community and the ACC is a natural union and recognizes our common mission.

Our command has the responsibility for providing versatile combat forces worldwide and delivering rapid, decisive air power -- anytime, anywhere. While you have a broad capability, applicable to many functions, your primary combat mission is to support the mobility needs of the theater commander. So, we have much in common.

And, as you all know, your unique mission is much more than just moving cargo from one place to another. Only C-130s can perform combat assaults under fire, including Low Altitude Parachute Extraction, as you did at Khe Sanh. Only C-130s can throw an enemy off balance by moving the mass of a theater commander's ground force from one place to another as you did with VII Corps forces in the Gulf War. Only C-130s can arrive first in a theater with improved, uncharted airstrips like you did in Somalia. Only C-130s can deliver supplies from the air, at night, with pinpoint accuracy like you are doing in Bosnia. You fly a theater combat system and belong to theater combat forces.

The C-130 community has a rich tradition of excellence which we will nurture and improve in Air Combat Command. One way will be to create a C-130 Center of Excellence to be the focal point for C-130 tactics, combat delivery procedures, operational testing and advanced crew training. The future is bright, indeed.

But, in Air Combat Command, people come first. So, I am eager to have you join the ACC team of professionals, all equally important to the success of our diverse mission.

Thanks for joining the ACC. I look forward to meeting each of you as we, together, build the world's most respected air and space force, providing global power and reach for America.

Chaplain's Column

By Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas Curry
KyANG Protestant Chaplain

We live in a “me” generation. Commercials on radio and TV focus on what makes “me” feel good. There is even a magazine entitled SELF.

What does that mean? Psychologists teach us that we cannot genuinely love others until we have accepted ourselves.

The degree by which we love our neighbor is directly proportional to the degree we love and accept ourselves. Well adjusted people possess strong self-esteem.

First, we need to learn self-acceptance. Accept who you are, problems and all. As God loves you and accepts you. Let others accept you for who you really are.

Second, if you don't like something about yourself, change it. William Glasser, author of "Reality Therapy," asks the question: "What are you doing to change what you don't like?" Is it your weight, your attitude or some habit? Change it.

Third, if you can't change, accept it. People will accept your authentic personality more easily than a contrived character. Get on with life -- it's fun.
Support group brings families together, makes outing a success

By Capt. Ralinda Gregor
Assist. Public Affairs Officer

The Kentucky Air National Guard invited families out to Standiford Field Sept. 19 to see what the 123rd Airlift Wing is all about. Activities for every member of the family, a large turnout and great weather made this year’s Family Day a success.

The base Family Support Group, headed by Karen Smith, and the different units on base worked together to make the event possible, according to Tech Sgt. Rose Farquhar, who serves as an FSG liaison.

Each base unit set up displays to give families a taste of the wing’s mission, she said. The units sponsored picnics for KyANG members and their families.

The hospital conducted free blood pressure checks as part of its health awareness booth while the fire department had a fire truck on display. Aircraft maintenance prepared a C-130 and C-12 aircraft for static display.

The security police, combat control team and combat communications all had interesting displays of unit equipment, said Brig. Gen. Stewart Byrne, wing commander here.

More than 30 Family Support Group volunteers provided games and activities for the children, sponsored a dunking booth and manned an information booth, Smith said. Volunteers also sponsored a train ride that shuttled people around the base.

While talking about Family Day, Byrne stressed the importance of family members to the KyANG. “To be a close-knit organization, we need to include our families in what we do,” he explained.

“I'd like to thank everyone who made Family Day an outstanding event -- from Karen Smith and the volunteers in the Family Support Group, to all the Guard members who organized displays and fed us,” said Byrne.

Above left, Staff Sgt. Anne Deschane of the 123rd CCT applies camouflage makeup to Abby Downs, daughter of Master Sgt. Tom Downs of the 123rd MAPS. Above right, Elizabeth Bell, 5, and brother Joshua, 3, have high hopes of chartering the KyANG’s C-12 aircraft. Their father is Sgt. Douglas Bell of the 123rd SPF. The base Family Support Group coordinated the event.

