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192d TFG LOSES AIRCRAFT

Major William C. Jones was forced to eject while performing an air combat tactics mission off the coast of North Carolina, 31 August 1977.

He was flying at 15,000 feet when his F-105D experienced engine failure. After several unsuccessful restart attempts, he punched out at 5,000 feet and landed in Pimlico Sound where he was rescued immediately by a fisherman. Major Jones was subsequently transported to Seymour-Johnson AFB Hospital for examination and determined to be in excellent health.

The aircraft landed in shallow water and most of the "bits and pieces" have been recovered and returned to Byrd Field. As of this writing there has been no determination or even official speculation as to the cause of the engine failure.

Major Jones was transported to Richmond the following day by Major Jim Holton in a Virginia Army National Guard aircraft.

Congratulations are in order for our Parachute Shop for another job well done.

MOBILITY

The 192TFG will conduct a practice ORI/Mobility Exercise during the September UTA. Reporting time for Saturday will be 0700 hours and attendance is mandatory unless excused by commanders in advance.

The 192nd TFG has officer vacancies in several career fields. Anyone interested and qualified contact TSgt Brooks or Maj Ligon in CBPO, Sunday, 18 Sep 77 for particulars.

(NCO Liaison, Continued)

SSG Carol Coffie, Admin Office, O&T Bldg, Tele Nr. 305

MSG Paul Newbill, Base Supply Office, Tele Nr. 351

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Let's hear from you if you feel that you have a problem.



The NCO Liaison Office had a very quiet UTA during August 1977. Only three inquiries were received and investigated. Is this an indication that almost everyone in the 192d TFG is satisfied with his/her relationship with the VaANG? It would be nice if it were so. Maybe a little clarification as to the purpose of this office is necessary. We are at your service to assist you in any problem that you cannot get a satisfactory answer from your supervisor, first sergeant, or commander. After you have attempted to get a solution from these persons, then bring it to this office and we will follow-up on it and get an answer one way or another. We do not suggest that all questions will be answered to your satisfaction but you will get an answer. The areas that we are interested in include but are not limited to are:

1. Retention of personnel.
2. Military pay and allowances.
3. Supervisory difficulties.
4. Assignments, schools, etc.
5. Questions concerning the VaANG in general.
6. Suggestions for improvement of the VaANG.

The one area that we will not discuss is the application of AFM 35-10, Military Dress Code.

You can reach your NCO Liaison Officer representative at the following telephone numbers during UTA's:



September - a time of year when vacations have generally concluded and children return to school. In doing so, many of the kids, because of their distance from schools, use their bicycles for transportation. In addition, bikes play an important part in their recreational activities. Strangely enough though, very few of them receive any assistance or instruction except for the physical act of being able to ride the bike.

While this article will not attempt to provide the necessary instruction for safely enjoying a bike, it should make you aware that the problem of bicycle safety is a serious one. Since smaller children often do not have the capacity to be safety conscious, it behooves us as adults to be especially wary when bicycle-riding children are in our proximity. To promote this awareness, you will find enclosed with this month's mailing a pamphlet, furnished through the courtesy of Aetna Life and Casualty, entitled "Bicycle Safety".

Please remember that children are not the only ones who enjoy bicycling. Adults, both young and old, have in many cases rediscovered the pleasures of this activity. If you are so inclined, you may find the information in this pamphlet useful. Study it for your own benefit and pass the information along to your children and/or perhaps your friends or neighbor's children. Remember also that this information is just as applicable to people who ride a Moped type bicycle.

WHAT ABOUT RETIREMENT?

All you have to do is complete 20 "satisfactory" years, the last eight with the Guard or Reserve. Then when you "hit" age 60, you really will start reaping the benefits.

What are they?

Beginning with your 60th birthday you will receive: an A.F. retired (gray) ID card; a monthly paycheck based on your rank and total number of points you have earned and the pay scale currently in effect; medical treatment and hospitalization for yourself and eligible dependents on a space available basis; and limited dental treatment. You also are entitled to use Veterans Administration medical facilities; base exchanges and commissaries; officer and noncommissioned officer clubs (local rules permitting); free military space available travel worldwide; military clothing sales stores and base facilities such as movies, libraries, gymnasiums, swimming pools, tennis courts and golf.

