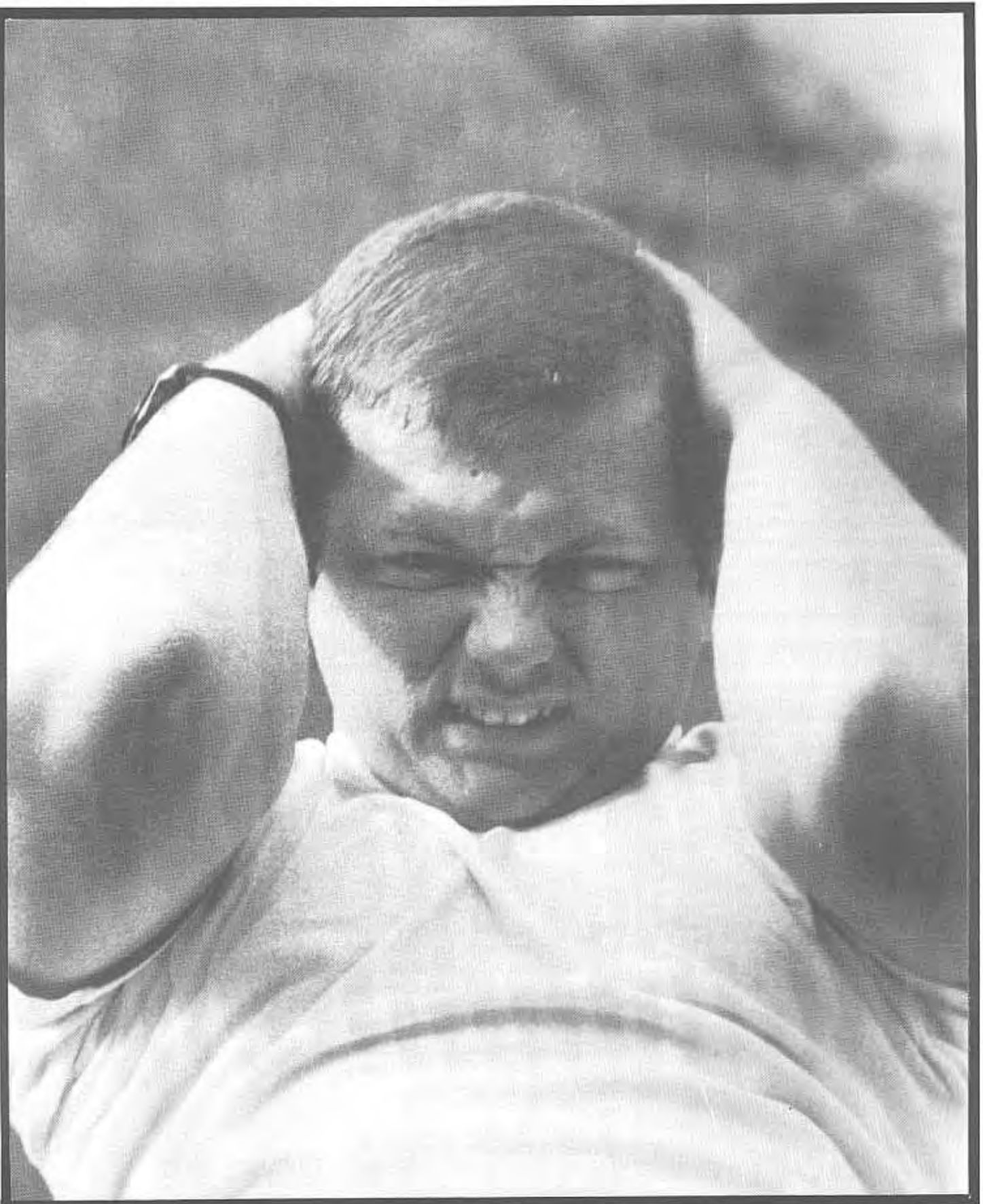


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KyANG Photo by SSgt. Charles Simpson

CCT Bound

Sgt. Jimmy Spencer, 123d WSSF, strains through a sit-up during physical training. Sergeant Spencer and eight other KyANG members are preparing themselves for a place on the unit's Combat Control Team. For story and photos see page 4.

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Air Guard director named

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the selection of a new director, Air National Guard -- Brig. Gen. Philip G. Killey. Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple, director of the National Guard, announced General Killey's new position in September.

