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Promotions, retirements and separations

The following individuals have been promoted to the rank indicated as members of the Kentucky Air National Guard and reservists of the United States Air Force:

SENIOR AIRMAN (E-4)
- David Clark, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Joseph Dobson, 123rd Operations Support Flt.
- Bobby Donoho, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Christine Duftee, 123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
- Matthew Hourigan, 123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
- Kenneth Keith, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Jonathan Marks, 123rd Communications Flt.
- Matt McKeen, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Matthew Morris, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Joseph Wills, 123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
- Joshua Selby, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Adam Sherwood, 123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
- Christopher Slayton, 123rd Student Flt.
- Bryan Thomas, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Kevin Williams, 123rd Communications Flt.
- Daniel Wormald, 165th Airlift Sq.

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)
- Michael Doran Jr., 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Thomas Fucito, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Justin Harrington, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Joshua Jaburg, 123rd Operations Support Flt.
- Jeremy Strange, 123rd Security Forces Sq.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)
- Troy Gritton, 123rd Communications Flt.

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

- Master Sgt. Laura Crowder, 123rd Medical Sq.
- Master Sgt. Melissa Eavine, 123rd Services Flt.
- Master Sgt. Thomas James, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Master Sgt. James Moore, 123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Master Sgt. Mark Rines, 123rd Communications Flt.
- Senior Master Sgt. Russell Slinger Jr., 123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Master Sgt. Keith Smith, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Master Sgt. Thomas Sullivan, 123rd Airlift Control Flt.
- Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Thompson, 123rd Aerial Port Sq.

The following individuals have separated from the Kentucky Air Guard:

- Senior Airman Leah Brown, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Maj. Brian Butler, Headquarters KYANG
- Staff Sgt. Christopher Buzard, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Senior Airman Lance Culver, 123rd Student Flt.
- Senior Airman Travis Goodwin, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Otis Kerr Jr., 123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Kenneth Link, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Dana Stahl, 123rd Communications Flt.
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Wing provides relief for victims of Katrina

Unit members deploy to assist with rescues, medical care, security

By Capt. Dale Greer
Wing Public Affairs Officer

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Top right: Senior Airman Jeffrey Higgs, a loadmaster in the 165th Airlift Squadron, prepares rescue equipment for transport to New Orleans aboard a Kentucky C-130 on Sept. 1.

Bottom right: Two Kentucky Air Guard special tactics troops center as an Air Force MH-53 helicopter lands on Interstate 610 to evacuate stranded New Orleans residents. The Airmen provided air traffic control for multiple makeshift landing zones during rescue operations from Sept. 1 to 6.
or those of you who atended annual field training in Gulfport, Miss., with me in late July and early August, you know what I mean when I say to those who missed the opportunity: It was an unqualified success. Not only was it thoroughly well planned, it was also expertly executed.

The Cadre Team, under the leadership of Col. Bill Ketterer, “covered all the bases” to make this the most productive and enjoyable training exercise for this wing to date. A massive assault on ancillary training requirements was completed, with nearly 5,000 training events logged by the 471 students attending.

Facilities, food, training classes, schedules, expert instructors and MWR events were all outstanding. Make no mistake — this was a Herculean effort, made possible in large part by dedicated, hard-working staff, professional, punctual students and great positive attitudes all.

This was an important step toward our preparation for the wing’s Operational Readiness Inspection scheduled for April 2006. Just as the exercises for our mobility function, our training, our personnel are preparing for the right time, for the right reason. Should we be called upon, we should do so affirmatively, forcefully and fervently.

To be successful, it is imperative that each of us understand and fulfill our roles as individual Airmen and that we work together as a team. Reduced to the basics, it means that each of us must:

Do the right thing... at the right time... for the right reason.

To shoot for the best two out of three will fall short of the intended mark. Don’t decide to grade anything as unimportant because everything counts.

NCAA championship football coach Lou Holtz, said it like this:

"In the successful organization, no detail is too small to escape close attention."

