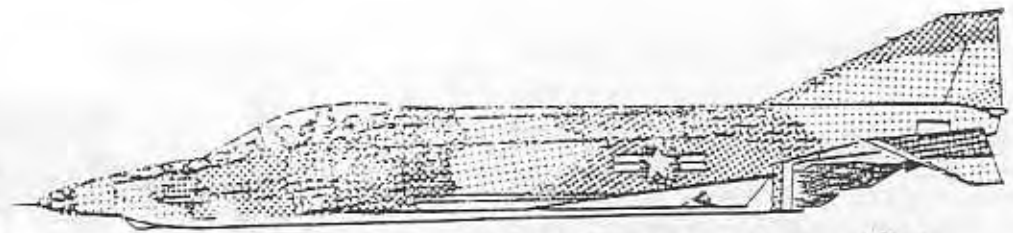




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Have a
Safe, sane
and Happy
New Year

WING COMMANDER ISSUES GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 1984...

It's time to make some New Year's resolutions and Colonel John L. Smith, 123rd TRW commander, is leading the way. "As 1984 begins I want the members of the unit to join me in establishing priorities for several specific goals and objectives which I know we can achieve this year," Colonel Smith stated.



Col. John L. Smith

KyANG CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tickets are on sale now for the 1983 Club Xmas get together. It will be held December 10th at the Iroquois American Legion Post beginning at 9 pm. There will be a dutch bar and other goodies. Tickets are \$5.00 per couple and can be purchased at the club or in the snack bar. All members are invited.

- These include the following:
1. Stan/Eval visit-Excellent
 2. MEI - OUTSTANDING
 3. Strength: 100% including all critical AFSCs
 4. Accident free flying
 5. All units: C-1 Status
 6. AF Outstanding Unit Award
 7. ANG Distinguished Flying Unit
 8. Winston P. Wilson Trophy

"All of these goals are realistic and obtainable," Colonel Smith maintains. The key ingredients are teamwork and continuation of what we have been doing so well for the last few years. This year will be our most challenging one to date and I know we are up to it."

COMING ATTRACTIONS: To Commander's Call near you, Air Force Now-Coronet Bishop...staring the Ky ANG. Look for it in Jan.

TWO STARS, YOU CAN PUT IT IN THE RECORD BOOKS: Brig. Gen. Carl D. Black has become the third blue suiter in Kentucky Air Guard history to pin on his second star. The promotion was effective November 22. The new major general joins an elite group of individuals which includes MGen Richard L. Frymire, former Kentucky Adjutant General and MGen John B. Conaway, current director of the Air National Guard. Congratulations General.



NEW VICE COMMANDER TALKS OF GOALS

The 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing's new vice commander intends to maintain close contact with other part-timers "to make sure their voices are heard."

Lt. Col. Donald J. Ryan, who took on his new duties Saturday, said he will also work to maintain and exceed the wing's present level of excellence. He'll do that by working closely with the wing commander, Col. John L. Smith, and "supporting his policies and programs."

Smith's staff meeting announcement of Ryan's appointment came as no surprise, the lieutenant colonel said. "I'd been interviewed by him, and he'd offered me the job earlier in the week."

The offer "very definitely" pleased him, Ryan said. In fact, he's enjoyed every job in his 13½ years with the Kentucky Air National Guard because they've let him "deal with dedicated professionals."

"It leaps out at you," he said. "They (Guard members) are here voluntarily."

"The Guard has been the most satisfying part of my military career," he said. That career includes a Reserve Officer Training Corps commission from the University of Louisville and eight years as a regular Air Force officer.

The Louisville native moves into the vice commander slot from duties as assistant deputy commander for operations. Previous Guard positions include commander of the 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron; operations officer for the 165th; 123d wing plans officer; flight commander; and instructor pilot.

In civilian life Ryan works as an engineer at General Electric in Louisville. He is married, and he and his wife, Georgia, have four sons.

