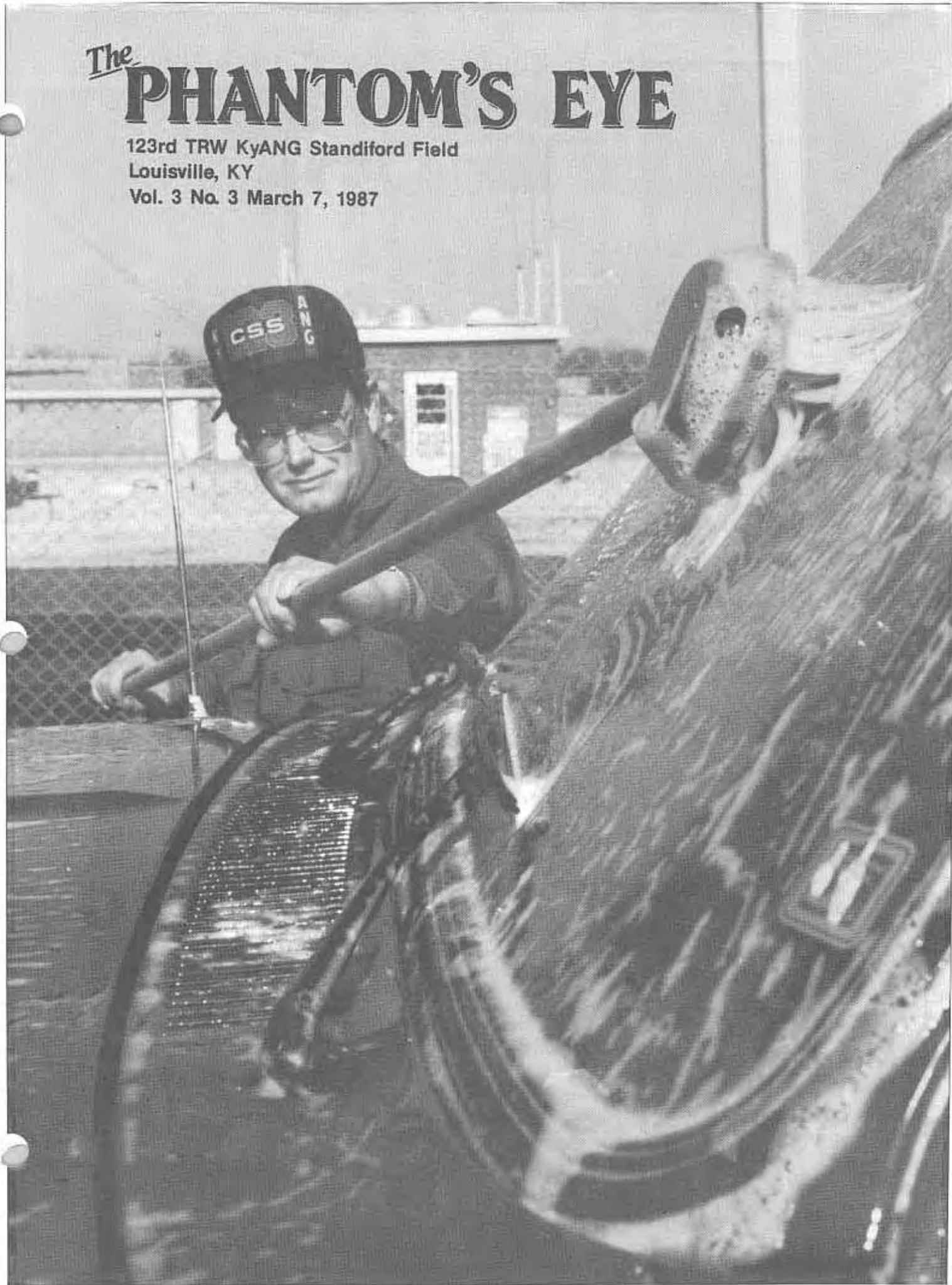


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KyANG Photo by TSgt. Terry Lutz

**Spring cleaning?**

TSgt. Michael D. Marcum, 123d Combat Support Squadron, takes advantage of the warmer weather to wash a unit military vehicle. During a break in the weather February UTA several guardmembers worked on outdoor projects. See related photographs on Page 9.

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**Commander's Column**  
**MIP**

In 1984, the Department of Defense initiated a test program labeled the Model Installation Program (MIP), a unique experiment in decentralization and deregulation designed to better align unit authority with their responsibility. A number of facilities in the Air Force, Army, and Navy were designated to carry out this test program. The program's purpose was to create model "excellent" installations by removing obstacles to efficiency and encouraging innovation.

This program was so successful that the Air National Guard set up a six-state program test in 1986. Commanders in Alabama, Kansas, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Texas, with TAG concurrence, requested waivers to State, ANG and AF regulations and policies they perceived as impediments to their performance efficiency. Approved procedural changes and their results must not be illegal, immoral or dangerously harmful. They can identify and try new ways to get the job done while increasing productivity and conserving resources.

