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## 2 STS troops killed in MC-130 crash

### Unit remembers late comrades as great men, patriots

By Tech. Sgt. Amy Ziegler  
Cargo Courier Editor

A sea of blue filled the Base Annex Aug. 16 to remember the lives of Tech. Sgts. Christopher Matero and Martin Tracy, combat controllers here in the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron.

The men were killed Aug. 7 when the MC-130H Combat Talon they were aboard crashed in Puerto Rico while on a training mission.

They will be remembered for their big smiles, senses of humor and a pursuit for physical fitness excellence, according to friends and co-workers.

The loss is great, said 2nd Lt. Sean

McLane, director of operations for the special tactics squadron.

"It's hard to quantify," he said. "As combat controllers, it's not unusual for us to lose friends in the career field because of the dangers associated with the job."

What makes this more tragic, McLane said, is that both men spent time in war-torn Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom and survived only to come home and be killed on a training mission.

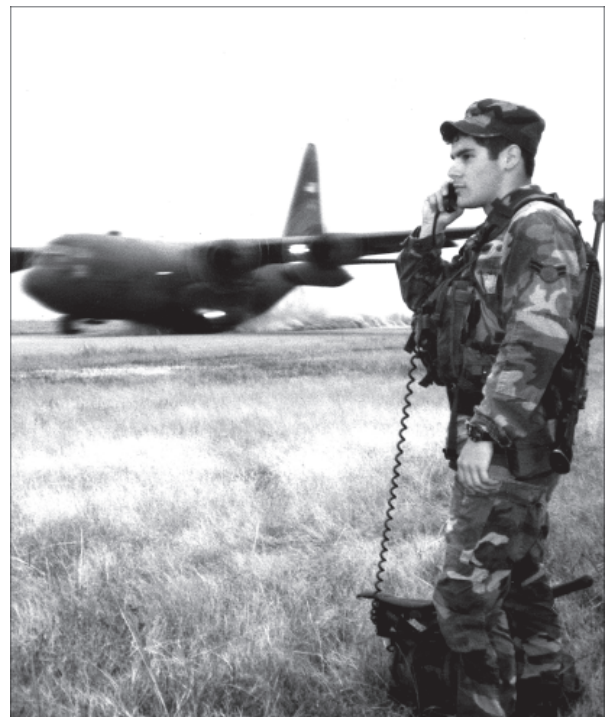
"We've just lost two of our best operators, guys with real-world experience who have been shot at and still did their job. That's a rare commodity.

"We know they have courage under fire because they've been under fire."

Most of all, McLane added, "we just lost two really great guys."

Tech. Sgt. Martin Tracy, 33, had been in the Kentucky Air Guard for nearly six years and had served in the military since 1987.

After leaving the active-duty Air Force as a survival school instructor, he joined the unit here and made a career change to become a combat controller. In his new job, Tracy, like other Kentucky Air Guard combat controllers, stayed deployed nearly 200 days a year.



Tech. Sgt. Christopher Matero



Tech Sgt. Martin Tracy

His friends remember him as the man they wish they could be because of his attitude and dedication to physical fitness.

"He was everything you could ever want to be in person," said Tech. Sgt. Bill Sprake, also a combat controller in the 123rd.

"He was the most physically fit, and he had the personality that nothing ever bothered him. He was the most fun to be around, and you could always count on his laugh to liven things up."

Tracy was, Sprake said, the kind of person who didn't let the little things get to him.

"When things get stressful in the field,

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# The war is not over — stay prepared

**I**

It has been one year since our nation was brutally attacked and since we started our military, economic and diplomatic response to this attack.

Our president told us this was going to be a long and arduous struggle—that lives would be changed, and lives would be lost.

Nothing has changed since then to lead us to think this thing is over.

I'm afraid we have been lulled into a false sense of well-being in the past six months or so and just might have forgotten what a despicable act this was.

We hear the attack described as a tragedy, much the same as a hurricane or flood, and we call our response a "War on Terror."

Well I choose to view it differently.

The actions of Sept. 11 were indeed tragic, but let's call them what they were—a cold blooded attack on the citizens of the United States carried out by evil men who intended to kill as many Americans as they could in an attempt to change our foreign policies and destroy our way of life.

This should not be called a tragedy — this was a blatant act of war and should be referred to as such.

War is waged on people and the countries, or institutions, that they represent.

