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KyANG Photo by SMSgt. Dave Tinsley

**Greetings**

Vice President George Bush is welcomed to Standiford Field by Brig. Gen. Donald J. Ryan, KyANG Chief of Staff, and representatives from Louisville. Vice President Bush visited Louisville June 22 for a luncheon.

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**KyANG to move**

1988 has been a year which will long be remembered in the history of the KyANG.

In the spring of this year it was announced that we would undergo a conversion from the RF-4C reconnaissance mission to the C-130 airlift mission. This in itself would have a tremendous impact on each of us, as massive retraining of personnel would have to occur.

Shortly thereafter, we were advised that we would be the recipient of an all new mission for the Air National Guard, namely the home of the first Combat Control Team unit: For those choosing to enter this field of endeavor, 45 weeks of adverse training is mandatory.

Our latest announcement was made on June 22 — the present site of the KyANG will be taken by a massive airport expansion program in the next few years which will include two new parallel runways. This means that we must relocate to a new facility. That facility will be an all new base somewhere within the confines of the airport.

This will affect our conversion construction program, but to what degree is unknown. The good news is that for our new missions we will be able to design a base from the ground up and not modify a facility designed 30 years ago for a TAC fighter role.



**Brig. Gen. John L. Smith**  
**Wing Commander**

These changes are programmed to begin over the next few years — with a programmed completion date of 1995.

We will periodically publish articles in the paper to keep you abreast of our progress.

**Taproot to God**

**By Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Curry**

The Japanese developed a method of growing dwarfed trees. They take a small seedling that God meant to grow to be eighty or ninety feet tall and sever the taproot with scissors.

Now the tree is forced to live off the shallow surface roots and, living from these, grows only to sixteen or eighteen inches in height.

Without the taproot to go deep into the earth, the tree, even though fifty years of age, remains a dwarf.

So a life that draws its sustenance from a shallow surface remains a dwarf spiritually. Only as the primary root of life goes deep into the life of God is there real growth. No matter how great intellectual, technological, or scientific abilities may be, they're not the roots needed to give



**Chaplain Thomas Curry**

security, self-worth, or the spiritual depth to make life meaningful.

Without the taproot to God, life never reaches the heights of joy, peace, and love that God intends for each of his creations.

## Aerial Port Squadron commander named

Maj. Robert L. Jordan, currently chief of supply, was recently selected to command the Mobile Aerial Port Squadron which will come into being Jan. 1, 1989.

The MAPS, under the Military Airlift Command, is the newest member of the KyANG in its new role as a military airlift unit. The primary function of a MAPS unit is to establish and operate nonfixed air terminals at employment sites where no permanent air terminal organization exists.

The squadron will consist of aerial port operations, vehicle maintenance, terminal services, ramp services and special cargo handling operations. These areas will include air cargo specialists, a training technician, a personnel specialist, special purpose vehicle maintenance specialists, an administrative clerk, a stan/eval specialist and the first sergeant and commander.

Currently total manning for the unit is 106 people, according to Major Jordan. This will include seven full-time members. As a weekend commander, Major Jordan will continue his full-time position as management systems officer in the 123d RMS.

Assisting Major Jordan in his command duties will be MSgt. Barry L. Dow, currently 123d MSS NCOIC base training, as unit first sergeant. Capt. Robert J. Abell, 123d MSS, and Capt. John J. Blakeley, 165th TRS, will be transportation staff officers, and Capt. Daniel G. Jones Jr., 123d MSS, will be the executive officer.

Major Jordan has already set some concrete goals for the new unit. "In terms of the squadron, we hope to get the people qualified and up to speed by the first UEI (Unit Effectiveness Inspection) and receive an excellent," said Major Jordan. "On a day-to-day basis, we have 106 people not qualified, training is the number one priority."



