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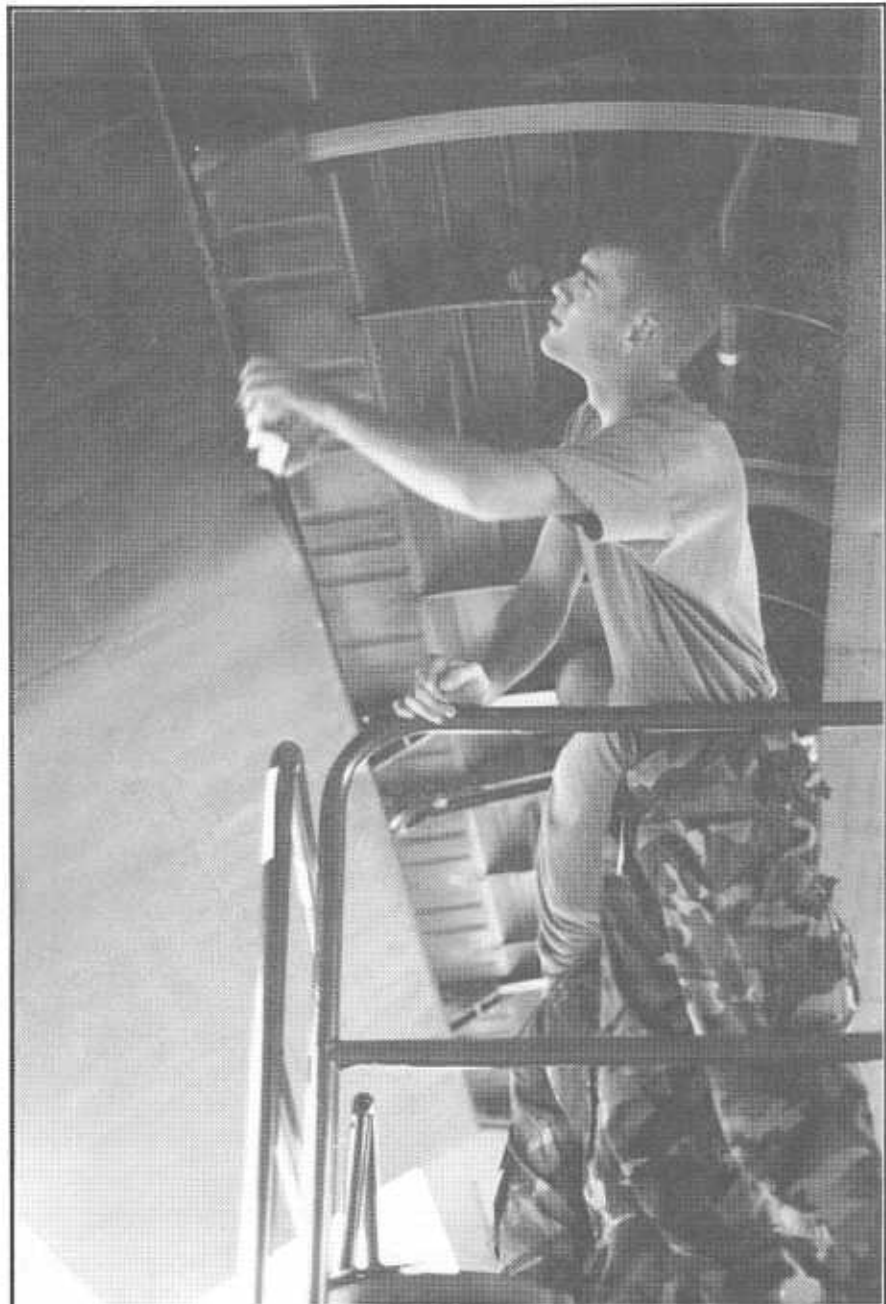
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KyANG photo by TSgt. Jeff Sansbury

SrA Tom Monin, a member of the 123rd CAM Squadron, inspects the wing structure of a C-130B transport plane prior to takeoff at Howard AFB in Panama. Monin joined nearly 150 Kentucky Air Guard members who served rotational duty this summer in Latin America as part of Operation Volant Oak. Story and photos appear on Pages 6-7 of this month's Cargo Courier.

