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KyANG Photo by TSgt. Jenny Montgomery

Overcoming obstacles

Members of the 123d Civil Engineering Squadron and 123d Services Flight struggle through an obstacle carrying a stretcher with a "victim" on it during Readiness Challenge '89. For the story and photos see pages 4 and 5.

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Commander's Column

Armed Forces Day

Today is the 40th anniversary of Armed Forces Day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the men and women of the Kentucky Air National Guard for your service and devotion to both the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to the United States of America.

Armed Forces Day is an occasion for Americans to pause and remember the importance of the military services. It is also a time for its citizens to say thank you -- thanks to the members of the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard for being prepared and always ready to defend and protect our way of life.

This year's theme is "Keeping America Strong." This strength comes from every level of military readiness, including the Air National Guard. Your dedication as Guardsmen does not go unnoticed, nor do the many hours you devote to our unit's mission readiness.



Brig. Gen. John L. Smith
123d TAW Commander

I would like to add my own personal thanks to you -- members of the KyANG -- for your dedication and willingness to serve. Together we can help keep America strong.

Chaplain's Column

Rejuvenate churchgoing through commitment

By Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Curry

Katheryn Slattery wrote an article to Guideposts about her renewed desire to attend church. Church had become like a marriage with no romance -- all duty and obligation. Katheryn decided to rejuvenate her churchgoing through the following commitments:

1. Go to church with a sense of anticipation. "You get out of it what you put into it," the saying goes. God is always there waiting for you.

2. Pray for those around you. While the minister prays you can intercede on behalf of a friend or the stranger who sits next to you, and meditate upon it.

3. Look for God in unexpected places. He is revealed in the Scriptures, the church architecture, and the fellowship of believers.

4. Study up. Read the minister's Scripture text before the sermon. Study the Bible reading for Sunday

Katheryn's discovery motivated her churchgoing again. No doubt these principles can renew our church, synagogue, or chapel attendance and once again we can declare with the Psalmist, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"

First ANG Combat Controllers graduate

Six men join ranks of elite team

By TSgt. Jenny Montgomery
Editor

After months of demanding, often grueling training, six Kentucky Air National Guardsmen are now members of the elite Combat Control Team. The team is part of the 123d Tactical Airlift Wing, the first such unit assigned to the Air Force Reserves or Air National Guard.

The men have earned the privilege of wearing the distinctive scarlet beret of the combat controllers. With the motto, "First There," CCT members provide initial air traffic control and communications to aircraft during airborne operations.

The group graduated from Combat Control School, Pope AFB, N.C., in April. Presenting the Kentucky team members with their scarlet beret was Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, vice chief National Guard Bureau. The beret is the symbol of a team with a proud tradition of service during international crisis and humanitarian missions,



Members of the KyANG's first CCT are from bottom left, SrA Michael J. Payne, Sgt. John C. Emly, and MSgt. David M. Orange Sr. Standing are from left TSgt. Gregory L. Wetzelberger, SMSgt. William T. Smith and Capt. Orval L. Zummach Jr.



KyANG Photos by Sgt. Dennis Robinson
Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway

One guardsman, MSgt. David M. Orange Sr., earned the distinct honor of receiving both the Honor Graduate Award and the Jerome E. Bennett Award.

The Honor Graduate Award is nominated and voted on by the instructors for top academic achievement, physical conditioning, conduct, appearance, attitude, and bearing and behavior. The Jerome E. Bennett Award, named for a CCT member who was injured and died in a parachuting accident during a training mission, is based on the individual's attitude and ability to perform under adverse conditions. This award recipient is selected by the students.

"It's unusual for a meeting of the minds," said Capt. David Thompson, Combat Control School commandant.

In the past 1 1/2 years, only one other person received both awards, explained Captain Thompson. "The Jerome Bennett Award is not given in every class."

"David Orange maintained a positive attitude," said Captain Thompson. "The instructors could always count on Orange for a smile. He helped motivate the rest of the people. He's an absolutely super guy."

