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## Weather Squadron Gets New Commander

LTC Roland Kessler has assumed command of the Virginia Air National Guard's 200th Weather Squadron at Langley Air Force Base. LTC Kessler transferred to the Virginia Guard from the North Carolina Air National Guard where he served as Commander of the 156th Weather Flight.

In the civilian world, LTC Kessler is an Office Director in the U.S.



Department of Energy. His academic background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and a Masters Degree in Government from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

LTC Kessler's new duties give him Command of all 39 Weather Flights assigned to the Air National Guard.

## Association Elects Officers

The Non-Commissioned Officers Academy Graduates Association elected its new officers for the new fiscal year during October UTA. The new officers are: MSG Mike Duke-President, MSG Connie Hughes-Vice President, TSG Jean Friedman-Secretary, TSG Chuck Sparks-Treasurer.

The Graduate's Association is looking forward to a great year, striving to promote professional military education in the VaANG.

Anyone seeking information about the NCO Academy or leadership school, contact one of the above mentioned individuals.

## Awards Board Selects Outstanding Guardsmen

By CPT DON EVERETT

During the November UTA, the Awards Board selected three Guardsmen who have made significant contributions toward safety within their section and who have demonstrated exceptional ability at their assigned job.

The NCO of the Quarter Award was taken by MSG Russell G. Tilley who



MSG Tilley

works in the Gun Shop and is responsible for the safety and procedural controls of the weapons release system. He has been a technician for 8 years and a member of the Guard since 1968.

Most of his spare time is spent engaging in civic and community affairs as secretary of the Eastern Henrico Exchange Club and secretary elect of the Varina Ruritans. He, his wife Cindy and their 3 children live in the Varina Area.

SSG Jay N. Ellis of Highland Springs was tapped as the Maintenance Man of the Quarter. Like the NCO winner, SSG Ellis is a member of CAMRON, assigned to Avionics Doppler Shop.

A 4 year member of the unit and a bachelor, SSG Ellis is the general



SSG Ellis

manager of Dominion Radio Supply, Inc. He enjoys cycling and running and recently was involved in the making of a TV commercial about the Guard.

The Award winner for the Air Guardsman of the Quarter was A1C Dwight E. Sheffield of the Life Support Shop. The Colonial Heights resident, who has been with the Guard program for 2 years, is a full time student. A single man, SSG Sheffield enjoys hunting, skiing and jogging.

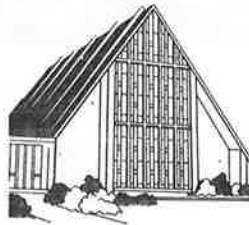


MERRY CHRISTMAS



**UTA SUNDAY  
CHAPEL ACTIVITIES**

Sunday 0830 - General Protestant  
1300 - Mormon  
1400 - Catholic Mass



**Advent Thoughts**

The Advent Season gives the Christian Church an opportunity to consider the past and the future as they relate to the present.

The message of Advent is anticipation. We look at the present status of things from a double perspective: a backward and a forward look. The Christian Community exists between two advents: the first is the revelation of God's grace through Jesus Christ, who came to be the Saviour; the second when he comes again as Lord and King. As we recollect the memories of the first advent, Christmas, we anticipate the second when Christ will come to fully establish his Kingdom. Christians live an ongoing life of faith. We are oriented in two directions - in retrospect of a first coming which established our faith, and in prospect of a second coming which will complete it. As we celebrate and remember Christmas we anticipate the final act in the drama of salvation.

The questions before us is what is the relevance of this message to our present situation?

Most of us are quite aware of the moral, spiritual and intellectual crisis through which we are passing. We notice the loss of moral compass, spiritual integrity and intellectual confidence. But we know that God has not left us alone. We are reassured that God is Emmanuel: God is with us. He is coming back. In this interim we are called to celebrate his coming by living responsibly and by dedicating our talents and abilities to build a better world.

Advent is more than just a celebration or mood one experiences at a certain time of the year. It is a symbol of the Christian total life style.

Chaplain Sant'Anna and his staff, SSG Harlow and SSG Tarabay wish to all members of the 192TFG and their families the merriest Christmas ever, a blessed and happy holiday season, and peace and prosperity in the new year.