We are all going to participate in this program and I encourage you to submit your ideas so that we may more effectively get our job done. Col. Richard Jett has been appointed as the State MIP Director.

Details of this program will be made available to each organization in the very near future for implementation. Let's not



**Brig. Gen. John L. Smith**  
 Wing Commander

make this a paper program, for it affords you the opportunity to positively get mandatory and timely feedback on ideas and improved ways of more efficiently doing your job.

*John L. Smith*

**Chaplain's Column**  
**Enjoy today**

**By Chaplain (1st Lt.) Thomas Curry**

Seldom do we claim the good events of everyday life as we should. One such event which I enjoyed last drill was the delicious "gospel bird" served by our excellent cooks. "Gospel Bird" is the preacher's term for fried chicken.

Today is the day to enjoy something that God has brought your way, whether it be food, fun, or fellowship with a friend. Perhaps

the following prose expresses a commitment with which we can all benefit.

*"Today is here. I will start with a smile and resolve to be agreeable. I refuse to waste my valuable time.*

*"Today I will not waste my time, because the minutes I wasted are lost as a vanished thought*

*"Today I will act toward other people as though this be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes." (Copied)*

## KyANG engineer oversees Support Center expansion

By Sgt. Jeff Sansbury  
Staff Writer

CMSgt. William E. Byrum has arrived this month in Washington, D.C., to assist in the management of an Air National Guard construction project.

The 33-year veteran of the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron will spend his next 12 months at Andrews AFB, Md., where he will oversee the expansion of the Air National Guard's Support Center there.

"It's a real honor, a great privilege," said

Chief Byrum. "Not only will I assist in a federal project, but the exposure to our Kentucky unit is something to be proud of."

The chief will advise on technical aspects and review most of the plans for the 20,000-foot addition of the Guard center, which is being constructed by general contractors, but supervised by Chief Byrum. His recommendation came from Air National Guard officials in Washington, and he may be the first guardsman to serve as an advisor to a federal project.

Chief Byrum came to the Kentucky Air

National Guard immediately after high school, and has witnessed the unit's transition from P-51 Mustangs in 1953 to the present-day RF-4C Phantom IIs. Both military and civilian, his life has evolved around engineering, architecture and construction.

"There's no doubt about it; Bill is just perfect for the job," said Lt. Col. William D. Seiber, commander of the 123rd CES. "It's a challenging job, I know, but we're all confident that he'll do a super job. To have the chief there is fantastic."

## Creek Klaxon

### Fuels specialist participates in 2-month alert mission

By Sgt. Jeff Sansbury  
Staff Writer

An aircraft fuels specialist from the 123rd Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron returned recently from a two-month alert mission in Germany.

TSgt. Robert L. Giles was selected last November to participate in Creek Klaxon, an overseas deployment which activated Air National Guard units to perform Air Defense Alert at Ramstein AB. Sergeant Giles

represented more than 18 guard units, some of which have served continuously since the deployment began in 1985, in carrying out alert missions while Ramstein is changing its primary aircraft from F-4s to F-16s.

"It was a real-life, war-like experience. You couldn't get much closer to the real thing," he admitted. "We faced every kind of red-alert test you could imagine."

The mission, which will conclude next month, was performed at the request of Headquarters, U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

The Air National Guard currently provides more than 75 percent of the air defense mission of the regular Air Force, and the Creek Klaxon Deployment is the first-ever, total Air Guard defense alert detachment in Europe.

Sergeant Giles joined the 144th Fighter Interceptor Wing of the California Air National Guard at Fresno during his tour of duty. As an aircraft fuels specialist, he served as a shop chief and supervised aircraft maintenance personnel.

"My duty there was an excellent opportunity as an Air Guardsman," he said. "The first-hand experience changed my whole attitude toward being in the Kentucky Air Guard. It helped me tremendously."

## Briefs

### Doctors needed

MSgt. Todd Beasley  
Senior Recruiter

We in Recruiting realize that you as unit members are our best "Recruiters." Therefore, we are once again calling on each of you for needed support.

The base hospital has recently experienced the loss of several doctors and one optometrist. Your family doctor, optometrist, or any doctor you know may be interested in being an officer in the Ky Air National Guard. If so, drop by the Recruiting Office and see MSgt. Todd Beasley for further information.

The Recruiting Office would like to thank you for your support in the past and we look forward to your assistance in this new area.

### Buddy Care

Volunteer instructors are being sought to teach Buddy Care classes on base.

Volunteers do not need a medical

background. Training is provided by the 123rd Tactical Hospital staff. Each volunteer instructor will receive one eight-hour and one four-hour class.

Volunteers need to contact Capt. Teresa Harden at ext. 667. Volunteer applications must be approved through each squadron commander.

