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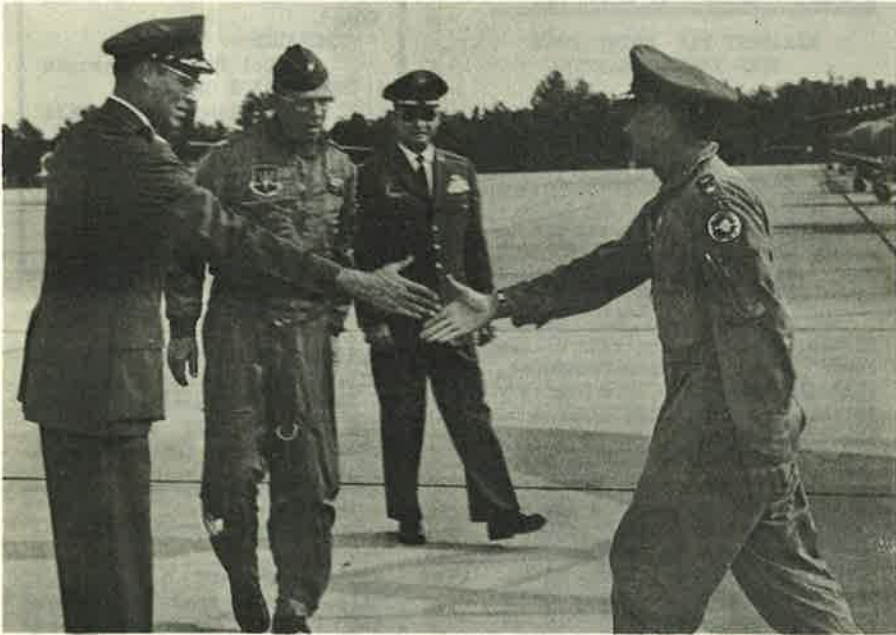
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Ninth AF Commander Visits VaANG

192ND TOPS IN F-84F
FLYING TIME FY 67



In the above photograph, Lt Col Percy O. Gravatt, Jr, Commander of the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group, Virginia Air National Guard; Col William M. Riddle, Assistant to the Ninth Air Force Commander for Air National Guard matters; and Col William E. Haymes, Assistant Adjutant General of Virginia for Air, greet Maj Gen Gordon M. Graham, Commander of Ninth Air Force, as he arrived at Byrd Field on Wednesday, 11 October 1967. This was the first official annual visit of General Graham since he became Ninth Air Force Commander. He arrived from Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, in an RF-4C "Phantom" jet aircraft. (See photo of Gen Graham's "Phantom" on page 2--it was of real interest to the personnel who were here when Gen Graham arrived). General Graham spent about an hour touring the base and talking to key VaANG personnel before departing for another base included in his official tour.

192nd TFG pilots exceeded all other F-84F groups during fiscal year 1967 in tactical flying hour accomplishment. Order of standing is as follows:

192TFG	4684 hrs	Byrd Fld, Va.
178TFG	4520 hrs	Springfield, O.
104TFG	4382 hrs	Westfield, Mass
102TFG	4327 hrs	Boston, Mass.
179TFG	4220 hrs	Mansfield, Ohio
182TFG	4206 hrs	Peoria, Illinois
181TFG	4200 hrs	Hulman Fld, Ind
183TFG	4060 hrs	Capital Apt, Ill
122TFG	3948 hrs	Baer Fld, Ind
180TFG	3826 hrs	Toledo, Ohio

This tremendous accomplishment was made possible through the dedication, technical skill, and hard work of all support personnel involved.

