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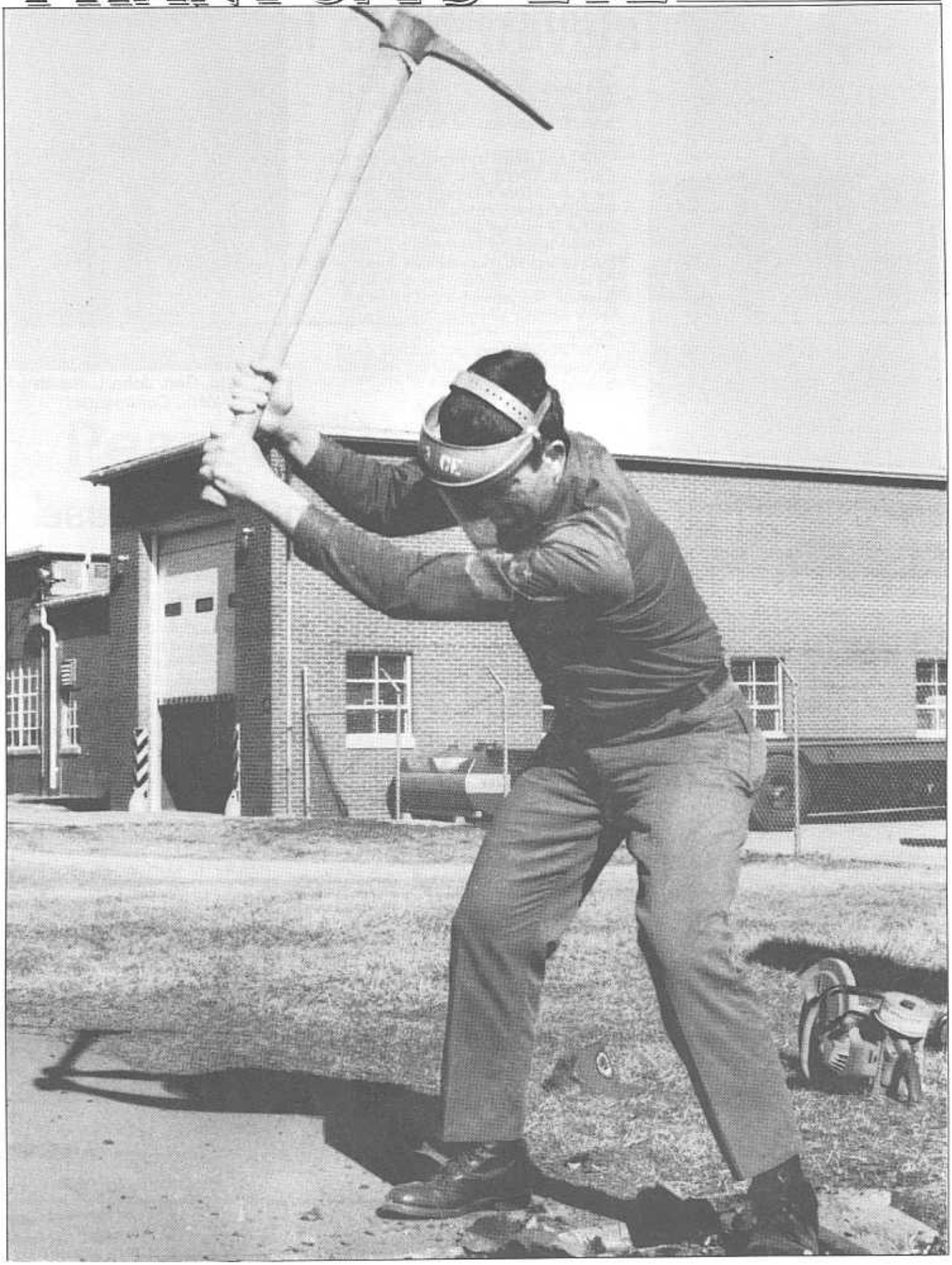

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Getting physical

SSgt. James D. Muth, 123d Civil Engineering Squadron, busts pavement for installation of a communications cable.

