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KyANG Photo by A1C Dennis Robinson

Ready for war?

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Commander's Hotline

Orientation flights, pay problems questioned

Question: I would like to know if there is some way technicians can receive an incentive ride in the RF-4 since they cannot get a reenlistment bonus -- it's like once you reenlist they've got you, so what. Can incentive rides be given?

Answer: Each year this unit reenlists approximately 150 personnel. A program as suggested for RF-4 rides to each reenlistee would be totally unsupported and economically impossible as flying hours are much too tight in this day of dwindling resources. The proposal to provide incentive rides to technicians because they are ineligible for reenlistment bonus is invalid. Reenlistment bonuses were created for the purpose of retaining traditional Guardsmen in hard to fill and critical career fields. Technicians have chosen these career fields and their reward is they have full time employment as result.

Question: I would like to know what is the problem with the pay. I know of many people who have had problems in the past few months -- is something being done?

Answer: Military pay has indeed been a problem for the past few months and I am very sensitive to your concerns regarding this matter. Rest assured I am placing a great deal of emphasis on correcting the situation in as expedient a manner as possible. While the space in the column is insufficient to expand upon the multitude of problems we have experienced -- I believe the cause to be a combination of



Brig. Gen. John L. Smith
Wing Commander

new equipment, personnel inexperience, a failure to update personnel information in a timely manner and a lack of urgency on the part of a few key players.

Editor's Note: The Commander's Hotline can be reached at ext. 637. Questions or comments may be left and an answer will be given in "The Phantom's Eye." Questions or comments may be edited for space purposes in the paper, but the content will not be changed.

Chaplain's Column

'Called to Excellence'

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Thomas T. Curry

This year's Chaplain Service theme, "Called to Excellence," includes the sub-theme "Seeking One's Potential." Wherever we are in life, there is always room for growth. Each of us is unique, created with special talents and abilities. We can plan and work toward realistic goals for a richer, more meaningful life.

Being our best involves the decision to make life count. It means studying for a test when no one else seems to care. It means finding time for the family, while at the same time setting an example of professionalism on the job.

We ask ourselves, "How will I be a better person tomorrow than I am today?" We may, for example, decide to work toward a degree, to get back in shape physically, or to learn any of a hundred new skills. We may decide to place a higher priority on our

relationship with God. Whatever the case, we set our own goals. We establish the standards for excellence. Then we move toward becoming the person we choose to be.

We also learn that a large part of being successful lies in learning to help others succeed. As Alan Loy McGinnis points out in his bestseller, "Bringing Out the Best in People," "If it is true that people can grow, expand their capacities, jump higher, run harder and compose greater music, that means that the ultimate leadership is servant leadership, for we will produce followers who will surpass us."

As we grow, we reach a helping hand to lift others with us as we move on toward excellence—to be the best that we can be.

Annual Facilities Inspection

TAC selects KyANG to participate

The 123rd TRW, Standiford Field, was recently selected as one of two TAC-gained ANG flying units to participate in the TAC Annual Facility Inspection.

A three-man inspection team toured the base Aug. 17 and 18. "Louisville looks great and is making improvements across the board," stated Col. Bryce A. Jenkins, team chief, in his final report to the wing. "Pride and professionalism are reflected in the quantity and quality of self-help efforts and the general appearance of the base."

"The men and women of the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing should be proud of their accomplishments to enhance the appearance and quality of their facilities. Dedication and hard work are apparent," Colonel Jenkins stated.

Facilities named by the team as outstanding are Bldg. 23 Avionics Shop and Bldg. 28 Security Police.

The team also selected the "Best of the Best" facilities which are a notch above the outstanding facilities. They are: Bldg. 26 Squadron Operations and Bldg. 27 Base Engineer Shop.

Inspector comments about Bldg. 26 included, "A model operations building both inside

and out. Occupant pride is exhibited in the upkeep of this top-notch building."

Bldg. 27 was found to be "one of Standiford's show pieces. Beautiful well-kept landscaping sets off this relatively new building."

An award to recognize special achievement by an individual for contributions to the base was selected based on inputs from wing leadership. SMSgt. William T. Smith, life support, received the 1987 TAC Annual Facilities Inspection Special Achievement Award.

The following self-help efforts were judged as deserving special mention by the inspection team:

- Bldg. 10 Hangar Maintenance — Capt. Paul Stone and the members in the flight crew chiefs branch upgraded the break area. TSgt. Terry Lutz's graphics display in the still photo shop "is an artistic masterpiece."

