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ABOUT SWINE FLU - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q--Have there been many cases of the swine flu in the United States?

A--Swine flu caused an outbreak of several hundred cases at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, early in 1976. Before then swine flu had not caused outbreaks among people since the 1920's.

Q--Will there really be an epidemic?

A--With the vast majority of Americans being susceptible to swine flu, it is possible that there could be an epidemic this winter. No one can say for sure. However, if an epidemic were to break out, millions of people could get sick. Therefore, a special swine flu vaccine has been prepared and tested which should protect most people who receive it.

Q--What about other kinds of flu?

A--Certain people, such as those with chronic medical problems and the elderly, need annual protection against flu. Therefore, besides

protection against swine flu, they also need protection against another type of flu (Victoria flu) that was around last winter and could occur again this winter. A separate vaccine has been prepared to give them protection against both types of flu.

Q--Will the vaccine cause painful side effects?

A--These vaccines have been field tested and shown to produce very few side effects. Some people who received the vaccine had fever and soreness during the first day or two after vaccination. These tests and past experience with other flu vaccines indicate that anything more severe than this would be highly unlikely.

Q--Can the flu vaccine be taken safely during pregnancy?

A--An advisory committee of the Public Health Service examined this question and reported that "There are no data specifically to contra-

indicate vaccination with the available killed virus vaccine in pregnancy. Women who are pregnant should be considered as having essentially the same balance of benefits and risks regarding influenza vaccination and influenza as the general population."

Q--Is there any possibility of severe reactions?

A--While there is no reason to expect serious reactions to this flu vaccination, persons, except military personnel, who believe that they have been injured by this vaccination may have a claim. The Congress recently passed a law providing that such claims, with certain exceptions, may be filed only against the United States Government. Information regarding the filing of claims may be obtained by writing to the U. S. Public Health Service Claims Office, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

AIR GUARDSMAN DIES

MSG Wilbur G. Douglas, a 21 year veteran of the Virginia Air National Guard, died unexpectedly in the early morning hours of October 25.

A Richmond native, Sgt Douglas lived in Sandston with his wife, Catherine, and their four children, Kay Marie, Darlene Lynn, Robert Paul and Joseph Granville, all who survive.

Sgt Douglas, an aircraft electrical systems technician, joined the Virginia Air Guard in 1955 after 4 years active Air Force service. He had continual service with the Virginia Air Guard until the time of his death except for a brief active duty tour during the Berlin Crisis in 1961.

A full military funeral complete with honor guard was held by the 192d TFG at Washington Memorial Cemetery.

Rather than send flowers, Sgt Douglas' wife requested that money be given to an education fund for the children, three of whom are already in college.

ANG CHANGES AHEAD FOR UNITS AND INDIVIDUALS

The Air National Guard is due for a few changes, according to its director, Maj. Gen. John J. Pesch, which will affect both individuals and organizations, but the National Guard Association says it will continue its running battle to foster helpful legislation and try to keep out harmful laws.

The Association has managed to avert the lopping off of \$161 million from the latest Guard appropriation and has fought off the move to reduce the number of training assemblies per year. It has also protected technicians from losing their paid military leave and unit commanders from losing their administrative pay. Some of these issues can, of course, be expected to be brought up again in future congresses.

On the other side of the coin, NGAUS has successfully supported procurement of the new A-7 fighters for the Guard, the 90-day Federal

callup, and the bill which increased civil service retirement for most technicians, along with support for a sizeable amount of necessary construction.

Future changes could see attention given to the manning of state staffs and a study of the need for the 1300 Air Force Advisers in the Guard and Reserve. Reserve compensation studies could bring about substantial changes in what Guard membership is worth to the individual in dollars and cents.

Tuition assistance plans are also under study and passage of some plan is predicted by Pesch. The potential benefits here range from 50% to 75% of the tuition cost, or up to six credit hours per semester.

On the technical side, ANG plans include modernizing the weaponry with A-7's, A-10s and F-4s, as well as such support items as the new over-the-horizon radar installations.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The following personnel were enlisted or appointed into the Virginia Air National Guard during the month of October. Those identified with (1) are prior service and those with (2) are non-prior service. WELCOME Y'ALL! GLAD TO HAVE YOU.