Buddy Care instructors must teach two classes per year to maintain certification, according to Captain Harden. Instructors would teach one scheduled four-hour class and one two-hour refresher class.

### Thunderbirds

The Air Force Thunderbirds will perform in Louisville during Derby Festival Week. The KyANG will host the event. The show will be April 29 at 4 p.m., at Cox's Park on River Road.

In conjunction with the Air Show, the Air Guard is planning a Mini Open House. It will take place Tuesday, April 28, from 4 to 6:30.

It will only be open to our **unit members**

**and their immediate families.** Please don't invite friends because we can't handle the crowd, stated MSgt. Todd Beasley, senior recruiter.

This will give you and your family a once in a lifetime chance to meet the Thunderbird Team members, their support people, and see their aircraft, the F-16.

If you have any questions call the recruiting office for details.

### Honor Guard

Volunteers are needed to form a Kentucky Air National Guard Honor Guard team.

The Honor Guard is being formed to provide military funerals for former members of the guard, according to Capt. Kenneth Peters, commander, 123rd Weapons System Security Flight. Volunteers will receive training on the function of an honor guard.

Volunteers should contact MSgt. Charles Ewing, 123d WSSF, at ext. 477. A special training session will be held tomorrow in the Catholic Chapel at 3 p.m.



# 40-Year era ends

## Chief 'grew up with unit'

By Sgt. Jenny Montgomery  
Editor

A 40-year era came to an end January 30 with the retirement of CMSgt. Paul Marks, NCOIC Quality Control, 123rd CAM Sq. — the last of the Marks brothers.

The Marks brothers' combined 101 years ANG service began when the second oldest, William, was one of the first of six people to become an ANG technician. Eventually, all five brothers joined the unit and worked as technicians together between 1956 and 1962. The brothers were from the oldest: Tom, William, Paul, Ben and Charles, better known as Jute. Tom and William served in WWII, giving the brothers 105 years combined military service.

During the January Commander's Call, Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, commander 123rd TRW, honored Chief Marks and commented on the exceptional service that he and his family have provided the unit.

A quiet and unassuming, yet highly professional man, Chief Marks said that he thoroughly enjoyed his tour with the unit and enjoyed working with all the people.

"The nicest part was getting to grow up with the unit," said Chief Marks, who joined the unit when he was 17 years old. He later became a technician with the unit in 1952.

"I've always been in aircraft maintenance," said Chief Marks. "I'd always dreamed of working on airplanes."

The first aircraft he crewed was the P-51. He has also crewed the F-51, F-86, AT-6, T-33, T-28, B-57, F-101 and the C-45. His favorite aircraft was the F-51; his favorite jet was the B-57.

"The reciprocating engines had a distinctive sound. Those were the living airplanes," explained Chief Marks. "Jets just make noise."

"You know their (reciprocating engines) sound, they are like your family," he added. "They in essence talk to you. They're aircraft with living sound."

Chief Marks began working in quality control in 1967. His entire career has been centered around the aircraft. "I've always had a true fascination with airplanes."

He will retire to his 85-acre farm with his wife, Helene. Retirement will also allow him to spend more time with his four sons and three grandchildren.

He said he'll still be able to enjoy the planes though, "because they always fly overhead." "I don't know of any other business that brings the memories to you," he added.

Chief Marks summed up the essence of

his 38-year career which touched the lives of many and left fond memories for everyone he came into contact with, by stating "I've always enjoyed things from a quiet vantage point."

Two members of the Marks' family are still in the KyANG as traditional guardmembers. Maj. Thomas J. Marks, Jr., 123rd CES, and SSgt. Stephen A. Marks, 165th TRS. Both are nephews of Chief Marks.

Another era has ended for the Kentucky Air National Guard—as Col. John V. Greene, deputy commander for maintenance, quoted CMSgt. Bob Allen, new NCOIC Quality Control, "first there was BPM (Before Paul Marks) and now there is APM (After Paul Marks).

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**"The reciprocating engines had a distinctive sound. Those were the living engines." — Chief Paul Marks**

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KyANG Photo

The Marks brothers all together in 1956. From left: Tom, Willie, Paul, Ben and Charles.

# 165th Weather Flight

## Crucial decision makers for tactical air and land operations

By Sgt. Jeff Sansbury  
Staff Writer

What do you say to a unit commander whose entire staff is usually found standing around, talking about the weather?

That's right, *the weather.*

"Oh, I don't know. I always thought we kept pretty busy here," said Maj. Forrest Nelson, Commander 165th Weather Flight. "And that's on a slow day."

The 165th Weather Flight, one of 39 such Air National Guard units which serve as a crucial decision maker for tactical air and land operations. The 13 men and women who comprise the flight serve beyond the Kentucky Air Guard, supporting a highly sensitive mission for Army reserve units and their active duty counterparts.

