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Annex construction nearing completion



Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Terry Lutz/KyANG

ABOVE: Senior Airman Russell King, an electrician, from the 123rd Civil Engineering Squadron works on Annex renovations.

RIGHT: Master Sgt. Gorman Walters and Staff Sgt. Greg Harbin prepare water lines for the Annex.

Structure to offer site for meetings, chapel services and weddings

By Staff Sgt. Amy Carr
Cargo Courier Assistant Editor

Sunday morning worship services will soon move from base classrooms and conference facilities to the wing's newly renovated Multipurpose Annex Building.

The facility, which once was a church, was acquired by the Kentucky Air Guard when the base relocated its current site in 1995.

For much of the time since, the structure's assembly hall has remained largely unused and in disrepair.

About two years ago, members of the 123rd Civil Engineer Squadron began the ambitious task of restoring the hall to usability, and that task is now nearly complete, said Senior Master Sgt. Russ Slinger, superintendent of the unit.

KyANG civil engineers have been working full time in crews of five or six to completely refurbish the building, including its mechanical and electrical systems.

In addition to the renovations, new state-of-the-art audio and visual multimedia equipment have been installed.

The hall, which can seat 400 people, will provide a venue for assemblies, weddings and other social events, as well as church services.

Lt. Col. Tom Curry, chief chaplain of the 123rd Airlift Wing, said the new facility and equipment will create an opportunity for the base chapel community to offer more contemporary worship services.

No other Guard units, Curry said, have this type of equipment to enhance worship.

"This creates an atmosphere that will enable the unit wor-



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Good-bye 205 CBCS, hello 123 STS

Well, it's finally official on Sept. 30—the 205th Combat Communications Squadron ceases to exist, and on Oct. 1, the 123rd Special Tactics Flight becomes a full squadron.

That's a loss of 59 authorized positions with the 205th and a gain of 59 authorized positions in the STS.

Net gain/loss: zero.

Knowing that this was going to happen, we allowed the manning in the combat communications squadron to drop from 59 to 37.

As personnel took positions in other functional areas, retired, or separated from the Guard, we did not recruit to fill their vacancies.

A Site Activation Task Force, or SATAF, completed its work July 12 and found no "show-stoppers" to the closure/plus up.

They gave us a great deal of flexibility in how we take care of the displaced 205th personnel.

Obviously, we can't just move the remaining combat communicators over to the special tactics flight and make them snake-eaters.

The SATAF gave us until Dec. 31, 2001, to find positions for them. *No one has to leave the wing.*

Our military personnel flight, recruiters and retainers have been working overtime to find positions.

They have gone through each individual's records and the entire wing manning document, compared Air Force Specialty Codes and found positions requiring virtually no retraining for all but five folks.

They continue to work on the final five,



Col. Bill Leslie
123rd Airlift Wing Commander

and we still have 17 months to make the moves.

And by the way, the National Guard Bureau plans to give us school days and dollars for those 205th folks requiring, or just desiring, retraining.

So 205th folks, if you are not in your new positions on Oct. 1, *don't panic*. Nothing dreadful will happen on that date.

For everyone else on the base, *don't panic*. You will not be displaced by anyone from the combat communications squadron.

The 205th was an outstanding organization, comprised of outstanding and motivated team players.

Welcome them into your organizations

and onto your team.

The 123rd Special Tactics Squadron is, meanwhile, looking for a few good snake-eaters.

Please help us with the recruiting effort for this, and all areas of the Wing. We all need to be "recruiters" because we get our best prospects from your families, friends and acquaintances.

As a result of the combat comm/special tactics reorganization, and the addition of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, you will be seeing some facilities changes on base.

The STS growth requires more space for their personnel and equipment, and the WMD civil support team requires temporary housing until permanent facilities can be built.

To partially accommodate the special tactics squadron and keep its operations together, the unit will acquire the current Airlift Control Flight area in the Operations Building, while the ALCF will move temporarily to the first floor Annex, where offices of the 205th are currently housed.

Once the addition to the Operations Building is completed, the ALCF will relocate there.

The WMD Civil Support Team will temporarily occupy the upper floor of the 205th facility, in the Annex.

You will begin seeing these changes soon, perhaps as early as the September UTA.

