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FIELD TRAINING AT SAVANNAH

Regardless of the rumors that you may have heard, Annual Field Training for the 192d Tac Ftr Gp and attached flights will be conducted at Travis Field, Savannah, Georgia, 1 through 15 June, 1968.

The Commander realizes that there are a few of you who will be teaching or attending school during this period. If this is your situation, you may be excused if you submit a letter explaining the full circumstances not later than 10 March 1968. Requests received after that date will not be considered.

Transportation to and from Travis Field will be provided by ANG Transports (Air).

In the past, many of you have enjoyed having your car with you during your two-week stay at

camp. However, if you have failed a Specialty Knowledge Test (SKT) since field training 1967 (even if you have qualified on a second SKT), you may not drive (or ride) to and from Annual Field Training by private transportation. Whether or not you have failed the SKT, all personnel must complete the enclosed form and return it to your Squadron Commander not later than 10 March 1968. If your request is not approved by this date you will travel by military transportation.

Transportation by privately owned conveyance (TPC) will be "at no expense to the Government" and performed on your own time. The Government can assume no responsibility in the event of an accident.

VIRGINIAN IS MENTIONED IN ANG
OUTSTANDING AIRMAN COMPETITION

It was announced in the National Guard Bureau Bulletin of 26 January 1968 that Chief Master Sergeant Thomas W. Anthony of the 113th Tactical Fighter Group, District of Columbia Air National Guard, had won in the 1968 ANG Outstanding Airman competition.

Five other men, one from Iowa, one from Colorado, one from Utah, and two from the Oklahoma Air National Guard, received honorable mention in the competition.

Twenty-five competitors were mentioned by the Air National Guard Awards Board as being exceptionally well-qualified Air National Guardsmen. Among them is Chief Master Sergeant Francis C. Stonnel of the Virginia Air National Guard.

APPROPRIATE DUTY RULES CHANGED

In order to simplify the new pay procedures, the time limitations for Appropriate Duty have been changed for members of the 192d TFG. (See 192TFG Reg 11-1, 1 Feb 1968).

With the permission of your Squadron Commander, Appropriate Duty may be allowed up to 15 days before and up to 30 days after providing it is made during the

"INCREASED" SOCIAL SECURITY
PAYCHECK DEDUCTIONS

Social Security paycheck deductions have been increased for military personnel and all other Americans under the system by legislation signed into law shortly after New Year's Day by President Johnson.

The President pointed out these increases will increase Social Security benefits by at least 13% for about 24 million Americans beginning in March.

While Social Security paycheck deductions remain at 4.4%, the old \$6,600 annual salary maximum from which deductions are taken has been raised to \$7,800. This means that the maximum possible total deduction is increased from 1967's \$294 to \$343.20.

Specific benefits stressed by the President in signing the legislation were:

Maximum benefits for a retired couple will rise from \$207 to \$234 and ultimately to \$323 a month.

Minimum benefits for an individual will be increased from \$44 to \$55 a month.

Outside earnings can total \$140 a month with no reduction in benefits.

calendar month of the scheduled drill, and providing if is made before the next scheduled drill.

MOBILITY EXERCISE

All personnel assigned to Mobility Positions will be processed through personnel processing only, this drill, 9 and 10 March 1968.

No equipment will be marshalled.

Do not bring your clothing.

All personnel recently assigned in the new Annex will process Saturday afternoon, 9 March. A schedule by mobility position number and load team number will be published Saturday morning.

IST's, EST's, PFT's, TSE's and alternates will process Sunday morning.

Some of you who started initial processing during February have not returned your completed DD Fm 398 and/or Application for Passport. Please return them not later than 9 March 1968 as they are required items in your mobility folders.

NEW ALERT PLANS

A new Alert Plan, dated 1 March 1968, has been published and your copy was forwarded with this Vanguard. All previous alert plans are obsolete and should be destroyed.

Every member should check his address and phone number and notify all concerned if incorrect.

Every primary should contact all personnel for whom he is responsible and notify all concerned of necessary changes.

GATES

Every Saturday and on Sunday of drill weekends, VaANG gates will open at 0530 hours. They will open at 0700 hours Monday through Friday. Gates close every day at 1800 hours except for night flying when the main gate stays open until flying ends. The Beulah Road gate will stay closed.

