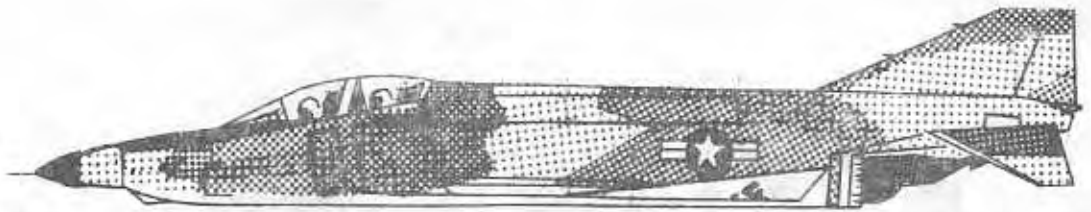




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**GALLANT EAGLE '80 MEANINGFUL TRAINS WITH REAL WORLD IMPLICATIONS:** On March 3, 1980, one hundred and twenty three men and women of the Kentucky Air National Guard left for Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nevada to participate in Gallant Eagle '80, a large scale Joint Readiness Command Exercise in which about 25,000 soldiers, airmen and marines took part. Six Kentucky RF-4C's were included in the 100 plus Air Force aircraft that took part in the desert training. They included F-15 Eagles, A-10 Thunderbolt II's, F-4 Phantom II's, F-4G and F-105 Wild Weasles, EF-111's, O-2's, E-3A, EC-130's, F-106 Delta Darts, F-5E Tiger II's, F-111's and C-123's.

Gallant Eagle '80 was planned and designed to exercise a joint task force in combined air and ground combat operations in a desert environment. For the troops from Kentucky, it did exactly that. The 123rd TRW provided the opposition air forces with tactical reconnaissance support throughout the exercise. Fifty four sorties were flown over the Fort Irwin, California desert area where the mock battle was taking place. Air crews reported extreme realism during the flights. Surface to air missile launch indication lights and the related evasive maneuvers, air to air attacks from A-10's, F-4's, F-15 and F-105 were common place during supersonic, low level runs at targets. "It was really a sight seeing all those tanks and army guys and helicopters involved in the battle on the ground," said Lt Colonel Pete Snyder, detachment commander. He was referring to the 114 helicopters and 567 tracked vehicles taking part in the activity on the ground.

Realism was also the name of the game for intelligence and maintenance crews. WS-430-B and intelligence personnel were required to integrate their activities with an army MIBARS unit from Texas. For most it was the first time they had witnessed the situation as it would take place in a wartime environment. Maintenance crews demanding schedule was made more demanding when it was decided they actually perform aircraft maintenance in chemical/biological warfare suits. Most found the adjustment difficult in time, however even tasks requiring fine dexterity were accomplished.

The TAC motto is "Readiness is Our Profession". With very little imagination, one can draw a parallel between Gallant Eagle '80 and the real world situation currently existing in the Middle East. Without question the exercise increased the readiness of the unit to respond and respond well to a wartime desert situation.

**KENTUCKY LEGISLATIVE ACTS ON GUARD RELATED BILLS:** The 1980 Kentucky Legislative has acted on a number of bills which will have an effect on men and women in the Army and Air Guard. The following bills have passed both House and Senate and have been forwarded to Governor Brown for signature: (1) A bill to increase the minimum amount paid to National Guardsmen called to state active duty from \$25 per day to 12 times the minimum hourly wage rate per day. (2) A bill that requires employers to grant employees leave of absence for active duty or National Guard training without penalty. Penalty set for violations. (3) A bill that increases the limit from \$500 to \$750 annually which may be paid one person under the National Guard Educational Encouragement Fund.

**CLUB ANNOUNCES DERBY PARTY:** The KyANG will have its annual Derby Party on Saturday, May 3. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. As usual club members are admitted free. Guests are invited but must pay \$15 per couple. There will be food, Dutch bar and lots of door prizes. Come early and stay late and by all means bring your best handicapping skills.

# FILE-13 by Coyle

SMS PAUL E. ("Peter-Charlie") COYLE  
(142 pp., illus., soft cover)



## FILE-13 BY COYLE

Edited by Lt. Col. DON ARMSTRONG, KYANG

Over a span of years which now exceeds two decades, it was a safe bet that wherever something humorous, newsworthy, or memorable happened to the Kentucky Air National Guard, it was somehow preserved by the pen of cartoonist Paul E. Coyle. From Fairbanks, Alaska, to San Juan, Puerto Rico, or from Bermuda to the West Coast, Coyle was usually there personally to record what happened. His ready pen has produced a series of cartoons called File-13, which are presented here with the hope that past, present, and future members of the Air Guard, or its friends and supporters, can reminisce and chuckle with Coyle over things that caught his eye.

Fortunately, Coyle -- who now is a senior master sergeant -- had been keeping most of the cartoons which had appeared on the walls and bulletin boards at Shewmaker Air National Guard Base in Louisville, Ky. Some of the cartoons were printed in the newsletter of the Office of Information, Voodoo Tales, or the Phantom's Eye, but most of them were shared only by a limited number of individuals lucky enough to be near while a cartoon was available to be seen. Now, because of the previous success of a non-profit corporation of Air Guardsmen called KYANG-30, Inc., this collection of File-13 cartoons is presented with the hope that many more persons can enjoy his humor.

Few members of the staff of Air Technicians at Shewmaker (now known as Standiford Field ANG), or aircrew members through the years have managed to escape File-13. Coyle's talent for stabbing, biting, but always tasteful panels has searched out subjects and recorded events which otherwise would have been lost and forgotten. Black-framed originals of his work hang on the walls of public officials, Air Guard leaders, and "good old friends and admirers."

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