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ORI nets 'satisfactory' performance

Select areas receive outstanding ratings from commander, Air Force inspectors

The long awaited Operational Readiness Inspection (Phase I) and Unit Effectiveness Inspection are now history. The unit received an overall "Satisfactory" scorecard from the MAC inspectors.

"The performance of everyone was outstanding," said Col. John V. Greene, commander of the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing. Recent changes in the grading criteria led to a more subjective evaluation without the use of numbers of accomplishments and deadlines, compared to previous ORIs under the old Tactical Air Command.

"There were several areas rated excellent or outstanding that will 'set the standard' for others to attain," Greene said. "The important bottom line is we are trained and ready to be used by the Total Force."

He added, "I would like to thank each of you for your personal sacrifices and hard work that went into the preparation for the recent inspection."

Three sections received "outstanding" comments. These included: Civil Engineering's readiness section; Mission Support Flight's visual information; and Mission Support Squadron's headquarters section.

The other comments were spread out between excellent and satisfactory, with one unsatisfactory finding.

The MAC quality support and readiness personnel singled out 17 individuals as professional performers during the Unit Effectiveness Inspection. The list included:

Tech Sgts. Donald J. Roberts, Janet



KyANG photo by Sgt. Drew Fritz

Personnel of the Military Airlift Command's quality support and readiness team, in dress uniform, reviewed deployment procedures in November as part of the ORI of the Kentucky Air National Guard. It's the first such inspection since the KyANG became a tactical airlift wing more than three years ago.

G. Stevenson, John M. Grant, William F. Logsdon, William E. Rice, Sharon F. Fultz, Donald A. Swift, Stephen M. Green and Mark A. Rines. Also recognized were Staff Sgts. Rose A. Farquhar, Martha L. Jenkins, Teresa L.

Amsler, Cynthia Hasselback and Valencia F. Martin.

Senior Airmen Scott A. Hart, Latonia R. Trowell and Airman 1st Class Craig S. Smith completed the long list of noteworthy contributors to the unit.

Commander's Column



Thanks for a great job, let's look toward the H model, building our new facility here

Your hard work and effort preparing for the recent ORI and UEI paid off. Military Airlift Command headquarters, the National Guard Bureau and the entire tactical airlift community now recognize the KyANG and the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing as a viable combat-ready asset for the Total Force.

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work. This was truly a team effort.

We can now look forward to our conversion to the new H model aircraft and building a new facility. I hope you all enjoyed your holiday season, and I wish you and your families the very best in this new year.



Col. John V. Greene
Wing Commander

4% pay raise approved for 1992, study focuses on women's role

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- President Bush signed a \$291 billion fiscal 1992 defense budget bill Dec. 5, calling for a 4.2 percent military pay raise and offering mid-career service members a monetary incentive for early outs.

In addition to the pay raise effective Jan. 1, and the separation incentives, the bill includes \$1 billion for the production of one B-2. The full request for \$1.1 billion to procure 48 F-16s in fiscal 1992 and 24 in fiscal 1993 was approved while \$560 million was approved to buy four F-117s. Also, \$1.5 billion was approved to buy four C-17 aircraft.

The bill also authorizes the secretary of defense to cancel service member debts owed to the United States that were incurred in connection with Desert Storm, not to exceed \$2,500 per

person. If an individual has already paid the debt, that amount will be refunded, subject to the \$2,500 limitation.

The combat exclusion law keeping women out of fighter aircraft has been repealed through the 1992 defense bill, requiring the DoD to establish a commission to study the issue. The commission may ask the defense secretary to conduct a test assigning women to combat positions, officials said. Its report is due to the president by November 1992.

New voluntary separation incentives, authorized until Sept. 30, 1995, will be offered to members with more than six years active service but less than the 20 needed for retirement. Those who qualify will have the option of taking multiyear payments or a lump sum.

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By Tech Sgt. Jeff Sansbury
Cargo Courier Editor

Two members of the Kentucky Air National Guard have been nominated to represent the 123rd TAW as 1991 guardsmen of the year. Tech Sgt. Ray Ferrell is the KyANG's nominee for personnel E5-E9, and Senior Airman Rebecca Beyerle was chosen for E1-E4.

The annual Guardsman of the Year Award is bestowed upon the finest enlisted member in the state. The recipient is selected from nominees of each Army and Air Guard unit across the Bluegrass. Ferrell is assistant NCOIC for disaster preparedness with nearly 12 years service. Beyerle joined in January 1988 and is assigned to the 123rd Communications Flight.