If you retire with 20 or more "satisfactory" years but are not yet age 60, you will be entitled to a red ID card to use until you reach 60, which affords the opportunity to join officer and noncommissioned officer clubs (local rules permitting); travel free on military aircraft on a space available basis to points within the Continental U.S.; retention of your commission indefinitely; and wear of your uniform on appropriate occasions.

Even if you can't qualify for retired pay, you can be a member of the Retired Reserve in a nonpay status. If you meet the minimum requirement of attaining age 37 and have earned at least 8 or more "satisfactory" years (including Active service), you are entitled to the red ID card, permissive membership in an open mess and wear of the uniform on special occasions.

WHAT IS A 'SATISFACTORY' YEAR?

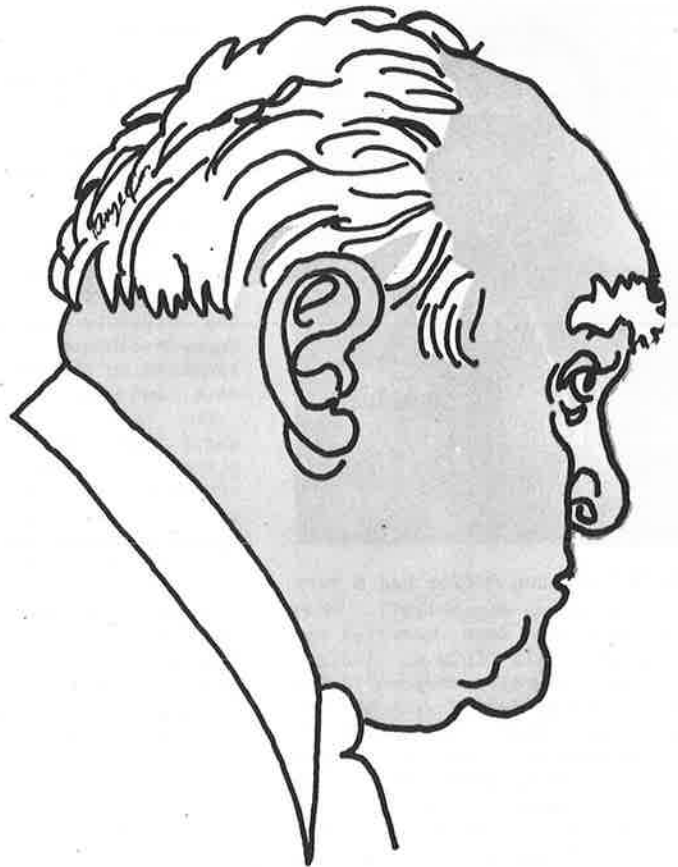
To have a "satisfactory" or "good" year, you must accumulate at least 50 points ... 35 earned plus 15 "gratuitous" (bonus points for actively participating).

Yes, you may earn additional points toward increased retired pay (up to 60 per year for inactive duty and 365 for Active Duty or 366 during leap years).

Here are some other factors which affect you:

All of your service through June 30, 1949 is credited to your account as "satisfactory" service. After July 1, 1949 a "satisfactory" year requires accrual of at least 50 points.

If you were commissioned before August 16, 1945, your Active Duty time had to be during WWI, WW II, or Korean Conflict.



HOW DO YOU COMPUTE RETIREMENT POINTS?

Count one point for each authorized training period or day of Active Duty for training.

Each day of duty with the Active Force also counts as one point.

To determine career retirement points, total all points earned while on Active Duty and add points earned while on inactive duty (annual maximum authorized for inactive duty and gratuitous is 60).

For example: You receive 15 Active Duty points for a 15-day annual tour training period, and 48 inactive duty points for 24 four-unit training assemblies. Add on your 15 gratuitous points and you've accumulated a total of 78; however, only 75 are credited to your account because of the 60 limit on inactive duty and gratuitous points.

Points earned during an "unsatisfactory" year (less than a 50-point year) also count toward your total for retirement.