Very few people understand the serious chain of events that take place when units of the Air National Guard fail to meet training commitments. Flying hours are allocated to the Guard based on flying hours required to train and maintain a given number of pilots in a combat ready status. Money is appropriated accordingly to support this allocated flying hour commitment. Many Air Guard units failed to maintain the required pilot strength and consequently failed to fly their allocated share of flying hours in FY 67. As a result, the Department of Defense and the Bureau of the Budget reduced the flying hour allocation for the Air National Guard in FY 68. The 192nd reduction was approximately 400 F-84F flying hours. At first glance this reduction is not serious, however, all support functions suffered a like decrease. One maintenance technician was removed from all tactical units and four maintenance technicians were lost to Beef Broth units. A decrease in supplemental training funds, TDY funds, and operational and maintenance funds was imposed on all units. Consequently, all units and all personnel feel the impact of the reduction, either directly or indirectly.

On the brighter side - the fact that the 192nd compiled more flying hours than any other F-84F (See "TOPS", continued on page 2)

OFFICERS SOUGHT FOR RECALL

DENVER (AFNS) - The Air Reserve Personnel Center is considering recall applications from Air Force officers in grade of major and below who possess the following utilization fields: pilot, 10XX-14XX; navigator observer, 15XX; development engineering, 28XX; logistics, 66XX; aircraft control, 16XX; avionics, 32XX; photographic, 23XX; weapons director, 17XX; and civil engineering, 55XX. Seventy-four officers were recalled or selected for accession to active duty during fiscal year 1968 against a total objective of 120. The recallees included 19 pilots, 18 navigators and 20 non-rated officers possessing selected utilization fields and 17 special category officer accessions.

ANNUAL FIELD TRAINING CONFERENCE

An early November meeting of Wing Commanders, Group Commanders, Permanent Field Training Site Commanders, and members of the National Guard Bureau has been set to schedule dates and sites for field training next year. The schedule will probably be firm in time to announce date and site for the 192nd TFG at the November Unit Training Assembly.

NEXT UNIT TRAINING
ASSEMBLIES
28 AND 29 OCTOBER 1967



(An AFNS Feature)

If you find merchandise that you need and for which you don't have the cash, consideration must be given to how much the budget will stand for credit payments.

A good way to determine this is to add up all essential monthly expenses, i.e., rent, telephone, electricity, heat, gasoline, food. Next, add in other monthly bills such as newspapers, magazines, insurance, alimony, credit accounts, club dues, etc.

After including miscellaneous monthly expenses (baby-sitter, entertainment, etc.), subtract the grand total from the monthly take-home pay. This is the maximum amount of money you will have available for credit payments.

If savings accounts or insurance premiums have not been included, then emergencies have not been accounted for and, if they happen, they will have to be paid from this "maximum left-over fund." Since there is always something unexpected, it's a good idea not to plan on committing all of this "maximum left-over" to credit payments.

("TOPS", continued from 1st page) unit gives the Group Commander an edge on the other units when asking for an increase in appropriations or funds for special exercises. Nothing goes quite so far as a good reputation for getting the required job done, when committed. The 192nd enjoys that reputation now and must continue in the future to maintain its readiness and fulfill its obligations in FY68 as it did in FY67.

DID YOU KNOW?

...that more automobiles were stolen in the United States last year than the total number of automobiles owned by the civilian population of the USSR?

...that more people were killed in the United States last year by firearms than our combat deaths of American soldiers in Viet Nam?

...that one of every two persons living in America today will either be killed or injured in automobile accidents in their lifetime?

...that the crime rate increase in the United States is 7 times greater than the population increase?

For your sake and your family's sake, support your local and state police before you become a statistic.



RF-4C "Phantom" jet aircraft sits on VaANG ramp during visit of Gen Graham, Commander of Ninth AF.

MILITARY PAY RAISE MOVES
STEP NEARER REALITY

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- A military pay raise moved another step nearer reality this week when the House passed a combination bill to give pay increases to classified and postal employees and to raise postal rates. This bill was sent to the Senate where hearings are underway.

Last month, Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said similar action on a military increase would follow passage of the civilian bill.

The civilian legislation calls for a 4.5 per cent raise for white collar workers and six per cent increase for postal workers, both retroactive to October 1.