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Celebrating Diversity

This month in history:

- Aug. 1, 1791—**Robert Carter III**, a wealthy Virginia planter, filed a deed to free his 500 slaves. It said, "Slavery is contrary to the true principles of Religion and Justice and therefore it is my duty to manumit them." It would be 70 years before the Emancipation Proclamation enforced the same conclusion across the country.
 - Aug. 8, 1866—Birth of **Matthew A. Henson**, an African-American explorer who arrived at the North Pole several minutes before Robert E. Peary.
 - Aug. 9, 1989 – **Gen. Colin Luther Powell** was appointed chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, becoming the first African-American officer in that position.
 - Aug. 18, 1920—**19th Amendment** ratified, allowing women to vote.
 - Aug. 21, 1929—Birth of **Herman Badillo**, who became the first Puerto Rican-American elected to Congress.
 - Aug. 23, 1900—**National Negro Business League** was founded by Booker T. Washington and was the first national group to promote the growth of African-American owned businesses.
 - Aug. 24, 1932 – **Amelia Earhart** took off from Los Angeles airport and landed at Newark, N.J., becoming the first woman to fly nonstop across the continent.
 - Aug. 25, 1920—**Ethelda Bleibtrey** became the first American woman to win an Olympic gold medal by taking the 100-meter free-style event.
- Compiled by Chief Master Sgt. Ron Smith and Chief Master Sgt. Robert Wagner, human resources advisors.



Bean counters

Lt. Col. Rich Frymire, Tech. Sgt. Bill Lewis, Staff Sgt. Latonia Trowell, Master Sgt. Steve Hatfield and Master Sgt. Terry Moore present a \$10,000 donation June 4 to Dan Miller of WHAS Crusade for Children. The wing raised the money through its Bean Soup 2000 dinner.

Unit wins visual information honors

By 1st Lt. Dale Greer
Wing Public Affairs Officer

Members of the wing's Visual Information Branch have once again captured a plethora of national awards, collecting a half-dozen prizes for photography, videography and graphic design during the National Guard Bureau's annual Combat Visual Information Contest.

The awards, handed down in March, continue the section's long tradition of excellence and spotlight the hard work of its airmen, said Senior Master Sgt. Terry Lutz, chief of visual information. Since the contest's inception in 1993, the Kentucky shop has claimed 28 top awards and seven honorable mentions.

"This just reinforces what everybody finds out when they use our services: Our people are the best," Lutz said.

"We've got a great team, and I would stack them up against active-duty Air Force units any day."

The award recipients were:

- Senior Airman Jessica Farquhar, who claimed first place in the publication category

for her 1999 Airman of Year Awards Banquet program

- Lutz, who took top honors in the picture story category for his depiction of a deployment of the wing's 123rd Medical Squadron

- Master Sgt. Scott Mullins, who won in the combat camera category for his videotaped documentary of the same deployment

- Master Sgt. Charles Simpson, who captured second place in combat camera for his still photo image of a medical evacuation

- Senior Airman Tommy Downs, who collected a second-, third- and fourth-place award for still photography features

Lutz noted that VI offers its professional services to any KyANG organization with a legitimate need. For example, the section can deploy during unit exercises to shoot video documentaries and still photographs.

Graphics also can be added to both video and photography to create training films, deployment highlights, historical documentation, books, displays, reports,

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Ecuador honors fallen Guard member

By Lt. Col. Philip Miller
State Public Affairs Officer

ESMERALDAS, Ecuador — It has been more than two years since Kentucky Army National Guard Maj. Robert S. Hacker died in Ecuador.

But today all you have to do is look into the eyes of the children who attend the school that bears his name here and you know his spirit lives.

An 18-year veteran of the Guard and a native of Richmond, Hacker was administrative officer for the Ashland-based 201st Engineer Battalion. He was in charge of operations for a humanitarian relief mission when he died in a vehicle accident on July 8, 1998 — just three days before he was to return home to his wife and young son.

Hacker's assignment in the South American nation had been to direct the work of more than 1,300 U.S. soldiers and airmen, including members of the Kentucky Air Guard, who were participating in a five-month effort in this coastal province, building schools and clinics and providing medical care to impoverished residents.

