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Holiday Message From the Commander

UNIT WINS AWARDS

As we approach another holiday season, I extend my very best wishes for a happy holiday season to each of you.

This is the time of year when we look back and take a moment to reflect. Reflect on all the things that have combined to make this unit the outstanding one that it is. I want you to know that I am proud of each of you for the personal sacrifices you have made in order to accomplish the mission of the Virginia Air National Guard.

To all of you, thanks for a job well done and may our new year be a prosperous and peaceful one.

HARTWELL F. COKE, IV, Colonel, VaANG
Commander



When I recently attended the Ninth Air Force Commander's Conference, my hopes were high that we would receive the award for the Best Maintained Aircraft for 1985. Well not only did we win that award, but also the award for the Best Operational Readiness Inspection for 1985. The Virginia Air National Guard was the only unit to win two awards.

There is really no way to express the feelings I felt when called upon to receive these awards. I would like to have had each of you there to receive these awards with me. It is very humbling and quite frankly a privilege to receive so many awards for which you the members of the Virginia Air National Guard are directly responsible. Your dedication and loyalty are beyond compare.

I salute each of you for the outstanding professionals you are.

HARTWELL F. COKE, IV, Colonel, VaANG
Commander



SATURDAY
Catholic Service
0930

SUNDAY
General Protestant
0730

Your Chaplain, LTC Xel Sant'Anna, 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).

ANG Liaison Support Program

Opportunity exists for ANG personnel, E3-E7 in certain AFSC's, to perform their two-week annual field training at one of the ANG Liaison locations. Locations for training are:

Chanute AFB, IL
Lowry AFB, CO
Sheppard AFB, TX
Keesler AFB, MS
Lackland AFB, TX

Personnel interested in assisting at these offices should possess one of the following AFSC's: 702X0, 732X0, 732X4, 751X0, 751X2.

Support at the NGB Advertising Distribution Center, Edgewood, MD is needed. Individuals interested in performing duty should possess one of the following AFSC's: 602X2, 645X0, 602X1, 645X1, 702X0, 791X0.

Support at the ANG PALACE CHASE Coordination Office, Headquarters, AFMPC, Randolph AFB, TX. AFSC requirements are: 702X0, 732X0, 732X4.

Support in the ANG Liaison Office, National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, MO, is needed. AFSC requirements are: 702X0 and 732X0.

Anyone interested in performing duty at any of the above listed offices should contact the CBPO to make application. (CPT Barker, Ext. 318)

Base Supply reorganizes

By 1LT Gary Wood
Management Systems OIC

Effective 1 November 1985, the Base Supply Organization underwent a major reorganization as directed by the National Guard Bureau. In addition there are two new branch chiefs in supply as a result of the retirement of SMS Melvin O. Sirles. To try to avoid some possible confusion we want to tell you, the customer, what changes were made so you will know who to contact for assistance when needed.

The Management and Procedures, and Supply Systems branches were combined to form the Management and Systems branch. The branch is supervised by 1LT Gary Wood and SMS Herman Brock. The branch consists of five sections being Procedures and Analysis, Customer Service and Training, Inventory, Document Control, and Computer Operations.

The Customer Support Branch is now called Operations Support Branch and their new branch chief is MSG Donald Bradley. There are now four sections within this branch and they are Demand Processing, Repair Cycle Support, Mission Support, and WRSK/BLSS Management.

The Material Management Branch is now supervised by MSG Michael Duke. Although the branch title remained the same, some of its sections have changed. This branch now has three sections which include Stock Control, Equipment Management, and Retail Supplies.

The Material Storage and Distribution Branch (warehouse) was, and still is, supervised by MSG Ed Waldron. This branch remained the same, with one exception, that being the addition of the Bench Stock Support section.

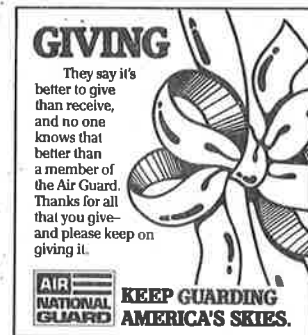
Believe it or not there was one branch that remained unchanged and that was the Fuels Management Branch supervised by SMS Donald Davis. And in closing, we saved the best for last, our Chief of Supply was, and still is, CPT David G. Phillips, Jr. All of us in supply wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.



Amtrak adds discount fares

Amtrak has announced that, effective immediately, military discounts will be offered to dependents of active duty military members traveling with or without their sponsors. The spouse and children who are 12-21 years of age will receive 50 percent off the regular one-way fare, and children 2-11 years of age will receive 75 percent off the regular one-way fare. Children under 2 travel free, and the standard 25 percent discount applies to the member.

