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# VANGUARD

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BG Heath chats with Panama school principal, Mrs. Delia Nolte

## Unit's generosity spans 2,000 miles, language gap

The deployment to Panama marked the beginning of a very special community relations project for the 192nd TFG. The project spans 2,000 miles, and ties the Virginia Air National Guard and a Richmond school with the students and faculty of a Panamanian school.

Five "Coronet Covers" carried boxes of school supplies March 30 to Escuela Estados Unidos de America de Panama (School of the United States), located in downtown Panama City. BG Claude F. Heath, Virginia's Assistant Adjutant General for Air, presented the supplies to Mrs. Delia Nolte, principal of the school.

Heath said the unit's interest in the school began when the 192nd learned it would be rotating to Howard AFB every 14 months for Coronet Cove. Since the unit's members support many community relations projects in Richmond, it seemed only fitting for the 192nd to find some type of project at their new home-away-from-home in Panama.

The project began before Virginia Air Guardsmen flew to Panama. Maj.

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## MAC chief to review Air National Guard

General James R. Allen, Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force's Military Air Command (MAC), is to be chief reviewing officer at the pass-in-review ceremony conducted by the Virginia Air National Guard on May 15.

General Allen will be accompanied in reviewing the 192nd TFG by MG John G. Castles, Adjutant General of Virginia; BG Claude F. Heath, Assistant Adjutant General for Air; and BG Alvah S. Mattox, Chief of Staff.

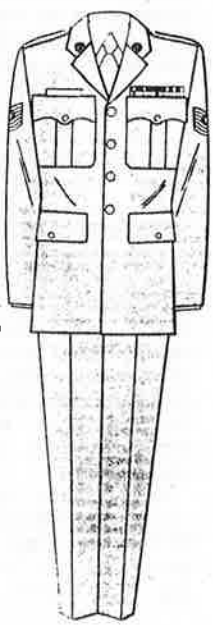
The Benedictine High School military band will play at the Sunday morning ceremony on the jet-aircraft hardstand. Uniform for 192nd personnel is dress blues with wheel hats. The women's uniform is to include dress slacks and beret.

General Allen, whose headquarters is at Scott AFB, Illinois is coming at the invitation of General Castles. He will receive a tour of the base during the weekend UTA.

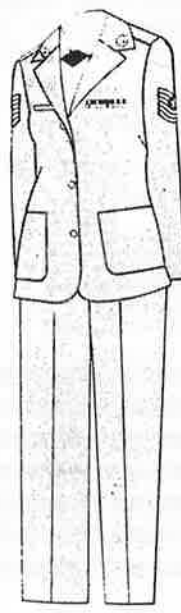
## SUNDAY

### uniforms

Men's Combination 1 uniform to be worn this Sunday A.M. UTA w/wheel hat.

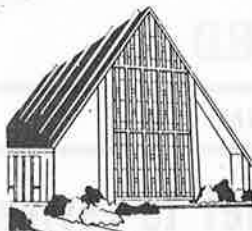


Women's Combination 1A uniform to be worn this Sunday A.M. UTA w/ beret.



## 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).



Larry Ray Woods

## CAMRON member fatally injured

Staff Sergeant Larry Ray Woods, CAMRON, squadron aircraft maintenance specialist, was killed May 3 in an accident while working at his civilian job in Chesapeake.

SSG Woods, 29, enlisted in the VaANG in the Palace Chase Program on 19 March 1974 after serving in the U.S. Air Force from 24 July 1972 to 18 March 1974.

SSG Woods is survived by his wife Betty M. Woods, a son Jamey, and a daughter Cristal.

The entire unit extends sincere sympathy to the family.



## Commission applications being accepted

By 1LT RALPH BARKER

ATTENTION ALL ENLISTED VIRGINIA AIR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN! The CBPO is currently accepting applications from individuals who are interested in obtaining a commission in the unit. The 192d TFG Commander's policy for filling vacant non-rated/non-professional positions within the unit, is that a pool of applicants be established at the beginning of each fiscal year. (1 October). The pool will consist of 6 individuals. These 6 individuals will be selected from all of the applications received and who meet the necessary qualification requirements. Individuals who are placed in the pool are reminded that should they not be selected for a vacant position during the year, they must reapply the following year. They are not automatically retained in the pool at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Some of the basic requirements for a commission are as follows:

1. **AGE:** An applicant must be less than 35 years old at the time of commissioning as an ANGUS officer. No waiver will be considered.

