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Mrs. Phyllis E. Galanti, wife of Navy Lt. Paul E. Galanti, a Navy Pilot held prisoner by the North Vietnamese is shown signing a petition of concern for American Prisoners with members of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group (Virginia Air National Guard)

192D SHOWS CONCERN FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS

Heeding his appeal to "the great silent majority," members of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group (Virginia Air National Guard) have rallied behind President Nixon in his efforts to obtain humane treatment for United States Military Prisoners of War being held by the North Vietnamese. Byrd Field, Sandston, Virginia, home of the 192d, was the scene during a Unit Training Assembly, January 18, 1970, of the signing by over six hundred officers and airmen of a petition of concern for American Prisoners. The petition is to be sent to the ambassadors and editors of the leading newspapers in seven foreign countries believed to be those countries which might have great influence in persuading North Vietnam to accord humane treatment to American Prisoners. The petition stated, "As Citizens of the United States of America, we would like to bring to your attention and the attention of your Government the recent reports concerning treatment afforded United States Military Prisoners of War being held by the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam and to solicit your assistance on behalf of these Prisoners."

The Reports, which we believe to be correct and true, indicate that these Prisoners of War are not being treated in the manner prescribed by the Geneva Conventions of 1949. As you know, the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam, along with 119 other Governments, is a signatory of the Geneva Accords.

Reported violations of the conventions include the fact that the Hanoi Government has refused to identify those United States Prisoners of War it holds, or to allow these men to receive mail and packages from their homes. It has also been reported that Prisoners have been forced to endure cruel and inhumane physical punishment and, in some cases, have been tortured by the Hanoi Government. These acts are clearly violations of the Geneva Conventions.

We protest most vehemently these reported violations. At the same time, we respectfully request that you and your Government exert all possible efforts to bring about strict compliance by the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam to the Geneva Con-

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GENERAL INSPECTION

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As directed by Tactical Air Command, the Inspector General, Ninth Air Force, will conduct a General Inspection of the Headquarters Virginia Air National Guard and the 192d Tactical Fighter Group during the period 13 thru 17 February 1970.

The Inspection Team, consisting of fifteen officers and twenty NCOs, will arrive by Military Aircraft at approximately 0930, 13 February 1970.

Attendance is mandatory for all personnel 14 & 15 February 1970.

An In-Ranks Inspection will be held Sunday morning, 15 February 70, at 0730 hours, REPEAT 0730 hours, on the Aircraft Ramp. Uniform for the inspection will be the Blue Uniform with Visor Cap. Shoes must be shined to a high gloss and haircuts should be military and not over three (3) days old. Name plates and/or sun glasses will NOT be worn during the inspection. LOOK SHARP!

WIVES CLUB NEWS

The Wives Club of the Virginia Air National Guard will hold its regular monthly meeting at Club 149, Byrd Field on February 18 at 8:00 P.M. A movie of interest to all has been selected to be shown by the Program Chairman, Mrs. Harvey Mahoney. Each member will bring a guest or potential member of the club. Any others desiring information on attending this meeting, please call the hostesses, Mrs. T. P. Glenn, 288-3482 or Mrs. Claude Heath, 737-4597.

NO PARKING

Please do not park autos in the vicinity of the new Refueling Vehicle Parking Area or on the road to the Assembly Hall during the UTA. Off base parking spaces will be available outside of the main (East) Gate and on the gravel ramp.



CAPSULE LAW

(An AFNS Feature)

Alcohol-related vehicle accidents are killing more than 25,000 Americans per year. To help catch the drunk driver, science has come up with new and improved chemical tests for sobriety. These tests, which check blood, breath, urine, or saliva, are more accurate than such old standbys as walking a straight line or pronouncing "Methodist Episcopal."

But there has always been one big problem: what to do about the motorist who, after being stopped by a policeman, refuses to take the test. To force him to submit raises touchy questions of constitutional rights.

However, a growing number of states are finding the answer by passing an "implied consent" law. This law says that a motorist, by using public streets, gives his implied consent -- in advance -- to a sobriety test. When he is halted, he faces a kind of ultimatum: either take the test or lose your driver's license.

True, he cannot be put to this choice without reasonable grounds. An arresting officer may not insist on a test unless there are visible signs that the driver is intoxicated.

"It must be remembered," said one court, "that it is a privilege to operate a motor vehicle on our highways and not a right." The state may prescribe conditions on which that privilege is exercised.

NEXT UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLIES
14 & 15 FEBRUARY 1970

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This note is a charge for the New Year. It comes from Moses, one of the great leaders of the human race.

He knew, as every leader knows, that there are times when people need to rebuked and on occasions Moses did not hesitate to do that with his people.