SEASONS GREETINGS



"THE AIR GUARD" The Club has received a shipment of books on the history of the Air National Guard. That shipment is already sold out; however, orders are being taken at the bar and the snack bar for another shipment to be received by 20 Dec. These books (value \$24.95) are being sold for \$19.95. Samples available!

NEXT UTA

JAN. 14 - 15

35-10; Let's Not Let Up Now

The unit is just a few days away from the Management Effectiveness Inspection (MEI). In the past as well as today our unit has been recognized for its military bearing and officially known as AF Reg. 35-10 Dress and Personal Appearance of AF Personnel.

Colonel John Smith is stressing "Let's Not Let Up Now" especially in the area of 35-10. "The January UTA is our last shot to take a close look at ourselves and make sure we continue to meet proper guidelines in dress and personal grooming," Colonel Smith stated. "It is everyone's responsibility," he said.

Shop For Safety When Buying Christmas Toys

If your shopping list includes buying Christmas gifts for children this year, then most likely you'll be purchasing toys. Careful toy selection and proper supervision of children at play is the best way to prevent toy-related injuries. Consider these safety tips when buying toys for Christmas.

Keep in mind the child's age, interests and skill level.

Look for quality design and construction in toys for all ages.

Make sure all directions or instructions are clear—to you—and more importantly, to the child.

Be a label reader. Look for safety labels including: "Non-toxic", "Flame Retardant/Flame Resistant", "Washable/Hygienic Materials", and also labels with age recommendations.

Beware of these hazards on toys:

SHARP EDGES—Brittle plastic or glass toys can break, exposing sharp edges. Poor construction on wooden, metal and plastic toys can also expose dangerous parts. Pins and staples can easily puncture a child.

SMALL PARTS—Tiny toys and toys with small parts, such as squeakers or stuffing, can be swallowed or become lodged in a child's windpipe, ears or nose.

LOUD NOISES—Some noise-making toys can produce sounds that may damage hearing. Watch for warning labels.

PROPELLED OBJECTS—Projectiles and other flying toys can be turned into weapons and injure eyes in particular. Arrows or darts used by children should have soft cork tips, rubber suction cups or other protective tips.

WRONG TOY FOR THE WRONG AGE—Toys that might be safe for older children may be dangerous for little ones.

ELECTRIC TOYS—Electric toys that are improperly constructed, wired or misused can shock or burn. Electric toys must meet mandatory requirements for maximum surface temperatures, electrical construction and prominent warning labels. Toys with heating elements are recommended only for children over eight years old.

NEW PAY RAISE DATE: Both military and civilian personnel will receive pay raises on 1 Jan 1984. According to MSG Harris Borland, Military Pay, the military personnel will receive 4 percent and both GS and WG civilian employees will receive a 3.5 percent pay raise.



Entertaining With Moderation

How much—or how little—emphasis a host places on alcohol consumption at a party often impacts on the sobriety of guests when they leave. The following tips could help make sure guests are better able to get behind the wheel and get home alive and accident-free.

- Don't force drinks on guests. The reason for parties is enjoying the friendship, not the drinking. Have non-alcoholic beverages available for those who choose not to drink.

- Have the bar closed for the first hour and last hour of your party. Instead, offer coffee, tea, or soft drinks. Guests can get acquainted with each other in a friendly

atmosphere when they first arrive and can use the final alcohol-free hour to sober up before driving home. It takes an hour for the body to rid itself of the alcohol contained in a single drink.

- Have food available. Food helps slow the absorption of alcohol by the body. Try to avoid having salted snacks, which may make a guest thirsty for another drink.

- If you're serving an alcohol punch, use a non-carbonated base. It will retard the absorption of alcohol better than carbonated mixers.

- To cut down on the amount of alcohol consumed, pour your guests' drinks yourself and use a jigger to do it. You'll

be able to decrease the amount of alcohol in drinks as the evening goes on, and using a jigger will ensure that alcohol is measured instead of being added until it's "just the right amount."

- Adopt the concept of a "designated driver." Ask one person in advance to volunteer to drive anyone home who isn't fit to drive. Refuse to allow people to drive if they've had too much to drink. Call the police if you have to. Remember that friends don't let friends drive drunk-only.