Heather, 2, and her mom, Maj. Patricia Moremen of the KyANG state headquarters stuff, admire the Barney character painted on Heather’s cheek during the Family Day outing.
SPs stage assault during weekend war

By Staff Sgt. Sonja Greentree,
123rd MSS Audio Visual,
and Capt. Ktellida Gregor,
Assist. Public Affairs Officer

A trip to Jefferson Memorial Forest conjures up images of relaxing weekend camping trips for most of us. That's not what members of the 123rd Security Police Flight had in mind when they deployed there during the August UTA.

Weenie roasts and campfire songs were set aside and the 32 security police personnel concentrated on training in airbase ground defense, their wartime mission. Upon arriving at the designated site, the flight broke up into defense forces and aggressors. The defense forces built a base camp complete with a command post, latrines, foxholes and communication lines.

The four-man aggressor team set up their camp about 75 yards from the main base camp. By 4 p.m., all personnel were ready to begin the exercise. Master Sgt. John Seay, the flight's NCOIC, gave the command to commence these "war games."

The aggressors commenced action. Their objectives were to "recon the defender's lines, gather information for opposing forces, get as close as possible and escalate the offensive against the defenders," according to Staff Sgt. Delano Jewell. The defenders went on patrol and soon encountered enemy forces. A battle ensued, with both sides taking casualties.

Using the Multi-Integrated Laser Engagement System, or MILES, security police were able to realistically simulate combat. Cleaner and more accurate than paintball weapons, the MILES registers whether each shot killed its target. After a skirmish is over, casualties can be revived by having their MILES equipment turned off.

The exercise escalated and continued throughout the night. Although most exercise participants would get no sleep, no one complained.

"All of it [the training] is good," said Seay, "even the part of driving out in a convoy and getting the equipment ready."

It "builds camaraderie," added Senior Airman Rhett Perdue.

With attitudes like these, the 123rd SPF members probably didn't miss the weenies or the campfire.

For the ladies: tips to improve AFR 35-10

By Maj. Knox D. Lewis
KyANG Director of Personnel

In our quality culture, we must strive for continuous improvement. This carries over into our personal appearance as well as our duties on the job. Today we'll focus on the ladies. The following tips should help you be a "champion" for Air Force Regulation 35-10:

Name tags on the blouse: Difficult to place, but on the pointed collar, put it on the right side between the buttons and the arm seam, even to 1 1/2 inches higher than the first button.

Handbag/purse: We see millions of different styles, but only a few meet the requirements. It must be black, leather (smooth, scotch grain, patent or high gloss), without ornamentation.

Types: Shoulder strap with brass buckle and fold over flap, or clutch style with concealed closure which may have wrist strap.

Sizes: Shoulder style -- no larger than 13 x 9 inches by 4 1/2 inches deep. Clutch style, no larger than 6 1/2 x 11 inches, and no smaller than 5 x 9 inches.

U.S. Insignia: Another tough one, so double check it in the mirror. Place it about halfway up the seam, resting on, but not over it. Bottom of insignia is horizontal with the ground, finish may be satin or polished.

These are a few of the most often observed uniform violations. I challenge each woman in the KyANG to set the standard in personal appearance. Stop by your CBPO for more information on AFR 35-10.

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War memorial drive begins at McNealy

By Maj. Rich Frymire
123rd MSS Executive Officer

A Jefferson County community fund-raising drive is underway to finance a Korean War Veterans Memorial overlooking McNealy Lake Park.

Retired Maj. Gen. Carl D. Black, a former Kentucky Air National Guard wing commander, has been asked by Jefferson County Judge-Executive David Armstrong to spearhead the county’s fund raising effort. Donations of $100,000 are needed to build the memorial.

Approximately 300 Jefferson County soldiers lost their lives in the Korean War. The Korean War Veterans Memorial will serve as a tribute to these soldiers and their families. It’s a community project to be built at the county’s most widely used park.

The memorial will include a granite plaza with granite retaining walls. Granite steps will lead up the plaza. The rear retaining wall will show a graph depicting high and low points of the war, beginning with the North Korean invasion of South Korea on June 25, 1950, and ending with a cease fire on Nov. 27, 1951.

The memorial will contain a map of North and South Korea, showing the 38th parallel and a horizontal bronze plaque of the flags representing all participating United Nations countries.

Black addressed the KyANG during its August UTA and challenged the members to raise $5,000.

Those wishing to contribute may send their checks to the Korean War Veterans Memorial Committee, 801 Fiscal Court Building, Louisville, Ky., 40202. Members should write “Kentucky Air National Guard” on the check to ensure that proper credit is received.

