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Historic inspection supports security strategy

Homeland-defense ORI designed to fulfill top national military objectives

By Maj. Dale Greer
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The 123rd Airlift Wing will make history next May when it becomes the first Air National Guard unit to undergo an Operational Readiness Inspection evaluated in response to a simulated terrorist attack in the United States.

The novel homeland-defense scenario differs markedly from typical ORIs, which require wings to deploy to a simulated overseas location and fight a conventional military enemy, said Col. Greg Nelson, commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing.

The new approach, being implemented for Kentucky on a trial basis, makes sense because it reflects the military realities of a post-9/11 world in which homeland defense has taken center stage — particularly for members of the Air National Guard.

“I believe our primary mission as Kentucky Guardsmen is defense of the homeland,” Colonel Nelson said. “Of course, we always need to be ready to fight overseas in support of our allies and the destruction of our enemies abroad. But we better be prepared to fight and excel at that same mission in our own back yard. Nobody in the entire Air Force or Air National Guard has even been evaluated on our homeland-defense mission.”

Colonel Nelson noted that the concept of a homeland-defense ORI originated with officials at the 123rd Airlift Wing, who proposed it to the Air Mobility Command Inspector General.

The IG agreed about the scenario’s worth because it directly supports national security strategy.

“Our country’s National Security Strategy comes from the president, and the No. 1 priority is defense of the homeland,” Colonel Nelson said. “Our National Defense Strategy comes from the Secretary of Defense, based on the National Security Strategy, and its No. 1 priority is defense of the homeland. Finally, our National Military Strategy comes from the Joint Chiefs of Staff in support of the Secretary of Defense and the President of the United States. Its No. 1 priority also is defense of the homeland.

“So we took our plan to the IG and said, ‘You need to evaluate us on this.’

“They thought our approach had a lot of merit and agreed to do it as a test. If they validate this concept — if it fills all their squares as a valid wartime-task mission — they may look at doing this same kind of ORI for other Guard units.”



Maj. Dale Greer/KyANG

Next year’s Operational Readiness Inspection will test the unit’s airlift capabilities (top) and a broad range of mission-support functions like chemical decontamination processing (right).



Tech. Sgt. Phil Speck/KyANG

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123rd Airlift Wing stands ready to lead the way

Get ready! We started to prepare for our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection with our deployment mobility exercises in October and last month.

This month we will continue our preparation with an employment Ability to Survive and Operate, or ATSO, exercise. We will continue to exercise our ability to immediately mobilize, pack-up and deploy, open an air hub supporting tactical airlift, survive any enemy attack, continue to operate and re-deploy to home station when our mission is complete.

We will continue our preparation monthly until the Inspector General evaluates our ability to perform our wartime mission in the security and defense of our homeland next May.

As you know, the 123rd Airlift Wing will be the first Air National Guard unit, first Air Mobility Command unit and first USAF unit to receive its ORI under a homeland-security and -defense scenario. We are truly leading the way.

Recently, I attended the first National Guard Joint Senior Leader Conference, and I want to share some direction and quotes briefed from some of our nation's leaders.

First, the secretary of defense, Dr. Robert M. Gates, briefed that there will be four general themes in the next Quadrennial Defense Review. "One of them is homeland defense," he said. I think the 123 AW had better be ready!

The director of the Air National Guard, Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III, said he will brief the Air Force chief of staff, Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, on the Air National Guard Flight Plan and will suggest that the "Air National Guard will take the air component lead for DOMOPS (Domestic Operations) and DSCA (Defense Support of Civil Affairs)."

The 123rd Airlift Wing will demonstrate that Kentucky is ready to be the lead state supporting General Wyatt when we validate our Initial



Col. Greg Nelson
123rd Airlift Wing Commander

Response Hub capability during our ORI. We will be ready!

Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, knows about our ORI. In fact, General Renuart has visited Kentucky several times in support of our homeland-security/homeland-defense mission initiatives. During his presentation at the Joint Senior Leader Conference, he emphasized that "the threat is still here" and warned that we cannot become complacent.

General Renuart also briefed that the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense must be ready to provide

unified response through communication, cooperation and collaboration. This is a paradigm shift from previous military-only command-and-control structures. The 123rd Airlift Wing will demonstrate this same approach by working with our active-duty and Reserve counterparts from the 317th Airlift Group and 70th Aerial Port Squadron during our ORI.

We will, in fact, be the first units evaluated using a new Operation Direction, or OPDIR, concept for unity of effort between Title 32 and Title 10 forces. We will be ready!