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Commander's Column

101 Critical Days

Memorial Day weekend traditionally begins our fun and vacation period. The time between Memorial Day and Labor Day historically has been very unkind to the public in general and the Air Force in particular.

This time period is referred to as the 101 CRITICAL DAYS. With increased vacation travel, motorcycle riding and water sports, there is a disproportionate increase in the number of mishaps we have.

Please remember to exercise good judgment by wearing your seat belts, motorcycle helmets and flotation devices when appropriate. Also remember that the excess use of alcoholic beverages usually figures into the statistics of most MISHAPS.

The GUARD needs you and your FAMILY needs you. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Brig. Gen. John L. Smith
Wing Commander

Open letter on drug abuse

For the record, the Air Force policy on drug abuse remains unchanged. The illegal or improper use of drugs by Air Force members is a serious breach of discipline. It is not compatible with service in the Air Force. And furthermore, such use automatically places the Air Force member's continued service in jeopardy.

Such conduct will not be tolerated and can lead to criminal prosecution and to discharge under other than honorable conditions.

This policy reflects the fact that drug abusers jeopardize the Air Force mission, as well as the health and safety of themselves and others. This is expecially true of those few who furnish illegal drugs to others, or otherwise promote and encourage drug abuse among Air Force members. It is, and will remain, Air Force policy to prevent these activities and to identify and discipline those who engage in them.

While rehabilitation is part of the Air Force drug abuse control program, the primary purpose of the program is the prevention of all drug abuse in the Air Force. To that end it has been very effective; drug abuse rates have fallen dramatically over the last decades. The Air Force will continue to strive toward its goal of zero drug abuse.

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Secretary of the Air Force

Stan-Eval chief travels to Europe

By Sgt. Jeff Sansbury
Staff Writer

Lt. Col. Bill Leslie, the Kentucky Air National Guard's chief of Stan-Eval, will depart soon for a three-month tour of Europe.

The colonel is scheduled to arrive at Ramstein Air Base in August, where he will serve as an advisor to Air Guard units which train in West Germany. Though much of his time will be spent at Ramstein, home of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, his tour of duty will require extensive travel throughout the NATO country to acquaint Guard members with their active duty counterparts.

Neither the Kentucky Air Guard, nor anyone from the unit, is involved in the exercises.

"It's an honor and a challenge to serve overseas. That's why I'm doing it," said Colonel Leslie. "And I'm pretty anxious to get started."

The 19-year flying veteran was selected for the assignment by officials at the Air National Guard Support Center in Wshington. The purpose is to augment USAFE operations and to act as a liaison between active and reserve forces there. Upon returning to the United States in mid-November, Colonel Leslie will report directly to the Support Center for post-tour briefings and to recommend changes in future Air Guard-USAFE missions.

A preliminary site inspection was conducted in February, where the colonel reviewed his plans and acted as a trouble-shooter for Guard units already stationed in West Germany.

"The Air Guard is an integral part of the 'total force' concept, especially in Europe," he stressed, "and people don't always recognize this."

"But the Guard's presence is stronger than ever," he added. "We're relied upon heavily."

Colonel Leslie's assignment marks his sixth European tour. Since his commission here in 1968, he has served at air bases in Denmark, Norway, and three previous assignments in West Germany. Prior to his role as the 123rd TRW's chief of Standardization-Evaluation, the colonel served as commander of Kentucky's 165th TRS.

Peacekeeper Challenge '87

Local SPs selected for competition

Three members of the 123d Weapons System Security Flight were selected to represent the Air National Guard on a 12-man secuirty police team in Peacekeeper Challenge 87.

Local competitors selected were SSgt. William E. Smith Jr., Sgt. Christopher S. Burt and A1C Delano L. Jewell.

Peacekeeper Challenge is an annual security police challenge with "the best of the best" chosen from each major command and several allied nations, according to Capt. Kenneth Peters, commander, 123d WSSF.

