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Season's Greetings



Commander's Column

'86 Holiday Season

It seems such a short time ago that we were preparing and planning for the Christmas '85 holiday season and now with what seems only an instant of time it's Christmas '86.

Christmas — a time of celebration, joy and remembrance with our loved ones — a time of thanks for blessings received and for the future. This is a special time of the year where thoughts, feelings and love are to be shared.

Let's make a special effort this holiday season not to spoil it for our loved ones. It is so easy to become a casualty as a result of over indulging and driving — use caution on those crowded highways and there is really no need to be in such a hurry.

Let's keep Christmas '86 a safe and happy one for all.

My family and I extend our warmest regards to the greatest group in the world and look forward to seeing each of you in 1987.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year — Enjoy.



Brig. Gen. John L. Smith
Wing Commander

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Chaplain's Column

Golden Rule

**By Chaplain
(Maj.) Herbert L. Lattis
Catholic Chaplain**

In 1784 Benjamin Franklin wrote the following letter to a man named Benjamin Webb:

"Dear Sir, your situation grieves me and I send you herewith a banknote for 10 louis d'or. I do not pretend to give such a sum; I only lend it to you. When you shall return to your country, you cannot fail of getting into some business that will in time enable you to pay all your debts.

"In that case, when you meet with another honest man in similar distress, you must pay me by lending the sum to him, enjoying him to discharge the debt by a like operation when he shall be able and shall meet with such another opportunity.

"I hope that it may go through many hands before it meets with a knave that will stop its progress. This is a trick of mine for doing a deal of good with a little money. I am not rich enough to afford much in good works, and so am obliged to be cunning and make the most of a little.

"With best wishes for your future prosperity, I am, dear sir, your most obedient servant, B. Franklin."

For more than 200 years, most of us would feel compelled to follow a tradition similar to that of Ben Franklin and return a favor which was done for us.

For nearly 2,000 years, a greater ethic encourages us to go even a step farther and anticipate a favor which might be done for us. The "Golden Rule" states: "And just as you WANT people to treat you, treat them in the same way."

Base club closes after 30 years

By Sgt. Jeff Sansbury
Staff Writer

Kentucky Air Guard members were caught a bit off-guard last month when news spread that the base club was shutting down.

After more than 30 years of life and libations, the well-known Kentucky Air National Guard Club has ceased operation. The word came just one day prior to the closing, after the club's board of directors agreed unanimously that it could no longer insure the establishment.

"It's over. We've lost it," announced Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, the 123rd's wing commander. "I know it's an awkward situation, yet we're losing a piece of our history."

The decision to close the club came following a new Air National Guard regulation which makes it mandatory for installations to provide insurance for any clubs which serve alcoholic beverages. The regulation also states that the base commander shall determine the extent of coverage needed.

General Smith conferred with the club's board of directors before making a recommendation. Considering the cost of insurance premiums, coupled by the fact that the club is non-profit, the board met with base legal officers before deciding that it could not afford the increase.

"It hurts us to see this happen, but I guess we have to be realistic," said George Newman, general manager of the club and a retired member of the Kentucky Air Guard. "I was shocked after reading it (the new regulation), and I knew right then that closing the club was inevitable."

Newman, who co-founded the club in 1953 at the Kentucky Air Guard's original home at Bowman Field, said the club is not alone. He said the base club at the Air National Guard's training site in Savannah, Ga., also has been shut down, among others.

The club was founded by Chief Warrant Officer Jack E. Gowen, the original member of the Kentucky Air National Guard, who died last year. Chief Gowen was excited that first day, his friends remember, when he began the operation with a box of candy bars.

For now, it's still unclear whether the club will ever sponsor parties and cook-outs again. To hold any type of function where alcohol is served would be in violation of the regulation, the board admitted.

"It's really up in the air right now; a wait-and-see situation," Newman conceded. "We'll just have to be patient."

Newman did acknowledge that club members are still welcome to hold membership cards for use at other military bases. He said the annual dues might even be reduced, and said that members are still entitled to full benefits.