Both members face their Army Guard counterparts Jan. 19 for final selection of Guardsman of the Year.

2 members make showing in annual guardsman award



KyANG studio photo

Tech Sgt. Ray Ferrell
E5 - E9 category



KyANG studio photo

Senior Airman Rebecca Beyerle
E1 - E4 category

Board approves uniform changes; blue poplin jacket out

The Air Force Uniform Board has approved changes to uniform requirements. Among them are:

- * Wearing of the polyester and wool lightweight blue jacket on commercial transportation.

- * Removing the loop and tab from the collar of the lightweight blue jacket.

- * Major commands adopting sew-on rank and accouterments on desert battle dress uniform.

- * Authorizing chrome studs and cuff links for men's mess dress uniforms. AFR 35-10 will say the badges, cuff links and studs will be worn as sets, not mixed.

- * Changing the parachutist badge from mandatory to optional. The restriction on the number of badges that may be worn at one time remains in effect.

- * Rewording AFR 35-10 to let MAJCOMs determine acceptable off-base wear of flight clothing.

- * Distinguishing the Civil Air Patrol uniform from the Air Force uniform.

- * Allowing women to wear black satin

shoes with the same mess dress uniform and use a patent leather or high-gloss material purse with any authorized footwear. AFR 35-10 will provide dimensions for commercial purses.

- * Allowing MAJCOM commanders to let people wear a black or brown turtleneck T-shirt with utility uniforms.

The board also announced:

- * Cotton poplin lightweight blue jacket will phase out by Sept. 30.

- * Only green or brown undershirts may be worn with the BDU.

- * The enhanced security police jacket may be worn by missile crew members with the duty uniform when not wearing the service dress coat.

- * Women's semi-box service dress coat will phase out March 31.

- * Name tags may be worn on ceremonial dress uniform at functions where a person needs to be identified in an official capacity.

Consult your customer service representative at the CBPO or refer to the updated AFR 35-10 for 1992 changes.

New plan helps displaced vets in workplace

By Tech Sgt. David Masko
Air Force News Service

Washington -- As part of a plan to reduce the size of the military by nearly 25 percent over the next five years, a program has been developed to help people transitioning from military to civilian life.

A computerized referral system to match civilian employers with displaced defense department people is now available, said the assistant secretary of defense for force management and personnel.

"This new program will provide agencies and other employers rapid access to referral lists of current DoD personnel and their spouses," Christopher Jehn said at a DoD press briefing.

Participants voluntarily register for the referral service, and a resume is developed. After registering, job search information is made available to interested employers.

Air Force has 'vision' of global product

By Tech Sgt. Sarah Hood
Air Force News Service

The Pentagon --When the Air Force decided a major overhaul was needed to streamline operations from top to bottom, senior leaders also agreed that a blueprint, a vision, was necessary to guide the Air Force through and well beyond the challenges of this decade, Chief of Staff Gen. Merrill A. McPeak said. "Vision is an important concept," he said.

"A vision ought to be a picture of what we want to be, where we want the organization to go, what direction we want to take it."

From a meeting last November to review strengths and weaknesses of the Air Force, the top ranking general officers and Secretary Donald B. Rice emerged with the vision statement for the Air Force: "Air Force...Global power and reach for America."

Breaking the vision statement down into distinct parts, McPeak said it "identifies who we are -- Air Force People -- What our product is -- global power and reach -- and who our customer is -- America."

"The vision says we are building. We're not starting from scratch," McPeak points out.

"We're already the world's best Air Force. We're building on the

shoulders of the many talented and capable people who came before us. We're building on top of a wonderful Air Force heritage.

"Finally, this vision statement says that we want to be the world's most respected air and space force. We want our friends to admire us, our enemies to fear us. In our hope for future, every one wants to cooperate with us, no one wants to fight us."

The vision is the latest of a series of initiatives intended to guide the service through the turbulence and uncertainty facing not only the Air Force, but other military branches as well.

The new creed also comes in the wake of recent announcements that the Air Force will combine resources from three major combat commands into the new command, coupled with other dramatic and sweeping changes taking place Air Force-wide.

Putting Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command and Military Airlift Command assets and missions into the two new combat commands eliminates the long-debated, artificial distinction between tactical and strategic airpower, McPeak said in an October speech in Los Angeles.

