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- James Ketterer, 123rd Airlift Wing
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Senior Airman (E-4)
- Christopher Buga, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
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- Karen Fulton, 123rd Mission Support Flt.

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- Mary Thurman, 123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
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- Stephanie Wilding, 123rd Services Flt.
- Joseph Youdell, 123rd Special Tactics Sq.

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Our professional associations such as the
Air Force Association, the National Guard
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ciation of the National Guard of Kentucky
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port.

Even in our own Air Force there are
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do and appreciate us even less.

We used to take pride in the statement
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If we can keep it a secret we will do ourse-
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Record promotion rates raise questions for some

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

WASHINGTON—In October, the Defense Finance and Ac-
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This program, known as the Payroll Savings Plan (PSP), will allow Air Force personnel to save an average of $8,000 per year.

The program, which is scheduled to begin in October, will allow employees to save up to 15 percent of their disposable income in a savings account.

The program is intended to help Air Force personnel save for retirement and other financial goals.

However, if a cardholder defaults on these agreements or does not make arrangements with the bank to settle the account, the unpaid account balance will be submitted to DFAS for immediate in-
voluntary payroll deduction.

Additionally, Bank of America will begin reporting all delinquent travel-card accounts to the credit bureaus.

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For information, see your unit orderly room for a registration form or contact Lt. Col. Steve Bullard at (502) 491-4737, ext. 4589 or via e-mail at sbullard@aiak.org.
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2nd Lt. Latonia Trowell and 1st Lt. Cheryl Meffert receive autographed UK souvenirs from Coach Smith following the taping. The items will be used for recruiting purposes.

Plane & SIMPLE

Twenty members of the 123rd Airlift Wing participated in the Sixth-Annual UPS Plane Pull here Aug. 4.

The event raised $90,000 for Special Olympics Kentucky, which sponsors athletic competitions for children and adults with mental disabilities.

The Kentucky Air National Guard team placed fourth out of 31 teams in the coed division.

Family Day expected to be fun-filled, relaxing

By Staff Sgt. Amy Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

Planning for Family Day 2001 is in high gear, with the big day set for Oct. 14 on base.

“It’s really shaping up to be a splendid opportunity for Kentucky Air Guard members and their families to enjoy a fun-filled and relaxing afternoon,” said Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, coordinator of the event.

“It’s always great when family members get a chance to come and see what we do,” he said. “It’s even better when we have good food and fun things to do to go along with it.”

The day will be packed with events beginning at 11 a.m. and continuing until 3:30 p.m., Frymire said.

This year’s static aircraft display will feature the C-130 Hercules and the F-16 Falcon.

Numerous children’s activities also are planned, in-
cluding live demonstrations and mock attacks by the 123rd Security Forces Squadron.


ABOVE: Master Sgt. Teddy Hoskins, his family and Staff Sgt. Bill Christopher were among the 2,200 Guard and family members who enjoyed Family Day 2000.

LEFT: A favorite with children, “The Alliga-
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More information on the event, contact Lt. Col. Rich Frymire at ext. 4589.

Employers offered bosslift to Air Force Museum

By Amy C. Ziegler
Cargo Courier Editor

The Kentucky Air National Guard and the Kentucky Com-
mittee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve are sponsoring their ninth-annual “Bosslift” on Oct. 17.

This year’s trip, which will begin at the Air Guard base at Louisville International Airport, will fly participants to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The Bosslift is meant to give employers and supervisors of Kentucky Air Guard members the chance to learn about the Air Guard mission and Air Force history.

“It’s a chance to show appreciation to supportive employ-
ers and give those who don’t fully understand the Guard mis-
sion and their employer’s obligations the opportunity to learn more about what their employees do in their ‘other’ life,” said Lt. Col. Steve Bullard of the 165th Airlift Squadron.

For information, see your unit orderly room for registra-
tion forms or contact Lt. Col. Steve Bullard at (502) 481-1435; (800) 745-3144 or (502) 523-0510. Bullard also may be reached via e-mail at sbullard@aiak.org
L ast week we celebrated Labor Day, and I hope everyone enjoyed a three- or four-day weekend.

But how many folks really thought about why the day is a national holiday, and what we’re really celebrating?

