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Secretary Orr defends retirement system

Washington (AFNS). "It's not lavish" and "it's a management tool we need," stressed Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr. His statements are a retort to recent attacks on the military retirement system.

Secretary Orr defended retirement pay Feb. 7 in an interview with Air Force Radio News Service. He was reacting to charges made two days earlier by David A. Stockman, Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

R. Stockman asked congress to reduce military retirement pay, calling it a "scandal" and an "outrage." He also said Pentagon Institutional Forces are more concerned about protecting their pay than the defense of the country.

Referring to Mr. Stockman's charges, Secretary Orr said, "well they hurt, and I think they were ill-advised and ill-informed."

"The public has a great misconception about the retirement system," he said. The Secretary said he visits about one base per week and "the number one question on every base, every time, is about retirement, and that doesn't come, as Mr. Stockman seemed to indicate, from Generals in the Pentagon, protecting their own retirement. That comes from our airmen and NCO's out there on the bases who are concerned about all the talk," he continued. "Let's clear up some misunderstandings," he said. "The average person does not retire with 50 percent of his pay. In the first place, the average person does not retire -- only 13 percent of those who enter the military use the retirement system.

"They talk about it being 50 percent of pay," he said. "But we all know retirement is computed only on base pay and does not include allowances such as housing and subsistence. Now let's get it straight."

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Operational Readiness Exercise

Exercise to test units ORI readiness

An Operational Readiness Exercise is scheduled for this UTA. In order to better prepare for the ORE, pre-planning is a necessity. The information listed will help you to plan.

1. The exercise will commence approximately at 0930 Saturday in condition yellow MOPP 1 (see the MOPP Chart), and priority B on the flightline. A code number will be issued by Security Police both days for identification procedures. It will be necessary for the Chemical Warfare Training Bags to be issued as soon as possible, and preferably prior to Saturday UTA.

2. For this exercise, all buildings will be considered semi-hardened shelters. Therefore, personnel will not have to leave their work centers to go to a shelter. They will however have to don the appropriate CWD gear as well as during the Red Condition take cover under a desk, etc.

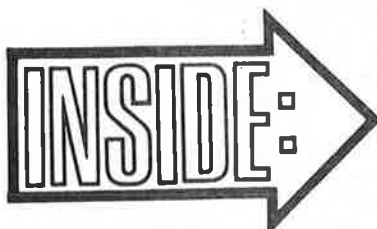
3. A Contamination Control Area will be located on the gravel ramp area across from the old State Headquarters building. This area is referred to, here as well as in Savannah, as the Apple Orchard. During the two days, all mobility

personnel will process through this area. Sections will be tasked at scheduled intervals to supply personnel for decontamination processing. All personnel deploying to Savannah must process through this area.

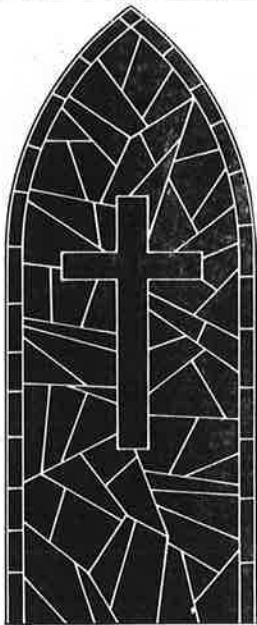
4. For this exercise, as well as the ORI, supervisors must ensure their personnel are dressed properly, and that they have practiced driving vehicles while wearing the complete ground crew ensemble as well as conventional gear. Supervisors must also provide work/rest cycles using the heat stress chart.

5. In accordance with AFR 207-1, individuals are responsible to ensure their vehicles are free of bombs. This will alleviate a problem of security police personnel having to search all vehicles entering the Priority "B" area.

6. Individuals are also responsible for decontaminating their vehicles. This can be accomplished by using expedient and spot decontamination techniques as well as reporting to the motor pool where the entire vehicle can be decontaminated.



*See what the spring
fashions for March
and April are going
to look like.*



SUNDAY

General Protestant
0730

Mormon
0915

Catholic Mass
1300

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).

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Secretary Orr ...

Secretary Orr expects other attacks on the retirement system, but was encouraged by what Rep. William L. Dickinson, R-ALA., told him. Rep. Dickinson, ranking minority member of the House Armed Services Committee, told the Secretary that he knows of no intention to change the retirement system for people now on active duty.



