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KyANG troops remain in Bosnia strife

By Capt. Ralinda Gregor
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In July, Capt. Ralinda Gregor deployed to Holland and Germany with the Kentucky Army National Guard. While there, she was able to spend a day with 123rd Airlift Wing personnel involved in Operation Provide Promise. According to Lt. Col. Donald Goley, the 165th Airlift Squadron commander, conditions have not changed much since her visit.

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany -- The Kentucky Air National Guard has extended its commitment to support humanitarian relief flights into Bosnia under Operation Provide Promise until Oct. 1, according to Lt. Col. Donald Goley, the 165th Airlift Squadron commander.

The wing has been deployed to Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, since early July, with aircrews and maintenance personnel rotating periodically.

The wing's tasking includes air-land and airdrop missions into Bosnia. This duty is shared with Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve crews from Mansfield, Ohio, Minneapolis and Colorado Springs, Colo.

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While the evening news paints a frightening picture of the situation in



A special patch reflects the pride of crewmembers flying humanitarian relief missions into war-torn Bosnia as part of Operation Provide Promise.

Sarajevo, 165th crews do not feel they are in any special danger.

"The main danger is not from anybody trying to do anything to us," said Maj. Robert Burden, one of the aircraft commanders tasked to fly air-land missions into Sarajevo. "It would be from incidental fire. Right now we're not targeted by any group because all three sides are gaining from us coming in."

It's no more dangerous than "driving down Dixie Highway," added Staff Sgt. Joe Knight, a 165th flight engineer.

The crews have seen artillery fire near the airport, Burden said, but it is far enough away that even the shrapnel doesn't pose a threat to KyANG aircraft and personnel.

"We're wearing flak vests when we

go in," said Capt. John Soldner, a newly checked out aircraft commander. "The threat is definitely higher than when we were in Somalia," he said. In spite of the potential for danger, the crewmembers agreed that the flying is good.

"It's awesome," Knight said. The air-land crews fly two or three eight-hour missions a week, added Maj. Frank Sharpe, another aircraft commander.

In a typical air-land mission, the crews fly to Sarajevo and unload 14 to 15 tons of food and medical supplies, fly to Zagreb to resupply, fly back to Sarajevo, unload, then fly back to Rhein-Main, explained Soldner.

The loadmasters are especially busy when the crews land in Sarajevo. The engine-running offload takes about six minutes, said Senior Airman Robert Allen, a 165th loadmaster. Two loadmasters fly on each mission to help the United Nations troops unload the aircraft, he said.

The deployment presents a special challenge for maintenance personnel. They are working as a fully integrated team with the three other Guard and Reserve units, said Staff Sgt. Cedric Jones of the 123rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's isochronal inspection dock. Everyone pitches in to get the aircraft ready to fly, regardless of unit or specialty code.

"The hours are definitely long and we're working a little shorthanded with people, so the specialists that we've brought from the different units have pitched right in," Jones said.

When asked if there have been any problems in maintenance, Jones replied, "It's been a little different getting used to the E-models." But he added that the aircraft are holding up well.

His words were echoed by the flight engineer. "The aircraft are great," Knight said.

Commander's Column



Another fiscal year over; our job only gets tougher

We are closing a year of unusually heavy tasking. Many of you volunteered time and time again to meet the challenge. We have completed seven overseas flying deployments, numerous other unit deployments, and many of you have volunteered to fill requirements for individual augmentees. I have received many favorable communications and not one complaint of sub-standard performance. You are to be commended.

Now it is fitting for us to review our decisions and ask if we got the tempo right or did we push too hard. As you know, members from all of the units involved were part of the decision making process. We surveyed for consensus and participated in open discussion before taking on new tasking. My position has been that the tasking under volunteerism should reflect the desires of the unit, not only the leaders.

Even with this open approach, I am sure that some of you have felt pressured to go when you really didn't want

to deploy. This was particularly noticeable in the small shops where you had to step forward more often than others, or in areas where some did not feel they could participate and their co-workers had to return in their place.

This is not an easy dilemma to resolve. In any family, some have to pick up more than their share for the good of the family. And, we should all show our gratitude to those who stepped forward against their desires, filling the package and allowing us to accept the tasking.

However, we must respect the desires of those who met the training requirements but didn't feel the need or couldn't volunteer for additional duty.

It's difficult to judge what is right. Being available to deploy when needed is building a good reputation for the unit at a time when further force structure reductions are being discussed. However, any future cuts will be based on many factors, not just participation.

