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Race to benefit Special Olympics

By SMS GARY BROOKS

The Virginia Air National Guard is sponsoring a 10-Kilometer race to benefit the Virginia Special Olympics. The race will be held here on May 19, beginning at 9:30 a.m. We anticipate a large number of runners as well as several Special Olympians from throughout the area to take part in the race. There will be numerous awards and random prizes for race participants, including the grand prize of one round-trip ticket to any of the 131 cities in the U.S. served by Eastern Airlines. For the enjoyment of our guests, we will have various Air National Guard displays, including one of our Vought A-7D fighter-bombers.

To organize and execute an event of this magnitude requires an enormous amount of manpower. Volunteers are needed for various tasks on race day from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you would like to help our unit, contact SMS Brooks, Ext. 436, SMS Reece, Ext. 361, or TSG Gay, Ext. 475.

Enclosed with this issue of the Vanguard, find an application for our race. If you would like to participate, please complete the application and mail it in today. If you don't run, please don't throw the application away. PASS IT ON to someone who does run. We have committed for over \$600.00 to stage this race and we need your help in making it a success. Remember, this is our race to help a very worthy organization, the Virginia Special Olympics. Let's make it really Special!



Mayor John Rousakis of Savannah, Georgia, presents the key to the city to Richmond Mayor Roy West during the V.I.P. tour of PFTS.

Mayor West visits Travis during Annual Training

By TSG LOU PARIS

A flurry of correspondence, what seemed like hundreds of long-distance telephone calls, and four months of work paid off during Annual Field Training in Savannah, Georgia this year when five generals, a like number of colonels, and two city mayors arrived for a V.I.P. tour.

It all began in December, when Mayor Roy West of Richmond and Mayor John Rousakis of Savannah accepted invitations to visit PFTS Travis Field on March 27th.

The event officially began shortly after 1000, when Major General Joseph Griffin (Adjutant General, Georgia National Guard) and Brigadier General Ben Patterson, Jr. (Assistant Adjutant General, Air) arrived at Travis Field by air. Approximately 30 minutes later, the V.I.P.'s from Virginia arrived at Travis on a C-12 flown by pilots assigned to the Virginia Army National

Guard. The Virginia Group included, in addition to Mayor West, Major General John Castles (Adjutant General, Virginia National Guard), and Brigadier General Alvah Mattox (Chief of Staff, Virginia Air National Guard). Brigadier General Claude Heath (Assistant Adjutant General for Air) was already in Savannah and met the other Virginia dignitaries on their arrival.

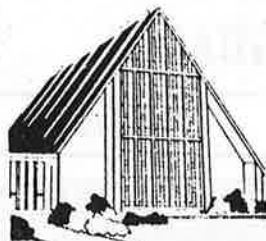
The first stop on the itinerary was in the pilot's briefing room, where the visitors exchanged gifts with their counterparts and met with members of the Savannah press corps. From there, the group toured the operations building, then boarded a van which took them, first, to the base firing range.

After taking a look at an M-16 qualifying class, the dignitaries each had the chance to fire the weapon. Although the military visitors were already experts on the

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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).

Club notes

A general membership meeting will be conducted at 1715 hours on 5 May 1984 at the Club 149. Members are urged to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to elect four Club Council members. Nominations from the nominating committee are: Ed Southard, Ed Smith, and Bill Murphy. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

There will be a pig roast and dance at Club 149, 23 June 1984. The cost is \$15.00 per couple which will go to benefit the club patio furniture fund.

The pig roast will be from 7-9 p.m. and will include pork BBQ, cole slaw, baked beans, and draft beer.

From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. you can dance to the music of the Early Times Band.

Tickets may be purchased from any club council member or at the club. Come have fun and support your club.

Recommendations for Club 149 improvements (i.e., appearance, management, activities) should be signed and submitted in writing to:

Hartwell F. Coke, IV, COL, VaANG
Club 149, President

Any recommendations will be reviewed by the Club Council during its next scheduled session.



