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Family Day draws hundreds to base

Children, spouses, parents and retirees all came together here July 13 for the 123rd Airlift Wing's annual Family Day, which honors their support of nearly 1,200 Kentucky Air National Guardsmen. Read more at www.123aw.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123420403

Wing earns 16th AFOUA

The 123rd Airlift received its 16th Air Force Outstanding Unit Award on July 13, continuing a tradition that has made it the most decorated airlift wing in the Air National Guard. Read more at www.123aw.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123417634

Youth learn about aviation in Air Guard

About 80 youths from the Louisville area spent June 20 touring the 123rd Airlift Wing to learn more about aviation-related careers at the Kentucky Air National Guard. The tour was part of a week-long Summer Aviation Career Education Academy sponsored by the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals. Read more at www.123aw.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123419551



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Warren Hurst promoted to brigadier general at KyANG

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Kentucky's assistant adjutant general for Air, Warren Hurst, was promoted to the rank of brigadier general during a ceremony here July 12.

Hurst's new rank insignia were pinned on by his wife and daughter before an audience of family, friends and coworkers in the Base Annex.

"Unbridled Service is the standard by which we define the National Guard, and I believe Warren's career fits that definition to perfection," said Kentucky's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Edward W. Tonini, who officiated the ceremony.

"I know that our organization, and most importantly the men and women of the Kentucky National Guard, are in good hands with your sage wisdom and guidance."

Calling him an "outstanding officer in every way," Tonini went on to recognize Hurst's many accomplishments during more than 25 years of service.

Commissioned through Officer Training School in 1986, Hurst has an extensive background in planning and executing expeditionary air operations worldwide. He has served in various operational and headquarters staff assignments, including duty as an instructor and evaluator pilot for 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern.

He also served as the 1st

Air Force director of mobility forces for eight National Level Exercises for homeland security/homeland defense and coordinated air relief efforts during the 2010 Haiti earthquake.

Read more online at www.123aw.ang.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123418862



Staff Sgt. Vicky Spesard/KyANG

The daughter of Kentucky's assistant adjutant general for Air, Warren H. Hurst, pins new rank on his uniform during a ceremony promoting Hurst to brigadier general July 12.

Planning and pony rides: Family Day 2014

Family Day events during the July UTA were exceptional. As described in the article on Page 1, many people put in a phenomenal effort to make it successful, including both military members and civilians.

A big part of our job in the military is planning. Planning for contingencies, planning for annual training, planning for Family Day. Planning is what we do.

That expectation isn't always true of our civilian counterparts, but our Key Volunteer Group is an anomaly: They plan tremendously well.

And our KVG also happens to implement exceptionally well. We are fortunate to have a group of supporters who care so much about our unit.

Sherrin Williams heads the KVG team. Tracy Henry, Marsha Drescher, Jodi Gorter, Janie Lemay, Kathleen Macke, Joan Jockell, Cynthia Culver and Lana Banning make up the rest of the team (if I missed someone, I apologize).

Again, they are exceptional!

Family Day was also a time to recognize our support structure – our families and friends. Please take



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE KEY VOLUNTEER GROUP

FROM: The Men and Women of the 123d Airlift Wing

SUBJECT: 2014 Family Day

1. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The 2014 Family Day is one that will set the bar for decades to come! It was all because of your efforts. The amount of positive feedback that has come from that day continues. And it's all the same message – well-planned, well-organized, well-attended, great variety of activities, and AMAZING volunteers!
2. Your dedication to the men and women of the Kentucky ANG is incredible. Frankly, I feel honored to serve, and then to be supported by each of you – it's just humbling. I believe none of the members of the KY ANG completely understands the "why" of your dedication. I know I certainly don't. Regardless, I'm grateful – we are all grateful.
3. I realize this little memo feigns in comparison to your singular act of planning and implementing Family Day 2014. It even shines dimmer when compared to all the other events and ways that you support the wing. But please know that it comes with 1200 winks, 1200 smiles, 1200 thank you's, and 1200 grateful hearts – our 1200 members salute each of you.

BARRY D. GORTER, Col, KYANG
Commander

the time to thank those around you who assist you.

They are heroes.

The sacrifices made by those who stay behind when we deploy rarely

result in the recognition that often comes to the service member – but it's just as important.

– Col. Barry Gorter

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