Promotions at KyANG

The following members have been promoted in the Kentucky Air Guard and as reservists of the U.S. Air Force. Congratulations for a job well done.

Brian Miller, 165th AS
Kelly Sims, 123rd MSF

To Staff Sgt. (E-5)
Kenneth Broome, 123rd RMS
Karen Hendrickson, 165th AS
James Johnson, 123rd CTT
Anthony Long, 123rd CES
James Long, 123rd RMS
Brian Pataluna, 123rd SVS FLT
Kenneth Rafferty, 123rd SVS FLT
Wade Zinsmeister, 123rd AMS

To Tech Sgt. (E-6)
Joseph Dawson, 165th AS
Edward Rachoek, 123rd RMS
William Yore III, 165th AS

To 1st Lt. (O-2)
James Nelson, 165th AS

New weight, fitness standards

Changes in the Air Force weight and fitness program will require members to lose less body fat per month and give women more time after pregnancy to meet standards. The changes also affect Air Force reserve members.

Women in the weight management program now need to lose only one percent body fat or three pounds per month to be considered making "satisfactory progress." Men need to lose one percent body fat or five pounds per month. The change means people in the weight management program would have to fail both the body fat and weight loss standards to be considered making unsatisfactory progress. Women won’t face weight and fitness standards until six months after pregnancy.
Passport crunch requires advanced plan to succeed

Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON -- Military members going overseas shouldn't wait until the last minute to apply for official passports. Last-minute applications are one reason the Washington Passport Agency has such a backlog of requests.

Tech Sgt. Cherie Daubenspeck, NCOIC of the Air Force Passport and Visa Liaison Office at the Pentagon, said the agency currently has about 1,200 passports requiring "expeditious processing" -- less than 30 days -- just from Air Force people.

"A lot of these requests wouldn't need to be expedited if people submitted their applications early," said Daubenspeck. Her office is the first stop for official military passports.

"People often forget that theirs is not the only request. We have 300 Air Force passport agencies in the U.S. alone requesting military passports and visas, often at the same time," she said.

The agency is particularly swamped during May through October, when the military moves most of its members, especially those with children who want to get to their overseas duty locations before school starts, Daubenspeck said.

Air Force people could help the agency by applying for passports "as soon as they get an overseas assignment; or up to six months in advance of an overseas move," Daubenspeck said.

She said the state department normally requires 42 working days to process a request, which does not include mailing time or weekends. "It usually takes six to 10 days for the mail to arrive here and the processing time doesn't start until the application reaches us."

Some countries -- including Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Nigeria -- require applicants to sign their passports in order to get visas. People going to these areas should allow even more time to process their passports since they must first be mailed to the country and then back to the state department. She said Air Force people can avoid delays by including an extra photo for visas and by ensuring all forms are signed.

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

The Kentucky Air National Guard has been involved in Operation Provide Promise, which gives humanitarian aid to war-torn Bosnia, since February. Recently, a French worker who unloads food and medical supplies from various aircraft gave Capt. Ken Dale, a C-130 aircraft commander with the Guard's 123rd Airlift Wing, a note:

"Dear Mr Pilot of the Kentucky Air National Guard, My name is Eden Rauve. I am 10. I live just to the N(North) of the place plane (airport) in the city. I see your plane many times. I wanted to thank you for help me and my family. We eat food you bring it. I love you for help me. Thank you."

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DoD sells its family jewels, adds $77 million to coffers

By Rudi Williams
Air Force Information Service

DoD recently swelled its coffers with more than $77 million garnered from the sale of nearly a million carats of family jewels — diamonds.

Yes. DoD is in the diamond business. Furthermore, the defense establishment has huge caches of 90 valuable commodities stashed in bank vaults and warehouses across the nation.

A total of 72 firms from New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Belgium and Israel placed 5,400 bids as high as $448 per carat for the uncut, unsorted, unpolished diamonds, said Robert O'Brien, deputy administrator of the Defense National Stockpile Center in Arlington.

"It's possible that some of the diamonds will be cut and polished for higher-quality rings and other jewelry and end up back in American stores selling for hundreds, even thousands, of dollars," O'Brien said. "The typical ring women wear is three-quarters of a carat."

DoD stored the diamonds in a bank vault in New York City. Each of the 320 jars, ranging from small, mustard-size to large, pickle-size, contained 200 to 9,000 carats of stones, O'Brien said.

