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## KyANG to sell off its C-130B wing, new H model rolls off assembly line

By Capt. Steve Bullard  
Contributing Writer

Now that 12 brand new C-130H model aircraft are bound for the Kentucky Air National Guard, are you wondering what will become of the venerable old C-130Bs rapidly disappearing from the ramp?

The "For Sale" sign has been up and foreign governments have been responding. In January, in a rare event for a Kentucky crew, aircraft 725 was ferried across the International Date Line to be delivered to the Philippines. The crew's routing took them through Shemya, Alaska, to a maintenance stop in Japan, and finally into Manila.

The former KyANG aircraft was the last plane delivered of a five-aircraft Department of Defense package deal agreed to with the Philippines prior to the U.S. departure from Clark Air Base and the Subic Bay naval facility. The remaining aircraft are headed for South America and the Middle East.

In mid-February an Ecuadoran team will visit Standiford Field to examine aircraft 525 and 732. Crews from Ecuador are tentatively scheduled to pick up the aircraft in late February.

Aircraft 731 and 747 are headed for Argentina. Kentucky Air Guard crews are expected to deliver the aircraft to Buenos Aires in May. Another aircraft, 529, will be delivered to Santiago, Chile,

this spring to join aircraft 752, which was delivered to Chile in the spring of 1991.

The last two C-130Bs, 741 and 964, are tentatively headed to Bahrain and may be flown to the Middle East by KyANG crews in late March or early April. Aircraft 634 was picked up by the government of Turkey in the spring of 1991.

Not all former Kentucky aircraft go on to happy endings. One former KyANG C-130B, aircraft 717, was reportedly shot down in its new home in Columbia, South America, according to Maj. Howard Hunt III, the 123rd CAM Squadron's chief of maintenance control. Very little is known about that incident, he said, other than the aircraft was believed destroyed.

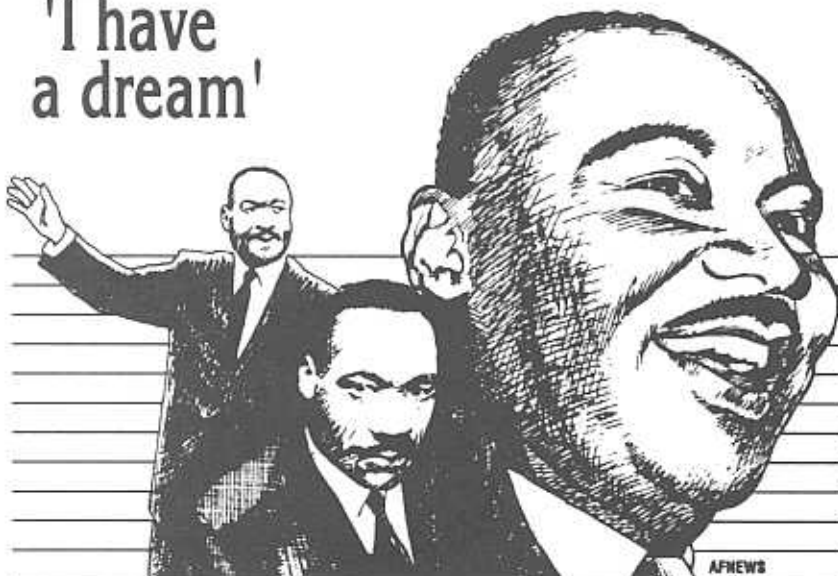
The process for selling the C-130Bs began with the Kentucky Air Guard coordinating with the National Guard Bureau, which in turn sells the aircraft through the Air Staff at the Pentagon. Maintenance Control at Standiford Field works closely with the Air Staff on the details of the sale and prepares the aircraft for delivery. Each aircraft is handled separately, from the support package and training to spare parts, says Hunt. One country even paid cash.

Meanwhile, the new C-130H models will arrive soon with the delivery of Lockheed's 2,000th C-130H aircraft, scheduled for delivery April 30. The honor of being the crew chief on that first aircraft goes to Master Sgt. Darryl Minton.

The new aircraft will begin arriving rapidly afterwards, with the final delivery coming by the first of October, according to Hunt.

