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Kosair's move

TSgt. Frank Green, 165th TRS, left, and MSgt. John Fooks, 123rd RMS, move a patient from the Kosair Children's Hospital to the hospital's new building across the street. Thirty-one guardmembers assisted the hospital in its move. For further information see Page 4.

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Commander's Column New Hotline

Beginning next month the Commander's Column will begin a new format with the establishment of a Commander's Hotline.

A dedicated telephone line and answering machine is being installed to record questions or problems you as guardmembers may have about the unit or your entitlements. The Hotline may also be used to let us know of any positive experience you have encountered in the guard.

The commander's office will make every effort possible to find suitable answers for questions posed. The Hotline will appear each month in the "Phantom's Eye" in a question and answer type format.

We hope that this will allow for a two-way communications flow between each guardmember and the commander to resolve problems and issues that effect unit personnel. It is not the intent of this program to circumvent the normal chain of command, but to ensure that the chain is working.

The Hotline will go into effect by the first of March. To participate dial on-base ext. 637 and an answering machine will record your question or comment.



Brig. Gen. John L. Smith
Wing Commander

I hope that this will be an effective tool in opening up new communications.

Chaplain's Column

Role models

By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Thomas Curry

All of us will greatly miss Chaplain (Maj) Herbert Lattice who is now serving active duty at Lackland AFB, Texas. Chaplain Lattice was my first impression of an Armed Forces minister. He exemplified concern, dedication, integrity, and professionalism.

There is someone in all of our lives who has made an indelible impression upon us for our good. God uses fathers, mothers, teachers, coaches, or good friends to subtly

guide us into the path of the "good-life" which he alone has created for our well-being.

Moreover, you may be that someone who is the model to whom another person is watching. "Who, me," you ask? Yes, you. In your home, in your community or at your work, chances are there is someone looking to you to guide them toward the "good-life;" a life that is wholesome, rewarding and happy.

Let your impressions upon others be an influence of the good which God has created for all of us to enjoy.

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Design for new building complete

By Capt. Jeffrey K. Butcher
Public Affairs Officer

The new Telecommunications/Data Processing/Medical Center has entered the phase "awaiting authority for money," according to Lt. Col. William Seiber, 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron commander.

The 14,000 square foot building will house two separate operations: the 123rd Tactical Hospital and the 123rd Communications Flight. The cost for the building could be more than \$1 million.

Another aspect covered in the plan will be the renovation of 1,000 to 3,000 square feet in the Operations and Training Building.

Once authority has been granted, advertisements will be placed for bids on construc-



Telecommunications/Data Processing/Medical Center
14,000 Square foot building

tion of the building, said Colonel Seiber. This process could take three to four months, he added. Construction would take up to a year,

depending on when it started. Colonel Seiber said that hopefully all will be in place sometime in 1989.

Dependent care Worldwide availability requires advanced planning

If you are a single or married military couple and have dependents under the age of 18 you have certain responsibilities that must be done. ANG Regulation 35-59, Dependent Care Responsibilities, explains the steps you should take in order to be Worldwide Available for any required military duty.

Advance planning is the key to dependent care arrangements. Every ANG member with dependents must take the initiative to use all available military and civilian resources at his or her disposal to make sure that dependents

receive adequate care, support, and supervision in a manner that is compatible with the member's military duties.

Dependent care plans must cover all possible situations, both short and long-term, and must be sufficiently detailed and systematic to provide for smooth, rapid transfer of responsibilities to another individual during the absence of the military sponsor. The individual designated to assume responsibility may not be another military member, because that member must also remain

worldwide available.

Commanders will take prompt command action against personnel who, despite counseling, fail to make and maintain dependent care arrangements, which will not interfere with their worldwide availability. Failure to complete NGB Form 357 evidencing arrangements for substitute dependent care makes a member not worldwide available.

Failure to be worldwide available may be used as a basis for parenthood separation for airman (ANGR 39-10), or a best interest of the Air Force for officers. Also, airmen and officers can be separated under appropriate regulations when the individual's actions justify.

Bean Soup Feast

The 17th Annual Bean Soup Feast and Open House is scheduled for April 23 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"The whole purpose of the Bean Soup Feast is to raise funds to support such organizations as Easter Seal Society, Louisville Deaf Oral School, Shelter House, and many other organizations that support underprivileged/handicapped children," stated Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander, in a letter to all guard members.