Commander's Column

You don't get 2nd chance to make first impression

The 101 critical days of summer have passed. I appreciate everyone's support to emphasize safety during this period.

As a result, we can look back on this summer with enjoyable memories. Please keep this same attitude as we make final preparations for our ORI and UEI in November.

September UTA will be our last major rehearsal. If you find problems, do one of two things: if it's under your

control, fix it or tell your supervisor; it is important for this inspection that the base look good, the shops and work areas are neat, and the people look and act professional. I would like everyone to concentrate on these areas.

First impressions are important! I'm confident that you know your job. If you put your best foot forward and make a positive first impression, you will have no problems with the inspection. Let's make it work.



KyANG photo by SMSgt. Dave Tinsley

Col. John V. Greene
Wing Commander

Chaplain's Column

Rejuvenate your churchgoing through personal commitment

By Chaplain (Capt.) Thomas Curry
KyANG Protestant Chaplain

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; 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.

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.'"

Liaison officers needed to assist USAF Academy

The call is out to officers who are interested in becoming an Air Force Academy liaison officer, according to Maj. Robert Cannon, liaison officer coordinator for Kentucky.

This region needs individuals in zip code areas beginning with 402-409, 411-418 and 420-427. As a liaison officer, persons receive points for their counseling activities and an extra four active duty days per year.

Anyone interested needs to contact Major Cannon at 205 Signal Ridge Road, Frankfort, Ky 40601. His office phone number is 502-564-6333 and his home number is 502-337-2690.

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Local News

A nurse of excellence

Story and photo courtesy of Univ. of Louisville

A former member of the Kentucky Air National Guard has received honors for her achievements in the nursing career field.

The Kentucky Nurses' Association celebrated National Nurses Week in May by honoring Lt. Col. Jacquelyn Reid for her outstanding professional dedication and commitment. Colonel Reid, a registered nurse, is an associate professor of nursing at the University of Louisville and holds a doctorate degree in education.

"She is perceived to be an excellent faculty member as well as a community leader," said Justine Speer, dean of the School of Nursing. "She loves the students and the students love her."

Aside from her teaching responsibilities at U of L, Colonel Reid also serves as chair of the faculty senate. She is the first member of the nursing faculty to hold that position.

A certified OB-GYN nurse practitioner, she attends to patients and teaches prenatal classes at the Humana Hospital-University of Louisville's ambulatory prenatal clinic. Her research projects include studying the accuracy of blood pressure readings of



Dr. (Lt. Col.) Jacquelyn Reid, associate professor of nursing, received honors this year from the nursing profession.

PME enrollment opens for officers

The National Guard Bureau is accepting applications for senior and intermediate officer service schools.

Nov. 15, 1991, is the cut off. Persons interested in the National War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Air War College or Air Command and Staff College need to contact base personnel immediately.

All courses begin in August 1992 and conclude June 1993.

Ooops!

In the last issue of the Cargo Courier, Clifton Bill Leslie was incorrectly named as a lieutenant colonel. He actually holds the rank of full colonel, and the staff here apologizes for this error to Col. Leslie and his family.

the unborn.

"She's doing what she's teaching the students to do," Speer said.

Colonel Reid was assigned to the environmental health services division of the 123rd Tactical Hospital here. She left the KyANG last year to accept a position with an Air Force Reserve unit at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio, where she recently served on active duty in support of Operation Desert Storm.

College loans drop again, lowest rates since 1983

Washington (AFAS) -- Interest rates on certain college education loans from the Air Force Aid Society have dropped more than 2 percent for the academic period July 1 through June 30, 1992, AFAS officials said.

The interest rate on the Society's Parent Loan, or Plus, dropped from 11.49 percent to 9.34 percent, the lowest rates since the loans were first offered in 1983.

The Plus Program is a low-interest installment loan offered to active duty members of the Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, retired members and widows or widowers. Plus differs from the traditional

guaranteed student loan programs in that the federal government does not pay interest on the loan while the student is in college.

