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192D NOMINATED FOR AF OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD

Lt Col Bill Harris, Air Force Advisor to the 192d, has nominated the Unit for the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service from 1 July 1976 to 30 June 1978.

Lt Col Harris commented, "The accomplishments of the 192d during the last two years have been nothing less than outstanding by any standards. You have continually impressed your active duty counterparts by your willingness to accept all challenges put before you, and your outstanding accomplishment of these challenges."

The narrative portion of the nomination in its entirety reads:

"The 192d TFG qualified for the award through sustained superior service throughout the period 1 July 1976 to 30 June 1978. A can-do attitude characterized the 192d TFG as it constantly pursued new avenues to improve upon its total mission ready posture. The 192d TFG maintained a C-2 status although home station runway closure and major structural problems with subsequent modification



on the UEAC (Republic F-105) hampered the Unit's training. The 192d TFG, nevertheless, was always ready to accept any and all opportunities to improve itself and the combat readiness of its members. The following list includes exercises and deployments the 192d TFG participated in during the aforementioned period. (Cont on page 4)

LTCOL LUNDIE HONORED

At a well-attended and lively luncheon held at the Airport Holiday Inn, Lt Col Wallace R. Lundie was honored for his many years of dedicated service to the VaANG.

Col Lundie, accompanied by his wife Lois, received departing gifts as well as a State promotion to full Colonel. Col William E. Haymes, Chief of Staff, Hqs VaANG, made the presentation.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISE/DEPLOYMENT</u>	<u>SPONSORS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
5-7 Oct 76	Live Fire Exercises	17th Cavalry, USA	Ft Bragg, NC; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
23 Oct-6 Nov 76	Coronet Fife	USAFE/NATO	Lakenheath, UK
18 Nov 76	Federal Gold 77-1	20th NORAD, ADC	Byrd IAP, VA
20 Nov/1 Dec 76	Federal Gold 77-2	20th NORAD, ADC	Byrd IAP, VA
22 Jan-4 Feb 77	Red Flag 77-3	TAC	Nellis AFB, NV
22 Mar 77	Federal Keynote 77-3	20th NORAD, ADC	Byrd IAP, VA
6 Apr 77	Federal Keynote 77-4	20th NORAD, ADC	Byrd IAP, VA
30 Apr-10 Jun 77	Byrd IAP closed to F105's	192d TFG	Travis Field, GA
7 Sep 77	Federal Keynote 77-8	20th NORAD, ADC	Byrd IAP, VA
18-20 Nov 77	9th AF Weapons Competition	9th AF	Homestead AFB, FL
28-29 Jan 78	FAC Training	USA	Ft Campbell, KY
25-26 Feb 78			
27 Feb-3 Mar 78	Eagle Thrust 78-1	1st TFW	Byrd IAP, VA
18 Mar-1 Apr 78	Red Flag 78-5	TAC	Nellis AFB, NV
1-15 Apr 78	Field Training 78	192d TFG	Travis Field, GA
3-9 May 78	Live Fire Exercises	USA	Ft Bragg, NC; Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
13-27 May 78	Solid Shield 78	JCS	Travis Field, GA
17-21 Jun 78	Live Fire Exercises	USA	Myrtle Beach AFB, SC; Ft Stewart, GA
20-23 Jun 78	Eagle Thrust 78-2	1st TFW	Byrd IAP, VA

192D NOMINATED (Con't)

Although not required, the Unit's participation in many of these exercises came as a direct result of their great desire to not only meet all requirements placed on them, but also go one step further in pursuit of excellence—the mark of true professionalism.