Employer support recognized

Does your civilian employer actively support your part-time participation in the Virginia Air National Guard? If so, you can thank him/her by submitting his/her name to the Virginia and National Committees for Employer Support for consideration of several types of awards.

The top award in the program is the PRO PATRIA, the Latin expression meaning "for the nation." Award of the PRO PATRIA is highly selective; no more than 60 employers nationwide will be given the honor annually. Individually supervisors, as well as firms and agencies, are eligible for recognition.

In addition to the PRO PATRIA, which comes from the National Committee, there are two other awards: The State Chairman's Award, a plaque-mounted certificate presented by state committee for Employer Support, and The Employer Support Certificate of Appreciation, awarded by both the National and Virginia Committees.

You can nominate your employer for the Certificate of Appreciation by completing and mailing the form attached to this issue of the Vanguard. For consideration of higher awards, you must also send a letter describing in detail the specific support your employer has provided you. Remember, by law all employers must excuse you for Guard duty, so simple compliance with the law does not qualify your boss for an award. He/she must demonstrate additional, voluntary measures that make it easier for you to stay in the Guard. In your letter, be sure to also include the identification, address and name of the commander of your Guard unit.

Remember: There are no losers in this competition. Each employer submitted will receive the Employer Support Certificate of Appreciation and each will be considered for the PRO PATRIA and the Virginia Chairman's Award.

May Menu

SATURDAY LUNCH

Beef Tips over Rice
Broccoli
Salad Bar
Fudge Nut Brownies

SUNDAY LUNCH

Roast Pork W/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Salad Bar
Hot Rolls
Strawberry Jello

FOOD FOR DIETERS

For those guardsmen trying to watch their weight starting during the May UTA a large chef's salad will be provided in lieu of the lunch entree of the day. Low calorie french, thousand island, and oil and vinegar dressing will be provided. If you choose a large chef's salad, you will not receive a hot meal.



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News Briefs

The RMS will have an open ranks inspection on Saturday UTA, 5 May at, 0815 in front of the Supply building. Service Dress uniform (blues) is required.



ATC Mary Reynolds, TSG Lou Paris, and MAJ Basil Evans present check to Debbie Dial.

Unit helps family in need

By TSG LOU PARIS

Members of the 192d TFG recently contributed more than \$100 to help a Virginia family in distress.

Virginia Arnold, her son Leonard, and their pet dog were traveling North on I-95 near Savannah, GA in March, when their car and all of their possessions were destroyed by fire.

For a few days, they were housed in the safe shelter for battered spouses in Savannah. Several days later, the Traveler's Aid Society provided bus tickets to their Danville home for Mrs. Arnold and her son, and Piedmont Airlines agreed to fly the dog home at no cost to the family.

After hearing of the incident, members of the Virginia Air National Guard, who were performing annual field training in Savannah, chipped-in to help the family from their tragic situation.

Although the Arnolds had already departed from Savannah, a check for \$110 was presented to representa-

tives of the safe shelter for battered spouses, who promised to forward it to the family.

Recently, we received this "Thank you" from the Arnolds.

Dear Colonel Coke,

Many thanks to you & your 192d Tactical Fighter Group for the check you sent my son and myself after car trouble in Savannah, GA. We lost everything in that fire & now we have to start over from scratch. My son, Friskey & I moved into a furnished, 1 bedroom apartment yesterday for \$45.00 a week, so your check paid two weeks rent for us plus put some food on our table.

Thanks to the manager of Piedmont Airlines in Savannah we have our dog with us. (He flew up here free.)

I just wish I could thank all of you individually for your contribution. Bless you all!

