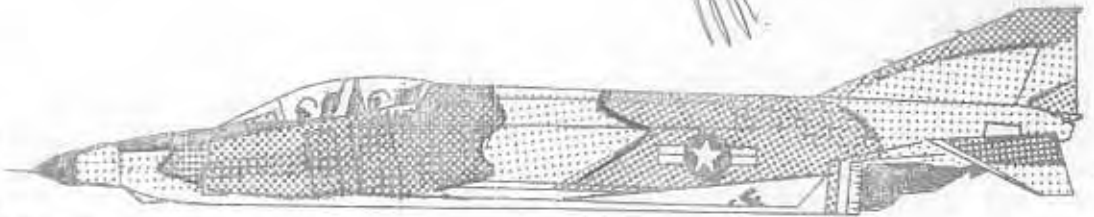




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**OPEN HOUSE SEPT 14:** More than 30 different kinds of U.S. military aircraft will be on display here Sunday, Sept 14, during Open House \*80. The public is invited to come to this base from 1 - 5 p.m. to enjoy the show. At this morning's Commander's Call, Brig. Gen. William Gast requested anyone in the unit who would like to volunteer to help to sign up with State Staff in Room 120 of the O&T building. A meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7, during the next unit drill weekend to brief the volunteers on what they can do Sept. 14.

**LEADING THE PARADE:** The headliners at the Open House (depending on your own interests, of course) would be the C-5A Galaxy and the F-15 Eagle. Gen. Gast has estimated that we will entertain some 20,000 people here Sept. 14. Last year at least 12,000 visitors paraded through the Air Guard Base --the largest crowd ever to attend an event here. Many unit members had an enjoyable afternoon with their families viewing the exhibits and displays.

**REV. TOMMY SMITH, NEW KYANG CHAPLIN:** Rev. Tommy Smith, pastor of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Shepherdsville, Kentucky was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Kentucky Air National Guard on Friday, July 11, 1980. In so doing he became the spiritual leader of the 1000 person unit. The position is also an appointment by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. Smith graduated from the Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas with a B.A. in Religion in 1975 and received a Master of Divinity Degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1978. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Smith of Lonoke, Arkansas. Rev. Smith's duties as Wing Chaplain are an extension of the preaching and pastoral duties of his current congregation at Cedar Grove Baptist Church. His first official act as a newly commissioned officer and chaplain was to preside over the dedication of the newly remodeled unit chapel. "I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead of me. Fortunately I have the whole hearted support of my family and congregation," said Rev. Smith. His wife, Margaret and son, John Thomas, age 2, witnessed the swearing in ceremony.

KENTUCKY ADDS ANOTHER VOICE IN WASHINGTON: Brig. General William P. Gast, Chief of Staff, Hq Ky ANG has recently been appointed to the Air Reserve Forces Policy Committee. This committee meets semi-annually and makes recommendations to Congress on all the vital issues effecting Air Guardsmen and Air Reservist. Gen. Gast's appointment is for a one year term. The committee consists of 10 Major Generals: 3 each for the Air Guard and Regular Air Force and 4 from the Air Reserves, 5 Brigadier Generals: two each from the Air Guard and regulars and one from the Air Reserves. A regular Air Force colonel acts as Executive Secretary.

DINING-IN VIII: Officers and warrant officers of the Kentucky Army/Air National Guard are invited to Dining-In VIII at the Ramada Inn at I-64 and Hurstbourne Lane, September 13, 1980, starting at 6 p.m. The annual event is to formally welcome new officers with an evening of sociability. Dress will be Air Force Mess Uniform or Army Dress Blues. Officers and warrant officers are highly encouraged to attend, according to Capt. Liesa M. Roelke, project chairman.

"The cost of the formal dinner is \$16 and includes dinner, wines, and tips," Capt. Roelke said, "and checks or money orders payable to the Officers Open Mess should be received no later than September 1." Capt. Roelke's address is 123d Res.Mgt. Sq./LGSP, Standiford Field (ANG), Louisville, KY 40213.

A block of 50 rooms has been reserved at the Inn. The cost is \$28 for single and \$32 for double. Reservations may be made by telephone (502-491-4830) before August 30.

AFOUA CITATION : For any of you who missed it, this is the text of the citation accompanying the award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to the 123d: "The 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Kentucky Air National Guard, Tactical Air Command, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 1 November 1976 to 30 October 1978. During this period, the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing and other/subordinate units provided significant and meritorious CONUS and OCONUS service to the United States. The outstanding knowledge and professional skills of unit members resulted in efficient, effective, and proven capability and outstanding service to the United States. This service directly contributed to the effectiveness of the Total Force Policy. Members of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing and other/subordinate units, by their demonstrated professionalism and dedication, reflect great credit on themselves, the Kentucky Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force."

HIGH WINDS DAMAGE BASE: At 5:05 a.m. this morning an intense storm cell passed over Standiford Field. Winds were reported at 55 knots, but the winds produced on the Air National Guard side of the base were clearly much stronger. Substantial damage was caused to the base fire house. About one third of the concrete roof was blown off and most of the guttering around the building was destroyed. The communications antenna behind the fire house was toppled and a number of trees along the road on the south side of the base were blown down or lost substantial limbs. In addition the base lost all power. Fortunately, all 5 auxiliary power generators proved operational and most buildings had lights in time for the 8 a.m. Commander's Call. Two aircraft were also blown around, the DC-4 destined for the KyANG Museum parked across the field and our C-131 in front of the fire house were moved but undamaged. Base civil engineers are proceeding with the clean up operation.

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION NEWS: The Enlisted Association is in the process of obtaining Hertz rent-a-car worldwide discount cards for members. The card entitles members to 50% discounts subject to Hertz's rules printed on the back of the card. The cards will be distributed as soon as we receive them.

