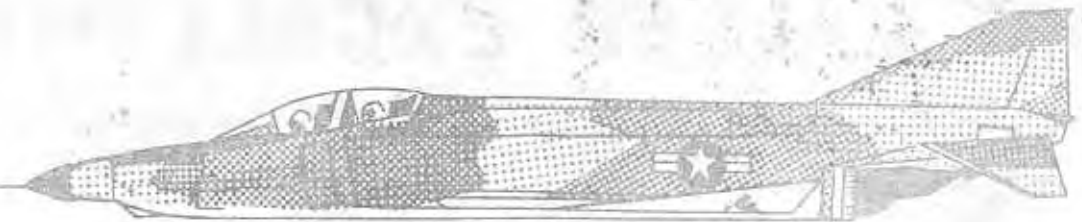




# THE PHANTOM'S EYE



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## WE ARE THERE WAR GAMES IN NEVADA DESERT

"War is hell." is scribbled on a wall chart at Nellis AFB, "but Red Flag is super hell." Planes pilots and personnel of the Kentucky Air National Guard are now in that intense threat environment.

Near Las Vegas, in the Nevada desert, learning how to fight tomorrow's war are 7 pilots, 6 navigators, 2 support officers and 46 enlisted personnel from the 165th TRS, 123 CAM and 123 TRW. They will participate for two weeks and then be replaced by others from Standiford Field. Lt Col Stewart R. Byrne is now commanding the deployed element. Lt Col Joseph L. Kottak will assume command on September 15.

Red Flag 79-9 is an intense, demanding, war-like experience, requiring 12- hour work-days from aircrews and concentrated ready-now dedication from maintenance specialists. It is the most ambitious, realistic, and highly regarded training program ever devised for tactical aircrews, other air components and in fact, all U. S. operational forces.

The 165th pilots are flying fighter escort missions, marking targets with photo-flash cartridges, performing pre-strike and post-strike photography and accomplishing search missions for targets of opportunity. They are encountering three obstacles from Forces of Agression: surface to air missiles, automatic aircraft artillery (AAA), and aggressors flying F-14s, F-5Es, (which looks and performs like the MiG-21).

Col Martin H. Mahrt, Commander of the 4440th Tactical Training Group, said of Red Flag program: "Enemy radar signals are crackling in your headset, the aggressors are chasing you. It's an experience that develops leadership, professionalism and confidence...One thing for sure, we're not going to be predictable like we were in Vietnam."

Retired Gen William W. Monyar, who commanded the Seventh Air Force in Vietnam, put it more bluntly: "The contest for air superiority is the most important contest of all, for no operation can be sustained if this battle is lost. To win it, we must have the best equipment, the best tactics, the freedom to use them, and the best pilots."

FOOTBALL TICKETS FOR TONIGHT: Two choice reserved seats to tonight's U of L -VPI football game will go the winner of a drawing in the KYANG Club at 1740 hours today. Requirements are Club membership and being present at the drawing. KYANG Club membership costs \$10.00 for officers and technicians and \$6.00 for enlisted.

# ORI CALLED EXCELLENT

Lt Gen James V. Hartinger, commander of the Twelfth Air Force was on base Aug 9-10 and spoke at the outbriefing of the Operational Readiness Inspection. Gen Hartinger, who exercises control over 19 wings ( 12 active AF, 6 ANG and 1 USAFR ), called the ORI "excellent."

Two areas of evaluation comprise an ORI: first, initial response; second, employment. Initial response was observed and rated. Employment will be observed and rated within the next 12 to 18 months.

Four phases of the five-phase ORI of the 165 TRS, supported by the 123 TRW, were conducted by the 12AF/IG team during the period August 9-11. Colonel Edward R. Shields was the Team Chief.

Purpose of the ORI was to evaluate the 165th TRS in generation, mobility, deployment, and regeneration. Tasking included movement of 16 RF-4C aircraft, 37 tons of equipment and 203 support personnel to simulated overseas bases, and preparation for employment in support of theater commanders.

The unit flew 15 of the 16 generated aircraft; eight deployed to Savannah, six simulated the first leg of a flight to the Canal Zone, one flew another mission, and one ground-aborted. The seven primary and spare Savannah aircraft successfully refueled on a KC-135. An inspector flew in each of the two deployed cells. Aircraft and Photo Processing Interpreting Facilities (PPIF) generation was termed outstanding. Mission planning, Briefings and Air Discipline were excellent.

"Let me extend my appreciation to the men and women of the unit. They did a great job and deserve all the credit for this truly earned and well deserved excellent rating," BGen. Fred Bradley said.

## SAFETY TRAINING LOCATION CHANGED

The location of the additional duty safety personnel meeting has been changed from the mobility Briefing Room to the Protestant Chapel. The time will remain 1000 hrs Sunday.

NCO/AIRMEN ADVISORY PANEL: Appointments to the KyANG NCO/Airmen Advisory Panel for the period Oct1, 1979 through Sep 30, 1982 have been made by the Adjutant General. The panel will meet at least semi-annually for the purpose of assisting the Assistant Adjutant General for Air in identifying and recommending solutions in problems areas associated with the enlisted members. Panel members are: CMC Walter Carter, SMS Samuel M. Duncan, TSG James E. Givan, Jr, TSG Donald L. McDonald, SSG Frank J. Anderson, III, SSG Diana Q. Doyle and SSG Michael T. Loftus.

RECRUITER VACANCY: A Recruiter vacancy now exists within the Kentucky Air National Guard. Applicant must submit AF Form 1288 and resume to Personnel Utilization, DPMU, Room 126, O & T Bldg this station. Applicant must meet the following qualifications:

- (a) Be E-4 (Sgt) through E-7 (MSGT)
- (b) Have a least one (1) year of service in the Air National Guard immediately prior to assignment to the Air National Guard Recruiting duties.
- (c) Age: Maximum age 35.
- (d) Appearance must project a favorable image of the Air National Guard.
- (e) Must possess the ability to speak clearly and with conviction.
- (f) Ability to type at least twenty-five (25) words per minute is desirable.