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25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS PLANNED

The Virginia Air National Guard will be 25 years old on June 21, 1972. Plans to commemorate this Silver Anniversary are well under way. An Open House at the Base is planned for Saturday, June 17. It will be open to the public and will run from 1000 to 1630. Aerial demonstrations, static display aircraft and band music will be among the featured attractions.

The entire program is planned especially to entertain and inform the family and friends of Virginia Air Guardsmen, past and present. There will be no admission charges, and refreshment stands and toilet facilities will be available.

DANCE

On the evening of June 17, a dance for all members of the Virginia Air Guard and their ladies will be held in the hangar from 2100 til 0100 with music by the 15-piece TAC Dance Band, who promise to please. There will be no admission charge for this affair, and set-ups will be available.

WE PROUDLY SHARE OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY WITH OUR PARENT, THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, ALSO 25 YEARS OLD.



When you see the 149th Tactical Fighter Squadron's "REBEL" insignia on the tail of our F-105's, one of the men you can thank is TSG BERNARD W. "BEATTLE" BAILEY, 192D CAMRON, shown here after removing one of the stencils used to do the job.

PALACE CHASE

The Virginia Air National Guard, along with other Guard and Air Force Reserve units, may soon have a sizeable influx of new personnel from among the ranks of the active Air Force. "PALACE CHASE" is a new program announced in March whereby active force volunteers may transfer to the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve in support of Total Force Management. The Air Reserve Forces (ARF) include both the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. ARF are currently undergoing an extensive modernization of weapons systems and require additional trained personnel to fill critical positions. To assist ARF attain combat ready status, trained airmen and rated officers may be voluntarily released from active duty to serve in ARF units. Release will be contingent on manning conditions in the active force which will allow for transfer without degrading the combat readiness of active units, and on the needs of the ARF by weapons system and AFSC.

Continental United States based personnel who have at least one year on active duty, possess an AFSC required by one of the new or converting (such as the VaANG) ARF units, and meet the other eligibility criteria outlined by Headquarters, Air Force Military Personnel Center (AFMPC), Randolph AFB, Texas. Final approval for release will be made by AFMPC in the case of officers and by the Major Air Command in the case of airmen. Active duty service commitments will be waived for those personnel ap-

proved. In exchange for waiver of active duty service commitments, the individual will be required to sign a contract to serve twice the length of his remaining active duty service commitment as a participating member of an ARF unit; however, the contractual period will not be less than one year nor more than six years. Airmen applying under this program must enlist in an ARF unit not later than 1 July 1972. Officers may join in either fiscal year 72 or 73.

Since PALACE CHASE represents a redistribution of trained personnel from one component of the total force to another, there must be a requirement for the individual applicant's skill in an ARF unit before release is approved. To simplify the process of determining if a requirement exists, the Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) at Denver, Colorado, acts as the central clearing house for all ARF vacancies--Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. When an individual applies for PALACE CHASE through his active Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO), the CBPO will contact ARPC to determine if there is a requirement in the unit or area for which the individual desires to apply.

PALACE CHASE is a major step toward making Total Force Management a reality. The active Air Force recognizes that combat ready ARF with modern weapons systems are essential, and that they must make every effort to insure that these forces attain combat ready status at the earliest practicable date.

A CONCEPT OF VALUE

from the radio program "Our Changing World," with Earl Nightingale

Some time back, you'll remember, the nation and the free world were shocked by the Thresher disaster, a fine new atomic submarine with more than a hundred fine men aboard was destroyed during diving exercises. Not long afterwards a listener in California sent me an excellent editorial written by Leo F. Spector and published in the Assembly & Fastener Engineer. Mr. Spector wrote:

"The inquiry into the Thresher disaster does not make for pleasant reading. Testimony presented so

far paints a pretty grim picture of our vital nuclear submarine program. Substandard welds, faulty assembly, and shoddy workmanship seem to be the order of the day.

"These are disturbing facts. But even more disturbing is the apparent lack of concern about the situation. And this attitude extends beyond our nuclear sub program.