He also knew that there are other times when their spirits need to be stiffened, reinforced for the difficult ways and days that may lie ahead.

So, when the people were about to undertake the last lap of their journey toward the Promised Land, he said "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life."

There are a great many things ahead of us this year, and the years that will follow, that will be hard, that will call for bravery and courage, belief and conviction, daring and love.

What are we going to do? Withdraw from them either mentally or morally, be afraid of them, dread them, shrink back in ourselves as in shadows where we think we may be hid?

Or are we going to say, that is all a part of experience that comes in life gladly and with confidence.

If we choose life, not death, we have the assurance that accompanies it, for after Moses had given the charge, realizing that he was setting before them a rather difficult task, he went on to say something that I think we might keep in our hearts and minds as we try to make the difficult choices in the new year.

"Be strong and of a good courage; fear not nor be afraid; for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee. He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

ATTENTION
Chapel Services will be in the
Mess Hall at 1500 hours Sunday
afternoon.

TRANSEC "TIP" OF THE MONTH

What is this Third-Man business? Well, his business is to monitor TAC's unsecure voice communications systems. He knows what EEIs to look for and who the chronic violators of communications security are. The Third-Man is motivated and enjoys his job.

NCO of the Month

SSG JAMES W. TOMKO

SSG James W. Tomko has been selected NCO of the Month. Sgt. Tomko works in the Aerospace Ground Equipment Section of CAMRON under Sgt. Murphy. He hails from Disputanta, Virginia, and is employed civilian-wise in Petersburg. He is married to the former Ann Nicolson of Waverly, and they have one son, Randy, age two.

Jim Tomko graduated from Danville, Technical Institute in 1963 and joined the Virginia Air Guard in April of 1964. In the guard he is a Repair Section Supervisor who we are advised comes in early and quite often leaves late on drill days in order to get his work done. How many of us can be credited with that? In his nearly six years in VaANG, Sgt. Tomko has never missed a scheduled drill, and never missed an alert, and that says something considering he lives some 45 miles from Byrd Field.

Another area in which he has excelled is in his AFSC advancement. After passing his 3 level, and getting a 95%ile on his 5 level, he pursued and passed the 7 level exam although it was not required and he was without a 7 level slot.

CONGRATULATIONS!

There was a fellow in the Air
National Guard,
That did not believe in OJT, CDC,
or anything that hard.
For drills he didn't have the
time to spare,
Besides he didn't want to be
classified a square.
He would catch a nap or two
during the day,
While his supervisor was looking
the other way.
Along came warnings one and two,
Settle down and study he was told
to do;
With a laugh he put the warnings
aside,
He didn't feel that by their
rules he must abide.
Then came warnings number three
and four,
Maybe this Guard isn't kidding
any more.
Next there was an order to report
A Classification Board of some
sort.
He met the board as confident as
can be,
That they were bluffing: Everyone
would see.
He even told the board they were
wrong and he was right,
Now we have another guardsman on
active duty tonight.

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CONCERN -- From Page 1

tions as they apply to Prisoners of War, be they United States Personnel or those of any other nation.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter."

Major W. P. Lemmond, Jr., a pilot with the 192d and organizer of the American Fighter Pilots Association at Byrd Field, first got the idea for the petition of concern the Air Force Space Digest. The Digest listed Cambodia, France, India, Poland, Romania, Sweden and the USSR as possible countries that might influence the North Vietnamese to treat captured Americans according to the Geneva Conventions of 1949. LtCol Claude F. Heath, Commander of the 192d, gave his full authorization and support to the men of the 192d in their efforts on behalf of the American Prisoners. Both Colonel Heath and Major Lemmond felt all personnel in the 192d gave a maximum effort to this project.

A special visitor at Byrd Field for the signing of the petition of concern was Mrs. Phyllis E. Galanti, wife of Navy Lt. Paul E. Galanti. Lt. Galanti, a Navy Pilot, was shot down over North Vietnam June 17, 1966 and is being held by the North Vietnamese. Mrs. Galanti signed the petition with members of the 192d and expressed her appreciation for their show of support for our military prisoners being held in North Vietnam. She stated, "I think this is just great for so many people to show their concern for our men being held by the North Vietnamese, and I appreciate the effort of the members of the 192d on behalf of my husband and the other Americans being held prisoners. As citizens of the United States, we owe our men in Vietnam all the support we can give them." The presence of such a charming and courageous lady as Mrs. Galanti at Byrd Field for the signing ceremonies added a feeling of increased concern for our men being held as prisoners by the North Vietnamese.