Meanwhile, plans are being made to expand the existing base snack bar to offer a more relaxing atmosphere, the board has announced. By this spring, the snack bar should receive a facelift and, as a result,



KyANG Photo by Sgt. Jeff Sansbury

George Newman at base club Building to be used for BX, Credit Union

double its size and service. The proposed club would be named the Standiford Field Officers and NCO Club, and board members expect construction to begin by January.

The building formerly used for the club will now be used for a base exchange and for the KyANG Credit Union, according to General Smith. The BX should be completed within 90 to 120 days and the credit union will move from the O & T Building in the Spring.

The move by the credit union will open up some needed office space in the O & T Building, giving the state staff personnel their own office.

The BX will offer items such as electronics, clothing, automotive supplies, camera equipment and a convenience type area. Long-range planning includes a garden area outside, according to General Smith.

"If anything else, the old club has helped alleviate the traffic crunch that forms after UTA workdays," General Smith joked.

But one thing has proven positive: the club has given our Guard members the chance to meet, and to develop long-lasting friendships," he added. "To me, that's something special."

Reserves issue dependent ID cards

Members of the Air National Guard can now have identification cards issued to their dependents, according to TSgt. Sharon Bizer, NCOIC records unit.

Sponsors must show documentation that substantiates dependency; such as marriage license, court decree, and birth certificates for children ages 10 and above.

The sole purpose of the ID card is to make the identification process easier. The ID card **does not** entitle dependents to any benefits

or privileges, i.e., Medicare, commissary, exchange and theater, said Sergeant Bizer. The ID card is used in conjunction with Annual Training Orders, Mobilization Orders, or Leave and Earning Statements in order to use military facilities.

The CBPO will issue the application for the ID cards on every Wednesday between the hours of 7:30 to 11 a.m. starting Jan. 7.

If there are any questions please call on base 486 or come to Room 124 in the O&T Building.



KyANG Photo by SMSgt. Dave

TSgt. Brian Shaughnessy checks the RF-4C.

RAM '86

Competition keen at worldwide air meet

**By Sgt. Jenny Montgomery
Editor**

Competition at Reconnaissance Air Meet '86 was keen, with the KyANG team placing fifth overall.

"Everybody worked as hard as they could," said Maj. John Amshoff, 123rd TRW RAM '86 team chief. There was a very high level of camaraderie, he added.

The KyANG RAM '86 team had its share of problems during the competition, but returned "with their heads held high and their spirits up," said Major Amshoff.

The meet was held at Bergstrom AFB, Texas, Nov. 1 through 8. Sixteen teams from the Air Force, Air National Guard, Navy, Marine Corps and the Royal Australian Air Force competed. Judged events included low-level, high-speed tactical reconnaissance missions with four targets each, recognition exercises for im-

agery interpreters and aircrews and maintenance of the aircraft.

The following teams placed first and second in the categories indicated:

Top Imagery Interpretation Team: 67th TRW, Bergstrom AFB; 10th TRW, Alconbury, England.

Top Maintenance Team: 186th TRG, Mississippi ANG; No. 6 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.

Top Aircrew: 124 TRG, Idaho ANG, 152nd TRG, Nevada, ANG.

Best Overall Team: 152nd TRG, Nevada ANG; 67th TRW, Bergstrom AFB.

Imagery Interpreters

The Imagery interpretation team placed fourth in the competition based on scores from tests involving equipment recognition and reconnaissance exploitation reports based on flying missions. All the members

of the II team, excluding Lt. Col. William Thornton, chief of intelligence, are part-time guard members.

"It's a real credit to them," said Lieutenant Colonel Thornton. "They don't have as much time to prepare for this competition" as full-time guard and active duty members do.

A typical test for the IIs involved three frames of equipment that might have 42 different pieces of equipment, with more than 300 total pieces, explained TSgt. Steven Short, II NCOIC for RAM '86.

The II team also debriefed the aircrews after their flying missions. Once film was picked up from the judges, the team had 30 minutes to identify the targets and prepare a reconnaissance exploitation report.