Prior to his selection, General Killey was the adjutant general of South Dakota. Born in Monmouth, Ill., in 1941, General Killey began his military career when he enlisted in the Air Force in 1963. He attended Officer Training School and was commissioned in 1965 and received his pilot wings. In August of that year he was assigned to Eglin AFB, Fla.

In May 1967 he was deployed to Southeast Asia as a combat fighter pilot in the F-4 aircraft. General Killey was assigned to the 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Ubon Air Base, Thailand, where he flew 129 combat missions over North Vietnam. He returned to the United States in February 1968 and was stationed at George AFB, Calif., where he was assigned as an F-4 instructor pilot. He was separated from the Air Force in July 1969 and became an airline pilot for Northwest Orient Airlines, based in Minneapolis, Minn.

General Killey joined the South Dakota Air National Guard in August 1970 as a squadron fighter pilot and was employed as a full-time air technician flying instructor in March 1973.

While a member of the Air National Guard, General Killey held several positions including flying scheduling officer, group weapons tactics officer, chief of standardization and evaluation, deputy commander for operations, and commander of the 114th Tactical Fighter Group. He became the adjutant general for South Dakota on March 16, 1987.

In 1980, General Killey designed and implemented "Operation Sentry Desert Flag," the most complete and realistic composite force training exercise of its type, for which he received a commendation from the U.S. Air Force for his outstanding innovation and achievement. In September 1985, General Killey's

proposal for creating the Air Directorate Field Advisory Council was implemented to serve in an advisory capacity to the director of the Air National Guard. The Advisory Council is designed to readily identify and effectively solve issues and problems that face the Air National Guard in its ever increasing role in the Nation's defense posture.



Brig.Gen. Killey
ANG Director

General Killey is a command pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flying time in the T-37, T-38, F-4C/D/E, F-100D/F and the A-7D/K aircraft. He is currently combat ready in the A-7D aircraft.

He graduated from Monmouth High School in 1959, and earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics and mathematics from Monmouth College, Ill., in 1963.

General Killey is married to the former Ellen Davis of Phoenix, Ariz.

Brig.Gen. John L. Smith
Wing Commander

MSFlt excels during COMSEC inspection

The 123d Mission Support Flight received high ratings during a recent Command COMSEC Inspection from the Tactical Air Command Communication Division, Langley AFB, Va.

Inspectors closely scrutinized all aspects of the base COMSEC Account which is administered by 1stLt Michael Dornbush, 123d MSFlt commander and COMSEC custodian, and alternate custodians MSgt. Larry Franklin and SSgt. Thomas W. Smith.

"The inspection went well," said Lieutenant Dornbush. "The most

impressive aspect was that the users have been inundated with changes brought on by the Walker affair (Navy member court-martialed for selling COMSEC material). Their accounts showed the installation as a whole community was COMSEC aware."

The COMSEC Account includes the main account and the sub-accounts - areas on base where COMSEC equipment is assigned. The sub-accounts include the command post, avionics, radio operations and communications center. "If the sub-account is not maintained properly, the whole account

gets written up," explained Sergeant Franklin. "Since the Walker spy conviction, inspections have gotten real tough. It makes you shake while they're here."

The inspector for this visit "was the most thorough inspector we've ever had," said Lieutenant Dornbush. "It was a good inspection for the entire COMSEC community in Kentucky, the rating represents the entire wing."

A Command COMSEC Inspection is held every 18 months and self-inspections are required semi-annually.

(Exact ratings can not be given as they are For Official Use Only.)

NGB reaffirms discharge policy for drug abusers

The Air National Guard recently restated its policy on the subject of drug abuse.

In an all-states letter dated September 12, Brig. Gen. John B. Conaway, then director of the Air National Guard stated, "Drug abuse is not compatible with membership in the Air National Guard, and it is ANG policy that all drug abusers will be processed for discharge."

Members identified as drug

abusers through urine testing or other means will be processed for discharge. This means that discharge proceedings will be initiated and an administrative discharge board convened to hear the case, unless the member waives the board. Initiation of discharge proceedings is not optional, the letter stated.

According to the letter, retention of a drug abuser is not in the best interest of the Air National Guard.