The menu for the day includes bean soup, cornbread, cole slaw, dessert, soft drinks and coffee. Adult tickets are \$3 and children under 12 will be charged \$1.50. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

"We hope you will invite your friends and neighbors and give them a chance to see our base and facilities, as well as support a worthwhile cause," added General Smith.

Last year the Bean Soup Feast raised approximately \$4,600 for charity.



KyANG Photo by Sgt. Jeff Sansbury

Last Mass

Father (Maj.) Herbert Lattis offers mass for guardmembers. Father Lattis left the KyANG in January for Lackland AFB, Texas where he returned to active duty with the Air Force.

KyANG assists Kosair Hospital

Volunteers moved 126 children

Proving once again the involvement of the KyANG with its surrounding community, 31 volunteers from the KyANG assisted Kosair Children's Hospital in its move to a new building.

For two days in December the guardsmen moved 73 medical surgical patients and 53 critical care patients into their new home on Chestnut Street. The patients were moved from the third floor of the building across the street.

"No job was too small or too large," wrote Carla L. Sanders, RN, move coordinator, to Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander. "They were willing to do anything that was asked of them. The staff, the patients and their parents were extremely complimentary of the Guardsmen."

According to Lt. Col. Edwin Hornung, 123 Combat Support Group commander, so many guardsmen volunteered to assist in the move that some had to be turned away. For their efforts the guardsmen were mentioned on the local evening news and in both the morning and evening newspapers.

"I can not offer enough praise and thanks

for these individual's help," stated Ms. Sanders.

The following volunteers assisted in the move:

165 TRS

MSgt. Charles E. Amsler, Jr.
MSgt. Robert E. Denton
TSgt. Thomas G. Downs, Jr.
SSgt. Paul S. Driskell
TSgt. Frank W. Green
TSgt. John M. Medley
MSgt. James M. Smith
TSgt. James R. Swanner Jr.

123 CSS

Lt. Col. Edwin H. Hornung
SSgt. Nathaniel Mack III
MSgt. Steven L. Otto
SSgt. Dianna L. Slaughter
TSgt. Madeleine F. Travis
SSgt. Julie Webb

123 CES

MSgt. James T. O'Mahoney

123 Tac Hosp

Lt. Col. Jacquelyn D. Reid
Ann Sheila L. Young

123 CAM

CMSgt. John D. Arms
TSgt. Wayne T. Ashley
MSgt. James E. Blanton
SSgt. Ricky A. McGuire
TSgt. Peter Rendon
SSgt. Michael W. Shepherd
TSgt. Paul A. Thomas

123 RMS

Sgt. Teresa Amsler
SMSgt. Elizabeth J. Church
MSgt. John K. Foos
Sgt. Sharon F. Fultz
TSgt. Cynthia E. Gibson
Maj. Robert L. Jordon



Photo Courtesy Patrick Pfister

Lt. Col. Jacquelyn Reid, 123rd Tac Hosp, center, and TSgt. Madeleine Travis, 123rd CSS, rear, assist nurses in moving a child in intensive care.

Tax Feature

Who should complete your return?

At this time of year, the thought of income tax returns probably already has invaded your serenity. And with that, no doubt, has come the question about whether you should complete your returns yourself or get some help.

Professional income tax preparers will gladly help you for a fee. But the Federal Trade Commission recommends that before you hire one, you make sure you really need to pay for assistance.

If you don't have complex tax details to worry about and use the short (1040) form, Internal Revenue Service personnel will complete most of it for you and compute your taxes free. To find out more about this, contact the IRS office in your area. The number is listed in your phone book under United States Government.

If you're considering getting help from an income tax preparation service, bear in mind that these services vary greatly in cost and how much they can do for you. The preparers, for example, are classed according to their education and training.

An enrolled agent is certified by the IRS after working five years as an IRS auditor or passing a government examination. Enrolled agents are authorized to represent you before the IRS.

A certified public accountant has passed a professional qualifying examination. Certified public accountants also are authorized to represent you before the IRS.

A public accountant may have special accounting training, but lacks certification and cannot represent you before the IRS.