Aircrews

The Kentucky aircrews placed fifth

overall in the competition. Aircrews were: Lt. Col. Bill Leslie, pilot; Capt. Bill Ketterer, weapons system officer; Lt. Col. Donald Goley, pilot; and Maj. Paul Rhodes, WSO.

The aircrews got off to a running start in the competition arriving at Bergstrom within one second of their designated arrival time over the target. They were awarded the maximum 250 points for that event. Only four other teams managed to be within one second of their arrival time.

Because of rain the first few days, the aircrews were only able to fly one mission each day, but by the end of the week the crews were flying twice a day. A typical mission included photographing four to five targets while avoiding adversary aircraft attempting a "simulated shoot-down" and ground based threat simulations.

The aircrews would receive their mission frag orders two hours and 15 minutes prior to their take off time each day. In that time they had to prepare their maps and plan their mission tactics. For most targets they were given a designated time over target and were required to fly low-level at 500 feet above the target, plus or minus 100 feet

Maintenance

The maintenance team placed eleventh overall, but there were only 55 points between the first place winner and the 16th placed team. The aircraft from Kentucky received such detailed attention from the maintenance crews before arriving at Bergstrom AFB that they received special visits from the judges who admired the aircraft's "show-room" new appearance.

Keeping the aircraft ready for each day's flying missions took many long hours of work and even that didn't prevent the unexpected. On the fifth day of competition the main landing gear actuator broke on the plane flown by Lieutenant Colonel Goley and Major Rhodes.

"After about 150,000 flying hours that might happen," explained MSgt. Richard Cwiak, NCOIC maintenance. According to Sergeant Cwiak that type of malfunction is extremely rare and it is not something that can be prepared for.

A safe landing was made, but it was a potentially hazardous situation, according to Sergeant Cwiak. Without problems, a normal turn-around on the aircraft required 1½ hours to prepare for the next mission. However, maintenance crews had

to work long into the night preparing the broken plane for the next day's mission.

Maintenance crews were also scored on launch procedures and an initial maintenance inspection. For their launch procedures the maintenance team devised a launch ceremony much like the professional Air Force Thunderbirds team.

Even though the maintenance team encountered unexpected difficulties they are "proud of the work we've done on our aircraft," said Capt. Paul Stone, OIC maintenance.

Unit Pride

To show the unit's pride in the team, a warm welcome was provided by unit representatives who joined the RAM '86 team for the awards banquet. They included Col. Joseph Kottak, deputy commander for operations; Col. John Greene, deputy commander for maintenance; Brig. Gen. John Smith, wing commander; Brig. Gen. Fred Bradley, assistant adjutant for air; and Maj. Gen. Billy Wellman, the adjutant general of Kentucky.

"Even though we placed fifth, we have a right to be proud of our efforts and our team," said Major Amshoff.



KyANG Photo by Sgt. Jenny Montgomery

RAM'86 inspectors admire tail hook

Music relieves tension

By Sgt. Jenny Montgomery
Editor

Competing in a worldwide reconnaissance air meet requires enormous concentration and dedication. But, along with the hard work, outlets must be found to relieve the tension that develops.

Members of the Kentucky RAM '86 team devised several ways to help alleviate tension. One such way was through music. Many nights the team's hospitality room was filled with unit members harmonizing to tunes such as "My Old Kentucky Home," and other favorites.

The lines separating maintenance and operations were broken as everyone chimed in together. Even Lt. Col. Gary Burge, RAM team manager and 165 TRS commander, got into the act with his comical chants.

MSgt. Glenn Farquhar, TSgt. Joseph Goodin and SSgt. Robert Geary, maintenance members, all had their guitars along with TSgt. Robert Sinclair, also from maintenance, who had his harmonica. Sergeant Farquhar and Sergeant Sinclair have been playing together at similar competitions for 10 years. Sergeant Goodin and Sergeant Geary even wrote

the words to a song titled "Ram'n Fever" which was adopted as the team theme song.