- Encourage your guests to wear safety belts on their way home; they are the last line of defense against drunken drivers.

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CHIEF OF STATE STAFF TO STRESS
FAMILY AWARENESS, APPRECIATION:

Doing it by the book and keeping families involved make up the two major goals of the Kentucky Air National Guard's new chief of staff.

Col. Billy Joe Yeiser said he plans to "do the job as prescribed by ANGR 23-01." He took over the chief of staff duties Oct. 1.

The Owensboro native also wants to tackle a "personal project"--keeping Guard families informed and letting them know their sacrifices are appreciated.

Yeiser's interest in Guard families dates back to his and other members' experiences during the 1968 Pueblo Crisis, when the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing was called to active duty for about 19 months.

"People went from jobs paying thousands of dollars to a pittance," he said, and the families, including his own, received little guidance on how to cope.

The family is a part of the ANG team, he said, "and we can be a better team if the spouse knows what's going on."

Yeiser's new duties mark another high spot in a military career spanning 29 years. It began with a ROTC commission following graduation from the University of Kentucky in 1954

The new lieutenant took pilot training at Bartow Air Base, Fla., and Bryan Air Force Base, Texas, then went to Lincoln AFB, Neb., to fly KC-97s. He finished his active duty tour in 1961 but said he "had too many bird feathers in my blood" to stay completely civilian. He joined the KyANG in December 1962, flying RB-57s.

Besides flying and being a flight commander with the 165th TRS, Yeiser has been group director of operations; wing assistant director of operations; and director of operations in state Guard headquarters.

In civilian clothes Yeiser operates several businesses in Owensboro, which he calls his "base and home." He lives there with his wife, the former Jane Huebner, and their two children, John, 17; and Ginger, 12.

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF KENTUCKY CONCLAVE APPROACHING:

Pre-registration literature on the upcoming NAGUS-Ky convention will be mailed out around December 15 according to President (Capt.) Glenn Adair. The program will include the commanders of 12th Air Force and 2nd Army and the directors of the Army and Air National Guard, National Guard Bureau. President Adair stresses that the checks for registration must be in by January 15, 1984. Make for plans now for the Seelbach Hotel, February 24-26.



"A CLOSER LOOK"

By Chaplain Tommy Smith

Protestant Service: 0900 (2nd fl. Hangar)

Catholic Service: 0900 (2nd fl. Hangar)

Jewish Service: See Protestant Chaplain

Life is a series of changes. From the moment we're born until we die we experience one change after another. It's been said that there are only two things that are certain in this life: death and taxes. A paraphrase of this statement could be "The only thing we can be certain about is uncertainty."

It is this uncertainty that prompts us to become anxious and despairing. By nature we are creatures that enjoy security and are fearful of the unknown. So, when change comes we can either resist it or seek ways to benefit from it.

Three-and-a-half years ago when I became chaplain of the Kentucky Air National Guard, little did I realize that I would be writing this particular column so soon. I've thoroughly enjoyed my experience with this unit and am hating to leave it. I've made many friends and have been blessed by God during our time together.

Yet, I feel that God is leading my family and me to a new place of service. I am going to First Baptist Church in Bentonville, Arkansas, as their pastor. Hopefully, I'll be able to transfer to one of the Arkansas ANG units.

As we make this transition, I find myself experiencing a myriad of emotions. There is joy over moving to a new place of service; yet, there is sadness over leaving familiar faces and places.

Our Heavenly Father never promised us a life free of pain. However, He did promise us grace sufficient in our times of weakness (II Corinthians 12:9-10). He also promised us the strength we need for anything we encounter (I Cor. 10:13).

It's my prayer that God will continue to bless each one of you. I appreciate your many expressions of love and kindness. May you always seek God's will in your life, which will enable you to have "the peace that passes all understanding."

KYANG FEDERAL CREDIT UNION: The IRS is now requiring that every account holder in all financial institutions certify that their Social Security number is correct. This will be done on a W-9 Form and must be on file at each financial institution in which you have an account.