ANG tryouts were held at Boise ANG Base, Idaho in May. Peacekeeper Challenge will be held at Kirkland AFB, N.M., in late September or October.

"It's the first time we've sent anyone," said Captain Peters. "It's an accomplishment because on the first chance out, we were selected."

A major reason for the local securit policemen's success was the unit's participa tion in a Volant Scorpion Exercise, accordin to Captain Peters. Volant Scorpion is Military Airlift Command air base groun defense exercise.

The three security policemen from here wi travel back to Boise in September for mor intense training and then on to Kirkland fo the competition.

In-residence NCO prep course offered here

Professional Military Education for airmen preparing to become noncommissioned officers is now available in residence.

The KyANG will offer its first NCO Preparatory Course here July 13 to 24. The 2-week course is the first of the four levels of Air Force NCO PME.

Focusing on leadership and followership, the course acquaints eligible airmen on the responsibilities and duties required of an NCO. The in-resident version of NCOPC can be taken in lieu of the correspondence course, Course 1.

Three members of the KyANG were selected and received training to become NCOPC instructors. They are: MSgt. Howard Rutledge, course manager, 123rd RMS; SSgt. Elke Adams, 123rd RMS; and SSgt. Jenny Montgomery, 123rd TRW.

Students must be senior airmen or airmen first class with a pay date greater than 30 months, and must possess a 5 skill level in their primary AFSC. Each class will consist o approximately 25 students.

Specific lessons to be taught include classes in communication skills, military studies and leadership and management. Students will also learn about local unit history and the history and mission of the Air National Guard.

It is hoped that eventually the NCOPC course can be offered at least twice a year, according to Sergeant Rutledge.

Support aircraft logs many hours

By SSgt. Jenny L. Montgomery
Editor

Most people associated with the KyANG know the unit's primary mission is tactical reconnaissance, flying the RF-4C Phantom.

However, there is another aircraft assigned to the unit which doesn't always get as much attention, but does log many hours each month.

The C-12F, an executive-type aircraft, is in the air about 40 hours per month. Its primary mission is unit support, but 90 percent of its flights are VIP related in support of the Adjutant General of Kentucky or higher headquarters. Although most of the flights are pre-planned, sometimes the pilots receive only two to three days notice, according to Maj. John Amshoff, wing scheduler.

There are eight pilots qualified to fly the C-12. Three of the pilots are traditional guardsmen who must take time from their regular employment to maintain proficiency in both the C-12 and the RF-4. This can mean quite a heavy schedule, according to Major Amshoff.

These men are: Lt. Col. David H. Rhodes, personnel director for two local hospitals; Capt. Dan H. Armstrong, vice president of Hall Construction; and Capt. Kerry G. Towe, a stock broker in Carmi, Ill.

The full-time guardmembers qualified in the C-12 are: Col. Joseph Kottak, deputy commander for operations; Lt. Col. Gary Burge, 165th TRS, commander; Lt. Col. Bill Leslie, chief stan eval; Lt. Col. Donald Goley, chief of safety; and Maj. David Moremen, chief of flying safety.

KyANG Photo by TSgt. Terry Lutz

Capt. Dan Armstrong, left, and Lt.Col. David H. Rhodes
Eight pilots are qualified for the C-12F

Both the traditional and full-time guardmembers share flying responsibilities in the C-12 but, "if it wasn't for the traditional guardsmen, the C-12 schedule would drive us crazy," said Major Amshoff. However, because they are more available, the full-time guardmembers usually receive most of the short-notice assignments.

It may not be as glamorous as flying a fighter aircraft, but the C-12 does offer state of the art equipment as well as advantages of comfort.

Commander shoots for Olympics

By Maj. Jeff Butcher
Public Affairs Officer

The march to Seoul, South Korea has begun for Lt. Col. Don Durbin, commander 123d RMS. Seoul could give the "world class shooter" Durbin a chance to improve his 1984 Olympic competition scores. Durbin has traveled the world competing in various rifle matches for some 22 years, but, the road to the 1988 Olympiad is becoming his greatest challenge.