Other ways to relieve stress included practical jokes played on the aircrews by the maintenance teams. These ranged from teddy-bears clipped inside the cockpit to comic masks worn by the crew chiefs during the launch ceremony.

The aircrews retaliated though. For their final mission Maj. John Amshoff, RAM team chief, arranged for the aircrews to arrive at their planes in a long, sleek black limousine. Major Amshoff walked alongside the car, which included a small Kentucky state flag and a "remove before take-off" streamer attached to its antenna.

For those who didn't know, it looked as if the President of the United States was driving up to the Kentucky RF-4s and the anxiously awaiting maintenance crews.

And then there was the Mini Top Gun competition between the imagery interpretation team. Between deciphering reconnaissance photos, the IIs spent much time playing a local video game battling for the top score.

But through it all, the Kentucky Team "pulled together and kept their heads up," said Major Amshoff.

'Phantom's Eye' earns awards

By 1st Lt. Dennie Lewis
Chief, Personnel Utilization

Have you noticed an improvement in the **Phantom's Eye** newspaper lately? Well, for those of us who have been members of the Kentucky Air National Guard for more than two years, we can surely say that we have.

Remember the old newspaper? Being of a somewhat dark complexion, I would refuse to have my picture placed in those papers for fear of appearing as little more than a blot of ink with my name underneath.

My, how have times changed. Sgt. Jenny Montgomery, through her professionalism,

style and outstanding knowledge of journalism has completely revamped the **Phantom's Eye**. Her journalistic talents have led to our newspaper being not one of the best, but **the best** news feature magazine in the Air National Guard.

Yes, this is true. The results of the 1986 Air Force Media Contest (Air National Guard level) are in and Sergeant Montgomery's editing abilities led to our **Phantom's Eye** winning in all five categories entered, including for herself Journalist of the Year.

Ann Dennis Robinson, base photo lab, was also honored for his photography in the **Phantom's Eye**. His pictures were

chosen as the best single published photos in the Air National Guard.

I realize that it takes more than one person to run a successful newspaper, but I have had the opportunity to witness on many occasions the hard work and dedication that Sergeant Montgomery has put into her job as editor of the **Phantom's Eye**.

We must remember that she does this on a part-time basis, not full-time. Sergeant Montgomery is a traditional Guardsman at her best. Keep up the good work Jenny, you've made all of us proud to read and even take home a copy of the **Phantom's Eye**.

Heck, you can print my picture in your newspaper — anytime!

Energy conservation not past

By Maj. Rick Gabhart
Member, Base Energy
Conservation Committee

The Department of Energy sees its mission as assuring the nation's transition from an economy relying upon oil to an economy relying on many energy sources.

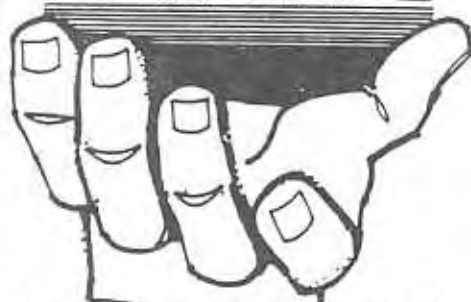
For the economic good and security of our country, we face the task of making sure we have an adequate supply of energy and that the supply is not interrupted.

The most important step for each of us to take now is to stretch out present energy supplies through conservation. Although many of us in the Air Guard are part-time workers, it is important that while we are on the base that we are aware of this problem and work toward energy conservation.

The memories of the energy crisis of the early seventies seems to be fading from our minds because of the oil glut of the eighties. As professional soldiers we should know that now is the time to prepare for a future energy crisis. We don't prepare for a war the day the battle begins.

Let's all prepare to "go to battle" against the next energy crisis now, rather than waiting until it is too late. The security of the nation could very well depend on our ability to survive an energy shortage.

ENERGY SAVING



IT IS IN YOUR HANDS

EANGKy elects president

Air Guard member chosen leader

MSgt. Robert Denton
EANGKy Membership Chairman

TSgt. Dwight D. Riggle, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron was elected president of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kentucky at the 14th annual general conference held in Louisville Oct. 23-25.