If you fail to certify your Social Security number, the financial institution will be required to withhold 20% of interest or dividends you earn. The withheld interest or dividends will be paid directly to the IRS.

If you fail to certify your Social Security number, or certify a wrong Social Security number, you will also be subject to a \$50 fine from the IRS that the financial institution will be required to take from your account.

See your supervisor for a W-9 form and have it completed and turned back in before you leave today. If your spouse or children have an account, they too must complete this form.

If there are any questions, please call A. J. Weisenberger at Ext. 534.

AN EDITORIAL

What can one man do? Some say not much; others say, it all depends; while a few will comment, a lot if he is the right man. This is the case of one Captain (Chaplain) Tommy Smith.

Chaplain Smith dedicated himself to the well being of every person in the unit. In retrospect his actions speak greater than any words we could write in this column.

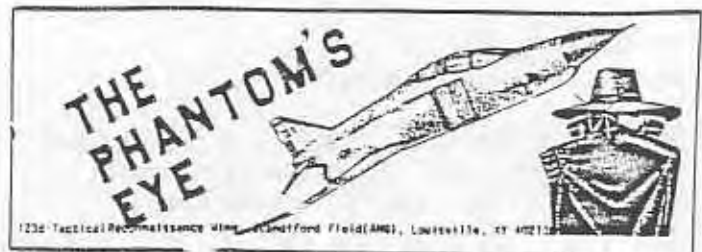
During three-and-a-half years we saw a Chaplain who did much more than just conduct Sunday worship services. He held the first wedding ceremonies for guardsmen and women in the base chapel, attended funerals for deceased members, visited hospitals when we were sick, counseled us during times of personal crisis, organized health and welfare activities at summer camp, and spearheaded various charitable functions for the wing.

But most importantly when we needed him he was there. And to this end Chaplain Tommy Smith we say: you are special, are appreciated and are going to be missed but not forgotten. God's speed in your travels. Pax.

By Capt. Jeff Butcher
Public Affairs Officer

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REPORTING FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE REMAINS HIGH PRIORITY: Washington (AFNS) -- Department of Defense efforts to reduce fraud, waste and abuse have not diminished, assured Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger.

One of the main ways of reporting DOD fraud, waste and abuse is the Defense Hotline.

Two years ago, when asked for support of the Defense Hotline, many of you rose to the challenge. Secretary Weinberger wrote in a letter to DOD personnel. "Calls are being received in record numbers, and the addition of a mailing address opened it up to worldwide access. Recent reports in the media, highlighting some of our shortcomings, attest to your support of this vital program."

"But media reports fail to give credit to those within the DOD whose hard work surfaced the problems in the first place," the Secretary said. "In spite of progress, efforts to report and correct wasteful practices that eat away at the tax dollars provided for national defense must continue," he said.

The Defense Hotline, operated by the DOD Inspector General, operates between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. each workday. Hotline telephone numbers are: (800) 424-9098, which is toll-free; 693-5080 for the National Capital Region; and autovon 223-5080.

Mailed reports can be addressed to Defense Hotline, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C., 20301.

Mr. Weinberger pointed out that hotline calls are considered confidential for those who prefer not to be identified.

"I ask each of you to continue to seek out and report improvements and suspected problems through established command channels or by calling or writing the Defense Hotline," he said.

FIRE WARNING-PROTECTION ENHANCEMENT
APPROVED: Starting this spring the base will undergo an extensive fire detection and suppression system installation according to LtCol Bill Sieber, base civil engineer.

An allocation in excess of \$500,000 has been received which will permit the unit to completely redo its fire detection and reporting system, Col Sieber stated. The current system is quite antiquated.

The hangar will have an automatic phone system with scanning ultra-violet detectors while the fuel cell will have a manual system.

Sprinkler systems are slated for the supply warehouse, avionics shop and the motor pool paint bay. These systems will be tied into an alarm panel with terminals in the guardhouse and fire station. Other adjustments will be made in almost every building on base to enhance fire reporting and protection capabilities.

