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Ky ANG Pilots to Get Refueling Briefing from SAC Crew

A briefing for the first jet-tanker refueling missions flown by the KyANG will be given to all tactical pilots at 0900 Saturday of the August drill in the Squadron Operations Briefing Room. A Strategic Air Command KC-135 crew from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, will give the briefing.

The KyANG's first KC-135 refuelings are scheduled in September. In addition to their normal reconnaissance missions, KyANG pilots now are required to fly 240 refueling sorties every six months. Half must be from jet tankers, KC-135s, and half from jet-assisted, propeller-driven tankers, KC-97s. The KC-135 tankers used by the KyANG will be from Wright-Patterson and Clinton-Sherman AFB, Okla. The KC-97 tankers are from the 134th Air Refueling Group, McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tenn.

Finish Electronics Course - Eight maintenance men recently completed a five-months electronics course at Shewmaker ANG Base.

TSgt. Melvin Richardson and SSgt Paul A. Reinhard received special diplomas for outstanding academic performance. Others graduating were MSgt. Walter H. Ragland, TSgt. Herman R. Johnson, TSgt. John Lancaster, Tsgt. Donald B. Redmon, SSgt. Everett C. Wise and A1C Gilbert W. Recktenwald.

Instructor was MSgt Paul T. Bryne from the Technical Training Center at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas. The 280-hour course covered basic and advanced electronics, solid state devices, slide-rule mathematics and printed-circuit repair techniques. Completion means the eight men are better qualified to perform the exacting maintenance on the KyANG's complex RF-101s.

Disaster Control Exercise - A disaster control exercise, one of the required parts of an operational readiness inspection, will be practiced on Sunday of the August drill. To prepare for it, all squadron disaster control officers and all team leaders will meet at 1500 Saturday in the O & T Building. All personnel are required to carry dosimeters, issued previously, and individual exposure cards, to be issued this weekend, during all training periods. Purpose of the exercise is to minimize losses due to an enemy attack and to be able to restore operational capability quickly.

Wing Staff to Visit Nevada ANG - Brig. Gen. Jack H. Owen, 123D Tactical Reconnaissance Wing commander, and five staff officers will leave Thursday, 18 August, for a staff visit to the 152D Tactical Reconnaissance Group.

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which is at field training near Boise, Idaho.

Your Blood Is Appreciated - The Louisville Chapter of the Red Cross has expressed its "deep appreciation" to the KyANG for the turnout when the Bloodmobile visited Shewmaker last month. A letter to Gen. Owen said 228 pints of blood were donated and offers of blood from 13 other men could not be accepted. The donation was part of a nationwide National Guard drive to collect blood for servicemen in Viet Nam.

Have You Done Anything Outstanding Lately, Captain? - If so, write it down before this Saturday in such form as can be used by the reporting officer who makes your effectiveness report. Reporting officers must have their captains' ERs in by 15 August and most will be asking captains to submit statements about outstanding military and civilian achievements. Majors should have similar statements ready by 30 September.

Officer Selection Board Named - Enlisted men seeking commissions will be screened by a new Officer Selection Board, composed of Brig. Gen. Jack H. Owen, Col. Eugene F. Kinnaird, Jr., Lt. Col. Joel L. Stokes, Jr., Maj. Richard L. Frymire, Jr., and Maj. Donald L. Armstrong. Alternate members are Lt. Col. Lawrence A. Quebbeman, Lt. Col. William H. Beck, Maj. Maynard G. Weppner, Maj. Winfred L. Appleby, Capt. John B. Conway and Capt. Jerome H. Krupp.

The long-range outlook for those applying for commissions is improving. Assigned strength has been well above programmed (budgeted) strength in the past but it is likely to drop slightly below 100 per cent in the not-too-distant future.

OJT Lag Could Mean Extra Hour of Drill - A new wing policy letter concerning On-the-Job Training authorizes an extra hour of drill for airmen who have not reached the required skill level within the maximum training time (12 months for 3-level, 24 months for 5-level, 36 months for 7-level). Section supervisors will be responsible for supervising such lagging trainees. The letter also sets out a number of other OJT procedures.

NGB Officials Visit Base - The deputy of the National Guard Bureau, Maj. Gen. Francis S. Greenleaf, visited Shewmaker ANG Base 19 July for a briefing and tour of the base. He was accompanied while here by Maj. Gen. Arthur Y. Lloyd, state adjutant general. On 3 August, Col Douglas C. Shelton, NGB executive officer, Air Force Division, toured the base.

Society Note - Capt. Patricia Ann Cochrane, a nurse in the 123D Tactical Hospital, will be married to Capt. Donald M. Drapper, air police officer, this Saturday evening.

Two Airmen Cited - A3C Dee R. Ellis, 123D CAM Sq., earned a certificate as an outstanding student during his jet-mechanic training at Sheppard AFB, Texas, 25 April to 5 July. A3C Paul F. Nagel, 123D Cmbt. Spt. Sq., received a letter of appreciation from his squadron commander at Sheppard for his extra efforts as an administrative assistant in the squadron training office.

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