Parents with children enrolled full-time at a school approved by the Department of Education can request loans up to \$4,000 a year for undergraduate work, up to a maximum of \$20,000. Loans may also be granted for more than one child.

More information is available from local AFAS officers or by writing to: HQ AFAS, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

HQ Frankfort serves as crucial link to KyANG

Submitted by Col. David Rhodes
KyANG Headquarters State Staff

While few in number of personnel, the Operation Branch has numerous roles and responsibilities. It is responsible for the direction of Operations, Maintenance, and Disaster Preparedness programs in support of Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard, and performs an organization liaison with state Air National Guard units.

It serves as the primary liaison between the Chief of Staff and the Operations branch of the 123rd TAW. Primarily, the Operations Branch provides staff support and assistance to the Chief of Staff, KyANG.

This support may come in the form of staff studies and analyses, the review of all Unit Effectiveness Inspections and Operational Readiness Inspection reports, as well as monitoring the get-well progress of discrepancies noted in these inspections.

Additionally, ORI reports from other units are reviewed in order to determine if any areas in the reports may be of interest to the KyANG in preparing for an ORI. This branch also oversees and reviews the SORTS (a unit's combat readiness status report) of each unit



Col. David Rhodes
Assistant Director of Operations

and advises the assistant adjutant general for air, the chief of staff and the executive support staff officer, of the contents of the report and to make recommendations in regards to a unit's request for assistance.

Operations reviews personnel recruiting, retention and critical manning within the Operations Branch of flying units in the event that Headquarters can be of assistance. In addition, maintenance operations and results are reviewed on a monthly basis and briefed to the TAG and chief of staff.

One of the more noticeable functions of the Operations Branch is its

participation in unit effectiveness visits and evaluations. The UEVs occur at routine intervals and are designed to be a "self" inspection of a unit function. The major focus is to provide each element with an updated benchmark of its progress. A UEV is really just another set of eyes helping out.

Operations is also periodically asked by the wing to augment the exercise evaluation team during a mobility exercise of an ORE. The experience and training of Operations Branch personnel can then be utilized in providing a valuable service to the wing.

The role of the Disaster Preparedness section is to coordinate and monitor statewide activities and programs in support of contingency planning.

In the event of mobilization, the Operations Branch would assist in the implementation of the State Headquarters OPLAN 28-1, the plan that provides for the continued operation of Standiford Field ANGB in case those situations should arise.

While you may not "see" the Operations Branch personnel as often as you did before the move to Frankfort, our mission has not changed...it is still SERVICE to all members of the Kentucky Air National Guard.

Male nurse is a first at 123rd, responds to Desert Storm call

By Maj. Jeff Butcher
Public Affairs Officer

The Kentucky Air National Guard has its first male nurse.

After an eight-year march through the ranks, David H. Worely, 33, is a second lieutenant. Worely, of Louisville, has a nursing degree from Regents College in New York.

He began his Air Force career at Elmendorf AFB in Alaska following a

six-week technical school for medics, and was assigned to an emergency medical treatment unit.

Lieutenant Worely was transferred to Wilford Hall, Lackland AFB, Texas. He was discharged in April 1988 and joined the emergency room staff at Methodist Hospital in Louisville. He became a member of the 123rd TAC Hospital in 1989.

The lieutenant was among those KyANG members called up for Operation Desert Storm, and his assignment was the RAF Bicester, England.

AMERICAN PROLOGUE



And They Don't Need Hay

Military people have had a love affair with the jeep ever since the first one rolled off the assembly line in 1940. Not since the day of the horse had fighting folks felt so much affection for a means of transportation.

Almost immediately they proved their worth. In one early World War II African exploit, for example, a strike force of 18 jeeps roared out of the night, through the parked German planes at Sid Baneish near El Alamein, guns chattering. Within seconds, they had destroyed 25 planes and damaged 12 more. Then they swept off into the night without a single loss of their own.

Maiden HALO voyage a success

By Maj. Jeff Butcher
Public Affairs Officer

Does jumping out of a C-130B from 25,000 feet at night, traveling nearly 120 mph free-fall sound like fun? It is a new requirement for 123rd TAW troops.