Sincerely,
Virginia Arnold & Son
302A Hughes St.
Danville, VA 24541

The Audiovisual Services Section is conducting Projectionist training classes on a continuing basis on UTA weekends. Instruction is given in 16mm film projection and videotape playback equipment. All sections which require this type of equipment for training purposes should have at least one qualified projectionist. To schedule individuals for the projectionist training class, contact MSG Robert Flournoy or TSG Marshall, Ext. 342.

All individuals who require the Sony 3/4 inch U-Matic video player and color monitor for training purposes should schedule the use in advance through the base Audiovisual Services Section. Call MSG Flournoy or TSG Marshall, Ext. 342.

The 192d Tactical Fighter Group, has earned the Tactical Air Command Flight Safety Award for one year of flying, from 10 February 1983 to 9 February 1984, without a command-controlled Class A mishap.

The wearing of insignia polished to a chrome-like finish is a violation of established dress standards. Paragraph 1-12(1), AFR 35-10, "Dress and Personal Appearance for Air Force Personnel," is quite clear on the matter:

"...Badges, insignia, belt buckles, and other metallic devices are kept clear and free of scratches and corrosion. They are not highly polished to a chrome-like finish. (Exceptions: Grade insignia for Lieutenants, Captains, Colonels, and General Officers are highly polished. Chrome-like buckles and belt tips are authorized for optional wear)."

At some bases it has become a "fad" to highly burnish US insignia buttons, aeronautical wings, and other specialty badges. This violates AFR 35-10.

People-

The Key to Freedom

Mayor at AFT

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rifle, and therefore, accustomed to its feel, the civilians viewed it as a new experience and it proved to be the highlight of the tour for them.

The tour then took the visitors to the base clinic, then to the hangar, where they briefed on maintenance operations in the 192d TFG.

The final stop on the base tour took the group to the dining hall, where they dined and had an opportunity to meet some of the Virginia Guardsmen in person.

At the end of the formal base tour, the two mayors departed for a tour of the city of Savannah.

The two cities are alike in several respects, including the fact that both can boast of active ports. Mayor Rousakis also took the opportunity to guide his Richmond counterpart to Savannah's showplace, River Street.

The visit ended later in the day, when Mayor West departed by air for Richmond.

Softball play in high gear

The Virginia Air National Guard has two softball teams that play in two different leagues (Fairfield and Varina). So far this season, the one team in the Fairfield league has played two games and won both. They also played two games at the State Penitentiary, winning one and losing one. The team members are Tiny Lund, Leonard Dean, Ed Smith, Bobby Weis, Gary Wood, Donald Duke, David George, Bryant Thorpe, Skip Kirsh, Al Harrison, Lyn Johnson, Bill Martin, Chuck Sparks, and Butch Osborne. The coaches are Buddy Evans, Herbert Childress and Melvin Sirles. The other team, called the Rebel Riders, that plays in the Varina League, has played two games and won both. The team members are Robert Lamb, Neal Woods, David Hampton, Raymond McGhee, Jay Ellis, Norman Jones, Dennis Wilson, David Cole, Gary Reemsten, Karl Wachsmuth, William B. Wilcox, Tom Foard, Marion Gardner, Dennis Hendricks, Keith Joyce, Mark Horner, Kevin Puryear, and Hunter Moore. The coaches are Bobby Lamb and Neal Woods. These guys work hard while they're having fun and would really appreciate your support at their games.



Champions of the Virginia Pistol League being congratulated by Col Coke are (l to r) TSgt Earl Bergener, TSgt Ray Bassetti, TSgt Robert Cash, TSgt Robert Taylor, TSgt Abe Easter, and SMSgt Jack Sandford.

Pistol team takes first place

The Virginia Air National Guard Pistol team recently was presented with the first place trophy for 1983 for the teams' performance in the Virginia Pistol League. The Virginia Pistol League is an organization of eight pistol teams that compete against each other in monthly matches held at the Richmond Police Academy firing range at the Mosque in Richmond.