2. **EDUCATION:** A bachelors degree is desired. Waivers of education will be considered. Requirements for a waiver will be explained to you in detail by a CBPO representative.

3. **TEST REQUIREMENTS:** All applicants must take the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test. If you have previously tested, your test scores cannot be more than 2 years old. If so, you must retest. Required qualifying score requirements will be explained by a CBPO representative.

Those individuals interested in becoming officers in the VaANG, must contact either MSG Brooks or SSG Brown in the CBPO, Ext. 381/436. Deadline for submission of applications is 1 July 1983. Applications received after that date will not be considered.

## Gov. Robb addresses conferees

By CPT SALLY MORGER

A record number of Air and Army Guard officers from around the state attended the 23rd Annual Conference of the Virginia National Guard Association, held the weekend of April 29-May 1, in Richmond and hosted by the Air Guard.

Over 500 people attended the Saturday night banquet, and association president, MAJ Raymond A. Yancey of the Army Guard, said he was especially impressed with the turnout at the Saturday morning business session. He said the high attendance at the conference proved the organization is becoming stronger as more members learn the association can serve as a meaningful voice for the Virginia Guard.

Keynote speaker at the business session was Governor Charles S. Robb. It was the first time in several years that the state's Commander-in-Chief addressed an association conference. In his speech, Gov. Robb outlined the historical development and contributions of the Virginia National Guard, and said he expects to see all units at full readiness level soon. Virginia's Adjutant General, MG John G. Castles, also addressed the group, explaining his recipe for success in the guard.

Immediately after addressing the officers in Richmond, Gov. Robb and MG Castles flew to Virginia Beach to meet with the 250 delegates attending the annual convention of the

Virginia National Guard Enlisted Association. It was there Gov. Robb said he hoped to visit the Air National Guard during its next annual field training.

Representing the Air Guard at the enlisted convention was Chiefs' Robert V. Glenn, Jack A. Maynard, Sr., Jack A. Sandford, Herbert L. Buttner and Forrest L. Tibbs and MSG Daniel M. Pearson, Jr. The association presented a plaque to Chief Glenn, honoring him as the first Air National Guard member to serve as the association's president several years ago.

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# Two pilots go their ways, "actively"

By SSG ED KELLERHER

Two Virginia Air National Guard fighter pilots have keyed the after-burners to their military careers.

CPT Dana R. "Randy" Hamel has gone active Air Force, and after training is headed for Lakenheath Royal Air Force Base in Britain.

CPT Herbert T. "Hap" Arnold won't go nearly as far, geographically. He has taken a four-year assignment as a safety officer with the National Guard Bureau in Washington.

For Hamel, doing aerial chores like flying Gov. Charles S. Robb, Sen. John Warner, actress Elizabeth Taylor and other dignitaries around the state had plenty of sex appeal but not enough challenge.

Flying F-105D Thunderchiefs and A-7D Corsair II's for the 192 TFG presented the challenges, but not enough flying time.

So the 36-year-old VaANG captain, came up with a solution -- active duty with the Air Force.

Hamel did it, oddly enough, with the hope that it will lead him eventually to flying full-time with the Virginia Air Guard.

"My career goal is to become Air Force advisor to the Virginia Air National Guard. I had to take a roundabout way to get pilot's wings in the Air Force, and now I'm going



'Randy' Hamel

a roundabout way to get full-time in the VaANG," the bachelor Richmond resident said.

Hamel's civilian job for the past year and a half has been pilot for the Virginia Department of Aviation. In that capacity, he flew Governor Robb, other state officials and visitors around Virginia in state airplanes.

Before that he flew charter planes for Hawthorne Aviation at Byrd International Airport. He compiled about 3,500 hours of civilian and military flying time in his eight years as a VaANG pilot.



'Hap' Arnold

Arnold, 35 and also a bachelor, came to the Virginia Air Guard from Highland Springs High School, where he taught history and government, and coached wrestling and football.

He said he found the National Guard Bureau job appealing because of the challenge it poses for him to stay in the vanguard of A-7 flying. His civilian jobs have included doing public relations work for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton and flying air freight carriers for a North Carolina company.

## Harris captures school's Commandant's Award



TSG Larry D. Harris

Over the years the 192nd TFG has been represented well by its members who attend PME Schools. In 1982, another one of our members received honors and distinction while attending the Air National Guard NCO Leadership School. The NCO Leadership School part of the I.G. Brown Professional Military Education Center located at McGhee Tyson Airport in Alcoa, Tennessee.