Your Chaplain is available to you and your family 24 hours a day. Do not hesitate to call him if you think he can help or assist you in any way. His telephone numbers are: "A"-389, "C"-66, or 737-0635 (Home) and 737-1527 (Church).

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**

**Thinking About Retirement?  
Figure Your Monthly Pay**

This point valuation chart has been prepared in order that you may determine what your approximate gross monthly retired pay may be. The exact amount you are entitled to receive will be examined and computed when you apply for retired pay and will be computed on base pay in effect when retired pay is granted (usually age 60). Service for base pay is your total years of military service (both active and inactive).

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HIGHEST	GRADE	OVER 20	OVER 22	OVER 26
	HELD	YEARS	YEARS	YEARS
MG		.29421	.29421	.30599
BG		.26605	.26605	.26605
COL		.20372	.21555	.23377
LTC		.18429	.19073	.19073
MAJ		.15951	.15951	.15951
CPT		.13793	.13793	.13793
CMS		.10942	.11519	.12637
SMS		.09590	.10155	.11288
MSG		.08464	.09032	.10155
TSG		.07443	.07443	.07443
SSG		.06319	.06319	.06319

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In the above table, for example, a MSG with over 26 years of service would use factor .10155. Assuming that he had accumulated 4,100 points and had attained age 60, his monthly retirement pay would be computed by multiplying 4,100 by .10155, or approximately \$416.

If you are not sure about your number of creditable points or service years, the AF Form 526 which you receive yearly about three months after your anniversary date will reflect this information. There is a copy in your personnel file at CBPO.

**Available Parking**

Parking has become a problem during the UTA's, but an adequate number of spaces is available if personnel would utilize them. For example, the area behind the old barracks building is usually empty, in addition to the area outside the main gate. Parking in grassy areas is prohibited, especially the newly seeded area along the fence at the old gate house. The only reserved parking slots behind the hangar, adjacent to the Fire Dept, are the 13 slots for State Headquarters and the one for the CE service vehicle.

WINTERGREEN SKI TRIP  
Jan 17, 81, Saturday  
Night Skiing. Contact Steve Ingram, A Dock, in Hangar, Phone Nr: 222-6533

LUNCH

6 DECEMBER 1980

BAKED HAM - RAISIN SAUCE  
GLAZED BUTTERED  
SWEET POTATOES GREEN BEANS  
\*\*\*\*SALAD BAR\*\*\*\*  
ASSORTED DRESSINGS  
WHITE & RYE BREAD BUTTER  
CAKE  
COFFEE MILK COLD DRINK  
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LUNCH

7 DECEMBER 1980

OVEN ROAST  
WHIPPED BROWN GREEN PEAS  
POTATOES GRAVY W/BACON  
\*\*\*\*SALAD BAR\*\*\*\*  
ASSORTED DRESSINGS  
HOT ROLLS BUTTER  
CHILLED FRUIT  
COFFEE MILK COLD DRINK

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## Drive Continues; Drawing Set Sunday

Members of the 192TFG are continuing their efforts to assist in the rehabilitation of Raleigh Pickard of Avionics. Pickard was injured in a swimming accident last summer and is currently receiving therapy at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Fishersville, VA.

Steve Huxtable, fund drive coordinator, has announced the purchase of a specially outfitted van for Pickard. Huxtable said he hopes to defray the vehicle cost through a 3-phase program. First, the donation drives which have been an overwhelming success, netting more



than \$2300; secondly, the raffle which was initiated during the November drill; and finally, a valentine dance scheduled for February. Further details on the dance will be forthcoming.

Huxtable reminded all members to turn in their money or tickets to the representative who issued them or to the Electric Shop in the hangar between 1000 and 1300 hours on 6 December and 1100 to 1300 hours on 7 December. The drawing will be held Sunday at 1400 hours.

Pickard will be home over the Christmas holidays and will welcome anyone who has time to stop by.

## That's A Big 10-4

CB-ers who purchased licenses for \$20 during 1970-75 from the Federal Communications Commission are due a \$17.99 refund if they fill out a Phase II Fee Refund Program form, say FCC officials.