"I see the restructuring and the vision as complementary pieces, aimed at improving our combat capability and efficiency as an organization," McPeak explained. "Restructuring is not a way


to improve the processes, it is a way to facilitate improvement in the processes. The vision is meant to inspire people to improve the processes they're working on."

The Air Force will continue moving into the total quality management environment, McPeak stated. That means people will develop a better understanding of the new language of leadership which is associated with total quality management.

"In a TQM approach, top leadership has to state the direction it wants to take the organization. Then every member in the organization has to sign up to that. The leadership and everyone else in the organization must have the will to carry it out," he said.

For the Air Force, this means looking for smarter ways to do business, centered on quality people doing quality work. Without widespread acceptance of this vision it will remain just that...only a vision," he said.

"It must be more than that. We must carry this vision through and make it reality. I ask all in the Air Force to read the vision (statement), think about it and help us act on it."

McPeak sees achieving a vision as an act of sheer will, a question of tenacity. "Once the Air Force commits itself to this vision of our future, it will become a very powerful tool." 

Blood donations suspended for Gulf War veterans

Washington -- Discovery of a parasitic infection in some service members returning from the Middle East has prompted the DoD to ask all people who served in the Persian Gulf since August 1990 to temporarily stop donating blood.

In following up on members' returning from the Gulf, military doctors and researchers have discovered some cases involving infection with a parasite transmitted by the bites of sand flies.

Twenty-two of the half million Des-

ert Storm veterans are said to have the parasite known as Leishmania. While usually causing an easily treated skin disease, military health experts identified the infection in the bone marrow cultures of seven patients who had no skin lesions.

They did, however, have mild illnesses, some with fever and diarrhea. None of the infected people had donated blood.

None of the cases involve life-threatening illness, DoD officials said. The infection is not contagious in person-to-person contact, but while there are no cases of this specific parasite being trans-

mitted through blood transfusions, five cases of a related strain were reported as being transmitted by transfusions.

DoD's hold on accepting blood donations from people who have traveled to the Gulf will give researchers time to determine the level of additional infections from the exposed population and allow them to develop a screening test for infection.

Blood already donated by Gulf War returnees will not be withdrawn from the inventory because of the very low risk of contamination versus the risk of a sudden shortfall of critical blood supplies, officials said.

1992 Reserve UTA pay chart

Reserve Pay for Four Drills Effective Jan. 1, 1992

PAY GRADE	Years of Service													
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS														
O-10	855.68	885.80	885.80	885.80	885.80	919.76	919.76	970.72	970.72	1040.16	1040.16	1109.80	1109.80	1178.96
O-9	758.36	778.20	794.80	794.80	794.80	815.00	815.00	848.92	848.92	919.76	919.76	970.72	970.72	1040.16
O-8	686.88	707.48	724.24	724.24	724.24	778.20	778.20	815.00	815.00	848.92	885.80	919.76	942.44	942.44
O-7	570.72	609.52	609.52	609.52	636.88	636.88	673.80	673.80	707.48	778.20	831.76	831.76	831.76	831.76
O-6	423.04	464.76	495.24	495.24	495.24	495.24	495.24	495.24	512.04	593.00	623.28	636.88	673.80	730.76
O-5	338.32	397.24	424.72	424.72	424.72	424.72	437.56	461.12	492.04	528.88	559.16	576.12	596.24	596.24
O-4	285.16	347.28	370.44	370.44	377.32	393.96	420.84	444.48	464.76	485.16	498.56	498.56	498.56	498.56
O-3	265.00	296.32	316.76	350.48	367.24	380.40	401.00	420.84	431.16	431.16	431.16	431.16	431.16	431.16
O-2	231.08	252.36	303.24	313.40	319.92	319.92	319.92	319.92	319.92	319.92	319.92	319.92	319.92	319.92
O-1	200.64	208.84	252.36	252.36	252.36	252.36	252.36	252.36	252.36	252.36	252.36	252.36	252.36	252.36
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER FOUR YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER														
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.48	367.24	380.40	401.00	420.84	437.56	437.56	437.56	437.56	437.56	437.56
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	313.40	319.92	330.08	347.28	360.56	370.44	370.44	370.44	370.44	370.44	370.44
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	252.36	269.64	279.56	289.68	299.76	313.40	313.40	313.40	313.40	313.40	313.40
WARRANT OFFICERS														
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	460.76	478.28	512.84
W-4	270.00	289.68	289.68	296.32	309.76	323.44	337.00	360.56	377.32	390.56	401.00	413.96	427.80	461.12
W-3	245.40	266.20	266.20	269.64	272.76	292.72	309.76	319.92	330.08	339.92	350.48	364.12	377.32	390.56
W-2	214.92	232.52	232.52	239.32	252.36	266.20	276.28	286.44	296.32	306.72	316.76	326.76	339.92	339.92
W-1	179.04	205.32	205.32	222.44	232.52	242.52	252.36	262.80	272.76	282.92	292.72	303.24	303.24	303.24
ENLISTED MEMBERS														
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	314.12	321.16	328.44	335.96	343.48	350.16	368.52	404.36
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	263.40	270.92	278.08	285.28	292.84	299.56	306.92	324.92	361.12
E-7	183.88	198.52	205.88	213.08	220.32	227.36	234.64	241.96	252.92	260.08	267.32	270.80	288.96	324.92
E-6	158.24	172.44	179.64	187.28	194.28	201.28	208.68	219.44	226.32	233.64	237.20	237.20	237.20	237.20
E-5	138.84	151.12	158.48	165.36	176.24	183.40	190.68	197.68	201.28	201.28	201.28	201.28	201.28	201.28
E-4	129.48	136.76	144.80	156.00	162.16	162.16	162.16	162.16	162.16	162.16	162.16	162.16	162.16	162.16
E-3	122.00	128.72	133.84	139.12	139.12	139.12	139.12	139.12	139.12	139.12	139.12	139.12	139.12	139.12
E-2	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40	117.40
E-1>4	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76	104.76
E-1<4	96.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