Forecasting weather and technical observations are only the foundation of the 165th WeaFlt's task, and the long and intense training its members complete is regarded as some of the most stringent within the Department of Defense.

"It's a unique and complicated job, but we all like it here," said TSgt. Michael Walters, the unit NCOIC and Guard

technician. "The hour of day is not a factor; we're 'always' watching the weather."

The weather flight's primary mission is to support American and ally forces in Western Europe. Though part of Kentucky's 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, the 165th WeaFlt serves under the Military Airlift Command because of its wartime role.

In the event of a unit mobilization, the weather flight is deployed within hours to advise on the environmental conditions affecting the placement of defenses, movement of personnel and logistics, and the selection of weapons systems.

"This Guard unit is more dependent upon the weather flight than most people realize. It dictates what we can and can't do," stressed Lt. Col. Gary Burge, commander of the 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron. "Our relationship is very tight, extremely vital."

Though during the week they are employed as farmers, teachers and electronics experts, their forecasts and observations come natural during UTA weekends. The weather flight's three officers hold college degrees in meteorology, and the enlisted staff could easily serve on



SSgt. Edwin Miller, weather observer, checks the weather maps.

most TV and radio station weather teams.

As the morning breaks and the day's flight plan is prepared, the on-duty weather technician briefs the aircrews on current and forecast weather for all meteorological conditions. In conjunction with the National Weather Service staff at Standiford Field, the 165th WeaFlt evaluates and computes radar necessary to record, encode and communicate synoptic radar reports.

"It's a lot to think about. Physics, geography and plenty of math are just the basics," explained Major Nelson.

"Despite the advances made in technology," he added, "our field has benefitted very little. Forecasting the weather remains a big chore."

During last summer's annual field training, the flight participated in a joint exercise with Army Guard intelligence units at Fort McCoy, Wis. Working closely with the 20th Special Forces Group of the Alabama National Guard, the 165th WeaFlt planned, directed and carried out a weather support plan to an exercise covering six states, two command units and several bases.

"In essence, our job is to collect an enormous amount of data and to analyze and disseminate it for dozens of needs," explained Sergeant Walters.

As far as their work habits are concerned, "talking about the weather" is no doubt an integral part of the game, at least figuratively.

"And that," quipped Major Nelson, "is what we're really talking about."



KyANG Photos by Sgt. Jeff Sansbury

SSgt. Edwin Miller, left, and TSgt. Michael Walters, management assistant, review a map of the Standiford Field area.

# KyANG awards, changes

## Increased strength

At the 56th Annual Conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky, Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, Adjutant General of Kentucky, made many significant statements affecting the KyANG.

One important announcement was in authorized strength change. Due partly to the success in recruiting and retention, strength in the KyANG increased. The 123d Civil Engineering Squadron and 123d Tactical Hospital's authorized strength will be increased this year according to General Wellman. These strength changes will partially offset the anticipated losses from the Primary Authorized Aircraft change which will result in the wing losing four RF-4s.

Several other important events were announced during the conference. These are explained in the next few pages.

## Key personnel changes

Col. Donald J. Ryan, who assumed the position of Vice Wing Commander 123d TRW on November 5, 1983, was recently named Chief of Staff, Headquarters KyANG.

Colonel Ryan served as vice wing commander for 3½ years. His prior assignments included Assistant Deputy Commander of Operations and Commander, 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

He joined the KyANG in July 1970 after serving eight years with the active Air Force.

The position of Vice Wing Commander will be filled by Col. Joseph L. Kottak. Colonel Kottak will serve as both Deputy Commander of Operations (DO) and Vice Wing Commander.

He assumed the duties of DO on October 1, 1983. He will begin serving in his dual capacity upon implementation of the



KyANG Photo by SMSgt. Dave Tinsley

Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, Director Air National Guard, presents notification letter to SMSgt. William T. Smith, one of nine ANG Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

quad-deputies system, expected to be formally announced on April 1, 1987.

Colonel Kortak joined the KyANG in 1969 and also served with the active Air Force after graduating from the University of Louisville ROTC program as the Distinguished Military Graduate in 1963.

## Outstanding Airman

SMSgt. William T. Smith, Superintendent Life Support Section, was recently named one of nine Air National Guard Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 1987.

Sergeant Smith received a surprise visit from Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, Director of the Air National Guard, February 27, who congratulated him and presented him with a letter of notification. According to General Conaway, Sergeant Smith and the other eight outstanding airmen were chosen from 100,000 Air National Guard members.

"It hasn't dawned on me how big this thing is," said Sergeant Smith. "It's a great honor to represent the unit." The nine ANG Outstanding Airmen of the Year will compete for the 12 Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year. These 12 are selected from entries submitted by each major command, the Reserve and the Air National Guard.

This is possibly the first time that a member of the KyANG has been selected to represent the Air National Guard for this prestigious award.