The Honorable W. Craig Fugate, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Administration, said he does not care about Title 10 or Title 32. He wants whatever is needed for the response.

"Unlike a hurricane, there is no five-day outlook for an earthquake, and terrorists don't have a season," he said when commenting that we must be ready to respond immediately in the United States, either during a natural disaster or enemy attack. The 123rd will be ready!

Lastly, the assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense and America's security affairs, Paul N. Stockton, directed the need for "unity-of-effort response plans" and "unity-of-effort mechanisms," along with detailed state plans identifying capabilities that exist between state and Title 10 forces. "We need to train and exercise to these plans," he said.

The 123rd Airlift Wing has a plan. We will continue to train in support of our plan. We will exercise our plan monthly. And we will be evaluated against our ability to perform our wartime mission in support of any natural disaster or enemy attack in the United States.

We will be ready in May, but we must be ready today! That's our plan. The 123rd Airlift Wing stands ready!

— Col. Greg Nelson

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Kentucky Military History Museum reopens

The Kentucky Military History Museum at the Old State Arsenal in downtown Frankfort has reopened for public tours after undergoing renovations for the past two years.

Constructed in 1850, the Gothic-style building is located on Arsenal Hill and is part of the Kentucky Historical Society's "History Campus." Restoration work will continue well into 2010, and the building will likely be closed again at some point to make way for more extensive work. In the meantime, visitors can explore this structure and learn the history of the building and its grounds.

The first floor of the museum is now open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday. Drop-in tours of the facility are free and open to the public.

The Arsenal is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is Kentucky's oldest National Guard facility. It once served as a warehouse for military equipment and munitions for the Kentucky State Guard. During the Civil War, it housed a cartridge factory that employed many women and became a point of defense for the Capitol. A fire in 1933 destroyed the roof of the building and damaged the second floor but left the first floor intact. The building was used as a storage facility until being tapped as the Kentucky Military History Museum in 1973.

Today, visitors to the museum will be able to view an exhibit that tells the story of the building and see a part of the old cartridge factory.

The museum is operated by the Kentucky Historical Society in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs.

Parking is located adjacent to the building at 125 E. Main Street.

For more information, visit www.history.ky.gov

Commander's Coin



Senior Airman Maxwell Rechel/KyANG

Maj. Gen. Edward Tonini (center left), Kentucky's adjutant general, prepares to toss the coin at the start of the University of Louisville-Syracuse football game Nov. 14 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium as Maj. Gen. James M. Milano, commanding general of Fort Knox, Ky., observes. Hundreds of members of the U.S. Armed Forces attended the game, which was billed as Military Appreciation Day.

Cybersecurity critical to mission

By Staff Sgt. Austin R. Larsen
123rd Communications Flight

Cyber threats are real.

Foreign governments attempt to infiltrate our computer infrastructure every day, attacking all types of networks using simple methods.

Though they aren't successful the majority of the time, they have stolen classified information from networks and computers, including future weapon systems, logistics information and Airmen's personal information.

One of the easiest ways to break into larger networks is by using legitimate accounts to gain entry from smaller networks.

This can be done if legitimate users fail to adequately protect their user names, passwords, Common Access Card certificates and personal identification numbers.

These issues have raised some concerns in the 123rd Communications Flight as we evaluate potential weaknesses.

One weakness is the lack of security on a member's CAC PIN. Several members use numbers that are easy to figure out, like birth dates, Social Security account numbers, street addresses or possibly even phone numbers.

Some of this same information can be found on the CAC itself. Other numbers can be found on an Alpha Roster or on social networking sites such as MySpace or Facebook.

All members should be aware that ID cards and the certificates from CACs can be stolen very easily. The only thing that would prevent an attacker from getting into our network after the theft of a CAC or certificate is a PIN that cannot be deciphered easily.

A memorized, random set of numbers that cannot be associated with you can mean the difference between being a victim or a shield.

The Air Force is currently promoting a "Cyber Wingman" philosophy that incorporates 10 guiding principles.

Every Airman should know and use these

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Kentucky Army Guard unit provides ex

By Staff Sgt. Jason Ketterer
Cargo Courier Staff Writer

GREENVILLE, Ky. — Successful combat operations require training, vigilance and skill, but many support forces never set foot on a real battlefield, much less a simulated one.

The Kentucky Army National Guard's Pre-Mobility Training Assistance Element is working to change that with a 30-day training course designed to immerse deploying troops in battlefield scenarios here before they ever leave the United States.

