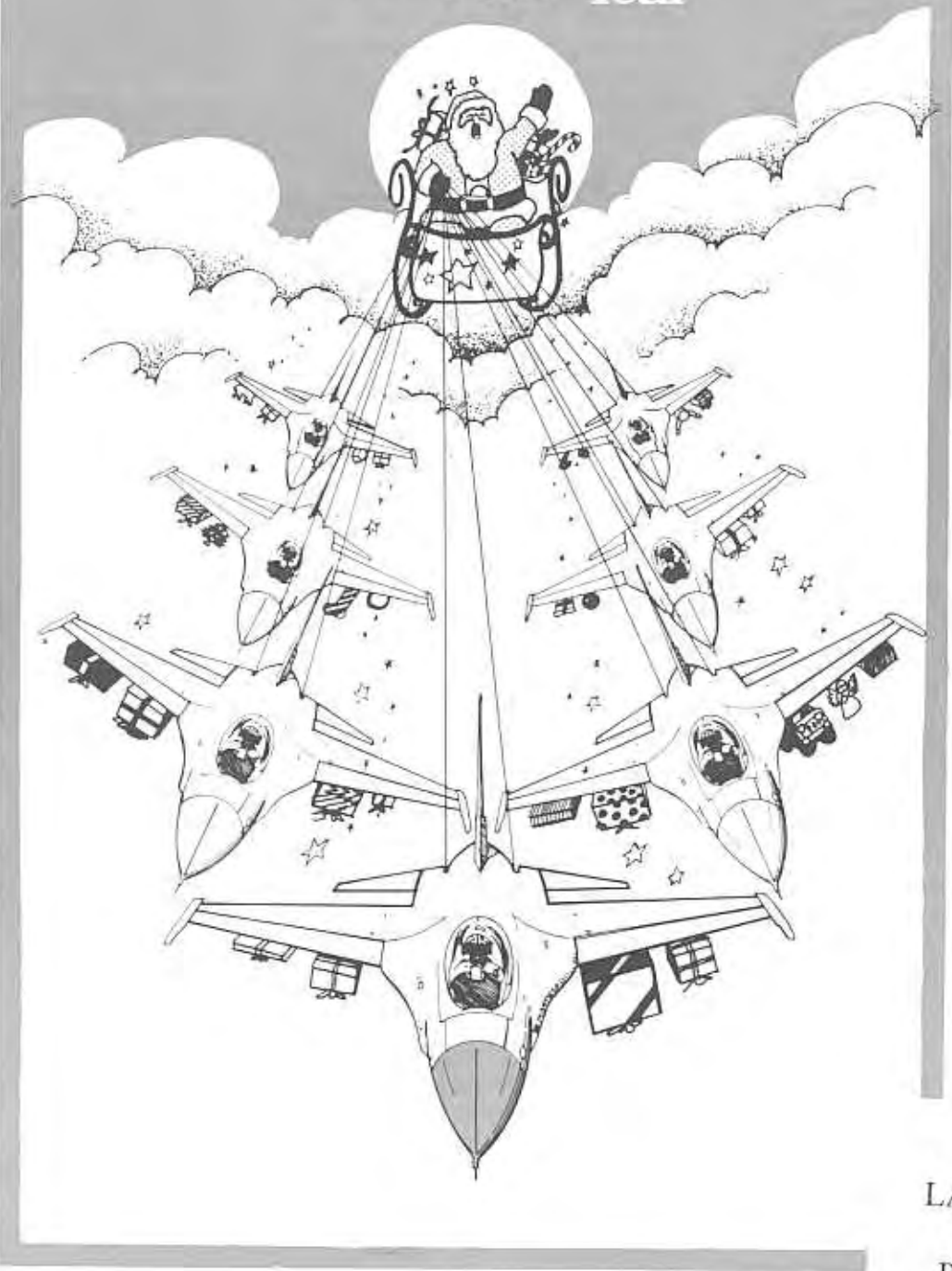


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Happy New Year*



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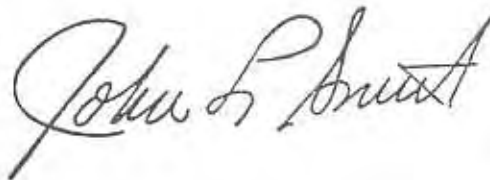
Holiday Greetings

This past year has at times been a very hectic and traumatic period for us in the KyANG, but now the holidays are upon us -- Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's Day. This is a time for celebration. Although individual methods of marking the season may vary, for all it is a time of sharing and of hope.

