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**Wing earns
Winston P. Wilson
Trophy**



The 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing is the winner of the 1987 National Guard Bureau's Winston P. Wilson Trophy. For more information about the award see page 3.

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Deadline for publication of articles in **The Phantom's Eye** is Friday following drill for the next UTA.

Commander's Hotline

Hours change

Caller: "I went to security police to get a new ID card. No one was there waiting in line. I was told by the people behind the counter that they cut off making ID cards on Sunday afternoons and only do line badges then. They were not doing anything...I'm a part-timer and now I have to go without a valid ID card until next drill. Why couldn't they have done it and then explained that from now on to come before Sunday afternoon?"

Caller: "After lunch, around 1 p.m., CBPO called me to come up and sign my reenlistment papers. They gave me the application for the ID card and I went to security police. They told me they couldn't give me one on Sunday afternoon. I'm a part-timer and my ID card expires before next drill...."

Reply: The wing commander's findings were that the hours of operation for issuing ID cards is well publicized in unit newsletters. These individuals went to the security police section after those publicized hours.

However, to make the section more service oriented, the new hours for issuing ID cards for base personnel will be 11 a.m. to



Brig. Gen. John L. Smith
 Wing Commander

3 p.m., on Sunday of each UTA. This should be more conducive to people on base.

Editor's Note: The Commander's Hotline can be reached by dialing on-base ext. 637. Replies will be published in the "Phantom's Eye."

Chaplain's Column

Integrity

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

In the Korean conflict an American military officer was in prison. On the night before his execution he was given an opportunity to write a final letter to his family. What would he say? What could he say with death staring him in the face?

In the midst of those lines so tenderly ad-

ressed to his wife and young son were these words: "Tell Bill the word is integrity!"

The recent fall of preachers and politicians from public service lately has raised the question of integrity for all of us to consider. Just how important is our integrity?

It is the strength of our homes, our economy, our nation as well as the strength of our personhood. Maintaining integrity is essential to self-esteem. It is the truest public indicator of our faith in God.

"The word is integrity!"

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Important Notice

It appears unlikely that funds available to the Kentucky National Guard Educational Assistance Fund will meet the demand. That means a priority system must be used for all applications.

The following priorities will be followed until all funds are spent:

1. Pay grades E-1 through E-4
2. Pay grades O-1 through O-2
3. Kentucky Military Academy Officer Candidates
4. Pay grades E-5 through E-6
5. Pay grades W-1 and W-2
6. Pay grades E-7 through E-9, W-3 and W-4, and O-3 through O-8

Group 1 applications will be honored immediately upon approval. All others will be held until the end of each term and honored as funds are available on a "first come-first served" basis.

****ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ON AGO FORM 16-7111**

Wing named top flying unit

Based on performance of war-time mission

The 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing has been selected to receive the 1987 National Guard Bureau's Winston P. Wilson Trophy.

The trophy is presented to the outstanding ANG jet fighter or reconnaissance unit based on the unit's ability to perform its war-time mission. Named for Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson, former chief of the National Guard Bureau, and last Air Force member in that position, the trophy is highly coveted by ANG flying units.

"This fine unit has consistently demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism and technical expertise," stated Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, director of Air National Guard, in his announcement letter. "Please extend my congratulations to the men and women of this fine organization. The enthusiasm, concern for mission ac-

complishment, and the dedication displayed by these professional Guardsmen are the true keys to the success of the 123d TRW."

"This is a significant achievement made possible only by a great deal of hard work, dedication to the training mission and, as General Conaway stated, the work effort of superior personnel," stated Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the adjutant general. "I share with you the pride that comes with receiving this prestigious award."

The trophy is rotated yearly to the winning units. "We are extremely proud to have been awarded this trophy," said Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander. "I feel this unit and our people truly deserve the recognition this trophy brings for a job well done."

In the unit's nomination package for the award numerous accomplishments were cited. One such accomplishment was the

unit's record of 16 consecutive inspection ratings of excellent or outstanding. The wing has also participated in various training exercises, demonstrating their war-time mission capability and their ability to survive.

The wing demonstrated their war-time readiness maintaining an exemplary flying safety record for which it received its sixth consecutive TAC flying safety plaque.

Other accomplishments include: 112 percent year-end strength; a retention rate for 1986 of 84.5 percent; the 123d Accounting and Finance Office of the Year Award for 1986; and the 123d Civil Engineering Squadron was named Outstanding ANG Civil Engineering Squadron in 1986.