History of KyANG

Last unit vet of WWII retires, 123rd loses pilot in air disaster

By Tech Sgt. John Martin
Wing Historian

One of the darkest chapters in the history of the Kentucky Air National Guard occurred on Jan. 31, 1956, when Lt. Col. Lee J. Merkel, base detachment commander of the KyANG, was killed when the F-51 "Mustang" he was flying on a training mission crashed into a field 10 miles north of Bedford, Ind.

According to eyewitnesses, the aircraft exploded upon impact. Merkel, a combat flyer in World War II and base detachment commander of the KyANG since 1948, was considered one of the best pilots in the National Guard. He was a Louisville native who attended duPont Manual High School prior to his service in World War II.

Though he was only 37 at the time of his death, his legacy continues at the Kentucky Air National Guard. A plaque to his memory is displayed on a wall in the lobby of the O&T Building.

An aircraft accident was nearly averted on Jan. 27, 1962, when a KyANG RF-101 "Voodoo" with stuck landing gear slid on its belly on 2,000 feet of foam-covered runway at Standiford Field. The pilot, Lt. Col. Jim Pickett of Finchville, escaped unharmed. The cause of the malfunction -- a 15-cent piece of wheel linkage -- had broken, thereby preventing the landing gear from operating properly.

An agreement between the KyANG and the Jefferson County Air Board was reached on Jan. 29, 1966, concerning landing rights of military jets at

aircraft that were "long on speed, but short on runway." In other words, they were a safety device to help stop military jets from going over the runway if they could not stop under their own power.

Ironically, the reason for the Air Board's refusal to install the cables was for them being a "safety hazard" to civilian aircraft. The two sides did come to an agreement. The KyANG did receive the barrier cables, but they were to be placed off the active runway.

On Jan. 25, 1968, one of the most famous events (or, infamous according to some) in the history of the KyANG occurred when President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered a call-up of nearly 15,000 reservists, including 800 KyANG members for a period of service during the Vietnam War.

The reason for the call-up was the seizure of the U.S.S. Pueblo off the coast of North Korea, known later as the Pueblo Crisis. Those KyANG members were to remain on active duty status for 18 months, until returning to state service in June of 1969.

The "LAST MAN," that is the very last World War II veteran still a member of the KyANG, Chief Master Sgt. Walter Carter, retired on Jan. 10, 1987. Carter's military career, which started before the Air Force was even created, consisted of more than 40 years, 36 with the KyANG alone.

Effective Jan. 1, 1988, the NATO Airbase Satellite Communications Squadron was created, becoming the KyANG's newest unit. This organization was to utilize the very latest in satellite communications for use in contingency operations.

On Jan. 8, 1989, the KyANG was awarded its national record seventh Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for its excellent mission performance. Only the top 10 percent of all Air National Guard and Reserve units receive this prestigious award each year.