Sergeant Smith, his wife Janet and their son, Keith, will all travel to Washington D.C., along with the other eight Airmen of the Year, to receive their award. They will

attend a dinner in their honor and tour the White House, among other VIP treatments. "My wife was in tears, she was so excited about this," said Sergeant Smith. His son is confident they will get to travel to Washington twice since he's sure his Dad will also win the Air Force level of the competition.

Sergeant Smith has been a member of the KyANG for 14 years and an air technician for 12 years.

He was submitted for the award "for his superior performance of duty, outstanding professional skill, knowledge, and leadership..." Among his list of accomplishments is his active involvement in the civilian community. He is an active member of the Fern Creek Volunteer Fire Department, assistant Scout Master to Troop 346 and a frequent lecturer to groups of young people visiting Standiford Field and to other fire departments throughout the state on aircraft mishap response.

Some of his other awards include the Air Force Commendation Medal, Kentucky Commendation Ribbon, and Outstanding Enlisted Air Guardsman of the Year, 1977.



## Outstanding unit

The 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing has received its sixth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award - its fifth consecutive AFOUA.

The presentation of the award was made during the National Guard Association's 56th Annual Conference in Louisville, Saturday. Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, Director of the Air National Guard, presented the award to Brig. Gen. Fred F. Bradley, Assistant Adjutant for Air and Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, commander, 123rd TRW.

The wing and component elements qualified for the AFOUA "by sustained superior performance, inordinate esprit de corps, exceptionally meritorious achievements and civic and community in-

volvements, which have brought the Wing high visibility and cast it in a favorable public light."

The wing received its first AFOUA for the period January 26, 1968 to June 9, 1969. The next five AFOUA's were received consecutively, covering two-year intervals for ten years from November 1, 1976 to March 31, 1986.

The Kentucky Air National Guard is the only Air National Guard unit in the country that has received six AFOUA's.

The receipt of five consecutive AFOUA's is extremely unusual, if not highly unique, in the annals of the ANG. Of the units that submitted for the award only 14 units received the award during this last period.

## Senior enlisted advisor

CMSgt. Roy L. Adams, 123d CAM sq, was named Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Adjutant General of Kentucky, effective March 1, according to Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, TAG.

"I have great confidence in the ability, knowledge, experience and appreciation of the issues so important to all enlisted members which Chief Adams possesses," said General Wellman. "I believe he will prove to be an outstanding Senior Enlisted Advisor to me."

Chief Adams has a vast amount of experience to contribute to the position due to his more than 35 years military service. He has been a Chief Master Sergeant since 1969.

"I feel very proud that he (General Wellman) had the confidence in me to select me for the position," said Chief Adams. He expects soon to be able to sit down and set out his goals for his position as the Senior Enlisted Advisor, he added.

## Top Guardsman

Sgt. Jenny L. Montgomery, 123d CSS, was selected as the 1986 Kentucky Guardsman of the Year, Category E-1 through E-4.

Sergeant Montgomery was selected from members of both the Air and Army National Guard. SSG Herbie Jackson, ARNG, was selected for the category E-5 through E-9.

The award was presented by Brig. Gen. Fred F. Bradley, assistant Adjutant for Air, during the National Guard Association's 56th Annual Conference. Sergeant Montgomery received a trophy and the Kentucky Merit Ribbon for her accomplishment.

The citation accompanying the award read: "Your military bearing, outstanding performance of duty, and professionalism resulted in selection from many candidates."

Sergeant Montgomery and her son Matthew, along with Sergeant Jackson and his family, were guests of the NGAKy during their conference.



# Guard Benefits/Entitlements

## Guardmembers receive federal benefits

This is the second of a four-part series on Air National Guard benefits and entitlements. Information for the series was taken from KyANG Pamphlet 211-01, "Member and Family Benefits Pamphlet," prepared by Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard. A copy of this pamphlet was mailed to all guard members and is given to all new members of the Guard.

Guardmembers in reserve status receive many Federal benefits.

□ For each of the 12 Unit Training Assemblies, guardmembers are paid based on military grade and years in service. For each UTA the guardmember receives the equivalent of four days for the two days of the UTA.

All other training, including 15 days Annual Field Training, is based on one day pay for each day's work. Sure-Pay is available so that your check can be deposited directly into your account. Arrangements for Sure-Pay can be made through the Military Pay Office in the O&T Building.

### COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES

□ Guardmembers and their families may use the military commissary. The nearest one to Standiford Field is located at Fort Knox. Currently guardmembers may use the facility up to 14 days per year to shop in the military commissary. However,

before going to the commissary you must have a Commissary Earnings Statement which should be available by March 30. Unit commanders will have the forms.

The new ruling will not affect members who serve 30 or more days of additional duty, for which they are issued a green identification card which entitles them to commissary privileges.

□ Guardmembers are also entitled to one day of base exchange privileges for each four-hour UTA, or up to 48 days per year. Guardmembers must show their current Earnings Statement and their identification card. Family members may use the exchange when the guardmember is on active duty in excess of 72 hours.