To call this a "War on Terror" only serves to lessen the importance of our task and the possible impact on our population.

Terror is a feeling or state of mind. You don't wage war on a feeling; you wage war on people and nations.

There are a lot of folks out there who are trying every day to kill, maim and disrupt our citizens.



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

These people believe that we subscribe to the wrong foreign policy, they want us out of the Middle East, and they believe that killing our people will convince us to do that.

So our response is not a "War on Terror," it is a war on every person who plots or carries out an attack on us, and against those who give financial or other aid to them.

We have to find these people, and we have to eliminate them before they attack us again.

We have to make it so miserable for them that they don't have time to plan attacks.

All they have time to do is run and hide—and when they stick their heads up we cut them off.

It is the responsibility of our president and

our government to protect and defend our American way of life and the citizens who enjoy its freedoms.

As military folks we are the instruments that are used to protect and defend.

As Guard members and members of the Thoroughbred Express we have responded magnificently to the call thus far.

We must not let down now.

I believe it is not an accident that there hasn't been another attack since Sept. 11.

The actions of our government, the military, civilian law enforcement and others have been the reason.

This war is far from over, and we must all stay prepared to once again answer the call. Everyone in the 123rd is a player in this war.

You may not be the guy who personally kills the enemy, but you may fly him there. You may fix the aircraft that got him there. You may order the part to fix the aircraft. You may build or protect the base from which our aircrews operate. You may cook the meals or type the orders.

But you all have a vital roll, and you will be called upon again.

It is imperative that we all maximize our training. Pay a little more attention to the class, or to the briefing.

Check out your gear and make sure it's in proper working order.

Take care of your personal obligations and be ready. Your nation depends upon it.

Thanks Loads!

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# Just PLANE PULLIN'

Twenty members of the 123rd Airlift Wing gathered here Aug. 3 to participate in the Seventh-Annual UPS Plane Pull. The event raised nearly 110,000 for Special Olympics Kentucky, which sponsors athletic competitions for children and adults who are mentally disabled.

The team included, in front from left, Tech. Sgt. Valercia Martin, 1st Lt. Katrina Johnson, Team Captain 2nd Lt. Latonia Trowell, Master Sgt. Teresa Adams, Co-captain Senior Airman Amanda Blackburn, Senior Airman Tracy Willen, Tech. Sgt. Amy Ziegler, Tech. Sgt. Mary Thurman; in back from left, Senior Airman Cameron Taylor, Airman Remiah Newton, Master Sgt. Barry Wright, 1st Lt. Jason Schmidt, Staff Sgt. Tyra Allen, Senior Airman Conley Moore, Alejandro Rendon, Master Sgt. Pete Rendon, Master Sgt. Ted Schiess, Tech. Sgt. Cedric Jones, Staff Sgt. Nick James and Staff Sgt. Cary Mendelsohn.



Photos courtesy of Special Olympics Kentucky

## Family Day returns to the Ky. Air Guard

By Tech. Sgt. Amy Ziegler  
Cargo Courier Editor

Kentucky Air Guard Family Day returns to the Thoroughbred Express this year, and it's scheduled for Oct. 6.

The event, which was cancelled last year for security reasons, promises to be a fun day for everyone, said Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, event coordinator.

"It's really a splendid opportunity for Kentucky Air Guard members and their families to enjoy a fun-filled and relaxing afternoon.

"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.

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

Other attractions include live demon-

strations and mock attacks by the 123rd Security Forces Squadron.

Visitors also will have a chance to view the unit's Firearms Training System in action.

Meanwhile, the Fire Truck Pull will allow members of the 123rd Civil Engineers Squadron to defend their title from Family Day 2000.

Numerous children's activities are planned, including a rock-climbing wall.

Finally, popular Louisville aviation artist Bob Conely will be on hand to display his prints featuring KyANG aircraft from the past 50 years.

Unit members are encouraged to bring cookies, cakes and brownies for a cake-walk.

Desserts should be dropped off at the Thoroughbred Dining Facility on Family Day between 7 and 10:30 a.m.

For information on the event, contact Lt. Col. Rich Frymire at ext. 4589.

**Lt. Col. Ken Dale of the wing's Safety Office gets lunch with his daughter during Family Day 2000.**



Master Sgt. Charlie Simpson/KyANG

# TALCE completes ORI in own backyard

By Senior Airman Mark Flener  
Cargo Courier Staff Writer

The 123rd Tactical Airlift Control Flight successfully completed an Operational Readiness Inspection here Aug. 5-6, supporting an Army unit in conjunction with an exercise at Fort Knox, Ky.