An attorney may or may not have special tax training. However, attorneys are authorized to represent you before the IRS.

Any other "tax preparer" may lack special training or experience. Some preparation firms require that their staffs have extensive training and experience; others have less rigorous requirements.

If you are in a special tax situation — run a small business or have income from a number of sources — you may want a preparer with specialized experience. Ask in advance to find out if the preparer suits your needs.

Some things you should ask about before hiring a tax service:

How much will it cost?

What kind of accuracy check will be made? Will it be reviewed for arithmetic errors only or also for errors in tax law interpretation?

Will the preparer represent you if the IRS audits your return? If so, will there be an extra charge?

The tax preparer you visit should go through a checklist of deductions to see if any apply to you. He should sign and enter his Social Security number or federal identification number on your return.

The preparer should not guarantee you a refund before completing your return or suggest that you take non-existent deductions or commit other dishonest acts. And the preparer should not ask you to sign a blank return or one completed in pencil.

Even though you've hired someone to prepare your return, you are personally liable for any additional tax, interest or penalty. That applies even if you have a written guarantee that the preparer will pay any interest or penalty assessed as a result of his work. This, incidentally, is quite different from a guarantee that the preparer will represent you in a dispute over your return.

To get the best results on your return, bring to the preparer any information or documents

Most tax refunds come on time . . .

. . . But if it's been 10 weeks since you filed your tax return and you still haven't received your refund check, find out about it. Call the special phone number in your tax forms package and the IRS Automated Refund Service can check the status of your return.



that might apply to your taxes, including last year's return. After your return is prepared, check it to make sure it's correct.

And remember, the earlier you start on your return, the more time you or your tax preparer will have to do a good job.

For local assistance

Members of the Kentucky Air National Guard who have any tax questions that are of interest to you should submit them to the public affairs office, Room 143 of the O & T Building. A question and answer column will appear in the March edition of the **Phantom's Eye**. Legal, tax and investment counselors will be used to compile answers to the most popular questions. Please have your questions to the PA office no later than 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Finance representatives explain new W-4 Form

Members of the KyANG will receive the new tax withholding form that will help determine the size of their tax refund in 1988.

Representatives from the finance and accounting office will visit each unit during roll call to pass out the form and answer questions on completing it.

Internal Revenue Service officials said the new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, conforms to the new tax laws, which take effect in 1987, and is more accurate than the current form.

The W-4 Form tells an employer the number of withholding allowances an employee is entitled to claim. Previously it was filed only when a person started work and updated to show changes such as marriage, divorce, or birth of a child.

Filing the new form is mandatory under the new tax law, IRS officials said. The deadline for filing is Oct. 1; however, the form should be filed as soon as possible to ensure that the amount of tax withheld closely matches an individual's personal tax situation.

According to officials, people who file late may find the amount withheld from their pay inadequate under the new tax rules. This could cost them additional money on their 1987 tax returns.

Additionally, these people may have to pay a penalty if the amount withheld during the year plus an estimated tax payments does not equal at least 90 percent of their tax liabilities for 1987, or 100 percent of tax liabilities for 1986.

Also, people who do not meet the filing deadline will still have taxes withheld since employers will be required to complete the form, based on the current form. This means that a recently married person might still be taxed at the single rate if his form is not updated, officials said.

IRS has two publications to help explain the new form. Officials said Publication 919, "Is My Withholding Correct?" and Publication 505, "Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax," should be available from the nearest IRS tax forms and publications office.

Guard Benefits/Entitlements

Kentucky offers many state incentives

This is the first of a four-part series on Air National Guard benefits and entitlements. Information for the series was taken from KyANG Pamphlet 211-01, "Member and Family Benefits Pamphlet," prepared by Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard. A copy of this pamphlet was mailed to all guard members and is given to all new members to the guard. The series will be divided into state, federal, retirement and federal active duty benefits.

Members of the KyANG and their families are provided many benefits by the state. According to KyANG Pamphlet 211-01, Kentucky ranks among the best in the nation in benefits accorded its guardmembers.

The following is a brief summary of these benefits.

- One benefit is the exemption of guard pay from local taxation. Each guardmember is entitled to a \$20 credit on state income taxes which would be the same as an additional exemption. Guard related expenses are deductible items on Kentucky and federal income taxes, such as mileage to and from guard assemblies.