Shortly after his death, Hacker's family and friends in Ashland established a memorial fund that collected nearly \$4,000 to purchase school supplies to further aid the children Hacker had traveled to Ecuador to help.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito also got in-

involved in the effort, with Cultural Affairs Attache Susan Crystal working with Peace Corps volunteer Julie Smithwick in Esmeraldas to find a school in need of assistance.

Having worked with the people of the coastal city for three years, Smithwick, a South Carolina native, had little difficulty identifying a needy school in the city's poverty-stricken El Neuvo Palmar district. But Smithwick went a step further by working with local leaders to have the school named for Hacker.

Esmeraldas school officials agreed, and in April of this year Kentucky Adjutant General Russ Groves led a small delegation of National Guard representatives back to Ecuador for the official dedication of the Robert S. Hacker School.

Situated near the Pacific Ocean on Ecuador's north coast, Palmar is a maze of ramshackle wood and concrete block buildings. Deeply-rutted dirt roads narrow to less than a vehicle's width in some places and provide a thoroughfare for the scores of adults and barefoot children who live there, as well as the chickens, pigs, dogs and cats that roam.

Providing a natural backdrop for the dedication was a typical Esmeraldas day. A dazzling sun poking through a sky of brilliant blue was occasionally blotted by black tropical storm clouds. The sun would then pop

back out to produce the familiar swelter of heat and humidity that perpetually exists near the equator.

A crowd of 200 townspeople, parents, students and Ecuadorian military personnel gathered at the school — three buildings that house 65 students in grades one through six. The onlookers excitedly examined the new wood and steel desks. Their eyes shone brightly as they leafed through the new books filling the shelves, while outside in the schoolyard a dozen brightly clad boys and girls performed a traditional dance to the accompaniment of marimba and drums.

Ecuadorian government and military officials started the ceremony by welcoming the U.S. delegation. Maj. Gen. Groves, speaking in Spanish, described the life of the fallen National Guard officer whom none of the Ecuadorians had ever met, but whose name is known throughout the area.

"Today we come together in the true spirit of partnership that Robert Hacker supported," Groves said. "More than just a collection of concrete blocks and textbooks, this school, filled with the voices of children and their hopes for the future, is a symbol of his legacy. The dedication of Escuela Robert Hacker is a fitting tribute to the man, his family and the troops who served with him. This is the legacy of Maj. Robert Stephen Hacker, soldier, father, husband and humanitarian."

School principal Xiomara Angulo, her voice breaking with emotion, repeatedly told the Kentucky delegation, "Mil Gracias, mil gracias!" (A thousand thank-yous) for the gift of badly needed school supplies, and also accepted from Groves a U.S. flag and a framed photograph of Hacker to place on the wall of the school.

The Rev. Ivano Zanovello, an Italian-born Catholic priest who emigrated to South America 37 years ago to work with Ecuador's street children, gave the church's blessing for the dedication ceremony.

Gesturing and speaking in an impassioned style of Spanish one can only find in Latin America, the priest implored the Kentuckians, "Go home and tell the people of your country how much we thank them for their generosity ... Tell them thank you for the love they and your soldiers have shown our children and our country, and above all, go home and tell them thank you, thank you for Maj. Robert Hacker!"



John Flavell/Ashland Daily Independent

Maj. Hacker, shown here in Ecuador one month before his death, is now considered a hero to the people of poverty-stricken El Neuvo Palmar district.

Minton's big heart not to be forgotten

KyANG remembers late comrade

By Staff Sgt. Amy Carr
Cargo Courier Assistant Editor

Clouds fill the dark, gloomy sky as the processional drives through the front gate. Guard members and retirees line the street as the remains of their fallen comrade pass by.

Salutes are rendered and tears fall during the July 28 tribute to Senior Master Sgt. Darrell Minton, a crew chief in the 123rd Aircraft Generation Squadron who died at University of Louisville Hospital on July 24. Minton, 49, suffered multiple brain aneurysms three days earlier.

The processional of more than 10 cars filled with friends and family follow the hearse as it drives slowly onto the flight line.

A row of C-130s, which Minton had spent many long days and nights repairing, are parked with a crew chief at the nose of each aircraft.

As the processional passes by, each crew chief salutes and says good-bye to Minton.