NEXT UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLIES
9 AND 10 MARCH 1968

ON SUNDAY, WEAR BLUES FOR
INSPECTION AT 0800 HOURS
ROLL CALL AT HANGAR FRONT



(An AFNS Feature)

The appearance of the Form W-2 with recent paychecks is a reminder that Federal income tax returns are due April 15.

"Your Federal Income Tax," the familiar, large paperback publication issued by the Government Printing Office each year, is again available.

The Internal Revenue publication explains Federal income tax laws as they apply to individuals and contains detailed instructions for submitting 1967 returns, due before April 15.

It defines what income is taxable and, equally important, what items may be deducted. It can be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Copies are 50 cents each; ask for Internal Revenue Service publication No. 17.

But the Federal Government is not the only authority that collects income taxes. Many states also collect on income, although some collect on special types of income only. There also are some cities that collect income taxes.

Members of the armed forces are generally not exempt from payment of income taxes imposed by the states of which they are legal residents. However, the law of the state of which the serviceman is a legal resident may exempt him from tax or it may exclude a major portion of his military pay from taxable income.

It is important to be knowledgeable about all income tax obligations. Failure to file returns and pay tax as it becomes due each year can result in having to pay taxes due for many years past--plus penalties and interest. Though tax rates of most states are generally low, compared to Federal tax rates, the bill can become quite steep if allowed to pile up.

Base Legal Assistance Offices have full information on this situation.

QUOTE OF NOTE
(An AFNS Feature)

"Today's world situation requires strong men to stand up and be counted--no matter what their personal grievances are. Our greatest weapon is one we have always possessed--our heritage of freedom, our unity as a Nation." (Col. Daniel James, 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla., from 1967 Freedoms Foundation winning letter)



THE PRAYER THAT STARTLED

At the inauguration exercises of the Municipal Council of Gloucester, Mass., on January 3, 1916, the following prayer was delivered by the Rev. Levi M. Powers, D. D. As reported that day in the Gloucester Daily Times, some of those present "sat as if stunned. Some were plainly shocked while others smiled . . . and there was a noticeable tendency . . . to applaud at the close." Rev. Powers' prayer is quoted here in part (courtesy Mrs Stuart Moore of Ashland).

Almighty Father, the love of our city calls us here this morning. We begin today a new year of civic life. We know it is useless to ask thy blessing unless we want it and are anxious for it. No matter how much you may want to bless this city, you cannot do it unless the citizens are willing to be blest. We pray therefore first of all for the voters of this city. There are some too lazy to vote but not too lazy to grumble. Bless them. We pray for the tax payers who want good streets, good schools, good fire and police protection and good health officers but who wish other people to pay for their cost.

We pray for the business men whose votes are always determined by the expectation of special favors for themselves. Bless them if you can. We pray for those who believe that all laws should be enforced except the laws which they do not like or which if enforced would trouble them. We pray for the comfortable who do not care about anything so long as they are left at ease. We pray for political managers who swap votes and sell out their friends and let bad candidates go unopposed. We pray for those who vote for the saloons simply because they have property that rents for more for that than for any other purpose. We pray for ministers if there are any in this city--I do not believe there are--who say what is pleasant to hear rather than what is true. We pray for all connected with newspapers who openly advocate civic righteousness and secretly promote crooked politics.

We wish, O God, that all these people might be blessed, but perhaps we are asking too much, for we know that even you cannot bless them unless they mend their ways. It may be that the only thing you can do is to let them go to hell where they belong.

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You know best.

But, O God, before thee are those who can be blest, those who may be a blessing to themselves and to the world. Here today are hundreds of young men who soon will be voters. Bless them with a vision of the world that ought to be and will be when we are wise to our own good. May each one think of his home not merely as the house in which he lives but as a city of which he is a part. May they see how much finer and better life will be for all when each one works for all and thinks for all and all for each. We dare to hope, O Lord, that these young men will have the sense to see that to get the most out of life for themselves they must think of how to make life good for all, and that to be good to themselves they must be good to others.

We ask thy blessing also upon these young women. Some day they too will vote. May they have understanding minds and sympathetic hearts, so that when the time comes they may be fitted for the larger things of life in which it will then be their privilege and duty to share.