The bottom line is, you will have to decide what tempo of volunteerism is



Brig. Gen. Stewart R. Byrne
Wing Commander

right for our unit and don't expect it to be a smooth road. I guarantee you that the leadership is listening to your input.

Be part of the Total Quality Management process and help form the decisions. You will be better satisfied when you realize that this is your unit, and it will be reflective of your decisions and your level of participation.

I have no reservations about turning the unit over to you as part of the quality process. It has always been your unit and no one from the top to the bottom is more or less important than anyone else; we just have different responsibilities.

We can be proud of our record this year and I am confident that you will continue to improve. We haven't received seven Air Force Outstanding Unit awards because our decisions have resulted in just average performance. We are clearly an outstanding unit.

Traffic changes in store

The full impact of airfield construction is upon us. Tuberosse Lane, the "short cut" we've all used with fondness for years, is the only access to both the Kentucky Air Guard as well as the north entrance for United Parcel Service.

Oct. 1 is the target date for the reopening of Grade Lane south to Fern Valley Road. We must all exercise extreme caution daily, as well as during UTA drill weekends.

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Smoking ban at Standiford follows USAF

By Capt. Ralinda Gregor
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The Kentucky Air National Guard is following an Air Force plan to butt out smoking in the workplace. The time-phased plan took effect Aug. 15 and reflects cooperation between both smokers and non-smokers on base.

A recent Environmental Protection Agency study lends urgency to that plan. The EPA study classifies tobacco smoke as a carcinogen equivalent to asbestos.

At Standiford Field, the new smoking policy was implemented using the principles of Total Quality Management. First, quality teams were formed to determine what the customer -- in this case, smokers -- needed, according to Lt. Col. Robert Williams, support group commander here.

The teams coordinated with the major duty sections and the union to develop a plan for smoking areas that would meet the requirements of the new policy, Williams said. The quality



KyANG photo by Tech Sgt. Charles Simpson

Base civil engineers from the Kentucky Air National Guard constructed two gazebos for the new smoking-designated areas at Standiford Field. The KyANG is following the Air Force initiative to phase out indoor smoking on all its installations. The new policy took effect here Aug. 15.

teams came up with the idea of building smoking gazebos and converting a hangar break room into a smoking area, he said. The job was turned over to the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron to implement those ideas.

"CE did an outstanding job," Williams said. "I give them all the credit."

CE's Chief Master Sgt. William Byrum took those ideas, a building plan

from a hardware store and came up with a great design, Williams explained.

The traditional guardsmen who built the three gazebos did a top quality job; they showed a lot of pride in their work, he added.

The gazebos can be used by everyone, not just smokers, Williams said. CE will enclose them with plexiglas this winter so they can be used year-round.

Civilian airlines honored for war duty transport

"The Civil Reserve Air Fleet nearly doubles our strategic airlift capability ... it's more than seats and cargo."

(Air Force News Service) -- The Air Force is honoring more than 13,000 employees from 24 civilian airlines who belong to the Civil Reserve Air Fleet for their support of operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. CRAF is a volunteer program through which airlines contract to augment the Air Mobility Command's strategic airlift forces.

Commercial air carriers played a vital role in airlift operations during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, flying 2,585 passenger flights and 2,870 cargo flights to the Middle East.

"The Civil Reserve Air Fleet nearly doubles our strategic airlift capability," said Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, the AMC commander. "But the CRAF is more than seats and cargo space. It's thousands of men and women willing to jump into the fray with us. With these awards, we hope in some small way to let them know how much they are appreciated."

The Air Medal recognizes 600 aircrew members who flew seven or more missions into the theater during the

height of the conflict, between Jan. 17 and April 11, 1991.

The Aerial Achievement Medal recognizes nearly 400 aircrew members who flew 18 or more missions between August 1990 to the present, excluding the period between Jan. 17 and April 11, 1991.

The Civilian Desert Shield/Desert Storm Medal will go to more than 9,000 civilian ground personnel and flightcrews who entered the theater at least once during the operations.

The AMC Certificate will go to an additional 3,500 people who worked outside the theater but whose duties directly supported the Persian Gulf conflict.

Hospital gels, then excels in Michigan



Above, decontaminated medical specialists treat "casualties." Below, Dr. (Lt. Col.) Richard Kimbler rehearses emergency care with Capt. Deborah Jank. Assisting Kimbler is Capt. Connie Carrillo, left, and Lt. Col. Robert Karp of the Indiana ANG.