"You don't have to look very far to find evidence of sloppy assembly. It's all around us. Worse yet, we seem to take it for granted --- even when human life is put in jeopardy.

"What has happened to our sense of values? When the consequence of careless assembly is a large-

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A PARABLE

"Three frogs fell into a crock of milk. The first frog said, 'The Lord Frog will provide,' and he folded his legs and did nothing. He drowned. Frog number two said, 'The sides are too steep; the milk is too deep. There is nothing I can do.' And he folded his legs and did nothing. He drowned. The third frog, being neither an optimist nor a pessimist, but what I guess you'd call a frog realist, said, 'It looks bad. I don't know what to do.' But he figured as long as he had two back legs he'd swim around slowly and keep his nose above milk as long as he could. So he did, and pretty soon he felt something solid beneath his feet. It was butter. So he stood on that lump he'd churned up and jumped out of that crock of sour milk." Keep swimming!

VALUE (cont'd from page 1)

scale disaster, the public conscience is aroused. But who gets excited when a bicycle cracks up because of a bad weld, an appliance shorts out because of poor wiring, or a car's steering mechanism fails because of a loose fastener. These, too, are disasters. The only difference is that they don't rate headlines while the other does.

"Yet the malady is the same in both cases.

"Someone didn't care enough to do his job right."

Someone didn't care enough to do his job right. This is a malady that has been gradually infusing our economy since the post World War II boom years. It's a malady, a sickness that says... "I want more, but I want to do less for it." It says... "Work is nothing more than a necessary evil, let me rush through it so that I can hurry home and enjoy the bounties of my unprecedented, high standard of living."

Sometimes it seems that we have largely lost the concept of "excellence," the rich, personal reward that comes solely from doing what we do outstandingly well.

But maybe we've also forgotten that the person who does not give his best to his work, does not, cannot, really enjoy his leisure. He simply has not earned it, and we do not enjoy that which we do not earn. Our real, our secret estimation of ourselves always hinges on the way we do our work. If we do it poorly, or in a slipshod, average way, we cannot hold a high opinion of ourselves. We are less than full size, and all the frantic

QUESTION & ANSWER ACTION LINE

by Colonel Claude F. Heath
192d Tac Ftr Gp Commander

QUESTION:

I understand that many NCOs within the unit have suggested that a NCO Council be organized. What, if anything, is being done in this regard?

ANSWER:

During the April 1972 Unit Training Assembly a meeting of all 1st Sgts will be held with the Group Commander to discuss organizing an NCO Council for the 192d Tactical Fighter Group. It is my hope that after this preliminary meeting, the 1st Sgts will meet with all our NCO's during Annual Field Training and organize the council. Purpose of the council is to express as a group the constructive opinion of young Guardsmen on all areas involving the Group.

From the numerous suggestions received from the NCO's concerning the establishment of a council, I am sure it will be a big success and I am looking forward to working with them in any way possible.

QUESTION:

Why were the drill checks so late in March?

ANSWER:

The Air Force Accounting and Finance Center in Denver has changed its policy. In the future, checks should not be considered late unless not received by the 25th of the month following month of UTA performance.



"Oh, come now, sailor . . . Don't you think 'Give me liberty or give me death' is overstating it a bit?"

attempts to escape by submersion in the ocean of leisure will end in dissatisfaction, personal failure and even ultimate demoralization.

Whatever it has been given us to do, wrapping packages, washing cars, keeping house, shining shoes or welding plates on nuclear submarines, let us be big enough to do it as best we can; it will make an enormous difference in our lives.

There is really no person more to be pitied, and assiduously avoided, than the childish, moral weakling who feels justified in accepting payment for work he knows he has not done well.

CAPSULE LAW

(An AFNS Feature)

The mailman delivered a package containing a record album to Mr. Jones which he did not order. Later Mr. Jones received a bill requesting payment. Is he obligated to return the merchandise or pay for it?

Recipients of unordered merchandise are under no obligation to return it; to acknowledge its receipt; to pay for it unless used; to give it particular care; or to keep it beyond a reasonable time.

