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## Mobility exercise marks another step to ORI

### Hundreds of Airmen processed for deployment during the October drill

By Maj. Dale Greer  
Wing Public Affairs Officer

The 123rd Airlift Wing took another step toward next spring's Operational Readiness Inspection with a mobility exercise that processed more than 315 Airmen and nine chalks' worth of cargo through the personnel deployment function here Oct. 24 and 25.

The exercise, designed primarily to ensure that Airmen have their mobility records, inoculations and deployment gear in order, was the first of several training events scheduled to happen in the next seven months leading up to the May ORI, said Col. Greg Nelson, commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing.

Mobility exercises also are scheduled for this weekend and the January drill, while ATSO — or Ability to Survive and Operate — exercises are slated for December and February to verify members' capabilities in a chemical-warfare environment, Colonel Nelson said.

The wing will then perform a fly-away exercise in March by deploying to at a Combat Readiness Training Center and setting up operations in a simulated hostile environment, much as it will be tasked to do during the inspection.

"I was very pleased with the exercise overall," Colonel Nelson said. "We definitely have room for improvement, and we're looking at ways that we can further strengthen our Installation Deployment Plan, but everyone had a good attitude. That will be the key to our success in the inspection."

Colonel Nelson also emphasized personal responsibility as a critical factor in mission readiness, not only as the wing prepares for its next inspection but year-round.

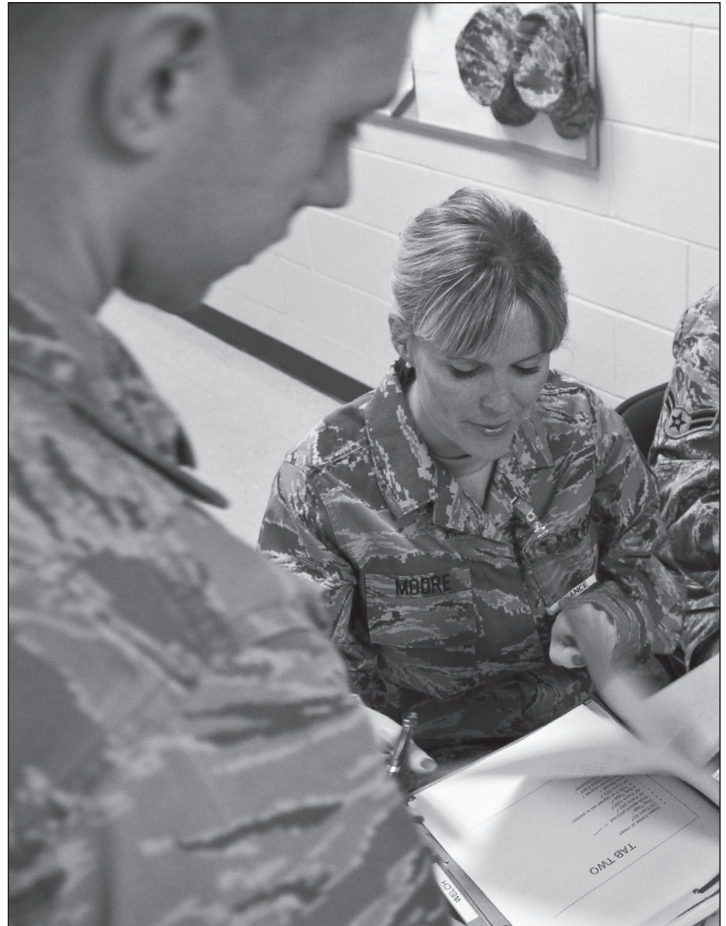
"Everyone must take responsibility for his or her own readiness, not just for the ORI, but all the time so that we are ready to deploy at a moment's notice if called today.

"We also need to remember that our families need to be ready, too. Does everyone have a will or power of attorney? Does everyone's spouse have emergency phone numbers for the plumber or electrician, or contact information for the base and our Family Support Group?"