"Our mission is to provide training and assistance to every commander that is sourced for a mobilization," said Lt. Col. Chuck Schneider, commander of the Pre-Mobility Training Assistance Element at the Kentucky Guard's Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center here.

"We do that by training individual Army Warrior tasks and theater-specific tasks depending on which theater they are mobilizing to."

The training, which also is available to members of the Air National Guard, increases "boots on the ground" time for theater commanders.

It also keeps Soldiers and Airmen closer to home for a longer period of time before deployments, he said.

Launched in 2007, the unit's training assistors have now trained more than 1,500 Soldiers and Airmen in basic combat skills, providing them with the knowledge and experience necessary to survive combat while effectively executing current war-fighting tactics.

The training element is comprised of eight Army Guardsmen with more than 15 years' experience in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We cover core Soldier and Airman skills that any commander would want any Soldier or Airman to know," Colonel Schneider said. "It includes driver training, Humvee roll-over training, land navigation using GPS, first aid and combat lifesaving skills. It's basic knowledge we want all Soldiers and Airmen to know before they go to Iraq or Afghanistan."

Maj. Thomas McCarty, operations officer for the Pre-Mobility Training Assistance Element, said the team specializes in individual training that can be done in-state before a unit is ever mobilized.

"Our training element helps the mobilizing unit put together theater-specific training," he said. "We train language skills, country orientation, hot-

weather training for Iraq and cold-weather training for Afghanistan."

Conducting pre-deployment training close to home is one of the biggest benefits for deploying Kentucky Army and Air Guardsmen, he added. Before the operation was stood up, Soldiers and Airmen had to attend longer combat training courses at Fort Dix, N.J., or Camp Shelby, Miss., spending up to eight weeks of additional time away from their families.

"When we helped train the 223rd Military Police Company in 2007, we helped them trim their training plan and shave off three weeks of their time, actually changing their mobilization date," Major McCarty said.

In fact, the 223rd MP Company was the first National Guard unit to change its mobilization date based on a more efficient pre-deployment training plan, according to First United States Army, the command cell in charge of training, validating and deploying Reserve Component units.

"That training plan kept our guys home for an extra 23 days with their families before mobilizing," Major McCarty said. "It was a great feeling for our then-new team. That immediate result really forged our identity and mission."

Colonel Schneider said the training his forces provide — matched with the facilities at the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center — are a great resource for Kentucky Guardsmen.

"We have the best PTAE team in the United States, in my opinion," he said. "We have great soldiers who've deployed and stay current with what is going on in theater, and the National Guard Bureau helps us do that. As far as using Wendell Ford as a training center, it's second to none. They're extremely user-friendly, which is a big convenience to our team."

Members of the Kentucky Air National Guard's 123rd Civil Engineer Squadron agree. The unit just completed combat-skills training at the Wendell H. Ford site this spring in preparation for a deployment overseas next year.

Master Sgt. Ron Schmitz, supervisor of electrical power production for the squadron, said the unit's Airmen learned much in the Joint Forces training environment.