TSG Larry D. Harris distinguished himself by his outstanding leadership, his positive attitude and his personal achievements at the PME Center. He was elected Flight Commander of his flight during the 2nd two weeks of training. During the graduation ceremonies on 2 July 1982, TSG Harris received the Commandant's Award. The Commandant's Award is the second highest award one can receive at the ANG NCO leadership school.

The Air Reservist, an official nationwide publication of the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve, included his name and the award received in the November/December 1982 issue.

Because of his abilities, the I.G. Brown PME Center has requested that TSG Harris return to the NCO Leadership School as an instructor. He has received approval from his immediate supervisors and will return to the ANG NCO Leadership School as an instructor 4 July 1983 through 5 August 1983.

TSG Harris is another example of the excellent personnel serving in the Virginia Air National Guard. He is a credit to himself, the 192nd TFG, the Virginia Air National Guard and the United States Air Force.

# Editorial....

## Accident Response Well Done

The 192nd TFG last month experienced an event that no one likes to think about.

One of our pilots, CPT Bob Welch, was forced to bail out of his A-7 over Prince George County shortly after taking off from the airfield here.

His disabled aircraft crashed near some houses in a thinly populated section of the rural county south of the James River. Very fortunately no one was hurt.

It's a time when we can't be faulted for being a bit down in the dumps. But that was not the case April 28, in the aftermath of the crash in Prince George. Volunteers from all units in the group rushed to the scene to lend a hand.

Base firemen backed up earlier firefighting units in containing the blaze. Guardsmen sifted through debris to identify airplane parts. Spokesmen dealt with the highly interested media on hand, and security men worked round the clock to seal off the crash area to preserve it.

Thanks are in order for everyone who volunteered their time and effort. The Virginia Air Guard's performance at the scene was exemplary. In addition, civilian agencies gave us tremendous cooperation. From the Disputantia Volunteer Fire Department, which arrived first on the scene, to the county and state policemen who kept order, to the ladies auxiliary of the Prince George Veterans of Foreign War, who showed up with sandwiches and drinks, civilian assistance was outstanding.

To everyone who helped, guardsman or not, goes our sincere appreciation.

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## License Plates

Good news and bad news comes to us from the Virginia Adjutant General's Office about the use of National Guard license plates. First the bad news. Some Guard personnel, it is reported, "are altering the appearance" of their National Guard plates. Forging or changing the appearance of any Virginia license plate or official decal is strictly prohibited by state law. It is a felony. Any violators are urged to correct the situation as quickly as possible.

Now the good news. Many Guard members apparently are not aware that National Guard license plates can be bought year-round. If personnel did not apply for the plates during the February-March sign-up period, they can make application when their state license plates expire.

Enlisted personnel may apply directly to the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles with an authenticated Virginia Form 66. Officers must forward their application directly to VAAG-AA-I (the Adjutant General's Office).

Remember, driving with a National Guard license plate is a privilege. Please don't abuse it.

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## Capital Idea

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States--that's a long name for an organization that goes a long way to improve the lot of enlisted personnel throughout the guard.

Normally, the association looks out for your interests. Now it's your turn to look out for the association. It wants to raise \$400,000 to build a headquarters in Washington. It can achieve that goal if each enlisted man and woman in guard units throughout the United States donates \$1. That's not much for a worthy cause.

MG John G. Castles, Virginia's Adjutant General, has asked all Virginia guardsmen to do what they can to help the Enlisted Association reach its mark. We support the aim wholeheartedly.

CMS Jack Maynard is coordinating collection of donations on the unit level. We appreciate your support.

## Appreciation goes to AGE operators

Our shop would like to convey our appreciation to those individuals who operate the equipment in support of aircraft maintenance.

Without your conscientious effort in proper operation and informing us of minor discrepancies before they develop into major problems and possible hazards we are able to maintain the equipment in what we consider to be the best in the National Guard or Air Force.

Aircraft and equipment are usually inspectors' first impression of the overall operation of the unit. This continued effort by you is appreciated and we thank you.

AGE Equipment

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## Cancer Hotline

The more you know about cancer, the less frightening it becomes.

Now, area residents who have questions about cancer can get answers to their questions. AMC Cancer Information is a toll-free telephone service available to area residents by calling 800-525-3777. AMC Cancer Information is a service of AMC Cancer Research Center in Denver. With both clinical and laboratory research facilities, AMC has many resources to provide the latest, most up-to-date information.