Through participation in events such as the Annual Bean Soup Feast, Easter Seal Telethon, Combined Federal Campaign, Explorer Eagle Scouts, Dare to Care, March of Dimes Walk America, and aid to other civilian/military charitable organizations, the unit has made many contributions to the local community.

These have all added up to the unit's first-ever award of the Winston P. Wilson Trophy.

KyANG under new quad-deputy system

Changes in the Air National Guard Military Organization Structure established a quad-deputy system which will affect the KyANG.

Under the quad-deputy system, a deputy commander of services has been named. Lt. Col. William D. Seiber will assume the position effective Monday.

"With the implementation of the wing quad-deputy management system for the first time both the engineering and service sections will have a single focal point on the wing staff. I feel this new arrangement will provide us with many more opportunities," said Colonel Seiber. "We expect to provide the best

possible support for annual field training in Savannah, as well as other exercises, and particularly for ORE/ORI activities."

"We're really looking forward to the new things coming up in the future," he said. "I will be working closely with Col. (Joseph) Kortak and the other deputies on people related issues and programs."

Lt. Col. Edwin H. Hornung will become commander of the mission support squadron which was formerly referred to as the combat support squadron. Replacing Lieutenant Colonel Seiber as commander, 123d Civil Engineering Squadron, is Maj. Thomas J. Marks.

Under the revised military structure the DCS will include the mission support squadron, civil engineering squadron, staff judge advocate, public affairs, chaplain, and historian.

The mission support squadron will include the following: CBPO; social actions; base training; services; legal; weapons system security flight; and communications flight.



Deputy Commander Services
Lt. Col. William D. Seiber

'Investment' pays off

Distinguished career leads to Outstanding Airman of the Year

By Sgt. Jeff Sansbury
Staff Writer

Thirteen years ago, when then-Lt. Col. John B. Conaway commanded the Kentucky Air National Guard, a young airman named William T. Smith submitted a letter to the 123d TRW headquarters, "asking for a chance" to serve as full-time air technician. In 1974 the colonel approved his request, and later that year Airman Smith began a distinguished career only few have enjoyed.

"The fact that I love my job...makes all the difference in the world. It's that simple," explains now-SMSGt. William T. Smith, superintendent of the 123rd's Aircrew Life Support Section, who was honored recently as one of nine 1987 Outstanding Airmen of the Year by the Air National Guard. "There is, honestly, no other job I love more than this one."

What a difference 13 years can make.

When Sergeant Smith arrived in Washington last April, another accomplished leader from the Bluegrass State—now Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, director of the Air National Guard—wasn't surprised to find the sergeant among nine of the ANG's finest airmen.

"Here he is; this is the one I was telling you about from Louisville," a proud General Conaway told friends and dignitaries during a reception at the Pentagon. "I invested in this man a long, long time ago. Shall I say more?" For three days, Sergeant Smith and his family toured the nation's Capital.

Sergeant Smith is possibly the first Kentuckian to represent the ANG for the prestigious award. He and the other outstanding guardsmen were automatically nominated for the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year for the U.S. Air Force. Unfortunately, none of the nine were selected during the July 9 announcement.

"There are thousands and thousands of 'outstanding' airmen. And here at the Kentucky Air Guard, there are many fine people who deserve this honor," he admits. "But I'll still accept the award. I'm grateful to everyone who placed their confidence in me."

At 35, Sergeant Smith is a man of inordinate energy. You could almost say he's the person the Air Force had in mind when it wrote AFR 35-10. Standing at nearly 6-foot-2, the crisp, neatly pressed Guard veteran is exemplary almost to a fault.

"I love it here. The job makes me feel comfortable," he says. "When you feel that way, it's easy to stay confident."

Sergeant Smith received Outstanding ratings on the last three 12th Air Force IG

Inspections and was asked to serve with them in the absence of an assigned team member. He conducted a joint services water survival training exercise with the Army Reserve and the U.S. Coast Guard, and has conducted several unit-level survival training exercises here.

As part of a larger project, Sergeant Smith worked with engineers at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio on the development of the B-1 Bomber ejection seat restraint system. He also was asked to make staff assistance visits to other units in preparation for inspections, and to develop new programs and revise old ones. The Louisville native was credited with developing a local program to decontaminate chemical warfare defense equipment.

The 123rd TRW's decision to nominate Sergeant Smith for the ANG award was also based on his deep community involvement. He is an active member of St. Bernard Catholic Church; an assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 346; a frequent lecturer to a variety of neighborhood associations; and his most proud affiliation, the Fern Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

Unselfishly, he credits his drive and success to other Kentucky Air Guardsmen, both officers and subordinates. His commanders, he says, have allowed his shop to work independently to achieve such high merit. "But only if we're good," asserts Sergeant Smith, "and we are good. That I assure you."