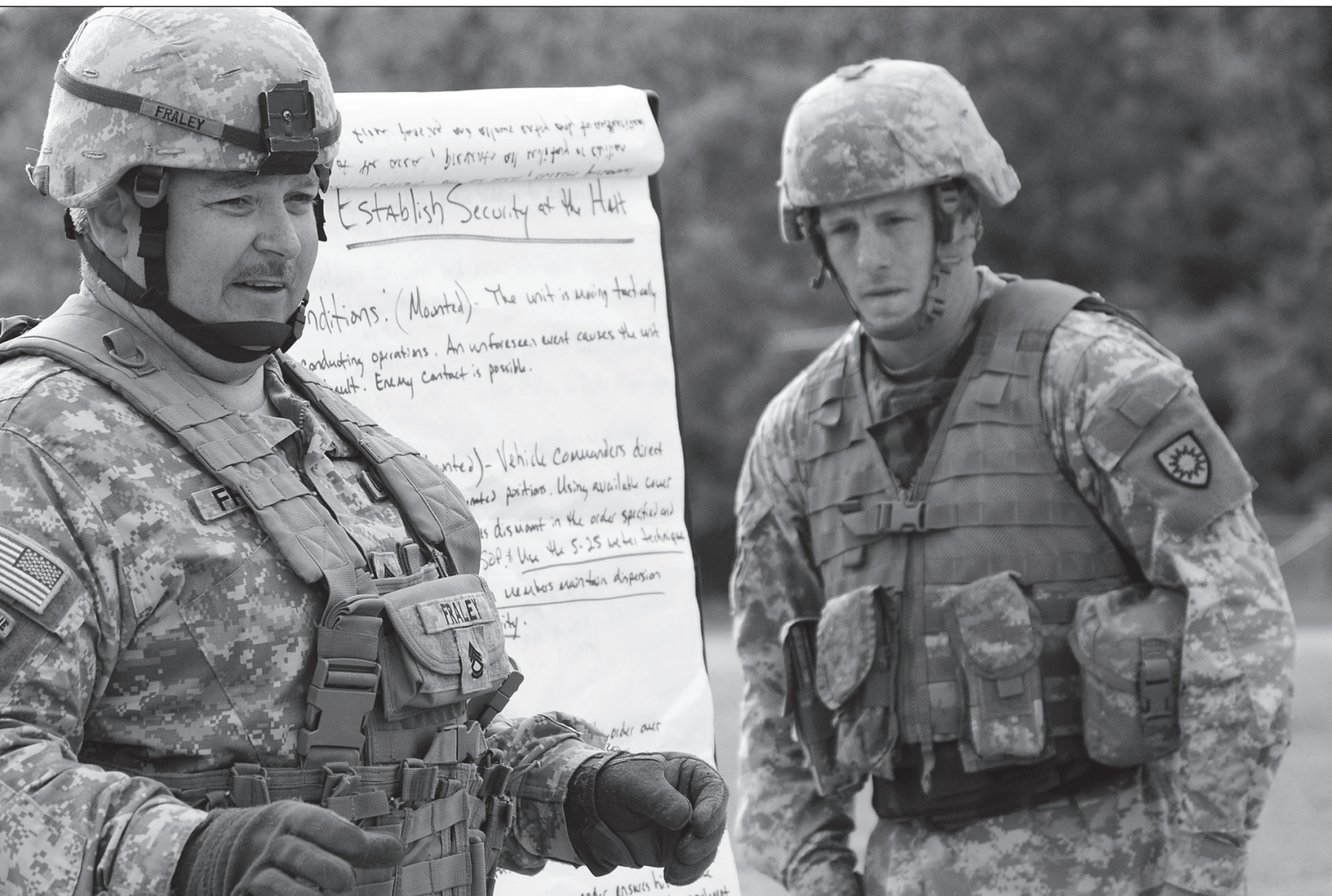
"The Army team was very knowledgeable in combat skills training," he said. "It was some of the best skills training our unit has received since I've been in the Civil Engineer Squadron."



Sgt. 1st Class Ricky



Expert warrior training for support forces



Tech. Sgt. Dennis Fraley/KyANG

Fraley conducts field training as a training assistor with the Kentucky Army Guard's Pre-Mobility Training Assistance Element.



Tech. Sgt. Dennis Fraley/KyANG

Left: Members of the Kentucky Air Guard's 123rd Civil Engineer Squadron go on patrol at the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center after receiving combat training from the element.

Right: The Kentucky Air Guard's Senior Airman Monty Williams scans the area during a squad-movements class at the Wendell H. Ford Center.



Tech. Sgt. Dennis Fraley/KyANG

Recent promotions in the Kentucky Air National Guard

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

SENIOR AIRMAN (E-4)

Casey Allen,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
Ian Byrne,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Jason Caple,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Travis Carpenter,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Tony Crawford,
123rd Operations Support Flt.
Michael Crowe,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
Robert Denham Jr.,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Kyle Edington,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Richard Free,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
Shana Gray,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Jeffrey Hall,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Stephen Hart,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Joshua Jewell,
123rd Global Mobility Readiness Sq.
Eric Landis,
123rd Airlift Wing
Aaron Lind,
123rd Contingency Response Grp.
Danny Mayes,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Derek Meiser,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Bryan Peebles,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
Dakota Puckett,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Maxwell Rechel,
123rd Airlift Wing
Stephanie Richardson,
123rd Special Tactics Sq.
Marc Rinker,
123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
Scott Roy,
123rd Airlift Wing
Trevor Thompson,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Bebe Tuggle,
123rd Operations Support Flt.
Pete Vicini,
123rd Security Forces Sq.

Windy Wagner,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Christopher Young Jr.,
123rd Security Forces Sq.