The trained and experienced staff at AMC Cancer Information can provide information about the causes of cancer, prevention, methods of detection and diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation.

Professional counselors are available to offer emotional support.

Often the information provided by telephone will be supplemented by free printed materials sent to the callers.

There is no charge for using the service and all calls are confidential.

AMC Cancer Research Center is an international leader in progress against cancer. Through laboratory research focusing on the nature of the disease and through clinical studies, AMC researchers achieve advances in cancer detection, diagnosis and treatment.

# OPSEC Update

By LTC GEORGE DAVIS

In a free society we must constantly be aware of the ease with which an actual potential enemy can obtain foreknowledge of our operations. In order to counter this threat, there are two things which every individual, who is associated with a situation requiring OPSEC needs to do. First, change those procedures that need to be changed. Second, learn to work effectively with those procedures that are necessary and cannot be changed.

OPSEC weaknesses tend to fall into three broad categories of operations, procedures, and communications. To assist in eliminating potential OPSEC weaknesses, the following list of indicators from TACP 50-21 is submitted for consideration:

## OPERATIONAL INDICATORS

\*Stereotyped sequences of events comprising various phases of the operations.

\*Coordination with other agencies that do not have proper safeguards for classification/sensitive information.

\*Stereotyped patterns of flight activity (ingress and egress) at a particular location on time.

\*Submission of unclassified reports at specific intervals to specific units or levels of command.

## PROCEDURAL INDICATORS

\*Public information releases.

\*The posting or transmission of operations orders, flight plans, air traffic control clearances, etc., in unsecure areas.

\*The posting in unsecure areas of duty rosters, transportation scheduled, dining hall schedules, etc., which change as a result of an operations order.

\*Distinctive emblems or paintings on vehicles, buildings, or aircraft.

\*Markings on supplies which could reveal the location or starting date of the operations; that is, nicknames, delivery deadlines, etc.

\*Logistic buildup or positioning of support materials and facilities.

\*Special briefings, meetings, or religious services.

\*The use of nicknames is a particular hazard since a nickname provides an easily recognizable "flag" for numerous actions associated with a particular operation.

\*Exercising the plan or testing portions of the plan.

## COMMUNICATIONS INDICATORS

\*Plain language communications associated with a planned operation

and conducted during the planning, preparatory, and execution phases.

\*Use of unchanging or infrequently changing call signs or radio frequencies.

\*Stereotyped message characteristics (voice or teletype) which are indicative of particular types of military activity.

\*Significant increase or decrease in message traffic volume.

\*Activities of new communications facilities in support of an OPlan.

All the forms of security contribute to one objective: mission effectiveness. Information security, communications security, physical security, the prevention of espionage and sabotage, and operations security all enable us to maintain an advantage over a possible enemy, by denying him the information he wants about our activities and plans. None of the security programs stands alone; they all contribute to the common goal.

## Communications Security

Communications Security (COMSEC) Q/A

Q. What is TRANSEC?

A. TRANSEC stands for transmission security and is one of four elements of Communications Security. It includes all measures, except encryption, designed to protect interception and exploitation. (TRANSEC does not protect against cryptanalysis). Examples of TRANSEC are:

1. Changing radio frequencies and call signs.
2. Using classification guides and lists of EEFFIs to determine whether or not certain information should be sent over insecure systems.
3. Canceling or altering communications patterns to prevent detection of a change from normal traffic flow and volume.
4. Using authentication to ensure validity of receipt of traffic and to counter telecommunications systems intruders.
5. Imposing radio silence.



## Probers look for answers to A-7 crash

By SSG ED KELLEHER

A team of 9th Air Force investigators is trying to determine the exact reason a Virginia Air National Guard A-7D fighter-bomber piloted by CPT Robert D. Welch crashed last month in rural Prince George County.

Welch, a 30-year-old pilot from Atlanta, safely ejected when he experienced engine failure shortly after taking off from Byrd International Airport about 10 a.m. April 28.

"I feel lucky today," Welch said the next day from Langley Air Force Base Hospital, where he was kept overnight for observation.

COL Hartwell F. Coke, IV, Commander of the 192nd TFG, said he also felt lucky that neither Welch nor anyone else was injured.

After Welch and MAJ Jeff Wilkins leveled off their airplanes at about 7,000 feet enroute to a routine training mission in North Carolina, Welch said he heard a loud explosion, felt a jolt and saw flames shooting out behind him.