The Virginia Air Guard Pistol Team has been competing in the league for the past four years and has finished 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st place in the past four year period. TSG Robert

Cash is the teams' top shooter. The trophy the team received for its First Place 1983 finish is a rotating trophy. The team was also presented a plaque which will serve as the permanent recognition for the team's finish.

Other teams in the league included the Richmond Police Force (two teams), Phillip Morris, Cavalier Rifle and Pistol Club (two teams), Hanover Rifle and Pistol Club, and the Chesterfield Small Arms Club.

According to TSG Cash, "We're in first place after the first three matches in 1984 and we don't have any plans to give the trophy back."

Air Guard (Fairfield League)

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
May 3	Fairfield	0630
May 10	Fairfield	0630
May 17	Glen Echo	0800
May 24	Glen Echo	0630
May 31	Glen Echo	0800
June 7	Glen Echo	0630
June 14	Glen Echo	0700
June 21	Glen Echo	0800
June 28	Glen Echo	0630
July 5	Fairfield	0800
July 12	Fairfield	0630
July 19	Fairfield	0800

Rebel Riders (Varina League)

DATE	TIME
May 4	0800
May 11	0630
May 18	0700
May 23	0630
May 30	0800
June 8	0630
June 13	0800
June 20	0630
June 27	0630
July 11	0700
July 20	0630
July 27	0800

ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT THE VARINA ELEMENTARY ANNEX.

OPSEC Update

By LTC GEORGE W. DAVIS

Several recent incidents have brought home the importance for commanders, supervisors, and security managers to insure that their offices are aware of, and practice, effective security procedures. These incidents reinforce the need for written policies and procedures for handling and storing classified information, and that ALL PERSONNEL adhere to these policies and procedures.

This month's OPSEC UPDATE lists some DOD Security Fundamentals. Take a few minutes and review these fundamentals and see how effective your security procedures are.

Classified information may be disclosed only to authorized individuals. Don't assume anything. Check identity, clearance, and need-to-know before passing classified information to anyone. Each TOP

SECRET document must be accompanied by a disclosure record which indicates every person who had access to the document.

Strictly limit distribution of papers containing classified information. When in doubt, don't route. Avoid routine dissemination or reproduction of classified material.

Classified information shall not be discussed on the telephone. Don't be fooled by telephone callers who drop names or otherwise try to impress you with "urgent needs." Private codes or "talking around" classified information doesn't really fool anyone and should be strictly avoided.

Notes, rough drafts, and informal working papers must be marked with the appropriate classification and afforded proper protection. Don't take classified notes at meetings unless you can properly mark and protect them afterwards.

Classified material must not be read or discussed in public places. It should not be left unattended even for a short time in automobiles, hotel rooms, private residences or public foot lockers. Only approved security containers are authorized for storage.

When working after hours, clerical and administrative support may not be available. Before you leave, insure that all classified material is properly secured. Trash might be removed, examined or photographed. Insure that you properly dispose of all classified waste.

Obligating the government - Unauthorized obligations (Purchases)

By SMS BOBI HORNER

The only individuals that can obligate the government are those who have been duly appointed as contracting officers. Individuals appointed as contracting officers are agents of the U.S. Government. They must perform their contracting duties in a way to effectively support the Air National Guard. The United States Property & Fiscal Officer (USP&FO) has appointed the procurement agent at this base as contracting officer. Individuals appointed as contracting officers only have as much authority as is delegated to them. They are responsible only for their own acts and are prohibited from ratifying the unauthorized acts of others. Normally, purchases made by others are at their own expense and could result in disciplinary actions. In a few instances, the base contracting officer has received requests to issue contractual documents to cover commitments made by others who are not authorized to obligate the government financially. Even though the individual's intentions were honest, and they had a job which had to be expedited, or they felt that it was an emergency situation, the contracting regulations are clear - contracting officers are not empowered to ratify unauthorized pur-