The demonstration of our ability to complete the ORI will mark us as a “successful organization” in the eyes of the IG team, but let’s not lose sight of the fact that the inspection is only a measuring stick of our overarching responsibility, which is to be combat ready.

The long-term is what we want to attain and maintain a level of readiness that will ensure our ability to respond affirmatively, forcefully and fervently should we be called upon. And that means doing the right thing, at the right time, for the right reason.

Mark R. Kraus

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Annual field training an important step in preparing wing for upcoming inspection

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“Any more than that,” Chief Malone said, “would be impossible.”

“We had the ability to go through the city and conduct searches where no one else could reach at the time,” Chief Malone said. “We launched from four to 14 boats a day, running about 14-hour shifts in the water.”

Once evacuees climbed aboard the Zodi-acs, they were transported to makeshift heli- copter landing zones set up along portions of the interstate highway system that weren’t submerged by flood waters.

The landing zones were cleared by saw- wielding combat controllers who cut down light poles to remove obstructions and then marked the spots with spray paint so infor- mation like communications frequencies would be visible from the air, Sergeant Rosa said. After an LZ was established, combat controllers would make radio contact with any of the three airborne controlling authori- ties — entities like an Air Force AWACS plane — and advise that evacuees were ready for transport.

As helicopters began to roll in, the con- trollers would direct their safe flight into and out of the landing zones using the commu- nications gear they carry on their backs.

One particularly productive LZ became so active that a new helicopter was landing every 50 seconds for 48 straight hours, Ser- geant Rosa said. “For a while, I would imagine it was the busiest airport on the face of the earth,” he noted. By the time the Kentucky Airmen returned home Sept. 7, the Air Guard special tactics contingent had controlled the flights of 3,179 sorties responsible for the evacuation of 11,927 people.

Working conditions were challenging, to say the least. Most troops got less than six hours of sleep a night, and the constant ex- posure to contaminated water caused rashes and minor chemical burns on some of the Airmen, Chief Malone said.

“Nearly 99 percent of all awards at the state match have been earned by competi- tors from the 123rd Airlift Wing over the course of the last seven years, and 2005 marks the seventh year in a row and the 10th time since 1993 that personnel from the 123rd have earned the title of state champi- ons, Sergeant Malone said.

Top: A Kentucky combat controller cuts down a light pole along Interstate 610 to clear a landing zone for heli- copters.

Left: Evacuees board a chopper for airlift out of New Orleans.

Bottom: A Kentucky special tactics trooper searches for stranded New Orleans resi- dents.

KyANG news

KyANG marksmen sweep state tournament

Wing shooters take all individual catagories and most team honors

Cargo Courier Staff Report

In what is becoming a spring ritual for members of the base marksmanship team, the 123rd Airlift Wing again swept the Ken- tucky State Pistol and Rifle Championships, held April 30 to May 1 at Fort Knox, Ky. Fielding its strongest squad yet, the 123rd took all but one team event and won every individual category, said Master Sgt. John Martin, a longtime Kentucky Air Guard shooter.

In all, 63 competitors tested their mettle at the Fort Knox range, hoping to win a spot on the squad that will represent the state dur- ing the national tournament scheduled for Oc- tober in North Little Rock, Ark.

Of those 63 shooters, 51 were members of the Kentucky Army Guard, while 12 rep- resented the Kentucky Air Guard — the wing’s largest contingent to date.

Awards won by the team include:


Team Rifle: First place to the Air Guard (Senior Master Sgt. John Siebert, Staff Sgt. Travis Keenher, Staff Sgt. John White and Tech. Sgt. Mark Motsinger); third place to the Air Guard (Master Sgt. Jim Johnson, Tech. Sgt. Frank Tallman, Master Sgt. Mike Downs and Airman 1st Class Harry Bromley).