The A-7 Corsair II crashed in a wooded area about 50 yards from residences on State Route 636 in Prince George. The crash site is about 25 miles from Byrd Airport.

Two local men were trying to beat down the fire to keep it from spreading toward one of the houses when the first units of Prince George volunteer firefighters arrived.

A VaANG response team, including firemen and armed security personnel, sealed off the site to prevent anyone from tampering with badly mangled airplane parts scattered over a 100-yard-long area. The planes ejection seat and canopy flew off when Welch bailed out. The canopy still had not been located at press time, despite searches of wooded areas in the country.

COL Coke said the pilot apparently took proper actions to cope with the situation.



# Legislation affecting the Reserve Forces

By CMS JACK MAYNARD  
Senior Enlisted Advisor

The items listed below were passed into law during the 97th Congress, 2nd Session. Where possible, specific law numbers have been included for reference.

\*Full-Time Support-P.L. 97-377 contains a provision which maintains the programmed growth in the active Guard/Reserve program by including funds that provide an increase of 2,980 AGR spaces in the Army Guard.

\*Student Loans-Congress reinstated the student loan program which provides for repayment of at least \$500 or 15 percent of outstanding guaranteed student loans during each satisfactory year of enlisted service in the Guard or Reserve.

\*Pay Cap-Congress corrected the inequity created by combining technician pay and military pay to apply "pay cap" criteria. Full pay status for Guard and Reserve technicians was restored and the pay cap was removed.

\*Reemployment Rights-P.L. 97-306 requires the Labor Department to review its policy of providing reemployment rights only to Guardsmen and Reservists who are on active duty for training at service schools for less than 90 days.

\*SBP-An amendment to the Defense Authorization Act provides a new "window" of one year, ending 1 October 1983, for those individuals who did not previously elect a survivor annuity option.

\*IADT-Congress extended the period during which inactive duty for training is authorized (prior to entry on to IADT) from 180 days to 270 days subsequent to enlistment.

\*Guard Technicians-The Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1982 included authorization which permits a Guard technician who is physically unable to serve in the Guard to qualify for a civil service disability retirement annuity under certain specified conditions.

## 98TH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

The following items have been, or are expected to be, introduced in the current Congress. Where possible, bill numbers have been included. In some cases, numbers may change when a bill is reintroduced from the last Congress, or is amended.

\*Active/Guard Reserve-H.R. 1490 clarifies definition of full-time duty under title 32 as service performed in a conventional National Guard status under state control, not under federal control.

\*GI Bill-H.R. 1400 provides enlisted National Guardsmen and Reservists with educational assistance.

\*Portal-to-Portal Injury Coverage-H.R. 1491 would grant Guardsmen and Reservists who are injured enroute to or from inactive duty training the same benefits as are now provided for injuries actually sustained during inactive duty training. These include medical care and hospitalization, pay and allowances while incapacitated, and physical disability retirement.

\*Illness or Disease in Drill Status-H.R. 1493 seeks to provide the same benefits for Guardsmen and Reservists who contract a disease or become ill during weekend drills as they currently are eligible for during FTTD of 30 days or less. These include medical care and pay and allowances while hospitalized for not more than six months.

\*CHAMPUS for Survivors-A bill to authorize medical care for surviving dependents of Guardsmen or Reservists who become entitled to payment of a death gratuity as a result of the spouse's death while on full-time duty for less than 30 days.

\*Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs-H.R. 486 would establish this position within the Defense Department.

\*Full-Time Support-A bill to increase the size of the full-time support force, currently funded at 63.9 percent of the validated requirement for the Army Guard and 91.4 percent of the validated requirement for the Air Guard.

\*Chief, National Guard Bureau-A bill to oppose enactment of legislation that would remove the requirement that the Chief, National Guard Bureau be serving in the grade of major general or higher.

\*VHA-A bill to oppose any attempt at eliminating the Variable Housing Allowance for individuals on duty for less than 139 days.

\*Social Security-A bill to eliminate the requirement that National Guard and Reserve survivors suffer a reduction of their SBP entitlements by the Social Security offset for all active duty between 1956 and 1980, even though their spouses had made full payments toward Social Security from their full-time civilian jobs.

\*Retirement Points-A bill to remove the 60-point-ceiling per year on inactive duty retirement points.

\*Student Loans-A bill to extend the loan repayment program to second and first lieutenants.