However, recipients are obligated to surrender the merchandise if called for in person by the shipper or his agent within a reasonable time. Storage charges can be demanded by the recipient before surrendering the merchandise.

If Mr. Jones mails the album back at his own expense, he very likely will stay on the sender's mailing list and will receive other shipments in the future.

If Mr. Jones writes "refused" across the face of the package and hands it back to the mailman unopened, no further explanation is required. A person does not have to accept any class of mail. Further, refusal probably will result in the sender having no pay return postage. If Mr. Jones does not use the record album he is under no obligation to pay for it.

NOTICE

● Ground Officers Association meeting - 1530 hours - Saturday, April 8, 1972, in the mess hall.

● WORSHIP SERVICE, 1500, SUNDAY UTA

● Annual Field Training checks for those going to Savannah will be issued prior to departing Savannah on 29 April 1972. Checks will be issued at Byrd Field on the 29th for those remaining at home station.

● General information and literature on Savannah, Georgia, will be available in the Information Office during the April UTA.

● All Commanders and Supervisors please make a survey of their Class "A" and Class "C" telephones to insure they are necessary and are being utilized to the maximum extent possible. Please consider relocating telephones for more effective utilization and report excess telephones to the Base Communications Officer, Extension 34.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

● Our congratulations go to the following personnel who were promoted or repromoted to the grades indicated during March. The date promoted while on active duty with the regular Air Force is shown opposite the names of those who were repromoted in the ANG.

149TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON SSG BAGBY, WILLIAM C.

192D SUPPLY SQUADRON

SSG COX, LEO M.
SSG SMITH EDWARD R.

192D CAMRON

TSG NORRIS, FRANK A, JR.
TSG SYLVIA, WAYNE P.
SSG ALLEN, MICHAEL R.
SSG CAMPBELL, ROY L.
SSG KIRSH, LEONARD K, JR.
SSG OSBORNE, GERALD W.
SGT BROWN, ROBERT L, JR.
SGT LARSEN, PATRICK W.
SGT LITCHFORD, EDWARD C, JR.
SGT MADISON, ROY L.
SGT MCNEELY, JOHN R.
SGT PATTERSON, FRANK C.
SGT WARD, STEVEN R.
SGT WEBB, KOZUO
A1C ELLIS, WILLIAM G, JR. (Sep 71)
A1C HEINEFIELD, RALPH P. (Sep 71)
AMN DOW, JAMES A. (Jan 72)
AMN DUBOVSKY, LEOPOLD D. (Jan 72)
AMN TAYLOR, BARRY L. (Jan 72)

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

SSG MCGHEE, RAYMOND W, JR.
SGT HARMON, DAVID M.
SGT INGE, ELDRIDGE W, JR.
A1C BRANNAN, DAVID S.
A1C COLLIER, CARL H.
A1C ELLIOTT, LARRY J.
AMN CHRISTIAN, JOHN R. (Jan 72)
AMN DRISCOLL, JAMES S. (Nov 71)
AMN GATES, DAVID M. (Jan 72)
AMN GOLDSMITH, STEPHEN L. (Jan 72)

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT

TSG BOWERS, DANIEL R.
SSG DAVIS, WILLIAM C.
SSG JOHNSON, JOSEPH P, III
SSG KREGLOH, DANIEL J.
SSG MILLER, DONALD F.
AMN GONNER, NICHOLAS E. (Aug 71)
AMN HARMON, DONALD P. (Nov 71)

● The following transfers took place between units of the Virginia Air National Guard during the Month of March:

SGT JOSEPH W. WELSH was transferred from the 192D CAMRON to the 192D Civil Engineering Flight to take advantage of his civilian skill as a masonry specialist and to fill critical "Prime Beef" requirements.

SGT JOSEPH W. YARBROUGH, JR, was transferred from the 192D Supply

Squadron to the 192D CAMRON to fill CAMRON's need for a qualified Inventory Management Specialist.

A1C CHARLES R. LEWIS, III, was transferred from the 192D Combat Support Squadron to the 192D CAMRON to align his military and civilian (Air Technician) jobs within the Virginia Air National Guard.