The flight, which deployed earlier this year for Operation Enduring Freedom, pulled together with little advance notice to complete the inspection, proving once again that unit members are ready to answer the call when needed, said Lt. Col. Greg Nelson, the flight's commander.

"I was in Cuba when AMC called and asked if we'd be willing to do an ORI in Louisville 30 days later," Nelson said.

Complicating matters: While Nelson was in Cuba, the rest of his personnel were at Fort Campbell, Ky., supporting the Army.

The inspection involved redeploying the 3rd Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment—120 Army personnel and 300,000 pounds of cargo, including a Mobile Rocket Launching System—to Fort

Bragg, N.C.

Other Air Force units participating in the exercise were the 105th Aerial Port Squadron of the New York Air National Guard and the 452nd Aircraft Generation Squadron, an Air Force Reserve unit.



Staff Sgt. Tommy Downs/KyANG

**Maj. Kevin Morris, operations officer for the 123rd Tactical Airlift Control Flight, and Senior Airman Margaret Bennett, an airfield manager, build a tent outside the command and control center during the unit's operation readiness inspection here in August.**

All personnel and equipment had to be loaded onto nine C-141s as quickly and

accurately as possible, according to Nelson.

They did it in 48 hours with two 24-hour operations.

Inspectors concentrated on the command and control of the nine C-141s and the timely reporting of information to the Air Mobility Command/Tanker Control Center, as well as the ability for the group to survive and operate under combat conditions.

The Kentucky unit did its job with a heat index of 108 degrees and a simulated hostile environment.

"They performed very well," Nelson said.

He also noted that the working relationship between the KyANG unit and the other units during the inspection was very good.

"We've been working with the Army and other services for a year now," he said. "They understand what we do, and we understand what they do."

"I think we did exceptionally well for an exercise in our own back yard," Nelson said. "We've been proven in combat and by the Air Mo-

bility Command Inspector General evaluation. You can't get any better than that."

## Family Readiness Team volunteers now employees

By Senior Airman Mark Flener  
Cargo Courier Staff Writer

For more than 10 years Paula McLain and Darlene Swanner have volunteered their time to the Kentucky Air Guard's Family Readiness Team.

Recently, however, that changed. On July 16, both women were hired as part-time employees and now receive pay for roughly 100 hours' work per month.

Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, who oversees the Family Readiness Team, said the decision fulfills the vision of former Air Guard Director Maj. Gen. Paul Weaver.

"His vision is now a reality as units across the country are staffing family readiness positions with employees rather than volun-

teers," Frymire noted.

The purpose of these positions, Frymire said, is to help unit members with a diverse range of issues. These include providing moral support for families affected by deployments, illness or tragedy.

McLain and Swanner also will be instrumental in helping plan base activities like Family Day.

The resources of the Family Readiness Team, which was chartered during Operation Desert Storm, are available to all Guard members and their families.

"We can find help for just about every problem out there," Swanner said. "Our door is always open, and we offer any type of family assistance."

For more information, call ext. 4180.



Staff Sgt. Tommy Downs/KyANG

**Darlene Swanner and Paula McLain no longer volunteer to run the Family Readiness Team because they recently were hired as part-time KyANG employees.**

# Matero and Tracy remembered as great men

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you may not have water for a day and it's 100 degrees. You may not think you're going to make it through the day, but that never bothered him."

Sprake recalls being on mission with Tracy when things got rough.

"We were out for seven days and ran out of water the first day. It didn't rain. We were being eaten alive by ticks, chiggers and flies. But Martin was joking the whole time."

Tracy also was remarkable for his high standard of physical fitness.

"He was always striving to be at a higher fitness level, although he was already at a level above everyone else," Sprake said, noting that Tracy would run 10 miles to the gym and then work out.

"It was extreme."

Staff Sgt. Josh Haney, a pararescueman in the 123rd, said he admired Tracy for his dedication.

"He went above and beyond the standards in physical fitness. He was in about the best shape of anyone in the special tactics career fields.

"He symbolized everything a combat controller should be."

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Matero, 31, joined the Kentucky Air Guard in May 2001. Previously he was an instructor at the combat controllers' school, where he trained many airmen who served in Afghanistan defending our nation.