SSgt. Harold Smith, also of the 165th TRS, was elected as EANGKy vice president air for a second term.

Sergeant Riggle has been a member of the Kentucky Air National Guard since 1977 and a member of the EANGKy since 1979. He has served as an area director, vice president air,

scholarship committee chairman and legislative committee chairman since joining the association. He is also special projects committee chairman for the 1987 EANGUS conference to be held in Louisville Sept. 20-24.

Sergeant Harold has served as an area director, vice president air and is the fund raising committee chairman for the 1987 EANGUS conference.

Both men are part-time Guard members who work for the building services department of the Jefferson County Government full time.

The other elected officers of the association for 1986-87 are: VP Army, Charles Richy, 105 Personnel Service Company, Fairgrounds Armory; Secretary Shana Demitralis, 615th MP Det (CID), Frankfort; Treasurer Ernest A. Doll, Carrollton, recruiter; and Sgt. at Arms Leonard "Pappy" Gould, retired.

Air Guard participation in the association has not been good, but we hope the situation will improve with two of our members as elected officers.

Membership dues are \$10 per year, which is good for one year from the date paid. Members receive two quarterly publications, the state "Citizens Soldier" and the national's "New Patriot."

The EANGKy and NGAKy are responsible for legislation that provides benefits for all Guard members such as the \$1 per year license plate, the state tuition assistance program and the \$20 per year state tax credit. These associations are always working to enhance the National Guard and to provide services to their members.

Interested persons may join the association by contacting MSgt. Bob Denton at on-base 490, or a representative of your squadron.

DOD braces for changes

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Defense Department faces changes this year called the most sweeping since its creation.

Congress passed legislation that reorganizes the Department of Defense, directs headquarters personnel cuts and broadens policies for joint-duty assignments.

The measure combines three pieces of legislation into a single reorganization package. Congress hammered out the Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act in September. President Reagan signed it into law Oct. 1.

The legislation gives the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff more influence and responsibility. Instead of having the JCS as a group act as the nation's top military adviser. However, the service chiefs may individually or as a group express dissenting views to the Secretary of Defense.

The chairman will be responsible for the military's overall strategic and logistical planning. He will assess the budget requests of the individual services and make budget recommendations to the Secretary of Defense.

The Joint Staff will report to the chairman. In the past, the service chiefs jointly managed the staff.

The reorganization allows the chairman to serve a third term. Presently, he is limited to two two-year terms. The service chiefs serve four-year terms.

The legislation establishes a new four-star vice chairman's position on the JCS, the second-ranking military officer below the chairman. The vice chairman must be from a different service than the chairman. He also can serve a maximum of six years.

The legislation also directs three categories of personnel cuts.

The first requires a 15 percent cut in Pentagon Headquarters people by Sept. 30, 1988. The legislation limits each military service to five deputy chiefs of staff and cuts the number of general officers assigned to each military department headquarters by 15 percent.

The second cut will reduce military headquarters by 10 percent by Sept. 30, 1988. For the Air Force, most major command and numbered Air Force headquarters would be affected. The law exempts unified and specified commands' immediate headquarters. This provision exempts headquarters of the Military Airlift Command and Strategic Air Command.

Reductions of up to 15 percent are required at defense agencies during the next three years. Defense agency headquarters must cut 5 percent by Sept. 30, 1988, and another 10 percent by Sept. 30, 1989. DOD agency field activities must cut 5 percent by Sept. 30, 1988, and another 5 percent by Sept. 30, 1989.

The legislation includes several provisions to enhance joint-duty assignments for officers. It creates a joint-duty specialty for officers with experience and training in joint-service matters. (AFNS)

Bits-n-Pieces

PROMOTIONS:

To Major

Jerry L. Taylor
Robert H. Williams III
Dewey L. Cook

To MSgt.

