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'Family Day' marks unit's 35th

By MAJ FRANK McNALLY

The Virginia Air National Guard will hold "Family Day" celebrations Saturday, Oct 2, from 1 to 6 p.m. in observance of the unit's 35th anniversary.

Members of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group and their immediate families are invited to attend the festivities at the VaANG base at Byrd International Airport. The scheduled features action films of the A-7D Corsair, the 192d's fighter aircraft, a military band concert, aircraft displays, a picnic, visits to the group's various work sections and games for children.

"This is going to be a great day for the Air Guard," said Col Hartwell F. "Tee" Coke, commanding officer of the 192d. "This is an opportunity for us to show our families what the Air Guard is all about and why we get together each month for training assemblies."

The day's activities are reserved

for VaANG members and their immediate families, Col Coke said. While it would be nice to invite others in the community, facilities for the event are sufficient only for 192d members and their families.

Children are encouraged to wear clothes appropriate for an outdoor occasion, planners said. A variety of games and athletic activities will be available for the children. They include a basketball foul-shooting contest, a football-accuracy thrown, volleyball games and rides on the unit's mobile tug-es.

Dr David L. Hudson, commander of the 192d Clinic, said visitors will be able to have their blood pressure checked, or have their eyes and teeth examined. The clinic personnel will not have time to perform treatments. "We will refer them to their own physician if we see something that needs attention," Dr Hudson said.

Visitors will be directed to parking areas after they enter the main gate off Beulah Road. They are requested to bring lawn chairs to sit in during "family day's" picnic portion.

Cpt Don Everett, the group's safety officer, urged that all VaANG members constantly keep safety in mind, about 1,500 people are expected for the event.

The schedule calls for the gates to open to families at 1 p.m. Visits to the flight line, administrative offices and operations areas will be permitted until 3 p.m. During that two-hour span, health tests will be conducted and movies featuring the Corsair will be shown continuously, organizers said.

A concert by the 90th Army Band from the Virginia Army National Guard will be held at 3 p.m. and children's games will be conducted from 3 to 4 p.m. The picnic is to last from 4 to 6 p.m.

Early Days

First unit commander recalls war years

By SSG ED KELLEHER

People who have known Thomas Todd Dabney since he was a young man still remember the time when the native Richmonder, as a helmeted young fighter pilot, looked at them from newsstands across the United States.

He did it from the June 1942 cover of The American magazine, a monthly publication that boasted a 2.4 million-reader circulation in the early 1940s. (Begun in 1876, The American eventually ceased publishing in 1956.)

Dabney, who still lives in the same Park Avenue house he grew up in, posed for the magazine cover the day before he shipped overseas to do battle against the Japanese Imperial armed forces in New Guinea.

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A then fighter pilot and now banker

Sunday Services

Sunday 0830 - General Protestant
 0915 - Mormon
 1300 - Catholic Mass



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"-387, "C"-66, or 737-0635 (Home) and 737-1527 (Church).

God, the Father

By MAJ XEL SANT'ANNA

The words of the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in God, the Father..." sums up the Christian conception of God. By using the word Father, Christians established a new concept, different from that of Hebrew and Greek thought. The Greeks described their many gods as abstract ideas or as indifferent beings devoided of any feelings or emotions. Other gods were described as being grudging and grasping.

In Jewish thought God was the father of the nation and of the king, but never the father of the individual. The fatherhood of God belongs to the individual not as a person, but as a member of the nation. The Old Testament tells us of a God of unconditional authority, almighty, holy and transcendent.

Writing to the Church in Rome Paul says that Christians may use the name Abba (Romans 8:15) which was also used by Jesus. Abba was the name by which little children addressed their father in the home circle in Jesus' time. The best translation for Abba is Daddy. The word describes a relationship. It tells us that God is as near to us as a father is to his little child.

God has many attributes. Among the ones that we know are: holiness, majesty, omnipotence, omniscience, perfection and others. Yet this almighty God has made us his children, establishing between the Creator and the creature an intimate relationship of love and fellowship.

God is not only our God. He is our Father.

Communicate...Don't just talk

By CPT ANDREW WILLIS
 Group Social Action Officer

There is more to effective communication than just talking. We tend to believe that as long as we talk, we communicate.

This limited approach to communication can cause many problems. This approach is called the self-actional approach. Through this approach, communicators try to transfer their thoughts into the minds of others. The emphasis is only on getting the message out. A response from the person who receives the message is not sought. Generally, this is the "I do the talking, you do the listening" approach.