STAFF SERGEANT (E-5)

Larry Abney,
123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
David Baker,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Amanda Bedel,
123rd Force Support Sq.
Gary Bilger,
123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
Valorie Bourke,
165th Airlift Sq.
Donald Bowman Jr.,
123rd Force Support Sq.
Harry Bromley II,
123rd Special Tactics Sq.
Julian Christopher,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Victor Cole II,
123rd Maintenance Operations Flt.
Daniel Cook,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Estill Combs,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
Darrick Davis,
123rd Communications Flt.
James Finan,
123rd Operations Grp.
Curt Flynn,
123rd Contingency Response Grp.
Whitney Forrester,
123rd Force Support Sq.
Chance Harrig,
123rd Communications Flt.
Nathan Hoff,
123rd Maintenance Sq.
Christopher Johnson,
123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
Phillip Johnson,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Jason Ketterer,
123rd Airlift Wing
Dorothy Kovats,
123rd Medical Grp.
Samantha Lucas,
123rd Force Support Sq.
Charles Maguire,
123rd Communications Flt.
Jeremy Mills,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
Irene Morgan,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Matthew Morris,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Scott Morton,
123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.

Christopher Nelson,
123rd Force Support Sq.
Ray Norris,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
Jerry Owens,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Jared Rhoten,
123rd Global Mobility Readiness Sq.
Jonathan Skube,
123rd Global Mobility Readiness Sq.
Erik Smith,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Amber Spratt-Jones,
123rd Civil Engineer Sq.
Thomas Steelesheets,
123rd Aircraft Maintenance Sq.
Timothy Strader,
123rd Special Tactics Sq.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT (E-6)

Donald Bridges Jr.,
123rd Security Forces Sq.
Sian Downes,
165th Airlift Sq.
Natasha Ehmann,
165th Airlift Sq.
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123rd Force Support Sq.
Andrea Hoell,
123rd Operations Support Flt.
Michael Jackson,
123rd Operations Grp.
Thomas Kushiner,
123rd Communications Flt.
Christopher Larimore,
123rd Global Mobility Sq.
Adrien Martin,
123rd Logistics Readiness Sq.
Steve Nazworth,
123rd Medical Grp.
Christopher Ray,
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Responsibility for physical fitness rests with individual

WASHINGTON — While Air Force commanders have the responsibility to maintain a unit fitness program, a new Air Force fitness instruction will better emphasize each Airman's responsibility to meet and maintain fitness standards, officials here said Nov. 13.

Commanders and supervisors will continue to emphasize the importance of fitness and provide Airmen with duty-hour fitness time when the mission permits, but they will no longer be mandated by the AFI to do so, said Maj. Gen. Darrell D. Jones, the director of force management policy.

"It is every Airman's responsibility to maintain the standards set forth in this AFI 365 days a year," General Jones said.

As part of the service's blueprint to create a culture of fitness, the new AFI includes new incentives to keep Airmen motivated to get and stay fit, the general added.

"The new program is health-based, gives Airmen rewards for incremental improvement in fitness, and emphasizes the most important aspect of fitness — cardiovascular endurance — so our Airmen can respond to the demands of the mission and environment," General Jones said.

As the operations tempo increases, Air Force leaders will look to fitness assessments to provide commanders with a tool to determine the overall fitness of their members.

"Fitness assessments help commanders establish an environment for members to maintain health and fitness to meet expeditionary mission requirements," General Jones said. "Our goal is to have everyone in excellent shape because it's good for the mission and it's good for the Airmen."

For more information about PT requirements, visit the Air Force Portal.

New guidance issued on wear of PT uniform

Use is mandatory during annual tests

By Brad Jessmer
Air Force Uniform Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Air Force officials have updated guidance for wear of the physical training uniform, replacing previous guidance published in Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

According to a message released from Air Force A1 and signed by Lt. Gen. Richard Y. Newton III, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel, effective immediately, individual items making up the PTU and Improved PTU are considered uniform items.

Air Force officials said this means strict attention must be given to every item of the PTU, just as with items on the Airman Battle Uniform or service dress uniform. However, individual items of the PTU may still be worn with conservative civilian attire during personal PT or when off-duty.

Wear of the PTU is mandatory during physical fitness assessments and while participating in organized PT events, as designated by the commander. Unit commanders will determine the PTU configuration.

If PTU/IPTU items are worn during personal PT, the following is required:

- During periods of low light, reflective belts and armbands are required when wearing the optional running shorts. Reflective accessories are optional when wearing the standard PTU, which already includes reflective material.

- Footwear is to remain conservative. No bright colors or excessive ornamentation.

- Socks must be white, but small trademark logos are acceptable.