Enlisted Advisors Report

By CMS Dave Lutz

Senior Enlisted Advisor

Many of you have been asking about our continued support of the School of the United States in Panama. Let me bring you up to date. We have had donated a huge amount of school teaching aids and supplies, and are presently awaiting word from the Henrico County Schools on the availability of additional student desks. As soon as enough desks are on hand to make at least a pallet load, we will combine them with the teaching aids and arrange for space on a Panama-bound aircraft. Watch the VANGUARD for further coverage of our efforts.

During the past several months, I have heard a lot of complaints about the limited number of restaurants available to our personnel using meal chits on UTA's. Effective 1 February 1985, the dining room at the Airport Best Western Motel has been added to the list. Their Saturday night all-you-can-eat buffet (salad thru dessert) is a great improvement over our recent limitations.

Two policy changes released by the Guard Bureau this month of which some of you need be aware:

1. Effective 1 January 1985, the only valid edition of DD Form 1853, "Authentication of Reserve Status for Travel Eligibility," is the form

dated 1 April 1984. The previous editions of this form will no longer be accepted at passenger terminals. This is in accordance with IMC 84-1, DOD 4515.13R, para 2-12c.

2. Post and base exchanges are now operating under the provisions of para 2-14b(4)(c), AR 60-20/AFR 147-14, dated 1 August 1984. The regulation requires that exchange privileges must be used within 6 months from the date of entitlement was earned, as shown in either the Military Leave and Earnings Statement or Letter of Authorization.

Remember that our March UTA is the start of our annual June Harvest Food Collection Campaign for those in need in the local area. Squadron orderly room personnel handling this drive might consider doing what CAMRON did last year - accept cash in place of canned goods and purchase canned goods at a commissary. This gives an out to those who don't remember to bring in their canned goods and will definitely increase the volume of each squadron's contribution.

As in the past, I welcome any chance to talk about the Guard with any and all of you. Stop me where you see me, come to my office in the Headquarters Bldg (Room 6), or call me on Ext. 510.



Support the June Harvest of Help 1985

In our continuing efforts to aid the Richmond community, the Virginia Air National Guard will, once again, launch its food collection campaign beginning with the 9 March UTA. As in the past, we are asking each member to bring at least one can of food and deposit it in the receptacles placed in the unit orderly rooms. If we could reach this goal, we could contribute approximately 38 cases of food to the Salvation Army.

Let's make this year's campaign as successful as last year. Place that can of food beside your hat now!

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As I read last months VANGUARD, I wondered what organization are we trying to recruit for. The first article I read, "New Recruiting Referral Program Implemented," made me want to pull out my old recruiting badge and really get to work doing a job I most thoroughly enjoyed. The next article I read; however, "Learn to Fly Helicopters," gave me mixed emotions and the thought of just who would I be recruiting for, the Air National Guard or the Army Reserve? I find it hard to believe we are trying to get people enthused and involved in our recruiting program and on the same page we are telling them "Be all you can be, call the Army Reserve Recruiter."

Another article that caught my attention was the safety article, "Are You Putting Me On?" This article stated, "Did you know that General Motors Corporation is offering a \$10,000 death benefit to the beneficiary of an individual driving a GM car who is killed in an auto accident wearing his seat belt?" This statement is not completely true, according to GMAC the car must be a 1985 model.

Use caution during fitness trials

By SSG Larry Harris

The 192d TFG will soon offer its members a unique opportunity to adjust to the ANG Physical Fitness Evaluation Program. Physical Fitness Monitors are selected from each section, and each member is tested on his/her ability to run/walk/jog 1.5 miles or walk only 3 miles, in a predetermined time. No doubt it's time to take the jogging suit out of storage and get ready for the program.

Generally speaking, before we attempt any exercise its necessary to warm-up the muscles. Likewise, we should cool-down after the exercise. These are important factors to remember if we are to smoothly adjust. If you run at night or on cold days it's important to remain comfortably warm and try to wear as little as possible. This may sound contradictory, but remember, you produce an abundance of heat during exercise and you don't want to lose it too rapidly.

If we are to regulate the temperature of the body during exercise, its important to regulate the temperature of the head and torso. If the head and torso are properly warmed, heat will be provided to the extremities of the body such as your fingers and toes. On the other hand, heat will be drawn from the outer extremities if the head and torso are not properly covered. During exercise we lose 40% of our body heat through the head, and the torso is another area we will experience a great deal of heat loss.

If you've done any cold weather running then you know that the legs can withstand a great deal of cold before long pants are required. Usually when the temperature dips below 45° we may exchange the shorts for long pants. Also if you are running on a windy day, try to plan your run so you're running against the wind at the beginning of the run and with the wind at the end of your run.