Excellence in all facets of their mission was the goal and, most often, the accomplishment of the 192d TFG. The 192d TFG competed for and won the right to represent all F-105 units in the Annual 9th AF Weapons Meet at Homestead AFB, FL in November 1977. On 4 May 1977, the 192d Civil Engineering Flight's Prime BEEF (Base Engineer Emergency Forces) Team deployed to Tyndall AFB, FL. The purpose of the deployment was to test the ability of the team to function in a bare base environment. The result, as judged by the Air Force Civil Engineering Center, was the team received one of only three outstanding ratings given to thirty participating units. Maintenance continued to work wonders with an old and very complicated weapons system. Witness two examples:

1. Solid Shield '78 - 258 scheduled sorties, 222 sorties flown, 398.1 hours, 91.9% overall mission capable rate.

2. Red Flag 78-5 - 102 sorties fragged, 2 sorties lost to maintenance, 202.1 hours flown with 8 aircraft, 91.7% overall mission capable rate. Recruiting is receiving much emphasis in this volunteer armed forces era and the 192d TFG ranked second overall in FY 77 for ANG recruiting. In addition, the unit was in the top 5% of all ANG units for percent of airman manning.

Innovation aptly described the 192d TFG as its members designed, coordinated and initiated an on-going dissimilar air combat training (DACT) program with F-15 aircraft from the 1st TFW at Langley AFB, VA. The Unit chose to demonstrate the operational aspects of this program to the 9th AF ORI team during the October 77 ORI and received an outstanding rating for the air-to-air tactics portion of the inspection. Currently, 80% of the Unit's pilots are DACT qualified as a direct result of this program.

Flexibility has been the keystone of the 192d TFG and one needs only point to the 50 day deployment of the entire unit during the spring of 1977 as a good example. While runway improvements and resurfacing were being planned for Byrd IAP, the Unit waited patiently for a decision on the status of its flying operation during this period. It then reacted quickly as the

decision was made then changed at the last minute; sending the Unit to Savannah, GA. Even though this last minute change required complete rescheduling of all MAC support aircraft and all travel and processing arrangements for the entire Unit, the 192d made the transition, maintained C-2 status, and supported Solid Shield '77 in the process.

A spirit of cooperation has marked the 192d TFG. This spirit not only exhibited itself within the Unit but also in the Unit's dealing with its counterparts in the active Air Force and those in other services. On 8 August, F-105G's of the 35th TFW, George AFB, arrived at Seymour Johnson AFB on the first leg of exercise "Coronete Club" which was a full scale deployment to Denmark. Numerous aircraft discrepancies and bad weather forced a delay in the over-water leg of the deployment. Only limited maintenance and parts functions were available at Seymour Johnson. Due to the cooperation of the 192d TFG, parts and maintenance expertise were supplied from Byrd IAP and resulted in six previously doubtful aircraft meeting the scheduled deployment of the 35th TFW to Denmark. This can-do attitude was recognized by TAC/Commander, General Dixon, on a visit to the Unit on 23 September 1977 when he stated that without the help of the 192d TFG, Coronet Club could not have been completed on schedule. On 17-21 March 1978, the 3rd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division was on field training exercise from Ft Bragg, NC to Fort A.P. Hill, VA. To add realism to the exercise, the 3rd Brigade commander proposed to march the men from Fredericksburg to Richmond on the afternoon of the 20th, bivouac

that night, and airlift the men from Richmond to a combat drop at Ft Bragg on 21 March! Members of the 192d TFG coordinated on the use of the C-130 for the drop, obtained permission for the use of private lands for the bivouac, and provided full support from the time of arrival of the 3rd Brigade to its departure from Byrd IAP. This was done on planned days off for the Unit. As evidenced from the letter of appreciation incidents such as the above epitomize the real meaning of the Total Force doctrine.

