

THE CARGO COURIER

123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky Air National Guard, Louisville, Ky.

Vol. 11, No. 8, August 5, 1995

GUARD CARE '95



ABOVE: Capt. Bill Adkisson of the 123rd Medical Squadron gives a young Mud Creek resident a physical exam.

RIGHT: 123rd Medical Squadron member, Tech. Sgt. Florine Curtis, helps Maj. Taylor Hoover of the Army Guard's 973rd Medical Detachment replace a patient's filling.



Clinic provides health care to needy in rural Appalachia

By Capt. Ben Singleton
133rd Public Affairs Detachment
KyArNG

High on a mountain top in eastern Kentucky is not the likeliest place for a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital.

But that's exactly where members of the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Medical Squadron and the Kentucky Army National Guard's 475th MASH spent their summer camp this year.

The hospital's lofty perch could be viewed as symbolic of its lofty mission — to provide quality health care for medically underserved residents of an economically disadvantaged area.

Operation Guardcare '95 treated hun-

dreds of patients during the two-week field training, working in conjunction with the local Mud Creek Clinic in Grethel, Ky.

"Seeing this number of people in a short period of time has been great training for our people," said Maj. Kay Stanton, project officer for Guardcare '95 in Kentucky.

Stanton was primarily responsible for organizing this formidable undertaking. A member of the National Guard for 16 years, she has seldom seen a project as challenging or rewarding.

"This operation is one of the premier training events for medical units taking place in the United States," Stanton said.

And the training is not just checking blood

*KyArNG photos by
Maj. Philip K. Miller*

See CARE on Page 4

Your Commitment Honors Legacy of Kentucky Air Guard

I recently attended a meeting of the Louisville Armed Forces Committee where the guest speaker happened to be retired Major General Philip Ardery.

General Ardery, who was a bomber pilot in World War II and this wing's first commander, regaled us with tales of courage of men at war, and of the fits and starts of a fledgling Air National Guard wing.

His presentation made me think about how fortunate this wing has been to have had some great leaders.

I not only thought of people who have left a lasting legacy, such as generals Conaway, Frymire, Gast, Black and Byrne; I also thought about all of the informal leaders that this unit has had who have made things happen without much fame or fanfare.

Their numbers are legion and they include people such as Stan Worsham, Edgar Shultz, George Newman and Lou Colgate.

The legacy of these people remains with the wing today.

We are still blessed with a cadre of folks who care about this wing and make things



Col. Michael L. Harden
123rd Airlift Wing Commander

happen.

They go about their duties in a quiet, professional way that makes others want to follow them.

They not only do their jobs, they go out of their way to organize activities to improve the morale and quality of life for the

wing.

They organize softball, golf and bowling teams. They lead the effort to restore the snack bar/club. They organize unit parties and dances.

They are involved with the Family Support Group. They serve on the base color guard and represent the unit at numerous civic functions.

Their efforts form the character of this wing, and character ultimately determines success or failure.

Fortunately, their numbers are many.

Unfortunately, space will not allow me to list them individually.

Let me just say thank you, and that you should take pride in the knowledge that your efforts make a difference and are appreciated.

I would also like to wish good luck to the two softball teams which are representing us in the Air National Guard Softball Tournament this week in Montgomery, Ala.

I know that you will represent us well both on and off of the field.

Thanks LOADS.

Farewell Dinner to be held tonight for Brig. Gen. Byrne

A farewell dinner will be held tonight in honor of Brig. Gen. Stewart R. Byrne, former commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing.

The dinner is scheduled to begin with cocktails at 1830 hours at the Galt House-East.

Byrne left the wing in June, but he remains on base in his new

capacity as Air National Guard Advisor to the Pacific Air Forces Commander.

Byrne advises the PACAF commander on the status and capabilities of Air Guard units that fall under PACAF control during exercises and contingencies.

This funded Air Force newspaper is published for members of the military services. Contents of *THE CARGO COURIER* are not necessarily the views of the U.S. government, the Department of Defense or the Air Force.

The editorial content is edited and prepared by the public affairs office of the 123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky Air National Guard, Louisville International Airport, Louisville, Ky., 40213-2678. Our phone number is 502-364-9431.