The House military bill, HR 81-97, provides for an increase of 5.6 per cent, effective Oct. 1. The bill represents the President's program.

Mr. Rivers is expected to bring the military bill to the House floor shortly.

ASSUMPTION OF GI HOME LOANS

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Veterans who sell their homes and permit the buyer to assume their GI loan should get a release of liability from the Veterans Administration. The VA warned that those who do not get such a release remain liable in case of subsequent foreclosure.

The VA will issue a release provided the new buyer is approved as a good credit risk. The VA said, however, that a release from liability does not restore the veteran's eligibility for another GI loan.

Eligibility is restored only when the VA is no longer liable to the lender on the guaranty and if the veteran is forced to sell his home through no fault of his own (for reasons of health, employment, etc.); has his property taken by a government agency for public use; suffers property destruction by a natural hazard; or if while still in service must dispose of his home because of a military transfer.

Further information may be obtained at any VA office.

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WINTER UNIFORM IS PRESCRIBED

Until further notice, the prescribed uniforms for all members of the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group are the all season blue, winter service, fatigues, or as directed.

CAPTAIN MINOR EJECTS

Captain Bennett O. Minor III ejected safely from his disabled F-84F in North Carolina, October 14th. Capt Minor was in a flight of four aircraft on a low-level navigation/weapons delivery mission to the Dare County, N. C. weapons range when he experienced engine difficulties. Unable to clear the engine problems and too distant from a suitable landing field, Capt Minor was left with no alternative except ejection.

All systems of the ejection seat worked perfectly for the ejection. The aircraft impacted in a wooded area with no appreciable damage to civilian property. Capt Minor landed unhurt in a wooded area and was picked up by Coast Guard helicopter and carried to the Elizabeth City, N. C. Coast Guard Station. The VaANG C-47 picked up Capt Minor and transported him to the hospital at Seymour Johnson, N. C. for a check-up by the Base Flight Surgeon. As Capt Minor had only superficial scratches and some bruises, he was returned to Byrd Field, Virginia Saturday night.

The 192nd, and especially Capt Minor, are deeply indebted to the professional skill of the Egress technicians, personal equipment technicians and parachute riggers for the safe ejection during an emergency. There is no greater satisfaction than knowing that a job well done, saved another man's life.



CROWD CONTROL IS A "RIOT"



TAC FORMALLY ACCEPTS F-111A AT NELLIS CEREMONY



QUOTE OF NOTE

On Sunday, September 24th, approximately 400 members of the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group participated in four crowd control exercises. A limited number of individuals were afforded the opportunity to participate in roadblocks established and maintained in cooperation with the Henrico County Police Department.

The day was spent trying to apply as realistically as possible under the circumstances, the crowd control techniques learned during the previous weekend training assembly. The weather was perfect, the events were well planned, everyone enthusiastically participated, and the time was considered in the final analysis to have been well spent.

Colonel Gravatt expressed the opinion that he had never seen the troops having such a good time while "working", and Lt. Winters, Henrico Police Department, said he was glad to see the Air Guard was "alert" and would stand ready to call on them for assistance should the occasion arise.

There were some interesting sidelights during the day such as:

The 192nd CSS is still missing an abducted motor pool officer; the 192nd CAMRON has a MSgt with a bruised nose (an A3C got even); three men were treated for burned hands; two were treated for smoke inhalation; in one event the rioters "captured" the fire truck, and a certain colonel has decided to keep his whistle - says the troops listen to it better than they do to him.

The day was a success, everyone got lots of fresh air, and the required training was accomplished. The commander expresses his appreciation for everyone's enthusiastic participation and attitude in completing this phase of training.

Spacecraft indicate that the magnetosphere, which shields man from high-energy solar particles, extends approximately 3,500,000 miles from the earth.

NELLIS AFB, Nev. (AFNS) -- The F-111A has formally been welcomed into the Tactical Air Command. Five of the swing-wing fighters are assigned to the Tactical Fighter Weapons Center.