### Black History Month

'I have  
a dream'



# Commander's Column



## Conversion will need help from you, employer

Our conversion to the new C-130H model has started. The maintenance training has begun and the aircrew training will formally start later this month.

The last training to be accomplished will be the aircrew training in the new Station Keeping Equipment (SKE) procedures. This phase of training will start during our annual training, scheduled for 16-26 Sep 92 and will continue into annual training in FY 93.

Many of you and your employers were impacted by the activations during Operation Desert Shield. Our conversion training is again going to impact your families and employers.

The training plan has been published and will enable you time to make arrangements for the time off with your employers. Please do this.

If you have particular problems, please advise your commander or me if you feel we can help explain why you may need additional time for training.



Col. John V. Greene  
Wing Commander

## ACR begins new support group

The Community Emergency Services Department of the American Red Cross has implemented a program to assist Persian Gulf reserve veterans and their families. A grant was received from the DoD to help military personnel and their families cope with the unique problems arising in the aftermath of Operation Desert Storm.

Red Cross caseworkers will help families access a variety of community services, including family counseling, crisis intervention, child care and finances.

Reserve and Guard members may apply for assistance by phoning their local Red Cross chapter. You can call the Louisville Area Chapter at 589-4450.

## Tax cuts for Gulf War vets may help KyANG

Washington (AFNS) -- Enlisted people who served in the Persian Gulf, or supported Desert Storm or Provide Comfort, may qualify for federal income tax benefits, Air Force finance officials said.

The primary federal income tax benefit is a reduction in the amount of income subject to taxation. Basically, any item of pay that is normally taxable is exempt if an individual served in the Persian Gulf conflict combat zone.

The Persian Gulf was designated a combat zone Jan. 17, 1991. As of Dec. 23, 1991, the gulf was still considered a combat zone, officials said. Federal income tax benefits are still in effect for those serving there and will stay in ef-

fect until the area is no longer designated a combat zone.

Enlisted people and warrant officers do not have to pay federal income taxes on military pay while assigned there. Commissioned officers in the gulf region get a \$500-a-month tax exemption from their military pay.

Those qualifying for the benefit will have at least 180 days after they leave the combat zone to file their income, estate or gift taxes; pay any income estate or gift taxes owed; pay delinquent taxes required by a federal tax levy; and purchase a home in order to postpone paying tax on the gain from the sale of the old home.

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## Bean Soup Feast April 16

The 22nd Annual Bean Soup Feast and Open House is set for Thursday, April 16, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Kentucky Air National Guard tradition helps raise funds to support such organizations as Kosair-Children's Hospital, Louisville Deaf Oral School, Shelter House, Maryhurst young women's school, Dare to Care and many others that support underprivileged and handicapped children.

The menu will include our renowned, world famous Bean Soup, cornbread, cole slaw, dessert, soft drinks and coffee. Adult tickets are \$4 and children under 12 are \$2. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

Spread the word. Invite your friends and neighbors, and give them a chance to see our Air Guard base facility. This is a worthwhile cause.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the 22nd annual tradition may contact Master Sgt. John Lundergan at 364-9638.



## Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Smith  
KyANG Protestant Chaplain

Life is hard! From the moment we hit the floor each morning until we slip back into bed at night, most of us face a noisy, busy, hectic world.

A simple and proven way to beat the demands of the world is to spend some time alone with God in 1992. Nothing will do more to improve your daily

## Job vacancies create challenge for eager KyANG recruiters

By Capt. Steve Bullard  
Special Writer

In an era of downsizing and personnel cuts throughout the nation and the military, recruiters at the Kentucky Air National Guard are faced with an increasingly unique and welcome challenge: filling 98 job vacancies.

"Our expansion to 12 PAA is in effect now for recruiting," says Tech Sgt. Nathaniel Mack III, a recruiter for the KyANG. "We've got a goal of 100 percent manning by the end of the fiscal year. That's going to require a lot of hard work."

With the 123rd TAW in the unique position of expanding to 12 C-130H aircraft this summer, manning for the unit has increased to 1,250 personnel. The majority of the 98 currently open part-time positions are in the 123rd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron.

"They need cargo handlers for the new aircraft," says Mack.