● The following airmen extended their enlistments in the Virginia Air National Guard for the period of years indicated. (*reenlisted)

192D CAMRON

SMS SMITH, WILLIAM F, JR. 1
TSG COUCH, JOHN R. 1
TSG HICKS, JAMES N. 3
TSG LOVELL, JAMES C. 1
SSG BURKE, HOWARD D. 1
SSG CAMPBELL, ROY L. 1
SSG CHARLES, ERNEST J. 1
SSG GUSHEA, JOHN R. 1
SSG NICHOLS, GARY P. 1
SSG REDELL, MICHAEL E. 1

192D TAC DISPENSARY

TSG BESENFELDER, CHARLES J. 1

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

*SSG LANE, RICHARD L. 1

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

SSG HAWKINS, ISSAC N. 1
SSG SHAW, WILLIAM F, JR. 1

● The following personnel were discharged from the Virginia Air National Guard during the month of March. (*Commissioned as pilot trainee. **Joined ANG of another state.)

149TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON

2LT HAGAMAN, JOHN R, JR.
*AB WELCH, JAMES A.

192D CAMRON

**SGT MCCOY, VICTOR L.
**SGT TOEPFER, THOMAS C.
**A1C CANTOR, STEVEN N.

● The following prior service airmen (*) and non-prior service airmen (**) were enlisted in the Virginia Air National Guard during the Month of March. WELCOME ABOARD, Y'ALL! GLAD TO HAVE YOU!

192D COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT (SPT)

*SSG MCMILLEN, WILLIAM F.

192D CAMRON

*SSG FONE, ROBERT B.
*SSG WALLACE, THOMAS J.
*SGT CLOUGH, LINNEAUS W, JR.
**AB OLEY, ROBERT F.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

**AB BAGBY, MICHAEL M.
**AB CHEELEY, ROY C.

WIVES' CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Wives Club will be held at the Club on Wednesday, April 19, at 8:00 P.M. at which time all of the members should have read an interesting book and will come prepared to chat about it and intrigue others to read said book. Don't get excited if you have not read something unique because the President has told us we could not reviewed the Sensuous Woman.

NOW HEAR THIS! It was voted at the last meeting to have a door prize each time to collect postage by everyone bringing a wrapped gift to be used each month for petty cash. Wrap yours and bring it along for the April Meeting so we will have a good beginning stock of White Elephants.

We would like to see some old and new faces for the next meeting.



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POW - THE SILENCED AMERICANS

SECURITY CORNER

BASE SECURITY

The following information was extracted from the 108th TFW, Security Bulletin.

1. **CLEARANCE AND ACCESS:** Once again we believe it necessary to reiterate briefly the difference between clearance and access. There is a clear-cut line between the two words.

Clearance is an administrative determination that an individual is eligible to be granted access.

Access authorization is a formal act required to certify that an individual, who has been determined to be eligible, is authorized to have access to classified defense information.

Whenever addressing the personnel security program, talk professionally—use the correct terminology.

2. **HELPING HAND/COVERED WAGON REPORTS:** Each base that possesses or supports priority A, B, or C aerospace operational resources is required to have a security reporting/alerting system for implementation of up-channel security reporting procedures. The Helping Hand/Covered Wagon report is initiated within a restricted area; relayed through the base Central Security Control/Security Police Desk (CSC/SPD) and the installation Command Post; and terminates at the major command or the USAF Command Post as applicable. The Helping Hand/Covered Wagon report must contain a brief description of the event that caused the initiation of the up-channel report. A three minute maximum time interval between CSC initiation and major command receipt of each report has been established as a matter of policy.

During recent staff assistance visits, inspections, and formal security tests, it was revealed that Helping Hand/Covered Wagon exercises were being relayed to the security police without a brief description of the incident. Usually, the incident was reported correctly by the operational/maintenance personnel at the scene; however, the "job control" or "maintenance control" activity forwarding the report to the CSC/SPD failed to include the description of the incident. Aside from the critical time element involved to check the validity of the incident prior to forwarding the report to TAC, the security police responding to the scene were placed at a disadvantage since they arrived without a prior plan to neutralize the threat to the resource involved.