"I feel like I am probably shooting better than 1984 right now," Colonel Durbin reported. "Experience is an important factor today. I know I am shooting much smarter than before. Just knowing how to compete at the Olympic level is a plus."

During the 1984 English Match, Colonel Durbin became the first Air National Guard individual to ever qualify to represent the USA. The English Match is a smallbore rifle match where 60 shots are fired in the prone position from 50 meters. One hour and fourty-five minutes is the time given to complete firing the 60 rounds.

In a field of 78 competitors, Colonel Durbin ranked 13th. Because he placed within the top 15 percent, Colonel Durbin received the U.S. International Distinguished Badge.

Since January 1987, Colonel Durbin has been rebuilding his skills once again.

He first entered the Puerto Rican Invitational games. "I started slow and was only shooting 590 and 591," he recalled. The next round was a Regional Championship contest in March, at Hollywood, Fla. His level of shooting improved and he won a Silver Medal there.

A major hurdle of qualifying was a trip to one of five World Cup Matches this past April in Mexico City. In order to compete for the English match slot on the USA Olympic team individuals must shoot a 592 or better in the World Cup Match. Colonel Durbin did this, tying for 8th in the field of 126 people. "These last series of matches have placed me up against the very best shooters in the world. The competition has been fierce," he explained.

"Right now we are on schedule. The preliminaries are behind us and I have two immediate goals: The Pan American Games tryouts in June, and the USA Olympic trials in June of 1988," he said. Summing up his chances, he said, "As long as the ammunition holds up, the gun shoots, and I continue to improve my mental conditioning, we'll be on target for the USA team qualifying rounds next year."

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: NGB/CF

SUBJECT: 1987 Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) Campaign

TO: All ANG Members

1. The 1987 AFAF Campaign will begin on 1 April 1987. ANG support of this extremely worthy effort continues to increase. Each of us should recognize the greatly expanded role of the AFAF in our lives and careers as members of the ANG.

2. Three AFAF affiliates provide service to you as an ANG member, or to your family. They include Air Force Aid Society assistance, as well as eligibility for the Air Force Village or the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home depending on whether you retire in officer or enlisted status. Details are contained in the pamphlets furnished to each unit through your Publications Distributions Office.

3. Air Force Aid Society emergency assistance and the education loan programs are important benefits derived by ANG members from the AFAF. In 1986 ANG members received approximately $15,000 in emergency assistance while on Federal active duty; $519,568 under the General George S. Brown Senior Student Loan program; $148,050 under the General Henry H. Arnold Student Loan program, and $11,300 under the Parent Loan Program for a total of over $678,927 in benefits.

4. Should you wish to make a contribution to the AFAF, you can do so by completing the form on the reverse side of this letter and sending your contribution directly to HQ AFMPC/MPCASC (Air Force Assistance Fund), Randolph AFB TX 78150-6001. You may wish to participate in the name of your respective unit in which case you should see your unit appointed project officer. Even if you personally have not yet benefited from any of the AFAF programs, your contribution would be very meaningful and may possibly be returned to you and other ANG members many times over in the future. In conclusion, I wish to emphasize that your participation in this campaign is truly voluntary on your part.

FOR THE CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU

JOHN B. CONAWAY
Major General, USAF
Director, Air National Guard

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News Briefs

AFA drive

The Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign is underway through June 30 for Air National Guard members. This is the 9th year the Air National Guard has participated and each year its support of the AFAF has increased.

Three Air Force affiliates benefit from the AFAF: the Air Force Aid Society; the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation; and the Air Force Village. These organizations all provide services available to ANG members or their families.

The Air Force Aid Society provides support to ANG members through financial support and educational loan programs. In 1986 ANG members received approximately $15,000 in emergency assistance while on Federal active duty; $519,568 under the General Henry H. Arnold Student Loan Program; and $11,300 under the Parent Loan Program, for a total of more than $678,927 in benefits.

Each guardmember will receive information about the AFAF and a contribution form.