The 25 percent discount for military members and the discounts for dependents as described above apply to members of the Guard and Reserve, also, when they are on orders. The red ID card and a copy of the orders need to be shown to the Amtrak agent, and tickets should be bought in advance. Call Amtrak for more details.



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Enlisted Advisor's Report

By CMS Dave Lutz

Senior Enlisted Advisor

Knowing what goes on in the Air Force, the Air National Guard, and your career field is part of your job. Keeping up to date on developments will make you better at what you do and make you a better contributor to what we, as a team, are trying to do. One of the ways in which you can accomplish this is by professional memberships and publication subscriptions. Membership in the Air Force Association, Air Force Sergeants Association and/or Enlisted Association of the National Guard will generate several publications and benefits. Add to these a subscription to Air Force Times and you have a solid base of information to draw from. Not only are the fees involved deductible from your income tax, but many contribute towards efforts in your behalf in the areas of health, retirement, education, etc. Information and application forms on all of these are available in many base locations including my office.

In response to resolutions approved at the 1985 conference in Portland, Oregon, EANGUS is pursuing the following items.

1. Retirement of AGR Personnel in Highest Grade Held - have asked National Guard Bureau for a legal opinion on the difference in the various laws and statutes affecting AGR entitlements in order to determine the proper channel to introduce remedial language to correct this inequity of law.

2. Commissary Privileges - will be coming to the field shortly with a program designed to overcome opposition and muster support for commissary privileges. The earliest we can expect further action is Spring 1986.

3. Military Justice System - dispatched a letter to OASD(RA) on 2 October 85 expressing EANGUS opposition to application of the UCMJ to non-EAD personnel and its pledge to oppose any erosion of state control of the National Guard while not in Federal service.

4. Employer Support Tax Credits - H.R. 3241 (Montgomery, MS) was introduced 5 September 85 in support of tax credits for employers of National Guard personnel. It was referred to the Ways and Means Committee of the House.

5. Increased Coverage of Serviceman's Group Life Insurance - H.R. 2343, Sec. 5, introduced 22 May 85, establishes an increased ceiling of \$50,000. Referred to the House Veteran's Affairs Committee.

6. Retaining the Retention NCO (79D) Position - this subject has also been discussed with the Chief, National Guard Bureau. They are pursuing this issue.

7. Raising Existing 60 Point Ceiling or Retirement Credit - The importance of raising the retirement ceiling and giving retirement points for accredited courses was discussed with the Chief, National Guard Bureau. Action on this resolution would encourage individuals to pursue professional training to improve military and leadership skills in accordance with Legislative Committee recommendation.

8. Legislative Update. At this time it appears that Civil Service Pension Reform legislation is headed for joint Senate - House conference committee action. The Senate STEVENS-ROTH bill, S. 1527, recognizes military technicians as a special category of civil service along with firefighters, law enforcement officers and air traffic controllers and authorizes full retirement for them at age 55 with 30 years service; however, it does not authorize military technicians a supplemental benefit as it does the others in this category until reaching age 62. Under the legislation (which reduces the basic benefits substantially - basic meaning civil service and social security, not thrift plan benefits) technicians retiring at age 55 would possibly realize minimum annuity after reaching age 62.

The House bill headed by Representative Ford of Michigan, is much more generous and provides a supplemental benefit to all who retire prior to age 62. Obviously, the House bill is the one to support.

The fight will develop between the two bills - the House plan being the most generous, the Senate bill representing the greatest savings to the government. Vital to military technicians is the supplemental pay issue. Will it survive the joint House - Senate conference or not?



Sgts Thomas, Altland and Garris

Family reunion guard style

An unusual kind of "Family Reunion" has occurred in the 192d Tactical Fighter Group. Three members of the 192d CAMS also served on active duty together in California in the early 1970's. SSG Philip Thomas, SSG Robert Altland, and SSG Robert Garris were all assigned to the same shop in the 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB. The trio is currently assigned to the fuels shop. SSG Garris became the first of the three to enlist in the Virginia Air National Guard in 1976. Altland enlisted in 1979, and Thomas became a member of the unit later in that year.

'Holid-Aid'

The Virginia Air National Guard has joined forces with EZ 104 radio station and twenty-nine area Safeway stores to form a program called "Holid-Aid."