October is Energy Awareness Month

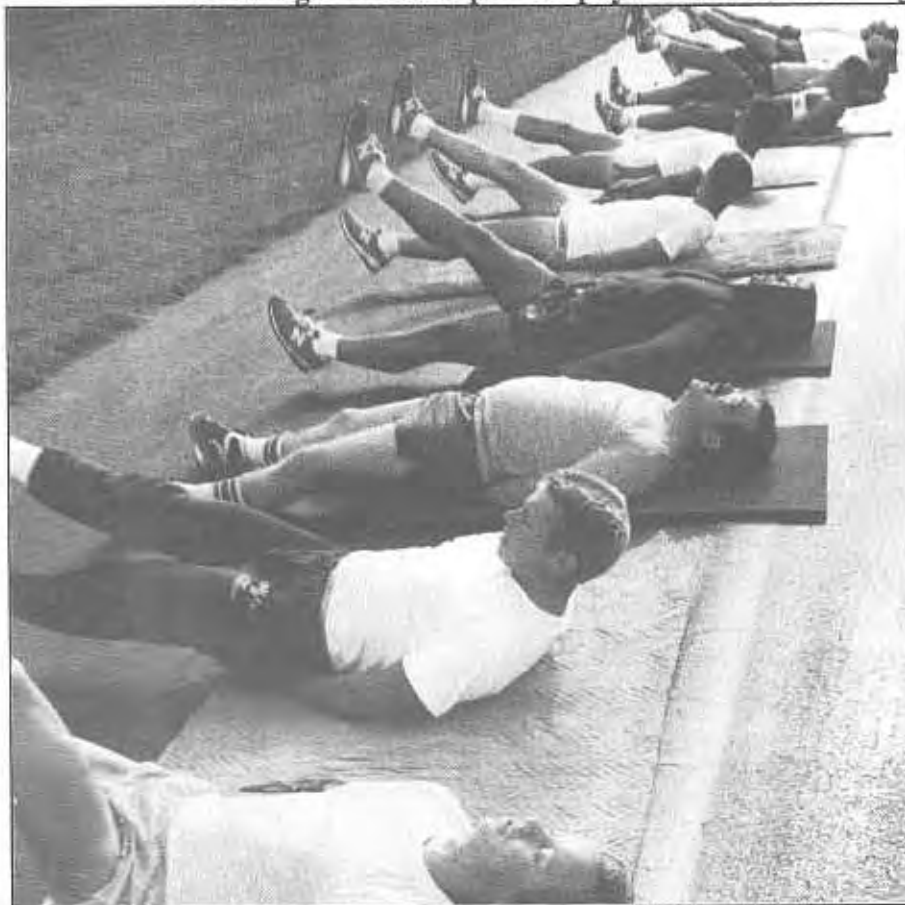


"Energy Makes America Work"



KyANG Photo by SrA Dennis Robinson

Running 3 miles is part of physical fitness training



KyANG Photo by SSgt. Charles Simpson

Struggling through 200 leg lifts

What makes a combat controller? PT and more PT

By TSgt. Jenny Montgomery
Editor

"The PT is absolutely horrendous!"

These are the words of Capt. Orval L. Zummach Jr., after a grueling morning of physical training under the direction of SSgt. Dan Geary, a Military Airlift Command combat control instructor from Keesler AFB, Miss.

Captain Zummach and eight other KyANG members are the first group of volunteers to train for positions on the Combat Control Team, a new KyANG unit -- the first for the Air National Guard or Reserves. They began their physical training as a group Sept. 6, and will leave for the first phase of their classroom training this week.

A CCT is responsible for furnishing initial air traffic control and command and control communications link to aircraft forces during airborne operations. Their basic mission is to guide airlift aircraft to their objective areas.

Members of this first group training for positions as CCT members are Captain Zummach, SMSgt, William Smith, MSgt. David Orange,
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KyANG Photo by SrA Dennis Robinson

SMSgt. William Smith agonizes through leg lifts



KyANG's first C-130 parks in front of one of the few remaining RF-4s

Photo Courtesy AIC Shawn Keller



KyANG Photo by SMSgt. Dave Tinsley

SSgt. Carol Lamkin, 165th TRS, models a C-130 fatigue hat made by SSgt. Lee East, 165th TRS.



Photo Courtesy AIC Shawn Keller

MSgt. Richard Cwiak, 123d CAM, looks over C-130.

First C-130 arrives

It's here!

The 123d TRW, soon to be renamed the 123d TAW -- Tactical Airlift Wing -- received its first C-130 Hercules Sept. 16.

Flown in by the Charlotte, N.C., Air National Guard where it was previously assigned, the aircraft was greeted by many curious KyANG members. After Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander, accepted aircraft 57-0528 from the aircraft commander, it was opened for viewing.