KyANG Photo by SSgt. Jeff Sansbury

### Maj. Robert L. Jordan, new commander, checks supplies with TSgt. Neville L. Johnson.

"This is a heck of a challenge, an opportunity to see if I am company grade material," said Major Jordan. "It's not only a challenge being a new squadron, but also being the newest squadron under the conversion."

"With all the potential and attributes he has shown over the years, he is very deserving of a command position," said Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander. "I think he'll do a great job."

As a minority member of the Guard, Major Jordan hopes his position will provide incentive for young members of the unit. He started his career as an enlisted member and was commissioned from among the ranks.

"I don't look at the military in terms of minorities — I'm an American. Our enemies, currently the Russians, don't care whether I'm black, white, hispanic or whatever," said the Major.

## From novice to State Pistol Team

By SSgt. Jeff Sansbury  
Staff Writer

The all-male KyANG Pistol Team held try-outs last fall for some newly-created vacancies, and SrA Sheila Young was nervous.

Only four weeks earlier, Airman Young hadn't even held a pistol. She flinched, she remembers, after firing her first round. "I hit the target on my first try," explains the 123d Tac Hospital medic, "and that was a bit of surprise."

The bigger surprise came in October, when Airman Young earned a permanent spot on the team, making her the first female in KyANG history to do so.

By April, the 34-year-old had placed third in a local pistol tournament, and that achievement earned her a slot on Kentucky's National Guard State Pistol Team at Fort Knox, which consists of both Army and Air Guardsmen.

For a couple of hours each Tuesday night, Airman Young loads nearly 250 rounds into her .22, .38 and .45 calibre pistols. It's addictive, she admits.

"As long as there's ammo, I'll keep shooting," says the Louisville native. "It really grows on you."

Airman Young and her six KyANG teammates practice their shooting skills at a farm in Greenville, Ind. During the winter months, the team rents an indoor shooting range in Louisville.

"She puts a lot into it, and that's why she gets so much out of it," explains TSgt. Gary Stormes, the KyANG team advisor and a member of the 123d CAM Squadron. "Sheila is confident and is always optimistic. Her future looks real good."

Next month, Airman Young and the KyANG Pistol Team will shoot their way into Little Rock, Ark., to compete in a week-long pistol tournament sponsored by the National Guard Bureau. The tournament may be Airman Young's greatest challenge yet, and she says the trip to Arkansas "could be indicative" of her future as a female marksman.

"We're all supportive of each other. That's the only way it can work," she explains. "Pistol competition is not just an individual skill — it's also an exciting team sport."

Airman Young is quick to point out her stance on wild game hunting, however.



KyANG Photo by SSgt. Jeff Sansbury

Though she's a member of the National Rifle Association and truly a gun enthusiast, her only interest is in target shooting.

"That's just the way I am, I guess. I don't think of myself as an aggressive person," she says. "But I am dedicated."

Airman Young says she became interested in joining the Kentucky pistol teams because only few women have approached the idea, and because she wanted to encourage other females to participate more actively in traditional male sports.

"Being a woman is not a factor . . . not in this sport," says MSgt. Mike Cook, her teammate and a member of the 123d RMS. "She can out-shoot a lot of us guys, and we don't hesitate to admit it."

"She's dedicated, and that's what we like here," adds TSgt. Don Briney, another teammate from the 123d RMS. "Sheila represents what the pistol team is supposed to be: great shooters."

She also says it "adds a spark" in her daily routine, and helps cut down on stress.

"Jogging, bowling and going to the movies is OK," she'll tell you, "but I'm always looking for something a little different."

"I think I've found it."

The National Guard Bureau also encourages a "can-do attitude." Those who per-

form well and apply themselves to marksmanship are offered TDY tours to compete in national Tournaments and some have earned their way to the Olympic Games.

"Well, I'm not quite ready for 'that,'" she muses. "But everybody starts somewhere, and this is a start for me."