Gen G. P. Disosway, commander, Tactical Air Command, said, "We've got great hopes for this airplane. We've got lots of things to do with it. All in all, we're very happy to have it. We've got it where it belongs -- with the people who're going to fly it. We're going to make a good weapons system out of it."

The welcoming ceremony included fly-bys of an F-111A before a group of about 50 invited dignitaries and a crowd of officers and airmen from the base. The F-111A demonstrated its variable wing design by flying overhead first with the wings extended from the fuselage as they are in takeoffs and landings. The second overhead pass was with the wings swept back at an angle of 72 degrees, the position for high-speed flight.

Aircraft commander for the demonstration flight and symbolic delivery was Col. C. L. VanEtten, commander of the Nellis Combat Crew Training Wing and the 4480th Tactical Fighter Wing, which is to be equipped with the new aircraft.

Host for the ceremony was Brig. Gen. R. G. Taylor, Jr, commander of the Tactical Fighter Weapons Center.

Sen. Howard W. Cannon, D. Nev., in attendance with Sen. Alan Bible, D. Nev., noted that Nellis pilots already have flown more than 500 hours in the F-111A, and expressed pleasure at reports from Nellis officials that "As every day goes by the success of the operational aspect of this airplane is becoming more and more evident."

Senator Bible asked that "this pioneer aircraft be judged purely on its merits." He added, "From what I have heard and just seen the F-111A performs very well indeed for the Air Force."

"It is Air Force policy to equip and support Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Units at levels which are in accordance with the quick response required by their mobilization missions. The quantity and quality of the support provided to the Air Reserve Forces is evidenced by the high level of operational readiness demonstrated by these forces, both during the Berlin and Cuban mobilizations and on a continuing basis since then. The need to meet changing situations and requirements demands that the Air Force have the flexibility necessary to manage materiel resources in the best interest of national defense." (Norman S. Paul, Under Secretary of the Air Force, before Senate Committee on Armed Services, Sep. 27, 1967.)



"HELLO....
BASE HOSPITAL... THIS
IS SGT CLU,
...AND I'M
WITH THE
BASE JUDO
TEAM...."

DECORATION BECOMES SERVICE AWARD

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Combat Readiness Medal has been changed from an Air Force "decoration" to its top "service award." The medal ranks above the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. The shift to the service award category was approved, officials said "because of the liberal criteria...which are more descriptive of a service award than a decoration." The award is given for completion of a total of four years as a crew member in combat-ready status.

Commenting on TAC's experience with the F-111A, General Disosway said, "We always have a lot of problems with airplanes until we get them out in the field and then the people in the field seem to cure it. As an example of this, since we've had these airplanes at Nellis we've been flying them about 60 hours a month each."



These photos illustrate Virginia Air National Guard participation in the 1967 VIRGINIA STATE FAIR.

The photo above shows Virginia Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr, pausing in his tour to be photographed at the VaANG exhibit. With him (l to r) are CMSG Harvey L. Mahoney; Miss Karen Louise White, Miss 1967 Virginia State Fair; and Maj Gen Paul M. Booth, The Adjutant General of Virginia. The upper right photo shows MSG Andrew J. Maxwell and SMSG James F. Stockner supervising the VaANG exhibit. The center photo shows President of the Virginia State Fair, Colonel Hancock Reed (with hat) and Miss Sherry Ann Overton, Miss 1966 Virginia State Fair, escorted by Lt Wilbur Rose, VaANG pilot, as they salute the colors. The lower right photo shows the VaANG Color Guard passing by (l to r) MSG Edgar A. Waldron, MSG Jack S. Sandford, MSG Forrest L. Tibbs, and A2C Fred Hughes.

Listed below are questions that may be asked of any VaANG member during expanded security exercises and for security awareness evaluations. We urge you to know the answers to them.