During Combat Control School and all other phases of their training, the Guard members were never treated any differently than their active duty counterparts. "From the very start we insisted standards for students be maintained to ensure everyone is an honest to goodness, qualified combat ready, combat controller," said Captain Thompson. "We didn't differentiate be-

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Team members struggle through obstacle course carrying a stretcher

Support team keeps spirits high

By TSgt. Jenny Montgomery
Editor

At many competitions, cheerleaders play an important role in keeping the team's morale high and rallying their team on to victory.

The KyANG engineering and services team at Readiness Challenge '89 took with them their own support group who cheered and encouraged them through each event.

Chanting songs and other words of encouragement, the support team kept the competitors relaxed before each event and gave them the extra nudge and incentive necessary to keep them going when they were down to their last

breath.

By the end of the week, the KyANG members were well-known throughout the site for their loud cheering, their performance of the "Wave" and their mascot, a paper mache' pig.

The pig attended almost every event -- missing only a few because of rain (that is until it found a raincoat). Keeping with the spirit of competition the pig even volunteered for gas mask training. Donning a gas mask it bravely walked through heavy smoke to prove its ability as a warrior.

Although the cheering section was hoarse by the last event, they hung in there with the team to the very end.

An enthusiastic "Hurrah" for the KyANG civil engineering and services team and its supporters in Readiness Challenge '89 -- proving once again the KyANG is the best of the best.

Readiness Challenge

The best of the best
KyANG engineering &
services wins three events

By TSgt. Jenny Montgomery
Editor

The best of the best in civil engineering and services from each Air Force major command gathered for team competition at Readiness Challenge '89, Eglin AFB, Fla., this month.

Proving they are indeed the best of the best, six members of the KyANG 123d Civil Engineering Squadron and 123d Services Flight placed first in three of the 22 events. This marks a first for the Air National Guard as no other Guard unit has ever placed first in any event.

The KyANG team scored a perfect 100 in the P-19B Modulation Operation event. This event required the driver to maneuver the firetruck through an obstacle course and then knock a baseball off a traffic cone with the firetruck's water hose. Competing in this were SSgt. Timothy Cox, SSgt. Jerome Brown and Sgt. Everett Timberlake, fire department members.

Demonstrating his prowess with heavy equipment, SSgt. Randy Basham, 123d CES, scored a perfect 100 in the Operation of 4-Cubic Yard Loader event. Looking at ease in the loader's cab, Sergeant Basham manipulated the course, attaching several different pieces of equipment to the loader and demonstrating their use. His outstanding performance resulted in no penalties being assessed.

SSgt. Walter Rich and SSgt. Robert Wright, services flight, remained composed and followed procedures precisely to score 100 in the Remains Processing event. Though confident they did well, the announcement of their perfect score at the awards banquet surprised and thrilled them, they said.

"The Kentucky Air National Guard has been noted through the years in the operations and flying side of the house for performing very well in competitions such as the Reconnaissance Air Meet," said 1st Lt. Phillip Howard, team OIC. "We want to prove the support side of the house can perform just as well."

All 20 members worked as a cohesive team to prove the Air National Guard units are as capable and as ready to perform their war-time mission as their active duty counterparts. Team members included Lieutenant Howard; Sergeant Cox; Sergeant Brown; Sergeant Timberlake; Sergeant Basham; Sergeant Wright; Sergeant Rich; MSgt. James T. "Tim" O'Mahoney, team NCOIC, SMSgt. Russell Slinger; MSgt. Dominic Palumbo; TSgt. Patrick Fields; TSgt. Anthony Hettinger; TSgt. William Buck; TSgt. Marc Montgomery; SSgt. Bruce Byron; SSgt. Joseph Wilkerson; SSgt. Ronald Garretson; SSgt. Rodger Kelty; SSgt. Steven Peters; and Sgt. Michael Coryell.

The KyANG team placed 10th out of 14 teams competing.

The winners were honored at an awards banquet with Gen. Robert D. Russ, commander, Tactical Air Command as the guest speaker.

"Competitions are great. That's what this country is made of," said General Russ. "It fosters a competitive spirit. Individuals go head to head to demonstrate to this great nation and our potential adversaries just how capable they are."

"I really didn't understand how difficult it was until I got down here and out of 22 events 19 records were set," he said.

Fourteen teams competed in events that tested their skills in the engineering and services areas, ranging from tent construction, mobile kitchen trailer set-up to search and rescue.