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a joyous and blessed holiday season. I am looking forward to the challenges the New Year brings us

and I am certain each of you will do your best to ensure the KyANG meets those challenges, putting us once again on the top.

Glod bless all of you and your families.




Brig. Gen. John L. Smith
Wing Commander

Christmas Safety Tip

Keep tree and other Christmas greenery away from heaters, radiators and fireplaces.



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Chaplain's Column

Season of giving

Dare to Care

By Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Curry

Christmas is the season for giving. God have His greatest gift to us, "His only Son," on that first Christmas morning. Today we express our love for family and friends by exchanging gifts. Let us not neglect those who have no things to give. The truly needy of our community need our abundance of food for their empty cupboards.

"Dare to Care" is a non-profit emergency food pantry for the poor and hungry of the Louisville area. Your generous support for this worthy project will relieve the hunger of many people.

Bring your contributions of non-perishable can goods, dehydrated foods, dried noodles, rice, etc., to the December drill. Collection boxes are



Chaplain Thomas Curry

located in the O&T Building, the Snack Bar, and the Chapel.

Show your concern by giving generously again this year, and have a very Merry Christmas.

Dare to Care!

Emergency food and foodbank programs



KyANG hosts national conference



600 Guests welcomed

The Kentucky Air National Guard, host of the 1988 Air National Guard Senior Commanders' Conference Nov. 14 to 17, welcomed more than 600 commanders, staff and special guests representing each state and territory.

The conference theme, "Today's Air National Guard: Ready, Willing and Able," was brought to life by the hundreds of Kentucky Guardsmen who made the conference a success. Throughout the conference and on the day of departure, conferees openly stated how professionally the conference was handled and that it was the best conference ever.

"The men and women of the Kentucky Air National Guard met the challenge of the conference in the fashion and spirit for which we are noted -- quality performance through professional team work," said Col. Joseph L. Kottak, vice wing commander and conference project officer. "I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the conference workers for their superb performance and the acclaim received from Brigadier

General Killey for a job well done."

Brig. Gen. Philip G. Killey, newly appointed Director of the Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau, was the conference chairman. Approximately 254 general officers were in attendance. Using this year's theme, the attendees focused on such topics as budgetary measures, engineering projections, manpower and personnel needs, logistical support, weaponry inventory additions, communications and war-time mobility procedures, evaluating the Air Guard's role in the Total Force.

Special guests included Lt. Gen. Herbert A. Temple, Chief of the National Guard; Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, Vice Chief, NGB and former 123d TRW wing commander; Gen. John T. Chain, commander Strategic Air Command; and Astronaut (Lt.Col.) John M. "Mike" Lounge, Texas ANG and Discovery shuttle crew member.

The four day, in-depth review and discussion was held at the Galt House East Hotel in downtown Louisville. The 1989 conference will be held in Reno, Nev.

'The Cargo Courier'

Name selected for wing newspaper

By TSgt. Jenny Montgomery
Editor

As of January 1, the wing newspaper will be re-named "The Cargo Courier." This name was selected from the 193 entries received in the Name the Newspaper Contest (several names were entered more than once).

The winning name was submitted by: Capt. Teresa Harden, 123d RMS; 1stLt Johnny Jones, 165th TRS; MSgt. Edward Sachleben, 123d CAM; and TSgt. Larry Brannin, 123d MSF. Each of these individuals will receive an RF-4 ride.

The number of people who participated in the contest was a complete surprise to the public affairs staff.

Forty seven KyANG members all vied for the chance to re-name the wing newspaper and most of them were anxiously attempting to win the RF-4 ride.

More than five type-written pages of entries (without the individual's name listed) were examined by a board of officers selected by Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander. Ten names were selected and given to a board of enlisted members, representatives of the base population, who selected the final name.

Ann Joseph P. Knight, 123d CAM, submitted the most entries with 21 different suggestions for the new name. Every one of those names used the word Hercules or a derivative of the word. TSgt. James V. McKenzie, 123d CAM, came next with 18 entries. His suggestions included two Kentucky rival schools: C.A.T.S. (Cargo Air Trans. Service) Eye and C.A.R.D.S (Cargo Air Rapid Deployment Sq) Eye.