Col. Brian Younge of the Minnesota ANG, left, assisted Tech Sgt. Charles Hornback of Kentucky's 123rd Tactical Hospital during MASH-type exercises. The Michigan deployment involved an assortment of support personnel and required the construction of a field hospital environment. Security personnel guarded the base perimeter at night.



Story by Tech Sgt. Charles Simpson and Staff Sgt. Drew Fritz, 123rd MSF

Members of the 123rd Tactical Hospital, joined by four other Air National Guard medical units, completed combat medical readiness training at Phelps-Collins ANG Base in July. Those who participated at the Alpena, Mich., site earned praise from the training staff there.

The training was conducted by instructors from the Combat Medical Readiness Training Center, also known as "green hats," who were impressed with the 123rd's performance. "It was a pleasure to see everyone gel together as a well-oiled machine," course director Lt. Col. Timothy Adams remarked. "They knew what was going on and how to support each other."

Maj. Natalie Iryshe, another "green hat," agreed: "What I liked best about this group was its willingness to learn and work together as a team, especially with five units participating. I've been here four months and in that period, this is the group that came together the fastest."

After a week of various classes and a grueling obstacle course, the combined units put their new knowledge to the test. They were tasked with deploying and operating a field aid station. They had only six hours to become operational after deploying.

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Lt. Col. John McCrillis assists Senior Master Sgt. Ken Bernardi during the field exercises at Phelps-Collins.

Photos by Tech Sgt. Charles Simpson

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The purpose of the aid station was to provide second-level medical care near the battle site. The station was manned by physicians, nurses and pharmacists, as well as specialists that managed supply, administration and security duties.

Once the station was operational, a team established perimeter security, communications, supply and other support



Combat scenarios and chemical warfare training were a key part of the field exercise.

functions. The next three days and two nights were devoted to simulated war.

"It was an excellent portrayal of what the modern Air Force concept of 2E-level care is," said Lt. Col. Ralph Izard of the the 189th Tactical Hospital from Little Rock, Ark. "It was consistent with what we did during Desert Storm."

A semi-humorous episode occurred in the midst of the strain and pressure of the exercise. Lt. Col. Doug Butler was captured by a staged, drug crazed "terrorist" who tried to use him as a pawn to get through the security checkpoint.

As the terrorist approached the checkpoint with a grenade in one hand and Butler in the other, he was stopped by Senior Master Sgt. Ken Bernardi. Bernardi gave the terrorist fair warning, then shot him between the eyes when he refused to stop. This led to debate over the wisdom of the decision.

Then Bernardi detected that the terrorist failed to pull the firing pin from the grenade. There was a moment of embarrassment as the terrorist resurrected himself, pulled the grenade pin and started the scenario all over. Bernardi had to shoot the terrorist again.



Referring to notes left by a medical specialist, Tech Sgt. Ken Williams updates the condition of a field patient at Alpena. The KyANG joined four other ANG units in the July training exercise.

MAPS shines at Phoenix Ace

By Capt. Ralinda Gregor
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Six members of the 123rd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron completed Phoenix Ace, an air-base ground defense course conducted last month at Little Rock AFB, Ark.

The six members: Tech Sgt. Greg Thompson; Sgt. Donald Skaggs; Senior Airmen Troy Maddox, Jimmy Spencer and William Varney; and Airman 1st Class Melissa Hodge were commended by the staff of the 314th Ground Combat Readiness Training Squadron at Little Rock.

In addition to the high marks MAPS earned as a team, two members earned top individual awards. Skaggs claimed the Top Gun Award for small arms marksmanship, while Spencer was recognized as "Best of the Best" by setting an example for military professionalism.

The course tested participants' ability to set up and operate a forward operating base, according to Skaggs. The 123rd was joined by other MAPS units, as well as security police, explosive ordnance disposal units and a combat control team, which had to consolidate as a force.

The course stressed teamwork and communication, Spencer said, and the 123rd was commended for its outstanding teamwork.

"We got to know each other well and formed a good bond," added Hodge. She said that was the key to the unit's success.

This was the first time the 123rd had sent anyone to the course, Skaggs said. The team plans to share its knowledge with other MAPS members who will attend the course in years to come.

Base phone system adds more features

By Airman 1st Class Fred Michaels
123rd Mission Support Flight

Is it live or is it Audix? That is what many who call Kentucky Air National Guard telephone numbers may be wondering.

There is a new automated telephone system on base called Audix. Audix is a computerized, voice message system which receives and routes calls to the appropriate destination. Audix also allows users to leave recorded messages.