- Bldg. 17 AGE Shop — The walls have been painted and SMSgt. David Heustis and MSgt. James Charbonneau are adding paneling.

- Bldg. 19 POL Operations — The interior was completely repainted by MSgt. Jack

Weber (retired) and the members of the fuels section.

- Bldg. 20 Consolidated Open Mess — Various club members constructed a "half-wall" to separate the dining and serving areas.

- Bldg. 23 Avionics Shop — The unit emblem, Pegasus, was painted on the north side of the building by MSgt. Glenn Farquhar and TSgt. Robert Sinclair.

- Bldg. 26 Squadron Operations — Sergeant Smith, MSgt. James Smith and TSgt. Dorenda Stackhouse did a "tremendous amount of self-help work to the life support sections with super results." The constructed new aircrew lockers, built a cabinet and work bench, constructed an office from a storage room and constructed a display board of various squadron/unit patches. In the hall, A1C Margaret Bradley painted "a top-notch graphics display."

The results of this inspection will be compiled and compared against the Ohio ANG base at Springfield, the other TAC-gained ANG unit selected for the competition.

Winners of the TAC Annual Field Inspection will be announced at the TAC Commander's Conference Sept. 28.

"I'm proud of every office on this base," said Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander.

Credit Union nears completion

By SSgt. Jeff Sansbury
Staff Writer

The Kentucky Air National Guard Federal Credit Union will soon greet its members at a new location, base officials announced recently.

Moving from its present office in the O & T Building, the 32-year-old KyANG FCU will enjoy an expanded, completely refurbished site which once served as home to the KyANG's base club. Funded by the credit union and constructed by the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron, project officers hope to complete the move by late fall.

"It's just perfect; a real promotion for us," said Martha Weisenberger, credit union general manager. "Negotiations have gone well, and the transition this fall should run smoothly."

The credit union's move will offer some relief to KyANG state staff personnel, who command the office during many UTA weekends. "It's a wise move for both of us," Weisenberger stressed.

Future plans include the addition of an AAFES base exchange, but details of that project appear sketchy at this time.

The move this fall will allow the credit union to serve its members from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. during Saturday UTAs, Weisenberger said. The current full-time staff might also increase, she added, if membership continues its current trend. More than 800 KyANG members are currently enrolled, compared to about 275 in 1984.

MSgt. Tim O'Mahoney said military labor has been used in virtually every aspect of the construction, a deal that he said was approved by Kentucky National Guard headquarters. The member-owned credit union is paying for materials and any civilian contract work.

Plans to move the office were announced last December, when news came that an Air National Guard regulation would force the closing of the base club here. The new regulation called for all ANG units to carry liability insurance on facilities which serve alcoholic beverages.

2nd Lt. Phillip Howard, 123rd CES, said the majority of the old base club was in dire need of restoration. Today, less than three months after the initial work began, only a few pieces of the original building are recognizable.

Construction of the new credit union began in late July, using man-days from annual field training and UTAs.



KyANG Photo by A1C Dennis Robinson
Sgt. Michael Mudd, 123d CES
Taping drywall using stilts

SAVANNAH

Unit trains



KyANG Photo by A1C Dennis Robinson

TSgt. Jerry Becker working the PPIF



KyANG by SSgt. Charles Simps

Looking for snipers



KyANG Photo by A1C Dennis Robinson

Remaining under camouflage



Firemen

NAH '87 for mission

Almost 700 members of the KyANG deployed to Savannah, Ga., last month for annual field training.

The first three days of the 13-day deployment found the unit participating in an Operational Readiness Exercise—working in a simulated war-time environment and coping with 96-plus degree weather.

"This was the first experience in attempting the employment phase in full chemical gear under severe heat conditions," said Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander. "It proved that our capabilities under such a scenario greatly limits our ability to perform."

During the exercise, members of the Exercise Evaluation Team—experts in their career fields—input numerous scenarios to test the ability of the wing to perform its wartime mission. These scenarios included airfield attacks by simulated Soviet aircraft, mortar attacks, chemical warfare, fuel fires, sniper attacks, and many more simulated "real-world" problems.

"Teamwork and a sense of urgency was apparent in most areas," said General Smith. "However, the evaluation also proved that we have a long way to go if we are to pass our ORI next year under similar conditions."