Some of the more interesting entries were:

Pallet Pleasure

The 130 Release

The "Prop"er News

Volant Voice (volant from Latin "to move by air")

Prop Verses

Prop-A-Ganda
Packmule Express
The Eye of the Herc
Herky's Monthly
The Drop Zone
The Prop Wash
The Herky Bird Droppings
Herky's Hillbilly's
Hippo Express
Pegasus News
Propeller Poop
The Big Bird's World
The MAC Attack
The Herky Matters
As The Prop Turns
The Prop Wash Journal
The Web Seat Journal

The newspaper staff and General Smith would like to thank everyone who took the time and effort to get their creative juices flowing and enter this contest. The wing newspaper belongs to each of you.

Next month look for the first issue of "The Cargo Courier" on your newspaper stand!

READINESS CHALLENGE

The ultimate test of Prime BEEF and Prime RIBS skills

By TSgt. Jenny Montgomery
Editor

For professional football teams it's the Super Bowl, for college basketball teams it's the NCAA. And for Prime BEEF and Prime RIBS teams it's Readiness Challenge -- the ultimate test of their abilities.

Readiness Challenge is an Air Force competition designed to test the war-time contingency skills of Air Force engineers, fire fighting and services members. Fifty members of the 123d Civil Engineering Squadron and the 123d Mission Support Squadron, services section, are training for this worldwide meet. Eventually that number will be cut to 20, plus six support personnel, for the competition at Eglin AFB, Fla., May 7 through 13.

The acronyms Prime BEEF and Prime RIBS stand for Base Engineer Emergency Force and Readiness in Base Services.

The KyANG units will be representing the Air National Guard, vying for the number one spot against teams from the Air Force major commands. Teams will participate in 20 events, testing not only their craftsmen skills, but their physical stamina.

One of the first events will be a one-mile obstacle course, made even more difficult because of the 150 pound dummy that has to be carried on a litter. Teams are also tested on their ability to operate a dozer, a P-19 firefighting truck, immersion heaters, M2-A burners and much more. Speed and accuracy both play a role in the competition.

Training and getting people to work together as a group are the most important things, said SMSgt. Richard Wilson, KyANG command representative for the competition. "People are really motivated. We stand a good chance in this competition."

Events are broken down by AFSCs and "wild cards," explained 1stLt Phillip Howard, OIC of the Readiness Challenge team. Some events require the



KyANG Photo by SrA Dennis Robinson

Readiness Challenge competitors practice setting up a tent within a specified time frame.

Prime BEEF and Prime RIBS personnel to work together, other events are broken down separately. "The Prime RIBS team has five events by themselves," said Lieutenant Howard. "Most people are only in three or four events. The Prime RIBS events play an important part in the competition." Four members from the services area will be on the KyANG team.

As command representative, Sergeant Wilson serves as a liaison between the National Guard Bureau and the team, ensuring the monies, billeting and equipment needed are available. He will also serve as an arbitrator during the competition.

A great deal of effort and time goes into preparing for Readiness Challenge, said Lieutenant Howard. Some of the people helping organize the effort are MSgt. James T. O'Mahoney, team NCOIC; MSgt. John Logsdon, team coach; MSgt. Gary Kelton, team first sergeant; and SMSgt. Donald Durham, chief of support.

The team has almost nine months to prepare for this match, spending many extra hours and weekends perfecting their skills. The following is a list of the 50 members training for Readiness Challenge. The final cut will be made in April, according to Lieutenant Howard.

Sgt. Randall Basham
SrA James Berger

TSgt. Danny Brooks
SSgt. Jerome Brown
TSgt. William Buck
SSgt. Bruce Byron
SrA Michael Coryell
SSgt. Timothy Cox
MSgt. William Crutcher
SrA William Cummins
SMSgt. Donald Durham
TSgt. Patrick Fields
TSgt. John Forbis
AIC Randall Ford
SSgt. Lawrence Froman
SSgt. Ronald Garretson
Sgt. John Green
SSgt. James Guyton
SrA Robert Hatfield
TSgt. Anthony Hettinger
1stLt Phillip Howard
SSgt. Michael Jones
MSgt. Gary Kelton
SSgt. Rodger Kelty
MSgt. John Logsdon
TSgt. Ralph Lowery
Sgt. Mark Lyons
Maj. Thomas Marks
SSgt. Randy Maynard
TSgt. Wayne Merideth
1stLt Judy Mitro
MSgt. James O'Mahoney
TSgt. Dominic Palumbo
Sgt. Steven Peters
MSgt. William Pierson
Sgt. Louis Quaack
SSgt. Walter Rich
SSgt. Robert Richardson
AIC Danny Skaggs
MSgt. Russell Slinger
SrA Patricia Smith
Sgt. Everett Timberlake
MSgt. Larry Walker
SSgt. Joseph Wilkerson
SMSgt. Richard Wilson
Sgt. Robert Wright