This aircraft will be used primarily by maintenance for training purposes, according to Maj. Paul Stone, organizational maintenance branch chief. A second trainer aircraft for maintenance is expected to arrive in October, said Major Stone.

Maintenance plans for the aircraft include a transition class, systems class, a class on the floor rails, and a dock or inspection class. Classes will be conducted by members of the Field Training Detachment from Little Rock AFB, Ark.

MSgt. Richard Scanlon is the assigned crew chief for this C-130 and he is assisted by MSgt. James Bryan and TSgt. Darrell Minton. Each flightline shop will use the aircraft to learn their own unique areas, said Major Stone. Although some people may have to go away, the majority of the maintenance training will be conducted here, he said.



KyANG Photo by SMSgt. Dave Tinsley

1/623rd FA takes Kerwin award

Unit earns title
second straight year

By Mike Lynch
Dept. of Military Affairs

Likening it to winning the NCAA basketball championship two years in a row, Governor Wallace Wilkinson announced last month that Kentucky's 1st Battalion of the 623rd Field Artillery had once again won the coveted Walter T. Kerwin Readiness Award. It was the second straight year the national recognition had been given the Glasgow-based unit.

"I commend you and I commend the members of your battalion for your hard work and your dedication to your state and to your country," Governor Wilkinson told Lt. Col. Michael F. Gantt, the commander of the 1/623rd. "That's a well-deserved award, and I'm proud of you. We all are."

The governor made the announcement during his third Capitol to Counties program in September. He was speaking before a forum of local government leaders from the second

Congressional District, who gave the announcement a standing ovation.

The National Guard Association, the Association of the U.S. Army and the Reserve Officers Association presented the award to the best battalion in the Guard based on the professional training of its troops and its equipment maintenance. The 1/623rd became eligible for the Kerwin by winning the Milton Reckord Award, an award the battalion has dominated in the Second Army area for a decade.

Besides its headquarters battery in Glasgow, the battalion has batteries in Tompkinsville, Campbellsville, Monticello and Springfield.

"It's the soldiers that make this battalion work so well," said Adjutant General Michael W. Davidson, who was in Elizabethtown for the announcement. "They're the finest soldiers in the nation, and the battalion benefits from the quality of its soldiers."

"(The award) keeps us in a winning role in all the training opportunities, the equipment and the

funding flow to the winners. This battalion is definitely a winner. It raises the profile of the entire National Guard in Kentucky."

Lieutenant Colonel Gantt, who has been with the unit for two years, accepted the congratulations of the governor and adjutant general, but said the members of the unit deserve all the credit.

"What it boils down to is...pride in the individuals, the patriotism demonstrated by the individuals and the professionalism which adds up to the performance that the Walter T. Kerwin Award is recognizing."

Gantt also noted the work of the full-time cadre in the battalion, the spouses who sacrifice and participate in unit activities, the communities where his batteries are located and the employers who cooperate in allowing their Guard employees time off for training and schooling.

He will be in Washington D.C., this month to formally accept this year's Kerwin Award plaque.

Air Force News

Optional retirement
plan for reservists

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Information Service

An optional retirement plan for reservists, the quality of the force and the future of service manpower issues were among the topics discussed during a recent interview with the deputy assistant secretary of defense for military manpower and personnel policy.

Marine Lt. Gen. Anthony Lukeman also spoke about the effects of budget cuts, the promotion situation, the moves toward establishing the joint specialty officer field and the need to recruit and retain people in critical job skills.

The optional retirement plan for reservists is coming out of the recommendations of the Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation panel which is looking at Reserve pay issues exclusively. "There will be a recommendation from the panel to have an optional retirement system for reservists," General Lukeman said.

"So, reservists can choose the current system or the optional system. Whether or not we'll recommend legislation, I

don't know. (From the DoD side) what will happen is, in the long run under the plan being proposed by the QRCM (Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation panel), you would spend less. But in the short run, you would spend more, and it may be a little difficult for Congress and the administration to swallow."

General Lukeman said the panel will make 20 to 30 other recommendations designed to clean up differences between active duty and Reserve pay. "There isn't a whole lot of disagreement on these (points)," he said.

Leadership guidelines

By CMSgt. George L. Miller
Senior Enlisted Advisor
7th Air Force Osan AB, Korea
Air Force News Service -- There are nine steps to being a good leader.

-- Be tough. Have the courage to correct a subordinate if he fails to follow a strict policy of high standards.