Since the receivers of messages are important to true communication, to communicate effectively requires that we understand what action we seek and that the receiver responds accordingly.

Put another way, effective communication demands a matching of our level of knowledge about the desired action with the level of knowledge

of the receiver. For example, a supervisor who wants an answer from a worker who is at the 3 level of knowledge does not ask for an answer that requires a 7 level of knowledge.

When correct matching occurs, proper communications exist. If the matching does not occur, communications break down. Poor communication creates people problems.

So what? Virginia Air National Guard people already know this.

That's right, but saying it again does not cause problems because all of us know that repetition is a legitimate form of learning.



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Wives get together

Wives of State Headquarters, 192TFG and 200th Weather Officers will meet over coffee and snacks at the club 149 on 28 September, for what is planned to be a quarterly get together.

The idea, conceived by several of the ladies, is two-fold. First, as the Air Guard is host for the State conference to be held in April at the Hyatt House, there is a desire to have wide participation from officers and their wives. Secondly, it was felt that an informal quarterly get together would be a good opportunity for the wives to meet and get to know each other better.

The quarterly socials will allow the newer wives to meet the other ladies.

It is anticipated that the get togethers will continue as long as interest is shown.



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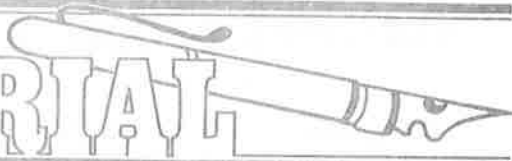
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EDITORIAL



ANG is seeking competent performers

The Tactical Air Command is encouraging unit commanders to deny re-enlistment to "marginal performers" in the Air Force and Air National Guard.

TAC officials are pursuing a policy of selective retention because "current economics conditions, coupled with recent gains in pay, benefits and Selective Re-enlistment Bonuses" have made military careers more attractive.

For the first three quarters of FY82, more than 87 percent of Virginia Air National Guardsmen who were eligible to re-enlist decided

to stay in the guard, according to MSG Charles Udriet, chief recruiter of the VaANG.

"A variety of quality force management tools are available to those who have not demonstrated the commitment to respond to standards and future mission requirements," TAC officials said in a recent personnel bulletin. "When warranted, administrative discharge options should be exercised. However, when exercise of this option is not appropriate, re-enlistment denial is an obvious alternative."

Important History Book Information

The history book material has been sent to the publisher and delivery around the first of December looks good. If you still owe for your order---you must pay in full by Oct 4th or the order will be canceled...There can be no guarantee that extra books will be available, even at higher cost, after the order has been submitted to the publisher.

See Cpt Fuccella, Rm 32, O&T or SMS Norman, Rm 22, O&T, to pay outstanding orders.

Act now!!!

Prop driver's photo still remembered.

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"You know, I still have people remind me of the time my picture was on the cover," he said recently from his office in the trust department of Southern Bank in Richmond, where he is an assistant vice president.

Dabney was credited with shooting down three Japanese planes during his year-and-a-half in the Pacific. He returned to Richmond to work for Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company after the war and became the first commander of the Virginia Air National Guard in 1947.

The son of a Richmond real estate man who commanded a U.S. naval base in the Panama Canal Zone in World War II, Dabney attended St Christopher's School in Richmond and the University of Virginia before joining the Army Air Corps before Pearl Harbor.

"They were offering bonuses for men to take pilot training -- something like \$2,000 for each year you served," Dabney said. "That added up to a pretty nice little nest egg."

He was stationed with the 8th Fighter Group at Mitchell Field in

New York in January 1942, on the eve of his scheduled departure for New Guinea in the Pacific war theater.

"Some people from the magazine came in the officer's mess when I was eating," he recalled. "They asked me if I wanted to go to New York to pose for a picture.

"My fiancée (Lucy Call of Richmond) was coming up by train from Sweet Briar (College) that day and we were going to have dinner," said Dabney who recalled was to ship out the next day from New Guinea.

Wearing a leather fighter-pilot's helmet and leather flight gloves, he posed for the cover photo with a sharp salute and a look of determination.

Over dinner that evening, he gave his fiancée an engagement ring. The following day he left for the war.

He was in the Pacific theater when he received a copy of the June 1942 edition of the magazine, with his picture framed by a background of broad red-and-white stripes.

After a year and a half spent flying P-39s in the Pacific, he returned to the United States, got married and spent the rest of the

war as a training officer at a base near Tampa, Fla.