chases. All ratification actions in an amount of \$2,500.00 or less must be approved by the USP&FO. The individual making the unauthorized commitment shall forward to the base commander, documentation concerning the transaction, which shall include - a statement signed by the individual describing the circumstances, why normal procurement procedures were not followed, what bona fide government requirement necessitated the commitment, whether any benefit was received, it's value, any other pertinent facts, and all other relevant documents including orders, invoices or other documentary evidence of the transaction. If the base commander concurs that the commitment should be ratified, he shall forward all documentation described above to the USP&FO. If the USP&FO approves the ratification, he will forward it to the base contracting officer for issuance of a purchase order for payment purposes. The original file will be retained by the base contracting office. A copy of the complete file must be forwarded to the NGB/JA within ten days after issuance of the purchase order. Therefore, the best way to avoid unauthorized purchases is to know and follow the established procedures for obtaining supplies and services.

Student loan program available

Is your daughter or son going to college? Are you or your spouse thinking of returning to school? If so, the Air Force Aid Society can help.

The General Henry H. Arnold Student Loan Program helps children of Air National Guard members. The General George S. Brown Senior Student Loan Program helps military people in the Air National Guard. The student may receive loans up to \$2,500 for undergraduate and \$5,000 for graduate school each year, provided they are enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in a qualified school. Payments are deferred while in school, but must be paid by the student within 10 years after leaving school.

The AFAS Guaranteed Parent Loan Program helps parents to finance undergraduate education for their dependent children. Parents may receive loans up to \$3,000 per school year for each dependent student. The parent is responsible for loan repayment, which begins 60 days after the loan is made. Currently, the interest rate is 12%.

If you have questions pertaining to any of the three programs, contact MSG John Rollings, Base Career Advisor, in Room 23, O&T Building, or call on Ext. 381.

**DRILL CHECKS
FOR THIS MONTH
ARE DUE ON
18 MAY**

Be aware of severe weather conditions

By MSG MICHAEL WOODY

Severe thunderstorms accompanied by high winds, hail, heavy rains, or snow and possibly tornadoes, which are small and short lived weather phenomena, are the most difficult weather features to forecast. It is not possible to predict exactly where severe thunderstorms and tornadoes will occur, but by detecting the largescale events which are usually associated with such storms, it is possible to predict general areas where the probability of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes development is greater.

Information on severe weather conditions comes from the National Weather Service via radio and TV using the following terminology.

Weather Watches - are issued for a large geographic area and for a time period during which the probability of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes is dangerously high. They are meant to alert the public of possible severe conditions and to allow time to take precautionary actions.

Weather Warnings - are issued when severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are detected and are usually for

specific areas and for short time spans.

Plan ahead, select the best location in your home for your family in advance. During the tornado season it is suggested that you keep on hand and available the following items: flashlight and extra batteries, lantern or candle, portable battery powered radio with extra batteries, first aid supplies, cards or games to occupy children and blankets and pillows for night use.

Some safety rules to follow are, when a tornado watch is announced keep your radio or television on and listen for the latest weather service warnings and advisories. If power fails, use a portable battery radio or car radio. Keep watching the sky, especially to the South and Southeast. Tie down or move all loose items (garbage cans, bicycles, toys, etc.). When a tornado warning is announced (a tornado has been sighted in the area) your best protection is an underground shelter or cave, or a substantial steel framed or reinforced concrete building. If none is available take refuge in other places. In homes with basements, use the area near the wall in the strongest and deepest below

ground portion of the basement. If your home does not have a basement and a nearby neighbor does, you might consider prior arrangements to occupy his basement. In homes without basements take cover in the center part of the house, on the lowest floor, in a small room such as a closet or bathroom. Open some windows partly, then stay away from them. Mobile homes are particularly vulnerable to overturning and destruction during strong winds and should be abandoned in favor of a preselected shelter, or even a ditch in the open. In shopping centers or other public facilities follow the directions given by facility personnel. Do not go to your parked car. In open country, if there is not time for escape lie flat in the nearest ditch or ravine. Be alert for flash floods caused by thunderstorm rains.