"Even if you personally have not yet benefited from any of the AFAF programs, your contribution would be very meaningful and may possibly be returned to you and other ANG members many times in the future," said Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, director, Air National Guard.

TAC Flight Safety Award

The 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing received the Tactical Air Command Flight Safety Award during the May UTA.

Lt. Col. Donald E. Goley II, chief of safety, Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Voelker and Lt. Col. Michael L. Harden, squadron operations officers, accepted a plaque from Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander. The award is for 12 months of accident free flying, according to Lieutenant Colonel Goley.

The following letter was received from Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, director of the Air National Guard.

"I am proud to add congratulations and thanks to the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Louisville, from all of us at the NGB. The award of the Tactical Air Command Flight Safety Award is fitting tribute for an outstanding effort in the practice and promotion of flying safety. The men and women of the 123 TRW should be justifiably proud of this accomplishment and recognition."

A letter from Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the adjutant general of Kentucky, stated in part, "All areas of operations are important in performing the total mission, and none is more important than safety. I congratulate you and the members of the 123d for the leadership and personal emphasis given to the flying safety program."

NGAKy scholarships

The National Guard Association of Kentucky Scholarship Program will award four $1,000 educational scholarships this year.

The scholarships will be awarded to dependent children of National Guardsmen.

One scholarship each will go to: a child of an enlisted guardsman; a child of an officer guardsman; a child of a retired guardsman; and a child of a deceased guardsman.

For an application or information write to: NGAKy, 1115 Louisville Road., Frankfort, KY 40601; or call: 564-7500 (in Frankfort) or 1-800-251-2333.

Applications should be postmarked by June 30 and the scholarships will be awarded in July.

Training ribbon

Effective immediately, Air Force members who have completed more than one Air Force accession training program are entitled to an oak leaf cluster to the Air Force Training Ribbon for each subsequent program.

Accession training programs include, but are not limited to, Basic Military Training, Officer Training School, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, Service Academies, Judge Advocate Programs, Chaplain Orientation, Physician Assistant Training Program, etc.

Completion of technical training, career development courses, and other service basic training accession programs do not qualify for award of oak leaf clusters to the Air Force Training Ribbon. For additional information, contact the Personal Affairs Unit at CBPO, on-base ext. 486.

NCOAGA elects new officers

The NCO Academy Graduates Association local chapter elected new officers recently.

New officers are: President, MSgt. James A. Kessler, 123d RMS; vice-President, SSgt. Elke Adams, 123d RMS; and Secretary-Treasurer, SMSgt. Richard D. Wilson, 123d CES.

"We would like to have every Leadership School or Academy graduate attend our next meeting," said Sergeant Kessler. "Our organization is strongly goals oriented and is striving for successful achievements in the next year."

A meeting will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m., in the base supply classroom. The main topic of discussion will be "The Moving Wall"--the Vietnam Traveling War Memorial.

'Golden Eagle' Certificate

The 123rd TRW recently received a "Golden Eagle" Certificate of Appreciation from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) for its support of the unit.

The KyANG supported the 101st during its field training exercise in February and March.

The certificate read, "Your Tactical Air Support was invaluable to the successful completion of our exercise and was the key to the Division's learning many valuable lessons. Your dedication, team work and untiring efforts contributed enormously to joint training and operations."

The certificate was signed by Maj. Gen. Burton D. Patrick, commander 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Chrome badges

A recent change to Air Force Regulation 35-10 authorizing wear of highly polished or chrome plated badges and U.S. insignia has created reflection problems in official photographs that are difficult or impossible to correct.

All officers are encouraged to wear satin finish devices for their official photographs, according to TSgt. Sharon Bizor, CBPO. Persons who have questions may contact Sergeant Bizor at ext. 486.

ID cards confiscated

On March 1st AAFES began confiscating expired or altered identification documents presented at exchange facilities.

The customer is given a receipt for the ID at the time of confiscation. As a service, the AAFES checkers will remind customers when their IDs are nearing expiration.