When the war ended, "I got out as soon as I could" and returned to

Richmond, he said.

In 1947, when the National Guard Bureau in Washington decided that Virginia should have an aerial guard unit, Col Ivor Massey (former chairman of the board of Massey, Wood and West and an aviation pioneer in Richmond) remembered Dabney's wartime service and asked him to be the air guard's first commander.

"I still had my job to do," Dabney said. "Every time I could get some spare time I was down there" at Byrd Field trying to help organize the fledgling 149th Fighter Squadron, which flew P-47 Thunderbolt propeller-driven airplanes.

The demands on his time grew too heavy, he said, especially since Liggett & Myers did not allow him two weeks off for summer camp, other than his regular vacation time. He resigned as commander in May 1948 and let his flying license lapse.

Dabney worked for Liggett & Myers for 22 years until the company clos-

ed its Richmond operations. Rather than leave the city, he began working for Southern Bank. He is scheduled to retire next March.

He never bothered to renew his civil flying license, but still flies occasionally with a licensed friend who has a French-made bubble-canopy Cap II two-seater.

"I can still make it do some tricks," he said. "You don't forget everything."

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Metz honored

The National Guard Association of the United States announced that Maj John R. Metz, State Headquarters, VaANG, has been selected to receive the NGAUS Meritorious Service Award. The award is presented for sustained outstanding achievement in behalf of the National Guard or the National Guard Association of the United States. Maj Metz has served as the secretary of the Resolutions Committee for the past 3 years.

The award was presented during the 104th General Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico at the third Annual President's Recognition Awards Luncheon.

Congratulations John!

New mess uniform to debut in 1983

DALLAS (AFNS) -- A new year-round mess-dress uniform will be ready for both officer and enlisted members in early 1983. Members will no longer have to have two Air Force mess uniform combinations, say Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials.

The new uniforms, approved by the Air Force uniform board in March, will be in shade 1583, dark blue, with a silver braid trim.

The uniform for women features a jacket, two skirts; a cummerbund; formal white blouse; tab tie and shoulder boards.

For men, the uniform includes a jacket, 1.5 inches longer than the present one; one pair of trousers, a cummerbund; bow tie; formal headgear; a formal white shirt and chevrons or shoulder boards.

Munitions officer has recruiter role

"Grogan's my name and safety's my game."

That's what Cpt James E. "Ed" Grogan said about his new position in the safety office. Cpt Grogan joined the unit in May of this year, three days before annual field training in Savannah.

"I didn't go to Savannah completely green, though," Cpt Grogan explained. "I had been working for months to get into the unit. In fact, as the paperwork was being finalized, I was buying uniforms, working on schedules, and getting my old car repaired for the monthly trips to Richmond. So when everything was finalized in May, I signed on the dotted line, packed my bags, and took off for Savannah."

Grogan is munitions safety officer for the 192d Tactical Fighter Group. His responsibilities include periodic inspections of munitions areas, keeping those offices informed of recent munitions updates, documenting weapon incidents and monitoring the munitions safety program.

Cpt Grogan brings both munitions and inspecting experience to his new job. He served in SAC missile operations for over three years, and spent more than two years as an auditor with the Air Force Audit Agency. He will be required to attend the Munitions Officer Course at Lowry AFB, during his first year of assignment to be fully qualified as a munitions safety officer.

"Being in the Safety Office allows us to learn aspects of the other two safety programs--flying and ground safety," Cpt Grogan said. "As I see it, safety is a state of mind. Our

job is not to zap people or turn them off by safety inspections. Our main objective is to keep safety on everyone's mind. If we can all stay safety-conscious, a lot less equipment will be damaged and the number of injuries will be sharply reduced."

Cpt Grogan is a native of Roanoke, Va. He lives in Charlottesville, is married, and is financial control manager at the University of Virginia. He is also a recruiter for the Air Force Academy and the Air Force ROTC program at 13 Charlottesville area high schools. He was recently honored as one of four Academy recruiters out of 1,000 to test the new Associate Air Officer Commanding Program at the Air Force Academy.



"I feel trapped—I can't move."



BUCKLE UP

FOR THEIR SAKE

Club 149 will be closed Saturday, Oct 16, 1982. The 149th Tactical Fighter Squadron "Dining In" will be held at the club that day.

Red Flag, Blue Flag deployments to test unit readiness

About 100 members of the Virginia Air National Guard and six of its A-7D Corsair fighter jets are to participate in "Red Flag 83-1" between Oct 23 and Nov 6 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The six jets are to be flown nonstop with air refueling enroute to Nellis.