At the end of the row, facing in the opposite direction, sits one lone plane with no crew chief, to signify the unit's loss.

The plane has a University of Kentucky flag flying above it, making it recognizable to those who knew Minton well.

Next, another formation of crew chiefs hails farewell to Minton by offering a salute and then a thumbs-up to send him off.

This is a signal crew chiefs use when okaying the departure of an aircraft.

The processional turns back to find crew chiefs now standing at the rear of their aircraft, again offering the thumbs-up.

It was a fitting tribute to a man who had spent nearly 30 years in the Guard and personified the best of citizen-airmen, friends said.

"He was simply what the Guard is all about," said Chief Master Sgt. Robert Allen, superintendent of the 123rd Aircraft Generation Squadron and one of more than 300 people who attended Minton's funeral service in the base Annex.

"Darrell was a citizen-soldier with the dedication and willingness to go anywhere and do anything, at anytime," he said.

"He was always involved in everything from sports programs to fund-raising events.

He was the kind of guy who would take trips at Christmas time to keep others from having to leave their families during the holidays.

"Anything that you'd ever need, Darrell was always there."



SENIOR MASTER SGT. DARRELL MINTON

Minton, Allen said, truly loved the Guard and working on aircraft.

"He was extremely knowledgeable about the aircraft and a silent leader to the younger guys," Allen said.

"Even if you asked him about his leadership role he would play it down, but he did offer guidance and understanding to them."

Col. Bill Leslie, commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing, echoed Allen's praise for Minton.

"I thought very highly of Darrell," Leslie said. "I would classify him as a model of the Air Force Core Values—integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.

"They really do sum up the type of person Darrell was."

Minton was always ready to pitch in and give anyone a hand, Leslie added.

In fact, he was well known for his volunteerism and concern for others.

"Darrell gave a lot," said 15-year coworker Tech. Sgt. Cedric Jones.

"He always tried to have this rough exterior but he had a real good heart. He was the kind of guy that you knew had your back.

"He just never stopped giving. That is one of the things about him that'll be missed most," Jones said.

"Whether you needed to borrow money or needed help moving, he would be there for you."

Minton continued to give to others even after his own life had ended.

He was an organ donor and helped 25 other individuals improve or save their lives by giving a part of himself.

"Darrell always said he would give his organs, and he did," Jones said.

"He was just the type of person who would say, 'Well, I sure don't need them anymore.'"

The processional was a well-deserved honor for his coworker and friend, Jones said.

"It was really, really, a touching tribute on the flightline.

"We just wanted to give something back to our fallen comrade. It was one perfect way, as far as closure goes, to say our final good-byes."

Staff Sgt. Thomas Monin of the 123rd Maintenance Squadron paid further respects by writing and singing a song about the loss of the crew chief.

"The service was very well-done, and it showed that we really are a family in the Guard," Leslie said.

Minton, who was buried at Evergreen Cemetery with full military honors, is survived by both parents, two daughters, a son, four grandchildren, five sisters and a brother.

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ship services to be conducted in a more modern style closer to chapel services on an active-duty base," he said.

"I just couldn't be happier about the facility. I am just elated and looking forward to it. I can't wait until the first drill weekend when we can use it, and I hope attendance will double.

"Our usual field-condition services will be

a thing of the past."

To further enhance services, the chapel community is working to actively involve more Guard members.

With the help of 2nd Lt. B.J. Geary, plans are underway to start a praise band using instruments that have been donated by unit members.

"Again, the idea of a praise band wouldn't be possible in temporary quarters," Curry said.

The Multipurpose Annex Building also will be home to the offices of Military Equal Opportunity.



LEFT: Senior Airman Bill Christopher repairs a door frame as part of renovations in the Annex Assembly Hall.

Promotions, retirements & separations

The following individuals have been promoted to the rank indicated as members of the Kentucky Air Guard and reservists of the United States Air Force:

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS (E-3)

- Aaron Haycraft, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Collin King, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Kevin Roy, 123rd Security Forces Sq.

SENIOR AIRMAN (E-4)

- Jason Ellison, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Jeffrey McMahan, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Darjanikk Smith, 123rd Logistics Sq.