Finally, we are here this morning for the special purpose of inducting five men into office, where for a year it will be their duty to work for the common good. They are to think and plan not for any one class but for all of us, not for the best citizens only but for all the citizens, not for those who pay the taxes merely, but for those who earn the money to pay the taxes. We the people, have chosen these men to represent us. Help them, O God, to plan and to act honestly, bravely and efficiently for the good of all. Amen.

HQ ADC--This is a true story. Because both of (cont'd on pg 4)

SECURITY CORNER

Explanation of Terms

- a. **HELPING HAND REPORT:** An oral report of an incident affecting aerospace operational resources where sabotage cannot be ruled out immediately.
- b. **COVERED WAGON REPORT:** An oral report of an incident affecting aerospace operational resources where sabotage is probable, definite or the incident is too serious to investigate.
- c. **SAFE WIND:** A USAF directed expanded security posture, identical in all respects to TAC Security Condition 3.
- d. **SECURITY CONDITIONS OF READINESS:**
 - (1) Security Condition 5 - Normal Security Posture
 - (2) Security Condition 4 - Alarm Investigation
 - (3) Security Condition 3 - Preventive Security Posture
 - (4) Security Condition 2 - Optimum Security Posture
 - (5) Security Condition 1 - Local Ground Attack

AUGMENTEES

Augmentees are reminded that they will be notified of an alert condition on the Base PA System or the PA System on Security Police vehicles. When notified of an alert condition report to the rear door of BEMO for instructions and weapons issue.

ALL PERSONNEL

Please review the material that is posted on the Security Bulletin Board located at the entrance to the Snack Bar. If you have any suggestions pertaining to security, contact your Unit Security Officer or Security Police, Ext. 37.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

For Use in Authorized Service Newspaper Only.

ACROSS

- 1-Three-handed armadillo
- 5-Cleaning substance
- 9-Part of face
- 12-Crippled
- 13-Unemployed
- 14-Southern blackbird
- 15-Censured
- 17-Parent (colloq.)
- 18-Possessive pronoun
- 19-Spanish pot
- 21-Flower
- 23-Roomers
- 27-Compass point
- 28-Get up
- 29-Study
- 31-Pigeon pea
- 34-Note of scale
- 35-Eccentric
- 38-Behold!
- 39-Cloth measure
- 41-Offspring
- 42-Missile weapon
- 44-Printer's measure
- 46-Drinking glasses
- 48-Domesticated
- 51-Small factory
- 82-Time gone by
- 83-Guido's law sets
- 86-Confederacy
- 89-Writing implement
- 90-Fashion
- 62-Secretary of State
- 63-Paid notices
- 64-Insects
- 65-Dirk

DOWN

- 1-Priest's vestment
- 2-Cromy (colloq.)
- 3-Wine cup
- 4-Penitence
- 5-Move sideways
- 6-Hypothetical force
- 7-High mountain
- 8-Fuel
- 9-Incarcerated
- 10-One opposed
- 11-Small bunch of straw
- 16-Church officials
- 20-Secret
- 22-Pronoun
- 23-Reveal
- 24-City in Russia
- 25-Three-toed sloth
- 26-Drunkenard
- 30-Eat in small bits
- 32-Winglike
- 33-Defeat
- 36-Decay
- 37-Part of coat (pl.)
- 40-Citrus fruit (pl.)
- 43-French article
- 45-Pronoun
- 47-Distance measure (pl.)
- 48-Bark cloth
- 49-Ancient
- 50-Speechless
- 54-Pedal
- 55-Weapon
- 57-Employ
- 58-Piece out
- 61-Prefix: down

EDITORIAL

It's Your Responsibility

The time of the year has again arrived for us all to face the spectre of one of life's two unavoidable situations — taxes. At least, that's what the old cliché states.

Everyone has received his W-2 forms and, after the initial shock of seeing how much we really made during 1967 wears off and we have convinced ourselves that we really do have our correct withholding statement (not the one that shows the income of the commanding general or the department head), it's time to start gathering the necessary data to compute our income tax return. Of course, in the process we try to determine where it all went and why we don't have more to show in the way of savings or other assets.