Members of the 192d hope their efforts on behalf of our men in Vietnam will be continued by other Air and Army Guard Units throughout the country. Major Lemmond and other pilots of the 192d plan to spread the idea for petitions of concern when their travels take them to other Air and Army Guard Bases. Mrs. Galanti spoke for all members of the 192d when she said, "We owe our men in Vietnam all the support we can give them."

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The following personnel was appointed to the 149th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

1LT THOMASSON, CLAIBORNE G.

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The following non-prior service applicants were enlisted into the units indicated during the month of January 1970.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

AB SHEPHERD, ROBERT M., JR.
AB WINDSOR, GREGORY A.
AB HOFFMAN, FREDERICK J.

192D CAMRON

AB MANGRUM, RUDOLPH M.
AB MADISON, ROY L.
AB LITCHFORD, EDWARD C., JR.

192D TAC DISPENSARY

AB ROYSTER, ROBERT T.

** ** *

The following prior service applicants were enlisted into the units indicated during the month of January 1970.

192D SUPPLY SQUADRON

SGT HAGUE, JAMES W.

192D CAMRON

A1C KINTON, RICHARD D.
SSG JOHNSON, WALTER M.

192D CIV ENHNG FLT

SGT FERGUSON, ALLEN P., SR.

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The following personnel were discharged from the Virginia Air National Guard during the month of January 1970.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

SGT GRIFFIN, RUSSELL W.
SSG FLETCHER, SAM K.
SGT HICKEY, JAMES E.
SGT CLAYTON, ROBERT C.

192D SUPPLY SQUADRON

SGT WALKER, JAMES C.
SSG FLORENCE, THOMAS S.

149TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON

SGT CAUSEY, CHARLES B., JR.
CPT GRIFFITH, EDWARD C.

192D CAMRON

AB COVERT, CALVIN W.
SGT DAVIS, CHARLES C., III
SSG SAMMARTINO, VINCENT J.
TSG HARR, WALTER C

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SECURITY

SECURITY POLICE CORNER

1. AF FORM 47a: AF Form 47a must be accomplished and maintained on file by the issuing authority for all personnel that have access to classified material. (AFR 205-6)

2. PASS AND REGISTRATION: Personnel are reminded again that Security Police Pass and I. D. Section is located in the Beulah Road Gatehouse. I. D. Cards, Restricted Area Badges and Bumper Decals for POV's are issued at this location. Personnel clearing the base will also report to Pass & I. D. with clearance slip, I. D. Card and Restricted Area Badge. Bumper Decals will be removed from vehicle prior to clearing the base.

3. SAFEGUARDING AND STORING "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY" DOCUMENTS: Documents containing "For Official Use Only" information, whether marked or not, will be protected to preclude access by unauthorized persons. They will not be left unattended on desks but will be placed in an out-of-sight location. At the close of business they will be stored to preclude unauthorized disclosure. During non-duty hours store material in locked rooms or receptacles. (Para 8, AFR 11-31)

RECIPE OF THE MONTHOVEN BEEF STEW

Ingredients: 1 1/2 lbs. chuck beef (cut in about 1 1/2 inch cubes), 3 T. fat, 12 to 16 small white onions (canned may be used) 3 medium size carrots (cut in 1/4 inch rounds), one 10 ounce package frozen green peas (lightly thawed), 1 T. flour, 1 1/2 cups water, 2 T. tomato sauce, 1 T. red wine vinegar, 1 1/2 t. salt, 1/8 t. pepper, 1/8 t. thyme, 1 bay leaf, several sprigs parsley, 1 clove garlic (crushed).

Method: Cut any fat away from outside of cubes of beef. Melt 3 T. fat in 10 inch skillet; add beef and brown thoroughly on all sides. Put beef, onions, carrots and peas in mixed layers in 2 qt. casserole. Stir flour into drippings in skillet over low heat; add water, tomato sauce, vinegar, salt, pepper, thyme, bay leaf, parsley and crushed garlic and bring to boil; pour over beef and vegetables. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350°) about 1 3/4 hours or until meat is very tender. Serve from casserole. Makes 4 generous servings.

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The following personnel extended their enlistment in the Virginia Air National Guard for a period of three (3) years.

192D SUPPLY SQUADRON
MSG GUIDT, CLAUDE P., JR.
TSG BALLARD, VIRGIL L.

192D CAMRON
MSG DAUGHERTY, ROBERT R.
SSG INGRAM, STEVEN T.
TSG WOOD, OLIVER B., JR.

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The following personnel reenlisted in the Virginia Air National Guard for a period of three (3) years.

HQ, 192D TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP
MSG EDWARDS, BILLY K.

192D CAMRON
SGT HUDGINS, JAMES E.