Despite her nack and zest for the pistol, Airman Young is careful to take aim on more important facts of life. When she's not on the firing range, she's usually found studying physical therapy at Jefferson Community College, and enjoys spending time with her two children, both of whom enjoy shooting a few rounds with Mom after Tuesday night practice.

"I do it for fun, and for the challenge it offers. That's all," she says.

She hopes to become equally proficient with rifles and the military's M-16, though most expert marksmen discourage the commitment to both pistols and rifles.

"In the long run," she adds, "commitment and team spirit is the name of the game. You can shoot weapons all you want, but if you don't have friends behind you, the motivation just isn't there."

## FAREWELL MESSAGES

Two well-known, long-time members of the KyANG will be leaving this month after almost 60 years of combined military service.

Col Dwight R. Pounds, state education and training officer, also held positions as 123d RMS commander and deputy commander for resources. Lt.Col. William D. Seiber, deputy commander for services, also held positions as a pilot and 123d CES commander.

The following is a brief farewell message from each man.

### Col. Pounds

In any given military career there is a time to lead and a time to leave. I thought that time had come for me two years ago and even published a farewell letter in this paper. Fate, General Bradley and General Smith intervened and I spent two very rewarding years with State Headquarters. However, that job description has recently been rewritten for a lower rank and once again I must leave.

This time there will be no "safety net" to keep me in the unit. As much as I would like to be a part of the successful conversion to the C 130 mission, it is time to step aside and allow a younger officer to assume my position and "grow up" with this new aircraft from its onset, someone who can give the Wing more than two years before mandatory retirement.

So once again I wish my fellow Air Guardsmen every success in the years ahead. Please consider your hands shaken, your backs slapped, and the ladies



KyANG Photo by SrA Dennis Robinson

### Col. Dwight R. Pounds

hugged. Retire?? No, I will work the next two years as a Liaison Officer for the Air Force Academy and Air Force ROTC, the commissioning program in which I became a blue-suiter.

Only at the conclusion of this period will I consider my military career at an end. As one of America's great philosophers (Yogi Berra) once observed, "It ain't over 'till its over!"

### Lt.Col. Seiber

It certainly doesn't seem like 32 years, but as the saying goes, time flies when you're having fun and it has been fun.

I just want to say thank you and farewell to all the good people in the 123d. I am especially proud of being a member of TAC's finest and of civil Engineering's finest. I expect that you will

keep the tradition going and soon you will be MAC's finest too.

Remember when you were young, farther back for some than for others, life was a series of firsts — the first time you drove a car, flew an airplane, went to summer camp, deployed overseas. Now things have taken a definite change, instead of a series of firsts, there is a series of lasts — the last UTA, last summer camp, last flight, last hurrah, and so on. It's hard to believe that it's over, but now that final day is rapidly approaching.

I wish Brig. Gen. Smith and all the men and women of the 123d the best and hope that you continue to strive to be the best in all you undertake.



KyANG Photo by SSgt. Charles Simpson

Lt.Col. William D. Seiber, sitting, discusses work with Maj. Thomas J. Marks Jr., 123d CES commander.

## Food Poisoning

### Summer tips for prevention

By Evelyn D. Harris  
American Forces Information Service

For most people, the word "picnic" evokes fond memories—good food, good friends, games and music shared in a beautiful outdoor setting. But anyone who has gotten sick from eating improperly handled food may not have such glowing memories.

A little planning before the picnic is the best way to ensure that food is safe as well as tasty. Here are some tips from military and Department of Agriculture food-safety experts:

When shopping for food, buy perishable items such as meat last. Get them into a

refrigerator or portable cooler as soon as possible. Never leave perishables in a hot car while you run other errands.

If you are going to use perishable food quickly, refrigerate it. Otherwise, freeze it.

Don't thaw meat on the counter. Thaw in the refrigerator or in your microwave oven. If meat is not completely defrosted when you're ready to leave, just cook it longer at the picnic.