-- Get out from behind your desk and see what's going on. Leave your footprints throughout the organization. Let the people know you're interested

in them and their problems, their working conditions and their welfare.

-- Search out your problems. Don't inhibit your people by making them think that you don't like to be bothered by their problems. That type of atmosphere fosters failure.

-- Determine your duty section's make or break points. Find what the critical path is and let your weight be felt in those areas.

-- Don't take things for granted. Don't assume that something has been fixed. Look for yourself and get the facts. Make them show you.

-- Don't tolerate incompetence. When people demonstrate they are lazy, disinterested, unwilling or unable to get the job done, you owe it to the Air Force to call their hands and terminate their assignments.

-- Don't make excuses. Nothing can be perfect and everyone will make mistakes. Recognize the problem and get it fixed.

-- Don't procrastinate. Don't put off tough decisions just because you aren't willing to make them today.

-- Be honest. Tell it like it is.

KyANG Pistol Team

New blood puts team back on target

By TSgt. Gary Stormes
KyANG Pistol Team Advisor

The KyANG Pistol Team is back on the trail to becoming a successful marksmanship unit. In the early to mid 70's, the KyANG Team dominated the sport in the state, regional and national competition.

Active support of the Kentucky National Guard State Team comes primarily from the Air Guard. Weekly training sessions were held by SMSgt. Lou Colgate, retired KyANG member, at the Louisville Police Department indoor range facility. During the winter months, we were able to improve skills and prepare for the outdoor season. The loss of the range as a winter training facility, along with the loss of several active members of the team, initiated a long dormant period, until now.

Today's KyANG Pistol Team is active and competing with enthusiasm in monthly and regional matches from the

tri-state area all the way to the Winston P. Wilson National Guard Championships in Little Rock, Ark.

The recent retirement of "Louie" Colgate and TSgt. "Pete" Wise leaves only myself from the die-hard members of the old team. New members are TSgt. Don Briney, Maj. Larry Zettwoch, MSgt. Mike Cook, and SrA Sheila Young.

Through the efforts of Colgate and the support of Lt.Col. Donald Durbin, OIC KyANG Rifle and Pistol Teams, we are again able to go indoors through the winter. The dedication of our new shooters and consistent training throughout the year have contributed greatly to the much improved scores and successes in competition this year. Once again, over half of the state team representation at the National Guard Championships was comprised of KyANG members.

Very positive support from unit commanders and individual shop chiefs has aided us in fielding a KyANG team

at matches that sometimes conflict with Unit Training Assemblies. Renewed dedication to marksmanship, under the direction of Maj. Clyde Wiseman, has brought state level support. We are looking forward to many future successes.

We see the current mission changes as challenging, as time in training will certainly affect team members, but look forward to the positive influence it will bring.

We have several openings for the 1989 season on the team as regular members and for active alternates. Tryouts to be held in November and December will be designed to allow maximum participation and opportunity for any sincerely interested member of the KyANG.

Sparked by the enthusiasm of new shooters and the changes coming from our current "MAC Attack," the KyANG Marksmanship Teams are destined to success in competition for the years to come.

Combat Controllers

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TSgt. Gregory Wetzelberger, SSgt. Michael Buckley, Sgt. Jimmy Spencer, Sgt. Eric Schulte, SrA John Emly, and AIC Michael Payne.

To prepare themselves for the demanding physical aspects of being a combat controller, many of the men began their own personal conditioning several months ago, said Captain Zummach.

Sergeant Geary had the group perform PT using the Standardization/Evaluation requirements used for inspections, determining how many counts of a particular exercise the individual could perform in a two-minute time frame. The maximum repetition for each exercise is: 75 push-ups; 100 sit-ups; 200 flutter kicks; and 15 pull-ups; followed by a three-mile run under 24 minutes. According to Captain Zummach, this group had four individuals rated outstanding and three rated excellent under these standards.

To prepare for this mission a variety of schools are involved. This first group will leave for air traffic control school this week. Later they will attend jump school at Fort Benning, Ga., CCT school at Pope AFB, N.C., the military free-fall program at Fort Bragg, N.C., and basic aircrew and water survival school for those who have not previously attended those courses.

After successfully completing these courses, they will return as journeyman combat controllers and will receive continuation training under the supervision of an active duty combat controller. This person will be assigned here as an Air Force Advisor. CCT members are required to perform currency training similar to the requirements placed on aircrew members.