The form is available from local FCC offices or by writing: FCC, P.O. Box 19209, Washington, D.C. 20036. For more information call the FCC at (800) 424-2903.



The Awards Board will meet at 1330 hours during the Saturday UTA to select the Air Guardsmen of the Year. In addition, three nominees will be chosen to compete for the Air Force Awards program.

## Unit's Weather Squadron Only One Of Its Kind

The Virginia Air National Guard's 200th Weather Squadron at Langley Air Force Base is unique because it is the only such unit in the Air National Guard.

The 200th provides guidance and direction to the 39 National Guard Weather Flights in technical and administrative training.

The Weather Squadron monitors activities and training for Air National Guard Weather Flights, and makes regular on-site visits to each of them.

The Weather Squadron reviews operating procedures, training, and quality control programs of all National Guard Weather Flights, and assures the availability and currency of technical publications pertaining to weather flight missions.

## Military Paychecks To Arrive End Of Month

Sure pay started on 1 Oct 80 for unit members to have their military checks deposited directly to a financial institution and their leave and earnings statement mailed to their home or designated address. The direct deposit method, known as "Sure Pay", is actually an electronic transfer of funds credited to the member's account through the Federal Reserve system in conjunction with military pay in Denver.

In order to implement the program, the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center must reduce the number of paydays for all ANG members to twice a month, mid and end of month, excluding encampments. Annual Field Training checks will continue to be processed for delivery upon completion of summer camp.

Those members who are currently having their checks mailed directly and those who wish to start the new system are to come by the Accounting and Finance Office this UTA.

SURE PAY IS THE  
WAY! IT GUARANTEES  
YOUR PAYCHECK  
GETTING INTO THE BANK-  
AND THERE'S NO  
WAITING IN LINES, AND..

IS SHE  
PUTTING  
ME ON?



## Club Notes

Joint Venture, a seven piece band plus singer, will play for the Club 149 New Year's Eve Dance. Tickets at \$30.00 per couple for the dance and breakfast will be available at the Club for members only until December 12th. If the 100 couple limit has not then been met, tickets may be sold for guests of members, first come, first serve.

The dinner dance on October 24th featuring the music of the group Second Chance and a delicious seafood buffet was an unqualified success. Over 80 couples attended.

Please make any suggestions for Club activities to the Club manager or any member of the Club Board.

Let's make our Club even better.

A promotion party honoring all members of the 192TFG promoted to Staff Sergeant and above between Sep 79 and 31 Oct 80, will be held right after UTA on Saturday, Jan 81, at the Club 149. Food and drink will be provided by the honorees and you need not be a Club member to attend this Group Function.

For those who wish to join the Club 149, however, the January UTA begins the 1981 membership drive. Consider all the advantages of membership and sign up for a full year of special functions in the newly renovated facility with the benefit of access to other military Clubs around the world.

# PROMOTIONS



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

192D TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP  
SRA HODGE, PATRICIA

192D CAMRON  
TSG CLARK, DONALD G.  
SSG GROSS, GEORGE R.  
SRA FLEMING, WANDA D.  
SRA VIA, DONALD E.  
ALC MASON, RANDOLPH M.  
ALC ROTELLI, PETER L.

192D TACTICAL CLINIC  
TSG JOHNSON, JAMES A.

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT  
ALC EARHART, RICHARD O.

192D COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT  
TSG BRACEY, JOHNE

# ENLISTMENTS

The following personnel were enlisted into the Virginia Air National Guard during the month of November. Those identified with (1) are prior service and those with (2) are non-prior service.

192D TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP  
ALC LAYNE, KAREN S. (2)

192D CAMRON  
TSG FOWLKES, GEORGE S. (1)  
SGT GARRETT, RICHARD A. (1)  
SGT WHITE, WILLIAM C. (1)  
SRA MICKA, DAVID J. (1)  
ALC BRYANT, NELSON M. (1)  
AB HIPKINS, MELVIN L. (2)

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON  
ALC RUCKMAN, JAMES W. (1)

192D CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT  
SSG CARTER, DAVID W. (1)  
SGT SMITH, MARK S. (1)  
AB MALCOLM, BRANDON K. (2)

# SEASON'S GREETINGS

UTA  
6 DEC 7

## Check Your SGLI

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- If you should die, do you know who gets the money from your Servicemen's Group Life Insurance?