Cook everything thoroughly. Cook pork chops and ribs until the pink is gone; poultry should have no red near the bone. Steak and hamburger are safer when cooked until well-done.

Clean your hands before cooking and after tasting. If there's no water faucet, use disposable handwipes. Don't reuse the same utensils and dishes that touched raw meat for serving.

Keep hot foods above 140 degrees and cold foods below 45 degrees Fahrenheit. Invest in a thermometer to check temperature range.

Keep perishable foods in a cooler as long as possible. Pack the cooler with plenty of ice or use an ice pack. Try to keep it in the shade.

The high-acid content of commercial mayonnaise actually helps protect foods from spoiling. But homemade mayonnaise, if made without vinegar or lemon juice, could be risky.

Keep food covered to avoid exposing it to flies and common bacteria.

If you were gone no more than five hours and your perishables were kept on ice except when cooked and served, you may be able to save the leftovers. But if you have any doubts about a food, throw it out.

## Tips For Guests

Reference: National Clearinghouse for Alcohol Information

Know that you may choose not to drink and can say "no" to alcoholic beverages for any reason.

Measure the alcohol you use in mixed drinks — 1-1/2 ounces of distilled spirits in a mixed drink is about equal to the alcohol in a 12-ounce beer or five ounces of table wine. Diluting spirits with water or fruit juices will slow absorption down.

If you decide to drink alcoholic beverages, be particularly cautious about using alcohol when you are going to drive, when other drugs are taken, or when you are depressed or lonely.

Drink slowly and avoid gulping a drink, remember that alcohol is a drug.

Know that the calorie content of alcoholic beverages varies considerably.

### Learn about alcohol consumption

For example, 4 ounces of wine contains about 100 calories; sherry or port — 200; 12 ounces of beer — 160; and 1 and 1/2 ounces of distilled spirits — 110 calories. Over the course of a year, 2 cans of beer a day in excess of your normal caloric needs could result in a 33-pound weight gain. A daily glass of wine could add 10 pounds a year.

Don't drink and drive. Avoid riding with a driver who is under the influence of alcohol.

If you are a woman, realize that alcohol will have a greater effect on you even if you weigh the same as most men. If you are pregnant or nursing, the safest choice for you and your baby is not to drink.

Don't drink alone.

Recognize that the use of alcohol for the purpose of coping with problems is high risk behavior. If you feel you are having a problem with alcohol, discuss that problem with someone.

Recognize that, for those individuals who suffer from the illness of alcoholism or for those who experience problems with alcohol, the best decision is not to drink.

# Army Guard News

## Kentucky Military Academy

### Tactical exercise prepares graduates

By Sgt. Rick Baker  
133d PAD, Army NG

It was the culmination of 15 months spent studying, sweating and surviving for 36 members of Officer Candidate School Class 30 at the Kentucky Military Academy.

A five-day tactical field exercise was the last training the cadets received before being commissioned as second lieutenants and proved to be a fitting way to end the course, according to many of the soon-to-be officers.

"The exercise was physically, mentally and emotionally demanding," said 2nd Lt. Allen H. Boone of Louisville, who is headed for the Field Artillery Branch. "But when you take total strangers and have them learn to work together as a team, it gives you a sense of accomplishment."

Those sentiments were echoed by 2nd Lt. Jenny Noblett, who recently moved

from Waco, Ky., to Ames, Iowa, to enter veterinary school at Iowa State University.

"It's okay to listen to all these things in class, but until you get to actually do it, you can't realize what really happens," said Lieutenant Noblett. "You learn to work with people under stress, take charge in difficult situations and make decisions. I can appreciate what people in leadership positions go through now."

During the five-day exercise, the candidates underwent squad and platoon tactics, field maneuvers, combat survival and leadership training. There was plenty to learn, even for those who weren't new to the field environment.

"After five years in the National Guard, I still learned a lot I didn't know," said 2nd Lt. William McDaniel of Marion, who is headed for the Armor branch. "No matter how much you learn in the classroom, it's here in the field, going up against the cadre, where it all comes together."