- Guard members are also entitled to a Kentucky National Guard License Plate. The initial cost is \$25 with \$1 per year renewals. Guardmembers must obtain a

Commonwealth of Kentucky Form TD 96-216 from their commander. This must be presented to the county clerk's office in the member's county of residence. Guard plates are issued and renewed each December. Indiana residents who are members of the KyANG are also entitled to guard license plates from Indiana.

- Kentucky's Worker Compensation Laws provide financial protection to guardmembers for medical expenses and other compensation for injuries or death as a result of the performance of state active duty.

- The state also allows five gratuitous points for guardmembers who take State Merit Exams. These points must be requested by the guardmember and are added to passing scores.

- Passes are available for free access to Kentucky toll roads while traveling to and from "official" military duty. To get this pass, the guardmember's commander must request a toll road pass providing the name, social security number, home address and unit of assignment to TAG Ky/ESSO, Boone Center, Frankfort, KY 40601-6168.

- The state provides educational benefits to eligible guardmembers. If eligible, you may have up to 50 percent of your tuition paid. Benefits allowed per year currently is \$750. Program details can be obtained

from MSgt. Peggy Kottak, base career advisor.

- Uniforms and accessories are provided to enlisted guardmembers at no cost. These are obtained through individual clothing issue. After the initial issue, new uniforms are obtained by turning in an old uniform for a new item.

- Several low premium insurance programs are available to guardmembers and their families. The National Guard Association of Kentucky offers Vulcan Group Life, Accident Compensation and Cancer Indemnity Plans. Premiums for any of these plans can be automatically deducted from your military pay. These plans can also be continued even if the guardmember leaves the guard or retires from the guard. Information about the program can be obtained from unit insurance administrators or through the National Guard Association, 1115 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601 or call toll free 1-800-251-2333.

The Enlisted Association National Guard of the United States also offers an insurance plan. All enlisted guardmembers, or officers who were formerly enlisted, are eligible for this insurance. This policy requires direct payment of premiums to the underwriter, Northwestern Life Insurance. Payroll deductions cannot be made.

Next month's article will focus on federal benefits and entitlements.

Medical Minute

Stress test

By LtCol Jacque Reid
Environmental Health

Pick up almost any magazine today and you will find an article on stress. Many disorders that we knew no cause for are now linked to stress.

Many medical conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure or diabetes, are known to be complicated by high levels of stress. A recent issue of **Hope Health Newsletter**, a publication of the Bob Hope International Heart Institute contained the following stress test.

Take the quiz and see how stressed you are.

- If you feel you have a supportive family, give yourself 10 points.
- If you have a hobby you enjoy, give yourself 10 points.
- If you belong to a social activity group (other than your family) that meets at least once a month, give yourself 10 points.

- If you are within five pounds of your ideal weight, give yourself 15 points.

- If you practice some form of "deep relaxation" at least three times a week (meditation, yoga) give yourself 15 points.

- For each day during the course of an average week that you get at least 30 minutes of brisk exercise, give yourself 5 points.

- For each nutritionally balanced, wholesome meal that you eat during an average day, give yourself 5 points.

- If in the course of an average week, you plan and do something you really enjoy (that's just for you) give yourself 5 points.

- If there's somewhere in your home you can go for relaxation and be by yourself, give yourself 10 points.

- If you practice "time management" skills in your daily life, give yourself 5 points.

- Subtract 5 points for each pack of cigarettes you smoke in an average day.

- Subtract 10 points for each evening during an average week that you use alcohol or other drugs to relax.

- Subtract 5 points for each evening during an average week that you bring of lice work home.

What's your score?

A "perfect" score is about 120 points.

An "average" score is 50-60 points.

If your score is between 50-120 you probably cope with life's ups and downs well. If your score is below 50, you may need to consider a life style change to reduce stress levels.

The next Medical Minute will contain hints for reducing stress that can be used no matter how high or low your score is.

The Mustang Years

By Capt. Gary Chambers and Charles Arrington

The Kentucky Air National Guard received Federal recognition on Feb. 16, 1947 as the 123rd Fighter Group/165th Fighter Squadron with Lt. Col. Philip Ardery as its first commander.