A person calling Standiford Field at 364-9400 now receives a recorded message which allows him or her to route calls to frequently called or important extensions. These numbers include re-

cruiting, accounting and finance, CBPO, flight operations, aircraft maintenance, security police, wing information and the commander's hotline. The caller may either dial a desired extension or hold for the base operator.

According to Tech Sgt. Michael Silloway, the Audix administrator, the auto-attendant feature of the new phone system frees time for the base operator. It allows a person to dial 100, 200, 300 and 500 series extensions without having to talk to the operator.

As before, the base phone system also allows calls to be forwarded to another extension after a specified number of rings.

Individuals unfamiliar with which

office on base they need to speak with should wait for the operator, Silloway said. "Those persons wanting to speak with another individual immediately rather than hearing a recorded voice may get frustrated with the system," he added. Some individual extensions also have a recorded menu to help direct calls to the proper individual.

The voice mail feature of Audix allows users to send and receive recorded messages. There are several benefits to voice mail, according to Silloway. Recorded messages tend to be more accurate and reliable than written ones. A recorded message at a person's work number can let callers know that an individual is gone for an extended period.

Through voice mail, a given number of users may also send a group message. This message could be recorded once and sent to each of the users' extensions.

Subscribers to the system have their own passwords and may retrieve their messages from anywhere by knowing this password.

"Call Answer" is another feature of the Audix system. A subscriber gone for an extended period may maintain up to nine outgoing messages on varied days, according to Silloway.

"Audix has some limitations and is not for everyone," he explained. "It's not for emergency purposes. It would be impractical, for example, to have the fire department use a recorded voice, telling individuals to leave their name and number when there is a fire requiring immediate attention."

Audix currently has 209 subscribers, and each of them is normally allotted five minutes to store recorded messages. Individuals who receive more messages than usual can obtain 10 minutes of message time.

There are 50 additional voice mail spaces left. Individuals who want a voice mail box or who need further information about Audix may call Silloway at on-base 326.

Guardsmen have CBPO access, thanks to PSM computer aids

By Tech Sgt. Nancy Morgan
NCOIC, PSM Section

In October the base orderly rooms and staff agencies will convert to a new computer system called Personnel Concept III, or PC-III. PC-III will give individuals real-time access to the Kentucky Air National Guard base personnel system.

Using this system, members will be able to obtain information from the CBPO in their own unit orderly room. Eventually, orderly rooms will have access to locator, duty status and weight management information. Members will also have the ability to update unit strength data, request RIPs and have access to an OPR/EPR management program.

PC-III is an easy system to learn and use. Computer-aided instructions and screens will allow the user to interact with a wide variety of PC-III applications. Built-in features walk



the user through the actual process of a personnel update. In other words, it is a menu-driven system that prompts the user with a series of questions.

There will be a PC-III team coming in to install and train all authorized KyANG members in October.

The personnel systems management section of the CBPO will be contacting each unit to set up an appointment to discuss PC-III with the individuals designated to use it.

If you have any questions or need information, you can contact Tech Sgt. Nancy Morgan at on-base 486.

Annual 1st Sgt. award taking '93 applications

It's that time of year again to recognize the outstanding first sergeant of the year. Air Force Regulation 900-29 covers the guidelines for preparing the package, along with ANG Regulation 93-109, which is dated Aug. 12, 1993.

The initial package needs to be submitted to the KyANG CBPO no later than Oct. 30. It is due at the ANG Readiness Center in Washington by Jan. 4, 1994. This will allow time for any delays or errors. For additional information, contact Tech Sgt. Deborah Nelson at on-base 486.

KyANG History

By Tech Sgt. John Martin
Wing Historian

On Sept. 19, 1967, the KyANG trained a 204-man riot control detachment force, fully capable of handling any civil disturbance. Its training program included riot control operations, leadership and discipline, and special lessons from experienced riot officers. The riot control detachment was instituted because of the high threat of riots during this period of increased social unrest.

Good news, however, was on base for some lucky KyANG club-card holder the following day. A random drawing would award the lucky guardsman two free tickets to a University of Louisville vs. Southern Illinois University football game later that month.

Sept. 19, 1985, was a special day for the KyANG, because that day marked the arrival of the unit's C-12 aircraft, the first time the unit gained a new aircraft straight from the factory.

The C-12 is similar to the civilian Superking 200 Beechcraft, but has two additional seats, comfortably seating 10 passengers. The plane can travel up to 265 knots per hour with a ceiling of 31,000 feet and a range of 500 miles.