Wing Commander
Public Affairs Officer
Production Team:

Col. Michael L. Harden
Maj. Ralinda Gregor
Staff Sgt. Dale Greer and
Senior Master Sgt. Dave Tinsley

Call the wing PA office if you have a story idea, photo or article to submit. The deadline for our next issue is Aug. 18, and our office is in the wing HQ building.

Construction crews still at work on base

Most projects slated for 1995 completion

By Tech. Sgt. Keith Smith
123rd Civil Engineering Squadron

The casual observer might think that base construction is nearly complete.

Such a perception, however, couldn't be further from the truth.

All 15 construction contracts are still active, and punch lists, which name items that need to be corrected or completed, must be signed off before any of the projects can be closed.

This is a very time-consuming process because of the extraordinary amount of coordination needed between the contractor and the users of each facility.

Other projects are just beginning. The design and construction of a new 24,000 square foot fuel cell/corrosion control hangar began July 21. And a landscaping project for the entire base will begin at the end of August.

Design of the permanent vehicle maintenance/POL/APS facility is 90 percent complete, with construction scheduled to start this fall. Vehicle maintenance will be relocating to a temporary facility around mid-August.

The majority of construction activity is occurring on the north end of the base, near the base liquid oxygen station, which is scheduled for completion later this month.

Roadways for both the LOX area and vehicle maintenance are being altered to be both user friendly and safe.

Construction also continues on the fire station.

The project was originally delayed due to Federal Aviation Administration studies on the glide slope for runway 29-11.

In October 1994, permission was granted to continue with the project. Completion of the fire station should occur in early September.

The firearms training system/combat comm facility located across Grade Lane is



Construction of the base fire station, which was delayed by FAA runway studies, should be complete in September.

...

*KyANG photos by
Senior Master Sgt.
Dave Tinsley*

also nearing completion.

Officials have high praise for the facility, which will allow airmen to accomplish weapons training in a realistic indoor theater, and the project's coordinator, Tech. Sgt. Michael Mudd.

Mudd and several other traditional Guardsmen constructed the facility themselves from materials that once comprised the old base mobility warehouse.

The service representative who installed the FATS system called the results of this effort "the best (FATS) facility in the Air Force."

Although a street address has not yet been assigned for the new base, the base

name has been modified.

By Air Force regulation, an Air National Guard Base must use the airport name from which it is assigned.

In January and April of this year the Regional Airport Authority Board of Directors changed the name of Standiford Field to Louisville International Airport - Standiford Field.

By this action, the name of the base has changed from Standiford Field (ANGB) to Louisville International Airport - Standiford Field (ANGB).

The change request has been received by the Air Force, which should issue the official order soon.

Guardcare '95 brings hospital to needy

Continued from Page 1

pressure, fixing teeth or giving eye exams.

It also gives participants a chance to work with real people who have real problems.

"Guardcare is a unique experience for us," said Col. Charles Bruce, 123rd Medical Squadron commander. "It gives us the chance to provide community service, something we think is very special. The people are very appreciative of what we do."

The doctors, nurses, dentists and medics must learn to coordinate their efforts with each other and the civilian clinic to help solve the medical problems of the patients they see.

"Guardcare gives us an opportunity to work with our Army Guard counterparts and the clinic staff-- we really enjoy that," Bruce said.

"We set up a fully functioning field eye clinic using Army Guard equipment," he added.

Eula Hall, or "Momma Mud Creek," as some of the troops call her, is the founder

and social director of the Mud Creek Clinic.

She started it in 1973 and has filled the building with inexhaustible enthusiasm and energy ever since.

Hall said that working with the men

than the National Guard members helping us out here," she said.

"We're so grateful for the hard work and dedication the soldiers and airmen have given us."

She went on to say that having the Guard come into their community and lend a helping hand was a real blessing.

In addition to their work at the hospital, medical personnel also provided the community with educational programs.

"Guard members have been giving classes and presentations about health care to schools, senior citizens' facilities, fire departments and other community organizations," Stanton said.

"Prevention of health care problems," she added, "is just as important as treating existing problems."

Guardcare '95 is part of a federally funded training program called the Medical Readiness and Training Exercise.

Administered by the Department of Defense through the

National Guard Bureau, the program is designed to train military personnel while providing health care to needy communities.



Col. Charles Bruce III, commander of the 123rd medical Squadron, gives an eye exam to a Floyd County resident. The field hospital treated hundreds of Kentuckians during its two-week bivouac and provided health education in local schools.

and women of the Kentucky National Guard was a great experience.