1. What phrases are used in the sabotage notification system to denote unusual or suspicious acts?
2. What are your responsibilities in the notification system?
3. What do you dial to report any unusual or suspicious acts?
4. What color pennants would fly from Security Police vehicles in event of these situations?
 - a. Covered Wagon
 - b. Helping Hand
 - c. Broken Arrow
5. What priority is assigned to the restricted area in which you work?
6. How can you tell if a stranger is authorized to be in your restricted work area?
7. What does "CSC" stand for?
8. What information must be given to CSC in reporting Helping Hand/Covered Wagon situations?
9. What does the letter "E" on restricted area badges mean?
10. What is the code name for a nuclear weapons accident?
11. What situation exists when no pennant is flown by the SP's?

RECENT PROMOTIONS

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT
EDWARD E STEPHENSON 192 CSS

TO STAFF SERGEANT
CECIL H KIRKLAND 192 CSS
WILFRED E WHITE 192 TAC Disp

TO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS
CHARLES B CAUSEY JR 192 TFG
ROBERT C DILLARD 192 CSS
JAMES H MOORE 192 CAMRON

TO AIRMAN SECOND CLASS
GEORGE H BERGDOLL 192 CSS
JOHN R GROOME 192 TAC Disp
ROY B HAILEY 192 SUPRON
JAMES M POWELL 192 CAMRON
LELAND R SIMPSON JR 192 CAMRON
ALLAN R SMITH 192 SUPRON

SKT HONOR ROLL

The following airmen attained the HONOR ROLL by scoring 75% or higher on SKT's administered during July, August, and September.

MSG BOBI G HORNER	90%ile
A2C RICHARD L BROWN	90%ile
A2C DAVID A COLLINS	75%ile
A2C ROY B HAILEY	80%ile
A2C GENE C PEACO	80%ile
A2C ALBERT L RICHARDSON	90%ile
A2C LEONARD H SHEPHERD	75%ile
A3C EDWARD W JORDAN JR	80%ile
A3C CLIFTON B WILLIAMS	85%ile

"Lord, grant that I may catch a fish so big that even I, in telling of it afterward, shall have no need to lie!"

HUNTERS URGED TO PLAY IT SAFE

WASHINGTON (AFWS) -- As the vanguard of the millions of U. S. nimrods take to the hunting fields with their rifles and shotguns, the American Red Cross urges them to come home intact, and offers basic rules for safe handling of firearms.

Last year 2,600 people in the United States were killed by guns -- several hundred of them in hunting accidents. This was an increase of 256 over accidental deaths from firearms in 1965. Everyone should know and abide by safety rules which have been developed over the years by the Red Cross and other authorities:

Treat every gun as if it were loaded. Do not indulge in horseplay. Don't point a gun at anything you don't intend to shoot.

Keep guns unloaded at home. Store them in a locked case or cabinet, out of reach of children. Store ammunition in a separate, locked place.

On a hunting trip dress appropriately for the terrain in which you are going to hunt. Wear distinctive coloring so other hunters will see you. Take along a small first aid kit, a compass, knife or hatchet, and matches.

Know the correct way to carry your gun -- under arm, shouldered, cradled, or with both hands. Make sure safety is on, finger outside trigger guard, muzzle in safe direction and under control.

ANSWERS:

1. Helping Hand and Covered Wagon
2. Detect unusual or suspicious incidents/persons; report same to CSC; contain such situations (to include detaining suspicious persons or isolating the area to limit damage).
3. Dial base phone number 77.
4. a. Red, b. Yellow, c. White.
5. During expanded security, only the Group Command Post and the operational F-34F aircraft that are parked on the main parking area will be designated as priority "A" resources. No priority designation is given to other areas.
6. Check restricted area badge for proper number and/or entry authority list, as used.
7. Central Security Control.
8. Exact location and description of incident and your name, rank, location and unit.
9. Escort Official.
10. Broken Arrow.
11. Security condition is normal.

Keep safety on or chamber unloaded and stay off trigger until ready to fire.