\*Active Duty Promotions-H.R. 5918 would allow Guard and Reserve offi-

cers to be promoted while on active duty tours.

\*Mobilization Physicals-A bill to eliminate the requirement that Guardsmen undergo physicals every time they are ordered into and from federal service.

\*Non-Citizen Physicians-A bill to allow the appointment of licensed, non-citizen medical doctors into the Guard who have applied for citizenship.

\*Medical Incentives-A bill to provide special pay incentives to medical doctors and dentists in the Guard and Reserve.

\*Leave Pay-A bill to eliminate the law that prevents Guard members from receiving more than 60 days of pay for accrued leave when they attend service schools.

\*Reemployment Rights-A bill to require the Labor Department to reconsider its policy of defending, in a lawsuit, the reemployment rights of Guard members on active duty. Currently Labor will defend only Guard members who are on active duty for 90 days or less.

\*Survivor Benefits-A bill to grant a survivor annuity to spouses of Guard members who died before 1 October 1978.

\*VA Loans-A bill to grant Guard members eligibility for VA home loans when they serve under full-time duty under title 32.

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## Selection set for officer course

The Air Command and Staff College located at the Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL, will conduct the annual Reserve Forces Course for the 1983 academic year from 25 July through 5 August 1983.

The respective State Headquarters have the responsibility of selecting one officer to fill this allocated quota.

Course requirements are as follows:

- Grade O-3 through O-4:
- Final Secret Security Clearance.
- Individual should not have attended this course within the last 3 Fiscal Years (80-82).

Please contact MSgt Gates, CBPO, Ext. 436, to fill out NGB Form 65, Application for Training. All applications are due in State Headquarters by 20 May 83 for selection, therefore, all NGB 65's must be completed during the May UTA.

# Guard leaves imprint on school

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Frank McNally, the 192nd's public affairs officer, learned that the Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) had sponsored a Panamanian school named after the United States. The school was in dire need of repairs and supplies, and the 192nd wanted to help.

McNally coordinated the project with SOUTHCOM, the 24th Composite Wing at Howard and the 24th's Civil Engineering Squadron. The squadron, which had been heavily involved with the school and its students for two years, helped the 192nd with its long-distance project by contacting the School of the United States' principal. Back in Richmond, McNally visited Bellevue Elementary School and found its principal very interested in establishing a correspondence program between the two schools' students. Bellevue, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and the 192nd then assembled a collection of school supplies for the Panamanian school. When the 192nd arrived at Howard on March 12 for its 30-day tour, the C-130 transport carried textbooks, posters and fifth-grade artwork among its military supplies.

On the day of the presentation, Heath traveled to the School of the United States with five other members of the Virginia Air Guard, including TSG Clarence Helms, CMS Jack Maynard, and TSG Bobby Lamb, an alumnus of Bellevue Elementary. Mrs. Nolte showed the group around the school. She said she was pleased with the materials, and displayed special interest in the drawings of Bellevue's fifth graders, who focused on Virginian and Panamanian themes. Mrs. Nolte said she was excited about the students of the Panamanian and American schools corresponding on a one-to-one basis.

While visiting the school, the members of the 192nd learned that many schools in Panama take the names of other countries. The students of the Escuela Estados Unidos de America study the history, geography and customs of the United States for one month each year, and even celebrate the 4th of July. The children are in school in July since they take "summer vacation" from December through March. The Panamanian government is unable to provide much money to its schools, thus supplies are sparse and building repairs are rare. One guardman almost fell through a hole in the floor of the second floor of the school. Despite the conditions, Mrs. Nolte says the students are enthusiastic and the school's

population is rising; she expects enrollment this year to rise from about 300 to over 350. Since there are no school districts like in the states, Mrs. Nolte's students travel to school via commercial bus from all over the city. Their parents pay an enrollment fee of \$1 a year.

After visiting the "escuela," the members of the 192nd were so excited that they immediately began plans to become more involved with their new community relations project. The day after the presentation, the 50 Air Guardsmen at Howard started a voluntary collection of money to buy paper and crayons for the school. They hope those materials will get the correspondence program started between the two schools, and be the second step in a long-lasting and fruitful friendship across the miles.

