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Col. John Greene assumes command 30 years brings pilot to KyANG's top position

Col. John V. Greene of Louisville became only the 12th commander of the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing and the Kentucky Air National Guard. His official ceremony was held public here July 14.

Brig. Gen. Michael Davidson, the adjutant general of Kentucky, conducted the change of command ceremony on orders from Gov. Wallace G. Wilkinson.

Colonel Greene, 52, is a career Air Guard technician with nearly 30 years of federal active duty. He is a command pilot with more than 4,500 hours of flying time.



Colonel
Stewart Byrne
Takes over as
Executive Officer



Lt. Col.
Bill Leslie
Assumes role
as Deputy of
Operations



KyANG photo by TSgt. Charles Simpson

Brig. Gen. Michael Davidson, right, the adjutant general of Kentucky, congratulated Col. John Greene during the formal change of command ceremony July 14. Brig. Gen. John Smith, right, retired from active service and now stands as the Kentucky National Guard's adjutant for air in Frankfort.

Colonel Greene will be responsible for ushering in the C-130-H model aircraft and the construction of the new KyANG base at Standiford Field.

The colonel graduated from Grove City College in Pennsylvania where he received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics. He was commissioned a second lieutenant from the Air Force ROTC and later began his pilot training in 1961.

After leaving active duty and working as an officer for a major civilian air carrier, and then to General Electric in Louisville, Colonel Greene joined the Kentucky Air Guard in 1969 and became an air technician here in 1975.

Other assignments the colonel has

held include deputy commander for maintenance for the 123rd CAM Squadron, wing plans officer, safety officer and chief of the command post.

During his tenure as the CAM squadron commander, the unit was the first in 12th Air Force history to receive an outstanding rating during an Inspector General operational readiness inspection.

The outgoing commander, Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, retired from active service and was appointed the assistant adjutant general for air in Frankfort.

Other key appointments include the 123rd's new executive officer, Col. Stewart Byrne, and the wing's deputy of operations, Lt. Col. Bill Leslie.

Commander's Column



Challenges are ahead, let's roll up our sleeves

The Kentucky Air National Guard is an outstanding unit with a record of excellence. That is a fact documented by numerous awards, decorations and accomplishments.

The catalyst for this tradition is the people of the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing. They have taken pride in their jobs and have worked hard to ensure that the mission was done in a professional manner.

I am honored to serve as your commander. I am also humbled by the awesome responsibility to keep up the tradition of the Kentucky Air Guard. We are faced with a formidable challenge during the upcoming ORI and UEI. I have outlined specific goals and objectives that focus on safety, people and our mission.

I challenge each of you to establish high standards of achievement and to work together as a team. The next several months will be an uphill climb.

Let's roll up our sleeves, go to work and -- press on!

123rd TAW Goals for FY 1992

SAFETY:

-- Accomplish our mission with zero accidents, incidents or lost-time personnel injuries.

-- Provide a clean and safe work environment.

-- Ensure safe work habits that are accomplished in accordance with technical data and other governing directives.

PEOPLE:

-- Qualified and trained to do the unit's combat mission.

-- Provide equal opportunity to excel and advance to each individual's potential.

-- Provide leadership based on integrity, honesty and high standards of performance.

-- Recruit and retain a quality work force.



Col. John V. Greene
Wing Commander

MISSION:

-- Attain 100 percent manning.

-- All units attain C-1 combat readiness level.

-- Support the airlift requirements of the Kentucky Army Guard and National Guard Bureau.

-- Innovative training to ensure a formidable and effective combat unit.

Photographer needed for KyANG

The base photo lab currently has a vacancy for an experienced photographer to retrain into the photography career field.

Interviews will be set up with SMSgt. Dave Tinsley, who would also like to

see a portfolio of your photography.

For more information please contact the career and education manager at on-base 604, or the wing recruiting office at 424.

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Technician killed in parachute jump

A member of the Kentucky Air National Guard was killed July 22 during a parachute training exercise near Eglin AFB in Florida.

TSgt. David A. Atkinson, a member of the KyANG's elite Combat Control Team, was performing a "high altitude, high-opening" jump from about 12,500 feet just before his death, according to Capt. Phil Miller, the public affairs officer for the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs in Frankfort.

A military board is investigating the incident and will release its findings in about 2 weeks. There is concern that Sergeant Atkinson's parachute did not deploy properly, Captain Miller said.

The incident happened while Sergeant Atkinson and members of the CTT were training with the Air Force's 1723rd Special Tactics Squadron. Sergeant Atkinson, 33, formerly of Florida, is survived by his wife and two children.

Tragic accident tests faith of Ky Guardsman

By Capt. Frank White
118th Public Affairs Detachment
Tennessee Army National Guard

Spec. Bobby Dedman of the KyARNG worked frantically pulling bodies from the mangled bus asking, "God, why did this have to happen."

Realizing he could do nothing for the lifeless, mangled body under the truck, he rushed to the other side hoping he could help someone there.

What he saw there is part of a memory that will haunt the 26-year-old man forever. The body of a young female U.S. soldier was dangling from the overturned truck as her feet were lodged under the dash. He continued to ask, "God, why did this happen."

Dedman and five companions came upon the wreck along the narrow highway in northern Saudi Arabia as the sun was lowering on the flat desert horizon.