Bits-n-Pieces

PROMOTIONS

To MSgt:
Elijah Teague
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To TSgt:
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Sgt. Darryl W. Spaulding
SrA Linda M. Bierod
SrA Jeffrey T. Harper
SrA Kevin D. Hoskins
SrA William E. Sale Jr.

So Long! The following members have been discharged recently. Our sincere thanks to all of you, and good luck!

MSgt. Victor I Colon, 123rd TRW
SSgt. Robert W. Burke, 123d CAM Sq
SSgt. Daniel L. Muench, 123d CAM Sq
SSgt. Michael A. Taylor
Sgt. Jean M. Lucas
Sgt. Deborah A. Thompson
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'Power Booklet'

Annual review compares Soviet, U.S. arms

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Soviets are building new generations of weapons that go "far beyond legitimate requirements for defense," according to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.

The Secretary's assessment introduces the Pentagon's 1987 edition of "Soviet Military Power." Released March 24, the 159-page booklet reviews new developments in the Soviet Armed Forces over the past year.

The annual review starts by comparing Soviet and U.S. arms procurement from 1977 to 1986. During that time, the USSR built 3,000 intercontinental ballistic missiles and submarine-launched ballistic missiles, the United States 850. While the Soviets were building 140,000 surface-to-air missiles, the United States was building 16,200. The Soviets built 90 submarines, the United States 7,100. The Soviets built 28,200 artillery pieces, the United States 2,750.

Secretary Weinberger noted that the Soviets have long followed the doctrine that "quantity has a quality of its own." He said the West, on the other hand, has relied on superior technology to ensure an effective military deterrent.

However, Mr. Weinberger said, "Our technological lead is being increasingly challenged."

He pointed out that the Soviets continue 15 percent to 17 percent of their Gross National Product to supporting a military buildup.

The booklet highlights the following Soviet military efforts for 1986:

-- The USSR's new class of strategic ballistic missile submarine, the Delta IV, is preparing to put to sea. It will carry 16 SS-N-23s, the Soviets' newest submarine-launched ballistic missile. Each SS-N-23 carries 10 mirved nuclear warheads with greater accuracy than its predecessors.

-- The Soviets' first fifth-generation ICBM, the Road-Mobile SS-25, now numbers about 100 launchers. Additional support bases are near completion.

-- The Rail-Mobile SS-X-24 ICBM is nearing deployment. This missile, nearly the size of the Peacekeeper, will be armed with 10 mirved nuclear warheads. Some will also be deployed in silos.

-- The Soviets have begun test flights for the follow-on missile to the SS-18 Mod 4 ICBM. That missile will carry at least 10 warheads and have greater accuracy than its predecessor.

-- The USSR is pursuing test firings of a more accurate version of the SS-20 missile. The Soviets continue deployment for the newest generation SS-23 and SS-21 short-range ballistic missiles.

-- Additional Blackjack bombers have begun flight-testing. More than 50 Bear H bombers are now fitted with 3,000-kilometer-range, nuclear-capable AS-15 air-launched cruise missiles.

-- The Soviets are pursuing flight-testing of SSC-X-4 nuclear-capable, ground-launched cruise missiles and SS-NX-21 nuclear-capable, sea-launched cruise missiles from submarines.

-- The USSR has started deploying a new generation of mobile surface-to-air missiles, the SA-12A/Gladiator. The SA-X-12B/Giant, a second missile for this new mobile missile system, is still under development. It can intercept cruise missiles, tactical ballistic missiles, and aircraft at all altitudes. It also may have the potential to intercept some types of strategic ballistic missiles.

-- The naval aviation Bear J communications relay aircraft and the new Midas tanker aircraft became operational in the past year. More than 300 of the Fulcrum fighter-interceptors, with speeds in excess of Mach 2, are now operational. Additional Condor transport units, with 150 metric-ton lift capacity, have emerged from the airframe plant at Kiev.

-- The Soviets continued an immense naval construction program.

-- Soviet production facilities continued to turn out all types of ground force equipment: tanks, artillery pieces and attack helicopters.

-- The USSR is still researching new biological warfare technology.