The purpose of this program is to feed a total of 500 needy families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Radio station EZ 104 has been advertising the program and encouraging its listeners to buy an extra can of food when shopping at Safeway and depositing it in the baskets provided. In addition to the food collected, Safeway Stores have provided a \$15.00 gift certificate to be presented to each family.

The VaANG has and will continue to collect the food on a weekly basis until Christmas and make distribution of it to the Department of Social Services for the counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, Charles City, New Kent, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Hanover, Powhatan, Goochland and city of Richmond just prior to the holiday.

You can help or help our community by buying an extra can of food when shopping at Safeway and give it to the "Holid-Aid" program.

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Both bills should be discussed with your legislators. The Senate bill should be lobbied to change the language to include military technicians in the supplemental pay provision. The House bill should be supported by asking your representatives to vote to keep the supplemental pay for technicians in the bill in joint conference.

Other items of specific interest.

1. After 40 years of service, the old green punch-card government check will be replaced with a new lightweight, multicolored paper check. The new paper check resembles the present check in size only. The paper check ranges in color from light blue to pale peach, with the letters "USA" creating a pale pattern throughout the background. A full-length reproduction of the Statue of Liberty appears on the left, and a mute close-up of the statue's head, arm and torch is shown on the right. The Air Force plans to utilize the new checks for the mid-December 1985 payroll.
2. The FY85 end strength of the ANG was 109,398 (101.6% of goal). The FY86 goal is 111,000.
3. The National Guard will celebrate its 350th birthday in 1986. All states are expected to generate events to commemorate.
4. The NCO Academy is experiencing difficulty in filling both the Phase II NCO Academy and NCO Leadership courses. Now is your chance to sign up.
5. Testing of personnel for drug use is scheduled to start in January 1986. More details on this later.

Where is your shot record?

Now that the trip to Norway is a memory and the troops are getting ready for the holidays, most of you have forgotten just how important that "little yellow pamphlet" known as the "shot record" is to you. It is equally important to the Clinic personnel responsible for maintaining your records. We have been unable to document the flu shot you received in October, because you still have your own shot record. We desperately need for you to bring it in to the Clinic. The computer, likewise, doesn't know that you've had the flu shot, so it will be hollering at you this month to "bring back that record."



Palace Chase unsatisfactory performance

The following is a reprint of an article that appeared in AFRP 35-4, No. 3:

5. RECALL TO EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY OF PALACE CHASE UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMERS. We recently ordered to extended active duty (EAD) three airman who separated early from the active Air Force under the PALACE CHASE Program, for failure to honor their contract to perform satisfactorily with the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. These are the first individuals ordered to EAD for this reason in several years and it represents a major policy change. This change in policy is the result of an effort to enhance the image and credibility of the program and to curtail the number of personnel who obtain early release from their commitment to the active Air Force under PALACE CHASE and subsequently fail to honor their commitment to serve satisfactorily with the Air Reserve forces. Separations and Special Actions personnel should brief all PALACE CHASE applicants on this policy change and ensure applicants fully understand that failure to report and perform satisfactorily with the gaining Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard unit will result in recall to EAD for at least as long as the time remaining on their current active Air Force enlistment on the date of separation.

If you came to the Virginia Air National Guard through the PALACE CHASE Program and are finding it difficult to meet your military obligation one weekend a month, then you need to decide which will be tougher - one weekend a month or full-time again with the U.S. Air Force. As you can see, PALACE CHASE people will no longer be separated for unsatisfactory performance, but will be returned to active duty.

News Briefs

VaANG RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION

There will be no meeting this month for the Virginia Air National Guard Retiree's Association. The next meeting will be Wednesday, 15 January 1986, 1930 in the Club 149.

PROMOTIONS

Promotion recommendations must be forwarded to arrive in CBPO not later than Sunday's UTA one (1) month prior to the UTA of consideration. All requests received in this office after the deadline, as outlined in 192 JFGR 39-29, para 4b, will be held until the following month. Officer promotion requests are to be processed within the same deadline. It is necessary that these requirements be strictly adhered to, to insure proper processing of requests is accomplished. If you have any questions concerning promotions, please contact MSG Brown in CBPO, Ext. 381/310.

CLUB NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN SAVANNAH

This years Annual Field Training will be in Savannah, GA, during St. Patrick's Day. The Virginia Air National Guard will again be entering a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

So, everyone put on your "thinking caps," because the person who comes up with the best theme for a float will win a \$25 prize. Submit your suggestions to CMSG Bill Murphy or SSG Valeria Martin no later than Saturday, December UTA. The winner will be announced on Sunday.