Volunteers needed

Combat Control Team members are still needed. "If you're in good physical condition, mature, above

average, a self starter, and are willing to make sacrifices like never before, contact me at extension 604," said MSgt. Peggy Kottak, base career advisor. Sergeant Kottak will help individuals determine their eligibility and begin the necessary paperwork for cross training.

Operation of the CCT requires six full-time personnel and 18 part-time members. This includes an administrative specialist and a radio technician. All team members, with the exception of the administrative specialist and the radio technician, will be jump qualified.

Wing earns flying award

The 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing was recently selected as the winner of the 1988 National Guard Association's ANG Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque.

"This fine unit continues to tackle new objectives in an energetic and enthusiastic manner and their spirit of esprit de corps is contagious," stated Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, then director of the ANG, in a letter congratulating the wing. "You can be very proud of the caliber of personnel assigned to this unit, for it is these people that have made the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing stand out above the rest."

Brig. Gen. Michael W. Davidson, adjutant general of Kentucky, added his congratulations to those of General Conaway. "I share in the pride and in his assessment that the 123d Tac Recon Wing is a 'superior organization,'" he stated in a letter commending the unit.

Flu immunization season begins

By Lt.Col. Verna D. Fairchild
Hospital Commander

All members of the Air National Guard are required to have a flu vaccination. Lack of compliance degrades our mobility potential and mission readiness.

The current vaccines used are highly purified and rarely cause adverse symptoms. The complications which can result from having the flu certainly are far worse than any reaction to the flu vaccine.

Be first in line for this year's flu shot beginning in October.

SPs leave for Peacekeeper Challenge

The KyANG sends wishes luck to the four members of the 123d Weapons System Security Flight who are participating on the Air National Guard team at Peacekeeper Challenge '88 at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

SSgt. Christopher S. Burt, SSgt. William E. Smith and SrA Delano L. Jewell are primary competitors and Amn Perry McDaniel is an alternate. Both Sergeant Burt and Airman Jewell

competed in Peacekeeper Challenge last year.

Peacekeeper Challenge features top members of the Air Force Security Police and the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force Regiment. The teams will compete in seven events related to combat readiness, including combat rifle, machine gun, handgun, grenade launcher, combat tactics, and team and individual physical fitness competitions.

Best of luck!

Cross training opportunity - 645X0

Currently the KyANG is anticipating openings within the 645X0 career field (Inventory Management Specialist).

If you are interest in obtaining additional information or checking your qualifications for these positions, contact MSgt. Peggy Kottak, base career advisor, at ext. 604, prior to close of business today.

Family survey covers Reserve components

By Jim Garramons
American Forces Information Service

A recently released Reserve components family survey had no real surprises, but proved that Reserve duty is a "family affair," said Stephen M. Duncan, assistant secretary of defense for Reserve affairs.

The survey, conducted in 1986, covered families of men and women serving in the Selected Reserves. More than 32,000 spouses filled out the survey.

"The vast majority of spouses are satisfied with participation in the Reserves," said Mr. Duncan. "There are specific areas that cause problems, but generally the perception of Reserve duty was very favorable."

A greater portion of Reserve members are married, and they have been married longer than their active duty counterparts. A total of 61 percent of all reservists are married.

"The length of time that couples are married indicates to us that the decision of the reservist to join the Reserves and stay in," said Mr. Duncan.

Specific areas that spouses view as "serious or somewhat of a problem" include absences for weekend drill and

annual training, extra time spent on Guard or Reserve activities, time away from civilian jobs, children and spouses due to Guard or Reserve work, drills on special days (Mother's Day, Easter, etc.), unscheduled Guard and Reserve activities and scheduling problems.

The opportunity to serve the country (75 percent) leads the list as the reason for participation, followed by military pay and benefits (67 percent) and retirement benefits (63 percent). The acquaintances and friendships that grow out of Reserve duty were also rated important (56 percent).

The survey will provide data that will be examined for years. The first reading, however, already points to an area that needs work -- keeping Reserve families informed.

WARNING:

Don't let these common "noisemakers" rob you of your hearing...

- * Rock concerts
- * Discos
- * Subway trains
- * Personal stereos
- * Power lawn mowers
- * Mobile phones
- * Food processors
- * Power drills
- * Airplanes
- * Jets
- * Riveting machines
- * Garbage trucks
- * Air compressors
- * Blenders
- * Car horns
- * Firecrackers
- * Explosions
- * Snowmobiles
- * Hydraulic presses
- * Sand blasters