□ Guardmembers can fly anywhere in the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam at no charge on military aircraft space available. Authentication of Reserve Status for Travel Eligibility, DD Form 1853, must be certified by the guardmember's commander. This should be presented to the passenger space available counter at an active Air Force Base along with the member's identification card.

□ The guard offers several training programs for its members. Most guardmembers will receive technical school training. Professional military education is also available at the I.G. Brown Professional

Military Education Center in Knoxville, Tenn. These courses provide college credit.

Guardmembers may also improve their knowledge through the Extension Course Institute. It offers more than 400 mail order courses pertaining to military specialties. Courses include auto mechanics, plumbing, electrical wiring, carpentry, photography and other subjects. Contact the base training office for more information.

Enlisted guardmembers may register for course credit through the Community College of the Air Force. Contact the CCAF advisor at ext. 497.

□ Guardmembers must be granted time off to perform training duty according to Federal Law Chapter 43, part III of Title 38 United States Code. These statutes also entitle guardmembers to reinstatement to employment after performing the training duty. Guardmembers meeting the conditions of eligibility retain all benefits such as seniority status, rate of pay, and vacation.

□ Servicemen's Group Life Insurance provides full-time coverage for guardmembers. The maximum coverage was recently changed to \$50,000.

This is a broad coverage of the Federal benefits offered to guardmembers. People who have any questions about their benefits should contact the Personal Affairs office of CBPO at ext. 485.

## 'I've learned my lesson'

### Accident reinforces need for seat belt use

I would like to relate to you an incident that happened to me about six months ago. I hope someone can learn from this.

About two days before Christmas 1985, my husband and I were driving to the store to exchange a bike siren that didn't work. As we were driving, I noticed my car door wasn't shut and asked my husband to pull over so I could shut it. Thinking that it wouldn't come open yet, he said to wait until we went around the next curve. As we

were going around that curve, my car door flew open and I went out the car. I hung on to the door because I was afraid to let go. My husband was afraid to put on the brakes for fear that the car would throw me. So, I hung on to the door as the car drug me along the road. Finally, the car stopped and I let go. I scraped my bottom pretty good, but worse than that, I mangled my right foot and leg. The top of my little toe was cut off and the bone exposed, plus, I had chunks of my foot taken out.

I had surgery done on my foot that night

and I was lucky nothing major happened because of the accident. I wasn't wearing seat belts. Had I worn them, none of this would have happened.

I wear my seat belt now, needless to say I won't go anywhere without buckling up. I can't understand why I never wore seat belts before. It only takes a second to put them on, and once you start wearing them, it's almost automatic to put them on every time you get into the car.

I can honestly say, "I've learned my lesson." I hope someone can learn from mine.

SSgt. Pamela Wilkerson, 123CSS



## 40th Anniversary profile

By Capt. Gary Chambers and Charles Arrington

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the KyANG. In commemoration, the North American F-86A Sabre Jet is profiled.

Redesignated the 123rd Fighter Interceptor Wing/ 165th Fighter Interceptor Squadron in 1955, the Kentucky Air National Guard accepted its first combat capable jets for operation out of Louisville the following year with the arrival of F-86A Sabre jets. By the end of 1956, KyANG had received a total of 25 Sabres as replacements for their now retired F-51D Mustangs.

Flight operations with the jets did not begin until the latter part of January 1957 because of the extension of runway 1-19 at Standiford Field. After an extensive period of training, Kentucky Air Guard pilots, on June 1, began standing alert for the Air Defense Command providing aerial defense of a 300 mile sector around Louisville.

Four pilots were kept on duty standing alert for a scramble that could put them in the air in three minutes. The Kentucky Air Guard's association with the Sabre was a short one. Toward the end of 1957, the KyANG was ordered to trade its F-86s for new aircraft and a new mission to begin the following year.

F-86A Sabre jets of the Kentucky Air National Guard were bare metal with black service marking. Both sides of the rear fuselage carried: KY \* ANG. The left wing had the national insignia applied to an area

on the lower wing surfaces. The right wing had the order of these markings reversed.

Photographs show all KyANG Sabres with a red over black band on the vertical tail surface about a quarter way down from the top. A single red stripe around the rear fuselage located attachment points for the separation of the aircraft's tail during maintenance.