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The following personnel were re-called to active duty not to exceed 24 months for failure to satisfactorily progress.

192D CAMRON
AMN EARNHARDT, CHARLES B.
AMN MINSON, THOMAS O.

The following personnel were promoted to grades indicated.

192D CIV ENGRG FLT
TSG HAIR, JAMES R.
SSG NICHOLS, JAMES E.
SGT MORTON, ROBERT L.

192D CAMRON
TSG INGRAM, STEVEN T.
TSG LONIE, PATRICK M.
SSG BAISDEN, HOWARD M., JR.
SSG GERMAIN, STEPHEN J.
SGT BURTON, WILLIAM L., JR.
SGT CLARK, RALPH A.
SGT FERRELL, MICHAEL S.
A1C GLASCO, PAUL T.
A1C GREGORY, ROBERT L.

192D SUPPLY SQUADRON
SSG COLLINS, DAVID A.
SSG HARRIS, EDWARD A.

149TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
SSG MASON, ROBERT D., JR.

HQ, 192D TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP
SSG PINKSTON, JOHN R.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
SGT BROOKS, CLYDE W., JR.
SGT HUBER, RONALD W.
A1C ADKINS, CARY B., JR.
A1C BRODECKI, JOSEPH M.
A1C MIFFLETON, CHARLES R., JR.
A1C SKALSKY, CHARLES F.

WHAT'S NEW?

This section is being introduced this month as a family section. We hope you will enjoy it and let us know if you would like it to be continued monthly. Like anything else, it can and will improve with age.

So, if you have a letter you would like to write to the Editor (preferably short), or you have news of a new born baby to one of our members, have an item wanted or for sale, please write in and let us hear from you. Deadline for any news or information is two weeks prior to the UTA.

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS

BUDGET: A method of worrying before you spend, as well as afterward. ... Papyrus ...



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EDITORIAL

A Great Resource

In the spring of 1968, more than 35,000 reservists answered their country's call to mobilize. More than 35,000 "weekend warriors" suddenly became fulltime defenders of freedom, laying aside their myriad civilian pursuits to bolster our defenses in time of crisis.

Now the job is done—at least for the time being—and they have returned to the first half of their citizen-soldier identities. Once again, they have faded back into the fabric of our national make-up.

The pilot who flew missions in Vietnam; the soldier who stood tall and strong in Korea; the sailor and the Marine who guarded the ocean highways—these men are once again the local insurance brokers and mechanics; bankers and carpenters.

They are not overtly distinguishable from their neighbors. They do their jobs, raise their children and grumble about rising prices. But there is a difference. They are the quiet heroes who have backed their country's defenses since the days of George Washington and the Revolutionary Army.

Those who answered their country's most recent call to arms know that it may happen again. They are ready, as they have always been ready. They prefer not to go, not to have to fight (who does). But when the chips are down, this country can count on the Ready Reserves.

As President Nixon said in his proclamation of Reserve Recognition Day, "They have truly upheld the tradition of the citizen soldier and have again proven that both the National Guard and the Reserves are a great resource for our country and one which is necessary to our national security." (AFPS)



Radial Tires

A radial tire is considered one of the contributing factors in a recent private motor vehicle accident which resulted in the death of a U.S. Air Force airman.

According to safety officials, the "death" vehicle was equipped with a radial tire on the right front wheel and conventional tires on the other three wheels.

This combination most likely, report safety officials, caused the automobile to enter a skid, ultimately causing the fatal accident.

Leading trade magazines and bulletins distributed by major tire companies emphatically warn that mixing radial and conventional tires is very dangerous.

Without exception, they agree that radial tires should be installed on all four wheels and recommend an additional radial tire as a spare.

If only two radial tires are installed on a vehicle, tire officials state, they should always be placed on the rear wheels. Radial tires should never be installed on the front wheels with conventional tires on the rear.

This is because of the positive gripping action of radial tires. With radial tires mounted on the front wheels and conventional tires on the rear wheels, a severe skid could easily result.

(Editor's Note: The above ADCPS editorial was adopted from the Norton AFB Calif., Globetrotter and printed in the GEEIA News, Griffiss AFB, N. Y.)

Dividends for WW II NSLI Policy Holders

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Servicemen who hold GI life insurance policies issued during World War II will share in the \$244 million in dividends to be paid this year.

The Veterans Administration said more than four million National Service Life Insurance policy holders, some of whom are still on active duty, will receive the dividends.

Payments will be made automatically on the anniversary date of the policies, and will average about \$60 per policy.

The VA pointed out that dividends will not be paid on policies terminated by death or surrender, since these dividends are ordinarily paid at that time.