After working extremely long days which usually began at 3:30 a.m., the unit settled into a somewhat slower pace, once the exercise was completed. The rest of the deployment was spent with on-the-job training and ancillary training requirements such as Buddy Care, M-16, .38, and Fire Extinguisher training. This year the Headquarters KyANG staff also conducted special NCO training seminars to aid in career advancement.

In summing up this year's AFT deployment, General Smith said, "The real challenge lies ahead, the exercise is over, but we now must put together procedures that correct our deficiencies so that in September '88 when we have completed the ORI we can truly say, 'A victory for our forces was attained!'"



KyANG Photo by A1C Dennis Robinson

Staying near their aircraft



KyANG Photo by A1C Dennis Robinson

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KyANG Photo by A1C Dennis Robinson

Preparing for takeoff

Base conducts first NCO Preparatory Course

"My batteries were charged..."

This was just one of many such comments made after completion of the first NCO Preparatory Course held here in July. Seventeen airmen first class and senior airmen spent two weeks learning leadership and followership skills that will prepare them to become a noncommissioned officer.

"The class was a great success," said Maj. Glenn Adair, chief CBPO and program manager. "We received very positive feedback from the students and from their supervisors."

Course curriculum included 60 hours of instruction divided between military studies, communications skills, world affairs, Air National Guard and local missions, and leadership and management.

The students were inspected in their service dress, service and fatigue uniforms. At the end of each week they were given a written test on the material presented. To graduate, the students had to obtain a 70 percent average on the two exams, pass three open ranks inspections and receive a satisfactory rating on conduct and course participation.

The distinguished Graduate Award, for highest academic score, was presented to SrA Tad E. Landwehr, 123d CAM, during the graduation luncheon. The John Levitow Award, presented to the student chosen as both a leader and a scholar, went to SrA Scott G. Roche, 123d CAM. The Levitow Award is the highest honor awarded to a graduate and is named for Medal of Honor recipient A1C John Levitow.

Although some minor administrative problems were encountered with the first course, the general consensus of both

students and instructors was that the course went extremely well, according to Major Adair.

Instructors needed

The next NCOPC class is scheduled for Feb. 8 through 19. Additional instructors are needed and anyone interested should contact MSgt. Howard Rutledge, course manager, at ext. 603, or SSgt. Jenny Montgomery, instructor, at ext. 404, this UTA. Instructors must be a graduate of a resident Air Force or ANG NCO leadership school or higher level PME. Current instructors include Sergeant Rutledge, Sergeant Montgomery, and SSgt. Elke Adams.

The following is the list of first NCOPC

graduates:

SrA Scott Roche, 123d CAM
 SrA Tad Landwehr, 123d CAM
 SrA Hansel Baumler, 123d CSS
 SrA Kenneth Brown Jr., 123d CAM
 SrA Jonathan Fulkerson, 123d WSSF
 SrA John Hagan, 123d CAM
 SrA Michael Henson, 123d WSSF
 SrA Stephen Johnson, 123d CSS
 A1C Arvil Lewis, 123d CAM
 A1C John Lundergan A1C, 123d CAM
 SrA Charles O'Neal, 123d CAM
 SrA Albert Parrett, 123d RMS
 SrA Thomas Savchick, 123d CAM
 A1C Terry Tyree, 165th TRS
 SrA Richard Whalin, 123d RMS
 SrA Damon Williams, 165th TRS
 A1C Bradley Wright, 123d TRW



KyANG Photo by TSgt Jerry Becker

A1C Terry Tyree, left, A1C John Lundergan Jr., and SrA Scott Roche, lower the colors during retreat.

Kessler elected NCOAGA Region 6 Director

The NCO Academy Graduates Association local chapter president, MSgt. James A. Kessler, was selected as Region 6 Director at the NCOAGA National Seminar in July.

Sergeant Kessler, 123d RMS, has been a member of the NCOAGA since 1979. As Region 6 director, Sergeant Kessler will be "a focal point between the state chapters and the national level," he said. "I will coordinate with other chapters in the five states of

Region 6 to monitor their monthly reports and forward them to the national level."

Sergeant Kessler will also act to coordinate and solve any problems the region chapters may encounter. The Region 6 area includes Illinois, Michigan, West Virginia, Indiana and Kentucky.