Insure that your children know what actions to take. Make sure that older children understand warning signals and that immediate shelter should be sought.

Knowledge of warnings, warning signs, safety rules and sheltering can enhance the chances of survival for both you and your loved ones.

Guardisman of the Year



SSG Mark A. Fulton

SSG Mark A. Fulton, 149th Tactical Fighter Squadron, was recently selected as the Virginia Air National Guardsman of the Year for 1983. As a result of this award, SSG Fulton was chosen to represent the 192d TFG in competition for the Virginia National Guardsman of the Year. This required Mark to compete with Army National Guardsmen during the March UTA. Although not selected, SSG Fulton represented the Air Guard well. He was selected as the first runner-up in the competition. This in itself is a credit to him and the Virginia Air National Guard. SSG Fulton is married and resides on Mountain Laurel Drive in Richmond, Virginia. He currently holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice and Public Safety. He is employed with the Virginia Department of Corrections as a Parole Officer. Much of his free time is dedicated to the Manchester Volunteer Rescue Squad where he is a certified CPR instructor. Congratulations Mark on a well deserved reward.



Free men do not lose their patience, their courage, their faith, because the obstacles are mountainous, the path uncharted. Given understanding, they invariably rise to the challenge."

—President Dwight D. Eisenhower,
New York, Apr. 22, 1954.

Motorcycle safety tips

Motorcycling is a lot of fun for a lot of people. Unfortunately, along with the challenge and enjoyment, there's an ever-present possibility of injury or even death when you are on a two wheeler.

Unlike passengers in a car, you don't have a wall of steel to offer protection in an accident. A skid on gravel, a bump in the road, even the wind force from a passing truck could easily send you flying into danger.

The number of motorcycles on America's roads has increased dramatically since 1968, and the number of serious accidents has kept pace.

Who are all these people being seriously injured or killed on motorcycles? According to a state highway patrol study you are most likely to have a motorcycle accident if:

*You are between 16 and 20 years old.

*You have had no formal instruction in how to drive a motorcycle.

*You are about to take off on your first solo ride, with no training.

If this profile fits you or one of your youngsters who is hankering after a motorcycle, these safety tips could be life savers.

SMALLER IS SAFER

If you are thinking about buying a motorcycle, think small to begin with. A small motorcycle with 200-400cc engine is easier to handle and easier to keep upright when stopped than a bigger machine.

Before you venture out on the street or highway, practice riding in an empty parking lot until you know your controls by memory.

TAKING CURVES AND TURNS

Novice riders commonly make two very hazardous mistakes on turns and curves. First you may make a misjudgement in not looking far enough ahead to begin the turn. The second mistake commonly made is being afraid to lean your body and your bike into a curve.

Cut your speed before you enter a curve. You should avoid braking on a turn, because, as the bike leans over, you could spin out.

BE ALERT AT INTERSECTIONS

Most motorcycle - car accidents occur at intersections. Drivers often can't see the cyclist, particularly if he's coming directly at them. It is up to you to make sure no one runs you over. Give the right-of-way to any driver, bicyclist, or pedestrian who seems to want it. It is important to see and be seen.

WATCH YOUR ROAD POSITION

If you are in slow highway traffic, stay in the center of your lane so a car won't try to share the lane with you. Passing is usually a high speed operation, and doing it safely depends on a number of factors. Time to pass, both distance and speed of oncoming traffic, plus weather conditions all directly affect a motorcyclists' passing safety. On a motorcycle, ability to make these judgements is vital to your safety.

ROAD CONDITIONS

If it starts to rain while you're on a heavily traveled road, pull over and wait about half an hour, preferably under a bridge. With oil and grease floating on top of a concrete highway, conditions may be slippery. Also be alert to speed bumps, road repairs and potholes, to name a few common road hazards.