Members from the 123rd Combat Control Team and Army green berets recently practiced the HALO drop. HALO is an acronym for High Altitude-Low Opening. It presents a high level of coordination between aircrew members and jumpers.

It is definitely not a routine jump, according to MSgt. Michael O. Harp.

Maj. Jerald R. Yankee, chief intelligence officer here, says the 25,000 foot HALO is a tremendous advantage of surprise...all of sudden these guys show up.

And you don't have to directly fly over the target to accomplish the mission. Especially when the jumpers have steerable parachutes, a good briefing about the terrain and visual cues, they have a high probability of landing at the designated spot.

Loadmaster Harp explained how they had to reconfigure the aircraft to place oxygen on the cargo floor. Other



KyANG photo by TSgt. Nathaniel Mack III

JOB WELL DONE: Larry Fields, third from left and a member of the Louisville-area Air Force Sergeants Association, recognized members of the KyANG who were activated to support Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Those accepting the plaque on behalf of fellow KyANG members, and who served overseas, are from left: A1C Mary Bowles; SSgt. Michael Embry; Lt. Col. Gary Burge; SMSgt. Jerome Gering; and SSgt. Roy Brown Jr.

air drops from 1,000 to 12,500 feet do not require oxygen.

In this particular mission, participants went above and beyond the normal routine assignments. Two TDY physiology technicians were assigned to assist in the unit's maiden HALO voyage.

The elite 25,000 airdrop is performed only 12 times during the year throughout the entire Air Force, stated TSgt. John Wadsworth, a flight engineer. At first, Wadsworth pointed out, MAC was reluctant to approve the mission with the C-130B airframe.

The MAC people had some doubt whether the "B" model could safely accommodate a 25,000 configuration. "It was determined that we could, so we proceeded accordingly," he said.

Increased coordination among the navigator, loadmaster and jumpmaster were required with the flight engineer acting as the maestro.

The participants couldn't go immediately to 25,000 feet. They had to practice pre-breathing for 30 minutes to decrease the nitrogen levels in their bodies.

Meanwhile, the physiologists kept checking for leaks constantly.

At those levels more than 25 seconds without oxygen could present serious complications.

On the way up the navigator is directing the pilots to the jump-point while the loadmaster and jumpmaster gave warning signs to the jumpers. The flight engineer was responsible for monitoring cabin altitude, pressures and oxygen consoles.

The maiden HALO was successful as 18 green berets and six Air Guard combat control team members arrived at the designated jump-point and orderly debarked out the back of the C-130B as scheduled. Mission complete.

Southwest Asia medal offered to more troops

Randolph AFB, Texas (AFNS)

The Joint Chiefs of Staff recently expanded the criteria for the Southwest Asia Service Medal to include people who directly participated in Operation Provide Comfort.

Members must meet the basic requirements previously outlined for award of the medal.

Individuals assigned to Operation Provide Comfort are authorized to wear the basic medal without campaign devices. The bronze campaign service stars currently authorized for wear are specifically designated for the defense of Saudi Arabia and the liberation and defense of Kuwait.

The medal will be awarded for serv-

ice during the time that the area is designated a combat zone.

People assigned to Operation Provide Comfort after President Bush signs a proclamation ending the combat zone will not be eligible to receive the medal. Local personnel offices have more information that relates to the recent announcement.

Summer ends KyANG mission in Latin America

Air Guard presence scans continent, lends hand to USAF

Story and photos by
TSgt. Jeff Sansbury
Cargo Courier Editor

HOWARD AFB, Panama -- If the Kentucky Air National Guard has any doubts over its role in worldwide military affairs, it was erased this summer when the citizen soldiers lent a hand to U.S. forces in Latin America.

Pulling rotation duty for the U.S. Southern Command and the array of support missions there, men and women of the KyANG logged perhaps its most significant 10-month period as a tactical airlift wing.

Some of the more visible scenes were left in the historic Panama Canal Zone,



SSgt. Keven Wakeland, a radar and navigational systems repairman, used the Howard AFB avionics shop to keep the C-130 transport plane systems running smoothly. Many members pulled in excess of 13-hour duty days.

where the unit's on-again, off-again Volant Oak presence concluded there Aug. 31.