Unit pride and a spirit of community involvement has been highlighted by the members of the 192d TFG as, during this two year period, over 70 base tours for scout troops, schools, civic organizations, etc. were conducted by members of the Unit. In addition, the Unit is a charter member of the Richmond Metropolitan Blood Bank and has conducted mass drives on a semi-annual basis. The Richmond Crippled Children's Hospital has benefitted from the generosity of the Guardsmen as they have sponsored outings for the children and an annual Christmas party for them. Unit pride and community involvement came on 15 and 16 October 1977 when the 192d TFG, celebrating its 30th anniversary, co-sponsored the "Golden Wings Over Richmond" flying pageant. The Unit coordinated both civilian and military static displays and flying demonstrations. In addition, the Unit provided the use of its facilities for the pageant, developed numerous displays, designed, and printed a Unit history brochure, and provided personnel to assist in all areas—from first aid stations to parking lot attendants. The result was thousands of people were able to gain a better insight and appreciation for the present mission and the background of the United States Air Force and the Virginia Air National Guard.

The nomination will go through the State Adjutant General and on to Tactical Air Command where the 192d will be considered with its counterparts—active, reserve, and Air National Guard—for TAC's annual nominations to an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Board that meets at Randolph AFB in September. This Board will determine the recipients of the award for the past year.

"No matter what the final outcome is, members of the 192d should be extremely proud of their accomplishments during the past two years," Lt Col Harris commented in closing.

NOTE: Special thanks to Mrs Lucia Donner who spent many hours preparing the detailed package necessary for the nomination.

JULY UTA: 15-16

You belong to a proud group. Don't leave it.

You're part of the Air National Guard heritage that includes men like Charles Lindbergh. Your training and experience make you a key member of our unit.

Stay with the Air Guard. We're all counting on you.

You really belong in the Air Guard.



SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED

At it's Executive Council meeting on June 22, 1978 the Virginia National Guard Association announced that the cut-off date for scholarship applications has been extended until August 31, 1978. (Completed application, transcript, and any attachments must be in to the Scholarship Committee by that date). Three scholarships will be awarded this year. One \$500 and two \$250.

OBJECTIVE AND INTENT

The major objective of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to worthy students participating in a senior Army or Air Force ROTC program in a college or university leading to a reserve commission, or member of the National Guard in any college or university with a desire to receive a commission through some positive program. It is designed to encourage good students to increase their interest in an officer career in the Virginia National Guard

CRITERIA

Each applicant must be sponsored by an active member of the Virginia National Guard Association. To receive a scholarship, the applicant must qualify under either "A" or "B" below:

A. Be a member of the National Guard and enrolled in a college or university and have successfully completed at least one year of study thereunder.

B. Must be enrolled by a senior Army or Air Force ROTC program in a college or university and have successfully completed at least one year of study thereunder; and qualify under the following conditions:

1. Be the son or daughter of a current Virginia National Guardsman, or
2. Be the son or daughter of a retired or retired deceased Virginia National Guardsman (20 yrs. service), or
3. Be the son or daughter of a deceased Virginia National Guardsman who died while in the National Guard, or
4. Be the son or daughter of a member or former member of the Virginia National Guard Association.

PROCEDURE

For application and additional information, see one of the following officers during the July UTA:

LTC Raymond L. Germain
Commander; CAMRON
CAMRON Orderly Room - Hangar
Class A Ext. 330

MAJ Basil Evans, Jr.
Room 35 - O & T Building
Class A Ext. 312

STRET-T-CHING
Bucks & Your Luck!

Weekend borrowing—writing a check on a personal checking account in anticipation that the check will be covered by a forthcoming payday check deposit to a person's account—can prove to be expensive.

Many commercial businesses, base exchanges, and open messes assess a \$5 to \$10 charge for returned checks. Also, most banks assess a charge against an account for each overdrawn check.

In many cases, individuals believe that checks written on Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday will not be charged to their account until the next business day. If the next business day is a payday, they think the payday deposit will cover the check written on the preceding weekend. But many banks start processing accumulated weekend transactions on Sunday, and when this happens, weekend borrowing results in an insufficient funds check.

Bounced checks not only incur costs in terms of bank and business charges for overdrafts; they also affect a person's credit record. All things considered, weekend borrowing is a very expensive practice. You can cut the financial and personal costs by cutting out the risky practice.