The national seminar was held in Charleston, S.C. Next year's seminar will be held in Portland, Ore., July 17-22.



KyANG Photo by SMSgt Dave Tinsley

MSgt. James A. Kessler

ANG Softball Tournament Kentucky teams fare well

By. SSgt. Jeff Sansbury
Staff Writer

Softball teams from the Kentucky Air National Guard placed well last month during the Annual National Softball Tournament in Savannah, Ga.

As more than 800 Kentucky guardsmen returned home from a 13-day stint of annual field training, an alliance of KyANG softball teams remained in Georgia to compete in the 22nd Annual ANG Softball Tournament at Travis Field. The men's 35-and-older team slammed their way to a 4-2 record and claimed third place, while the women's team finished 4-2 and placed ninth, their best ever in ANG competition.

Two other men's teams, coached by John Logsdon and Mark Ferris, were forced out early in the double-elimination tournament. Tournament action began Aug. 13 and lasted three days.

"I liked the way we played 'em," admitted coach Dennis Hall, whose third-place men's team bowed only to champion Georgia and second-place Florida. "We started off with a

punch, but then we lost our juice. I guess we ran out of healthy bodies."

It was the softball tournament's first year with a 35-and-older division. The team's effort was dedicated to the late MSgt. Orren Story, a member of the 165th RMS who died in June.

"We wanted to bring it on home (the trophy). We were doing it for Orren," explained Hall, a retired member of the KyANG. "We gave it our best shot."

The tradition-filled tournament hosted more than 100 men's teams and nearly 40 women's teams. Men were allowed to compete in one of two divisions: one for the 35-and-older teams, or one designated as the "open" division.

Mike Lueken, now in his second year as the women's coach, said he's "extremely proud" of his squad's performance at Travis Field. Following years of dominance in the metropolitan leagues at home, the women's team switched to a more competitive league this spring but has suffered a string of defeats.

"We thought it was time to move on (to a tougher league). Though we didn't fare too

well this past season, it did prepare us for the ANG series," the Lueken said. "I'm satisfied."

The West Virginia ANG captured first place in the women's division, while the Washington, D.C., ANG took second.

Kentucky's women scored 61 runs at Travis Field and allowed only 19 by its opponents. Rose Hiles, a center fielder, contributed 11 runs with two home runs, while Angie Montgomery, the second baseman, chipped in eight runs and one home run to spark the women's team.

Kentucky's four coaches said they are pleased with their teams' depth and experience. The off-field relationships between players, most will agree, is an integral part of winning. "Our teams certainly have the spirit; one look will tell you that," noted Glenn Farquhar, who played in the men's open division. "It makes all the difference in the world."

Locally, the men's open division placed first in a Tuesday night league at St. Mary's Ballfield.

Next year's tournament will be held at ANG training sites in San Antonio, Texas.

New GI Bill Cash benefit for college

Would \$5,040, tax-free, help pay for your education? Are you one of nearly 20,000 National Guard members taking advantage of this benefit?

It's all part of the New G.I. Bill, a federal program designed to help pay for college or vocational education. Service members in the National Guard and Reserves, and on active duty are eligible for the cash benefit.

The Bill allows a reserve component participant to receive a maximum of \$5,040 in education benefits when enrolled in a Veterans Administration-approved institution. The student rates are \$140 monthly (full-time), \$105 (¾-time) and \$70 monthly (½-time).

To be eligible for the New G.I. Bill, a guard member must serve satisfactorily and meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a high school graduate or GED holder.
- Not have received a Baccalaureate Degree or equivalent.
- Not be qualified for the All-Volunteer Force Education Assistance Program (New

G.I. Bill for combined active and reserve service).

d. Not be receiving an ROTC scholarship. To use the New G.I. Bill, enlisted personnel must enlist, reenlist or extend an enlistment in the selected reserve for a minimum of six years prior to June 30, 1988.

Officers must agree to serve in the selected reserve for six years (in addition to any other obligation). People who leave the service before their obligation is fulfilled must fund a pro-rated share of their education benefit.

Students who are eligible are issued a DD Form 2384 (Notice of Basic Eligibility). At that time, the guard member should review all the data to ensure accuracy and, if incomplete or wrong, correct immediately. The Veterans Administration uses the data in verifying eligibility for the New G.I. Bill.

Members of the Kentucky Air National Guard interested in enrolling in the program should contact MSgt. Peggy Kottak, base career advisor, at ext. 604.