If you're not sure, check the insurance form you completed when you took out the policy.

Service members insured under SGLI can either name one or several beneficiaries or write the words "by-law" on their insurance form. When listing a beneficiary, the service member may select anyone. The person does not have to be a relative.

By writing the words "by-law" on the form, the service member wills the SGLI to a closest relative in this order: spouse, children and parents. If none of these relatives survive the service member, the SGLI money automatically goes into the service member's estate to pay existing bills.

Your local personnel office can give you more information on SGLI.

## Airman Advisory Panel To Meet In Denver

The sixteenth meeting of the ANG/-AFR NCO and Airman Advisory Panel will meet 3-4 February 1981 in Denver, CO. This panel is established to provide all enlisted members an opportunity to express their views and to participate in the formulation of policies and programs affecting their future in the Air National Guard.

Use ARPF Form 2, Policy and Advisory Council and Advisory Panel Recommendation, to submit your suggestions with each subject on a separate form. You may obtain ARPF Form 2 from your First Sergeant or your Enlisted Advisory Council representative. Note, this panel meets in early February 1981, and therefore all input should arrive in Denver not later than January 1981. Mail all recommendations to:

RESIDENT SECRETARY  
ANG/AFR NCO & AIRMAN ADVISORY PANEL  
ARPC/XPXP  
DENVER, CO 80280

Anyone interested in participating in this worthwhile program and desires assistance can contact Chief Buttner on Extension 322 during each UTA or Extension 347 all other times. There are copies of previously submitted forms available for review to aid in submission.

Now is your opportunity to help shape your own future. Act today--- get your ideas on paper and submitted.

# It's your Guard. Talk it up.

## Social Actions Vacancy

The Social Actions Office announces the vacancy for a Social Actions Technician, AFSC 73430B. This vacancy is referred to in the 192TFG as Drug and Alcohol Abuse Technician.

General duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to: advising personnel on social actions responsibilities, policies, and programs; performing administrative functions in support of social actions programs; and organizing and performing drug and alcohol abuse control activities. More detailed information is available in AFR 39-1, Attachment 43, dated 31 Oct 80.

Individuals interested in the position of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Technician must: (1) be qualified at the 5-Skill Level in any AFSC; (2) have a minimum aptitude level of administrative 60 or General 60; (3) have attained NCO status (E-4/-above); and (4) complete the drug and alcohol abuse control course.

The mandatory training referenced above is an eight week school at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. This course provides background information on the duties and responsibilities necessary to perform AFSC 73430B.

For additional information, please contact the 192TFG Recruiting Office.

**PUT  
SOMEONE  
ON-TO  
A GOOD  
THING  
SURE  
PAY**

**SEE YOUR FINANCE OFFICE!**

**SAM SNITCH**

“AHA! A CLASSIFIED RIBBON CARELESSLY THROWN IN THE TRASH!”



“I'M SUCH A LITTLE SNEAK...”



“DEAR HAROLD, JUST THOUGHT I'D TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO WRITE... I HAVE MISSED YOU SO VERY MUCH...”



CARMEN GIBBS

“I'LL BET JAMES BOND NEVER HAS THIS PROBLEM...”



**OPSEC Update**

Recently, there have been several changes in the unit OPSEC organization. Since OPSEC is the responsibility of EVERYONE assigned to the VaANG, both civilian and military, it is important that each individual in the unit know who their OPSEC Point of Contact (POC) is. Listed below are the current POCs for the VaANG

POC	SQ/FLT	EXT
Maj L.A. Cousins	CSS/VaANG Civ Tech	301
Maj A.J. Penley	CE Flt	362
Maj E.J. Rubis	Clinic	307
Maj M.W. Sutphin	Comm Flt	327
Cpt B.C. McLean	149TFS	425
Cpt J.O. Thompson	CAMRON	337
Cpt K.W. Vandenbroek	TFG	425
Cpt E.R. Page	Hq VaANG	322
TSG E.E. Newton	RMS	347
SSG T.P. Coleman	WSSF	320

If you have any questions concerning the OPSEC program, contact any of the above listed individuals. If additional assistance is needed, contact LTC George W. Davis, Ext 425, the OPSEC Monitor for the VaANG.