Other participants from the Air Guard who earned accolades include Senior Air- man Ashley Richards, Master Sgt. Paul Edwards and Tech. Sgt. Charles Lambert. Nearly 99 percent of all awards at the
Ky. Airmen recognized for mission performance

By Senior Airman T.J. Mahan

123rd Airlift Control Flight

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo — Six Kentucky Air Guardsmen recently completed deployments here to provide weather forecasting support for U.S. Army peacekeepers assigned to Task Force Falcon.

The deployments began last winter and ranged from 90 to 180 days, said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Peters, a weather forecaster in the Kentucky Air Guard’s 123rd Mission Support Group.

Joining Colonel Peters for the mission were Tech. Sgt. Derrick Whitmer and Senior Airman Kevin Atkins of the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron; Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sarver and Senior Airman Jeremiah Burns of the 123rd Operations Support Flight; and Senior Airman T.J. Mahan of the 123rd Airlift Control Flight.

All were assigned to the 401st Air Expeditionary Wing, Detachment 2 Combat Weather Team at Camp Bondsteel.

While deployed, the Airmen staffed a weather station, recording hourly weather observations, giving local flight weather briefings, and issuing weather advisories, watches and warnings as necessary, Colonel Peters said.

Other duties included providing weather support to contract aerial reconnaissance companies in Skopje, Macedonia, and maintaining weather observing equipment at companies in Skopje, Macedonia, and maintaining weather observing equipment at Camp Bondsteel.

One major task involved the development of weather forecasts for three European locations, Colonel Peters said.

These forecasts, which contributed to the arrival of a new rotation of U.S. Army aircraft from Hohenfels, Germany, to Camp Bondsteel, proved to be challenging because of the intensity of the snowy Eastern European winter, he said.

NATO’s KFOR mission is designed to help demilitarize Kosovo, enforce law and order, and, in partnership with the United Nations Mission In Kosovo, assist the local population in transforming the province into a free and democratic society.

Volunteerism is encouraged to support these goals, Colonel Peters said, and the Kentucky Airmen did their part to help.

They spent many hours performing volunteer work on and off post. He noted, teaching classes at local schools, donating supplies to area orphanages and hosting tours of Camp Bondsteel for Kosovo schoolchildren.

The group also was recognized for going above and beyond the call in the performance of its primary mission, Colonel Peters said.

Airscan Inc., an aerial reconnaissance contractor, presented a letter of appreciation to the Kentucky Airmen for their accurate and timely flight weather briefs and forecasts, he said.

Special tactics troops recall Katrina evacuations

By Capt. Dale Greer

Wing Public Affairs Officer

Chief Master Sgt. Pat Malone has seen a lot in his 23 years as a pararescueman for the U.S. military, including dicey combat ex-

tractions in Iraq and Afghanistan and more than a decade’s worth of civilian search-and-rescue missions in Alaska.

But none of it prepared him for the devastation he saw firsthand when he and 21 comrades deployed to New Orleans Naval Air Station earlier this month as part of efforts to evacuate the victims of Hurricane Katrina and the ensuing flood.

“This was, by and large, the worst site of devastation I have ever seen in my entire career,” said Chief Malone, the chief enlisted manager for the Kentucky Air Guard’s 123rd Special Tactics Squadron.

“The sheer magnitude of it — and the conditions that our guys worked in — was the most horrific I’ve seen in 23 years of service.”

Senior Master Sgt. Jon Rosa, a Kentucky combat controller who also deployed with the 123rd Special Tactics Flight, concurred.

“New Orleans is usually a place of such revelry,” said Sergeant Rosa, the squadron’s superintendent of combat controllers.

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Sergeant Rosa, Chief Malone and 20 other Kentucky special tactics troops were among the first military search-and-rescue troops to arrive in the stricken city and begin extract-

ing trapped citizens starting Aug. 31.

The Kentucky forces joined up with about 25 other special tactics troops from across the Air National Guard, including units in Alaska and the Gulf Coast, to form the Tactical Aerial Search and Rescue team.

“From the moment the aircraft touched the ground, they were ready to start their work,” said Chief Malone.