192D TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP
SGT MARKIN, RONALD G. (1)

192D MOBILITY SUPPORT FLIGHT
SGT KNIGHT, JAMES E. (1)

192D CAMRON
SSG NOEL, RALPH E. (1)
SGT LEE, RONALD W. (1)
SGT THORTON, RICHARD N. (1)
AB FLEMING, GARRY O. (2)
AB HENSLEY, GREGORY K. (2)
AB WEBSTER, WILLIE M. (2)

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
SSG PARIS, LOUIS JR. (1)
SGT MASON, MAURICE K. (1)
SGT RANDOLPH, CLIFTON (1)
AMN HOLT, ARLENE M. (1)
AB GOLDEN, GERALD L. (2)
AB JENKINS, WALTER F. JR. (2)

192D TAC CLINIC
1LT ROSSER, BEVERLY H. (2)
CPT RUBIS, EARL J. (1)

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT
SGT FINCH, LEROY R. (1)
SGT KERN, PHILIP J. JR. (1)
SGT MONTROSE, MICHAEL B. (1)

192D COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT (SPT)
SSG DEWITT, STANLEY C. (1)
A1C CORNING, TYLER B. (1)
AB BUCKINGHAM, SHELIA (2)

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

192D MOBILITY SUPPORT FLIGHT
AB SKITTLETHORP, DANIEL L.

192D CAMRON
TSG DORISH, ANDREW J.
SSG BURTON, FREDERICK R.
SSG DILLARD, JAMES E. JR.
SGT BRUCE, ROBERT R.
SGT CHAVIS, WILLIAM H. JR.
A1C BYRD, HENRY L.
A1C DILLARD, JOHN W. III
AB ASHBURN, LEMUEL R.
AB BECK, MICHAEL V.
AB REDD, SHARON L.
AB TUNSTALL, MICHAEL S.

192 COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
SSG HAGEZ, ADEL G.
SSG JACKSON, JOHN D.
SGT GILLETTE, WALKER A.

AMN VEST, BRENDA L.
AB COSBY, WARREN M. JR.

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT
SGT COOK, RAY W. JR.

192D WEAPONS SYSTEMS SECURITY FLT
SSG RICKS, ROBERT G.
SGT HAMNER, JAMES L. JR.

The following transfer took place during the month of October and the unit from which transferred is shown opposite name.

HEADQUARTERS, VaANG
TSG RILEY, PHILLIP M. 192CAM

Our congratulations go to the following named personnel who were promoted to the grades indicated during the month of October.

HEADQUARTERS, VaANG
SMS YEARY, HAROLD T.

192D CAMRON
CMS ORCUTT, LLOYD L.
SSG CLOUGH, WILMER W.
SSG JEFFERSON, DEWEY E.
SSG REYNOLDS, JULIAN P.
SSG YOUNG, HENRY T.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
SSG WRAY, EDWARD L.
SrA HATCHER, MARY P.
A1C JOHNSON, LINDA P.
A1C TAYLOR, SHIRLEY S.

The following personnel were demoted during the month of October to the grades indicated.

192D CAMRON
A1C CANTOR, STEVEN N.
AB HAYWOOD, MARK W.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
AB CHRISTIAN, JOHN R. III
AB SAMS, ELMORE R.

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT
AB WALLACE, JERRY W.



"Looks like we may be here for awhile, Argyle!"

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

November is Air Force Alcohol Awareness Month. The objective of the observance is to increase the number of persons who are "alcohol aware" in order to reduce the impact of alcohol abuse upon duty performance and family life. The Air Force's goal is to increase awareness and understanding of alcohol and its related problems.

Air Force has continually emphasized early identification and treatment of problem drinkers. Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to be aware of people with alcohol problems and urge them to seek help.

A major action would insure that no stigma is attached to people who seek help for an alcohol problem. Personnel policies are being reviewed to be sure there is no discrimination based on alcohol-program participation.

For those families who may have members with alcohol problems, the Air Force will provide a kit containing information about alcoholism to help understand what family members are going through. The kit contains a list of people who can help alcoholics to recover.

Alcoholism educational materials will be available for use by commanders, social actions, and information personnel.



"What I like about being a general is, I can dish it out but I don't have to take it!"

REMEMBER YOUR CREATOR

"We the People, Under God"

Worship Services - UTA Sunday

1315 - General Protestant

1400 - Catholic Mass

1500 - Latter-Day Saints

SAFETY**SECURITY POLICE
CORNER****CHAPLAIN'S
CORNER**

If you saw your small child about to insert a metal screwdriver into an electrical outlet, what would you consider appropriate action to preclude a second occurrence? Suppose it happened a second time, or a third or fourth - what would you do.