Readiness Challenge '89 saw "the best coaches, the best chiefs and senior NCOs in the world," commented Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Ahern, director of Engineering and Services, Hq USAF, at the awards banquet.



A KyANG team member tightens the ropes on the kitchen tent

Award winners

Brig. Gen. William T. Meredith Trophy -- Tactical Air Command

2nd Runner Up -- Air Force Systems Command

1st Runner Up -- Military Airlift Command

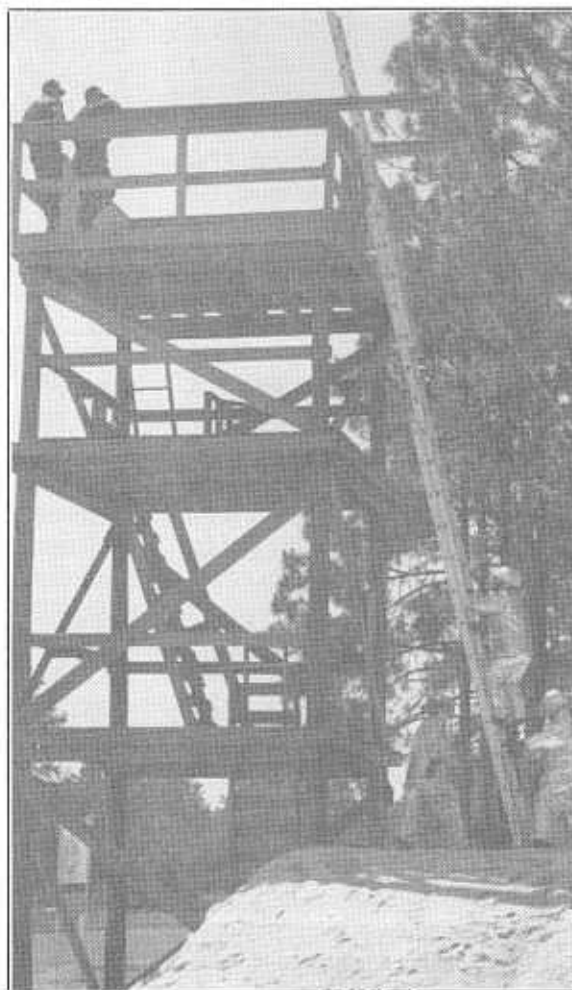
Base Recovery After Attack overall -- TAC

Force Beddown overall -- Pacific Air Command

CMSgt. Arthur J. Hanrahan Award for both BRAAT and Force Beddown -- AFSC

CMSgt. William E. Morrison Award -- PACAF

General Ellis Award -- Lt. Roop, AFSC



KyANG Photos by TSgt. Jenny Montgomery

Three 123d CES firemen compete in the Ladder and K-12 Hoist event

Combat Controllers

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tween who was Guard and who was active duty. Everyone was expected to perform to the same level of excellence. This group represented the Guard very well."

Alto graduating in the first ANG combat control group was Capt. Orval L. Zummach Jr., SMSgt. William T. Smith, TSgt. Gregory L. Wetzberger, Sgt. John C. Emly, and SrA Michael J. Payne.

The group's training started last fall with several weeks of home-station physical fitness training preparing them for the demanding demanding months ahead of them. Along with the attending Combat Control School the group also had to attend Survival School at Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Water Survival Training Course at Homestead AFB, Fla.; Air Traffic Control School at Keesler AFB, Miss.; and the Airborne (Parachutist) Course at Fort Benning, Ga.

All phases of the group's training tested both the men's academic and physical abilities.

"I'd hate to have to do it again, but the pride you feel in doing it makes it worth it," said Captain Zummach. "CCT school was the biggest challenge anyone in our group had undertaken in his life."

A typical day at CCT school started at 5:30 a.m., with PT beginning at 6:45. PT included 35 to 40 minutes of calisthenics followed, by a 3-mile run the first week, four miles the second week, five the third week, and six miles the fourth through eighth weeks. On Thursdays they endured a 3-mile boot run with 50 pound ruck sacks on their backs over uneven terrain. The final PT exercise was a 10-mile boot run with ruck sack.