Dale L. Carraway
John K. Foss
Charles S. Fowler
William W. Martin
Dominic E. Palumbo
James M. Smith
David V. Yahné

To TSgt.

Donald B. Fox

To SSgt.

Robin L. Combs

AWARDS:

Air Force Commendation Medal

MSgt. Forry R. Engle
SSgt. Rose A. Hiles

Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt. William C. Murphy
SSgt. Scott J. Aldridge

Kentucky Commendation Medal

TSgt. Robert G. Hagan
SSgt. Gregory T. Nowling
SSgt. David R. Benson
SSgt. Lawrence B. Froman
SSgt. Frank R. Bock
SrA Troy E. Druty
SrA Timothy L. Carroll
AIC John A. Hagan

So Long! The following members have been discharged recently. Our sincere thanks to all of you, and good luck!

SMSgt. John D. Layman
SSgt. Gene A. Hancock Jr.
SSgt. Scott J. Aldridge
SrA Thomas C. Bell
SrA David E. Riggle
AIC Andrea L. Feldman
AIC Ellione L. Hill III
AB Don R. Hearn

Christmas dinner dance

The Enlisted Association National Guard of Kentucky and the Air National Guard National Bowling Tournament Committee have joined to sponsor a Christmas Dinner Dance at the Fairgrounds Armory Dec. 20.

Tickets may be purchased from MSgt. Bob Denton at on-base 490 or SSgt. Harold Smith at on-base 565. Tables may be reserved and the cost is \$25 per couple for dinner and dance or \$15 per couple for dance only. The cost for singles is \$12.50 for dinner and dance or \$7.50 for dance only.

There will be a limit of 400 persons. Dinner begins at 7 p.m., with dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dinner will be catered by "Po Folks" and music will be provided by "Different Strokes."

The dance is BYOB and set-ups and beer will be provided. Also, special room rates are available at the Executive Inn West with transportation provided between motel and dance. Call 367-2251 and ask for EANGKy rates.

Volunteers sought for honor guard

The Kentucky Air National Guard is requesting volunteers who would be available to serve on the base ceremonial honor guard team, according to Lt. Col. Edwin H. Homung, 123rd Combat Support Group commander.

The Air Force considers it a privilege to assist in military funeral honors for active and retired members and veterans who served honorably in the Air Force and or Air National Guard. According to Air Force Regulation 143-1, honors will be furnished consistent with available personnel and resources.

"In the past this base has provided military honors to our deceased members on an ad hoc basis," said Colonel Homung. Now the base is preparing to formulate an honor guard for these situations. The following members are needed for the team: six pallbearers; seven riflemen for a firing team; bugler; color guard; and an officer or noncommissioned officer in charge.

Those individuals interested in participating should contact Col. Richard H. Jett, state staff, at on-base 420 during this UTA.

On-This-Date

December 1

Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, is arrested in Montgomery, Ala., for refusing to yield her seat on a city bus to a white man, 1955.

December 4

U.S. bombers strike the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II, 1942.

December 6

Army engineers complete construction of the Washington Monument, 1884.

December 7

Japanese warplanes attack the U.S. Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor on the Hawaiian island of Oahu, 1941.

December 8

The United States declares war against Japan, 1941.

December 10

A treaty is signed in Paris ending the Spanish-American War, 1898.

December 15

The Bill of Rights (first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution) goes into effect, 1791.

December 17

Wright brothers achieve first successful powered flight, 1903.

December 18

Thirteenth Amendment, which abolishes slavery, goes into effect, 1865.

December 24

The United States and Great Britain sign the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium, ending the War of 1812, 1814.

December 25

Christmas.

December 27

Hanukkah begins (Dec. 27 - Jan. 3, 1987).

1987 UTA dates

The following are KyANG Unit Training Assembly dates for 1987

JAN	10 & 11
FEB	7 & 8
MAR	7 & 8
APR	4 & 5
MAY	16 & 17
JUN	13 & 14
JUL	11 & 12/ 25 & 26
SEP	19 & 20
OCT	3 & 4
NOV	14 & 15
DEC	12 & 13