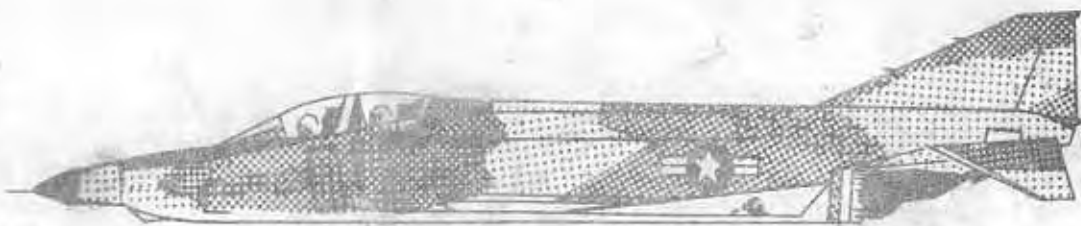




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UNIT MANNING GROWS BY 135: Since our last reorganization, the Kentucky Air National Guard has been the darling of the statisticians in Frankfort. Figures of 103, 104 and 105 percent manning puts a gleam in the eyes of every reviewer. Now that glowing statistic has left us by the same route it originally came. By July 1st our manning will have increased by a total of 135 persons. The four areas receiving new position allocations are: 123d CAM Sq., 68 slots; 123d CE, 30 slots; 123d Tac Hospital, 27 slots; and 123d Security Police, 11 slots. According to base personnel, these changes are being made to realign the unit with TAC's mobilization requirements and to provide grade enhancement in some areas. The medical personnel additions will up grade this area's status from clinic to hospital. An unfortunate off spin of these mobility realignments will be a sudden drop in manning percentages to around 90 percent. This estimate is based on previous recruitment and retention rates. This also means that wing personnel will have to redouble their efforts in order for unit to once again attain a 100 percent manning level.

MEDICAL SERVICE SPECIALIST COMPETES IN MISS BLACK U. OF L. CONTEST: Sgt Deborah Davis, from the 123d Tac Hospital, will be in front of the lights tonight at 8 p.m. in Strickler Hall, University of Louisville, viewing for the title of Miss Black U. of L. Sgt Davis, a former USAF "Tops in Blue" traveling variety show team member in her activity duty days, is the KyANG's choice for this year's event. Best of luck to our own beautiful black lady.

ARMED FORCES DINNER: The Louisville Armed Forces Committee has announced plans for their 53rd annual Armed Forces Dinner. The dinner will be held at the Executive Inn West on Friday, May 18. The main speaker will be General Dyman L. Lemnitzer, US Army, retired. General Lemnitzer has had a most distinguished career, having been Commander, NATO in Europe; Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Chief of Staff of the US Army. His address will include his views regarding the NATO Alliance, SALT II and the need for a standby draft. For reservations see Major Neil Woodcock, one of this year's co-chairmen of the event.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: The Louisville Region of the American Red Cross has sent a letter of commendation to the unit for our participation in the March Bloodmobile. A total of 29 persons presented themselves producing 115 productive donors. The blood donated helps meet the needs of patients in 56 counties in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois.

SENIOR ANG NCO CONFERENCE TO MEET IN RENO: The second annual meeting of the ANG's Senior NCO's will begin tomorrow in Reno, Nev. Representing the unit will be CMSgts Walter Carter and Roy Adams and SMSgt Sam Duncan. The four day conference will provide participants from every ANG unit with an update on last year's guard activities, future happenings and special briefings from National Guard Bureau personnel. The results on this conference will announced next month.

TAC GETS NEW VICE COMMANDER: Lt. Gen. Robert C. Mathis, former vice commander of Air Force Systems Command, Andrews AFB, Md., became TAC's vice commander March 5. He succeeded Lt. Gen. James A. Knight Jr., who retired.

WING BOASTS YOUNGEST 2D LT IN ANG: The 155th Tac Recon Group in Lincoln Nebraska has put out the word that their newest 2nd Lieutenant is believed to be the youngest Lt. in the nation currently. He is 2d Lt. Miguel Sanchez, who returned to the base from the Academy of Military Sciences Officer's School in March at the ripe old age of 20. The 155th is one of four groups which comprise the 123rd Tac Recon Wing. Lincoln officials believe he could quite possibly be the youngest lieutenant in the ANG, AFRES or USAF. They said the Guard Bureau reports that there has been other people commissioned younger than Sanchez, but he is probably the youngest at the present time. Lt. Sanchez is a 1976 graduate of Lincoln Northeast High School and had been attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln prior to getting his commission. He is majoring in geography. The Sanchez family has quite a military tradition with the father being a retired USAF member and his two brothers who are presently on active duty. He will enter flight training in April.

FOUR OFFICERS TAKE ON ROTC DUTIES: The Air National Guard participation in the AFROTC Liaison Officer Program got a personnel type shot in the arm last month as four wing members volunteered for an additional duty. The newest AFROTC liaison officers are: Captains Paul Arnett, 123rd CAM Sq, Teresa A. Korte and Patricia J. Horsey, 123rd Tac Hospital and 1st Lt. Thomas J. Marks, 123 Civ Engr Flt.