After calisthenics and their "morn-jog" the students were released to eat breakfast. They returned at 9:15 for a daily uniform inspection, followed by classroom training.

The school also included nine days in the field operating a typical tactical operational mission. "Everything you

needed had to be carried on your back," said Captain Zummach. "The instructors said no class they ever knew of had such lousy weather -- sleet, hail, snow, rain -- all four elements."

According to Airman Payne, in those kinds of conditions "you even looked at your shaving cream to see if those seven ounces were necessary."

The group's rigorous training is still not completed. Now they will have home station familiarization training at Pope AFB. Even once they are fully qualified, each member must remain proficient in all areas such as parachuting once a month and receiving on-the-job proficiency training at air traffic control facilities.

Combat controllers are also trained in other military skills such as SCUBA, survival, mountain operations and weapons.

Looking noticeably more mature and leaner than when they left, this newest addition to the KyANG is eager to begin their mission as the first Air National Guard Combat Control Team to be "First There."

Volunteers needed for CCT

Anyone interested in volunteering to be a Combat Control Team member should contact the Recruiting Office.

Combat controllers are always ready for action. The following was taken from MAC Publication 50-8:

"Parachute from a C-130 at 1,000 feet. Rappel down a rope from a military helicopter. Or infiltrate a combat zone to operate a small airfield. The missions assigned to Air Force combat controllers demand a special toughness and dedication.

"Only a select few qualify to wear the combat controller's scarlet beret.

"As a combat controller, you will be a member of an all-volunteer team that combines technical expertise in the air traffic control field with airborne and other combat-related skills."

KyANG vacancies/projections

123d MAPS	123d RMS
6 - 60551	1 - 603X0
1 - 47271	1 - 64551
123d MSS	123d TAW
1 - 70150	3 - 70250
1 - 24250	8 - 27350
	1 - 27171
123d Tac Hosp	165th Wea Flt
1 - 90570	1 - 25170
1 - 90550	
1 - 91450	
1 - 924X0	123d CES
1 - 91250	1 - 55550
	3 - 571X0
123d WSSF	123d NABS
6 - 81150	1 - 66170
2 - 81152	2 - 30499
	19 - 30476
	1 - 54272
	6 - 54252

Tuition assistance reimbursement

For those awaiting payment from the State Tuition Reimbursement Program here is an update of where the money stands as of May 15. Group 1 has all been submitted for pay and you should receive your payment in the next week to 10 days. The remaining Groups 2 through 6 will be reviewed by the board later this month.

Group 1 -- E-1 through E-4
Group 2 -- O-1 through O-2
Group 3 -- Kentucky Military Officer Academy Candidates
Group 4 -- E-5 through E-6
Group 5 -- W-1 through W-2
Group 6 -- E-7 through E-9, W-3 and W-4, O-3 through O-8

Point of contact is MSgt. Peggy Kottak, career and education manager at Ext. 604.

Air Force advisor to KyANG loves C-130

By SSgt. Jeff Sansbury
Staff Writer

Lt. Col. James Frazier has this thing about the C-130 transport plane. He loves flying them, talking about them, and showing pictures of them.

For Colonel Frazier, the new Air Force senior advisor for the KyANG, the payoff has never been greater. Enjoying a career that has glided him through Panama, Alaska and western Europe, this pilot is honored to serve as the newest advisor to Kentucky's newest Air Guard mission.

While only two Air Force advisors were needed during the KyANG's RF-4C era, the new airlift mission brings Colonel Frazier and 10 subordinate advisors to Standiford Field. The advisor team directs most of its efforts toward areas of base operations, such as pilot and navigational training, aircraft maintenance and cargo transport.

"I really like the airlift mission. There's a lot in it, a lot of assets," Colonel Frazier admits. "We've got one of the most versatile planes in the inventory."

After more than 17 years in the airlift business, Colonel Frazier knows what he's talking about. If quizzed on the C-130's resume, he'll tell you how the aircraft can double as an assault gunship or play the role as an aeromedical evacuation force. It supports the weather reconnaissance mission by entering the eye of a hurricane, and can even wear skis in order to land on the frozen Arctic.