Bids will be opened in early February, the civil engineer said, with construction to start sometime after April 1, 1984.

PROMOTIONS:

1st Lt.: (upon approval of federal recognition)

James E. Brown

MSgt.:

Allen L. Ingram
Billy W. Milburn
Larry D. Stephenson
Larry W. Walker

TSgt.:

Jeanne F. Kitchen
Anthony L. Zanotti
Rita G. Mullen
Joseph D. Parrott

AWARDS:

Award of the Kentucky Commendation Ribbon:

MSgt. James N. Howard
MSgt. Johnny D. Jones
SSgt. Richard L. Buckles
Sgt. Stuart J. Kremer
SRA Yolanda L. Morris

New Appointments

John M. McCrillis, Capt.
Michael E. Lueken, 2nd Lt.
Gregory L. Eastman, 2nd Lt.

SSgt.:

Sandra L. Moore
Frank R. Bock
John L. Curtis
Brenda M. Manierre
Robert E. Raymond
Eric K. Vance
Michael E. Walters

SRA:

Kalyn I. Cabbil
Janet G. Cammack
Robert S. Lawson
Sandra J. Merriweather
Jerry S. Puckett

A1C:

David L. Lichtefeld
Ronald G. Overstreet
Kevin R. Duncan

Charles A. Curtis
Ernie L. New
Robert L. Powers
Charles R. Simpson

Gregory E. Crenshaw
Charles M. Jones
Donnie L. Miles
Roderick R. Pulliam

DISCHARGES:

LtCol Thomas G. Mooney
LtCol James A. Dougherty
Major Billy J. Arnold
Capt Michael R. Fleenor
TSgt. Lewis F. Stanley
TSgt. Robert F. McCallister
SSgt. Roger H. George
Sgt. David W. Breitmeyer
Sgt. Mark H. Taylor
Ann. James M. Cottrell

PHOTO FINISH 83

From beginning to end, Photo Finish 83 provided its contestants with a great spirit of competition. The training assets gained are unequalled. This type of exercise combines professionalism and practice to determine wartime skills. Yet there was the 123d TRW, KyANG; winner of the 1981 competition; displaying true pride, a sense of humor, an eye on safety and dedicated to the ANG mission, the unit took 3d place in this year's exercise which fielded a total of 12 teams.

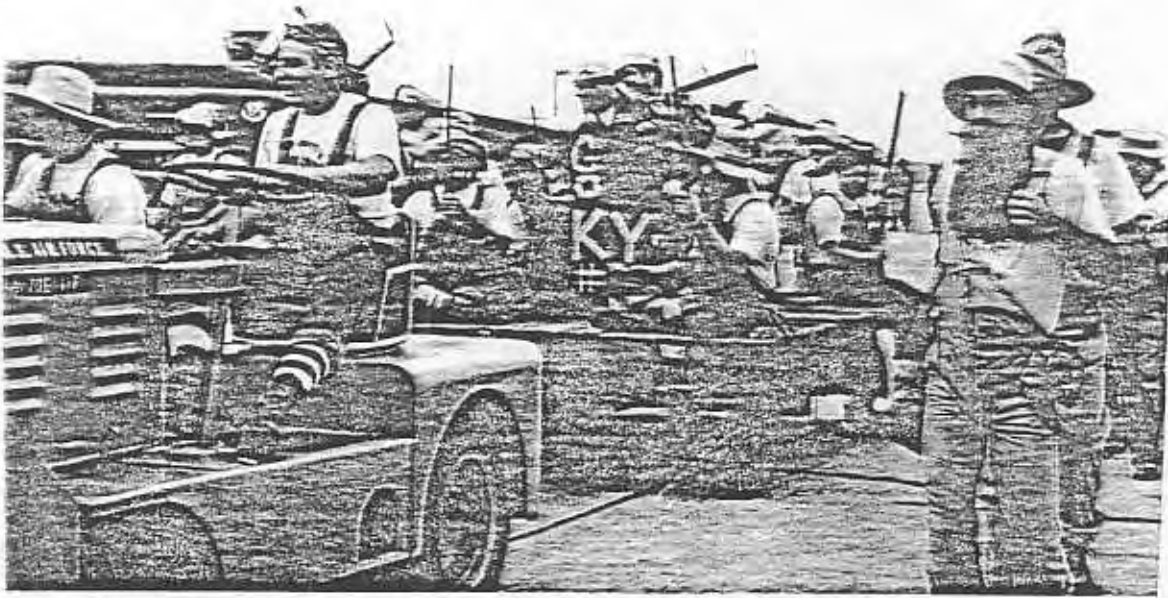
The following photographs depict just how the team members of the 123 TRW, KyANG used humor to take the edge from the nervous first timers and were hailed as the most enthusiastic group at the competition by all participating teams.