"Nowhere can you find finer people

Promotions in the KyANG

The following members have been promoted in the Kentucky Air National Guard and as reservists of the U.S. Air Force.

To Senior Airman (E-4)

Jason Johnson, 123rd Aerial Port Sq.
Jason S. Lainhart, 123rd Aerial Port Sq.

To Staff Sergeant (E-5)

Aaron Cook, 123rd Aerial Port Sq.
Ralph Duke III, 123rd Airlift Wing
Daniel Flood, 123 Aerial Port Sq.
Heather Milette, 123rd Airlift Wing
James Moore, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
Robert Smith, 8123rd Student Flt.

To Tech. Sgt. (E-6)

Kenneth Cheney, 165 Airlift Sq.

'Bosslift' to boost understanding

The Kentucky Air National Guard and the Kentucky Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve will sponsor a "Bosslift" for employers of guard members on October 5.

Employers will receive briefings on the mission of the 123rd Airlift Wing and the ESGR before being flown on a Kentucky Air Guard C-130H to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB.

For more information, contact Steve Bullard, ESGR executive director, at 491-4737.

New commander discusses future of Air Combat Command

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFNS) — In his first one-on-one interview as the second commander of Air Combat Command, Gen. Joe Ralston discussed some of his ideas on how he will lead the U.S. Air Force's combat forces into the future. Following are some questions from ACC News Service and his responses.

Q: What challenges face you and ACC?

A: The challenge for any commander is making sure we give our people the resources, training and leadership they need to be productive airmen. Each of those has subparts.

We're at a time of constrained resources. There's no question about that. So it becomes a responsibility for the commander to match the resources to the tasking.

With training, we made a commitment a long time ago to keep our people trained. We'll strive very hard to ensure that while we are a smaller force, we'll be combat ready. We'll fight very hard to make sure we have the flying hours necessary to keep our aircrews ready. And that goes across the board, not just with aircrews.

On leadership, we need to make sure we motivate our people. We have wonderful young men and women in our Air Force and ACC today. We need to empower and motivate them so they can do things they never dreamed possible.

Q: What are your priorities?

A: ACC is in very good shape today. So I don't see any big, revolutionary changes in store. There are always new challenges coming up that we need to work. For example, we need to work very hard on where we are going in the future with our modernization efforts.

Q: What about force structure?

A: There will be some minor changes to our force structure during the next couple of years, but I think the big changes are behind us.

The further you go out in time, the fuzzier it gets to determine where we will be. But right now I am satisfied we will have some stability in our force structure in the near term.

Q: What direction do you plan to take ACC in terms of the overall outlook for the Air Force?



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Foster

Gen. Joe Ralston (right) accepts the Air Combat Command's flag from Gen. John R. Fogleman, Air Force chief of staff, during a change of command ceremony in June.

A: In the near term I'm delighted with the state of the command today. I hope we can keep the momentum going and keep ACC in the forefront, because quite frankly, where ACC goes, our Air Force goes.

We've got to stay up on technology, the basics and taking care of our people.

I firmly believe in the four P's when it comes to people — people, purpose, professionalism and pride. We must treat our people with respect and give them an environment in which they can reach their full potential. We have to give our people a purpose by explaining to them how they fit into the mission that has to be done.

We have to spend a lot of time training the young men and women we are so fortunate to have in the Air Force and ACC to be professional. Last but not least, commanders and all of our other leaders must instill

pride in our people. If we keep those four P's in mind, ACC will lead the way for the Air Force.

Q: What can ACC members expect in the way of support from you on quality of life issues?

A: Our people will respond magnificently as they have been doing if three conditions are met. They need to feel their job is important. I think ACC has done a great job with the quality movement and empowering people. People feel their job is important and have a stake in the outcome. They know they can affect their own lives and the mission. They will also respond if they know their families are taken care of.

"We must treat our people with respect and give them an environment in which they can reach their full potential."

**— Gen. Joe Ralston,
ACC commander**

SR-71 Blackbird returns to service

World's fastest plane again taking pictures

Air Force News Service

PALMDALE, Calif. — Five years after the last of the world's fastest and highest flying airplanes left the Air Force, one SR-71 returned to the inventory June 28.