Only three weeks before his death, Matero was selected for an officer position in the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron.

It had been his long-term goal to attend college and then become an officer. According to friends, once he put his mind to something, it was bound to happen.

Master Sgt. Jon Rosa, also a combat controller in the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron, said Matero left active duty to provide stability for his family.

"He said that they would never have to move again," Rosa recalled.

Matero's first few months in Louisville



Senior Airman Philip Speck/KyANG

**Maj. Jeremy Shoop, the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron commander, speaks to more than 300 people who packed into the Base Annex here Aug. 16 to say farewell to Tech. Sgts. Christopher Matero and Martin Tracy.**

were pretty uneventful. Then Sept. 11 came and changed everything.

Chris knew that special tactics would be deeply involved in our country's new war on terrorism, Rosa said. Shortly after returning from a deployment to Africa, Chris and other members of the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron were en route to Afghanistan.

Some people live an entire life and wonder if they ever made a difference," Rosa

trollers, remembers Matero as a consummate professional.

"You never had to check his work because you knew it would be done right—100 percent."

Hicks attributes Matero's perfectionism to his having so much heart.

"He had the ability to reach down inside himself to accomplish the mission. He could succeed where others would have quit."

Matero, Hicks said, was not only respected by his peers but was recognized by an "anti-Taliban" general while they were deployed to Afghanistan.

At one point, the chief said, the general stood Matero up and said, "This is a man I can trust."

Col. Mike Harden, commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing, said he was honored to have had the opportunity to serve with such outstanding individuals as Tracy and Matero.

"Sgts. Tracy and Matero served this nation and our unit with honor and dignity," Harden said. "They were warriors in the truest sense of the word, and I am honored and extremely proud to have served with them."

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123rd Airlift Wing Commander**

said. "Chris didn't have that problem. He was all about courage—the kind that can't be predicted, commanded or analyzed. But it damn sure can be remembered."

Chief Master Sgt. Joel Hicks, the chief enlisted manager for the unit's combat con-

# 123rd APS leads 1st all-Guard Patriot Partner

Story and photo by Jennifer Turner  
437th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Nearly 35 Kentucky Air Guard aerial port members joined with four other Guard units at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., July 21-Aug. 3 to hold the first all-Guard Patriot Partner exercise.

With Kentucky's 123rd Aerial Port Squadron serving as the lead unit, the troops assembled and took over aerial port facilities at the active-duty base, said Chief Master Sgt. Tommy Downs, who served as superintendent for the 703rd Consolidated Aerial Port Squadron during the exercise.

Its purpose was to free up active-duty troops for training and annual leave while providing Guard troops with additional experience and training, the chief said.

The annual exercise usually is run by both Air Force Reserve and Guard personnel. What made this event different is that it was the first national exercise of its kind with all Guard participants, said Maj. Doug Rose, commander of the 123rd Aerial Port Squadron.

"We had 144 personnel deployed from five units providing around-the-clock support for a vital strategic port," Rose said.

"I was thoroughly impressed by the professionalism, skill level and attitude of each of the members of the 703rd."

The Guard units mirrored active-duty's

daily activities and provided 24-hour coverage seven days a week, with three daily eight-hour shifts.

During Patriot Partner, approximately 75 to 80 percent of the active-duty unit's activities were handled exclusively by the Guard members.

Guard units also took advantage of the opportunity to train with unfamiliar equipment.

"We have been able to train with a Tunner loader, operational software and oversized cargo that aren't available at our home bases," said 1st Lt. Kevin Thornberry of the Kentucky unit, who served as officer in charge of air freight for the 703rd.

Ultimately, Patriot Partner allows guardsmen to train with other Guard units and active-duty personnel and achieve complete work-force integration.

"The Air Force considers the Reserve and Guard as a Total Force component," Rose said. "Distinctions are rarely made these days between the active duty, Reserve and Guard.

"All the gaining commander cares is that he has a fully qualified group of aerial porters who can safely and effectively run his cargo, fleet, passenger and Air Terminal Operations Center operations.

"Patriot Partner offers us a unique opportunity to further refine the skills we will need when we are called to duty anywhere in the world."

Both active-duty and Guard personnel re-



Five Air Guard units took over aerial port operations at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., July 21-Aug. 3 for the first all-Guard Patriot Partner exercise.

alize the value of cooperative training programs like Patriot Partner.