TAC TO GAIN AIR DEFENSE RESOURCES: Langley AFB-Tactical Air Command is scheduled to grow by 16,900 people, six fighter-interceptor squadrons, 55 radar sites, seven air defense control centers, and one Air Force base beginning this summer, according to an Air Force announcement made on March 29.

The Air Force plans to transfer management of its aerospace defense resources from the USAF Aerospace Defense Command (USAF ADCOM), headquartered in Colo. Springs, Colo., to other major commands within the Air Force. Transfer actions are scheduled to begin in the summer of 1979 and will take an estimated 18 months to complete.

"This reorganization reflects the pace and direction of technology, strategy and Air Force resource trends," said Secretary of the Air Force John C. Stetson. "In no way should it be interpreted as representing decreased regard for the aerospace defense of the North American Continent."

As a result of this decision, the Air Force will inactivate USAF ADCOM as a major command. Resource management responsibilities for active Air Force fighter interceptor squadrons and ground based air defense radars and control centers will transfer to the Air Force's Tactical Air Command (TAC); management of space surveillance and missile warning field resources will transfer to the Air Force's Strategic Air Command (SAC); and communication resources will transfer to the Air Force Communications Service (AFCS).

The six active duty F-106 fighter-interceptor squadrons coming to TAC are located at Minot AFB, N.D.; Langley AFB, Va.; Griffiss AFB, N.Y.; Castle AFB, Calif.; K.T. Sawyer AFB, Mich; and McChord AFB, Wash. Other units and installations transferring to TAC are located at Duluth IAP, Minn.; Fort Lee AFS, Va.; Hancock Field, N.Y.; and Kingsley Field, Ore. Additionally, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., will become a TAC Base as the host unit, air defense weapons center, becomes a TAC unit. Consistent with 10 USC 2687, the Air Force will take no irrevocable actions to implement this decision for a total of 60 days beginning 30 March 79.

SOS PARTICIPANTS TAKE NOTE: Air University will no longer use questions in Squadron Officer School correspondence course final exams that previously appeared in volume review exercises. The change applies to the Feb. 1, 1979, revised course, but does not affect students who enrolled before that date. Although the review questions will not be repeated in the final exam, the question format will remain similar to that used in the past.

COLLOCATION OF PME FUNCTIONS CONTINUE: The Community College of the Air Force will move its administrative center to Maxwell AFB, Ala., from Lackland AFB, Texas, beginning April 1. The move, which should be completed by June 1, is part of the Air Force's plan to collocate its professional military education functions.

WEAR OF UNIT AWARD RIBBONS---: AFR 900-48 changes have made it illegal to wear the Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award or Air Force Organizational Excellence Award solely because an individual is assigned to a unit. The revision authorizes the wearing of a ribbon only if a person was assigned to the unit during the period of service recognized. Interested individuals can verify the period of service by checking AF Pamphlet 900-2, Volume II.

BOY SCOUTS SEEK "A FEW GOOD MEN/WOMEN": The Old Kentucky Home Council of the Boy Scouts of America is looking for adult staff personnel for their two summer camps at Covered Bridge in Prospect and Rough River. Positions include Camp Director, Program Director, Business Manager, Dining Hall Manager, Health Lodge Director, Aquatics Instructor, Ecology Conservation Director, Field Sports Director and Camp Chaplin. These are paid positions. If you are interested in a rewarding summer experience with some of Kentucky's finest youths, contact Colonel Carl Black or Mr. Robert MacConnell at the Council office, 361-2624.

NCO ACADEMY GRADUATES TO ORGANIZE: Increased emphasis on professional military education for senior NCO's is reawakening interest in an on-base NCO Academy Graduates Association. An organizational meeting is scheduled for this Thursday night, 7 p.m., KyANG Club Building. All individuals who have graduated from any of the regular duty or ANG schools are urged to attend to this meeting. For further information, contact TSgt Dick Wilson, 123d Civ Engr Flt.

TIMES ARE CHANGING!: Last month the Phantom's Eye reported about the Department of Defense' problems with increased cost of jet propulsion gas (JP-4) almost doubling since the last contract was placed out of bid. This month it looks like the cost of POV-1 (private owned vehicles) gas will also be increasing. We can't "plane pool" to save gas, but we can car pool...so THINK CAR POOL.

UNIQUE OATH OF ENLISTMENT GIVEN: Generals are not normally tasked to perform swearing in ceremonies. This was not the case last month when the Hq KyANG, Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. William P. Gast was called upon to recite that "repeat after me" oath. The situation was a little different in this case. Gen Gast was helping to launch the military career of his son William R. Gast. The 22 year old airman chose the data processing career field. His advanced training as a computer operator will be conducted at Sheppard Technical Training Center in Texas. Gen. Gast express delight in his son's decision to join the Guard. AB Gast sighted the training and educational opportunities the guard offers along with the extra income as the main reason he decided to enlist.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CHANGES FOR LEADERSHIP SCHOOL: Air National Guard Senior Airmen (E-4) previously authorized to attend ANG Leadership School will no longer be considered. This action is a result of the increased volume of applications to the school. This change will offer more opportunity to select junior non-commissioned officers to complete their professional military education. Senior Airmen who have completed Phase I of the ANG Leadership School will be allowed to complete Phase II, and are encouraged to do so.

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