In a delivery ceremony at the Lockheed Martin Skunk Works facility, the company turned over to Air Force officials the first of two Blackbirds that have been undergoing refurbishment.

Brig. Gen. Bill Rutledge, 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander at Beale AFB, Calif., accepted the aircraft from Dennis E. Thompson, Skunk Works' vice president for business management.

"We are proud to be back in the SR-71 business, and are pleased to report that we are currently running ahead of schedule and significantly under budget," Thompson said.

Thompson read a letter from Maj. Gen. Kenneth R. Israel, director of the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office.

"The hard work and dedication exhibited by the entire SR-71 team are a tribute to the enduring legacy of the Skunk Works," Israel said in his letter.

"You get it right the first time."

The returned Blackbird was scheduled to make its first flight with a retrained crew June 30.

Work on the Blackbirds began earlier this year under a \$30 million Air Force contract to refurbish two aircraft.

The second airplane is still being reconditioned and is scheduled to rejoin the Air Force fleet this month, Lockheed officials said.

A third SR-71 — like others in storage for the past five years — is ready to be refurbished if the Air Force needs it.

The reconnaissance jets were originally designed and built at the Skunk Works in the 1960s when Cold War tensions peaked.

Blackbirds overflow trouble spots worldwide for 24 years, gathering vital information for U.S. decision makers.

In 1990, Air Force retired the SR-71 fleet

because of budget cuts.

Many Blackbirds were given to museums.

A small number were stored for possible future use, and three were loaned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for scientific research work.

In late 1994 Congress allocated funds to recondition two or more SR-71s for reconnaissance missions.

Three two-member Air Force crews that once flew SR-71s are being retrained to operate the airplanes.

Beginning this summer, the aircraft and crews will be based at Edwards AFB, Calif.

In related news, a post-Cold War first occurred June 20-23 when a foreign military aircraft flew surveillance training missions over U.S. territory to prepare for implementation of the Open Skies Treaty.

The Soviet-built TU 154 — formerly part of the East German air force — was in the United States as part of a joint U.S.-German training exercise.

The plane — formerly used by the late East German President Erich Honneker until his Communist regime collapsed in 1989 — was equipped with cameras and infrared sensors and the pilot was a former member of the East German Air Force.

Sorties covered territory from Virginia to Oklahoma and from Ohio to Florida.

The treaty was negotiated between members of NATO and the former Warsaw Pact and signed by 27 nations in 1992.

Its purpose is to help provide better understanding of each country's military posture. On-Site Inspection Agency officials said.

OSIA is monitoring the treaty's implementation.

Open Skies is also intended to add confidence that no country is preparing a major offensive.

The treaty has not entered into force yet because some signatory nations have not yet ratified it, OSIA officials said.

Under terms of the treaty, the United States may be overflown by other treaty countries' observation aircraft 42 times a year.

Members may be eligible for awards, medals

Air Force members who distinguished themselves and directly participated in Joint Task Force Support Hope may be eligible for the Humanitarian Service Medal, according to Air Force Military Personnel Center officials.

The operation provided life-saving humanitarian aid to nearly 2 million Rwandans who fled to neighboring Zaire to escape a devastating civil war.

The inclusive dates are July 20 to Oct. 7, 1994.

Additionally, Air Force members who participated in Joint Task Force Provide Promise may be eligible for the Joint Forces Meritorious Service Award.

The inclusive dates are Feb. 1, 1994 to Jan. 31, 1995.

Old U.S. insignias no longer authorized for wear

Effective immediately, officers and enlisted members must wear only the highly polished U.S. insignia without the circle on service dress coats.

All accoutrements, like badges, must also be highly polished, regardless of whether you're wearing the old or new service dress coat.

The proper way to wear the insignia is to align the bottom of the insignia halfway up the seam of the collar and horizontal with the ground.

Ground broken for memorial to servicewomen



This architect's model shows how the of the Women in Military Service for America memorial will look when completed in 1997. The memorial is being built as a gateway to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

By Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Barrett
American Forces Information Service

President Clinton joined nearly 5,000 women veterans June 22 at groundbreaking ceremonies for the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

When completed in 1997, the memorial will make what Clinton called a long-overdue homage to the women who have served in America's armed forces.

"They volunteered, fighting for freedom

all around the world, but also fighting for the right to serve to the fullest of their potential," Clinton said.