HISTORY OF THE GUARD

Washington (AFNS). An Air Force Systems Command Historian has written the first major academic study on the history of the Air National Guard. Dr. Charles J. Gross' 250-page book, "Prelude to the Total Force: The Air National Guard, 1943-1969," was published this month. A former ANG officer in Ohio, Dr. Gross traces the Guard from its beginnings to the Viet Nam mobilization. The book is being distributed through the office of the Air Force History and the Government printing office.

On the supply side

By MSG Donald Bradley

Several months ago an article entitled "Supply Never Has What We Need" appeared in this column. Hopefully, that article explained that it is the user that determines what items we stock and the correct procedure for insuring that this is done.

Occasionally however, no matter what procedures have been used, even on items that we do stock, back-orders will be the outcome. When this happens it is important that you, the user, verify that the action taken by supply is correct. If all request are processed in the proper order you should receive:

1. A document number when you place the order. This number is essential. Do not allow your request to be taken and a number assigned later. This is the only assurance you have that the request must be processed. All assigned numbers must be accounted for.

2. Within a day or two from the day you placed the order you should receive a DD Form 1348 computer output of your request. This proves your request has been processed into the computer. Verify the information on this notice. If there is a discrepancy, now is the time to notify supply, not after the item is received. This notice should be held until you receive a "Due Out Validation Listing" or until the item is received whichever is first.

3. Depending on the priority of the request you will receive a listing that contains your request with

status as to when you can expect receipt of the item. "A" priority requirements are listed daily, "B" priority requests are listed weekly and "C" priority monthly. Each new listing supersedes the old one. This listing should be reviewed to insure that all requests placed have satisfactory status and that no item has dropped from the listing that has not been received or cancelled by you. If status is unsatisfactory complete a problem item form and send to supply or call Ext. 348. Base Supply does not monitor any status other than MICAP conditions. If you accept the status so do we.

4. Monthly, you should receive a "Due Out Validation Listing." This listing will list all due outs for your section regardless of priority. No status is shown. Verify that everything that you have requested is listed. All requirements should be listed regardless of the area of supply the request was made with. This listing also supersedes the old listing.

5. Monitor the daily document register for your section to insure that no action is processed against your request that you are not aware of. Inputs of any type will be reflected on this report.

If this procedure is followed we will not have requests lost within the supply system, cancelled without the user being advised, and delayed receipts without the user being aware of the reason. It is your requirement. You are the one doing without. Don't let your request get lost in the system.

Checks take on new look

The Accounting & Finance Center at Denver has announced that effective with the first pay check issued in December 1985, ARPAS checks will be printed on the new paper checks.

These checks are rainbow colored and resemble Savings Bonds.



Select safe holiday toys

Shoppers are now in the process of buying holiday toys for children of all ages. Toy shopping is a part of the magic of the holiday season.

But, in too many instances, toys could dim this magic by causing accidents and injuries.

The Medical Society of the District of Columbia offers some simple tips for selecting toys that will help insure happy holidays.

*Beware of small toys that can be swallowed, flammable toys, and toys with rough or sharp edges.

*Electric toys should be safe. Look for the safety approval label on the cord and on the toy itself.

*Avoid toys made of lead or colored with lead-based paints. You're unlikely to encounter these today, as the dangers of lead poisoning are well known. But it's wise to be safe.

*Babies' toys should be too large to put in the mouth, washable, lightweight and non-brittle.

Eye injuries are a particular hazard from toys. Sling shots, air rifles, archer sets and even the spring-action toy pistols that propel sticks capped with rubber cups have caused eye injuries.

The air rifle, or BB gun, is still a threat, even though its use is forbidden in many communities. If you give your child an air rifle, impress upon him or her the danger of ricochet. Many air rifle injuries come from the small shot bouncing off a fence post or the side of a house. A target backed with a bag of sand or straw is a must for shooting an air rifle.

Dining Hall Menu

SATURDAY

- Salad Bar
- Roast Pork Loin with Brown Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Buttered Mixed Vegetables
- Apple Sauce
- Chilled Pears
- Assorted Beverages

SUNDAY

- Salad Bar
- Swiss Steak with Brown Gravy
- Steamed Rice
- Buttered Broccoli
- Chocolate Cake
- Assorted Beverages



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Drug testing program to begin

By 2LT Robert Wrenn

This article is to inform you that the Air National Guard will implement a Drug Testing Program beginning 1 January 1986. Details of the program are not yet available, but there is some information of which you should be aware.