And the Kentuckians did not disappoint, he said, rescuing nearly 1,200 people in a matter of hours.

“The people were so thankful,” he said. “I had about 20 people come up and hug me while I was trying to control helicopter landings. That’s very self-satisfying.”

“My heart goes out to the folks down there,” he added. “If they ever need us to come back, we’ll be there.”

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and sewage,” he said. “It was a giant petri dish. But they knew that what they were doing was important. They chose to be totally selfless and help fellow citizens of the United States. They’re the biggest heroes on the planet as far as I’m concerned.”

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“At any given time, we had a total package of about 45 people from all the pararescue and special tactics units in the Air National Guard,” Chief Malone said. “It was quite a combined effort to make the difference we did.”

That difference is born out by the numbers: The Kentucky-led special tactics force rescued 1,206 people by boat, and an additional 86 were recovered on dry ground before the Airmen returned home Sept. 7.

The contingent also was responsible for controlling the flights of 3,179 helicopter sorties that evacuated 11,927 people from New Orleans.

The special tactics troops returned home last week, but many of the mobilized Kentucky Airmen will remain in the Gulf region for 30 days or longer.

These include:

• 31 members of the 123rd Security Forces Squadron who deployed to Baton Rouge, La., on Sept. 2. The Airmen are assisting local law enforcement as needed and providing security at Red Cross facilities set up to serve evacuees on the campus of Louisiana State University, said Master Sgt. Rhett Perdue, the squadron’s superintendent.

• 15 members of the 123rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron who deployed to the former England Air Force Base in Alexandria, La., on Sept. 3. The Airmen established an aeromedical evacuation hub to serve mostly Coast Guard and Air Force aircraft moving supplies into stricken areas, said Chief Master Sgt. Tommy Downs, superintendent of the 123rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

• 9 members of the 123rd Air Control Flight who established command and control of airlift operations at Alexandria International Airport in Louisiana. The initial tasking was to ensure that food and water were moving into New Orleans, said Staff Sgt. Josh Ketterer, a command post controler assigned to the unit. As of Sept. 12, flight controllers had controlled 88 sorties responsible for moving more than 600 passengers and a million pounds of cargo.

• 14 members of the 123rd Medical Squadron who deployed to New Orleans Naval Air Station and Gulfport, Miss., in multiple phases beginning Sept. 6. The Airmen are providing dental care, emergency medicine and in-patient services as part of a field-transportable hospital, said Chief Master Sgt. Johnie Cherry, chief of health services for the 123rd Medical Squadron.

• 7 members of the 123rd Services Flight who deployed to the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center on Sept. 7. The Airmen are preparing up to 2,000 meals a day for service members deployed to Gulfport as part of relief efforts, said Chief Master Sgt. Veronica Hoffman, services flight superintendent.

A member of the wing’s 123rd Aerial Port Squadron off-loads pallets of water donated by The Kroger Co. on Sept. 2. The water is being used for relief efforts in the Gulf. By way of comparison, Colonel Ketterer said it would have taken an entire year to achieve the same amount of training at home during drill weekends.

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“People don’t get distracted here like they can at home during drill weekends,” said Col. Mark Kraus, commander of the 123rd Air Lift Wing.

“I’m very proud of our wing’s response to assist our neighbors in Louisiana and Mississippi in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina,” Colonel Kraus said.

“We were among the first states to airlift troops, both Air and Army, into the affected area to provide first-responder search and rescue, security forces, cargo handling and airlift control, teams of doctors and medical personnel, and Chaplains with staff.

“Behind those folks who deployed was virtually the rest of the wing, which tirelessly choreographed the departures and continues to support the sustainment of forces in that region,” he said.

“There is no greater purpose than to provide aid and comfort to those in need. It’s the best part of what the Guard is all about.”