Most of the VaANG personnel making the two-week deployment will fly to the Red Flag desert base aboard four C-130 Hercules transport planes, according to Maj Roger Legg.

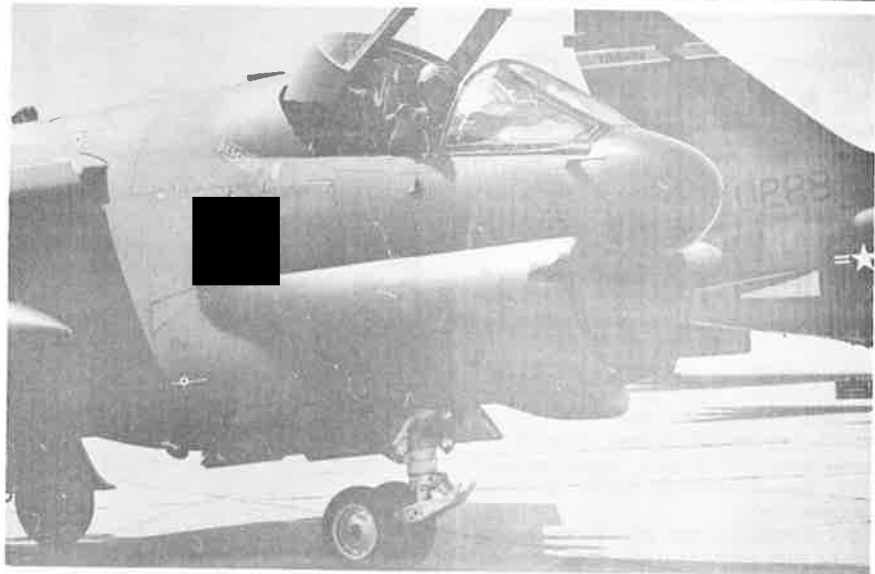
Maj Legg is coordinating the 192d Tactical Fighter Group's participation in the exercise.

Twenty-two units will use 14 types of aircraft in composite combat scenarios acted out in the Nevada desert, Maj Legg said.

Red Flag is a flying exercise sponsored by the Tactical Air Command and designed to provide training in a realistic threat environment. Tactical aircraft join forces to knock out simulated enemy positions while avoiding the numerous simulated defensive guns and missiles protecting the targets, Maj Legg said.

Adversary air defense forces, usually the Nellis aggressor F-5s, also protect the simulated enemy airspace.

"These 'bad guys' must also be avoided or engaged by the friendly air defense forces' F-15s or F-4s," he said. "The overall Red Flag war is much like the real encounteres



Unit A7s will make first appearance this month at Red Flag

This marks the fourth time the 192TFG has participated in the TAC exercise

that the 192TFG might see in the future. Red Flag provides the unit with training opportunities not found in any other exercise."

The 192TFG last participated in a Red Flag exercise in March 1980, when the unit's primary aircraft was the F-105D Thunderchief. This Red Flag will be the first real test of the unit's new aircraft, the A-7D, he said.

Seven VaANG members currently are engaged in another "flag" exercise being conducted in Florida.

The seven are manning a war operations center for "Operation Blue Flag" at Hurlburt Air Force Base, Fla., between Sep 29 and Oct 7.

They are Maj Bill Crawford, War Operations Center Chief; Maj Dewey Draucker, Operations Officer; Maj Basil H. Evans, Jr., Logistics Officer; Cpt Jim Welch, Weapons Officer; Cpt G.T. Alexander, Tactics Officer; MSG Bobby Weis, NCOIC/Controller; and SSG Fred Fontenot, Controller.

The exercise includes three days of academic training on a specific theater of operations, and a three day command and control exercise. About 500 personnel from the joint services are participating, Maj Crawford said. The training is expected to closely parallel the 192TFG's "Checkered Flag" program.

OPSEC testing scheduled this UTA

By LTC GEORGE DAVIS

All personnel, both military and civilian, assigned to the VaANG, and stationed at Byrd IAP will be scheduled to take the annual OPSEC Test during October. Most of the military personnel will accomplish the training during the October UTA. Those individuals unable to take the test in October will be scheduled during a training session in November.

The test consists of twenty-five (25) questions, which were taken from a list of forty (40) questions. Twenty (20) questions were in the August issue of the VANGUARD and the other twenty (20) questions were in the September issue of the VANGUARD. Prior to taking the test, all personnel should review and study these questions. If you did not receive a copy of the August and/or September

issue of the VANGUARD, contact your OPSEC Representative/POC during the October UTA (listed below).