For Kentucky's use, however, the C-130 is tasked largely with airlift employment and logistics support. During their 2 1/2 year assignment, Colonel Frazier and the advisor team will work alongside their Air National Guard counterparts to offer technical aid and assistance.

"We're not here as observers or

evaluators, or anything like that," he cautions. "We're here at your disposal, for guidance or ... whatever."

"We don't dictate anything to the National Guard," he says. "Our team has experience that can benefit the 123d, and so we'll act as a resource and liaison."

That can come in pretty handy, as the 123d looks to an Operational Readiness Inspection within the next 18 months.

If the governor or president must depend on the KyANG as a viable reserve component, then there's no better way to determine that ability than through an ORI, according to Colonel Frazier.

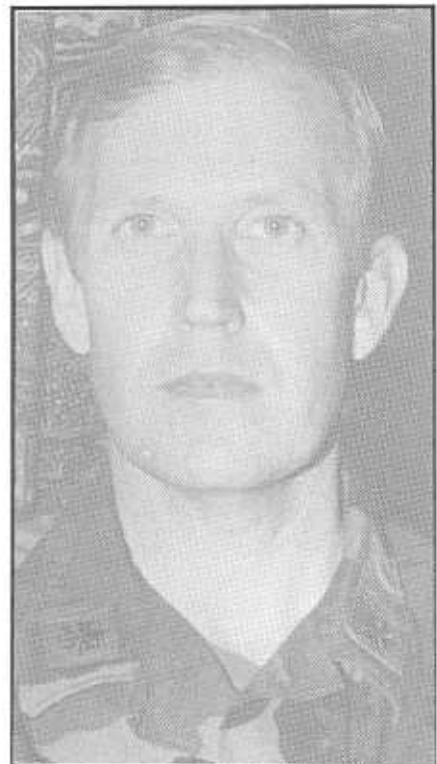
"Tactical airlift is for short-notice mobility," he explains. "It provides the in-theater support from an air terminal to the specific region of need."

With more than 5,000 hours behind the stick, Colonel Frazier has seen a thing or two. The Fort Worth, Texas native earned a physics degree before completing his initial pilot training in 1972. Aside from his assignment at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, where he was an instructor pilot for the T-41 aircraft, his career has evolved largely around the airlift mission.

It's clear when listening to Colonel Frazier that he loves the C-130. From a comical sense, he's the first to admit there's a lot of humor surrounding the fat, slow, hollow plane that made its mark in the mid-1950s. At the O & T Building here, the colonel's office displays a number of cartoons and jokes surrounding the pot-belly transport plane.

"People sure like to tease it. The C-130 has a true personality," says Colonel Frazier. "Heck I can take a joke better than anybody. I love the ol' bird."

The assignment to the 123d TAW has given Colonel Frazier his first taste of the Bluegrass State. Far from home (and just about anywhere else he's served during the last 17 years), the colonel applied no resistance when taking on



KyANG Photo by SSgt. Jeff Sansbury

Lt. Col. James Frazier
Air Force Senior Advisor

his new position.

"I knew it was going to be nice, but not 'this' nice," he says. "I may not want to leave."

For now, the colonel will just have to accept this Southern hospitality. Settling down near Crestwood in Oldham County, which isn't your typical Air Force community, his wife and three children are taking their new Air Force assignment in stride.

"I think we fit in just fine," the colonel says. "We're right at home."

At present, his only vow is to his career. "When I was finishing my training (Air Force pilot)," he explains, "people would say, 'hey, you're gonna see the world; you'll see it all.' Well, I am. I'm seeing the best of it right here, right now. I like the balance of my flying career."

Colonel Frazier knows well the sacrifices to consider. "If an airman is serious about his job, as I am," he says, "then his troops will hear it loud and clear."

"And if you don't enjoy the journey, it really isn't worth it."

Sports

KyANG Mixed Bowling League

Montgomery Realty takes first place for season

By Mike Mitro
President,
KyANG Mixed Bowling League

A roll-off for first place in the KyANG Mixed Bowling League found Montgomery Realty, winners of the first half of the season, prevailing against Bud Lite, winners of the second half, April 25.