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Field training sharpens combat readiness

Hundreds deploy to Gulfport CRTC for summer school

By Capt. Dale Greer
Wing Public Affairs Officer

GULFPORT, Miss. — Excellent planning, outstanding execution and a pervasive can-do spirit combined to make the wing’s 2005 Annual Field Training among the best such events in KyANG history, unit members say.

More than 470 students and an 80-person cadre of instructors and facilitators deployed here to the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center for the exercise, which was accomplished in two six-day rotations between July 24 and Aug. 3.

During that time, Kentucky Air Guard members accomplished nearly 5,000 ancillary training events on topics ranging from self-aid and buddy care to chemical warfare decontamination.

“We accomplished a tremendous amount of training in a very short period of time,” said Col. Bill Ketterer, who served as detachment commander at the Gulfport CRTC.

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“The instructors had enough time to prepare excellent materials and present them in a focused manner with none of the disruptions we have to deal with at home,” said Master Sgt. John Martin, who deployed during the second rotation.

“The training was kind of like going to college,” said Martin, first sergeant for the 123rd Support Group. “You went from one class to another on a clockwork schedule, and that kept you focused on what you needed to accomplish.”

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Staff Sgt. Philip Speck/KyANG

Annual Field Training events included self-aid and buddy care classes and chemical warfare defense instruction. Maj. Sae Na and Capt. Ash Groves administer first aid to a fallen Airman (top) while Master Sgt. Mike Nagel helps decontaminate another Kentucky troop.

Tech. Sgt. Charles Fiske/KyANG

Capt. Dale Green/KyANG
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It didn’t hurt that the Gulfport CRTC has some of the finest facilities in the nation, with more than $100 million in new construction during the past 10 years. That includes a base swimming pool, a 24-hour fitness center, a modern dining hall and hotel-quality housing with single-person accommodations, private showers, in-room cable TV, refrigerators and microwaves.

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Those kinds of team-building experiences, coupled with excellent training, mean the wing now has a leg up on its next Operational Readiness Inspection, planned for April 2006.

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Moving forward, the plan is to limit home-station ancillary training to one weekend each quarter and accomplish the bulk of such events during AFT like the Gulfport deployment, Colonel Ketterer said.

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Field training sharpens combat readiness

Hundreds deploy to Gulfport CRTC for summer school

By Capt. Dale Greer
Wing Public Affairs Officer

GULFPORT, Miss.—Excellent planning, outstanding execution and a pervasive can-do spirit combined to make the wing’s 2005 Annual Field Training among the best such events in KyANG history, unit members say.

More than 470 students and an 80-person cadre of instructors and facilitators deployed here to the Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center for the exercise, which was accomplished in two six-day rotations between July 24 and Aug. 5.

During that time, Kentucky Air Guard members accomplished nearly 5,000 ancillary training events on topics ranging from self-aid and buddy care to chemical warfare decontamination.

“We accomplished a tremendous amount of training in a very short period of time,” said Col. Bill Ketterer, who served as detachment commander at the Gulfport CRTC.

By way of comparison, Colonel Ketterer said it would have taken an entire year to achieve the same amount of training at home during drill weekends.

The deployed environment also helped unit members focus intently on the task at hand, resulting in a better quality of training.

“People don’t get distracted here like they can at home during drill weekends,” said Col. Mark Kraus, commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing and a student himself during the Gulfport deployment.

“The instructors had enough time to prepare excellent materials and present them in a focused manner with none of the disruptions we have back home.”

Master Sgt. John Martin, who deployed during the second rotation, agreed.

“The training was kind of like going to college,” said Martin, first sergeant for the 123rd Support Group. “You went from one class to another on a clockwork schedule, and that kept you focused on what you needed to accomplish.”

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Annual Field Training events included self-aid and buddy care classes and chemical warfare defense instruction. Maj. Sae Na and Capt. Ash Groves administered first aid to a fallen Airmen (top) while Master Sgt. Mike Nagel helps decontaminate another Kentucky trooper.