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**Top: Staff Sgt. Holly Moore, a financial services technician, reviews mobility records as part of the Personnel Deployment Function for the mobility exercise held Oct. 24 and 25.**

**Bottom: Senior Airman Rocio Perez of the 123rd Force Support Squadron gets an inoculation while processing through the base mobility machine on Oct. 25.**



Maj. Dale Greer/KyANG



Tech. Sgt. Dan Clare/KyANG

# *It is time once again for everyone to give thanks for our many blessings*

**I**t is time again to give thanks for our many blessings. My blessings are countless, but I want to share those most precious to me this year.

Thanks for the blessing to be born in the United States of America. Thanks for the blessing of freedom of choice in the way I live my life.

Thanks for the blessing to serve my country in the Kentucky Air National Guard.

Thanks to our veterans, past and present, for their military service. Thanks for their personal oaths to support and defend our Constitution, and thanks for their willingness to fight all the enemies of our free nation.

Thanks to the families and friends that support our veterans' service, and thanks for the sacrifices they willingly make in order that we may serve.

Thanks to our Kentucky Air National Guard retirees who made military service their careers and continue to serve and support our wing today. Thanks for the lessons of their service, and thanks for the wisdom and council they provide for ours.

Thanks for the strength of our current all-volunteer United States mili-



**Col. Greg Nelson  
123rd Airlift Wing Commander**

tary. Thanks for the men and women who are willing to join and fight while our nation is at war. Thanks for those who will willingly make that decision in the future and continue to support our freedom.

Thanks for all members of the

123rd Airlift Wing. Thanks for what you do every day.

Thanks for the way you ensure our readiness, our support and our operations.

Thanks for those who lead, and thanks for those who follow.

Thanks for our Family Support Group and our community of friends. Thanks for always being there with us through celebrations and sorrows.

Thanks for Debby and my sons, for their understanding, encouragement and support.

Thanks to Wing Command Chief Tommy Downs for his many years of dedicated service to the Kentucky Air National Guard and United States Air Force.

Thanks for his leadership and the professional example he sets for all our Airmen. Thanks for Janet, thanks for his family and thanks for his friends' continued support. God speed for his recovery.

Thanks for all our blessings — past, present and future.

Thanks for the 123rd Airlift Wing.

— Col. Greg Nelson

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## Holdsworth named commander of security forces

Maj. Robert Holdsworth officially assumed command of the Kentucky Air Guard's 123rd Security Forces Squadron on Aug. 16 during a Change-of-Command ceremony held in the Base Annex.

Major Holdsworth replaces Lt. Col. Jeffery Peters, who was named the installation inspector general.

Major Holdsworth joined the Kentucky Air National Guard in 2006 after 11 years on active duty. He has served in a variety of security forces posts during his career, including special weapons commander. He also served a one-year tour of duty at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, from 2005 to 2006.

Most recently, Major Holdsworth was the plans and programs officer in Joint Forces Kentucky Headquarters.

## Wing seeking applicants for human resources

The 123rd Airlift Wing is seeking qualified individuals who are interested in serving as a human resources advisor.

The HRA promotes opportunities for unit members to maximize their potential and works to achieve diversity, force-management and leadership-development objectives.

Applicants must be senior master sergeants or master sergeants who have completed the Senior NCO Academy and are promotable to E-8.

To be considered for the position, applicants must submit a letter of interest and a resumé to the wing commander, Col. Greg Nelson, by close of business tomorrow.

For more information on this traditional post, call Chief Master Sgt. Susan Sanders at (812) 881-9528.

## Joint Environment



Tech. Sgt. Phil Speck/KyANG

Kentucky's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Edward Tonini (right), meets with Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the Kentucky Air National Guard Base on Aug 25. Admiral Mullen was in town to speak to the national convention of the American Legion.

## Safety office named best in ANG

### Cargo Courier Staff Report

The 123rd Airlift Wing Safety Office has been named the top safety unit in the Air National Guard.