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Military service is not thought of as a serious option for most high school and college kids. Mom and Dad didn’t serve, so why should Junior?

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We should be passionate about our force, we should be passionate about the contributions of the workforce, we should be passionate about our love of the Guard and the role we play in our nation’s defense. Thanks Loads!

Through mentorship from supervisors,

The role the supervisor plays, from the immediate supervisor who directly influences the promotions of junior enlisted members not only gain valuable leadership skills, but are also formed into the kinds of leaders the Air Force needs at those levels, he said.

McNabb’s doubt is shared by others Air Force-wide.

Senior enlisted leaders say the system of mentoring and screening new NCOs is essential in molding a good NCO, said Chief Master Sgt. Mike Eitnier, the Air Force Educational Training and Command command chief master sergeant.

Both this and last year’s promotion rates give me concern that young airmen are being put into leadership positions before they’re ready,” said Staff Sgt. Wendy McNabb, noncommissioned officer in charge of the evaluations and decorations section at McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

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“This financial irresponsibility by Air Force members greatly impacts their ability to travel and to accomplish the mission,” Morgan said.

Morgan noted that increased unit oversight of the travel charge card program is needed to help combat current and future delinquency.

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AIRMAN (E-3)
- Adam Barker, 123rd Communications Flt.

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS (E-3)
- James Ketterer, 123rd Airlift Wing
- David Reddy, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Timothy Zozula, 123rd Civil Engineer Sq.

SENIOR AIRMAN (E-4)
- Christopher Bugg, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Maria Montano, 123rd Mission Support Flt.
- Amy Rock, 123rd Student Flt.

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)
- Karen Fulton, 123rd Mission Support Flt.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)
- David Croy, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Daphne Dotson, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Daniel Paul, 123rd Communications Flt.

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT (E-9)
- Kenneth Google, 123rd Logistics Sq.
- Kenneth Shuler, 123rd Logistics Sq.

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

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- Technical Sgt. Emmanuel Fowler, 123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Senior Airman James Hargan, 123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
- Master Sgt. David Stoffregen, 123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.

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Aerial port, special tactics and airlift control flight get state-of-the-art homes

By 1st Lt. Dale Greer
Wing Public Affairs Officer

The Kentucky Air Guard opened a $5.06 million Air Transportation and Special Tactics Complex here Aug. 29 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony featuring former U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford. The 41,000-square-foot facility was authorized as part of the Kentucky’s new adjutant general, praised the project and the National Guard.

He thanked not only Ford, but also Sen. Mitch McConnell and Reps. Anne Northup and Ron Lewis for their support of the facility. “Kentucky’s Congressional delegation, lead by these great friends of the Kentucky Guard, recognized a legitimate need and went to war in the House and Senate armed services and appropriations committees to do the right thing for their fellow Kentuckians,” Tomini said.

Ford, who received a standing ovation, told the audience it was easy to fight for projects that benefited the Kentucky Air Guard because its members were “the best.”

“I’ve always felt that when you commit Americans to lay down their lives for this country, you should do everything you can to support them and their families,” he added.

The new Air Transportation and Special Tactics Complex will house three units—the 123rd Aerial Port Squadron, the 123rd Airlift Control Flight and the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron—all of which will benefit from state-of-the-art facilities.

These include a large cargo bay with a five-ton bridge crane, a 40-foot drying tower for parachute preparation and a 25-foot climbing wall for special tactics training.

Other features include a covered breezeway and a two-story steel mezzanine for storage of palletized cargo. The mezzanine’s upper level can hold fourteen 10,000-pound pallets, while two ground-level lanes can store eight such pallets.

Conveniently, the ground-level lanes are able to feed cargo right off the loading dock into a waiting K-loader.

The new facility comes at a crucial time for the special tactics unit, whose authorized strength recently tripled to 25 to 74 airmen with the addition of a pararescue mission.

“The building will dramatically increase our mission effectiveness,” said Maj. Jeremy Shoop, commander of the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron. “We’ve been making do over the years with a lot less space than we should’ve had as a special tactics organization, and that has limited the amount of equipment we’ve had on hand.”

Given the unit’s expansion, additional space was “absolutely crucial,” Shoop said.

“We would not have been able to take on the pararescue mission without the new building.”

As one of just six Air Guard units as...