Final RF-4 days

Last phase inspection

By SSgt. Jeff Sansbury and
TSgt. Jenny Montgomery
Public Affairs Office

SMSgt. Melvin Davis appeared lonely as the RF-4 Phantom Jet, Tail Number 1067 unfolded her wings and rolled out of the inspection dock in the Kentucky Air National Guard maintenance hangar.

Before leaving, Sergeant Davis smiled as he gave the aircraft her final pat on the back. "It was a sad smile, just the same," he admitted.

Sept. 30 was the last inspection for Phantom 1067, and the last for any of Kentucky's RF-4C aircraft. Beginning next month, the 123d TRW will turn over its wing of reconnaissance jets for the C-130B transport planes. Several C-130 aircraft are already on station, being used as maintenance trainers.

"It'll take some getting use to," said Sergeant Davis, hangar chief. "We'll miss the old guys."

After every 100 flying hours, the Phantoms have rotated through the hangar for a safety inspection, piece by piece, for corrections, modifications and a final comprehensive report. The inspection crews check flight controls for operation, landing gear systems and ejection systems operation. Nine enlisted men comprise the aircraft phase inspection team, which is made up of ANG technicians of the 123d CAM Squadron. On UTA weekends, an additional four members are added.

That's all in the past, however.

It was the KyANG's final step in the jet age -- now, the unit will be looking back a bit and returning to an era of turbo-prop aircraft for the first time in about 30 years. Most crew chiefs agree that the newly acquired C-130Bs are less complicated and allow more room to work in and inspect.

The hangar can hold up to six Phantom aircraft. But, now, not even a single C-130B could force its way into the structure. Not until the KyANG modifies its hangar will the 123d CAM Squadron enjoy working indoors.

Over the next year, the new 123d Tactical Airlift Wing will slowly acquire full-house of eight C-130Bs. Training instructors from Little Rock, Arkansas are here to train maintenance members on their new jobs.



KyANG Photo by SSgt. Jeff Sansbury

The last inspection crew: SMSgt. Melvin Davis, on ladder, and from left TSgt. David Stoffregen, SSgt. Anthony Norris, MSgt. James Mack and SSgt. Wilfredo Olivojimenez.

Last photo processing

Two days prior to the last inspection of RF-4C-1067, the Photographic Processing Interpretation Facility processed its last roll of aerial film. At 2:51 on Sept. 28, film from aircraft RF-4C-841 was processed. The aircraft which flew the mission was piloted by Capt. Samuel H. Vogt III and the weapons systems officer was 1st Lt Jeffrey C. Rogers.

Also involved in this historic event were TSgt. Charles Smith Jr., and Sgt. William M. Ray, 123d CAM, the sensor maintenance crew who downloaded the film. Sgt. David Nichter was the photo processor and AIC Patrick J. Maloney was the imagery interpreter.

"A very long and successful era has finally come to an end for the 165th TRS. This squadron has had the record of being the finest in the history of the United States Air Force. I'm sure that every man and woman connected with the 165th TRS will surely miss the

challenges of the past, but it is time to look toward the future and the challenge of the C-130 mission," stated MSgt. Charles E. Amsler Jr., NCOIC PPIF, in a letter documenting the final processing.

'Finals' in many areas

Many more "finals" are occurring all around the Kentucky Air National Guard Base. But even though the unit is coming to an end of its reconnaissance reign -- more than 30 years worth -- it faces many challenges ahead. Not only is the unit converting to the tactical airlift mission it is the first ANG unit to have a Combat Control Team and one of only three ANG units to have a NATO Airbase Satellite Communications unit. Tactical airlift also means the creation of an acroport squadron, new to the KyANG. Although there will be many lasts in this month and next -- the KyANG has the opportunity to look forward to many new firsts.