Use of the program is growing slowly, according to National Guard Bureau officials. To date, the states of Ohio, Alabama and Illinois, respectively, lead the nation in the number of guard members enrolled.

Seat belts save life

On May 28, at approximately 8:30 p.m., my son was driving along a narrow county road on the way to a party. He encountered two persons walking their mopeds, so he went around them.

When he looked up, he saw a pickup truck coming over the hill and started back into his lane. The other driver, seeing someone in his lane, applied his brakes and slid into my son's lane.

By that time my son was in his own lane, but so was the pickup truck. They collided almost head on, going 40 miles per hour.

My son had two friends with him and the boy driving the pickup truck was alone. They were all wearing their seatbelts—all four 16 year olds walked away from this potentially serious accident.

My son was treated at the hospital for abrasions on his shoulder from the seatbelt, his two companions were shaken, but released at the scene. The driver of the pickup truck was wearing his seatbelt, but didn't like the shoulder harness so he had slipped it under his arm. He suffered cuts on his forehead where he hit the mirror and a banged up knee, but was also treated at the hospital and released.

Seatbelts do work!

Signed Anonymously

Toll cards

The Department of Transportation will issue new Toll Facilities Credit Cards to KyANG members Nov. 1, according to the Adjutant General's office.

The current cards — with tan horses — will not be accepted after that date. These cards are issued for travel to and from training assemblies and/or travel to perform official duties for the Guard.

Members of the KyANG who need a toll card should contact their unit orderly rooms September UTA. Questions concerning the toll cards should be taken to the unit orderly rooms.

Seminar group

A new seminar group is being formed for the 40-week Air Command and Staff Course. Those individuals who are interested should contact Maj. Jeff Butcher at ext. 431, on-base. The commercial number is 606-223-8703.

Leather flying jacket-tradition renewed

The Air Force intends to renew the tradition of issuing leather flying jackets this fall to aircrews assigned to combat-ready operational units, according to Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Hickey, Air Force deputy chief of staff for personnel. The jacket is used for flight duties as well as for wear on and off base.

Leather flying jackets are similar to the jackets issued to aircrews during World War

II and those issued to Naval aviators over the past 60 years. The move could affect authorized personnel of the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd TRW and 165 TRS.

"This is one of the many initiatives the Air Force is undertaking to improve aircrew retention," General Hickey announced recently.

The Air Force has experienced a marked decline recently in aircrew retention. Unless the current trend is reversed, the Air Force will be unable to sustain its operational force of combat-ready aircrews, the general's announcement stated.

The flight jacket initiative was suggested by the field commanders of combat forces in response to aircrew perceptions that they are not adequately recognized and that reinstatement of the distinctive aviator's jacket would enhance esprit within the combat-ready aircrew force.

Cable seeks news videos

Cable News Network has been actively advertising a news-gathering program called "News Hound." This program will consider airing home videotape recordings of potentially newsworthy events shot by amateurs.

If the material is used, the photographer can be compensated for the story, making this program very tempting to many home video buffs.

In view of this, each Air Force member needs to be aware of the ground rules for

ording to a recent message from the Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office.

Any material shot off base while off duty is personal and the photographer can do what he or she pleases with the video. However, if the material is shot on base or while on duty, release of that material outside the Air Force is contrary to Air Force directives. This guidance applies to unauthorized release of any information.

Air Force Regulation 190-1, "Public Affairs Policies and Procedures," clearly states the procedures for releasing information, and who may make a release. The regulation states that "the command is responsible for releasing information to the public. Even though information is unclassified or has been cleared by security review...it cannot be given to the public unless the commander (or the commander's authorized public affairs representative) approves it for that purpose."

The directive further states that each member of the Air Force is responsible for getting the necessary review and clearance (through the base or organization public affairs office) before releasing any proposed written or spoken statement, or taking any action that involves an issue of public concern. (TAC News Service, courtesy of 23rd TFW/PA, England AFB)

Bits-n-Pieces

APPOINTMENTS:

1st Lt. Mark E. Accomazzo, 165th TRS
2nd Lt. John R. McDaniel, 8123 Stu Flt
2nd Lt. Robert E. Waller, 8123 Stu Flt
2nd Lt. Felicia Fowler Wash, 123d Tac Hosp

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Samuel H. Vogt III

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Richard E. Chenault
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Estil Garriott
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