However, the moment of truth has arrived — it's time to compile figures and actually compute exemptions, deductions, credits,



etc. Although we have a highly complex tax law, the government has made every attempt to make your income tax computation as easy as possible.

When you compute your tax or, if necessary, have someone else do it, remember this: the government does not want you to pay more than your fair share of taxes. If you are in doubt about a deduction to claim, consult your legal officer or other tax expert, don't simply ignore it with the idea, "It wouldn't be accepted anyway." If you are legally entitled to a deduction, the government wants you to take it.

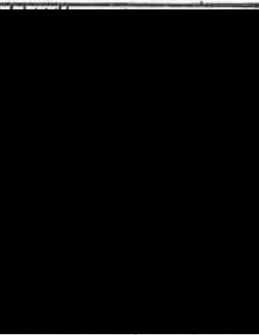
On the other hand, don't try and be "slick." The IRS takes vigorous action against those people who attempt to shirk their responsibility and shift their individual tax burden to other conscientious taxpayers.

Our self-assessment tax system is a model for the rest of the world and depends on the honesty and integrity of the individual taxpayer. It is also equipped with built-in safeguards to protect the individual in case of mistakes, differences and honest errors.

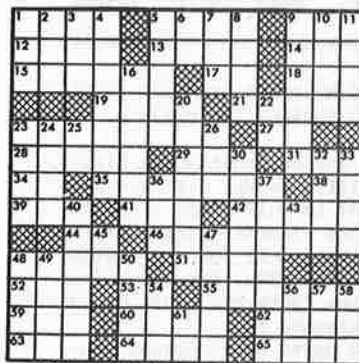
Your annual federal income tax is one of the responsibilities that comes with the rights of citizenship. All that is expected is that you meet this responsibility honestly, accurately and by April 15. (AFPS)



You are eligible to purchase Freedom Shares — which earn interest at the rate of 4.74 per cent if held to maturity of 4 1/2 years — if you enroll in the Pay-



roll Savings Plan where you work or the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank for the regular purchase of Savings Bonds.



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PERSONNEL CORNER

Edward H. Jones, CAMRON, having been promoted from the grade of Airman Basic to the grade of Airman by the Air Force while undergoing Active Duty for Training, was re-promoted by the Air National Guard in February 1968. The ANG date of rank coincides with that awarded by the Air Force, i.e., 13 October 1967.

The following enlistments and appointments were made within the units indicated during the month of February 1968:

149TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
2Lt RONALD L HAYES 1 Feb

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
2Lt LAWRENCE M FUCELLA 1 Feb

192D CAMRON
SGT HASSEL C HIGH 5 Feb
AB GILBERT L MILES, JR 20 Feb

The following personnel were discharged from the Virginia Air National Guard in February 1968. They were assigned to CAMRON.

SSG DONALD L. EGAN 8 Feb 68
SSG DAVID B. HARTMAN 20 Feb 68

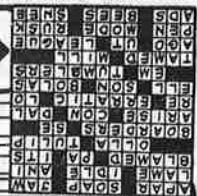
The following transfers took place between squadrons of the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group during the month of February 1968, with duties as indicated:

FROM GP HQ TO 149TH TFS
AB ROBERT E PERRIN, JR INTEL

FROM 149TH TFS TO GP HQ
SSG RUSSELL W JORDAN, III INTEL

FROM 149TH TFS TO CMBT SPT SQ
CAPT DARRYL E MONTGOMERY BASE OP

ANSWER TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE



A SMOKER'S DILEMMA

(The following report by MSgt. Charles Wilkson, Hamilton AFB, Calif., appears to have a wide appeal)

There is no more pitiful sight in the world than an ex-smoker of one day trying to make it an even two.

People start smoking for many reasons, but they usually stop for only one--fear.

Between the taste you wake up with and the early morning coughing performance, you get the idea that your body is trying to tell you to knock it off.

There are two ways of trying to stop. One is to go "cold turkey," throw away all your matches, cigarettes, cigars and tobacco and sweat it out in virtue. The other way is to taper off and prolong the agony.

The antics would-be ex-smokers go through are amazing to watch. The "taper off" types usually decide that they will only smoke at certain times. They spend all their time clock-watching to see how soon they can light up again. They smoke their cigarette or cigar down to the last shred of tobacco, risking third-degree burns in the process.