The National Guard Bureau selected the shop for its Air National Guard Safety Office of the Year Award for accomplishments in 2008, said Maj. Charles Hans, base safety officer.

Among those achievements, the shop received a "zero defect" flight safety assessment from higher headquarters — the first ever in wing history.

The office also was recognized for developing a benchmark Community of Practice Web site that has been promoted as a "best practice" throughout the Air Guard.

The 123rd Airlift Wing's safety mishap response plan was similarly identified as a best practice by inspectors. Under this plan, shop personnel developed and executed a training scenario for more than 200 people at a private site using aircraft components, mannequins and role-players who acted as

citizens and members of the news media.

In other accomplishments, the base safety office:

- Worked through the Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team to promote a proactive mid-air collision avoidance program for local pilots by visiting their airfields, associations and Civil Air Patrol Units. The FAA determined that the program was worthy of continuing-education credit and advertised the initiative through its official distribution system, generating a high level of participation from general aviation pilots throughout the region.

- Advised the Ethiopian Air Force in the discipline of flight safety by traveling to Addis Ababa to consult with senior leaders at the wing level. The effort was lauded by the International Affairs Office of the Secretary of the Air Force for its positive contributions to the safety community.

- Was recognized by the Air Mobility Command Inspector General during a Unit Compliance Inspection for running "an exemplary" safety program.

# 123rd Civil Engineer Squadron continues



Senior Airman Max Rechel/KyANG

**Above: Members of the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Civil Engineer Squadron completed assembly of a Disaster Relief Bed-down Set at Volk Field, Wis., in just 14 hours as part of Operation Patriot '09.**

**By Staff Sgt. Jason Ketterer  
Cargo Courier Staff Writer**

VOLK FIELD, Wis.—The Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Civil Engineer Squadron has a reputation for overcoming any challenge, and its deployment here in July for the Patriot '09 joint training exercise only served to underscore that point.

The unit was tasked with setting up a Disaster Relief Bed-down Set so that more than 150 follow-on forces would have quarters during the exercise, a combat simulation involving hundreds of Army and Air National Guard forces, active-duty troops and foreign allies deployed to a simulated forward operating base.

The bed-down set, recently developed to support the Department of Homeland Security's natural and man-made disaster-response efforts, was airlifted from its storage site in Fargo, N.D., for the first time but arrived at the Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center two days late because of maintenance issues with a C-17 assigned to deliver the gear, said Capt. Keith Smith, operations officer for the 123 CES.

Despite the lengthy delay, the squadron's Airmen were still able to plan the bed-down site, inventory the set and complete construction in time for exercise participants to be quartered the following day.

Sixteen billeting tents — enough to house 168 CBRNE Consequence Management Force personnel — were completed, powered and air-conditioned within 14 hours.

Patriot director Lt. Col. Tim Maguire said the National Guard Bureau exercise had seen a lot of firsts in its nine years, but the 123rd's achievement ranks as one of the more impressive.

"It was amazing watching what they did in the last day and a half," Colonel Maguire said. "They got some great experience out of this, but I think they could've done this in their sleep. I'm thoroughly impressed."

Excellence is nothing new for the 123 CES, which previously earned two Deneke Awards as the top civil engineering squadron in the Air National Guard and, along with its parent 123rd Airlift Wing, boasts a total of 13 U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards — including one with a "V" device for valor.

In recent years, work teams and individuals from the 123 CES have been sent to nearly every continent and contingency mission supported by the U.S. military, including deployments to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Arizona for American border defense.

The unit also began four-day Bivouac training long before it was required by Air Force regula-

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**Right: Staff Sgt. Josh Burkman fastens part of a tent light kit to the frame of an Alaskan tent in preparation for Patriot '09.**



Staff Sgt. Jason Ketterer/KyANG



Staff Sgt. Jason Ketterer/KyANG

**Members of the 123rd Civil Engineer Squadron assemble the last part of the standing frame of an Alaskan tent at Volk Field, Wis.**

# es to set new standards with Patriot 2009

was a forerunner in going the extra mile to meet any other requirements, said Lt. Col. [Name], squadron commander.