Rank/Name	Sqdn	Ext
Maj L.A. Cousins	Civ Per	301
Maj A.J. Penley	CE	362
Maj E.J. Rubis	Clinic	307
Cpt W.E. Jones	Comm	327
Cpt B.C. McLean	149TFS	425
Cpt E.R. Page	Hq VaANG 434/35	
Cpt K.W. VandenBroek	192TFG	425
Lt F.W. Baylor	CAMS	337
TSG E.E. Newton	RMS	347
TSG C.W. Zaorski	CSS	304

In addition to accomplishing this training requirement, it is hoped that these questions will help create a sense of security awareness in all unit personnel. Security is everyone's responsibility. It is also an area where every person in

this unit plays a key role. Without effective security procedures, the efforts of this unit will be significantly degraded or possibly ineffective.

Contracting tips

The GSA contract for repair of the IBM Electric Typewriters has been extended to 31 Dec 1982. An amendment has been initiated to extend the blanket purchase agreement (BPA) for this same period. Therefore, the same procedures will be used for the required services on the IBM Electric Typewriters on this base until 31 Dec 1982. AF Form 9, "Request for Purchase", must still be initiated for repairs to the remington electric typewriters and for the manual typewriters.

Sports

Bassetti wins in national pistol meet

By SSG ED KELLENER

TSG Raymond L. Bassetti, an avionics technician for the Virginia Air National Guard, won the air pistol competition in the annual Winston P. Wilson National Guard shooting matches Aug 29 through Sep 4 at Camp Robinson, Ark.

Sgt Bassetti, one of three VaANG members who represented Virginia on the state's seven-man team at the national matches, also placed second in the .45-caliber service match.

The Virginia contingent, which included four Virginia Army National Guardsmen, finished 18th overall among the 43 teams that took part in the weeklong series of matches.

The team's highest finish was seventh in the .22-caliber match.

The Wilson matches are designed to choose the top pistol, rifle and machine gun shooters in the Army and Air National Guard.

TSG Robert K. Cash, TSG Abraham B. Easter and Sgt Bassetti were selected for the Virginia team on the basis of their scores at the adjutant general's championships July 31 at Fort Lee.



Members of the Virginia (Army and Air) National Guard pistol team are (front row, from left) Platoon Sgt Malcolm Smith, SSG Robert K. Cash and Platoon Sgt Carl Culbertson; (back row, from left) TSG Abraham B. Easter, TSG Raymond L. Bassetti, SSG Carson E. Crain and Cpt Denny P. Dobbins. Sgt's Smith, Culbertson and Crain and Cpt Dobbins are Virginia Army National Guard members.

Sgt Bassetti said his first and second-place finishes came against more than 400 competitors in those two categories.

He is captain of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group's 10-man pistol team, which shoots regularly throughout the year in the Richmond police pistol league.

The team that represents the VaANG each year in the adjutant general's

championships cannot include more than half the members from the previous year's team, Sgt Bassetti said. "Teams have to be made up of 50 percent new shooters every year, so we're always looking for new talent."

Information about joining the pistol team may be obtained by contacting TSG William C. Edwards.

Tourneys planned

The 18th annual ANG softball tournament is to be held next year in Marietta, Ga. A date has not been determined, but we are planning to enter a team.

An east coast ANG tourney is scheduled for Springfield, Mass. in June. We may enter this tournament.

The base softball team is open to all VaANG members. Final preparations for the 1983 team will be in February/March. The team normally plays two games a night, one night a week.

Further information may be obtained by calling Major Evans, Ext 368.

(NOTE: Anyone interested in coaching and/or playing on a women's or mixed team should also contact Major Evans. Daughters and wives of unit members are eligible for either of these teams.)



Course tough for two RRRs



Two members of the Rebel Road Runners, SMS Clyde Reese and MSG Gary Brooks, represented the Virginia Air National Guard at the third annual Carter's Grove eight-mile road race Sep 18. The race began at Carter's Grove plantation when approximately 350 runners anxiously awaited the sound of the starting musket fire. The course was a very hilly private road which ended at Colonial Williamsburg. Sgt Reese finished with a time of 63 minutes and Sgt Brooks 70 minutes.

During the race, both participants were reported to have said, "What am I doing here?"

The Family Day two-mile Fun Run will be held Saturday, Oct 2, at 1720 hours in front of the O&T building.