The following is taken from ANGR 30-2, Social Actions Program.

"...The policy is to maintain standards of behavior, performance, and discipline necessary for mission accomplishment. The illegal or improper use of drugs by Air National Guard members can seriously damage physical and mental health, jeopardize an individual's safety and the safety of others, and lead to criminal prosecution and/or discharge under other than honorable conditions. Drug abuse is incompatible with Air National Guard standards of conduct. The Air National Guard is responsible for helping to prevent drug abuse among its members, for identifying, for disciplining, and/or separating those who promote the illegal or improper use of drugs..."

For further help in identifying drug use, the regulation lists some definitions:

Drugs - All psychoactive substances, excluding alcohol, as defined below.

Marijuana - Any product of the hemp plant, cannabis (including hashish), or any synthesis thereof.

Dangerous Drugs - Those non-narcotic drugs that are habit forming or have a potential for abuse because of their stimulant, depressant, or hallucinogenic effect.

Narcotics - Any opiates, including their synthetic equivalents.

Drug Abuse - Any illegal or improper use or possession of drugs.

Drug Abuser - One who has illegally or improperly used, possessed, transferred, or sold any narcotic substance, marijuana, or dangerous drug.

As you can see, the ANG has a policy to identify drug abuse. The Drug Testing Program is designed to do this. Preliminary information shows a test will be conducted on samples of urine taken from VaANG members. The tests are very detailed and highly accurate. The method of selecting those to give urine samples will not be known until the program is received by this base.

Again, be advised that the Drug Testing Program is coming to the Virginia Air National Guard. Until actual written procedures for the program are received, we will not be able to give detailed information. However, we would like to remind you that for those who feel help is needed on drug and alcohol related problems, our office offers a viable referral program which can provide rehabilitative contacts throughout the state. The Social Actions Office is now staffed by 2LT Robert S. Wrenn, 2LT Robert J. Namiot, and SSG John L. Capehart. Our office maintains an open door policy and we are very willing to use all available resources in assisting you. We can be reached on Extension 389.

ROPA Promotions

Listed below are the current promotion board schedules:

3-7 MAR 86

Major Selection Board
(PSD: 30 Sep 80; TYSD: 30 Sep 73)

9-13 JUN 86

Lieutenant Colonel Selection Board
(PSD: 30 Sep 80; TYSD: 30 Sep 66)

11-15 AUG 86

Captain Selection Board
(PSD: 30 Sep 83; TYSD: 30 Sep 80)

Individuals who are eligible to meet the ROPA Board will be notified by the CBPO. Please contact MSG Brown or CPT Barker of the CBPO, if you have any questions concerning either ROPA or Unit Vacancy Promotions, Ext. 381/318.

Military vacancies

The Air National Guard has a requirement for an enlisted member for a 139 day active duty support tour as functional area records manager/records manager at the National Guard Bureau, Pentagon, Washington, DC, to begin 6 January 1986. Authorized AFSC: 70270/70290, Authorized Grade: E-6 thru E-8.

The Air National Guard has a requirement for an enlisted member to perform an 18 month active duty support tour with the National Guard Bureau Operations Division. The position will be located at Ramstein AB, Germany. Position: Maintenance Control Specialist, Authorized AFSC: 43171 or 39270. Authorized Grade: Master Sergeant (E7).

The Air National Guard has a requirement for enlisted members for 30 day, 60 day, and/or 139 day active duty status at the National Guard Bureau, Pentagon, Washington, DC. Authorized AFSC: 70250/70270. Authorized Grade: E-4 thru E-6.

For more information concerning these active duty positions, contact CPT Barker, CBPO, on Ext. 318.

Keep a Friend From Killing:

National Drunk and Drugged Driving Week Begins Dec. 15

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Applications for State Tuition Assistance for the Spring Quarter must be submitted no later than February UTA. This is for courses beginning 15 February and beyond. Applications can be obtained from MSG John Rollings, Base Career Advisor, O&T Bldg, Room 24.

REPORT FRAUD, WASTE & ABUSE

A) AF FRAUD HOTLINE
AUTOVON 227-1061

B) DOD FRAUD HOTLINE
800-424-9098
AUTOVON 223-5080

C) GAO FRAUD HOTLINE
800-424-5454

D) BASE FRAUD HOTLINE
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CORRECTION

In the October issue of the Vanguard, a story regarding the unit contributions to the Air Force Assistance Fund omitted the 192d WSSF. The flight, commonly known as "Security Police," had a 100% participation in the fund drive.