Remember, OPSEC is basically the job of keeping knowledge of our tactical operations from being ex-

ploited by our enemies. Examples of sound OPSEC procedures were the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Israeli raid on Entebbe. No information was leaked ahead of time in either case. As a result, both operations were executed with extreme success.

Awareness and application of sound communications security procedures provide the foundation for a strong OPSEC posture. Bits of information available to the enemy, for example, through monitoring of unsecure telephones and non-tactical radios considerably strengthen his position and weaken ours. Surveillance of exercise communications, such as non-tactical radio nets, has repeatedly proven that participants tend to forget the rules of the OPSEC program in the interest of expediting actions in their area of responsibility.

Even though we are operating in a training environment today, these faulty habits, which we are developing, will go with us into combat tomorrow. By doing our homework in today's training environment and establishing a sound and effective OPSEC program, the capability of this unit in a hostile combat environment will be greatly enhanced.

**Legal Report**

**Soldier's And Sailor's Civil Relief Act**

By MAJ WILBERT L. SAWYER

The purpose of the Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act of 1940 is to suspend the enforcement of civil liabilities of persons in the military service, thereby promoting the national defense by making it possible for them to devote their full energy to the defense needs of the nation. The act provides the serviceman a method by which he may stay any civil action or proceeding against him or reopen, set aside or vacate default judgment rendered against him.

The benefits under the Act must be claimed and are not automatic. It is obvious that any procedure which purports to delay the enforcement of the rights of one party to a controversy in deference to the rights of the other must be delicately and judiciously applied. The trial courts have a broad degree of discretion in determining whether the

service member is in fact entitled to benefits under the Act. In deciding to allow benefits under the Act the Trial Court will view the actions or inactions of the service member to determine eligibility. The Act does not relieve the service member of civil obligations, it does preserve the service member's rights until he is able to properly attend to them if the benefits of the act are properly requested.

The service member should seek the aid of his attorney or the base legal office if he wishes to use the benefits of the Act.

The base legal office is open to all members of the Virginia Air National Guard who need legal assistance with Military or Civil matters. Simple wills are prepared for members. In accordance with Air Force policy Civil legal assistance is often limited to oral advice.



# Holiday Safety

## Check Now For Family Happiness

All holidays are times for happiness.

But especially is Christmas a time for family happiness.

Take a few moments out to make certain this year, and every year, is one that will be memorable.

Whatever the family tradition may be on candles as decorations, these should not be used anywhere in the house except perhaps on the festive table.

Under no circumstances should they be used on the tree.

### Choosing A Tree

While artificial trees are making great gains each year, there are still the traditionalists who like the piney scent as well as the cheery sight of a real tree.

This means shopping around for one that is beautiful as well as safe.

What you're looking for is a tree that has been cut down within a week or two of the holidays, not one that has been cut in early fall and stored.

If a tree is freshly cut, it will have moisture in it.

There are several quick ways to check on the moisture content.

Try pulling a few needles off. If that is hard to do, the tree is a fresh one. Reach way inside and try breaking off a small branch; if it's flexible, it's fresh.

### Getting It Ready

Everyone likes to display the tree so that the family can enjoy it and neighbors can see it. But, wherever it's set up it should not block a door or other exit from a room or be close enough to flammable objects—such as curtains—to pose any hazard.

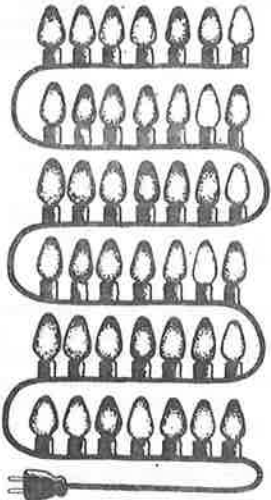
Every kind of electric light is potentially dangerous because of the heat it generates. Christmas tree lights are no exception.

In fact, they may be more dangerous because they are displayed on a tree which itself could catch fire. And there are paper-wrapped packages all around the base of the tree.