The other two primary areas the recruiters are looking to fill are in satellite communications for the new NABS unit, and cooks for the 123rd Services Flight. Fourteen-hour days are not unusual for the recruiters, who are busy visiting local high schools and colleges, and running public service announcements in an effort to publicize the vacancies.

Mack encourages Air Guard personnel to get new people interested in joining the 123rd TAW. "Our main avenue for getting information out is

the people already in the unit," he says. "They can let people know they're needed, and we can certainly help them meet their goals. Many of the reasons people get into the Guard include developing marketable skills, opportunities for travel and seeing the world, the satisfaction of serving their country, or just as a diversion from their job."

Anyone interested in joining the Guard must be a high school graduate (or GED), be 18 years old (17 with parental consent), make qualifying scores on the ASVAB test and pass a complete physical at the Military Entrance Processing Station in downtown Louisville. The candidate then sits down with a recruiter and finds a slot based on what is available at the time.

People with prior military experience are highly sought after. The recruiting office at Standiford Field can be reached at 364-9422.



"... divided into the compression-blow channel and the chamber-cylinder operating assembly, which consists of the sound-emission slot, the cylinder butt lock with chain and the reverberating operational cork ball."

output than input from your maker.

You may not have a flowered garden to walk in, but a quiet corner of your home will do just fine. It's amazing how quiet a kitchen can be at 5 a.m.

No matter where your quiet place, it's important to find one. Then as you spend time talking and listening to God, you will be refreshed, ready to face the hard world each day, each week and each new year.



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# Belize gives CE unit glimpse of different Central America

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By Capt. Steve Bullard  
Special Writer

Amid the lush tropical jungle and the long abandoned Mayan ruins of Belize, members of the Kentucky Air National Guard's PRIME BEEF team will be spending several weeks this winter patching up a small part of the little known Caribbean nation.

"It's really going to be exciting," says Senior Master Sgt. Russ Slinger, of the task force assigned to the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron. "We'll be working on several humanitarian projects."

The Belize deployment continues the National Guard tradition of sending units to do humanitarian work around the world. The 123rd TAW has sent PRIME BEEF teams to Honduras and Costa Rica over the past three years. Now, two teams of 50 personnel each are deploying to Belize, one from Feb. 22 to March 7, and the second during March 7-21. Other Guard units are sending teams before and after the 123rd in continuing exercises. In addition to the PRIME BEEF personnel, the 123rd is sending members of a services flight, medical personnel and an audio-visual team for additional support.

The country, located just south of Mexico and east of Guatemala, has been devastated by three major hurricanes this century. Damage along the Caribbean coastline has been so extensive that Belize moved its capitol from Belize City, home to most of its 166,000 population, inland to Belmopan. Most of the Guard's repair work is concentrated in or near Belize City.

"Practically everything there is built on stilts due to hurricanes," says Slinger.

The PRIME BEEF team's primary project will be to repair parts of the Belize City Hospital, which supports the entire population. The team will build a 7 x 18 foot single story room ad-

dition to the outpatient clinic to be used for patient examinations. A roofed patio deck will be added for use as a waiting area so the current waiting room may also be used for examinations.

The second project will be to save the hospital's medical storage building. "The temperature inside that building reaches 140-150 degrees in the summertime," says Slinger. "The (stored) drugs can't take that. We'll replace ventilators on the ends and tops of the



Photo courtesy of 123rd CES

**Belize, formally British Honduras, is the only bilingual, English-speaking country in Central America, and is dotted with ancient Mayan temples.**

building with gravity feed ventilators on the roof and electrical ventilators on the ends. We're trying to get air flow through so they won't have storage problems."

Outside of Belize City the team will have two other humanitarian projects, all of which are funded by the U.S. State Department. The team will repair a retirement home which also suffers from extreme heat.

The Belize Defense Force is funding other projects in Ladyville, outside Belize City. The BDF "Militia House," used for army reserve education, is rotting from top to bottom from termites and roof leaks. The team will reseal and repair the roof, adding an aluminum roof coating, and will treat the building

for termites and replace wood.

While on the predeployment design visit last October, one unexpected problem came up, Russ explains.