"Patriot Partner is based on mutual benefit," said 1st Lt. Jeff Vincent of the 123rd and 703rd.

"The (active-duty) personnel get a break while Guard members get crucial training."

Other Guard units that participated include the 135th Aerial Port Squadron of Baltimore, Md.; 137th Aerial Port Squadron of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 152nd Aerial Port Squadron of Reno, Nev.; and 156th Aerial Port Squadron of Carolina, Puerto Rico.

—Cargo Courier Editor Tech. Sgt. Amy Ziegler contributed to this article.

## Remember to care for yourself even when caring for others

"First In... That Others May Live" is the motto of Air Force special tactics personnel.

The military community is expected to take care of others first. But who takes care of you, the care-giver?

Self-aid and buddy care includes taking care of yourself, especially in stressful times.

Barney Self, a licensed therapist, warns us against burn out or compassion fatigue.

We cannot hear other people's pain without being affected by it in some way.

Some of the effects include sleep difficulties, irritability, depression, aggression, pessimism, cynicism, quitting the job and poor work performance.

Discovering how to restore your batteries is good self-aid. Here are some helpful tips:

- Disconnect from accessibility during your "off time." Let someone else get the phone.
- Prune some activities from your "urgent" schedule. If you add an activity, drop another.
- Learn to laugh. It's like internal jogging.

### Chaplain's Column

—Minimize time with negative people. You'll start to think like them.

—Stay with "good enough." Do you really need a new car, boat, etc.? Sometimes, what you have is good enough.

—Take a break from media and electronics. Turn off the TV and leave it off for a week.

—Establish routines that refresh. Enjoy breakfast with the family weekly.

—Adjust your expectations with yourself. You are not Superwoman or Superman.

Avoid things that deplete you—they usually only make you feel worse: Caffeine, eating for comfort, alcohol, pornography, compulsive buying, nicotine and workaholicism are a few examples.

Instead, try things that replenish you—like storytelling, music, exercise, couples' relationship time, hearing stories of healing, meditation, spiritual growth/Bible study/worship and connecting with friends.

—Lt. Col. Tom Curry  
Wing Chaplain

# USAF officials to cancel 100,000 travel cards

**By Master Sgt. Ron Tull**  
**Air Force Print News**

WASHINGTON—More than 100,000 of the Air Force's government travel cards will be canceled in early October for lack of use, according to the service's travel card program manager.

The move, said Michael Weber, is part of a service-wide effort to "clean up the books and will affect those people who have not used their card for a year or more. He added that precautions are in place to ensure no one is caught empty-handed in a time of need.

"We won't leave anyone stranded," Weber said.

"If for some reason an individual didn't hear about this (policy) and is checking into a hotel and the card is rejected, (he or she) can always have the hotel staff call the number on the back of the card to have the bank override the transaction. We can force authorize restaurants, rental cars and airline tickets, but not automatic teller machines."

The actions come as a result of a recent task force formed in response to congressional hearings on government credit cards.

The task force confirmed that the Department of Defense has too many cards in the hands of people who are not using them, Weber said.

The Air Force has the largest travel card program in the Department of Defense with approximately 532,000 travel cards issued, or 37 percent of the DOD total, according to Weber.

"It's not as bad as it appears on the surface. A lot of these cards are already expired," he said.

"We estimate that out of the 100,000 cards (subject to cancellation), 80,000 of them are expired or unused."

The card cancellations, set to begin Oct. 3, will help the Air Force and Bank of America clean up their databases, Weber said.

Those who have their card canceled but still need one for Air Force travel will have to go through a re-application process.

New applications should be available in September on the Web.

"This could inconvenience some people, but we know of no easy way to do it," he said.

Commanders and agency program coordi-

nators will receive lists in early September of cards expected to be canceled.

If anyone on the list is traveling in the near future, he or she can call the bank to get an authorized override on the account.

It will still require a phone call by the merchant at the point of purchase.

The government travel card remains an integral part of the Defense Travel System and represents the best option for Air Force travelers, Weber said.

"I still get people who tell me they don't like the travel card," he said.

"But I've yet to have someone suggest a more modern way to travel."

Furthermore, Weber said, the proper use of the card relates to military readiness.

"If we need you to travel and you don't have a card, your travel will have to be handled special," he said.

