

Wyoming Guardsman to instruct at NCO Academy

The first resident Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory Course in the Air Force Reserve was in February of 1989. The first Course Manager was MSgt Wendell A. Bandy, who until recently was a member of the 90th SW/153rd Command and Control Squadron. He was chosen because of his standing as a distinguished graduate of an NCO Academy and an NCOPC Instructors Course.

He held this title until the school was dissolved in 1993 and made part of the Airman Leadership School.

Bandy is transferring back to the Air Force Reserve in order to become the first ever AGR Instructor in the reactivated NCOPC at McGhee Tyson ANG Base.

His career to date spans 26 years. He is an example of the outstanding personnel in the Wyoming Air National Guard.



Wyoming Guard Members eligible for three new ribbons

The Military Personnel Flight is announcing three ribbons now being awarded to members:

Air Force Overseas Ribbon (Short Tour)

New criteria have been established to allow more members to qualify. Members must have served a total of 90 days overseas in a deployed or TDY status in any three-year period. This is retroactive to 1 Jan 95. Guardsmen must prove they qualify by contacting MPF with their orders and paid travel vouchers.

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Device

Members who supported Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Noble Eagle contingencies while on

Annual Training (AT) days, Man Days, Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) tours and Title 10 Active Duty are eligible for this award as identified by their unit commander.

National Defense Service Medal

Air National Guard (ANG) members now qualify for the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM). It will be awarded to all members in uniform in good standing since 11 Sep 01 for "... The sacrifices and contributions made by the Armed Forces in direct response to the terrorism..." All members' records will be updated automatically to reflect this award.