Whatever you do, don't use electric lights—or candles—on metallic trees. Although they should be safe when the manufacturer's directions are followed, there is always the possibility of a short in one of the light strings. If this occurs, the entire tree could become energized and cause a serious injury if not a death.

### Check It Out

Before stringing any lights, check out each string individually. Before plugging it in, go over the entire wiring, especially the areas around the base of the sockets.



Check the lights to see that they are tight in the socket, then plug in the string to make certain that all the lights work.

Never place more than

three strings of tree lights on one extension cord.

Finally, make it family policy to check each night before retiring to see that the tree lights are out.

When the extension cords are disconnected from the outlets, place them high enough up in the tree so small children will not be able to reach them and light up the tree without supervision.

### Add Color

Before hanging any ornaments, check each one for breakage. If you have metal ornaments from years past, use them in windows, not on the tree where they could pose a shock hazard if there is a defective wire.

Since many decorations are handed down from generation to generation, there is also a possibility that some of the old metallic icicles are still in the boxes. If so, throw them away and get the new plastic icicles.

Metal objects should never be displayed around electric wires.

And any other type of decorations used must be non-combustible or flame-resist-

ant. The cute paper chains that many school-age children make should be used on windows and doors, not on the tree.

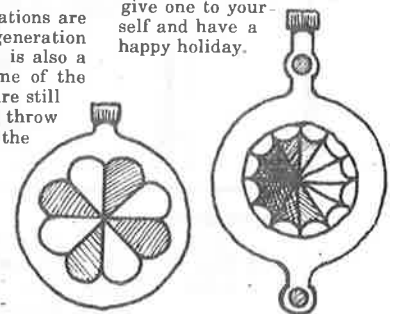
### One Last Item

If you haven't done so already, install a smoke detector in the room where the tree will be displayed.

Christmas present wrappings have a way of getting scattered around the room in the confusion of Christmas morning. Some toys have electric motors which can heat up. And, of course, there's always the cigarette smoker.

Don't take chances. If there is any type of fire, you want to be alerted quickly.

In fact, smoke detectors make good presents to give—give one to yourself and have a happy holiday.

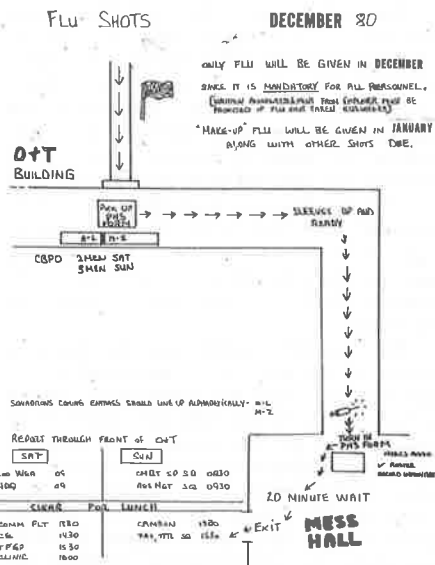


# Efficiency Is Symptom Of TAC Clinic

By SSG LOU PARIS

For members of the VaANG, visits to the 192d TAC Clinic are as inevitable as death and taxes. During a normal UTA weekend the 32 officers and airmen assigned to the Clinic perform more than 50 physical examinations. Approximately one-third of that number are examinations for new enlistees. The remainder are a combination of annual physicals and flight examinations.

MSG Timothy Sager says the 192d, as a whole, is in good physical condition. One reason for that overall physical excellence is the attention the medics pay to physical records. According to Sager, many physical problems are identified during the annual physicals. Even more significant, many potential members of the Air National Guard are found to be physically ineligible during routine pre-enlistment physicals.



The 192d TAC Clinic is also concerned with preventive medicine, although time, or more accurately the lack of time, prohibits the implementation of some preventive programs.

The medics stress the importance of good physical care...especially dental care. In the event of a deployment to a "bare base", dental facilities will be minimal. That means that it will be almost impossible to treat dental problems in the field. To prevent that complication, members will be given an annual dental examination and will be notified of any deficiencies found.

Every Guardsman is a recruiter.