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN

Members of the Retired Reserve who are entitled to receive retired pay and have attained age 60 also are eligible to participate in the Survivor Benefit Plan and are counseled on the plan. Each member must decide whether or not to participate. Unless there is participation, retirement pay will be discontinued upon member's death. Under the plan, a member designates a "base amount" of retired pay that eligible survivors will continue to receive after his or her death. Such compensation can be equal to 55 percent of the base amount designated.

Any amount over \$300 may be designated as the "base amount." If retired pay is less than \$300 per month, the total amount must be designated as the "base amount." Here are a few examples of "spouse" only coverage. If your retired pay is \$300, for a monthly deduction of \$7.50, your spouse would receive \$165.00 a month upon your death. If your retired pay is \$450, a monthly deduction of \$22.50 will permit a benefit of \$247.50 per month.

SGLI

Another form of protection available to Air Guardsmen and Reservists is the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance program. Participants receive full-time coverage up to the maximum amount of \$20,000. In the event of death, the beneficiary receives \$10,000, \$15,000 or \$20,000 depending upon which plan is chosen.

Members of the Retired Reserve who are eligible to receive retired pay upon attainment of age 60, and who have received their letter of Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at age 60, are eligible to enroll in the SGLI program. Coverage is available until receipt of the first retirement check or until age 61, whichever occurs earlier. It should be repeated that coverage IS NOT available after receipt of the first retired check. Members in a retired pay status may choose election into the Survivor Benefit Plan.

Other benefits to which survivors may be entitled include a burial allowance, free headstone, and all unpaid pay and allowances due the deceased.



HOW DO YOU COMPUTE RETIREMENT PAY?

- ☐ Divide total points by 360 and round off to two decimal places (3,250 divided by 360 equals 9.03);
- ☐ Multiply the above results by .025 and round off to four places (9.03 times .025 is .2258);
- ☐ Multiply .2258 by the monthly basic pay in effect at the time you reach age 60 and round off to two decimal places. Examples:

You are a lieutenant colonel with 3,250 points and 22 years service; multiply \$1,979.70 (your current base pay) by .2258. This equates to \$447.03 each month.

You are a master sergeant with the same number of points and 26 years service; multiply \$1,053.90 by .2258. Your monthly paycheck will come to \$237.97.

...AND WHAT ABOUT NOW?

While you're piling up those retirement points, you'll have some other good things going for you. The expanded role of the Air Guard and Reserve in the years ahead will bring more and more Air Guardsmen and Air Force Reservists to military installations throughout the U.S. and overseas. In many cases, you will be entitled to use the same facilities and services available to Active Duty members. If you are on a short tour of Active Duty such as an annual tour, school tour, or special tour you may use the base exchange, commissary, theater, open messes, transit billeting, field ration dining facilities, clothing sales store and sporting facilities. You also are entitled to medical care, legal assistance and military air travel on a space-available basis. While on inactive duty such as weekend unit training assemblies or Individual Program training, you are entitled to **basically the same privileges** with the exception of the commissary. There are some restrictions on the use of space-available travel and the receipt of medical and legal assistance.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The following personnel were enlisted into the Virginia Air National Guard during the month of August. Those identified with (1) are prior service; those with (2) are non-prior service; those with (3) are Palace Chase; those with (4) transferred from another ANG unit. WELCOME, Y'ALL! GLAD TO HAVE YOU.

192D TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP
SGT CLARK, DONALD G. (1)

149TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
AB DAVIS, SHERYL L. (2)

192D CAMRON
SGT ARCHER, CLINTON D. M. JR (1)
SGT GORE, KENNETH L. (1)
SGT HENDERSON, STEPHEN C. (1)
SGT LUSTER, DONZELL L. (1)
SGT NEUHAUSER, BRUCE D. (1)
SGT RANDALL, ELMER R. (4)
SGT SHREAVES, CARL R. (1)
SGT SOMMERVILLE, STEVEN L. (1)
SGT TYLER, BOBBY H. (1)
AB PICKARD, RALEIGH H. JR (2)