The first game was close all the way to the last frame with Montgomery Realty squeaking out a 10 point victory. Still alive in the best of three game series, Bud Lite started out hot in the first frame of the second game, but Montgomery Realty was even hotter and kept it going to score a team high score of 1,110 pins to cinch the league championship.

The Bowling Banquet was held April 29 at Masterson's Restaurant with trophies and awards presented to the first,

second, third, and last place teams. The first place trophies were presented to the team of Montgomery Realty consisting of Bill and Sandy Pierce, Ross and Betty Kennedy, and Terry Ernst.

Very deserving of their second place trophies was the team of Bud Lite consisting of Richard Cwiak, Floyd Tuttle, Larry Oney, Jenny Montgomery, and Cheryl Fultz. The third place trophies were taken home by Steve and Cathy Coulter, Carol Lamkin, Jim Hogan, and John Simmons.

Alas, the last place trophies were received by David and Vickie Fink, Lora Bowling, Vickie Reitz, and Doug Thompson.

Trophies were also presented for outstanding individual performances. Taking home the trophies for high series actual were for the women -- Sandy Pierce (587); the men -- Lou Price (685). High game actual for the women -- Cheryl Fultz (227); the men -- Bill Pierce (247). For high series handicap for the women -- Pam Greenwell (675); the

men -- Denny Hall (714). For high game handicap for the women -- Mary Ann Becker (268); the men -- Terry Ernst (273).

The most improved bowler awards went to the Joan Hazel (23 pins) for the women, and Terry Bradley (30 pins) for the men. The high season average trophies were presented to Sandy Pierce (159) for the women and Lou Price (184) for the men.

The last award presented was the Sportman Award. This award comes from the ABC and is voted on by the league officers. The league officers agreed that it should go to Ross Kennedy of Montgomery Realty as the most deserving. Congratulations Ross!

New officers were also elected at the banquet for the 1989-1990 season. They are: Floyd Tuttle, president; Larry Oney, vice president; Teresa Amsler, treasurer; and Sandy Pierce, secretary. Congratulations to the new league officers and this year's bowling members for an outstanding year. If anyone is interested in bowling next year, please feel free to contact any of the above named individuals.

Bits N Pieces

Promotions

To MSgt:
Dwight D. Riggle, 123d CES

To TSgt:
Richard L. Bengel, 123d WSSF
Steve A. Gibson, 123d RMS
Mary F. Kays, 123d Svs Flt
Timothy D. Ramsey, 123d Tac Hosp
David W. Selby, 123d WSSF
Charles R. Simpson, 123d TAW
Barbara L. Taylor, 123d TAW
Harold E. Woertz, Jr., 123d Tac Hosp

To SSgt:
Donald K. Dement, 123d CES
Earl J. Hartlage, Jr., 123d WSSF
James B. McKenzie, 123d CES
Robert A. Metzger, 165th TAS

To SrA:
William L. Allen, 123d CAM
Lawrence W. Horton, 165th TAS
David W. Lundergan, 165th TAS
Joey L. Pate, 165th TAS
Kenneth W. Williams, 123d Tac Hosp

To AIC:
Paul M. Thompson, 123d CES

Appointment to Sgt:
William D. Cummins, 123d CES
Robert F. Heck, Jr., 123d CES
Charles R. Rush, 123d MSS
Sean C. Swinney, 123d CES
John W. Waliga, 123d Svs Flt

New Secretary of the Air Force named

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The President announced recently his intention to nominate Dr. Donald B. Rice, president and chief executive of the Rand Corp., since 1972, as the new Secretary of the Air Force, replacing acting Secretary John J. Welch, Jr.

Dr. Rice, 49, who served as a captain in the Army from 1965 to 1967, is not new to the Pentagon. From 1967 to 1969, he served as director of costs analysis for the secretary of defense. He

was then named deputy assistant secretary of defense for resource analysis, followed by two years as assistant director of the Office of Management and Budget from 1970 to 1972, just prior to going to the Rand Corp., in San Mateo, Calif.

His nomination will be subject to Senate approval.



REMEMBER

This is the month we remember all those who've served this country. Remember that America is counting on you, too, to keep it safe and strong.



KEEP GUARDING AMERICA'S SKIES.