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## Combat Arms team completes annual training at Fort Knox

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A special team from the 123rd Security Forces Squadron here successfully completed two days of annual weapons qualification training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, May 17.

Weapons qualification is essential to the Combat Arms Training and Maintenance team, as their primary mission is to train base Airmen on the use of small arms and oversee the maintenance of weapons.

The 10-person CATM team also conducts firing range operations, weapons safety training, and care and maintenance of ammunition and equipment for members of the 123rd Airlift Wing.

“Maintaining weapons proficiency is ex-

remely important for combat arms specialists,” said Tech Sgt. Randall Ford Jr., the combat arms program manager. “The two days we spend on the range working with our weapons allows us to practice our safety procedures and weapons operations that we will, in turn, teach to base personnel.”

While at Fort Knox, the team qualified with the M4 carbine/rifle, M9 Beretta pistol, M870 shotgun, M203 grenade launcher, M249/5.56mm machine gun and the M240B/7.62mm machine gun from several different firing positions.

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Senior Airman Richard Lunsford, a Combat Arms Training and Maintenance team member from the 123rd Security Forces Squadron, makes site adjustments on an M68 close combat optic attached to an M4 carbine during annual training at Fort Knox May 16.

## Airman awarded Bronze Star Medal

A combat controller from the Kentucky Air National Guard’s 123rd Special Tactics Squadron was awarded the Bronze Star Medal here June 6 for meritorious service while deployed to Southwest Asia and Northwest Africa, where he engaged enemy forces and deterred their advances.

Master Sgt. Benjamin was instrumental in the execution of nine missions across five countries and seven landing zones, conducting nine forward-area refueling point surveys and one drop-zone certification in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, according to the award citation. Read more at [www.123aw.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123454863](http://www.123aw.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123454863)

## KYANG program creates Strong Bonds

The 123rd Airlift Wing Chaplain’s Office is hosting two Strong Bonds communications-skills events in Louisville Aug. 14-16 for Kentucky Guard members and their families.

The couples’ conference, “7 Habits for Highly Effective Military Families,” and the individuals conference, “Got Your Back,” will be held at the Brown Hotel and will feature chaplains Lt. Col. Fred Ehrman and Maj. Kerry Wentworth as hosts.

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# Professional military organizations lobby for you, the Guardsman

Where do the “quality of life” enhancements you enjoy as military members come from?

What about “normal benefits” like unlimited access to military bases, commissaries and exchanges, Tricare health benefits, and other benefits tied to deployed service?

They all come from the same source.

When I ask the above questions, the normal response from members is the Department of Defense or National Guard Bureau. Rarely is the question answered correctly — the United States Congress.

With that said, Congress giveth, and Congress taketh away.

The Professional Military Organizations that represent you, and ONLY you, are the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kentucky and the National Guard Association of Kentucky.

Both lobby tirelessly for those state benefits you enjoy and de-



Chief Master Sgt. Ray Dawson  
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serve (military tax-free income, tuition benefits for members attending college, free admission to state parks and more).

Additionally, the Enlisted Association of the United States and the National Guard Association of the United States lobby equally

hard on Capitol Hill for those Federal benefits that are routinely challenged by members of Congress in an effort to reduce cost.

The bottom line is this: They speak daily to our U.S. Representatives and the U.S. Senate on legislative initiatives on our behalf.

Their agendas focus on improving and continuing benefits for members of the National Guard.

The first two questions they are routinely asked are 1) Whom do you represent? and 2) How many do you represent?

This is why membership numbers are so important, for both active Guard and retired.

Now, more than ever, these organizations require membership to be effective. If you are interested in joining, please don't wait. Your membership serves as your voice.

Join today!

— Chief Master Sgt. Ray Dawson

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## Mobile apps connect Airmen to resilience

Cargo Courier staff report

Two new mobile apps from the Air National Guard offer Airmen and their families easy access to a variety of tools and information on leadership and resilience.

The first app, called Ready Airman, connects users to important resiliency resources — including a geo-location-based local and national resource directory, crisis prevention information, Wingman Reminders, relaxation techniques and more.