It was through the concentrated efforts of Merkel that Kentucky was able to land an Air National Guard unit in the Louisville area. In fact, he could be considered its creator.

Standiford Field, which was not equipped with barrier cables. The dispute forced the KyANG to move all flying operations to Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio, because the KyANG insisted that barrier cables be installed at the runway. The request was flatly denied.

The cables were to be used to snag

National Guard Tuition Credit Proposed Legislation

1. ISSUE:

Bill Number HB 181, introduced by Representative Roger Noe, would provide free tuition to Kentucky National Guard members at any state supported university, community college, or vocational school.

2. DISCUSSION:

Key Elements

- a. 100 Percent tuition credit for officer, warrant officers and enlisted National Guard members.
- b. Member cannot already have a baccalaureate or higher degree.
- c. member must serve at least one year beyond the end of the term and must earn a "C" or better in each course.

Benefits

- a. NO APPROPRIATION REQUIRED.
- b. Extremely useful recruiting and retention tool to recruit and maintain quality individuals in the Guard.
- c. Bringing the guard to full strength will assist in maintaining our current unit structure, and provide the state with additional federal funds.
- d. Additional federal funds due to new recruits would amount to an excess of 2 million in the first year. It would also provide an increase of approximately 1.3 million on an annual basis.
- e. Shows Kentucky's support for the National Guards' citizen soldier who serves when called on by the governor in times of emergency.
- f. Educational institutions benefit from increased enrollments and revenue for room and board, books, fees and incidental expenses.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

- a. Contact your local state representative and senator and request their support of Bill Number HB 181. Encourage family and friends to do the same. Also, contact members of the Education, and Appropriations and Revenue Committees asking for their support.
 - b. Be specific mentioning the bill number.
 - c. Questions or additional information can be directed to the Kentucky National Guard's Education Officer, Major John P. Roth, phone (502) 564-8550.
 - d. Key individual's addresses and phone numbers are listed on the opposite side of this information sheet.
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Support House Bill #181 National Guard Tuition Credit

- Write your senator or representative at the following addresses:

Senator _____
Legislative Office Rm 029
Capitol Annex Building
Frankfort, KY 40601

Representative _____
Legislative Office Rm 023
Capitol Annex Building
Frankfort, KY 40601

Or phone (800) 372-7181

- For information on who your state representative and senator are call the toll free number 1-800-372-7181, or contact the Kentucky National Guard's Education Office at (502) 564-8550. MSgt. Larry Fowler, 123d Tactical Hospital, works for the Council on Higher Education and can provide information on this bill. You can contact him on drill weekend at ext. 414 or at his office, (502) 564-3553.
- Contacting members on the Education and Appropriations and Revenue Committees is essential in getting this bill to the floor for a vote. They can be contacted using the addresses listed above.

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Editorial

Recruiting office stretches to Frankfort

By Master Sgt. James Gannon
State Headquarters Staff

As the state recruiting retention programs manager for Kentucky, I work with our most vital resource: you, the member of the KyANG. This position affords me the opportunity to work with many of you one-on-one.

I enjoy helping people make career decisions utilizing the ANG to enhance their lives. I have been in Recruiting since 1980, and in 1986 I was reassigned to state headquarters as the senior recruiter. I am the first person ever selected for our state.

With Kentucky having only one unit in Louisville, I work side-by-side with the recruiters and career advisor assigned to the 123rd TAW. In states with more than one unit, this person would work out of their state headquarters.

Locally, I coordinate our state recruiting and retention programs and advise the adjutant general, executive support staff officer, air commander, CBPO director, recruiters and career advisor on all pertinent programs. I serve as a focal point for recruiting/retention questions or problems.

Daily I assist the recruiting and retention efforts at the base. I personally coordinate with NGB concerning local activities. I develop, monitor and ensure that a continuous program is conducted. I give guidance in the areas of supply, transportation, communica-

tions, logistics, administration and operations. Recommendations and implementation of corrective actions is initiated by me. Yearly, along with the recruiting and retention staff I develop a state recruiting plan.

We use this to keep us on track in filling all critical vacancies. It gives us a chance each year to see our impact on the local community and realize any needed improvements.

In addition I develop and recommend our statewide advertising, marketing and publicity programs that create awareness. I serve as the primary representative for interfacing with educators, media, medical, minority, business, industry, social groups and other types of organizations. I get the opportunity to attend conferences and conventions to meet with various groups. This keeps our community informed of the benefits, opportunities and mission of the KyANG.