The Association's annual conference will be held in Frankfort, KY on Oct 24 and 25, Friday night, the 24th, will be the president's reception, with the general business meeting on Saturday and a dinner and dance Saturday night. Reservation forms have been mailed to members and more are available from Bob Denton, phone class A - 466.

Check your membership card, it is renewal time again for the year starting July 1.

STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT: Volunteer workers are being sought to assist our recruiters at the Kentucky State Fair. The Fair is being held August 7-16. TSgt Rick Kitchen of the recruiting office is soliciting workers for all shifts to work both outside, where the RF-101 will be on static display along with the flight simulation and inside the east wing where the KYANG will have its own booth. Volunteers should stop by the recruiting office in the O&T building or call on-base 422.

AIR-WAR COLLEGE: An Air-War College study group is being formed for the Louisville area for this fall. Majors with two years in grade and above are invited to join. For more information contact Col. Constantine Collis at home (502-895-1954) or at work (502-935-7331, ext. 261). The size of the group is limited, so apply early.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Awards presented during the July Unit Training Assembly included Air Force Commendation Medals to Lt. Col. Norris Delph, Lt. Col. Robert O. Williams, Capt. Edward W. Tonini, Capt. Stewart W. Ray, TSgt James F. Salley, Jr. and SSgt Dave L. Caraway. The Kentucky Commendation Ribbon was presented to TSgt Robert L. Jordan, and Kentucky Distinguished Service Medals went to SMSgt James R. Rogge, MSgt Ken L. Franklin and TSgt James Everett.

WILLS READY: If you are one of the 50 or so people who requested a last will and testament be drawn up by the base legal office during a recent mobility exercise, chances are it's ready to be picked up. Please call on-base 578 before you stop by the office to make sure your will is one of those that has been completed.

PHANTOM II T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE: A new style Phantom II Kentucky Air National Guard T-shirt is now available. Capt. Larry Zettwock of the 165th TRS reports that all sizes are currently in stock and available immediately.

TOP MAINTENANCE MAN NAMED: The 123rd CAM Squadron has named its top maintenance man for the second quarter of 1980. He is Sgt. Anthony Fry Jr., Sergeant Fry's work during this period serves as a model to all the personnel of the squadron.

USAF SENIOR NCO ACADEMY DATES ANNOUNCED: The USAF Senior NCO Academy, Gunter AFB, Alabama, is the highest level of Air Force NCO professional military education. Senior and Chief Master Sergeants are eligible. They must have at least three years of retainability from graduation date, a secret clearance, meet established weight requirements and have the recommendation of their immediate commander. Class dates of 9 weeks duration are: Class 81-A (Oct 21 - Dec 18, 1980); Class 81-B (Jan 6 - Mar 5, 1981); Class 81-C (Mar 17 - May 14, 1981); Class 81-D (May 27 - July 23, 1981) and Class 81-E (Aug 11 - Oct 8, 1981).

DINNER ON THE GROUNDS: The traditional "...Good time was had by all" was never more true than when the 123d TRW sponsored a Sunday afternoon picnic at the July Unit Training Assembly. The menu featured steak and the KYANG Club provided the beer as the Wing celebrated the successful completion of an Operational Readiness Inspection.

CANOE TRIP: 1Lt Glenn Adair invites anyone interested in a canoe trip in the Brookville, Indiana area to call him at 566-9419 for more details. A \$2.00 deposit is required and the 21-mile trip will cost \$17.00 per canoe. The trip starts at 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 10. Canoes, paddles, life jackets and pick-up will be provided.

UNIT STRENGTH 93.3%: The latest strength statistics show that the unit is authorized 1058 officers and enlisted men and we have currently 987. Chances are that you know one of those 72 individuals out there that will make us 100%. Take it upon yourself to bring your candidate to a recruiter.



RAPID DEPLOYMENT FORCE:  
You'll know its members by this distinctive patch, which features the five aircraft used by the new TAC force.



AG STRESSES RECRUITING AND RETENTION: The Adjutant General voiced great concern to ANG officers and senior NCOs that "we're losing alot of people we shouldn't be losing." "We must address this serious problem before it affects our readiness," Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman stated July 12 in the Base Chapel. Further persommel loses could bring about potential reorganization which would be reflected in budget restraints and reflected in the amount of technicians that are assigned here, he explained. "Recruitment is everyone's responsibility," the Adjutant General emphasized. "We have to keep in mind that the recruiters are not the ones to keep us at full strength. It's a partnership operation all the way down the line."

In urging senior NCOs (E-8 and E-9) and the officer corps to get more involved in the recruitment effort, he pointed out, "If you recruit, your people will recruit." He later expressed his extreme gratitude for the outstanding job that KyANG has been doing for the image of the Ky Guard program as typified by the unusually high ORI ratings, the experiences at Red Flag and other exercises and for receiving the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

SAFETY OFFICE BEGINS BUCKLE UP CAMPAIGN: The Wing Safety Office has begun a base-wide campaign encouraging use of seat belts and shoulder harnesses. Check with your orderly room for litter bags which were printed to say "Buckle Up! Good Buddy."

SECURITY POLICE/SAFETY NOTE: Parking your car on Grade Lane is a hazard to both your car and those attempting to negotiate two way traffic. Tractor trailers carrying JP-4 jet fuel make deliveries during UIA's and Grade Lane just wasn't designed for that kind of congestion. You also risk the chance of being towed to the city tow-in lot. Get your parking sticker and park in the designated lots.

FOR SALE: Smith & Wesson Model 27, six inch pistol. It is unfired and in a mahogany presentation case. Retail cost is \$389.00, but MSgt Abell in the 123 TAC Hospital must sacrifice in order to pay the expenses of a new baby. Make him an offer at on-base 516.