The sale didn't deplete DoD's glittering stash. The stockpile center has more than 10 million carats left in a secret place, of course. These stones are industrial-grade diamonds and bort, which is low-quality stones used to make diamond powder.

Shortages of materials to fight World War II prompted defense officials to stockpile commodities for future needs. They came in handy during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

O'Brien said DoD's strategic stockpile contains everything from organic rubber to beryllium, a metal used in aerospace and high-tech electronic applications, and germanium, a metal used in night-vision lenses.

About 27 commodities are still considered critical to defense needs, O'Brien estimated. Stockpile officials play a major role in worldwide commodities sales, he added. "Our role in the national management of DoD materials affects the global market."

Shalikashvili nominated to top JCS post

Washington (AFNS) -- As of press time, Army Gen. John Shalikashvili was expected to be named chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He participated in confirmation hearings conducted by the Senate in late September and was slated to replace Gen. Colin Powell, who retired Sept. 30.

Shalikashvili (pronounced Shahl-lee kas-vlee) was the Supreme Allied Commander for Europe and United States European Command commander in chief.

Clinton announced his choice for the top military post Aug. 11. He called Shalikashvili "a great American story," referring to the general's climb through the enlisted and officer ranks after immigrating from Poland at age 16.
Softball team slams to 5th at ANG tourney

By Ann 1st Class Fred Michaels
123rd Mission Support Flight

Eleven members of the 123rd Airlift Wing represented the Kentucky Air National Guard at the 28th Annual ANG Softball Tournament at Boise, Idaho.

Held Aug. 18-22, Kentucky’s co-ed team placed 5th among 21 teams in its division. About 130 total teams from around the nation participated in the tournament. Other divisions included a men’s open; a women’s open; a men’s 35-and-over; and a fast-pitch division.

Most of the games were high-scoring. Five of the Kentucky participants batted .600 or higher and the team’s batting average was .532. The Kentuckians scored between seven and 31 runs in each of the six games it participated, outscores their opponents 74 to 46.

The Air National Guard team from Little Rock, Ark., captured 1st place in the co-ed division. Other winners included teams from Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Missouri.

Master Sgt. Glen Farquhar pitched for and managed the Kentucky team. Consistency in having players available throughout the season was a problem, he said, and only 11 players made the trip.

“Deployments, night shift responsibilities and vacations really take their toll,” Farquhar said.

Prior to the Guard tournament in Idaho, the Kentucky team competed under the United States Slowpitch Softball Association rules and standards, to include use of an 11-inch ball for female players and a 12-inch ball for males. The same rules are enforced at the Air National Guard tournaments.

Farquhar hopes to compete in U.S. SSA tournaments next season to prepare the team for the 1994 Guard tournament in Battle Creek, Mich.

Hotel, meal, uniform and tournament costs are absorbed by the players, and the team is seeking sponsors for next season.

Farquhar’s wife, Tech Sgt. Rose Farquhar, and 1st Lt. Cathy Brown participated in one tournament game as players for the Maryland Air National Guard team. “The tournament is a great social opportunity,” she said. “Each year we get to meet old friends and make new ones from across the country.”

The Kentucky ANG Softball Team (top row from left): Maj. Mike Dombush, Airman Mike Silvey and Staff Sgt. Joey Norris. (middle row from left): Staff Sgt. Sheila Young Capt. Mary McCallie and retired ANG member Denny Hall; (bottom row from left): Tech Sgt. Ralph Barney; Tech Sgt. Katrina Kerberg; Tech Sgt. Rose Farquhar; 1st Lt. Cathy Brown; and Master Sgt. Glen Farquhar. The team finished 5th place among 21 teams in its division at Boise, Idaho.

New ID card, security-wise, makes debut at Kelly AFB

Air Force News Service

The Air Force began testing a new identification card at Kelly AFB, Texas, Oct. 1. The card will have the same information as the current card, but will provide more security. The new card will be compatible with existing military computer networks and automated data processing systems.

Test cards will be printed on colored, plastic-coated stock with a tamper-proof laminate. They also will feature a digitized photo to eliminate raised areas.

The new cards have two bar codes, one with details of the cardholder and a second to serve as a “lock box” to prevent information from being added or removed. The ID cards should be in use throughout the DoD by 1995.