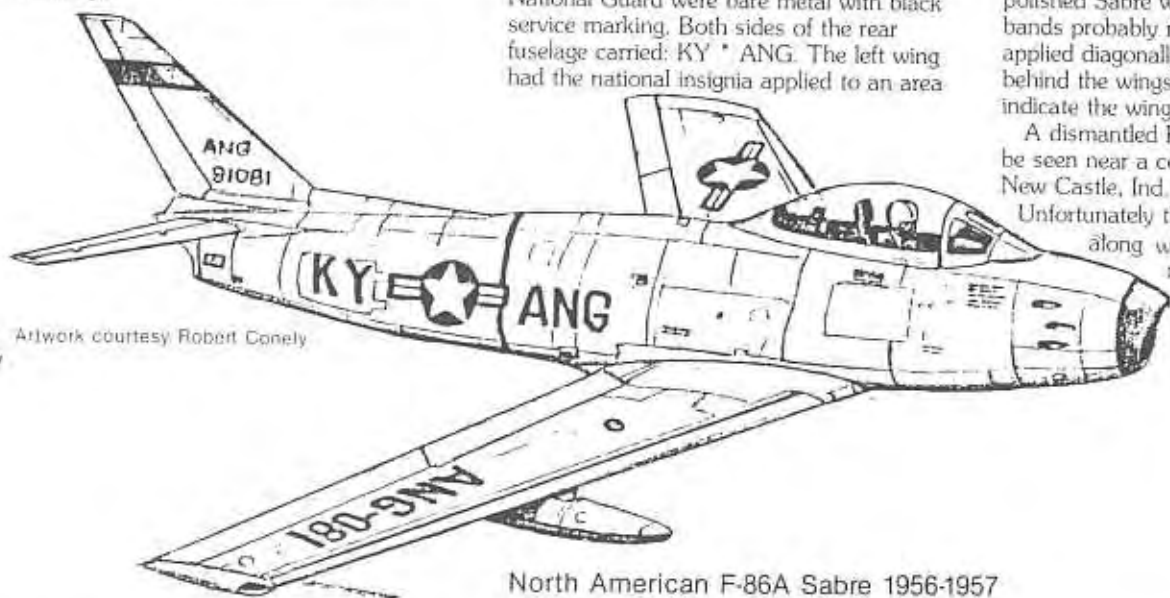
Some aircraft had the nose area painted red while others remained bare metal. A small radar radome on the top of the bare metal nosed F-86s was painted black.

Pilot names were often stenciled to the canopy rail on the left side of the aircraft as: PILOT LT SAM BLYTHE. The Kentucky Air Guard flew at least one highly polished Sabre with three thin parallel bands probably red on a white background applied diagonally on the rear fuselage just behind the wings. Markings of this nature indicate the wing commander's aircraft.

A dismantled KyANG F-86A could still be seen near a country store in the area of New Castle, Ind. during the early 1980's.

Unfortunately this long time survivor along with its 24 other mates are now only memories.

Reference: "KyANG: Mustang to Phantoms 1947-1977."



North American F-86A Sabre 1956-1957

# Medical Minute

## Reducing stress

By LtCol Jacque Reid  
Environmental Health

The last issue of Medical Minute contained a stress test that could be used to evaluate your personal stress level. In that article, I mentioned a number of diseases that are complicated by high levels of stress. These are other "symptoms" that indicate when you are experiencing stress.

These include: dry mouth; headache; over/under eating; chain smoking; nausea; stomach aches; diarrhea; feeling "faint" and any number of other physical complaints.

When these symptoms are present, they are a pretty clear indicator that the individual needs to do something to reduce the level of stressors. Some of the things that you can do to reduce stress in your

daily life include:

Getting up 15 minutes earlier if preparing for work results in less irritation from mishaps or delays. If getting up earlier is not feasible, lay out clothing, fix lunches and set breakfast table the night before to reduce the number of tasks needed to get the day off to a smoother start.

Don't rely on your memory Write down appointments, errands, grocery lists and so forth! ("The palest ink is better than the most retentive memory," Old Chinese Proverb)

Do nothing which would lead you to tell a lie.

Practice preventive maintenance on appliances, home and vehicles. Breakdowns will be less likely to occur "at the worst possible moment."

Be prepared to wait for appointments. Carry a book by a favorite author and reward yourself for your promptness.

Procrastination is stressful. Whatever you want to do tomorrow, do today, whatever you want to do today, do it now.

Plan ahead. Don't wait until the car runs out of gas, there is no coffee, you've run out of underwear or there is no toothpaste to buy more.

Don't keep things that do not work right. If the alarm clock doesn't alarm and the wind shield wipers don't wipe, replace them.

There are other things that can be done to reduce stress. The main idea is to make fewer the number of things around you that cause irritation. Next month, the relaxation response.

## Drug testing standards tightened

The Department of Defense has established drug urinalysis testing standards low enough to detect the vast majority of abusers—but high enough to prevent identification of “false positives.”

According to DOD officials, this increases the likelihood that an individual who has tailored weekend use to avoid detection will be able to escape. This is especially important to identifying cocaine abusers.

For the past year, the labs have been using gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) tests to confirm the level of drug metabolites in urine samples. GC/MS is state-of-the-art, the most specific and sensitive analytical technique available.

GC/MS can identify substance abuse at a very low level. GC/MS testing is so reliable that the test procedures and detection levels of drug by-products in a urine sample have not been successfully challenged in boards or military courts in the past two years.

