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WE ARE 'C-1' NOW: Effective Sept. 1 the Group reported to Tactical Air Command (TAC) that we are at the top in terms of readiness, or C-1 in military terminology. The 123d Tac Recon Group is the only reconnaissance group in the country so reporting -- the other six Air National Guard reconnaissance groups are "C-2" according to the record. We are joined at C-1 by more than 10 other tactical fighter groups.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? "We ought to be very proud of ourselves being a C-1 unit," said Lt. Col. Carl D. Black, our Group commander. "We have come a long way in a short time," he said, "and I do appreciate the kind of effort which many of you are putting out to get us there." The momentum is there, and the Group is moving ahead because of the great strides which have been made in recent months, he said. "It's a compliment to each and every man in the Group," the commander points out.

HOW DO WE STAY ON TOP? "We have some more work to do to stay where we are, and to make our status more solid," he continued. "But C-1 should be the easiest place to be and should us to concentrate on the more important and interesting job we have to do," he said. The commander pointed to deployments and other pleasurable activities which would come as a result of being C-1.

THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE: In anticipation of the operational readiness inspection which the commander hopes for to verify the C-1 status, there will be an operational readiness exercise today and tomorrow. We will need to bear down and stay busy for the next few months to be ready for that ORI which will come on a "no-notice" basis. Those needing to fire for qualification at Ft. Knox, including Mobility Flight and some Civil Engineering folks, will probably catch up on that next drill.

IN RE PERSONAL INSPECTION: With more help coming from the wearing of wigs at drills, the commander has also made the record clear on personal appearance: neatness is the norm. The individual is responsible for having a clean, pressed uniform . . . polished shoes . . . and a neat appearance generally. Supervisors and unit commanders will be held accountable if individuals fall down on their responsibility. "It boils down to self-discipline," Colonel Black said, "and there is an image we must project."

\$20,000 COVERAGE DEDUCTS: One of the outstanding personnel benefits to come along, the automatic deduction of Serviceman's Group Life Insurance of \$3.40 is retroactive to June 1. This will take a bite out of September paychecks to catch up, and then level off at \$3.40 for \$20,000 coverage. If you feel you must decline or want to reduce to a lesser amount, you must take the action yourself -- seeing the personal affairs officer at O&T room 126 (Customer Service).

OUR SYMBOL OUT FRONT: The new look near the NCO parking lot is an old friend, "OO1", who went with us to Kansas City and beyond during the Pueblo call-up. Now content to rest quietly, she will be a visual reminder of the professional readiness of the Air Guard. She was moved from the Fair on Aug. 26 by a "flying crane" helicopter from the Alabama Army Guard and rolled into position Thursday after being placed down on the blacktop.

SOME TECHNICIANS RETIRE: Long-time leader in the Kentucky Air Guard and of recent years director of Air Guard matters in the office of the adjutant general at Frankfort, Col. Charles Sellins has stepped down from his civilian post as a technician. He will remain on State Staff as comptroller in his military capacity, and will be succeeded in Frankfort by Capt. Richard H. Jett who had been serving as chief of CBPO. Also taking retirement from his civilian air tech job is SMSgt. Howard Curtis, our chief recruiter, who will remain on "active duty" status to continue in the latter capacity for some time to come. SMSgt. Chris Baker, aircraft maintenance superintendent, has also taken retirement.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE POSSIBLE: SSgt. George C. Wicks of the recruiting office has called a meeting of all interested parties to discuss forming a basketball league with Air Guardsmen taking part. Come to the Mess Hall at 2:30 p.m. Sunday for the meeting, or see Sgt. Wicks at O&T room 133 (phone on base 52). The new recruiter was featured in a story appearing in the Louisville Defender on Sept. 12.

BLOWING THEIR LID? That's what the sign says -- advertising a Hangar Dance Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. here on base. Music will be by the Brass Sounds Unlimited and your \$6 covers your partner plus ice, chips and pretzels. Interested hoofers should contact Paul Coyle or Jack Dunn.

NEW COMM FLIGHT COMMANDER: Well, not exactly new, he's Lt. Col. Norris Delph who returns from State Staff to replace Lt. Col. Win Appleby, now commander of the 123d CAM Squadron. Other switches include Maj. Glenn Duhs going to State Staff (and if we neglected the item a while back), Lt. Col. Stanley Worsham coming back to the Group as intelligence chief.

AND BOWLING, TOO: Starting Sept. 23 there will be a KyANG Bowling League at the "new" Rose Bowl South including 10 five-person teams. Contact TSgt. Bob Allen, ext. 92, TSgt. Steve Harned, ext. 45, or 1st Lt. Dick Gravatte, ext. 46.

MINUTEMAN SHIELD



Gone is the familiar Minute Man disc, long the Air Guard's official emblem. Replacing it is this shield, already approved as the official ANG "trademark." Outlined with a yellow background, the Minuteman, musket and aircraft are blue and the lettering is in black.