Tinker Bell floated around the parking ramp to open the competition and some eyes. She blessed both the aircrews and the aircraft with reconnaissance stardust.



Although there were only 12 teams, the 123TRW, KyANG members ended the competition with 33 overalls.....and a few good straw hats.



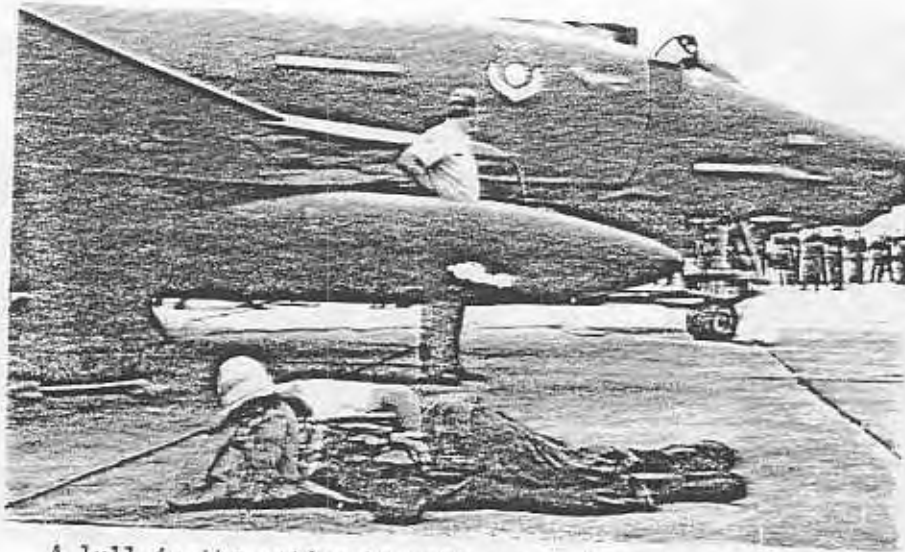
The heavily guarded aircrew limousine was constantly shuffling aircrews to their aircraft.



Chief of Maintenance Maj. Edgar Schulz shows off the General Lee, a vehicle you could really lean on.



Capt. Jerry Taylor and Capt. Bob Burden booking a party prior to takeoff.



A lull in the action brought many a tired maintenance man to the asphalt. Some stayed!

Editors Note

This exercise was a farewell for one great competitor; Maj. Edgar Schulz. His leadership and team spirit has contributed enormously to the success of the 123d TRW, KyANG. This is his last UTA with the unit and in an interview made these comments: "When I first joined the unit in the 50s I learned of its fine reputation, which has been reaffirmed many times. Retention is a barometer of morale and has always been high in both cases. My association with the 123d TRW, KyANG has been a pleasure and I wish God speed to everyone. Thank you all."

KyANG STICKER AVAILABLE



The KyANG stickers which were recently introduced for sale are now available. The design on the sticker incorporates both the wing and the squadron emblem in full color. They are printed on metallic stock and embossed. They have been a hot trade item at competitions and summer camps. The many that have been placed out in the elements have withstood the test of quality. The price is \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the ANG Club, Snack Bar and the Public Affairs Office.