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16th Annual Bean Soup Feast
and Open House





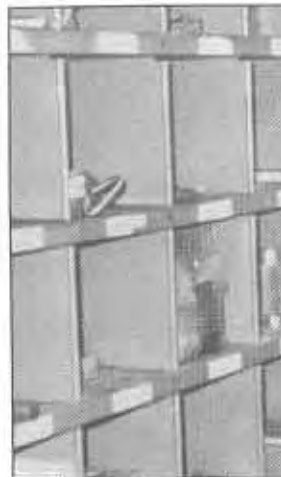
MSgt. Donald O'Toole, base fire department, and MSgt. Norman Fischer, security police, handle on-scene activities during a base exercise.



Preparing intelligence Wetzelsberger, TSgt. Dav Johnston.



SrA Ray Palazzo and Sg flight records.



MSgt. Michael Cook, tool room.

KyANG 30 Years service

By SSgt. Jenny Montgomery
Editor

With 30 years of service, the Kentucky Air National Guard, 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, boasts a history replete with successes and a diverse group of individuals whose dedication made those successes possible.

The wing's history dates back to the Army Air Corps when, in 1946, the 359th Fighter Group and the 368th Fighter Squadron were redesignated the 123rd Fighter Group and the 165th Fighter Squadron and allotted to the state of Kentucky. According to the book, "KyANG Mustangs to Phantoms," the designation "123rd" was taken by "the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs because the unit designation '123rd' went back to 1929 when Kentucky was first assigned the 123rd Cavalry Regiment as a unit of the Army National Guard. That unit traces its lineage back through the 2nd Cavalry Regiment of Kentucky during the Civil War and, back of that, to the older horse cavalry in the militia of Daniel Boone's time."

Throughout its 30-year history the wing has flown numerous aircraft including the

F-51H "Mustang," F-84E "Thunderjet," and the F-86A "Saber Jet." When the unit's mission was shifted to reconnaissance it flew the RB-57B "Canberra" jets, RF-101G/H "Voodoo" and currently flies the RF-4C "Phantom II." The wing has seen several tours of active duty and earned four Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards. In September 1982 the unit received its third Spaatz Trophy, designating the 123rd TRW as the outstanding flying unit among the 91 flying units in the Air National Guard.

All of these achievements would not have been possible without the dedication of the unit's members. Today the wing has a 106.4 percent manning level, with 1,182 people authorized and 1,258 assigned. These people travel from throughout the Commonwealth and from as far away as Rancho Cordova, Calif., Panama City, Fla., and Corapolis, Pa., to belong to the Kentucky Air National Guard.

In a statement to unit members in the April 5 "Phantom's Eye," Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander, stated, "In my opinion there's no finer unit in the nation than the Kentucky Air National Guard. I'm proud to be a member of your team . . ."



reports are from left, TSgt. Greg Yahne, TSgt. Steve Short and SrA Joe



Carol Fultz, base operations, work on



base motor pool, pulls equipment from



SSgt. Gary Cole, left, and SSgt. Benny Smiley, base motor pool, rotate brake drums.

KyANG photos by
TSgt. Terry Lutz
and SSgt. Charles Simpson

Commander's Column



Welcome to the 16th Annual Bean Soup Feast and Open House of the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. A Kentucky Air National Guard tradition since 1970, funds raised from today's festivities support organizations like the Easter Seal Society, Louisville Deaf Oral School, Shelter House, Crusade for Children and many more.

Much effort by Guard members goes into making today a great success year after year. Through the dedication of these people, the wing has been able to raise thousands of dollars yearly for local charitable organizations.

The Bean Soup Feast also affords us the opportunity to have you — our family, friends and civilian co-workers visit and get a glimpse of what the Air National Guard is all about.

Thank you for taking the time to come out and share this time with us. See you next year!

Brig. Gen. John L. Smith
123rd Tactical Reconnaissance
Wing Commander



KyANG photo

Sgt. Sheila Atwell (formerly Sidebottom) prepares sheets of cornbread while TSgt. Peggy Kottak looks on.

Ingredients for successful Bean Soup Feast

• **People** — After months of preparation, the cooking begins. Starting the Friday before the feast, seven to 10 people work daily to prepare the 350 gallons of soup needed. MSgt. John Lundergan, project coordinator for the past 10 years and top chef, receives assistance in cooking the meal from MSgt. Denzil Craig, SSgt. Terri Greschel, TSgt. Donald Richeson, Sgt. Freddie Logsdon and Sgt. Deanna Lundergan. Many other volunteers from base units help peel, chop, cook and clean during the 5-day process.

• **Food** — With a crowd of almost 2,000 people expected, an enormous amount of food must be prepared. Soup ingredients include: 150 pounds of ham, jowl bacon and ham hocks; 350 pounds of beans; 50 pounds of potatoes; 150 pounds of onions; two crates of carrots and assorted seasonings. During the week, seven 35-gallon pots of soup are made with each pot cooking for four hours. Other items on the menu include: 500 pounds of potato salad; 200 pounds of cole slaw; 300 pounds of cornbread; and 90 pounds of brownies.

• **Fun** — The soup is served by Brig. Gen. John Smith, wing commander, and other officers from the base. After the meal, people are invited to tour the base. An RF-4C "Phantom II" will be open in the hangar, as will various shop areas around the base.

• **Proceeds** — Each year the money raised is used to benefit charitable organizations. Charitable organizations desiring assistance may submit a request to the Kentucky Air National Guard. A committee then selects from these requests the amount donated to each from the Bean Soup Feast's profit. Last year the feast raised \$5,249, an increase of \$1,250 from 1984.

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