



# VOODOO TALES

123d TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING  
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**DINING OUT TO HONOR COLONEL YAHNE:** Officers and spouses of the Kentucky Air National Guard will gather at Masterson's tonight at 6:30pm to honor Col. Verne M. Yahne, retiring Commander of the Wing and base detachment. Speaker for the event will be Rev. William Slider, a well-known Louisville Minister. A full program has been planned for the evening, including many of the traditional elements for such events. Col. Yahne will act as President of the Mess at the Dining Out and "Mr. Vice" will be Lt. Roy Goldblatt, a pilot with the 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

**BLOODMOBILE A SUCCESS:** The Red Cross Bloodmobile visit here during the August Drill weekend has been lauded by local Red Cross officials as a "vital community service." The total list included 158 men and women of the unit who made successful donations. The Blood Center was experiencing a shortage of available blood, normal for the end of the summer period, and the Red Cross thanks the people of the 123d for their "tremendous help."

**AIR FORCE "EAGLE" FLIGHTS:** The Air Force F-15 eagle air superiority fighter established two "firsts" for itself on August 8th by successfully completing its first supersonic flight at 1.5 mach at an altitude of 45,000 feet. Then the test aircraft was launched again the same day, the first time it has flown twice in the same day. At that time the "Eagle" had flown six test flights for a total of five hours and 20 minutes of flying time.

**FEDERAL RECOGNITION:** Congratulations are in order for four members of the Wing who have been extended federal recognition for recent promotions. Walter A. Baker, Wing Legal Officer is now a Major. Fred L. Gerwing, Roy Goldblatt (both 165th Pilots) and Robert T. Gordon, security police officer were promoted to First Lieutenant.

**NEW RECRUITER APPOINTED:** SMSGT Howard A. Curtis, who has been in charge of the flight simulator in the 165th Squadron has been appointed full-time recruiter for the Kentucky Air National Guard for the initial six-month period. He has a varied background which goes back to duty as an aerial gunner in World War II in the U.S. Air Corps, followed by a hitch during the Korean Crisis when he served as a flight simulator expert for the Navy. He has a total of 12 years active duty, another 21 years in the Air National Guard in addition to his work as an Air Guard Technician. Howard is in a key role to help the unit and he needs your cooperation. Since he is on active duty he will not meet regular drills but can be reached week days at Bell Ext. 242. His office for now is room 133 of the O & T Building.

**JOB OPEN:** Base Civilian Personnel gives word of an opening for an accounting technician as a full-time duty. Application should be made on SF 171 to the Office of the Adjutant General, Frankfort, Kentucky.

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THE ANG SOFTBALL TOURNEY: Results are in on the seventh annual Air Guard Softball tournament which was held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Unfortunately, transportation problems prevented our team from taking part this year but CMSGT Dick Gravatte is already promoting interest in next season. In the slow = slow Pitch tourney, the winner was the 160th Air Refueling group of Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. Utah ANG took second and third place went to the 116th Military Airlift Wing of Dobbins AFB, Georgia. For the Fast Pitch the winners were the 148th Fighter Group of Duluth, Minnesota. The Utah Air Guardsman were runners up and third place went to the 162nd Tactical Fighter Group of Tuscon, Arizona. Other details are on the bulleting board near the OI section , Room 131 of the O&T Building.

SHADE TREE MECHANICS: To the guy or gal with a hobby, the Extension Course Institute may offer an attractive way to "bone-up" on a variety of subjects. Would-be mechanics of the automobile variety, weekend carpenters or amateur photographers will find the ECI catalog a resource worth considering. The choices range from electronics and tele vision...to drafting or illustration. See SMSGT Ray T. Price in career Control (CBPO) for further details or assistance in enrolling.

AIR FORCE SILVER ANNIVERSARY: The United States Air Force is celebrating its 25th "Silver Anniversary with an outstanding event planned for Andrews Air Force Base in Mid-September. The 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing is sending the RF 101C "Voodoo" to participate in both static and flyover activities. Making the trip today are Colonel Lawrence A. Quebbeman, Captain John Silverman, Major John Smith, Captain Gary Burge, Captain Don Ryan, Captain Stewart Byrne and Captain Joseph Kottak..all serving as RF-101 Pilots. Also going to Andrews are CMSGT Ed Stowers, MSGT John Hill, MSGT Melvin Richardson, TSGT Robert Allen, TSGT Louis Dusch, TSGT John Hall, TSGT John Lundergan, TSGT Ronald Siddons SSGT Robert Thomas, SSGT Ed Sachleben, SSGT Richard Scanlon, SSGT Stephen Wegman, SSGT William E. Sale, and SGT. James Everett.

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION MEETING IN CALIFORNIA: Piloting a group of Kentucky Air National Guardsmen from here Sunday will be Lt. Colonel James H. McClure, 123d TRGroup Commander, and Lt. Colonel John B. Conaway, 123d TRGroup deputy Commander for Operations. Other representatives from various Kentucky units will join the Air Guard to attend the annual meeting of the National Guard Association in San Francisco, California. The meeting will last six days.

NGA INSURANCE NOW DUE: Premiums are now due on NGA Insurance...Payment can be made to MSGT BOB ST. CLAIR, Room 123 of the O&T Building.