I also assist in keeping our recruiters trained and up-to-date. Just like any other job on base, things are constantly changing, which keeps us motivated and in a constant learning mode. We conduct training monthly which helps us to keep abreast of our units' needs.

As in many other jobs at your unit, the paperwork is never ending. Fortunately I keep things in perspective by reminding myself that I work with some of the best people in the Air Guard -- you. I thank you for that opportunity.

Service medal issued to ANG

President George Bush has signed the Executive Order authorizing wear of the National Defense Service Medal for all guard and reservists in "GOOD" standing from Aug. 2, 1991, until a date to be determined. Good standing is those persons who do not have unfavorable information files.

The CBPO currently is out of the ribbons but expects to receive another supply soon.

The Personal Affairs Section will be conducting a training session during the February UTA on preparing awards and decorations packages. Those persons designated as unit awards monitors will receive a letter prior to the UTA with date and time.

Any other interested persons should contact Tech Sgt. Deborah Nelson during the January UTA to attend this training. Please call on-base 486 or 485.

CCAF

New semester opens doors for ANG members

Do you have a college degree? If not, you may be closer than you realize to earning one.

If you have attended an Air Force technical school or upgraded your skill level through on-the-job training, you have already earned college credit from the Community College of the Air Force -- and you are well on the road to your associate's degree.

The CCAF degree availability does not stop here -- CLEP, DANTES and ACE testing at the Boone National Guard Center or Fort Knox education offices can be a big educational leap for many active duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members.

Combine Air Force school credits and testing credits with any you already have earned from a civilian institution, and you may have the 64 semester hours needed to earn an Associate's in Applied Science degree from CCAF. CCAF has 70 degree programs in five broad areas and two certifications. Availability also means time to some people -- the time to act on their education goals. CCAF programs are directed toward military students to include shiftworkers.

Find out where you stand with your education by contacting the KyANG education services office, Room 120 of the O&T Building, or call on-base 497.

1st Sgt needed for CAMS

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2. Completed USAF Senior Non-commissioned Officer Academy Course or agree to complete it within 18 months of assignment...

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This is a military position open to all qualified personnel within the wing. Contact the CBPO Training Office (Master Sgt. Walz, ext. 421) to apply.

If you have any questions, please call Lt. Col. Gary Logan, commander of the 123rd CAMS, ext. 450.

The following men and women are promoted in the KyANG and as a reserve of the U.S. Air Force. Congratulations for a job well done.

TO AIRMAN (E-2)

Melissa A. Chase	STU FLT
Thomas D. Schardein	123 RMS

TO AIRMAN 1st CLASS (E-3)

Robert S. Brather	STU FLT
Paula A. McKenna	123 RMS
Harold M. Moore III	223 COMM
Scott P. Whitmer	123 SVS

TO SENIOR AIRMAN (E-4)

Clayburn S. Bridges	123 CES
Daniel J. Flood	123 MAP
Mark L. Hamilton	123 MAP
George G. Kramer	165 WEA
Keith D. Love	123 MSF
Troy D. Maddox	123 MAP
Anthony J. Mitchell	123 RMS
Jeffrey L. Romig	123 MAP
Christopher A. Savchick	123 MAP

TO STAFF SGT (E-5)

Anne M. Broadway	123 TAW
David A. Fritz	123 MSF
Michael D. Napper	123 MAP
Timothy G. Satterwhite	123 SVS
Gary L. Spaulding	123 MSS
Barry L. Steenbergen	123 TAW
Chris E. Tellis	123 MSS
Shelia L. Young	123 TACHOSP

Robison retires, will be missed



KyANG photo by Tech Sgt. Jeff Sansbury

So Long

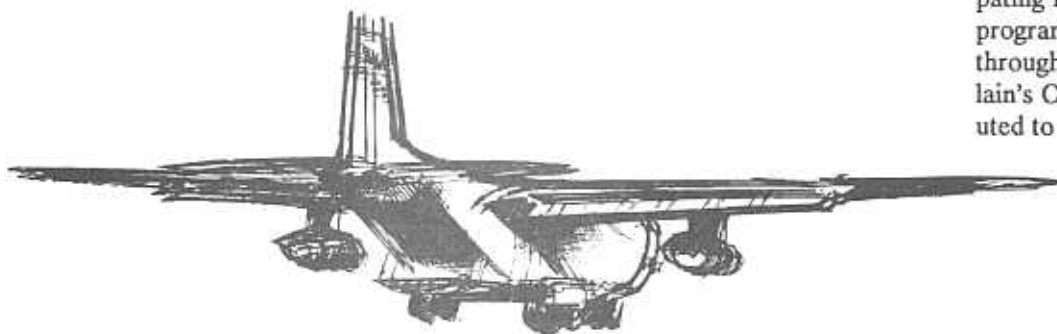
Master Sgt. Richard Robison, a visible face to the Headquarters Wing of the Kentucky Air Guard, said goodbye this month after 26 years service.