The 123rd criss-crossed Latin America and the Caribbean with an awesome itinerary in Nicaragua, Columbia and Peru. The next day could easily be tasked with cargo drops in Honduras,

Costa Rica or Ecuador.

MSgt. John Foos, the unit's supply supervisor, said he tested the channels when keeping the unit stocked with engine parts and inventory.

"Overall, things went real well. But we certainly don't have the luxury of quick deliveries like back in the states," he said.

Sergeant Foos' biggest concern was a C-130 engine replacement that was made. "We were fortunate to have a spare from another Volant Oak unit, but that's usually not the case, and it could have been a nightmare getting one from CONUS."

"The idea," he explained, "is to get the part and flightcrews ready 'before' the plane arrives so there's no delay, no interruption with the mission."

A potentially serious threat occurred on the island of St. Croix, where KyANG crew members discovered vandalism to one of its three aircraft. Someone gained access to a C-130B while parked overnight there. Graffiti had been painted which included a threat to the aircrews, and U.S. government officials, along with the Air Force, grounded the aircraft for more than a day.

The threats were investigated and the plane was scanned thoroughly for signs of damage or terrorism. The plane was finally released and made an uneventful flight back to Panama.



Sgt. Chris Bishop, left, and MSgt. James Mack, members of the 123rd CAM Squadron, complete final inspections of KyANG aircraft during the final hours in Panama. The humid, subtropical climate made for some long days.

123rd expects future invitations to Panama hub



KyANG photo by TSgt. Jeff Sansbury

Sgt. Stephen Young, a flightline mechanic with the 123rd CAM Squadron, removed a C-130's panel during a routine test of the aircraft engine. The KyANG logged more than 175 flying hours during its last two weeks of duty.

The first wave of Bluegrass guardsmen arrived at Howard AFB during April, pulling 15-day rotation cycles that has made Volant Oak a vital Southern Command mission.

Volant Oak, which is derived from a French word for "quick, nimble and agile," is a mission that was delegated exclusively to the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve in 1977. Kentucky's 123rd TAW began appearing in Panama and Honduras in 1989, just a year after it dropped the tactical reconnaissance role of 30 years and transformed into air-movers overnight.

In all certainty, the unit awaits unlimited future invitations to the volatile, subtropical region.

In a country that sees its rainy season last eight months, the daily downpours and lightening cancelled several missions and delayed some by up to three hours per day.

Performing joint airborne training missions, providing search and rescue operations for allies and emergency medical evacuations are just some of the repeat customers of the 123rd TAW

and its sister units.

CMSgt. John Hall, the KyANG maintenance superintendent at Howard AFB, said the demands of Volant Oak still test his 29 years experience in flightline operations.

"Every flight here is meaningful and significant. This is 100 percent MAC exposure," he explained.

C-130 unit leaves no doubt over its worldwide mission

"If something goes wrong down in Columbia or Peru, you can't just scratch your head and say 'shucks, what do I do now?' This is serious stuff here."

Chief Hall, who worked on KyANG B-57 reconnaissance jets during the 1960s, said the 13-hour-plus duty days were tough on some crew members, but he added "no one complained. Moral was high and in the end, we were all proud of each other."

In late August, SSgt. Steve Ellis kept the Volant Oak ground vehicle fleet running when he was sent there from the 123rd Resource Management Squadron. He and his counterparts from California and West Virginia Air Guard units said the cars, trucks and vans take quite a beating during the 24 hour, 365-day mission.

"It's definitely different. During work hours and even off base, I had no anticipations or preconceived ideas about Panama," Sergeant Ellis admitted. "I think that's the best way to look at it."



KyANG photo by TSgt. Jeff Sansbury

SSgt. Arvin Humphries, a dock maintenance mechanic, conducted a pre-flight inspection of a C-130 aircraft at Howard AFB. The 123rd TAW has served five rotations with the Volant Oak mission since October 1990.