## Savannah 1983

Ask any individual how summer camp was this year as compared to last year, and you will probably get the type of answer that is pleasing to the ear. To at least 90% of the people attending summer camp this year, they will say that they did not have to put up with the inspectors, the "simulated" disasters and the long hours that had to be put in on the flightlines, the offices and where ever those pesky inspectors were inspecting. This summer camp was one of both work and enjoyment. While there was the normal amount of work for each shop to accomplish, there were the enjoyable times, such as the Annual St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Savannah, the baseball and basketball competition between the 192nd and the 161st from Arizona, and the Group party conducted at the NCO Club for all members of the Virginia and Arizona unit. Overall, this summer camp was

Maj. Gen. John G. Castles, Adjutant General of Virginia, paid a visit to the officers and enlisted personnel of the Virginia Air National Guard in Savannah during the unit's annual field training in March at Travis Field. General Castles was greeted at the flightline by LTC John R. Shurley III, Commanding Officer of the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group contingent at Travis Field. General Castles toured the training site, observed the various sections and talked with various personnel from the 192nd. He spend two days in Savannah and said he was quite impressed by the unit's field training.



Two members of CBPO have recently graduated from the Keesler Technical Training Center in Mississippi as honor students.

SSG Karla L. Brown and SGT Patricia L. Buschbaum completed the personnel specialist course in the upper seven percentile of those graduating.

LTC David N. Glanzer, chief of the Personnel Training Branch at Keesler, acknowledged the accomplishments in a letter to our unit.

A general meeting for all Club 149 members will be held at the club immediately after the Saturday UTA, May 14. Election of new members to the Club Council will be held at this time. Also, certain revisions to the club's constitution and by-laws will be submitted for approval. All members are encouraged to attend. "Vegas Night" will be held at the club later the same evening.

Afraid you missed some shots in Panama? If you did, a photo exchange will be held after Saturday's UTA at the club. Bring all your photos taken at Coronet Cove, making sure your name is written on the back of all your prints (just to make sure they don't get mixed up with others). Anyone who wants a

ALL PANAMA PEOPLE MUST TURN SHOT RECORDS AND DOG TAGS INTO THEIR ORDERLY ROOMS.



### \*\*SATURDAY LUNCH\*\*

Roast Turkey with Giblet Gravy	
Cranberry Sauce	
Whipped Potatoes	Buttered Peas
Salad Bar with Assorted Dressings	Bread and Butter
Coffee	Iced Tea      Milk
	Chocolate Brownies

### \*\*SUNDAY LUNCH\*\*

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce	
Grated Cheese	
Buttered Green Beans	
Salad Bar with Assorted Dressings	Hot Rolls and Butter
Coffee	Cold Drink      Milk
	Butterscotch Pudding

## Virginia room new attraction at I. G. Brown

By SSG ED KELLEHER

Pine paneling, "conservative" decor and a photograph of the Virginia State Capitol, autographed by Gov. Charles S. Robb, adorn the "Virginia Room" at the I.G. Brown Professional Military Education Center.

Also hanging on a wall is a declaration stating that the Virginia Room was renovated by the Virginia Air National Guard.

The school is located at McGhee-Tyson Airport outside Knoxville, Tennessee. Air Guardsmen who attend classes there stay in dormitory rooms, several of which have been "sponsored" by participating ANG units.

The Virginia Room was remodeled last year and dedicated at Business and Industry Day on November 5.

MSG Ed Brown of the 192nd CE Flight was given permission by his boss, MAJ William Procise, to use his two weeks of annual field training to do the renovation, according to TSG Jean Friedman.

Other Virginia guardsmen who worked on the project were: MSG Henry Bodgett; TSG Walter Siford;



Proud Virginians give a smiling approval of new dorm room at the ANG Academy

SSG Steven Bunce; SSG James Webster; and TSG David Benson, all of Civil Engineering; and TSG Charles Sparks of CAMRON.

Money to buy supplies needed for the project was raised through raffles and donations by John G. Ragsdale, owner of Sandston Cleaners; CPT Larry Wimmer of CAMRON; CPT Bill Martin of the 149th Tactical Fighter Squadron; and Army COL William J. McCaddin, who until last year served as Virginia's Adjutant General with the rank of Major General.

Virginia Air National Guardsmen attend leadership school and the

Non-Commissioned Officers Academy at I.G. Brown.

BG Claude F. Heath, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, cut the ribbon officially dedicating the Virginia Room. Others attending the ceremony were Ben McKeel, General Manager of WXEX-TV (Channel 8) in Petersburg and Richmond; MSG Connie Hughes, representing the VaANG Chapter of the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy Graduate Association; TSG Jim Stanley, who was graduating that week; Stanley's wife, TSG Patti Stanley; and TSG Jean Friedman, also an academy graduate.