Budgetary problems interfered for a period and it was not until Sept. 20 that the Kentucky Air Guard became a fully functional organization. Operating from Standiford Field, Louisville, KyANG's first dedicated combat type aircraft was the F-51D Mustang, which it operated until 1956. Only Federal activation during the Korean War with F-84Es flown in England interrupted the Mustang years.

Kentucky Air Guard Mustangs were all bare metal with service marking applied in black. During the early Mustang period the last three numbers of the aircraft's serial usually appeared in an enlarged format before the national insignia on both sides of the fuselage as: 548 KY ANG.

After 1952 these numbers were moved to the forward fuselage just below the engine stacks and now limited to only the last two numbers of the serial.

Probably the most spectacular and colorful markings came about the year 1954, possibly as temporary markings for an exercise and not applied to the whole fleet. This consisted of a black lightning bolt trimmed in red applied from the nose back along the fuselage to almost the tail. The prop spinner was solid red and the tail cap red separated by a black line.

Two aircraft were further marked. One, the wing commander's Mustang, had three parallel bands possibly in red applied

diagonally around the rear fuselage just behind the national insignia. The squadron commander's aircraft was similarly marked but with only two bands.

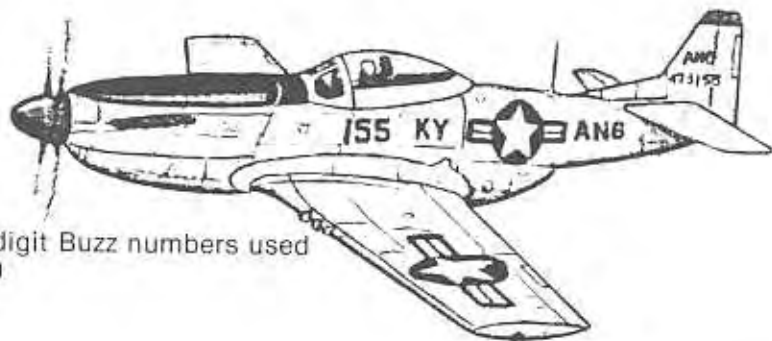
One other Mustang, a target tug (463803), carried the lightning bolt in yellow trimmed in black with the entire nose area to the wing in yellow and the tail area nearly to the national insignia in yellow for high visibility. This aircraft also had a yellow prop spinner with a black spiral. F-51Ds operated after 1953 had their tail wheel locked in the down position.

The first 165th Fighter Squadron Commander was Maj. Robert W. (Todd) Moore, and outstanding Mustang pilot during World War II. Major Moore was the highest

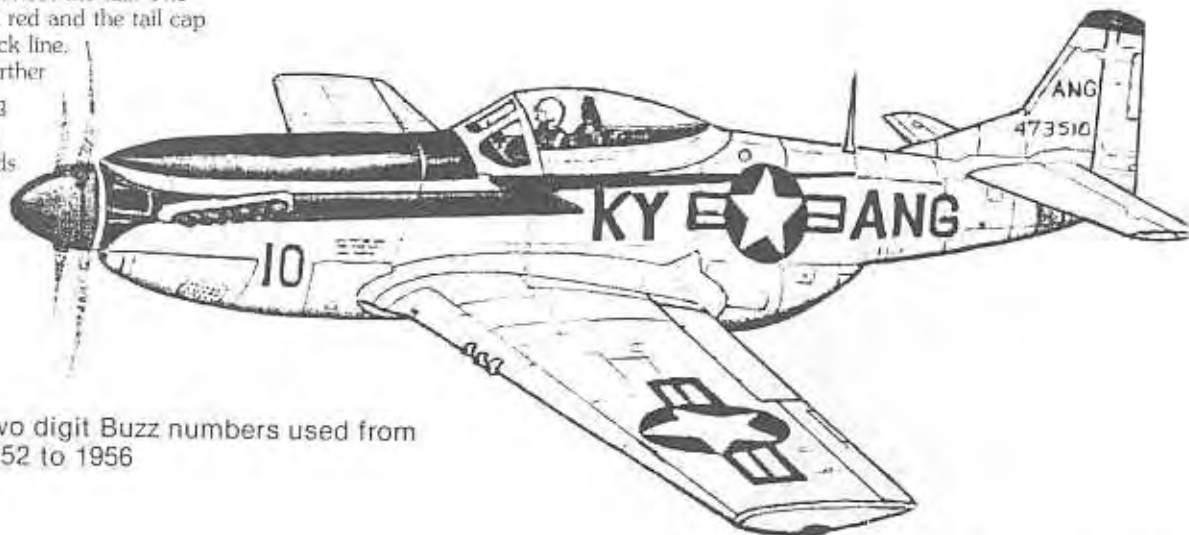
scoring ace in the Seventh Air Force and the top Air Force ace over Japan with 12 aerial victories.