That includes learning to make decisions faster than normal, according to Field Artillery 2nd Lt. Charles Higgins of Ocean Township, N.J., a ministerial student at

Campbellsville College.

"You learn to make decisions quickly, especially with four tac officers yelling in your ear at the same time," he laughed. "After five days in the field, you feel good that you've made it through the exercise and the OCS course. You feel part of something big."

Perhaps some of the most important things learned aren't always the most obvious, said Lieutenant Noblett.

"The main thing I learned was to take care of my people — make sure they had food, water and shelter," she said. "But you have to ask for it, because no one's going to give it to you."

For 2nd Lt. Christopher Albritton of Murray, who is headed for the Military Police branch, the lessons from everything that's learned and everything that succeeds points to one overall theme — teamwork.

"Much of what was taught in the classroom, especially things we didn't fully understand, became clear in the field," said Lieutenant Albritton. "But the most obvious fact was that in the Army or out of the Army, no matter where you go or where you work, you have to have teamwork to make things succeed."

## News

### Sure-Pay

The Air Force's Sure Pay Check System is now changed to Direct Deposit. This change is to more accurately reflect the intent and nature of the program and to be more in line with other federal agencies.

The Direct Deposit system sends checks from the Finance Office to the individual bank accounts on or before each pay day.

Sixty percent of the Air Guardsman are participating in this system.

If you are interested in beating the long lines, contact the Military Pay Section to sign up for the Direct Deposit. They are located in Room 145 of the O & T Building.

### Pol suggests Air Force better

A pol conducted by "USA Today" of 400 service personnel stationed in Japan reflected that the Air Force treated their personnel better than the other branches.

The pol questioned sailors, airmen, soldiers, and marines. Only two percent polled stated that the Army treated their personnel the best.

Thirty six percent of the officers stated that the best part of military life was the responsibility, while 42 percent of the enlisted personnel stated that the travel was the best part of the military life.

Family separation was the worst of all according to 54 percent of those polled.

When questioned if they would do it again, 84 percent of the women stated they would and 78 percent of the men stated they would. Patriotism topped the list of reasons why followed by travel, challenge, and training. Family separation topped the list of those stationed overseas followed by language barrier, culture shock, and the missing of stateside life.

The full results of the "USA Today" pol appeared in the May 27 issue.

## Promotions

### To TSgt:

James N. Bush, 123d CES  
Billie J. Schanen, 165th TRS

### To SSgt:

Tim D. Brimer, 123d CES  
David A. Burba, 123d CAM  
Philip A. Elery, 123d CES  
James L. Nelson, 165th TRS  
Wilfredo Olivo Jimenez, 123d CAM

### To Sgt:

Paul A. Dittmeier, 123d CAM  
Patricia L. Elias, 165th TRS  
John C. Selbert, 123d CAM

### To SrA:

Gregory D. Brown, 123d RMS  
Ton A. Ali, 123d Tac Hosp  
Gregory J. Bean, 123d RMS  
Robert L. Beyer, 123d CAM  
Trent E. Foster, 123d MSS  
Thomas N. Gibson, 123d CES  
Arvil G. Lewis, 123d CAM  
Janice A. Lysgaard, 123d MSS  
Nancy A. White, 123d MSFl

### Air Force Commendation Medal:

Maj. Patricia J. Horsey, 123d Tac Hosp  
SMSgt. Richard D. Wilson, 123d CES  
MSgt. Wesley E. Smith, 123d CES  
TSgt. Eugene A. Downs, 123d CES  
TSgt. Kenneth O. Goldring, 123d CES  
SSgt. Jerome A. Brown, 123d CES  
SSgt. Donald P. Keown, 123d CES  
SSgt. Gerald W. Savage, 123d CES  
Sgt. Douglas S. Sharp, 123d CES

### Air Force Achievement Medal:

MSgt. Paul E. Wright, 123d CES

## KyANG member offers tornado assistance

Recently a member of the KyANG gave of herself to assist the victims of a devastating tornado that struck Middlesboro, Ky.