History of the KyANG

1961 finds only 1 female troop on 123rd roster

By TSgt. John Martin
123rd Wing Historian

In the September 1960 issue of The National Guardsman, there was a photograph of the five Marks brothers (no, not the Marx Brothers) who

were members of the KyANG. The five siblings were A1C Charles; TSgt Paul; SSgt Ben; MSgt Willie; and MSgt Tom Marks -- a combined total of 58 years of service including 11 years active duty in World War II and Korea.

An article in the Louisville Times

for Sept. 25, 1961, explained the unusual ratio that existed at the KyANG at the time -- 842 men to just one woman. That one woman, 1st Lt. Rita Nadroff, a nurse, was the only woman assigned to the Kentucky Air National Guard at the time, and she was assigned to the base hospital. She was quoted that even though she enjoyed being the only woman in an all-male environment, she was hoping that all the men would not report for sick call at the same time.

On Sept. 14, 1971, Capt. Roger M. Sanders, a pilot with the KyANG, was killed at Standiford Field when the takeoff of his aircraft, a F-101 "Voodoo," accidentally bumped another F-101, also from the unit. Captain Sanders attempted to parachute from the aircraft, but he was not at sufficient altitude to deploy the chute.

Just five days later (Sept. 19), Chaplain (Capt.) William E. Hisle of the KyANG passes away after suffering for more than two years from a mysterious disease while activated to Korea during the Pueblo Crisis call-up of 1968-69. His last two years of life found him confined to a wheelchair, thus making impossible for him to continue his ministry in the Guard. In the final months of his life, he would be awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the first member of the KyANG ever to receive the honor.

More than 40,000 visitors came to the KyANG Open House on Sept. 14, 1980, making it one of the largest, if not THE largest, open houses ever. On display were more than 45 different military aircraft such as a C-5A Galaxy (the one aircraft most wanted to see, and the first ever in Louisville); an F-15 Eagle; the F-16; F-111; F-105; F-106; an A-7 Corsair; A-37 Dragonfly; an F-14; and an AV-8A Harrier.

In September 1985, the 123rd TAC Hospital earned a satisfactory rating on its IG Inspection. The rating was based on health services and management (40 percent), and for medical readiness training (60 percent).

Promotions

The following men and women are promoted in the KyANG and as a reserve of the U.S. Air Force.

TO AMN (E-2)

AB Robert L. Allen 123 STU
FLT
AB Steven B. Erwin 123 SPF
AB Pearl M. Kirk 123 TAW
AB Shawn A. McNeill 123 Com
AB Rhett G. Perdue 123 SPF
AB Joanna L. Wigginton 165 TAS

TO A1C (E-3)

AMN Samuel L. Major Jr. 123
MAP
AMN Brian S. Miller 123
TAW

TO SrA (E-4)

A1C Mary S. Bowles 123 TAC
Hosp
A1C Lloyd E. Davis 223 COM

TO SSgt (E-5)

SGT James J. Berger 123 CES
SGT Kathryn S. Copperwaite 123
TAC Hosp
SGT Zolita C. Goode 123 CES
SGT Tonia K. Jackson 123
TAW
SGT Stephen W. Johnson 123
SV
SGT David W. Lundergan 165
TAS

SGT Timothy S. Malone 123
MAP
SGT Anthony H. Pickman 123
RMS
SGT Louis F. Quaaek III 123 CES
SGT Christopher J. Swenson 123
TAC Hosp
SGT Sean C. Swinney 123 CES
SGT Kenneth W. Williams 123
TAC Hosp

TO TSgt (E-6)

SSG Roy C. Brown Jr. 123 TAW
SSG Ronald P. Lucas 123 MAP
SSG John R. Martin 123 TAW
SSG Robert C. Patton 123 CES
SSG Joseph A. Wilkerson 123
CES
SSG Terri L. Zeller 123 Tac
Hosp

SENIOR NCO ACADEMY GRADUATES

MSG Larry Franklin 123 MSF
MSG John Gantley 123 CEF
SMS John Logsdon 123 CEF
SMS William Moore Jr NGB

JOINT SERVICE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

MAJ Timothy J. Gump 123
WEA
MSG Michael E. Walters 123
WEA
SSG John W. Perry 123 WEA