Now let's extend this situation to your job. If you are a supervisor, what would you consider appropriate action to prevent one of your employees from repeating a safety violation. At the GMT during the October UTA, we saw an excellent presentation regarding eye protection. If one of your employees repeatedly "forgets" to wear his eye protection, what would your reaction be when you caught him at it for the second or third or more times. How would you rebut the retort of "I've been doing it without eye protection for the last 15 years without ever a close call!"

You as a parent are concerned when your child does something dangerous. Do you show the same concern for your employees? Give this some thought. You may feel that its more of your concern if someone else is acting in an unsafe manner. However, all of us are not safety conscious all of the time. Would you feel more comfortable if you knew that your supervisor or fellow employee would mention it to you if they saw you performing in an unsafe manner, or would you become lazy about safety awareness. For the sake of all of us, the former is certainly more preferable. Think about it!

ALUMINUM RECYCLING DRIVE

A reminder that the Aluminum Can Recycling Drive sponsored by the VaANG will end during the month of November, so bring all your aluminum cans, TV dinner containers, pie plates, and used aluminum foil to the base collection point in front of the O & T Building. Proceeds to go to the Crippled Childrens Hospital.

MG PESCH TO SPEAK

Major General John J. Pesch, the Assistant Chief for Air, National Guard Bureau, will be the guest speaker at the 4 December 1976 meeting of the Air Force Association to be held at the Executive Motor Inn.

Anyone interested in hearing this excellent speaker can contact Col William E. Haymes, 786-2406.

TRUCKS USED TO TRANSPORT PERSONNEL

The following information is a clarification of the article, "Riding in Pickup Trucks," which appeared on page 10 of TIG Brief 1, 16 January 1976.

An AF/LGT ALMAJCOM letter, 18 March 1976, has clarified the intent of paragraph 17-8, AFM 77-2, "Manual for the Wheeled Vehicle Driver," regarding the use of pickup trucks to transport personnel. The following has been extracted from the ALMAJCOM letter for your information:

"Paragraph 17-8, AFM 77-2, applies to vehicles that are: specifically designed for personnel/cargo handling, (i.e., the M-Series 2 1/2 or 3-ton truck equipped with side rails, folding seats, safety straps, and 18" tailgate); other commercial or military vehicles specifically designed to transport personnel off an installation, over long distances; or combinations thereof. To clarify paragraph 17-8, AFM 77-2, the following guidance is provided: Personnel may be transported in the cargo bed of 1/2- or 3/4-ton general purpose pickup trucks without the added railing provided the following safety procedures are followed:

.Vehicle must be equipped with a working tailgate.

.Passengers must be seated on the cargo deck with no portion of their bodies overhanging the vehicle sides or rear.

.Vehicles will not be operated off base.

Paragraph 17-8, AFM 77-2, will be changed accordingly." (TIG Brief, May 76)

SWINE FLU SHOTS

According to the 192d Clinic all members of the Virginia Air National Guard will be required to receive Swine Flu immunization during the November drill.

Individuals who are allergic to eggs will not be required to take the immunization according to a clinic representative. Reaction to the vaccine will vary from person-to-person but should not cause any more discomfort than an ordinary flu shot.

GRATITUDE

The Season of Thanksgiving recalls to our hearts the endless and undeserved mercies of God wherewith He has blessed us. Even though we often fail to recognize that all we have comes from God as His gifts to us. The blessings of work to be performed, a community to belong to, the love and comfort of family and home, the air we breathe and the essentials of a common day are gifts of God. Day after day, out of His bounty and love for us, God provides the necessities of our lives. Among the countless blessings received from God, the most important and most precious is the gift of Jesus Christ, who came to love, forgive and save us. As we look at ourselves, at our present and our past, we can see the many blessings God has bestowed upon us and we turn to Him in gratitude and songs of praise. It is a personal gratitude for what God has done for us as a community and a nation. Individually and collectively God has satisfied us with good and rewarded us with His blessings. Be thankful.

ATTENTION CATHOLICS.....

Father John P. Blankenship, pastor of the St. John's Catholic Church in Highland Springs, has become Auxiliary Chaplain of the 192 TFG and celebrates mass on UTA Sunday at 1400 hours. Father Blankenship will also be available for confessions before mass. We urge you to support the Office of the Chaplain and attend mass regularly.