Cover photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nagel
**Ky. Airmen recognized for mission performance**

By Senior Airman T.J. Mahan  
123rd Airlift Control Flight

CAMP BONDSSTEEL, Kosovo — Six Kentucky Air Guardsmen recently completed deployments here to provide weather forecasting support for U.S. Army peacekeepers assigned to Task Force Falcon.

The deployments began last winter and ranged from 90 to 180 days, said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Peters, a weather forecaster in the Kentucky Air Guard’s 123rd Mission Support Group.

Joining Colonel Peters for the mission were Tech. Sgt. Derrick Whitmer and Senior Airman Kevin Atkins of the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron; Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sarver and Senior Airman Jeremiah Burns of the 123rd Operations Support Squadron; and Senior Airman T.J. Mahan of the 123rd Airlift Control Flight.

All were assigned to the 401st Air Expeditionary Wing, Detachment 2 Combat Weather Team at Camp Bondsteel.

While deployed, the Airmen staffed a weather station, recording hourly weather observations, giving local flight weather briefings, and issuing weather advisories, watches and warnings as necessary, Colonel Peters said.

Other duties included providing weather support to contract aerial reconnaissance companies in Skopje, Macedonia, and maintaining weather observing equipment at Camp Monteith and Film City, Kosovo — the site of NATO headquarters for the Kosovo Force (KFOR).

One major task involved the development of weather forecasts for three European locations, Colonel Peters said.

These forecasts, which contributed to the arrival of a new rotation of U.S. Army aircraft from Hoenfels, Germany, to Camp Bondsteel, proved to be challenging because of the intensity of the snowy Eastern European winter, he said.

NATO’s KFOR mission is designed to help demilitarize Kosovo, enforce law and order, and, in partnership with the United Nations Mission In Kosovo, assist the local population in transforming the province into a free and democratic society.

Volunteering is encouraged to support these goals, Colonel Peters said, and the Kentucky Airmen did their part to help.

They spent many hours performing volunteer work on and off post, he noted, teaching classes at local schools, donating supplies to area orphanages and hosting tours of Camp Bondsteel for Kosovo schoolchildren.

The group also was recognized for going above and beyond the call in the performance of its primary mission, Colonel Peters said.

Airscan Inc., an aerial reconnaissance contractor, presented a letter of appreciation to the Kentucky Airmen for their accurate and timely flight weather briefs and forecasts, he said.

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and sewage,” he said. “It was a giant petri dish. But they knew that what they were doing was important. They chose to be totally selfless and help fellow citizens of the United States. They’re the biggest heroes on the planet as far as I’m concerned.”

Sergeant Rosa noted that many New Orleanians residents seemed to agree.

“All the folks we rescued down there were so thankful,” he said. “I had about 20 people come up and hug me while I was trying to control helicopter landings. That’s very self-satisfying.”

“My heart goes out to the folks down there,” he added. “If they ever need us to come back, we’ll be there.”
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Alaska, California, New York and Oregon. Patrolling the city in Zodiac motorboats and other vehicles, the Kentucky-led contingent rescued 1,292 people, sometimes by cutting through roofs to extract trapped residents.

“We had the ability to go through the city and conduct searches where no one else could reach at the time,” Chief Malone said. “We launched from four to 14 boats a day, running about 14-hour shifts in the water.”

Once evacuees climbed aboard the Zodias, they were transported to makeshift helicopter landing zones set up along portions of the interstate highway system that weren’t submerged by flood waters.

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KyANG marksmen sweep state tournament

Wing shooters take all individual catagories and most team honors

Cargo Courier Staff Report

In what is becoming a spring ritual for members of the base marksmanship team, the 123rd Airlift Wing again swept the Kentucky State Pistol and Rifle Championships, held April 30 to May 1 at Fort Knox, Ky. Fielding its strongest squad yet, the 123rd took all but one team event and won every individual category, said Master Sgt. John Martin, a longtime Kentucky Air Guard shooter.

In all, 63 competitors tested their mettle at the Fort Knox range, hoping to win a spot on the squad that will represent the state during the national tourney scheduled for October in North Little Rock, Ark.