On Sept. 20, 1988, the announce-

Air Force voids ribbons awarded here by mistake

Some KyANG members will notice that the Air Force Training Ribbon has been deleted from their ribbons listing. This is not an error. Air Force Regulation 900-48 states that award requirements for wear of this ribbon are as follows:

The ribbon is awarded to Air Force members on completing an Air Force accession training program (BMT, OTS, ROTC, Academy, etc.). In the past, some members received the ribbon in error, such as members who transferred from other branches of the armed services.

1988 saw 123rd join MAC; riot team added to KyANG



Photo is from the KyANG historical archive

In 1956 the "swagger stick," long a symbol of rank and authority, was presented to the 165th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron commander, Maj. Ken Walker, by his "disloyal" subjects. Standiford Field saw the KyANG's runway extended to accommodate the new F-86 Sabre jets.

ment was made that the KyANG would be redesignated as the 123rd Tactical Airlift Wing, under the parent command of the Military Airlift Command.

Trivia for August: There are about 1,157 personnel assigned to the KyANG, mostly from Kentucky of course, but also from 12 other states. The breakdown is as follows:

Kentucky, 984; Indiana, 141; Ohio, 12; Tennessee, six; Missouri and Florida, three each; Georgia and Texas, two each; and one apiece for Michigan, Oklahoma, Illinois and Virginia.

Question for October: When the KyANG flew the RB-57 Canberra aircraft, what was the unusual method for starting them?

50 Years and Going Strong



DoD photo by Master Sgt. Ken Hammond

The Pentagon, the world's largest office building, is in the midst of a 50-year celebration. The five-sided building houses the offices of the secretary of defense; the three military service secretaries; the headquarters of the Army, Navy and Air Force, as well as the Joint Department of Defense agencies. Opened in 1943, the Pentagon houses nearly 18 miles of corridors, with many eating and service establishments to accommodate more than 25,000 employees.

Look at image, AFR 35-10 personal dress standards

Enlisted members get new lightweight jacket; V-neck shirts required, black shirts look great

By Maj. Knox D. Lewis
KyANG Director of Personnel

As a popular TV commercial says, "Image is everything." We must continue to improve our personal military image. We often forget the little things that help create that professional military image.

Below are a few hints that will ensure you project the proper military image:

* Get rid of that old lightweight blue poplin jacket; it was phased out Sept. 30, 1991. Enlisted personnel can be issued the new lightweight jacket from the base clothing office, and it's free.

* Purchase the black tee-shirts. Local discount stores offer the best prices; they look great with the BDUs, and they add a touch of class that exceeds the standard green/brown issued shirts.

Remember that the mandatory date for the "V" neck tee shirts was Jan. 1, 1992. Air Force members cannot wear the rounded collar tee-shirts anymore.

Let's continue to improve our overall military appearance. After all, image is everything. Contact your base CBPO for more information about Air Force Regulation 35-10.

Gen. DeZarn golf tourney set for Oct. 7

The second annual Maj. Gen. Robert L. DeZarn Open Golf Tournament will be held at Fort Knox's Lindsey Golf Course on Oct. 7. Tee time is 8 a.m.

This year's tournament will feature a combined program of individual and team play. Trophies and prize money will be awarded for both. Everyone has two ways to win: an 18-hole score, and there may be a "Calcutta" at the cookout if enough interest is generated.

The 3-123rd Armor Division will host a pre-tournament cookout Oct. 6 and provide coffee and donuts on Oct. 7. This year's menu includes grilled steaks on Oct. 6.

If you don't have a USGA handicap, you must forward three 18-hole scorecards prior to the Sept. 22 deadline. You can send the registration form now and send the scorecards later. This will guarantee you a slot. A rules committee may adjust sandbagged scorecards.

The Kentucky Military Academy is furnishing quarters for Oct. 6, but you must bring your own bedding. The cost is \$16 for unlimited golf and cart. There is a \$15 fee that goes toward the prize money, and a \$10 concession fee for the cookout and donut breakfast. Fees are payable Oct. 6-7 by cash only.

The tournament is open to all Army and Air Guard members, employees of the state Department of Military Affairs and the RGK. Full-time employees must be on leave to participate.

NAME _____
DEPT/UNIT _____
WORK PHONE _____
HOME PHONE _____
USGA HANDICAP _____

I will/will not be at the cookout on Oct. 6. Mail registration to one only:

Mike Jones, 624 Grama Dr.,
Frankfort, Ky 40601. Or, Paul Hanley,
RT 4, Box 474, Pleasureville, Ky 40057.