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
SSG ADAMS, RONALD R. (1)
SGT BAILEY, GOLDIE M. (1)
SGT BASL, EDWARD T. JR (1)
SGT BROYLES, ROBERT J. (1)
SGT PRICE, ALPHONSO M. SR (1)
SGT TARABAY, VLADIMIR (1)

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT (SPT)
SGT CURNUTTE, TROY M. (1)
SGT RICHARDSON, DONNELL (1)
SGT RUDD, KENNETH R. (1)
AIC BYRD, HENRY L. (1)

192D WEAPONS SYSTEMS SECURITY FLT
SSG DOKES, GEORGE L. (1)
SGT DUNN, THOMAS B. III (1)
AMN BALL, CHARLES S. (1)

192D COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT (SPT)
AB ADAMS, RICHARD C. (2)

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

HEADQUARTERS, VaANG
MSG HAWKINS, ISAAC N.

192D MOBILITY SUPPORT FLIGHT
SGT WORSHAM, GEORGE A.

192D CAMRON
SSG DUGGINS, CHARLES T.
SSG FORD, LARRY D.
SSG KISSINGER, ARTHUR B. JR
SGT CLARK, EARL M.
SGT HARNAS, DANIEL J.
SGT YATES, ROBERT A. JR

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
LTC MEILLINGER, GEORGE H.
SSG DEAN, LEONARD P. JR
SSG GOLDSMITH, STEPHEN L.
SGT BROWN, CHARLES A.
AMN LEFFEL, VICTORIA L.

192D TAC CLINIC
SSG BENNETT, HERBERT A. JR

192D WEAPONS SYSTEMS SECURITY FLT
SGT YOUNG, GEORGE R.

192D COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT (SPT)
AMN CHARITY, HERMAN R. JR

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

192D CAMRON
AB WHITEHEAD, SIDNEY D.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
AB NORRIS, BARBARA
AB STROHM, DEMARIS F.

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT (SPT)
AB MONTROSE, MICHAEL B.

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

192D CAMRON
TSG PAIGE, THOMAS C.
SSG BROOKE, THOMAS W.
SSG GILBERT, JOHN W.
SSG GREGORY, CARL F.
SSG JONES, NORMAN JR
SSG PERRY, PHILLIP W. JR
SSG PRYOR, RICHARD III
SRA BROWN, JOHN W.
SRA COPPEDGE, ALEXANDER
AIC COOLEY, DENISE M.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
TSG JACKS, NORMAN R.
TSG WYATT, SANDERS J. JR
SSG CHATMON, HENRY
SSG MULLINS, WILLIAM P. JR
SRA NELSON, ELMER
AIC HAWKINS, PETRICE D.
AIC KING, DORIS E.

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT (SPT)
SSG O'CONNELL, DONALD W.
SSG SPRINGER, TROY C. JR
AMN PALMISANO, STEVEN G.

192D WEAPONS SYSTEMS SECURITY FLT
SSG HARRIS, JOHN M. JR

The following transfers took place during the month of August and the unit from which transferred is shown opposite each name.

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT
SSG CLAIBORNE, CHARLES L. 192CAM

192D CAMRON
TSG HEINEFIELD, RALPH P. 192TFG

192D TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP
SSG MEEK, GENE A. 192CAM

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The Social Actions Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Section is designed in the National Guard to serve as an information and referral source for members of the unit and their families. The staff is informed as to what is locally available for those individuals experiencing difficulties due to involvement with drugs and/or alcohol.

In the Regular Air Force the main thrust of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control is aimed at the rehabilitation of the individual in lieu of disciplinary action being taken against him or her. The individual comes to Social Actions as a self-referral, commander referral, or security police referral, and is evaluated as to his level of usage and rehabilitation potential. He is then either accepted for counseling and guidance or referred back to the commander for his action should the individual lack motivation, potential for rehabilitation or need for hospitalization.

A common function to both the Regular Air Force and Air National Guard is found in the educational mission, through seminars, films and training sessions. The Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Section attempts to increase awareness of the potential for danger in drug use and alcohol abuse, and encourage using alcohol in a responsible manner.

The Social Actions Office is located in Room 4 of the Administrative Annex and can be reached at Class C extension 98 during the morning drills.