"We no longer have the manpower or facilities to do that for a person.

"Gone are the days when we had people in uniform behind a counter, looking at your orders and handing out cash. The travel card helps the Air Force to use manpower in more pressing areas, such as the war on terrorism."

## Anthrax shots to resume this month

**Air Force Print News**

WASHINGTON—The Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program, on hold since June 2001 because of supply concerns, will likely resume this month for people in selected areas overseas.

The vaccine will initially be given to people assigned or deployed to "high-threat" areas for more than 15 days, according to the office of the assistant secretary of defense for public affairs. The message noted that the program will expand as supply catches up with demand.

Brig. Gen. Mike Gould, the Air Force's director of operational plans at the Pentagon, said that the program is an important tool in the force protection arsenal.

"This is all about readiness," he said. "It's about taking care of our people who are fighting the war on terrorism. The key thing to remember is that, first of all, the threat is real and, secondly, the anthrax shots...are proven safe and effective."

Manufacturing of the anthrax vaccine was temporarily halted in January 1998.

The Food and Drug Administration approved renovation of the BioPort Corporation's Michigan-based vaccine manufacturing facility in December 2001, and the National Academy of Sciences affirmed the safety and efficacy of the vaccine in its March report.

Gould said the job of Air Force commanders and senior leaders is to take care of their people, and that is what the anthrax vaccination program is all about.

"We don't want to send anybody into harm's way or to do a mission without the full protection that we can offer," he said.

"A football coach isn't going to send an offensive lineman onto the field without the same protective equipment and training and conditioning as his star running back and quarterback. It's the same exact thing here.

"We want every member to have every opportunity to survive should (he or she) encounter a threat like this."

### All specialties released from Stop-Loss

WASHINGTON—The last officer and enlisted specialties were released from Stop-Loss on Sept. 1.

Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche said the release will be phased in during a one-month period to allow both the Air Force and affected personnel time for transition.

"We have arrived at a new steady-state," Roche said. "Stop-Loss most certainly helped us get here successfully, but we had pledged all along that we wouldn't hold onto anyone longer than necessary."

The release does not apply to airmen who are currently deployed in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

# 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)

- Adam Barker**,  
123rd Communications Flt.
- Wendy Haight**,  
123rd Services Flt.

## STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)

- Heather Boyd**,  
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Jonathan Coulter**,  
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Sheldon Cowley**,  
KyANG State Headquarters
- Lawrence Hamel**,  
123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Christopher Lockwood**,  
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Daniel Marks**,  
165th Weather Flt.

## TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)

- Anthony Berold**,  
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Jeffrey Bryant**,  
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Thomas Hagan**,  
123rd Communications Flt.
- Jody King**,  
123rd Airlift Control Element
- David Nichter**,  
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- James Tongate**,  
165th Airlift Sq.

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

- Lt. Col. Robert Abell**,  
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Maj. Catherine Brown**,  
123rd Operations Support Sq.
- Lt. Col. Douglas Butler**,  
123rd Medical Sq.
- Lt. Col. Joseph Charbonneau**,  
165th Airlift Sq.

- Tech. Sgt. Timothy Duncan**,  
123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Senior Master Sgt. Ronald George**,  
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Larry Hill**,  
123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Senior Airman Stephen Johnson**,  
123rd Services Flt.
- Staff Sgt. Barbara Kolb**,  
123rd Airlift Wing
- Master Sgt. David Pierce**,  
123rd Logistics Gp.
- Tech. Sgt. Donald Pierce**,  
123rd Communications Flt.
- Lt. Col. Christopher Reymann**,  
165th Airlift Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. James Skaggs**,  
123rd Maintenance Sq.

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

- Senior Airman Brandy Allen**,  
123rd Logistics Sq.
- Airman 1st Class John Walton**,  
123rd Student Flt.
- Senior Airman Gary Warford**,  
123rd Aerial Port Sq.

## Airman of the Year packages due October drill

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2002 Kentucky Air Guard Outstanding Airmen of the Year Awards.

Packages for all categories—airmen, NCOs and Senior NCOs— are due to the 123rd Military Personnel Flight no later than Oct. 5.

A selection board will be held during the November drill. If possible, all nominated should be present to meet the board.

More information on the program and the nomination process can be found in KyANGI 36-2801, chapter 5.

*For questions, contact Chief Master Sgt. Mike Mitro at ext. 4465.*

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