Record of achievement continues in Patriot and a long list of other trainings, all designed to bolster the unit's skills and prepare it for an Operational Readiness Inspection in 2010, followed by an overseas deployment.

For example, 2009 training events have included multiple mobility exercises held during drill weekends, as well as a six-day homeland-security exercise called [Name] — also staged at Volk Field. The exercise tested the unit's command-and-control functions as well as its ability to survive in a hostile environment.

The 123rd completed its annual bivouac at the Badin, N.C., Combat Readiness Center in October and its combat-training weekend in May at the Kentucky National Guard's Wendell H. Ford Regional Center in Muhlenburg County.

Combat training was conducted by the Army National Guard's Pre-Mobility Assistance Element, a group of experienced combat veterans who normally evaluate Guard units before overseas deployments.

The element combined Air Force training events and lesson plans with their real-world experience to give the 123rd a level of preparedness that far exceeds typical training, said Lt. Col. John Cassel, squadron commander.

Combat Skills training itself was "excellent," said Senior Master Sgt. J.D. Green, commander of the 123rd's Pavements and Maintenance Shop. "It's something we really could use more of."

The unit also has been engaged in real-world scenarios at home. When a historic ice storm crippled Kentucky in January, leaving over 700,000 utility customers without power for days on end, dozens of Airmen from the 123 CES deployed across the state to open roadways, clear debris, distribute water, and conduct door-to-door well-checks in conjunction with other Air and Army Guardsmen. Many members reported for duty through their own homes and families for electrical service.

"There were a lot of people without power, and an opportunity to help them," said Airman Richard Free. "It felt great to get help. We received a lot of thank-yous." The unit also has distinguished itself with capabilities, such as those offered by

its Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight. The flight is recognized as one of the best in the Air National Guard, having produced the 2007 Kentucky Airman of the Year, Staff Sgt. Matt Meuser, and the current Air National Guard NCO of the Year, Tech. Sgt. Robert Woods.

Among its many recent achievements, the section has deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, and provided local EOD support for events such as the annual "Thunder Over Louisville" air show and multiple visits by the president and vice president of the United States.

The squadron's Emergency Management Flight also has had a busy year, starting with the ice storm relief mission. It then participated in joint HAZMAT training and helped prepare the entire wing for a deployed Operational Readiness Exercise. The unit also helped federal health officials respond to the danger posed by the H1N1 Swine Flu epidemic this spring by receiving shipments of anti-viral medications from the National Strategic Stockpile and repacking them for distribution to local health departments across the region.

The 123 CES Fire Protection Flight conducted numerous training events this year, too, providing instruction not only for other firefighters, but also emergency management and EOD Airmen, bringing them up to the HAZMAT technician and HAZMAT operations level.

Most units never achieve this depth of training because of the amount of time it requires, but the 123rd did it by carefully scheduling drill periods and augmenting with annual training days, Colonel Howard said.

Classroom training was conducted at home station, while practical training was conducted in Charlotte, N.C., greatly enhancing unit readiness.

Looking ahead to next year's ORI, the 123rd Airlift Wing will depend on CE for force bed-down planning, CBRNE training and other essential services necessary to a successful outcome.

"We've had a lot of opportunities, a lot of challenges and a lot of successes this year," said Colonel Howard, who credited those achievements to the hard work of the squadron's Airmen. "The Kentucky Air Guard is one of the premier Air Guard units in the country because of dedicated Airmen like ours," he said. "They are traditional Guardsmen and women responding to their country and their state's call to service, while still maintaining and balancing family, civilian employment and community needs.

"In the months and years ahead, the 123 CES will continue looking for new and innovative ways to complete our missions and fulfill our motto, 'Don't worry about it; we can do it!'"