For the thousands gathered, the groundbreaking was a time of reunion and remembrance.

Women veterans of World War II, dressed in era uniforms, mingled with those wearing desert camouflage.

All discussed the common ideals of their service and their need for the women's memorial.

"To many of us, it finally means recogni-

tion for a job well done," said Letha Owens, a retired Air Force sergeant from Truman, Ark.

Owens said she saw many changes during her 20 years of service in the U.S. armed forces.

"It's important to be equal in recognition, as well as career opportunities, pay and responsibilities."

Another ex-service member who served in Europe during WW II, former Army nurse Cathy Hoffman, said she was excited about the memorial.

"We were there on the lines with the men, and we faced many of the same hardships," the Ft. Mitchell, Ky., resident said.

"So it's a great moment for us to see our contributions recognized."

Assigned to the 11th Field Hospital, Hoffman said her unit moved every time the infantry moved — often with artillery shells flying over their heads.

"We worked hard, and we moved quickly to support the infantry," she said.

The idea of a women's memorial started in 1986, when Sen. Frank Murkowski of Alaska and Ohio Rep. Mary Oaker introduced a bill in Congress to authorize the memorial.

President Reagan signed the bill that November, and organizers began a nine-year campaign to raise \$16 million for construction costs.

When completed, the memorial will honor more than 1.8 million women who have served in the U.S. military.

Program awards supporters of National Guard

Do you know of an employer or community leader who should be recognized for his support of the National Guard?

One way to thank that person or company is through the "My Boss is a Patriot" Awards Program. Each nominee receives a certificate of appreciation from the Department of

Defense and the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Nominations submitted with a short narrative on the nominee's merits also are considered for higher awards.

Award winning individuals and their nominating guardsmen also are invited to the joint ESGR, Louisville Armed Forces

Committee and Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee Awards luncheon in December.

Nomination forms are available in unit orderly rooms or in the base public affairs office, located in wing headquarters.

The deadline for submissions is Sept. 15.

First of 3 Spaatz trophies awarded in 1950

By Tech. Sgt. John R. Martin
123rd Airlift Wing Historian

This installment of our history for August goes all the way back to 1949, when flight crews had amassed more than 5,500 accident-free flight hours, and all pilots became sufficiently instrument-rated.

Both were firsts for our unit.

The following year, the KyANG earned the first of three Spaatz trophies for military proficiency, safety, personnel programs, maintenance and supply.

Our unit won the award after earning the highest marks in these categories, compared with other units in the 55th Fighter Wing.

...

How do you like our new base, with its spacious, comfortable facilities? Well, if you do, you can thank, in part, the ceremony that took place at Standiford Field three years ago this month.

Aug. 19, 1992 marked the very beginning of the airport construction project. This, in turn, helped hasten the construction of our new base.

Ten days later, our unit received the 12th C-130 "H" model aircraft from the Lockheed assembly plant in Georgia. Though no big celebration welcomed number 12 to the base (unlike the hoopla surrounding the arrival of the first H model three months earlier), the aircraft was soon put to use. Read more about that next month.

...

Remember what our unit was doing just one year ago this month? Forgot already? Well, August 1994 was when 55 of our personnel deployed to Rwanda for Operation Support Hope.

This 30-day deployment tasked guard members to aid in the humanitarian relief efforts for this small African nation. With just 72 hours notice, guard members obtained necessary mobility papers, received inoculations and several briefings, then deployed — all without a miscue.

One story about the mission in the Louisville Courier-Journal featured a photograph of Master Sgt. Glenn Farquhar embracing his wife, Master Sgt. Rose Farquhar, and their children just moments prior to his departure for Rwanda.

The photograph touched one local resident so much that she felt compelled to send a copy of the picture with a short letter of admiration to the Farquhar family for their willingness to serve in the military.

Trivia question for next month: In August 1978, every member of the unit had a special presentation made to them in their honor. What was it?

Answer to May's trivia teaser: The former member of the Kentucky Air National Guard who attained the highest rank while serving the state of Kentucky was former state adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Richard Frymire.



KyANG historical archive

For a brief time after ascending to the position of adjutant general in the early 1970s, Maj. Gen. Richard L. "Dick" Frymire kept his flight status current in the RF-101 Voodoo. Frymire is the first — and only — member of the Kentucky Air National Guard to attain the rank of major general while still serving the commonwealth.