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)

- Michael Bradley, 123rd Logistics Sq.
- David Crane, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Dean James, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- David Johnston, 123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Jody King, 123rd Airlift Control Flt.
- Jon Lundergan, 123rd Medical Sq.
- Clinton Saul, 123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Leslie Stivers, 123rd Logistics Sq.
- Robin Stokley, 123rd Medical Sq.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)

- Richard Anderson, 205th Combat Communications Sq.
- David Brown, 123rd Logistics Support Flt.
- Patrick Crosier, 123rd Aircraft Generation Sq.
- Lloyd Davis, 205th Combat Communications Sq.
- Juanita Kirker, 123rd Civil Engineer Sq.

MASTER SERGEANT (E-7)

- John Martin, 123rd Airlift Wing

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT (E-8)

- Terry Lutz, 123rd Communications Flt.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL (O-5)

- Greg Hamilton, 123rd Operations Support Flt.
- Donnie Stevenson, 123rd Operations Support Flt.

The following individuals have retired as members of the Kentucky Air National Guard and reservists of the United States Air Force:

- Tech. Sgt. Freddie Chancellor, 123rd Air Generation Sq.
- Tech. Sgt. Fred Heady Jr., 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Master Sgt. James Harned, 123rd Logistics Support Flt.
- Master Sgt. Katherine Mills, 123rd Airlift Control Flt.

- Lt. Col. Sherra Rogers, 123rd Medical Sq.
- Master Sgt. Michael Silloway, 123rd Communications Flt.
- Master Sgt. Timothy Stephens, 123rd Airlift Wing

The following individuals have separated from the Kentucky Air National Guard:

- Senior Airman Marcus Avery, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Sheila Battenfield, 123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Senior Airman Brian Baumgartner, 123rd Special Tactics Flt.
- Staff Sgt. Todd Claypool, 123rd Airlift Wing
- Lt. Col. Ralinda Gregor, Headquarters, KyANG
- Senior Airman Christopher Harding, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Staff Sgt. William Kelsch, 123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
- Maj. Bryan Langeberg, 123rd Airlift Control Flt.
- Senior Airman Dennis Orr, 123rd Civil Engineering Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Melanie Owens, 123rd Security Forces Sq.
- Senior Airman Brian Renshaw, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Craig Ringo, 123rd Maintenance Sq.
- Staff Sgt. Stefanie Simpson, 123rd Logistics Sq.
- Airman 1st Class Mary Stottman, 123rd Services Flt.
- Staff Sgt. Fredrick Tegeler, 165th Airlift Sq.
- Airman 1st Class Kristie Woods, 123rd Airlift Wing

Anthrax program scaled back temporarily

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—The Air Force is taking action in response to details outlined recently by Deputy Secretary of Defense Rudy de Leon on the temporary slowing of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program.

This slow down was necessary because of limitations in the supply of Food and Drug Administration approved safe and effective vaccine.

According to a July 17 policy letter signed by the deputy secretary, only those deployed for at least 30 days to the high-risk theaters of Southwest Asia and Korea will continue to be vaccinated.

Vaccinations for personnel deploying to these areas should begin prior to arrival in theater and are authorized to begin up to 45 days prior to deployment. Upon return from the high-threat

areas, further immunizations will be deferred.

According to DOD policy, people who have to defer immunizations will not need to restart the series unless they only receive one dose and then wait more than two years before they get a second dose.

The Air Force is working with DOD officials to redistribute its supply of anthrax vaccine as needed to support the Defense Department-directed slowdown.

According to de Leon, the program will resume fully once the Defense Department has additional FDA-approved vaccine.

Programs to educate and inform Air Force people about the biological agent threat and the safety and effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine will continue during the period of slowed implementation and upon full program resumption.

More information on the anthrax immunization program can be found at www.anthrax.osd.mil/

Immunization schedule based on body's response

**By Lt. Col. David E. Granstrom
KyANG Public Health Officer**

Medical providers are required to adhere to the Food and Drug Administration approved schedule for anthrax vaccination series, which includes an initial injection and additional injections at two and four weeks. Boosters followed at six, 12 and 18 months with an annual booster thereafter.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have stated that it is not recommended to decrease the interval between immunizations that require multiple doses to produce adequate protection.

This is based on fundamental principles of immunology and reflects the slow nature of the immune response following initial exposure. The key point in these recommendations is not to decrease the interval between vaccinations.