Tech. Sgt. Phil Speck/KyANG

**Above: Senior Airman Nick Ketterer stretches a liner inside an Alaskan tent at Volk Field, Wis., in support of Patriot '09.**



Staff Sgt. Jason Ketterer/KyANG

**Master Sgt. Ron Schmitz (right) and Senior Airman Dallas Whitney prepare electrical distribution equipment for an Alaskan tent at Volk Field, Wis., during Patriot '09.**

# New physical fitness standards take effect next year

By Master Sgt. Kenneth Richards  
123rd Medical Group

Approval of a new Air Force Fitness Instruction in the coming weeks will bring about some of the most significant changes to the Air Force fitness program in the last five years.

Those changes, which take effect Jan. 1, 2010, shift a greater responsibility of maintaining year-round physical fitness to individual Airmen.

"I take fitness seriously, and so should you," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy. "The new Air Force fitness test is coming soon and will incorporate significant changes aimed at creating a continuous culture of fitness."

Significant changes outlined in the new Air Force Instruction 10-248, Fitness Program:

- Airmen must achieve a total score of at least 75 and achieve a minimum passing score in each component area.
- The step-test will be replaced with a 1-mile walk as the alternate aerobic component. Scoring for the walk will be done by using a formula that incorporates body weight, age, gender, time to complete one mile, and post-exercise heart rate.
- Test components will place more emphasis on the aerobic component rather than abdominal circumference. The new component break-

downs will be:

- Aerobic (1.5-mile run or 1-mile walk): 60 percent
- Waist Measurement: 20 percent
- Push-ups: 10 percent
- Sit-ups: 10 percent

• Score charts have changed and in many cases require a faster run-time and more push-ups/crunches. In addition, age groupings are now in 10-year increments as opposed to five-year increments.

To help you prepare for the fitness assessment, officials recommend five simple things to quicken your pace on the 1.5-mile run.

First, proper shoes are important for a runner. Knowing what type of arch your feet have and if you invert or evert while in motion is important. Refer to your physician if you find you have any of these issues. Remember not to walk all day in your running shoes and to lace them up properly.

Second, endurance runs are essential to increasing a person's run time. These slow and easy runs a few times per week improve the cardiovascular system. A 10 percent increase in time or distance per week is a great progression. Don't go too far too soon because an injury can occur. Five kilometer (3.1 miles) runs are great for military endurance training.

Third, pacing is another way to improve your run time. After completing a 10-minute

dynamic warm up, set a pace that is the same speed per mile, half-mile or quarter-mile. When you even out your speed, your time usually gets faster.

Fourth, practice intervals, sprints and hills are excellent to add after you have developed a good endurance base. Quarter-mile sprints are very helpful, but sprints can be a predetermined distance such as four houses or three light poles. Recovery is normally the same up to double the amount of time. The goal is to increase lactic acid in the blood stream and to recover immediately after the increased speed. This teaches the body to use lactic acid as a fuel-product. It will enable you to run longer without lactic acid overpowering your system on your threshold or faster-pace days. These types of days should be done no more than twice a week with an active rest the day after.

Fifth, strength training is important for decreasing injuries for runners. Beginning runners often have weak knees and poor low-back and lower-leg strength. A balanced strength program is important to keep the body strong and enable it to take on harder run days.

For more articles to assist with preparing for the fitness assessment, or to start a regular exercise routine, visit [www.military.com/military-fitness/](http://www.military.com/military-fitness/). For more information on the Air Force fitness program, visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram/charts.asp](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/affitnessprogram/charts.asp).

## Four high school grads awarded scholarships from Chief's Council

Cargo Courier Staff Report

Four area high school graduates have been awarded college scholarships from the Kentucky Air National Guard Chief's Council.

The recipients are Jonathan Travis, who received \$2,000 and is the son of Master Sgt. Steve Travis; Kaeli Black, who received \$1,000 and is the daughter of Staff Sgt. Gilbert Black; Kayla Bradshaw, who received \$1,000 and is the daughter of Master Sgt. Robert Bradshaw; and Evyn Jackson, who received \$1,000 and is the son of Tech. Sgt. Chris Jackson.