He first pulled bodies from the bus while others held the severed bus roof up so he could crawl into the overturned vehicle.

Despite the urging of his sergeant major to move away from the wreck

before the leaking fuel ignited, Dedman said later he couldn't leave without knowing everyone in the wreckage had been pulled out.

Dedman recalled that as he worked to free the young female GI from the truck he really became angry with God. "I really questioned the Lord then. It really hit me hard to see her there," he said.

When her lifeless body fell into his arms, Dedman carried her like a baby to where other bodies were being collected.

"My legs felt like jelly. Every time I ran to a helicopter, I pleaded for the Lord to help my legs hold up for this one more trip," he said.

Now, Dedman is relying on the Lord to help him deal with the tragedy he saw that night. "I try to talk about it rather than hold it all in. At the same time, I try not to think about it," he said. He still struggles with the question of "why."

Bobby Dedman is a member of the 133rd Public Affairs Detachment from Frankfort. He lives in Lexington and he looks forward to holding the daughter he has seen only in photos.

She was born Jan. 7, two weeks after Dedman's unit left for the Saudi Arabian desert.

Chaplain's Column

By Capt. Charles Smith Jr.
KyANG Protestant Chaplain

"Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me." Remember saying this or something similar as a child?

The truth is, words actually do hurt and often cause more pain than physical hurt. Reality is that people are going to say something to us that hurts.

We can't do much about what others say. What we can do something about is how we speak and what we say to others.

Psychologists report that it takes 46 positive statements to overcome just one negative statement. How many times in our lives have we received compliments from nine out of 10 people, but only a negative remark is remembered.

We need to watch what we say.

The author of the Book of Proverbs writes, "Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

If we want others to speak to us in positive, affirming ways, then we need to be speaking to others not "with words that hurt" but words that "heal."

By doing so we make the day better for others and ourselves.

The words we use can help or hurt. Choose your words carefully.

E-4 status outlined, some Sgts take cut

Prior service applicants who qualify for enlistment in pay grade E-4 from civilian status or from a non-USAF component will be accessed as senior airmen. This rule applies even if the applicant previously held NCO status in an Air Force component.

Air Force or Air Reserve component applicants transferring or enlisting without a break in service who are E-4 sergeant or reduced to pay grade E-4 from a higher pay grade may be accessed as a sergeant provided they have completed at least one level of Air Force PME.

Individuals who were appointed to NCO status during Desert Shield and Desert Storm who did not complete the NCO Preparatory Course may be accessed as sergeants; however, they must acknowledge in writing that they will complete the course (or the Airman Leadership School

after Oct. 1, 1991) in accordance with the Statement of Understanding signed upon appointment to sergeant (no later than one year from appointment). These are the only circumstances under which an E-4 may be accessed as a sergeant on or after May 2, 1991.

Any individual who enlists as an E-4 after May 1, 1997 will be accessed in the rank of senior airman.

All applicants transferring or enlisting into an Air Force component in the grade of E-4 sergeant must have the following statement annotated on their DD Form 4 or Annex (or other appropriate document): "I am enlisting as an E-4 sergeant. I understand I will convert to senior airman on 1 May 1997 unless I am promoted prior to that date."

Point of contact is CMSgt. Hafner, NGB/DPMME, DSN 858-8393, or the KyANG CBPO, ext. 485.

Bowling team now forming

Anyone interested in bowling with the KyANG Mixed League at Parkmoor Lanes on Wednesday nights at 6:20, starting in September, please contact one of the following:

Lou Price	448
Mike Cook	432
Teresa Amsler	467

Whole teams or individuals accepted.

Golf tourney is next month

The 1991 ANG Golf Tournament will be held in Tucson, Ariz., from Sept. 18-21. Green fees are \$65, and those members interested should contact MSgt. John Hourigan at on-base 416 or 466. The deadline for registering is Sunday, Aug. 4.

Net Pay, LES stubs issued

Starting this fall the new Net Pay Advice (NPA) and Leave and Earning Statement (LES) system will be used throughout the Air Force.

The NPA and LES will be distributed through base accounting and finance offices, and every Air Force member will get one, even if paid once a month or by check and previously didn't get one.

The NPA will carry remarks from Air Force leaders that now appear only on the LES.

Bond drive under way

The 1991 Savings Bond Campaign kicked off this summer and marked the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Savings Bond Program. The campaign gives military and civilian members a chance to adjust their present personal savings bond program.

AMERICAN PROLOGUE



Not Getting the Word

They say that 10 percent don't get the word today. Things were much worse during the War of 1812.

The commander of the American Ft. Mackinac was so slow getting the word that it was delivered by the British, once they were in the fort and had taken it by surprise.

Things were no better by war's end. Although the treaty ending the conflict was signed on Christmas Eve, word hadn't reached Andrew Jackson on Jan. 8, when he and his forces took on the British in the Battle of New Orleans.

AMERICAN PROLOGUE



Clean Your Plate, Sir

Back during World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower dropped by a mess hall in England at noontime one day to see how troops were being fed.

According to Time magazine, he lined up for pork, spinach and salad. Full before his plate was empty, he was about to leave some food when an escort pointed to a stern notice: "Eat All You Take."

Said he, "Doggone if I'm risking a reprimand," and polished off the rest of the food.

Said the serving woman who had noticed his four stars and given him a double portion of everything: "Lumme, what an appetite!"