Sergeant Smith's most gratifying experience came in 1983, when a rare accident caused great loss to the Kentucky Air Guard.

During a routine training mission near the Tennessee-North Carolina border, an RF-4C aircraft from Standiford Field caught fire and threatened the life of its crew. Capt. Mike Sams, the pilot, successfully ejected and parachuted to a forest. His weapons systems officer, Lt. Mike Bell, wasn't so lucky. Because of fire damage, the lieutenant's canopy failed to release, trapping him inside the descending aircraft.

With only seconds to react, the officer remembered an alternate method of escape taught by Sergeant Smith.

"When that tragedy occurred, it affected us all," remembers Sergeant Smith. "It really sticks in your throat."

The rescued crewmen were returned to Standiford Field where, not surprisingly, the Life Support team was there to investigate. An injured and obviously shaken Lieutenant Bell gave Sergeant Smith the first hug of relief, and then credited him for saving his life.



SMSGt. William T. Smith

"He said to me then, I remembered what you told me, Bill, and it worked. It saved my life for sure. You're the one."

Credit is nothing new to Sergeant Smith. In 1977 he was named Kentucky's Outstanding Enlisted Air Guardsmen of the Year, and in 1973 he was named Honor Graduate of the Protective Equipment Specialist School, the place where it all began. He is also being submitted for the Meritorious Service Medal, by Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander.

He's not sure if he'll return to Washington or meet with the nation's VIPs again, but in anticipation of coming episodes, Sergeant Smith spends most days in a small Base Operations shop studying and building and teaching. He is an airman at peace.

"You have to keep at it — just keep at it," reminds Sergeant Smith. "The fun part, the rewarding part, is making it count."

Air Force Academy Guardsmen may be eligible

Some members of the KyANG may be eligible to apply for the United States Air Force Academy.

A block of appointment vacancies in the academy is specifically allocated for nominations from the Guard and Reserve. Applications are open to any enlisted ANG member or any ANG officer who has completed one year of service in an active status by 1 July of the year in which admission is sought.

General guidance, criteria, and procedures are contained in "Instructions to Applicants" for the appropriate class year. ANG members who desire an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School prior to entering the Academy may apply in accordance with AFR 53-14.

Basic eligibility requirements for the

USAFA and USAFAPS include:

a. Age minimum - 17. Age maximum - have not passed 22nd birthday on 1 July of year entering the Academy; have not passed 21st birthday by 1 July of year entering USAFAPS.

b. U.S. Citizenship

c. Must be of highest moral character

d. Must be unmarried

e. Must have no legal obligation to support a child or children

f. Must be physically qualified; must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test, or the American College of Testing Program Test; must take the Candidate Fitness Test

ANG members must make their desire known to enter the USAFA or the USAFAPS by completing AF Form 1786

and attaching a high school transcript and transcript of any college credits and submitting it through the immediate commander. The commander will then provide an endorsement.

Local USAFA liaison officers who are also members of the KyANG are: Col. Dwight Pounds; Maj. Gary Logan; Maj. Robert Cannon; Capt. Bruce Dunton; and Capt. Mitchell Perry.

National Guard Bureau point of contact for assistance is Maj. Luke, NGB/MPP, Autovon 225-1068. Additional information concerning the USAFA and USAFAPS is contained in the USAFA bulletin. Write to the Admissions Office, USAFA/RRS, USAF Academy, Colorado 80840-5651.

Mentors sought to counsel youth

Members of the KyANG are being sought to assist in the Career Beginning Program at Bellarmine College and the University of Louisville.

Volunteers are needed for the Mentors Program which is a part of Career Beginnings. They will serve for one year as a mentor to a youth from a disadvantaged background, ac-

ording to Capt. Dennis Ellis, social actions office. This program is sponsored by the Louisville Urban League.

The program will include a maximum of 125 students from both colleges. The mentors will serve as educational and informational resources, and will provide personal support to students participating. Through regular meetings with the students, mentors

will serve as a source of information regarding college options and/or career possibilities.

Persons interested in assisting in this program may contact the Social Actions Office at ext. 509, or Captain Ellis during the week at 562-6700. Those selected as mentors will be assigned a youth around August.

Cross-training opportunities available

By Maj. Jeff Butcher
Public Affairs Officer

The addition of 56 new openings in the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron is presenting numerous cross-training opportunities, according to MSgt. Peggy Kottak, base career advisor.