Anti-Inflation Measure

President Puts 5.5% Cap On Federal Pay Raise

In a nationally televised speech on the economy, President Carter announced his intention to limit the October 1978 pay raise for white-collar Federal workers and military personnel to 5.5 percent, as part of his program to curb inflation.

In his speech the President said, "I'm determined to take the lead in breaking the wage-and-price spiral by holding Federal pay increases down. Last year Federal white-collar salaries rose by more than 7 percent. I intend to propose a limit of about 5.5 percent this year, thereby setting the example for labor and industry to moderate price and wage increases."

"This year I will also freeze the pay of all executive appointees in the Federal Government and members of my own senior staffs. I believe that those who are most privileged in our Nation, including other executives in government and also in the private sector, should set a similar example of restraint."

"The Federal Government," he said, "will take several other steps to reduce inflation: All executive branch agencies will avoid or reduce the purchase of goods and services whose prices are rapidly rising unless by so doing we would seriously jeopardize our national security or create serious unemployment."

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Class A Ext. 366

A transcript of all college work must be submitted with the application plus a letter of recommendation from a member of the college faculty.



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Accidents
(and it
hurts, too.)**

Conservation:



Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth. By wetting the brush before and rinsing briefly afterwards, you can save up to nine gallons of water.



Definition of a Diet: Something you put off while you're putting on.

VA ARMY/AIR NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

CMSgt Robert V. Glenn, VaANG, completes two years as President of the VaA/ANGEA. Sgt Glenn has also served as Vice President of the Association and has been active at State and National levels in matters pertaining to benefits for enlisted personnel and the National Guard as a whole. He has represented Virginia at the last three National Conferences in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Colorado, and will be at the 1978 Conference in HAWAII.

Sgt Glenn has made several trips to Washington, to participate in joint efforts with other states in getting bills introduced for legislation which affect National Guard benefits. These include survivors benefits, reduced age retirement, commissary benefits, federal tax exemption on drill pay, retain 8 hour drill (2 days pay), education benefits, and many others.

The Enlisted Association works with the Officers' Association at State and National level to accomplish the goal set forth in furthering the overall benefits of the National Guard.

At the last State conference the dues structure was revised. Membership dues for one year are now only \$5.00; Life Membership is \$75.00.

Sgt Glenn encourages all enlisted personnel to become members of the Association and take an active part at State and National levels. This is the first organization established to represent the enlisted members of the Army and Air National Guard at local and national levels. For membership application see your First Sgt or Sgt Glenn.



SSGT DAVID W. MEEKS
NCO OF THE QUARTER



TSgt GENE A. MEEK
AIR GUARDSMAN OF THE QUARTER

The above individuals were selected as quarterly award winners for the 2nd quarter 1978. They competed during the June UTA for the awards and presentation was made during GMT. SSgt Meeks is a weapons mechanic within aircraft maintenance. He has been with the Virginia Air National Guard since 1976. TSgt Bassetti, a technician, works as a navigation system specialist within aircraft maintenance. He joined the unit in 1971. TSgt Meek is assigned as the Group Weapons Safety Representative. He joined the VaANG in 1975. All winners hold a seven skill level.



TSgt RAYMOND L. BASSETTI
MAINTENANCE MAN OF THE QUARTER

Rhymes of the Times

BLOOD IS
A GIFT
STRAIGHT
FROM THE
HEART

SO WHEN
YOU'RE ASKED
PLEASE DO
YOUR PART.
Ager...AFPS



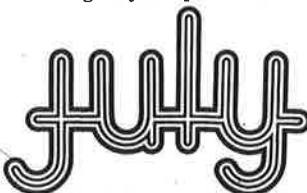
LOGO CONTEST CONTINUES

Just a reminder that the LOGO CONTEST time is passing you by if you haven't submitted your entry: If you find it difficult to write a entry on your own, make it a team effort within your section. Submit your entries today. BE A WINNER!!

Can you imagine watching a fireworks display on the Fourth of Quintilis?