He began with 8 years in the regular Air Force, with assignments as a linguist and voice intercept specialist in Italy.

At the KyANG he served under each commander since 1973, beginning with Lt. Gen. John Conway, who is now deputy director of the National Guard Bureau. His last position here was NCOIC for the 123rd TAW headquarters commander.

Dare to Care ends today

Once again the KyANG is participating in the Dare to Care food-drive program. Collection boxes are located throughout the units and also the Chaplain's Office. These goods are distributed to needy families of our area.



Trainees get head start with basic prep course

By Capt. Richard Frymire III
Contributing Writer

After months of extensive preparation, the Basic Military Training Preparatory Course has taken flight. Its participants, the 8123rd Student Flight personnel, are glad to see its arrival.

The preparatory course, which made its debut here during the August UTA, is designed for student flight members who are enrolled in the delayed enlistment program. Its objective is simple: to prepare the student flight members mentally and physically for basic military training, and to ease their transition from civilian to military life.

According to Maj. Daniel G. Wells, commander of both the 123rd Mission Support Squadron and the student flight, BMTPC was born not only out of necessity, but frustration as well.

"We saw a real need for the program. In the past, student flight members reported to their gaining units each UTA until they departed for basic training. But many of our units could not use them effectively because they hadn't completed basic or technical training," the major explained. "Our people developed an excellent curriculum to meet the needs of the 8123rd Student Flight."

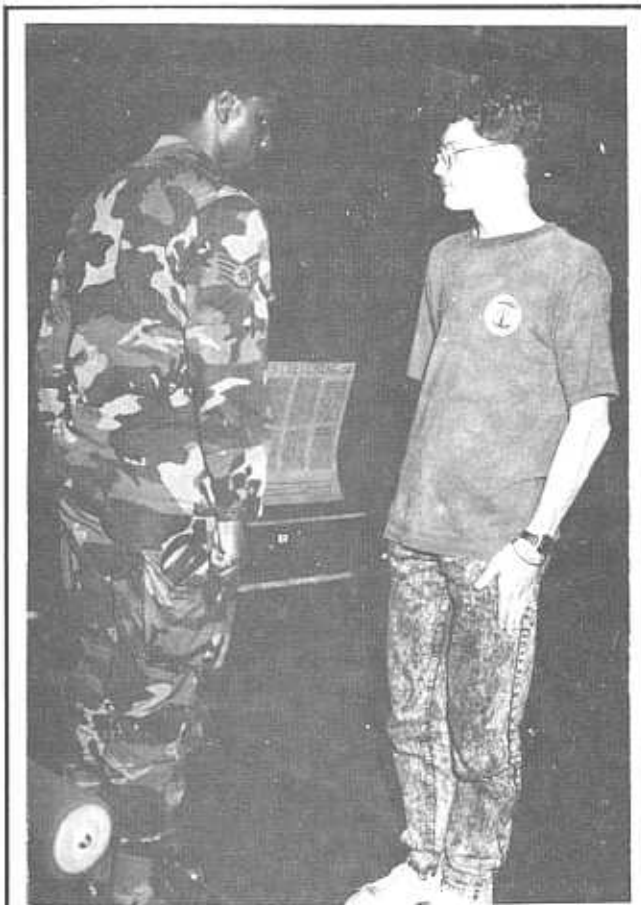
Tech Sgt. Dianna L. Nelson, BMTPC manager, added, "The first 10 days of basic training are the most stressful for the trainee. We designed the preparatory course to make sure our trainees have a good mental picture of basic training and are physically ready to meet their new challenge."

Nelson, who also serves as the 123rd Mission Support Squadron's first sergeant, prepared for her additional role by spending a week at Lackland AFB, Texas, observing basic military training life. The experience gave her a fresh perspective on basic training.