"Although everyone speaks English (Belize is a former British colony), we found we needed an interpreter to talk about building materials. They call 10-penny nails "number 8s." Finish nails are called headless, and so on. While they use standard English measurements, some items may be metric. Two-by-four lumber is not sized the same as in the United States and may not be sized the same as the 2 x 4 you just used." The team picked up a civilian employee of the BDF who had construction experience in both the states

and Belize to use as an interpreter.

The deployment will not be all hard work. "We'll work dawn to dusk as a minimum to try and take a three-day weekend," Russ says. "We want our folks to know the opportunities that are there and to meet the people." Belize is noted for its lush jungle, Mayan ruins and the largest barrier reef on this side of the world. Only Australia's Great Barrier Reef is larger.

Included on the deployment are three audio-visual personnel from the 123rd Mission Support Flight. The crew will make a documentary on the 123rd CES' work in Belize for the unit's history. The documentary, when completed, will be shown on CCTV and may also be shown on Belize television.

# History of KyANG

## 123rd faces more battles with airport board, recruits given Florida beach trip as bonus

By Tech Sgt. John Martin  
Wing Historian

In 1948, an article in the Sunday Courier-Journal Magazine featured the new incentive plan for KyANG new enlistees who keep up with their studies: a week-end vacation to Miami Beach.

This was during the days when there was no basic training for new Air Guard recruits. The 20 or so enlistees who were featured in the article were shown not at work, but, as expected, oogling the numerous women on the beach.

Some things never change.

While the KyANG is currently undergoing construction of new facilities, it is interesting to note that in 1954, the entire airport was considering moving its operation elsewhere in account that a new airport may disrupt the domestic life in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Airport authorities stated that the Guard base, International Harvester, the construction of the future state fairgrounds and the future construction of a new concept called an interstate highway (presently I-65), all were to be considered in the removal of the airport and its components to a new locale.

Those who wished to relocate the airport complained that the noise level of the airplanes (mostly Guard) would disrupt the Prestonia neighborhood, and duplex homes in the area couldn't be constructed due to low-level aircraft.

On Feb. 24, 1967, the bright silver RF-101 "Voodoo" jets of the KyANG began receiving jungle camouflage paint

in an attempt to comply with Air Force and Air Guard standards nationwide. The purpose of the camouflage paint served a two-fold purpose: one, to "confuse enemy aircraft flying in low altitudes; and two, to screen aircraft while parked on ground."

In 1986, the Phantom's Eye (our old base newspaper) listed names of the six astronauts and one civilian who lost their lives aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger, which exploded and killed all crew members just 11 days earlier.

In 1989 the KyANG announced the finalists for the Outstanding Airmen of the Year Program -- Senior Master Sgt. David Heustis; Staff Sgt. Elke Adams; Senior Airman Sean Swinney; Master Sgt. David Pope; and Senior Airman Cythina Hasselback.

On Feb. 3, 1990, Col. Joseph Kottak became the new wing commander of the KyANG, replacing Brig. Gen. John Smith. The ceremony for Kottak was held in the base hanger and among those in attendance was Brig. Gen. Michael Davidson, the adjutant general of Kentucky.

In 1991, call-ups were occurring in various units within the KyANG in support of Operation Desert Storm. Some of those activated were the 123rd TAC Hospital, CES and SVF.

During the Gulf War, the KyANG began testing soil at Standiford Field to determine if any type of contamination was present in the groundwater. The results proved below Environmental Protection Agency standards.



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## Change in W-2 tax forms in store for Desert vets

Due to the mobilization of the reserve forces for Desert Storm, mobilized reserve forces personnel will receive a minimum of two W-2s for 1991: one for income received under JUMPS-RF; and one for income received under JUMPS.

However, there is a concern that many reserve forces personnel may not receive a 1991 JUMPS W-2 due to incorrect addresses. Currently, DFAS-DE will also mail a duplicate 1991 JUMPS W-2 to these members in January 1992.

To ensure mobilized reserve forces personnel receive a 1991 JUMPS W-2, request Reserve/ANG payroll offices publicize this issue and inform members to contact a local AFO to change their mailing address if they have not, or do not, receive a final active duty LES and/or W-2.