TRANSMISSION SECURITY

Think before you dial that number! The third-Man has the capability of monitoring all of TAC's unsecure communications systems. He monitors conversations for a purpose which is detrimental to national security. Transmission Security starts with you.

SAFETY

GROUND SAFETY



Beware The 'Boosters'

By Maj. John R. Schuman, USAF

Booster cables were used to start a car while the temperature was about 15 degrees below zero.

The cables were properly connected; however, as the last connection was being made, the battery exploded.

Battery debris and acid flew in every direction. All exposed skin was flushed immediately, so that there were no body injuries from the acid, although clothing was damaged by it. The only personal injury suffered was a cut nose caused by flying debris.

Jumping car batteries is becoming extremely common and is usually done under rushed conditions and in extreme cold. Few people realize how dangerous this is and that there is a method which lessens the chance of a battery exploding. Hydrogen gas buildup inside the battery sets the stage for an explosion. This is especially prevalent if the battery water is low, allowing space for the hydrogen gas to be trapped. Whenever a battery is being charged, hydrogen is being generated. Any spark in or near the outside of the battery may explode the gas.

To minimize the hazard of a car battery exploding, the following recommendations are made:

1. Remove the cell caps from both batteries to vent the trapped gas, and leave the caps off during the jumping process. Use caution so you won't get any acid which may be on the caps on your hands or clothing.
2. Determine whether the car to be aided has a positive or negative grounded electrical system. A positive grounded system has the positive terminal of the battery connected to the engine block or chassis.
3. Connect both cables to the live battery.
4. Connect the proper cable to the dead battery terminal which is not grounded (negative to negative or positive to positive).
5. Connect the remaining cable to a convenient chassis or engine block location away from the battery.
6. As an added precaution, cover the battery with heavy material, such as a piece of carpeting, while connections are being made.

This procedure is designed to prevent sparking near the battery terminals and damage to the alternator.

FLYING SAFETY

The more you fly and the more landings you make, the more susceptible you become to gear up landings. Not because you are catching up with the so called "Law of Averages", but because your reactions are becoming more automatic, more reflective.

DRUG ABUSE

The current spate of literature on narcotics and dangerous drugs in the news media is the source of widespread confusion as to the real effects of marijuana both during and between uses of the drug. Indeed, because of the dearth of fatalities directly due to marijuana overdosage and the lack of physical dependence on it, we are often urged to believe that it is, in fact, not a dangerous substance and possession of it should be legalized.

Part of the problem is related to the fact that the potency for mind-altering effect varies greatly. The active principle, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) may be in very low quantity and diluted by other substances in some supplies of marijuana while that obtained in another area (e.g. Vietnam) contains a much greater amount of the active principle. Thus, statements about the acute effects of smoking a given amount of marijuana should be accepted with caution unless the quality of the substance used is known.

It is beyond question that the acute effects of marijuana, although unpredictable in terms of severity and the exact change in thought processes, result in reduced effectiveness, reliability and response to reality. Thus, it is accepted that its use is exceedingly dangerous in a military setting. Recent scientific studies have confirmed disturbances of immediate memory which induce gaps in stream of thought and aberrations of speech content. Small amounts of THC (equivalent to that found in a high quality marijuana cigarette) produce somatic discomfort, dizziness, feeling of "weirdness" and a dream-like floating state. Higher doses of THC provoke delusions, hallucinations and psychotic reactions similar to those seen with LSD.

In addition to these demonstrated aberrations due to the immediate adverse effects of marijuana, evidence is gradually accumulating of abnormalities seen in chronic users when they are not under the immediate effects of the drug. Recent reports speak of subtle but ominous changes among chronic marijuana users: decreased drive, apathy, distractibility, poor judgment, introversion, depersonalization, diminished capacity to carry out complex plans or prepare realistically for the future, and progressive loss of insight. This complex of effects has been called the amotivation syndrome.

