

HQ KENTUCKY AIR NATIONAL GUARD



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Col Verne M. Yahne

BG Lawrence A. Quebbeman

BG Henry C. Morrow, Nov 2003

Col Robert Yapple, Oct 2005

BG Richard W. Ash

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Kentucky Air National Guard

Organized as the 165th FS in February 1947, the sole flying unit of the Kentucky ANG served twice on active duty (in England during the Korean War and in Alaska, Panama and Korea during the Pueblo Crisis). After flying fighters and tactical reconnaissance aircraft for 42 years, the 165th became the Guard's newest transport squadron in 1989 when it converted from RF-4Cs to C-130Bs.

At the end of FY92, 1,215 officers and enlisted personnel manned 16 KY ANG units, including the 165th AS which was flying C-130Hs from Standiford Field in Louisville.

On June 30, 2002 the manning strength of the Kentucky Air National Guard stood at 1,183 men and women. The figure represents 97.68 percent of the current authorized strength of 1,211.

During this reporting period the Kentucky Air National Guard recruiting office was responsible for 140 enlistments/appointments during the past year. This was an increase of 16 individuals from the previous reporting period. Of the 140 enlistments/appointments, 49 percent were non-prior service, 35 percent were prior service, and 16 percent were officers.

The Kentucky Air National Guard is equipped with a fleet of 12 C-130H, which were delivered from the assembly line in 1992.

The Kentucky Air Guard's state headquarters was awarded the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award for exceptional accomplishment, the unit's fifth honor. The annual award is given to the top 10 percent of all headquarters units. The award recognizes the KYANG for its performance from May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2002.

The Kentucky Air National Guard means much more to the Commonwealth than its vital roles in responding to disasters and defending our nation's interests. The KYANG is a major employer and an important consumer within Kentucky. The total KYANG O&M Budget for his fiscal year was \$27,961,017. The 312 full-time Civilian Technicians, State employees, and Active Guard Reserve (AGR) personnel were paid \$26,000,000 in wages this year. Military pay for the traditional "part-time" Guard members was \$10,200,000. The total economic impact on the community, based on the standard Economic Resource Impact Summary formula, exceeds \$75 million. Brigadier General Richard W. Ash was appointed as Assistant Adjutant General for Air in February 1999. He succeeded Major General Verna D. Fairchild who became the ANG assistant to the director, Air National Guard for Base Operational Support Readiness. A 25-year veteran of the Kentucky Air Guard, Ash began his career as a Civil Engineering Officer, before becoming qualified as a weapons systems operator and pilot on the RF-4C Phantom jet fighter and C-130H Hercules transport. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Adjutant General, Ash served as Director of Operations for the KYANG State Headquarters. Brig. Gen. Ash also holds the distinction of being

the first Air National Guard officer to command the "Delta Squadron" at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. Organized in 1994 as a "fast-response airlift unit", Delta Squadron was made up of active Air Force, Air Guard and Air Force Reserve personnel and aircraft. Throughout the four-month long Operation Provide Promise airlift, the Delta Squadron flew 1,252 sorties delivering nearly 10,000 tons of humanitarian supplies into Bosnia-Herzegovina. The 15 C-130 aircrews under Ash's command flew daily under combat conditions, many times sustaining damage from ground fire while successfully accomplishing their missions without loss of life or aircraft. A native of Louisville, Brig. Gen. Ash is a pilot for American Airlines with more than 6,000 hours of military and civilian flight time. The staff of the 123rd Airlift Wing saw several changes during FY 02. Colonel Clifton W. Leslie retired and Colonel Michael L. Harden assumed duties as 123rd Airlift Wing Commander. The vice wing commander was Colonel Cora Jackson and Lieutenant Colonel Paul Rhodes was the deputy wing commander. Colonel Robert Yaple assumed duties as 123rd Operations Group Commander when Colonel Frank Sharpe retired. Colonel Thomas P. Marks assumed duties as 123rd Support Group Commander when Colonel Robert H. Williams III retired. During FY 03 Colonel Michael L. Harden assumed duties as 123rd Airlift Wing Commander. The vice wing commander was Colonel Bob Yaple and Lieutenant Colonel Paul Rhodes was the deputy wing commander. Colonel Mark Kraus assumed duties as 123rd Operations Group Commander. Colonel Thomas P. Marks assumed duties as 123rd Support Group Commander.

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