## Promotions

The following airmen, organization indicated, are promoted in the Kentucky Air National Guard and as a reservist of the U.S. Air Force. Congratulations on a job well done.

To Airman 1st Class (E-3)  
Robert Geary Jr, 123rd TAW

To Senior Airman (E-4)  
Richard Leslie, 123rd MAPS

To Staff Sgt (E-5)  
Patrick McCool, 123rd MAPS

To Tech Sgt (E-6)  
William Deal, 123rd MAPS

# KyANG aircrews raise hopes over SKE, SCNS

## New technology gives H model unmatched nav systems, superior range over C-130B

By Capt. Steve Bullard  
Special Writer

Accurate airdrops in fog, darkness and marginal weather will soon become a reality for the C-130 aircrews of the 123rd TAW with the coming expansion to 12 C-130H model aircraft.

The new C-130Hs feature enhanced navigation and airdrop capabilities through SKE, or Station Keeping Equipment, called "skee." There's also the

SCNS, or Self-Contained Navigation System, called "skins." The two systems enhance the aircrew's tactical capabilities by providing highly accurate navigational information and greater latitude to operate in darkness and marginal weather.

Currently the airdrop and formation capabilities are limited by the weather. Visibility requirements vary but are generally restricted to three miles of visibility and a cloud ceiling of

at least 1,500 feet. The advantages of SKE and SCNS are that aircraft can use these features to fly large formations and drop personnel and equipment without visual reference to the drop zone or other aircraft.

The SKE equipment performs three basic functions. It displays station-keeping information on the pilots' and navigators' radar scopes. These radar "blips" show the relative range and bearing of each aircraft in the formation, making them "visible" to each other. This feature enables up to 36 aircraft to fly in a single formation.

Aircraft in an SKE formation can transmit and receive discrete data regarding maneuvers, altitude, headings, airspeed and drop information without voice transmissions. SKE aircraft have audible and visible alarm warning to signal the presence of formation aircraft that get dangerously close.

One advantage of SCNS, which is a highly accurate ring-laser gyro inertial navigation system, is that the SCNS will interact with the SKE radar to allow precise airdrops of personnel and equipment on weather obscured, unmarked and blacked-out (night) drop zones. This is done by placing an electronic zone marker on the drop zone and programming airdrop ballistic information into the SCNS computer.

If a zone marker is unavailable, SKE equipped aircraft can still fly formation in poor weather, but are limited to visual airdrops. SKE equipped aircraft may also interfly and airdrop with AWADS, or Advanced Weather Aerial Delivery System, aircraft from Pope AFB in North Carolina and Rhein-Main AB in Germany, which have internal airdrop capability.

Aircrew and maintenance training is underway on the systems and will put a premium on training throughout 1992. The first aircraft is scheduled for delivery in mid-May and the last by October, with intensive flying training beginning this summer and lasting into next year.

## PME instructors needed for new leadership course

Traditional guardsmen are needed to become instructors for the Kentucky Air Guard's Airman Leadership School. This course replaces the former NCO Preparatory Course and the NCO Leadership School.

Selection criteria for instructors:

- \* Must be an NCO.
- \* Must be a graduate of any resident enlisted PME course.
- \* Must attend the Airman Leadership School Instructor Course.

At least three instructors are needed. Please submit a brief resume and letter of interest through your unit commander, to the attention of 123rd MSS/DP, as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact any one of the current instructors: Master Sgt. Howard Rutledge, course manager, on-base ext. 603; Master Sgt. Jenny Montgomery, ext. 604; or Tech Sgt. Elke Adams, ext. 428.

## ANG vacancies

More than 100 vacancies in nearly all career fields exist in the New York Air National Guard's 105th Military Airlift Group at Newburgh. In addition to part-time positions, the unit offers several full-time aircraft maintenance opportunities. More information is available by calling 1-800-USAF-ANG, or DSN 247-2194.

More than 70 enlisted vacancies exist in the Nebraska Air National Guard. For more information, call DSN 720-1218 or commercial 402-

475-4910.

The Massachusetts Air National Guard has part-time positions available immediately in more than 15 career fields at units located throughout the state.

