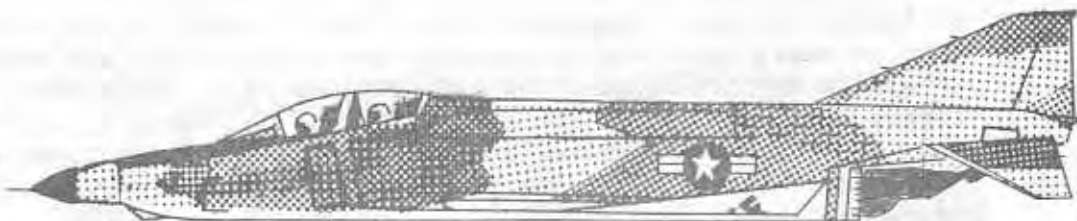




THE PHANTOM'S EYE



123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing
Standiford Field (ANG), Louisville, Ky. 40213

Vol. 2, No. 32

Sunday, 4 December 1977

FRYMIRE ADDRESSES TROOPS: Major General Richard L. Frymire, the retiring Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, addressed the members of the KyANG this morning. His words of praise for the unit and his challenge to continue to strive toward excellence will be long remembered. The phrase "reputation is a very perishable product" should stand out in every members mind as we look to the future. General Frymire's inspiring leadership will be sorely missed.

NOT REALLY RETIREMENT: General Frymire is leaving the post of Adjutant General but is not retiring his two silver stars. He will become a special assistant to the commander of the Tactical Air Command. His mission will call for direct input on problems resulting from aircraft and mission conversions for units nationwide. The success he has enjoyed in all stages of his career from pilot to AG will be an invaluable asset to the Tactical Air Command.

HAPR, PERKINS HONORED IN CEREMONY: The Kentucky Medal for Valor was presented to two CAM Squadron Staff Sergeants this morning during Commander's Call. Michael O. Harp and Jerry M. Perkins were off-duty at Bowman Field on April 17, 1977 when a small single engine aircraft was in the process of taking off. The aircraft encountered difficulty at an altitude of approximately 40 feet, resulting in its crashing. Upon hearing and observing the crash Harp and Perkins immediately ran to the downed aircraft and attempted to remove the pilot and passenger. The pilot was extricated without difficulty, but the passenger was pinned between the crushed nose of the aircraft and the seat back. The load in the back of the seats had shifted forward and fuel was leaking from the aircraft's full fuel tanks, creating a situation of extreme danger for the passenger and his rescuers. Despite this, SSgts. Harp and Perkins prevailed and eventually managed to free the passenger and carry him from the fuel-soaked wreckage to a place of safety. Minutes later emergency fire and medical teams arrived on the scene. This conspicuous act of courage, gallantry and valor is the story behind the award and citation which was read earlier.

HOLIDAY BEST WISHES: Brig. General Fred Bradley, Wing Commander of the 123d TRW, prepared the following statement for the Phantom's Eye:

"As we approach this 1977 Holiday season I want to take this opportunity to wish each member of the Kentucky Air National Guard a special Christmas greeting...to the entire family of each Guardsman...that this holiday season will be filled with joy, peace, and excitement of families coming together to honor Christ. We are at peace around the world this holiday season and we hope and pray that through the strength of our country and its allies we can continue to work for the lasting peace and brotherhood of man in the decades ahead. I want to thank everyone in the Wing who have worked so hard to accomplish our goals. As we approach 1978 the

challenge remains. High standards of performance, a willingness to sacrifice personal goals for the good of our entire unit, and expanding our knowledge and abilities so we can continue as a full partner in the total force. 1978 will be an important year for the Kentucky Air National Guard and we have proven that we have what it takes to be successful in that challenge. Again, may I wish for each of you a Merry Christmas and a joyous and happy New Year."

LONGEVITY PLAQUES AWARDED: Thirty years of faithful service to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Armed Forces of the United States resulted in the presentation of wall plaques to three Air Guardsmen. They are Lt. Colonel James M. Klein, SMSgt. William Goatley and MSgt. Paul B. Brooks. Three others received plaques for two decades of service. They are Major Stephan J. Riley, TSgt. Denzel Craig and MSgt. Kenneth Franklin.

KyANG CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: The annual Christmas party of the KyANG Club will take place on Friday, December 23rd. Unlike years past it will not be advance. The party is for club members only and will start at 12 noon and will feature a free buffet lunch and drinks on the house. The drawing for the \$250 jackpot of booze will also take place at the party. Now would be a terrific time to become a club member and be able to take part in the holiday merriment.

30TH YEARBOOK SALES BRISK: State Staff reports that sales of the 30 year history of the KyANG are proceeding well. So well in fact that the publication is now on sale at not only the State Staff office, but also the snack bar and at the bar in the club. There are limited quantities, so get yours today. They are \$15 and make terrific Christmas gifts.

AF SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION: The Air Force Sergeants Association has announced that its monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 8, in the Officers Mess. Members and prospective members are invited. Among items on the agenda are nominations for officials for the 1978 term.

DEPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR 1978 EXCELLENT: Colonel Carl Black, Deputy Wing Commander, reports that prospects for a late February and early March deployment are very good. Standard procedure for declassification and public announcement of such deployment would be sixty days prior to the first day of the deployment. This means we should have some definite answers by around Christmas. Stay tuned for further developments.

UTA DATES: The training dates for the next quarter are as follows: Saturday and Sunday, January 21 & 22, February 11 & 12, and March 18 & 19.

RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE: The Red Cross blood mobile will be on base on Sunday of the March UTA. Please consider giving the gift of life at this time.

**It's your Guard.
Talk it up.**

You never get
a second chance
to make a good
first impression