Pipe smokers are just as bad. They keep trying to light the burned out cinders in the bowl of their pipe under the pretense that it went out prematurely.

The "cold turkey" ex-smokers suffer in other ways. They are prone to glazed eyes and sudden fits of throwing windows open followed by deep breathing. They also spend a lot of time fumbling around, trying to find something to do with their hands, now that they have nothing to hold.

Both kinds of quitters develop an acute sense of smell. They are able to sniff out a burning cigarette a block away. They also are known to spend a lot of time standing near unrepentent smokers, inhaling second-hand fumes on the theory that smelling someone else's smoke is no worse than smelling perfume.

The worst kind of quitters, and the ones to avoid are those who quit by degrees--and stop buying first.

Once people stop smoking, they start eating. Twenty pounds later they wonder if smoking was really all that bad. Especially when they do as much puffing going upstairs as before.

The ability to look smug and assume a superior air when someone wishes aloud that they could quit barely makes up for it.



GEORGE WASHINGTON WEPT HERE

(An AFNS Editorial)

They weren't even "Americans." Not yet. Just simple "Colonials."

A weary, frozen, scared, starving band of ordinary people on their way to an extraordinary achievement. The United States of America.

If they could last the Valley Forge winter, their cause, freedom, would not be lost.

George Washington wept for them. The pitiful hurts, the dwindling food, the incredible scarcity surrounding them would test any man.

They won. Over winter. Over the foe. Over every obstacle that stood in the way of their self-determination.

Now, maybe you think you're just an ordinary person. That nothing you can do would help freedom's cause too much.

But do it anyhow. Write that letter - you - never - got - around - to - writing to your representatives. Take the kids for a visit to history's shrines. Vote. Say "Yes" publicly. Say "No" publicly. Read. Listen. Learn. Tell. Encourage. But don't ignore freedom.

THREE ANG MILITARY AIRLIFT UNITS
ARE TO CONVERT TO C-124's

Three Air National Guard Military Airlift Groups will convert from C-97 to C-124 type aircraft during the fourth quarter of FY 1968. Involved in the conversion are the 157th MAGp, New Hampshire ANG and the 137th and 138th MAGps of the Oklahoma ANG.

Six ANG units have already converted to C-124 type aircraft.

ANG AIRCRAFT FLY TAC
COURIER SERVICE

Four units of the Air National Guard began flying the Tactical Air Command's weekly East/West Courier Service on February 5, 1968. C-121 and C-97 type aircraft are being used to support this mission.

Flights operate every Monday through Thursday. They originate at Langley AFB, Virginia, and fly to James Connally AFB and Nellis AFB, and return via the same route.

The 171st Military Airlift Wing, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, and the 193rd Tactical Electronic Warfare Group have been designated to provide the necessary support. The C-121 and C-97 aircraft, which are configured for maximum passenger seating, are assigned to the following units:

171st MAGp, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Penna; 167th MAGp, Martinsburg MAP, Martinsburg, West Virginia; 111th MAGp, Willow Grove NAS, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania; 193rd TEWG, Olmsted MAP, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

The mission is being performed at the request of Tactical Air Command.

CHAP GNR (cont'd) his parents had been killed, an American family brought back from across the seas a young refugee boy. One day the man of the house took his newly arrived foster son downtown to a variety store. He gave him a quarter telling him to buy anything he wanted. The man remained outside the store wondering what the boy would choose.

We can imagine that the youngster, unaccustomed to seeing such a heaped up variety of things, was excitedly walking up and down the aisles of the store looking at candy, gum, toy cars, and other bright objects designed to attract a boy's fancy. "What should I buy?" he asked himself. In a moment he found the answer. Wreathed in a smile the boy walked out of the store proudly holding in his hand a miniature American flag.

How grateful we should be for our birth in this goodly land and for the many opportunities we have each day in a great country where we can live our lives out in freedom and worship God according to the feeling of our consciences. God bless our native land; God bless the American. (ADC-PS)

The Virginia Air National Guard NCO Association will hold its regular monthly meeting at 1630 hours, Saturday, 9 March 1968, in the club.