The trip to Lackland also enabled Nelson to develop a superb program. She took pictures and put together a slide show depicting male trainees receiving their traditional buzz-head haircuts, and male and female trainees going through "shakedowns," running the confidence course and finally -- graduation day.

She enhanced the slide show by having former 8123rd Student Flight members answer questions and telling the student flight members what they can expect to see, hear and feel as they go through six weeks of basic training.

Nelson also recruited instructors from several agencies on base to teach many of the classes. During the early part of the day, the flight received classroom information on the history of the Kentucky Air National Guard, financial and legal responsibilities, the state's mission, job rights, career and education, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness and weight management. The flight is also given a base tour, and C-130 orientation rides are planned for the future.



KyANG photo by Tech Sgt. Charles Simpson

Staff Sgt. Willie Wharton, assistant BMTPC instructor, barks facing movements to Airman Basic Sean Swanson at the Kentucky Air National Guard base recently. Swanson is among the first student flight members to participate in a new basic training prep course here.

During the afternoon you'll find the flight either on the hangar floor or outdoors when weather permits. The early part of the afternoon is devoted to the practical portion of a military customs and courtesies class.

Staff Sgt. Willie Wharton, the BMTPC assistant manager, barks commands as students execute military salutes, facing movements and marching steps. The last hour of each day is devoted to physical fitness and training. The students are taken through a series of warm-up exercises similar to those at basic training. A 1 1/2 mile run tops off the day.

Although BMTPC is designed mainly for non-prior service members, Nelson soon discovered that many of the prior service troops transferring from other branches of the Armed Forces could also benefit from the course.

"We were informed through our Air National Guard liaisons located at the technical training centers that some of our prior service members were unfamiliar with the proper wear of the Air Force uniform, customs and courtesies," she said. "We now have them participate in BMTPC for one or two UTAs before they are released to their units."

It happened in January

- JAN 01** President Abraham Lincoln signs Emancipation Proclamation, 1863. Frees slaves in Confederate states.
- JAN 02** Japanese forces capture Philippine city of Manila in early days of World War II, 1942. American and Filipino forces escape to Bataan.
- JAN 03** Nellie Ross becomes first woman governor when she assumes the office in Wyoming to complete her late husband's term, 1925.
- JAN 06** Samuel Morse publicly demonstrates his telegraph for first time, in Morristown, N.J., 1838.
- JAN 07** First presidential election in United States held, 1789. Ten states participate, George Washington unanimously elected.
- JAN 09** Joint Chiefs of Staff established, 1942. Members were chief of naval operations and the chiefs of staff of Army and Army air forces.
- JAN 10** First man-made contact with moon as radar signals bounced off lunar surface; signals take 2.5 seconds for round trip, 1946.
- JAN 11** U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issues first government report that smoking may be hazardous to health, 1964.
- JAN 13** Robert C. Weaver appointed secretary of housing and urban development, becoming first black Cabinet member, 1966.
- JAN 14** United States ratifies a peace treaty with Great Britain ending the Revolutionary War, 1784.
- JAN 17** United States obtains the U.S. Virgin Islands with a payment to Denmark of \$25 million, 1917.
- JAN 18** U.S. Navy Lt. Eugene B. Ely makes first aircraft landing on a ship, coming aboard USS *Pennsylvania*, 1911.
- JAN 19** A presidential news conference, with Dwight D. Eisenhower, filmed for television for first time, 1955.
- JAN 20** Iran releases 52 Americans taken prisoner in the American embassy in Teheran. They were held hostage for 444 days, 1981.
- JAN 21** First nuclear-powered submarine, USS *Nautilus*, launched in Groton, Conn., 1954. Sub later went around the world submerged.
- JAN 23** 20th amendment, fixing presidential inauguration on Jan. 20 and opening day of Congress on Jan. 3, ratified, 1933.
- JAN 24** Gold discovered in California (more than 80,000 prospectors emigrate to the state in 1849), 1848.
- JAN 25** President John F. Kennedy answers questions during first live televised presidential news conference, 1961.
- JAN 28** Space shuttle *Challenger* explodes 74 seconds after launch from Kennedy Space Center, killing seven astronauts, 1986.
- JAN 29** First members of Baseball Hall of Fame named — Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson, 1939.
- JAN 30** Indian leader Mahatma Mohandas Gandhi assassinated by a Hindu fanatic in New Delhi, India, 1948.
- JAN 31** United States enters space age with its first successful launch of a satellite, Explorer I, into orbit, 1958.