SSgt. Mary F. Kays, a food service specialist in the 123d Mission Support Squadron, is a resident of Middlesboro and joined the Army National Guard in its efforts to assist the small community after the disaster.

The tornado struck without warning on May 9, killing one, injuring many others and causing widespread damage to the city.

For her work, Sergeant Kays received the State Active Duty Ribbon and a letter of commendation from Brig. Gen. Michael W. Davidson, adjutant general of Kentucky.

"In times of disaster, it is critical that local governments are able to look elsewhere for help in restoring essential public services and in enabling people to resume their lives as quickly as possible,"

stated General Davidson in his letter to Sergeant Kays.

"I would like to express my personal appreciation for your performance during this disaster. Without your professional and dedicated efforts, the city's recovery from this tragic event would have been unnecessarily delayed," stated the general. "You are to be commended for performing such a vital mission for the citizens of Middlesboro."

## Commissary entry rules change

New admittance procedures for family members using the commissary will go into effect October 1, due to a change in DOD Regulation 1330.7

The change requires family members, age 10 and older, to show a dependent ID card along with the Commissary Earning Statement.

Members of the KyANG can obtain a Reserve Dependent's ID Card for their family members through CBPO. Before getting the card, the paperwork must be accomplished and the sponsor must sign the application. This is done in CBPO, Room 124 of the O&T Bldg., ext. 486. This is done in Room 123 on UTA weekends.

Appointments must be made with the 123d WSSF to get the ID card. These appointments are scheduled on **Wednesdays only**. Contact SSgt. Valencia Frierson at ext. 477 to schedule an appointment.

### Exchange admittance

Procedures for admittance to a Post/Base Exchange and the Class VI Store differ from the commissary. Reservists must have their red ID Card along with TDY orders or latest UTA pay statement. Family members are not authorized entry to the Exchange or Class VI Store.

Whether TDY or shopping locally at Fort Knox, people should get into the habit of carrying their ID Card, UTA pay statement or TDY orders.

## Correct removal of DOD sticker

Members of the KyANG who sell or trade their vehicle should be aware of the need to remove the DOD sticker issued for access to the base.

Anytime an individual releases ownership of their vehicle, the DOD sticker must be removed and security police must be notified, according to Capt. Kenneth W. Peters, commander 123d WSSF. The sticker is a controlled item and must be accounted for.

## Correct address ensures pay

By SMSgt. Elizabeth Church  
Supervisor of Pay

Too frequently, serious financial problems occur because members failed to provide the Military Pay Office a current mailing address for themselves or an allottee.

The Air Force Accounting and Finance Center has spent a lot of money to develop and maintain an excellent military pay system.

Without a doubt, Air National Guard members enjoy the very best military pay service. All of the efforts of all the people in the pay network, however, are for naught when members fail to inform the pay office of changes that impact their pay. If they do not report such changes, the very best system will not produce accurate and timely pay distribution. It's somewhat like being down because of a missing \$1.98 part.

Under the best circumstances, virtually all cases of missing or lost checks involve several weeks for validation of the claim, seeking item status with the U.S. Treasury Department, obtaining claim forms, etc. These cases, most assuredly have an adverse impact on all concerned.

The expense incurred by the activities concerned is significant and is for the most part avoidable. What this means is — members are responsible for keeping their records current and correct.

The U.S. Postal Service can deliver mail to a current and correct address! Also, the OASD General Council has ruled that allotment address changes cannot be made without written consent of the member. The bottom line is, *the member is responsible*.

Let's all work to ensure the system functions as it should.

### We Care Fund

A total of \$282.86 was given by KyANG members to the "We Care Fund" which was established for victims and families of the recent school bus accident at Carrollton, Ky.