Another notable Kentucky Air Guard Mustang pilot was Lt. Col. Lee J. Merkel. Colonel Merkel was an outstanding leader, but was killed in an F-51 crash in Indiana early in 1956 before his full potential was ever achieved.

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Three digit Buzz numbers used to 1950



Two digit Buzz numbers used from 1952 to 1956

Illustration by Robert Conely

North American F-51D Mustang 1947-1956

Promotions

To SMSgt.

William R. Moore Sr.
John R. Walker

To MSgt.

Thomas J. Gould
Thomas A. James

To TSgt.

Michael S. Keeton
Ricky A. McGuire

To SSgt.

Kenneth O. Cheney
Glen M. Hammack
Virginia E. Hill
Jeffrey D. McDonald
Edwin F. Miller
Perry T. Robinson
John M. Wadsworth
Bruce A. Wilson

To SrA

Beulah F. Dierson
Timothy P. Dougherty
Jonathan M. Fulkerson
Rolf D. Klein
Deborah A. McIntosh
Jeffrey S. Shofner
Keith L. Smith

To AIC

Roy C. Brown Jr.
William P. Gilpin
Timothy S. Mills
Mark A. Thurman

Appointments:

Capt. Jon T. Reilman, 165 TRS
Capt. Walter E. Arnold/165 WeaFlt

Kentucky 20 Year Faithful Service Plaque

Maj. Glenn D. Adair
Maj. Dewey L. Cook
Maj. Thomas J. Marks Jr.
CMSgt. Walter Carter
SMSgt. Richard D. Wilson
MSgt. Harold W. Craig
MSgt. Charles E. Lieberman, Jr.
MSgt. Harvey H. Raymer
TSgt. Paul V. Davidson Jr.

Kentucky Merit Ribbon

TSgt. Ralph F. Bronger III
TSgt. Michael G. Mitro

So Long!

The following have recently been discharged from the KyAng. Our sincere thanks to all of you, and good luck.

CMSgt. John D. Arms, 123 CAM
CMSgt. James P. Marks, 123 CAM
MSgt. Nancy Fabing
TSgt. Ruth Mathis
TSgt. Clarence J. Guinan III, 123 Wea Flt
SSgt. Edward A. Brinley, 123 CSS
SSgt. Larry B. Wiewel, 123 CAM
Sgt. Carolyn D. Wharton, 165 TRS
AB Steven C. Mattingly, 8123 Stud Flt

For Sale: 3 Bedroom-1 1/2 story aluminum-sided house for sale, asking \$38,000. Call Dennis Jennings on-base ext. 483 or off-base 447-4467.

Unit name changes

The 123d Information Systems Flight was officially redesignated the 123rd Communications Flight effective Dec. 8, 1986.

Payroll for drill

Paycheck for February UTA attendance should be received by Feb. 20, according to finance and accounting officials.

Roll call forms should be given to the finance and accounting office immediately after Sunday afternoon's roll call. "Units need to ensure that total roll call count is correct to speed processing of pay by finance," said Sgt. Darryl Spaulding, military pay section.

CCAF offers Associate degrees

By SSgt. Mark Grant
CCAF Advisor

As an enlisted member of the KyANG you can earn an Associate in Applied Science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Let your military experience pay dividends for you in the form of college credit hours toward a degree beneficial to your military or civilian career. CCAF is specifically designed

to assist you, the enlisted member, in obtaining an education by converting technical training and CDC courses into credit hours. Also, college credit hours you have received outside the military may be transferable to CCAF.

To earn a CCAF degree you must first become enrolled, so start the new year off right and contact your CCAF advisor today, in Room 120 of the O&T Bldg., or call ext. 497.