It might have happened if the Romans had not changed the name of our seventh month to July. More specifically, Mark Antony renamed the month in honor of Julius Caesar. The name went into effect in 44 B.C., the year that Caesar was killed by Brutus.

Until the end of the 18th century, the accent in pronouncing July was placed on



the first syllable. The English poet Wordsworth, writing in 1798, rhymed July with truly.

Three nations were born in July, two on the same day. July 4, 1776, was the birthday of the United States; 170 years later, July 4, 1946 became independence day for the

Republic of the Philippines after it was liberated from the Japanese. Midway in the month, French independence is celebrated on July 14, Bastille Day.

July is noted for a number of battles, particularly during the Civil War. July 1 is the anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, marking the farthest point north for Confederate forces. At month's end, July 30—known as Crater Day—recalls the unsuccessful attempt by Union troops to take Petersburg, Va., by tunneling under Confederate positions and blowing up tons of gunpowder. Also in the martial vein, the Korean War Armistice was signed on July 27, 1953.

Birthdays of famous Americans during July include Presidents John Quincy Adams (July 11) and Gerald Ford (July 14), Naval hero John Paul Jones (July 8), sewing machine inventor Elias Howe (July 9), automotive pioneer Henry Ford (July 30), and artist James McNeill Whistler (July 10), especially known for the painting of his mother.

National Safe Boating Week,

aimed at increasing boating safety awareness, is observed by Presidential Proclamation during July 2-8.

Another week-long event is the U.S. Space Observance, July 16-24, recognizing the broad range of American outer space endeavors and achievements.

Highlight of the week is Moon Day, July 20, anniversary of man's first landing on the moon in 1969. The flight dream of ages was fulfilled when Astronaut Neil Armstrong set foot on the lunar surface, stating: "That's one small step for a man; one giant leap for mankind."



First reading of the Declaration of Independence.

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SPECIAL ORDER
A-235-Va

26 June 1978

1. Unit Training Assembly Schedule for all units of this group is as follows:
All Category "A" members of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group and attached
flights are ordered to attend all UTAs shown on this schedule.

8 & 9 Jul 78 *UTA-Civil Engineering Flight (Except Fire Dept)

15 Jul 78	AM & PM	Flying & OJT in Sections
16 Jul 78	AM & PM	Flying & OJT in Sections

22 Jul thru 6 Aug 78 - Annual Field Training - CE Flt (Except Fire Dept) AZORES

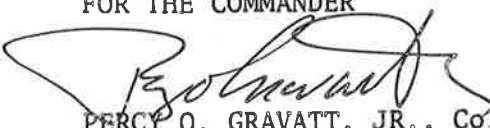
19 & 20 Aug 78
16 & 17 Sep 78
21 & 22 Oct 78
18 & 19 Nov 78
9 & 10 Dec 78
13 & 14 Jan 79
10 & 11 Feb 79
10 & 11 Mar 79

2. AM assemblies will be 0800-1200 hours and PM assemblies will be 1300-1700 hours with the following exceptions: Assemblies for one flight of Food Svc personnel will be as follows: AM 0630-1030; PM 1100-1530 and Food Svc Bakers will be AM 0001-0400; PM 0430-0830. Additional duty hours to cover special work requirements, such as pre-flight, post-flight, etc., will be scheduled by each unit as required to accomplish the mission. Each UTA will be no less than 4 hour duration excluding lunch periods.

3. Uniform will be light weight blues, 1505's or fatigues unless otherwise directed.

4. Excused absences from UTAs must be for reasonable cause and must be mutually arranged in advance by the individual and his Commander. To be excused, an absence must be made up through "Equivalent Training" (EQT). EQT with pay must be performed in the same month as the UTA. All missed UTAs must be made up prior to performing EQT for pay during the current month's UTAs.

FOR THE COMMANDER


PERCY O. GRAVATT, JR., Colonel, VaANG
Chief of Support Services

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