Massachusetts offers 100 percent free tuition to all state colleges. The state will consider individuals willing to crosstrain and attend technical schools. Contact Senior Master Sgt. John Franchi at DSN 478-6243 or commercial 617-431-6243.



# Achievements

## Bizor proves 'tough act' to follow

*Earlier this month, Tech Sgt. Deborah Nelson shared some time with Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Bizor, a marked achiever within the Kentucky Air National Guard. The following contains some highlights of that conversation as we recognize February and Black History Month.*

Senior Master Sgt. Bizor is making history at the Kentucky Air National Guard, becoming possibly the first black and only female here to attend the Senior NCO Academy.

Bizor enlisted in the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in 1978, starting out in the personnel career field as a traditional guardsman. She came on board as a full-time AGR member in 1980, and she attended the NCO Lead-



**Senior Master Sgt. Sharon Bizor**  
*Marked achievement within KyANG*

ership School in-residence in 1982.

It was there she received the distinguished graduate honor and the Mili-

tary Achievement Award. In 1987 she attended the NCO Academy in-residence and completed her bachelor's of arts degree in 1988, which she majored in administration.

Bizor is one of only a few black members here to achieve the rank of master sergeant, and she is perhaps the youngest and only black woman to hold the rank of senior master sergeant in the Kentucky Air Guard.

In 1991 Bizor attended the Senior NCO Academy and she also received two associate's degrees from the Community College of the Air Force. Her degrees were earned in administration and information management.

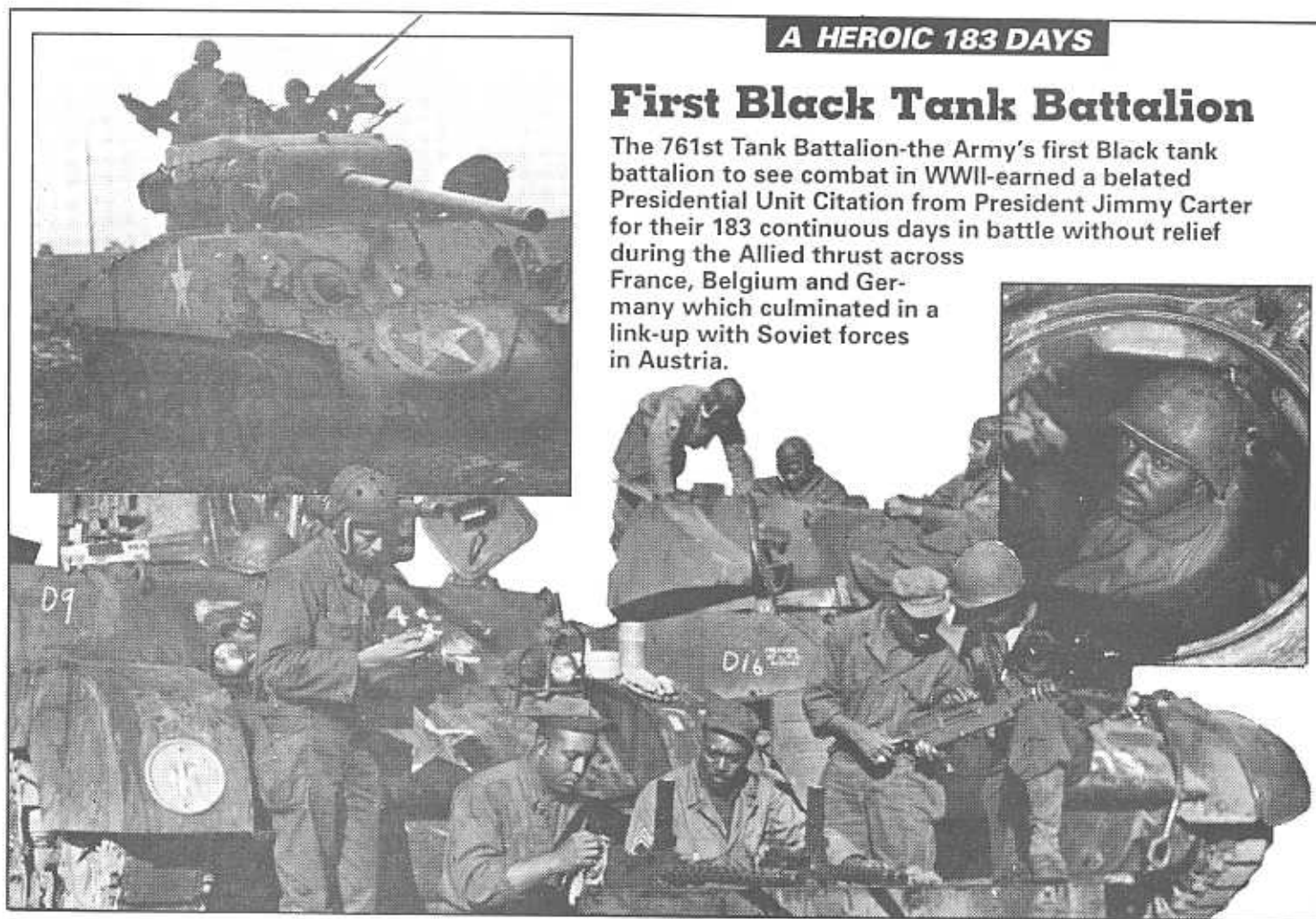
She left the personnel career field in March 1989 to become chief of the 123rd Mission Support Flight's customer support branch.