Travis is a 2009 graduate of North Hardin High School in Radcliff, Ky., and is attending Western Kentucky University, where he is pursuing a degree in broadcasting.

Black is a 2009 graduate of Southwestern High School in Louisville and is attending Indiana University-Perdue University at Indianapolis, where she is pursuing a degree in dental hygiene.

Bradshaw is a 2009 graduate of Green County High School and is attending Campbellsville University, where she is pursuing a degree in accounting



Kaeli Black



Kayla Bradshaw



Evyn Jackson



Jonathan Travis

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## Policy released for wear of green fleece

The 98th Air Force Virtual Uniform Board released a policy message Oct. 9 for wear of the new Air Force sage green fleece as an outer garment for the Airman Battle Uniform.

According to the message, the sage green fleece may only be worn over the ABU top.

The message signed by Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, deputy chief of staff for Manpower and Personnel at Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, requires the following:

- A Velcro ABU-print name tape with dark blue block lettering, centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearer's right chest

- A Velcro ABU-print U.S. Air Force tape with dark blue block lettering, adjacent to the name tape and centered between the zipper and sleeve seam on the wearer's left chest

- A Velcro subdued cloth rank with a solid sage green background, flushed and centered above the last name tape on the wearer's right chest

- The fleece must remain zipped no lower than halfway between the name tape and the collar

- The collar must be folded over and resting on the shoulder, chest and back when the zipper is not completely zipped

- The bottom length of the fleece must be as close to the length of the ABU top as possible

- The sleeves must be worn down at all times

Items authorized for wear with the fleece include black or sage green leather, suede or knit gloves; black or sage green watch caps; black scarves that are tucked in; and black ear muffs.

The uniform board has authorized wear of the sage green fleece without name tapes and rank as an outer garment until Oct. 1, 2010.

The black fleece will be phased out on the same date.

# Service begins search for new aerial tanker

## Airframe would replace 35-year-old KC-135s

By Master Sgt. Russell Petcoff  
Secretary of the Air Force PA

WASHINGTON — Senior Department of Defense and Air Force officials announced the rollout of the KC-X Acquisition Program at a Pentagon briefing Sept. 24.

Air Force leaders are seeking a replacement for the KC-135 Stratotanker that has been a stalwart of the tanker fleet for more than 53 years.

Today, the department is announcing its acquisition strategy for a replacement aerial refueling tanker fleet for the aging KC-135 and KC-10 fleet, said William J. Lynn, deputy secretary of defense.

He termed the search to be a "best value" competition, and not one based solely on cost.

"We tried to play this straight down the middle," Mr. Lynn said.

Michael Donley, secretary of the Air Force, and Ashton B. Carter, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, also took part in the hour-long briefing.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates returned the KC-X program to the Air Force during an address he gave at the 2009 Air Force Association Air & Space Conference and Technology Exposition at the National Harbor Convention Center, Oxon Hill, Md., Sept. 16.

"I don't need to belabor the importance of getting this done soon and done right," Secretary Gates said.

"I have confidence that the KC-X selection authority is in good hands with the service's leadership team of Secretary Donley and (Air Force Chief of Staff) General (Norton) Schwartz."

Secretary Donley said the KC-135 first joined the service's inventory in August 1956, with the youngest one dating to 1964.

The ever-accumulating age of the tanker

fleet is driving this effort, he said.

"We need to move on with this recapitalization," Secretary Donley said. Air Force officials hope to announce a KC-X decision in the summer of 2010.

Currently, there are 415 KC-135s in the Air Force inventory.

The KC-X program calls for 179 new tankers over 15 years, according to Secretary Donley.

The first production KC-X delivery is planned for 2015, Secretary Donley said, with a planned initial operating capability of 2017.

"As we integrate the KC-X into the fleet, we will begin evaluating our future tanker needs and begin work on the second phase, KC-Y," Secretary Donley said.

A third phase is called KC-Z.