**Reserve/National Guard
FOUR DAYS OF DRILL PAY (WEEKEND DRILL)
EFFECTIVE JAN. 1, 1989**

PAY GRADE	YEARS OF SERVICE													
	<2	2	3	4	5	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS														
O-10	761.44	788.24	788.24	788.24	788.24	818.44	818.44	863.84	863.84	916.68	916.68	948.68	948.68	1007.80
O-9	674.84	692.52	707.24	707.24	707.24	725.24	725.24	755.44	755.44	818.44	818.44	863.84	863.84	916.68
O-8	611.24	629.52	644.48	644.48	644.48	692.52	692.52	725.24	725.24	755.44	788.24	818.44	838.60	838.60
O-7	507.88	542.40	542.40	542.40	566.72	566.72	599.56	599.56	629.52	629.52	640.16	640.16	640.16	640.16
O-6	376.44	413.60	440.88	440.88	440.88	440.88	440.88	440.88	455.84	455.84	527.68	554.64	566.72	599.56
O-5	301.04	353.52	377.96	377.96	377.96	377.96	389.40	410.32	437.84	470.60	497.60	517.68	530.56	530.56
O-4	253.80	309.04	329.64	329.64	335.76	350.56	374.48	395.52	413.60	431.72	443.68	443.68	443.68	443.68
O-3	235.84	263.68	281.88	311.88	326.80	338.52	356.84	374.48	383.72	383.72	383.72	383.72	383.72	383.72
O-2	205.64	224.60	269.60	278.88	284.72	284.72	284.72	284.72	284.72	284.72	284.72	284.72	284.72	284.72
O-1	178.52	185.68	224.60	224.60	224.60	224.60	224.60	224.60	224.60	224.60	224.60	224.60	224.60	224.60
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER FOUR YEARS ACTIVE DUTY AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER														
O-3 E	0.00	0.00	0.00	311.88	326.80	338.52	356.84	374.48	389.40	389.40	389.40	389.40	389.40	389.40
O-2 E	0.00	0.00	0.00	278.88	284.72	293.72	309.04	320.84	329.64	329.64	329.64	329.64	329.64	329.64
O-1 E	0.00	0.00	0.00	224.60	239.92	248.76	257.76	266.76	278.88	278.88	278.88	278.88	278.88	278.88
WARRANT OFFICERS														
W-4	240.28	257.76	257.76	263.68	275.84	287.80	299.88	320.84	335.76	347.52	358.84	368.36	380.68	410.32
W-3	218.36	236.88	236.88	239.92	242.72	260.48	275.64	284.72	293.72	302.48	311.88	324.00	335.76	347.52
W-2	191.24	206.92	206.92	212.96	224.60	236.68	245.88	254.88	263.88	272.92	281.88	290.76	302.48	302.48
W-1	159.36	182.72	182.72	187.96	206.92	215.84	224.60	233.88	242.72	251.76	260.48	269.80	269.80	269.80
ENLISTED MEMBERS														
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	279.48	285.80	292.28	298.86	305.64	311.60	327.96	359.84
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	234.48	241.08	247.44	253.88	260.56	266.56	273.12	289.16	321.36
E-7	163.64	176.64	183.20	189.60	196.08	202.32	208.80	215.28	225.04	231.44	237.86	240.86	257.16	289.16
E-6	140.80	153.44	159.84	166.64	172.84	179.12	185.72	195.28	201.40	207.92	211.88	211.88	211.88	211.88
E-5	123.56	134.48	141.00	147.16	156.80	163.20	169.68	175.92	179.12	179.12	179.12	179.12	179.12	179.12
E-4	115.24	121.68	128.84	138.84	144.32	144.32	144.32	144.32	144.32	144.32	144.32	144.32	144.32	144.32
E-3	108.56	114.52	119.12	123.84	123.84	123.84	123.84	123.84	123.84	123.84	123.84	123.84	123.84	123.84
E-2	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48	104.48
E-1*	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20	93.20
E-1**	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16	86.16

* MORE THAN FOUR MONTHS
** LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS

NOTE—Basic pay is limited to \$638.88
by Level V of the Executive Schedule
OASD (FM&P) Aug. 22, 1988

Basic Allowance For Subsistence

OFFICERS \$119.61/MONTH

ENLISTED MEMBERS

E-1, LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS ALL OTHER ENLISTED

When on leave or authorized to mess separately: **\$5.27/DAY \$5.70/DAY**

When rations in-kind are not available: **5.95/DAY 6.44/DAY**

When assigned to duty under emergency conditions where no messing facilities of the United States are available: **7.89/DAY 8.53/DAY**

OASD (FM&P)
Jan. 1, 1989

NOTE: The pay table for basic allowance for quarters was not available at press time.