## DP training

Individual units, in conjunction with the Disaster Preparedness Office, are currently conducting Phase II chemical warfare training. This training consists of unit personnel accomplishing wartime tasks while wearing chemical warfare gear. Guardsmen learn various job-related tasks during Phase II training and wear the gear for extended periods to acclimate themselves to it. Section chiefs should contact the Disaster Preparedness office, Ext. A-386 or C-01, to schedule training.

## Soviet course being offered to Guard

The Directorate of Soviet Affairs, Air Force Intelligence Service, conducts a 5-day course at Bolling AFB, D.C., entitled "Soviet Military Power Week." The Air National Guard receives 3 quotas in each of the 12 classes. These quotas will be distributed among the various states proportionate to their assigned strength of personnel eligible to attend the course.

ANGSC/TET will provide state headquarters their quota allocations at various times throughout the year. These allocations will be issued via letter approximately 60 days prior to class start date. The respective state headquarters will have the responsibility of selecting their attendees via NGB Form 65 to ANGSC/TET. The authority to attend the course will be input into PMS to the selectee's respective CBPOs.

Each state headquarters will insure that alternates are identified and/or notify ANGSC/TET if a quota cannot be utilized.

Course requirements are as follows:

- Grade E-5 through O-8.
- Final Secret Security Clearance.

c. A one-time attendance is authorized (exception: officers and NCOs in the intelligence career field can attend once every fourth year).

NOTE: Priority will be given to those personnel in command level positions or the intelligence career field.

All applications must be forwarded to state headquarters. State headquarters organizations are requested to hold all applications at that level until they receive quotas in a class.

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## AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION BEGINS DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Air Force Association, a national, nonprofit organization that fights for better benefits for Air Force people and supports a strong defense posture, will conduct its annual membership drive during May and June. All VaANG personnel are encouraged to join.

The AFA works with the civilian community to build grass roots support for increased benefits for Air Force people, while furthering understanding of the need for aerospace strength, believes each Air Force person who joins can have an impact on the ability of the AFA to serve both the nation and the individual member.

Membership in the Association is open to all Air Force people, active duty or reserve. Also, the AFA is the only organization that represents the entire Air Force family. The Association has long been regarded as the Air Force's professional society and through its active Enlisted and Junior Officer Advisory Councils, AFA hears the needs of Air Force people, takes positions on those needs, and fights for them.

The AFA is also in a unique position to help the Air Force since it has over 300 chapter organizations located in all 50 states. These chapters provide a civilian-military forum for building support for Air Force needs that exists through no other organization. In this area, AFA members are encouraged to join the Richmond Chapter 243, however, there are nine AFA chapters located in Virginia. Membership dues, \$15.00 for one year and \$36.00 for three years includes affiliation with the local chapter.

AFA members enjoy many varied benefits including a subscription to the highly regarded AIR FORCE Magazine, which is one of the most authoritative sources of information available. To be well informed on events which could impact on this unit, all unit personnel should avail themselves to this outstanding source of information. In addition, AFA members are eligible for several low cost group insurance programs, an automobile lease and purchasing program, car rental discounts, participating in AFA sponsored travel programs, and numerous opportunities to work with all elements of the Air Force family and community leaders to solve problems and effect change.

VaANG personnel may obtain AFA membership applications at the following locations:

Bldg 3661	Base Ops, Intelligence - Rm 15
Bldg 3649	CAMRON Orderly Room
Bldg 3652	CSS - Entrance Lobby
Bldg 3655	RMS Orderly Room
Bldg 3656	Avionics

Any personnel desiring more information concerning AFA, contact LTC George Davis, VaANG/AFA Membership Drive Chairman, Bldg 3661/Rm 15, Phone: 804-222-8884 Ext 425.



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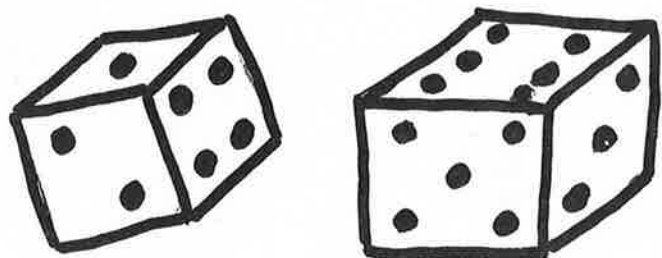
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