KC-X must be a highly capable and go-to-war-on-day-1-ready aircraft for the warfighter, Secretary Donley said.

"We expect the KC-X to be far more capable than the KC-135," Secretary Donley said.

The KC-X has several mandatory requirements, according to Secretary Donley. It must have:

- A permanent centerline drogue to refuel all receptacle and probe-equipped aircraft

- A receiver receptacle to allow it to refuel from KC-135s, KC-10s or another KC-X

- An integrated Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures system, which the current tankers do not have

- Improved communications, navigation and air traffic capabilities to allow it global airspace access

Mr. Carter said the source selection strategy will be objective to ensure contractors bidding on KC-X know what it takes to win.

He said it'll also be transparent so when a winner is chosen everyone can understand why that bidder won.

Mr. Carter said the RFP favors "no one but the warfighter and taxpayer."

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## Exercise

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These are some of things we need to be thinking about as we focus on next May's inspection."

That inspection will be unique, Colonel Nelson noted, because it will mark the first time that any Air Force unit has ever been evaluated for operational readiness as part of a homeland-defense scenario.

Typical ORIs task a wing with deploying to a simulated combat environment in a host nation like South Korea. But May's inspection is expected to grade the unit for its response to a stateside natural disaster and a near-simultaneous hostile attack on the homeland.

"We will be the first unit to demonstrate our wartime readiness and capabilities in support of the security and defense of our nation," Colonel Nelson said.

"This also will also be the first Total Force ORI. We'll be combining Air National Guard Airmen from the 123rd Airlift Wing, in Title 32 status, with Air Force active-duty troops and Reserve Airmen from the 317th Airlift Group and 70th Aerial Port Squadron, in Title 10 status — all jointly working under the same operational direction.

"We are truly breaking new ground."

This fresh approach is based in part on new roles the National Guard assumed as it transitioned from a strategic reserve to a front-line operational force following 9/11, Colonel Nelson said. These new roles mean

the National Guard is now the primary military organization responsible for homeland defense, whether it be response to natural disaster or enemy attack.

In light of these changes, it makes perfect sense for the wing's next ORI to test the kinds of capabilities the Kentucky Air Guard will be called upon to deliver in the event of an enemy attack on U.S. soil or the occurrence of natural disasters like hurricanes, floods and tornados.

Nelson noted that the idea for the new concept originated in Kentucky, where local Guard officials are keen to demonstrate the 123rd Airlift Wing's homeland defense capabilities.

The revised scenario was approved by Air Mobility Command officials, he said, because it mirrors the wing's potential real-world taskings so well.

"We're stepping forward to do this because we believe homeland defense and homeland security are primary missions of the National Guard," Colonel Nelson said.

"That's especially true of the Kentucky Air National Guard because of the capabilities that we house within the 123rd Airlift Wing.

"Those include C-130 airlift, special tactics search-and-rescue, explosive ordnance disposal, expeditionary medical services and the 123rd Contingency Response Group," whose mission is to establish new airfields in austere environments.

"These capabilities allow us to respond to any natural disaster or enemy attack on the United States, open up an air hub, and provide search-and-rescue and medical assets as part of one coordinated effort."

## Students

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and finance.

Jackson is a 2009 graduate of Sequatchie County High School in Dunlap, Tenn., and is attending Tennessee Wesleyan College, where he is pursuing a degree in dentistry.

The scholarships are awarded annually to qualified applicants based on community involvement and high school academic achievement, said Chief Master Sgt. Jim Smith.

High school seniors who are dependants of current, retired or deceased enlisted members of the Kentucky Air Guard are eligible.

Funding is provided by the Chief's Council through membership dues, silent auctions and other activities.

This year's fund also received a boost when retired KyANG Master Sgt. Harold Goodlett donated \$500 to the scholarship effort in memory of his son, Shelby.

"We've very appreciative of Master Sgt. Goodlett's generosity," Chief Smith said.

For more information on the scholarship program, contact Chief Smith at (502) 413-4288.