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MOBILITY BAG

CONCEPTS OF TAC MOBILITY

The primary mission of Tactical Air Command (TAC) is the augmentation of overseas tactical forces. Based on this mission TAC is tasked with the responsibility of providing tactical air forces capable of worldwide deployment and employment. Force structure of tactical units and the reaction times for these units are contained in the USAF War and Mobilization Plan (WMP). In addition, the WMP provides the theater, area, commanders a listing of those forces available for war planning.

To meet TAC's mission responsibilities, ANG tactical units must be capable of deploying preconfigured packages of personnel and equipment in support of theater commanders within a short time span.

Our preconfigured packages are: Initial Support Element (ISE). The purpose of an ISE is to provide initial support for tactical aircraft and crews upon their arrival at the employment base. It is a functional package of personnel and equipment which, if circumstances permit, will precede tactical aircraft to the employment base and perform the functions of receiving, servicing and arming the aircraft for the initial launching of combat missions.

Enroute Support Team (EST). The purpose of the EST is to perform limited organizational level maintenance to include preflight/post-

flight inspections, servicing, calibration, trouble shooting, and removal/replacement of components on tactical aircraft at enroute bases so they may proceed to destination with a minimum of delay. Enroute support teams are organized and maintained on the basis of two similar teams, "A" and "B", per tactical squadron. This is to insure servicing and maintenance capabilities are available when tactical aircraft have more than one enroute stop scheduled during a deployment.

Enroute Engine Change Team (EST-C). The purpose of EST-C is to accomplish enroute engine changes. The team consists of personnel, AGE, special tools, one built-up engine, and supplies necessary to accomplish one engine change.

Tactical Support Element (TSE). The purpose of the TSE is to deploy personnel and materiel (supplies, spare parts, and equipment) which, when combined with the ISE and ESTs, will provide a unit with the operational capability to accomplish the assigned mission.

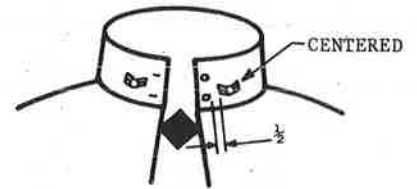
Base Support Element (BSE). BSEs are established to provide support personnel and equipment in addition to the tactical squadron. BSEs are used to provide supplemental housekeeping or base support capability and consists of personnel and equipment elements of security police, civil engineer, medical, fuels, supply, communications and administration.

To insure the capability to process and deploy the personnel and equipment packages, indicated above, we have to conduct sufficient mobility practice exercises

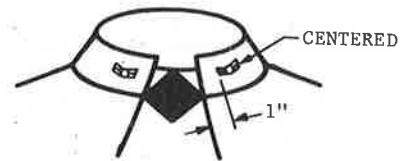
to be assured that we can satisfactorily perform the mobility mission.

PROPERLY PREPARED TAC AND TAC GAINED ANG FORCES PROVIDED THE FLEXIBILITY AND PRECISION FOR DETERRING AND COPING WITH POLITICO-MILITARY CRISIS IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. THIS, IN ONE SMALL SENTENCE IS WHY WE ARE HERE.

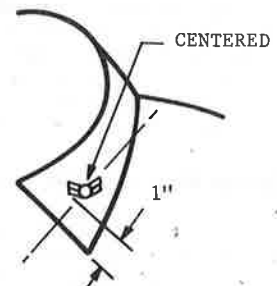
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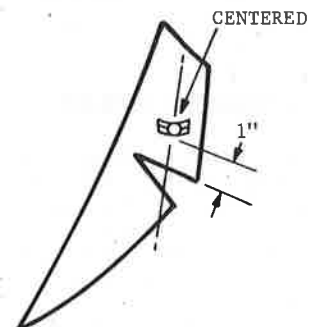
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COLLAR DOWN



MEN'S LIGHTWEIGHT BLUE JACKET
WOMEN'S RAINCOAT
WOMEN'S TOPCOAT



MEN'S RAINCOAT
MEN'S TOPCOAT

Thanks giving



MENU FOR SATURDAY

Baked Ham/Raisin Sauce
Baked Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread/Butter
Fruit

MENU FOR SUNDAY

Shrimp Cocktail
Roast Turkey/Dressing
Cranberry Sauce
Giblet Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas
Hot Biscuits/Butter
Fruit Cake