Once exposed, the body's immune system develops a "memory" of the offending agent, and responds more quickly and with greater intensity each time the it is reintroduced. This is the basis of all vaccinations.

Since an immune response usually requires several weeks to become protective after initial infection, vaccination gives the body a much-needed head start. The tim-

ing of boosters is important because an optimal secondary immune response occurs after the primary response has subsided. The effectiveness of booster injections given too soon after the previous injection may be compromised.

The protocol for anthrax vaccination is typical for a killed vaccine. Multiple boost-

several weeks rather than many months.

At this point, it should be obvious that the immunologic "memory" created by the anthrax vaccine is firmly imprinted following the second injection. If the period between vaccinations is longer than scheduled the body will still respond, even if the booster is given years later.

In fact, DOD policy does not require the series to be restarted unless the schedule has been interrupted for up to two years after initial vaccination. If two injections have been given, the series can resume on the same schedule indefinitely.

While the complete vaccination series with annual boosters is optimal, and maintains the highest state of active immunity, the immunologic memory created by a partial vaccination series is expected to provide the

head start needed to protect against anthrax exposure. It certainly worked well in the primate model used to test the vaccine.

We cannot plan to deviate from the prescribed protocol. However, trying to stay on schedule presents a unique challenge for the reserve components of the armed forces, even under the best of circumstances.

We will strive to provide anthrax immunizations according to schedule, but when that is not possible the principles of immunology and common sense will continue to be our guide.

“ The immunologic ‘memory’ is firmly imprinted following the second injection. If the period between vaccinations is longer than scheduled the body will still respond. ”

**—Lt. Col. David E. Granstrom
KyANG Public Health Officer**

ers are required at increasing intervals to build active immunity and an annual booster is necessary to sustain it.

Immunity from the initial injection wanes quickly and the second injection can be administered in two weeks. Four weeks are required for the immune response to subside before the third injection can be given. Immunity following the third, and subsequent injections takes much longer to decrease, which should be expected.

Obviously, vaccination timing is much more important when boosters are given over

Moremen retires after 26 years of service

**By 1st Lt. Dale Greer
Wing Public Affairs Officer**

Col. David Moremen announced his retirement from the Kentucky Air National Guard during a ceremony held July 15 on the base flightline,

ending a 26-year military career.

Moremen, who most recently served as wing vice commander, entered the Air Force with an ROTC commission from the University of Kentucky in May 1974.

He served for seven years on active duty as an academic instructor and instructor pi-

lot before joining the Kentucky Air Guard in September 1981.

While here, he served as chief of Flight Safety, chief of Standards and Evaluation and commander of the 123rd Operations Group. Moremen also was selected to lead a team of instructors who delivered a C-130B to Chile to provide training for members of the Chilean Air Force. It marked the first time in 25 years that the United States had provided military aid to the South American nation.

"Dave has been a key member of our management team," said Col. Bill Leslie, wing commander.

"We have been able to bounce ideas off each other and, I feel, come up with the best possible answers. I will particularly miss his analytical skills, his perseverance and his professionalism."

Moremen is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in a variety of aircraft, including the C-130 B/E/H and RF-4C. His decorations include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with device, Air Force Commendation Medal and Air Force Achievement Medal.

The wing is holding a dinner in honor of Col. Moremen tonight at Woodhaven Country Club, 7200 Woodhaven Road. The event gets underway at 6:15 p.m.



Master Sgt. Charles Simpson/KyANG

Col. Dave Moremen bids farewell to members of the 123rd Airlift Wing during a ceremony on the base flightline July 15. Moremen, who was the wing's vice commander, served in the Kentucky Air National Guard since 1981. The Brandenburg, Ky., native received his commission as a distinguished graduate of the University of Kentucky ROTC program in May 1974.

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award submissions, murals and posters.

The section provides other services, too.

"One of the big things we do is supply programs for special events—things like Heritage Day, retirements, the annual Bean Soup Feast and the Airman of the Year banquet," Lutz said. "We also design binder covers, logos, unit patches, t-shirts and website design and animation. We can pretty much do it all."

For more information, call ext. 4484 or visit www.kyang.af.mil/artphoto/viscom.htm

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