The second application, called the ANG CCM Mobile App, connects enlisted members directly to critical news and information from the ANG Command Chief's Office.

Both apps are available in the iTunes App Store (for iOS devices) and on Google Play (for Android devices).

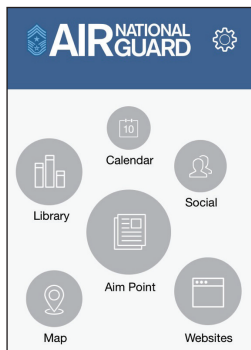
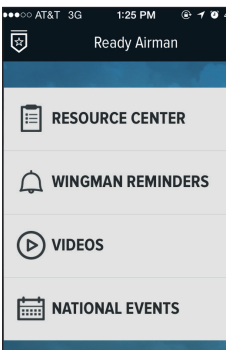
"We created (ANG CCM Mobile App) to give all Airmen access to essential leadership tools at their fingertips," said Chief Master Sgt. James W. Hotaling, command chief master sergeant of the Air National Guard.

Features include:

- Push notifications directly to the field
- Access to the Chief's AimPoint and Yellow Ribbon Reintegration information
- One-click access to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or DoD Safe helpline
- Location tool to find nearby Air National Guard Wings for assistance
- Calendar showing upcoming events across the Air National Guard
- Extensive library of resources and links, including the Ready Airman app
- All-in-one handy references, including the Airmen "Brown" and "Blue" books
- Live feeds from the chief's Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitter accounts

"Leadership advocacy is the key to promoting resilience, diversity, risk management and readiness among our Airmen and their families," said Col. Edward Vaughan, executive director of the ANG Community Action Information Board. "Chief Hotaling is a crucial strategic voice and valuable partner in this effort."

The apps were produced by the Air National Guard Community Action Information Board and the ANG Safety Directorate.



The Air Guard has introduced two free mobile apps for Android and iOS, the Ready Airman app (left) and the Air National Guard CCM Mobile app (right).

## KyANG Officer Vacancies

Applications are currently being accepted for the following officer vacancies in the Kentucky Air National Guard.

**Title:** CRG Operations Officer  
**Unit:** 123rd Global Mobility Squadron  
**Rank/Requirements:** O-4/011M3B or 012M3B  
**Closeout Date:** N/A (DSG vacancy)

**Description:** A CRG Operations Officer is an air mobility expert that rapidly deploys response forces to support air mobility operations worldwide. This leader would oversee and coordinate command and control, aerial port and aircraft maintenance for contingency air mobility operations. Responsibilities include planning and deploying support packages for DoD exercises, contingencies, combat and relief operations. Flying qualifications are required to be maintained.

**POC:** Col. David Mounkes, 413-4334; or Lt. Col. Bruce Bancroft, 413-4724

**Title:** FSS Operations Officer  
**Unit:** 123rd Force Support Squadron  
**Rank/Requirements:** Officers in the grades of O2 to O4. Please send a current RIP, a military resume and a letter of intent to the hiring POC prior to the closeout date.  
**Closeout Date:** Sept. 4, 2015 (DSG vacancy)

**Description:** The goal of FSS is to define, develop, shape, sustain and deliver mission-ready Airmen. The operations officer implements initiatives to manage human resources; provide education and training; regenerate and feed Airmen; develop human capital strategies; and provide Force Readiness and Quality of Service programs.

**POC:** Lt. Col. Kevin Krauss, 413-4563 or kevin.krauss@ang.af.mil

**Title:** Executive Officer  
**Unit:** Joint Forces Headquarters - KYANG  
**Rank/Requirements:** O-3 to O-4 and Any AFSC/97E0  
**Closeout Date:** Aug. 1, 2015 (Previously in July's Wing Bulletin and JFHQ-Kentucky Quarterly)

**Description:** Oversees information management activities for the commander and support staff; handles protocol duties as required; implements, directs, and coordinates executive functions, services, and activities; represents the commander in interaction with other agencies of all levels; and is responsible for unit programs and special projects as directed by the commander.

**POC:** Lt. Col. Matt Stone, 413-4424