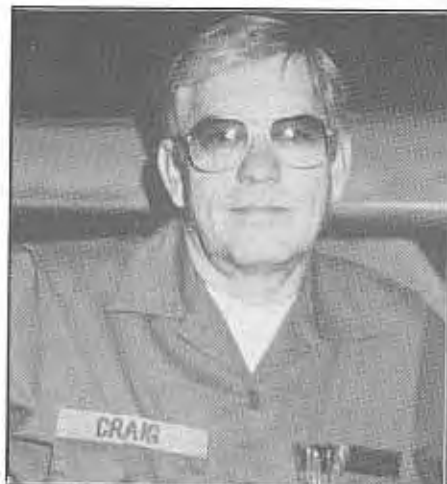
Retirements

More than 150 years military service

The following individuals are all retiring effective Dec. 31. Between them these gentlemen have more than 157 years of military service. The KyANG wishes them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.



MSgt. James E. Blanton
123d CAM
25 years and two months



MSgt. Denzil E. Craig
123d CAM
31 years and one month



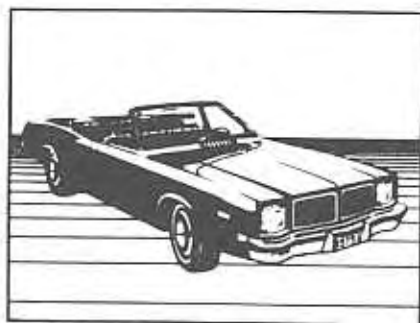
SMSgt. Marshall O. Leigh
123d CAM
31 years and 11 months



SMSgt. James B. Davis
123d CAM
34 years and 11 months



CMSgt. James R. Rogge
123d CAM
36 years and nine months





KyANG Photo by SrA Dennis Robinson

Members of the Von Spiegel Street Baptist Church Choir sang for members of the KyANG during Protestant Services, November UTA.

Secretary Aldridge resigns

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Secretary of the Air Force Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr., has submitted his resignation to President Reagan effective Dec. 16.

Mr. Aldridge has been with President Reagan's administration for almost seven and one-half years. He entered the administration in 1981 as Under Secretary of the Air Force and became Secretary in June 1986.

Maybe it's a C-130

By Col. Austin P. Snyder
Deputy Commander Maintenance

On 14 January 1966, 1st Lt Austin P. Snyder was flying a local night instrument mission in a unit equipped F-84F. He climbed to 20,000 feet and received permission from Approach Control to execute a ADF penetration and approach to runway 23 at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Ind. As he was inbound to high station, he noted a C-130 beginning an ADF penetration also. On the ADF low approach, Lt Snyder passed ahead of the C-130 and shortly thereafter executed a mission approach. The weather was 1,000 overcast, two miles visibility with tops at 7,000 feet.

At this time, Lt Snyder proceeded to a point approximately 15 miles south

of the field and started a climb to 20,000 feet to practice a TACAN penetration and approach. At 12,000 feet, the cockpit lights dimmed twice and the generator failed. Before Lt Snyder could reduce the electrical load and complete applicable emergency procedures, he had complete electrical failure.

Guard license plate

The price for the Kentucky Guard license plate has gone up this year.

The initial license plate will cost \$50 with the annual renewal costing \$2. Previously, the cost was \$25 for the plate and \$1 for renewal.

Lt Snyder took out his flashlight, placed it between his legs, and used it to complete his emergency procedures and maintain control of the aircraft. He turned in the general direction of the field, but the clouds prevented its location. At this point, without the use of navigational aids, due to complete electrical failure, and unable, because of the undercast to find the runway, he

remembered the C-130 which he had previously passed and realized that if he could again locate the transport it would be his ticket to final approach and a safe landing.

Fortunately, the C-130 driver had decided to shoot another approach. Picking up its rotating beacon, Lt Snyder was able to follow the transport in through the clouds on low approach and, finally seeing the runway lights was able to land.

"A successful landing, without engaging the barrier, was accomplished without the use of trim, flaps, speed brakes, or drag chute. Lt Snyder's ingenuity, professionalism and outstanding performance no doubt averted a serious accident. WELL DONE!" -- Tactical Air Command Well-Done Award.

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