Bizor is married to Phillip Bizor and is the mother of two children, Ayreist and Averic Bizor. Congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Bizor for her achievements in the Kentucky Air Guard and the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing.

## A HEROIC 183 DAYS

### First Black Tank Battalion

The 761st Tank Battalion—the Army's first Black tank battalion to see combat in WWII—earned a belated Presidential Unit Citation from President Jimmy Carter for their 183 continuous days in battle without relief during the Allied thrust across France, Belgium and Germany which culminated in a link-up with Soviet forces in Austria.



# It happened in February

**FEB**  
**01**

President Abraham Lincoln signs 13th Amendment to Constitution, abolishing slavery, 1865.

**FEB**  
**02**

President Harry S. Truman issues message to Congress ending segregation in military, 1948.

**FEB**  
**05**

Funeral services held for last American soldier killed before cease-fire in Vietnam, Army Lt. Col. William B. Nolde, 1973.

**FEB**  
**06**

*Harper's Weekly* publishes new cartoon version of "Uncle Sam," this one with chin whiskers, 1869.

**FEB**  
**08**

Seven Southern states form Confederate States of America, with Jefferson Davis as president, 1861.

**FEB**  
**09**

Daylight saving time, called war time, imposed by U.S. government for war's duration, 1942.

**FEB**  
**10**

France's *Normandie*, then world's fastest ocean liner and taken over by U.S. for conversion to troop transport, gutted by fire and capsizes at New York City pier, 1942.

**FEB**  
**12**

America's oldest civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, founded, 1909.

**FEB**  
**13**

U.S. Marine Corps' Women's Reserve established, 1943.

**FEB**  
**14**

Alexander Graham Bell patents telephone, 1876.

**FEB**  
**15**

Battleship USS *Maine*, moored in Havana Harbor, blows up and sinks. Incident, blamed on Spain, leads to Spanish-American War five weeks later, 1898.

**FEB**  
**17**

Thomas Jefferson becomes first U.S. president elected by House of Representatives (because of tie in presidential election), 1801.

**FEB**  
**19**

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs executive order that allows military to move 112,000 Japanese Americans from their homes to concentration camps, 1942.

**FEB**  
**20**

Marine Corps Lt. Col. John Glenn orbits Earth three times in space capsule Friendship 7, becoming first American in orbit, 1962.

**FEB**  
**21**

Black Muslim leader Malcolm X shot to death as he is about to speak to rally of several hundred followers in New York City, 1965.



Senior Master Sgt. Todd Beasley  
*KyANG's Lead Recruiter*

**O**oops!

In the January issue of the *Cargo Courier*, an article on *KyANG* recruiting incorrectly named Master Sgt. James Gannon as the author. The article was actually authored by Senior Master Sgt. Todd Beasley, the *KyANG's* lead recruiter, and we apologize to Beasley and his family for this error.