On Oct. 1, 1986, DOD lowered the confirmation levels for marijuana and cocaine. The legal and scientific communities support this reduction in testing threshold. The level for marijuana is being lowered from 20 to 15 nanograms; cocaine from 300 to 150.

This means that the breakdown of drug by-products by the body will be detected longer following its use than in the past.

## Young Astronauts receive unit recognition

By SMSgt. L. Andre Roy  
Chapter Leader and Explorer Advisor

The local Young Astronaut Chapter received the Boy Scouts of America 1986 Quality Unit Recognition award.

Balanced growth in all phases of the Boy Scouts of America program depends on units providing quality programs for its youth members. To achieve this growth, a series of objectives, or standards, has been set for each Scout pack, troop, team and Explorer post and ship to use as a guide in achieving recognition as a quality unit.

These objectives include unit leader selection with approval of the head of the

chartered organization, fast-start training, qualified assistant leaders, required meeting, service projects, membership, activities, and advancement. To qualify as a quality unit, a unit must achieve six of the eight objectives, including three that are mandatory. Units commit to these objectives at reregistration time, they are evaluated by the Old Kentucky Home Council to determine if they have successfully met their objectives.

Of the 157 pilots and scientists selected as astronauts since 1959, 103 were members of the BSA program of which two were Explorers.

The dual chartered Young Astronaut Chapter is sponsored by Air Force Association Chapter 407.



## 25TH ANNUAL A.N.G. BOWLING TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Hosts: Ky Air National Guard

Date: 7-10 May

Place: Louisville, KY

Entry Deadline: 15 Mar 87

Contact: John Hourigan @ 455

Mickey Jones @ 570

Be a tournament booster - for only \$10.00 your name will be printed in the tournament program, you will become eligible to win a room at the Executive West Hotel for the tournament, and you will receive an official tournament hat. Please show your support to this worthwhile event.

Contact: Tom Down @ 558

Jim Smith @ 488



Sgt. Gordon Stacy, 123d Civil Engineering Squadron, cuts into a road, preparing for installation of a communications line.

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## Warm weather brings workers outdoors

Unit members took advantage of the spring-like weather during Saturday of February's UTA to work outdoors.



From left, 2nd Lt Phillip Howard, TSgt. Joseph Cslank, SrA Michael Coryell, and SSgt. Jimmie Spann, 123d Civil Engineering Squadron, dig a ditch to install a communications cable for a computer link up.



SrA Bettina Schwallie and SSgt. Richard Stradley, 123d Communications Flight, repair a cable for the base CCTV line.

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KyANG Photos by  
TSgt. Terry Lutz



# Bits-n-Pieces

## PROMOTIONS

### To Maj.

Jeffrey K. Butcher

### To Capt.

Dennis R. Ellis

### Appointment:

Capt. Michael G. Lattavo, 165th TRS

### Air Force Commendation Medal

MSgt. Todd Beasley

SSgt. Patrick L. Wimsatt

### Air Force Achievement Medal

CMSgt. James E. Turpin

TSgt. Cynthia E. Gibson

### Kentucky Commendation Ribbon

Sgt. Donald J. Roberts

### So Long!

The following have recently been discharged from the KyANG. Our sincere thanks to all of you, and good luck.

Maj. Herbert Lattis, 123d CSS

Magt. Harold W. Craig, 123d Tac Hosp

TSgt. Kennie R. Gultz, 165th TRS

SSgt. Jeffrey L. Davidson, 123d CAM

SSgt. Ronald P. Embry, 123d CAM

SSgt. Yoland L. Morris, 165th WeaFlt

Sgt. Danny L. Cox, 123d CES

Sgt. Mark E. Cox, 123d CAM

Sgt. Lori J. Harper, 123d CES

Sgt. Ricky D. Smith, 123d CAM

SrA John W. Schmitt, 123d Tac Hosp

SrA Mark A. Springstube, 123d CAM

SrA Earl C. Taylor, 8123 Stu Flt

AIC Paul J. Vance, 8123 Stu Flt

### For Sale:

1977 Lincoln Mark V, dark blue 69,000 original mile, new tires, must sell, \$2950.00. Dan Fuller ext. 475 or 592.



### Honor Graduate

A1C Lyle L. Lang, 123d CAM Sq, was selected as an honor graduate of the Air Force Basic Military Training School. Honor graduates are selected from the top 10 percent of their class.



KyANG Photos by SSgt. Charles Simpson

### Commandant's Award

SSgt. Kenneth J. Rauchle, 123d CAM Sq, received the Commandant's Award at NCO Leadership School, Hill AFB, Utah.

# Injury reduction goal

## 123d Tac Recon Wing

PERSONAL INJURY REDUCTION GOALS

-  AVERAGE
-  1987 GOAL
-  1987 INJURIES