Of those 63 shooters, 51 were members of the Kentucky Army Guard, while 12 represented the Kentucky Air Guard — the wing’s largest contingent to date.

Awards won by the team include:


Team Rifle: First place to the Air Guard (Senior Master Sgt. John Siebert, Staff Sgt. Travis Kernite, Staff Sgt. John White and Tech. Sgt. Mark Motzinger); third place to the Air Guard (Master Sgt. Jim Johnson, Tech. Sgt. Frank Tallman, Master Sgt. Mike Downs and Airmen 1st Class Harry Bromley).


Other participants from the Air Guard who earned accolades include Senior Airman Ashley Richards, Master Sgt. Paul Edwards and Tech. Sgt. Charles Lambert. Nearly 99 percent of all awards at the state match have been earned by competitors from the 123rd Airlift Wing over the course of the last seven years, and 2005 marks the seventh year in a row and the 10th time since 1993 that personnel from the 123rd have earned the title of state champions, Sergeant Martin said.
Annual field training an important step
in preparing wing for upcoming inspection

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organization” in the eyes of the IG team,
but let’s not lose sight of the fact that the
inspection is only a measuring stick of our
overarching responsibility, which is to be
combat ready.

The long-term look is that we want to
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affirmatively, forcefully and fervently
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Commander’s Call

Col. Mark Kraus
123rd Airlift Wing Commander

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tag/coldwar/default.htm.

Geren named acting AF secretary

senate confirms top leadership

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) — The Senate
confirmed Gen. T. Michael Moseley as the next Air Force chief
of staff on July 11, and Gen. John D. W. Corley as the new Air Force
vice chief of staff on Aug. 1.

General Corley has been promoted to the rank of general.

General Moseley last served as
vice chief of staff, while General
Corley is currently the principal
deputy for the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition.

General Moseley is a command
pilot with more than 2,900 hours in F-15 and F-16 Eagle. He is a graduate of the
texas A&M University where he earned
both a bachelor’s and a master’s
degree in political science. He
commanded U.S. Central Command Air Forces and served as Combined
Forces Air Component Command
commander for operations Southern
Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraq Freedom.

General Corley entered the Air
Force in 1973 and has commanded
at the squadron, group and wing
levels. He has more than 3,000
flying hours in the F-15 Eagle.

Airmen will be able to complete person-
nel actions in minutes through e-mail
and the Internet, along with other benefits, he said.

Not only is there a huge potential for Air
Force cost avoidance, but mission support
will be greatly enhanced by empowering
every member to reliably connect and
communicate with each other without worry about changing e-mail addresses every
couple of years,” Captain Phillips said.

“We’ll be able to transform personnel
processes under the Air Force directorate
of personnel’s personnel service delivery
model and empower members and data-
tables to connect and communicate through
e-business applications instead of local per-
sonnel flights,” he added.

Those personnel processes include offi-
cial personnel notifications and announce-
ments, command, promotion and profes-
sional military education candidacy and se-
lections, and retirement, assignment, evalua-
tion, feedback and decoration processing.

Officials said they plan for the Air Force to
be fully capable under AF eMail by 2007.

“We’ve segmented the force based on
mission requirements and will slowly scale
the availability to the entire force versus
an incremental implementation,” Captain
Phillips said. “We started with the highest
level leaders, and our plan is to offer it to
other segments of the force this summer.”

During the initial stages, Airmen will
continue to use their local or major com-
mand eMail accounts as well as the AF
eMail account.

“Until the migration of e-mail accounts
happens, the AF eMail account will remain
a means to check the AF eMail account on a regular basis,” Captain Phillips said. “That’s where
the career-impacting personnel actions will be.”

Air Force News

Service begins implementing new ‘eMail for Life’ addresses

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force began
the first phase of a new e-mail system May 6
that will enhance communication of Air-
men worldwide.