GUARDING YOUR BRAIN BOX

Helmets are required in Virginia. Any helmet you buy should also have a label inside that says it meets current safety standards of the U.S.D.O.T., American National Standards Institute (ANSI), or Canadian Standards Association (CSA).

It almost goes without saying that you need to wear a helmet for protection against head injuries in the event of accident.

All of these motorcycle safety recommendations are basic to your survival on a two-wheeler. As you build your experiences, you can fine-tune these basic techniques. When they become instinctive, you'll be on the road to becoming a motorcycle pro.

Disney World honors Armed Forces Day

LAKE BEUNA VISTA, FL. With a chance to beat busy summer vacation months, military guests can preview Donald Duck's birthday celebration, new Epcot Center entertainment and a Memorial Day weekend festival of fireworks and parades at very special prices May 1-31.

All active duty, retired military, disabled veterans, reservists, national guardsmen, civil service employees and their immediate families are eligible.

For \$25, Armed Forces Days guests can spend one full day in the Magic Kingdom and another full day in the extraordinary world of Epcot Center (a savings of \$9); or if planning only a one day visit, they can explore either world for \$13.

Memorial Day weekend (May 26-27) the Magic Kingdom features "Fantasy in the Sky" fireworks at 10 p.m. and the "Main Street Electrical Light Parade" at 9 and 11 p.m.

May also kicks-off a special Donald Duck birthday celebration featuring parades and musical variety shows spotlighting the temperamental but always optimistic duck who will turn 50 June 9.

The most recent addition to Epcot Center's World Showcase art exhibits features treasures from China's "Forbidden City," seldom seen by the western world. More than 50 items dating from the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), including royal armor valued in the millions of dollars, will be on display.

New Future World characters I/O and IB4E provide computer age fun for visitors. I/O is a bright bit of energy starring in "Backstage Magic" at Computer Central, presented by Sperry, on how computers work and particularly how they help run Walt Disney World.

An ID card entitles Armed Forces Days guests to reduced Eastern Airlines air fares, Greyhound Bus Package Plans, an unlimited mileage special from National Car Rental and special hotel rates from both official Walt Disney World hotels and hotels at the gates of the Vacation Kingdom.

For more detailed information, military guests can check their local SATO offices, Recreation/Special Services offices or by calling Walt Disney World at 305-828-1319.



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION BEGINS DRIVE FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Air Force Association (AFA), 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 1984. The theme of this year's Air Force Association membership drive is "Serving Our Nation . . . And Those Who Serve". All VaANG personnel are encouraged to join AFA.

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, enlisted or officer. 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 310 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.

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 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

Dues are \$15.00 per year or \$42.00 for a three-year period, while Life Membership is available for a one-time fee of \$250.00. If desired, Life Membership dues may be paid in quarterly installments over a one or two year period. Request ALL PERSONNEL COMPLETING membership applications, turn into LTC GEORGE DAVIS, VaANG/AFA Membership Drive Chairman, Bldg 3661/Rm 15, Phone: 804-222-8884 Ext 425. Additional information concerning AFA, may be obtained by contacting LTC Davis.



DATE: _____

DOCUMENT NO: _____
(For Use By National ESGR HQS)

National Awards Chairman
Employee Support of the Guard & Reserve
Suite 206
1735 N. Lynn Street
Arlington, Virginia 22209

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I wish to nominate my employer to receive the Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation. The basis for this nomination is the exceptional contribution my employer has made to support my participation in the Guard or Reserve.

NOMINEE: _____ (Individual or Firm)

FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City State Zip Code

MY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City State Zip Code

PHONE: () ()
Home Business

UNIT CDR: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City State Zip Code

I would also like for my employer to be considered for higher awards by the Virginia Awards Chairman. The attached statement provides a detailed description of the specific support provided by my employer and why I feel he/she/it deserves a higher award.

Signed, _____