- The PTU jacket must be zipped at least halfway between the waistband and collar. Sleeves will end within 1 inch off the wrist.

- The PTU running pants waistband will rest at or within 2 inches of the natural waistline. Both pant legs will extend below the ankles and will be zipped to within 1 inch of the bottom.

- Both the PTU shorts and running shorts will rest at or within 2 inches of the natural waistline.

- The short-sleeve PTU shirt will be tucked into shorts or running pants at all times. Do not remove or cut sleeves.

- The long-sleeve PTU shirt will be tucked into the PTU shorts or running pants at all times. Do not push up, remove or cut sleeves.

- The optional IPTU sweatshirt will extend no lower than six inches below the natural waistline. Do not push up, remove or cut sleeves.

- Undergarments must be appropriate and worn with all uniform combinations.

- Short or full-length spandex may be worn under both the PTU and IPTU, but colors must only consist of black or dark blue.

- Headgear may be authorized by commanders, but may only consist of either a solid black or dark blue baseball cap with the Air Force symbol or "U.S. Air Force" logos. Headgear is to be worn outdoors only.

- Bandanas are not authorized unless due to a medical waiver condition.

- Cold-weather accessories may be worn outdoors only.

- The knit watch cap will be plain solid black, dark blue or sage green; no logos.

- Gloves will be plain solid black or dark blue without any logos.

- Scarves and earmuffs will be solid black or dark blue, and may wrap around either the top or rear of the head.

- Green or black fleece is not authorized with the PTU/IPTU.

- The IPTU running suit top or bottom may not be mixed with the current PTU running suit top or bottom.

- The lining of the PTU/IPTU shorts may be removed.

- Headphones are authorized inside fitness centers or designated running areas.

- Personal grooming and appearance standards apply during physical fitness activities with one exception: Long female hair will be secured but may have loose ends.

- Proper military customs and courtesies to honor the flag during reveille and retreat will apply. Saluting due to rank is not required when wearing the PTU.

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Security

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to secure cyberspace:

1. The United States is vulnerable to cyberspace attacks by relentless adversaries attempting to infiltrate our networks — at work and at home — millions of times a day, 24/7.

2. Our adversaries plant malicious code, worms, botnets and hooks in common Web sites, software and in hardware such as thumb drives or printers.

3. Once implanted, this code begins to distort, destroy and manipulate information, or it “phones” it home. Certain code allows our adversaries to obtain higher levels of credentials to access highly sensitive information.

4. The adversary attacks your computers at work and at home knowing you communicate with the Air Force network by e-mail or by transferring information from one system to another.

5. As cyber wingmen, you have a critical role in defending your networks, your information, your security, your teammates and your country.

6. You significantly decrease our adversaries’ access to our networks, critical Air Force information, and even your personal identity, by taking simple action.

7. Do not open attachments or click on links unless the e-mail is digitally signed, or you can directly verify the source, even if it appears to be from someone you know.

8. Do not connect any hardware or download any software, applications, music or information onto Air Force networks without approval.

9. Encrypt sensitive but unclassified and/or mission-critical information. Ask your computer security administrator, or CSA, for more information.

10. Install the free Department of Defense anti-virus software on your home computer. Your CSA can provide you with your copy.

If you have any Privacy Act Information, FOUO information or any other sensitive documents on your computer, please contact the 123rd Communications Flight Help Desk with any questions on how to maintain cyber security. The on-base phone number is ext. 4357.

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Kentucky’s 2010 ORI is expected to take place at multiple sites, with the 123rd Airlift Wing slated to deploy about 400 Airmen and three C-130 aircraft.

The wing’s support elements — security forces, medical care, civil engineering, logistics, communications, public affairs and more — will be evaluated alongside Kentucky’s airlift, aircraft maintenance, contingency response and command-and-control functions.

Two other units will participate in the ORI as full partners with the 123rd Airlift Wing, bringing the total number of deployed Airmen to about 800, Colonel Nelson said.

They include approximately 250 aircrew members and maintenance troops from the 317th Airlift Group, an active-duty C-130 unit from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. The 317th will contribute nine Hercules aircraft.

The 70th Aerial Port Squadron, an Air Force Reserve unit from Homestead Air Force Base, Fla., will make up the remainder of the deployed forces, rounding out what Colonel Nelson called a “true Total Force ORI.”

“We’re really leaning forward here,” he said. “9/11 changed everything, and I believe this new approach to inspections will give us a better road map for dealing with the current realities of homeland defense.”