AF eMail (also known as eMail-for-Life)
is a single, static e-mail address that will not
change during the career of an Airman or Air
Force civilian employee.

The current e-mail system, rapid mobil-
ity of the force and frequent assignments
and career development opportunities outside the
Air Force can make it difficult for Airmen to
communicate.

“At any given time, we can only reliably
connect and communicate with 79 percent
of our force through e-mail,” said Capt. Kirk
Phillips, information technology division
chief at the Air Force Senior Leader Man-
agement Office.

“E-mail is the most critical communica-
tion tool we’ve got,” he said. “Having one
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sponsibilities in the areas of interagency initiatives, legislative affairs and special projects.

A former Texas congressman 1989 to
1997, Mr. Geren served on the Armed Ser-
ces, Science and Technology and the Pub-
lic Works and Transportation committees
during his tenure. He earned his bachelor’s
degree from the University of Texas in 1974, and his jurist prudence from the university’s law school in 1978.
Promotions, retirements and separations

The following individuals have been promoted to the rank indicated as members of the Kentucky Air National Guard and reservists of the United States Air Force:

SENIOR AIRMAN (E-4)
- David Clark, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Joseph Dobson, 123rd Operations Support Flt.
- Bobby Donoho, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Christine Duffee, 123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
- Matthew Hourigan, 123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
- Kenneth Keith, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Jonathan Marks, 123rd Communications Flt.
- Matt McKeehan, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Matthew Morris, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- 123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
- Joshua Selby, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Adam Sherwood, 123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
- Christopher Slayton, 123rd Student Flt.
- Bryan Thomas, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Kevin Williams, 123rd Communications Flt.
- Daniel Wormald, 165th Airlift Sq.

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)
- Michael Doran Jr., 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Thomas Fuchs, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Justin Harrington, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Joshua Jaburg, 123rd Operations Support Flt.
- Jeremy Strange, 123rd Security Forces Sq.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)
- Troy Gritton, 123rd Communications Flt.

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

- Master Sgt. Laura Crowder, 123rd Medical Sq.
- Master Sgt. Melissa Evaline, 123rd Services Flt.
- Master Sgt. Lynn Grabbil, 123rd Special Tactics Sq.
- Master Sgt. Thomas James, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Master Sgt. James Moore, 123rd Aerial Port Sq.
- Senior Airman Matthew Zierenberg, 123rd Maintenance Sq.

- Senior Master Sgt. Russell Slinger Jr., 123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Master Sgt. Keith Smith, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Master Sgt. Thomas Sullivan, 123rd Airlift Control Flt.
- Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Thompson, 123rd Aerial Port Sq.

The following individuals have separated from the Kentucky Air Guard:

- Senior Airman Leah Brown, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Maj. Brian Butler, Headquarters KYANG
- Staff Sgt. Christopher Buzard, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Senior Airman Lance Culver, 123rd Student Flt.
- Senior Airman Travis Goodwin, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Otis Kerr Jr., 123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Kenneth Link, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Dana Stahl, 123rd Communications Flt.
- Senior Airman Matthew Zierenberg, 123rd Maintenance Sq.

THE CARGO COURIER

Wing provides relief for victims of Katrina

Unit members deploy to assist with rescues, medical care, security

By Capt. Dale Greer
Wing Public Affairs Officer

Nearly 100 members of the Kentucky Air National Guard have deployed to the storm-ravaged Gulf Coast to assist with relief operations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which struck Mississippi and Louisiana with unprecedented force Aug. 29.

Katrina’s 145-mph winds and 20-foot storm surge decimated coastal communities like Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., killing hundreds of residents and causing more than $20 billion in property damage, federal officials estimate. Subsequent flooding submerged up to 80 percent of New Orleans, trapping residents on rooftops without food or water amid a putrid sea of petrochemicals, sewage and human remains.

The first KyANG unit to respond was the 123rd Special Tactics Squadron, which deployed 13 pararescuemen and combat controllers to New Orleans Naval Air Station from Sept. 1 to 6.

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