"We have had seven people already request transfers," Sergeant Kottak said. New positions consist of the following Air Force Speciality Codes: 553XX engineer assist; 555XX production control; 645XX supply;

552XX structural; 552X5 plumber; 545X0 refrig-AC; 545X1 liquid fuels; 545X2 heating; 542X0 internal electric; 542X1 external electric; 542X2 power production; 566X1 water-waste; and 566X0 entomology. The unit also has several officer positions. Persons who have, or are seeking an engineering degree should contact the recruiting office.

Cross training begins with the base career advisors office. Sergeant Kottak and SSgt. Roy Dennison, review an individual's civilian

job experience, their physical and mental profiles, plus AFSC technical school requirements. The technical school attendance is desirable, however it will depend on the 123d CES commander's discretion and whether or not a person can score satisfactorily on the AFSC by-pass test.

Meanwhile, the anticipated increases for the base hospital are on hold reports, Lt. Col. Verna Fairchild, 123rd Tac Hosp commander. The hospital still has a need for one optometrist and 5 other medical doctors.

Student Loan repayments

Guardsmen who enlisted/reenlisted in a Bonus Qualified AFSC, may be eligible for repayment of their Guaranteed Student Loan(s). Loans are repaid at the rate of \$500 or 15% of the unpaid balance each year on the anniversary of the enlistment.

By Lt. Col. Verna Fairchild
Hospital Commander

The Air Force has established the goal of decreasing smoking among it's members by 10 percent over the next two years. The 123d Tac Hospital strongly supports this goal.

Smoking is defined as the use of any

If you have a Guaranteed Student Loan and have enlisted/reenlisted in a bonus AFSC in the last 4 years and would like to know if you qualify for enrollment in the program — contact the Base Career Advisor's Office, O&T Building, Room 132, ext. 604.

tobacco product more than twice a week.

We would like to help those of you who would like to stop smoking. Our physicians can prescribe Nicorette Gum to those who qualify. Referrals can be made to community programs on "Stop Smoking."

Let us help you to **STOP SMOKING!** See us today for further information.

Hospital helps decrease smoking

Savannah Notes

Items to pack

By Lt. Col. Jacquelyn Reid
Environmental Health

The following is a public service announcement brought to you by the 123d Tactical Hospital:

When packing for the trip to Savannah for annual field training, you'll pack fatigues and blues, and other essentials such as shampoo,

toothpaste, toothbrush and razor. You'll also probably pack some clothes for off-duty hours.

To ensure you have everything you need the hospital staff suggests you also pack: sun screen lotion, insect repellent, prescription medications, aspirin or tylenol and other remedies you may frequently use.

Have a healthy summer camp.

Explosive safety

By SMSgt. Paul Bell
NCOIC Explosive Safety

A touchy situation.

With the exercises planned for Annual Field Training, personnel should consider the following situation.

You're walking on base and notice a

strange object lying in the grass. You assume it's a UXO — unexploded ordnance. What would you do now?

You should notify the security police and base munition maintenance personnel and familiarize yourself with Base Regulation 127-100.

But do not touch it!

KyANG Club Information

LOCATION: Building 298

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): Class "A" (912) 964-7750 EXT. 345
Public Pay Phone also available.

HOURS OF OPERATION: FIRST WEEK (1 AUG - 7 AUG)

SATURDAY	1300 - 2400
SUNDAY	1300 - 2200
MONDAY	1600 - 2200
TUESDAY	1600 - 2200
WEDNESDAY	1600 - 2400
THURSDAY	1600 - 2400
FRIDAY	1600 - 2400

SECOND WEEK (8 AUG - 12 AUG)

SATURDAY	1300 - 2400
SUNDAY	1300 - 2400
MONDAY	1600 - 2400
TUESDAY	1600 - 2400
WEDNESDAY	1600 - 2400

SNACK LINE HOURS OF OPERATION: The kitchen will be serving sandwiches and snack items. The kitchen will close one (1) hour before the bar except on the first Monday and Tuesday (1600-2200). It will close fifteen (15) minutes before the bar on those two days.

PACKAGE SALES: The Class VI store at Travis Field is permanently closed. The KYANG Club will not be selling packaged alcohol products.

CHECK CASHING: Due to the limited amount of available cash, check cashing will be extremely limited. If funds are available to cash a check, the individual must have a current club card. KYANG Club cards will be for sale at AFT, price \$4.00.

COIN OPERATED MACHINES: All coin operated machines in the club are owned and operated by the Permanent Field Training Site (PFTS). All requests for refunds will be the responsibility of the PFTS.

ANY CHANGES TO CLUB OPERATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLUB DOOR.