Whether you plan to walk or run, to avoid muscle injuries while getting ready for the ANG Physical Fitness Evaluation Program, take it slowly, gradually reach your running goals, and remember to wear reflective equipment when running after jaylight hours.

On the supply side

By MSG Michael Duke

A new and exciting computer system is about to come on line in Base Supply. It's called "Logistics Marking and Reading Symbols" (LOGMARS for short). This system will help us to serve you, our customer, in a more efficient and expedient manner. Enough of how great the system is, what is it?

The LOGMARS System consists of a laser reader, a hand held terminal, and numerous other cords and clips associated with computers. It is similar to the laser readers at grocery stores in your neighborhood. Have you noticed that just about everything you purchase now-a-days has a bar code on it. What is a bar code you say? It's those funny looking straight lines on the label or tag of the items that you purchase. The cashier just runs the bar code tag over a laser reader and it automatically loads the price in the cash register. Now you know what we're talking about.

The system applications in supply include bench stock, inventory, and warehouse validations. In the near future 95% of all items received in base supply will have a bar code label on it. This will allow us to process the item through the system faster than ever before, which will result in the customer receiving replenishment items faster.

The supply system is constantly upgrading it's procedure to better accomodate you the customer. LOGMARS is just one example. So stay tuned, we'll be back next month with more exciting news "on the supply side."



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Air Guard commander likens retirees association to family

By Jon Donnelly

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The commander is a family man and hardly paused before responding to a question about a new retirees association.

"I think it's going to be a lot like family," said Hartwell F. Coke, IV, commander of the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group of the Virginia Air National Guard.

"When you need help, you go first to your family. That's what I envision we'll be doing with our retirees association," said Coke, better known among his contemporaries by the nickname "Tee."

Coke was speaking of the newly formed Virginia Air National Guard Retirees Association, a goal of which is to support the Air Guard. He can talk with assurance since he has worked at one time or another with most of its potential members.

Helping the Air Guard "is one reason" said retired CMS Jack A. Maynard of Sandston, an organizer of the association and its secretary. "We also want to make contact and keep in contact with our retirees. I made a lot of friends and I want to keep up with them."

"We have a lot of common interests and experiences which center around the Virginia Air Guard," said Harvey L. Mahoney of Louisa, also a retired Chief Master Sergeant and president of the retirees association.

"It seems natural to stay together and, at the same time, do what we can to help the Air Guard," he said.

"We can also help and support Air Guard retirees and their families when they need it," said former MSG Lee Keran of Richmond, the association's treasurer. Those occasions might include sickness or a retiree's death, he added.

Mahoney, Maynard, Keran and several other retirees already have held two organization meetings and have recruited about 20 members. "A big problem is tracking them down and letting them know we're forming an organization," said Maynard.

No one knows yet the exact number of men and women who have retired from the Virginia Air National Guard since it was organized in 1947. But Maynard estimates the number at nearly 1,000.

The members have elected officers and are drawing up a constitution that covers everything from endorsements ("no commercial products or enterprises may be endorsed...") to dues (to be determined by elected officials at a later date).

Standard membership is open to people who served with the Air Guard and qualified for military retirement, usually after a minimum of 20 years. Individuals who had to leave the Virginia Air Guard for various reasons can be voted into the association as associate members.

A retiree's rank while serving with the Air Guard has no effect on his membership. "The association is open to both former officers and enlisted people," said retired LTC Stuart "Dickie" Tompkins. He was a pilot when he served in the 192nd Group and is the association's vice president.

"What the constitution says is that we want to keep all retirees informed about other retirees and do what we can to promote and advance the missions and goals of the Virginia Air Guard," said Mahoney. "We expect to have some fun in the bargain."

The group will meet the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Air Guard's base at Byrd

International Airport. The next meeting will be Feb. 20, said Maynard.

The Virginia Air Guard is a reserve component of the Air Force whose primary mission is to operate a 24-plane squadron of Vought A-7 fighter-bombers. It is made up of some 250 full-time technicians and 700 part-time personnel trained in a wide range of military skills.

The 192nd Group and its component units are a part of the Tactical Air Command and are required to meet the same readiness requirements as regular Air Force units.

Coke has already asked the retirees association to help with the Virginia Air Guard 10-K Special, a 10-kilometer footrace that will be held May 18, Armed Forces Day, at Byrd Airport for the benefit of Virginia Special Olympics.

"We had a very fine race last year," said Coke. "But we learned several things and one was that we need more people to do the hundreds of things that need to be done."

He said: "I have some other projects in mind for the 'family,'" adding that retirees "always are welcome here on this base. They helped make us what we are today."

Mahoney agrees that his fellow retirees have both the interest and the ability "to do anything we're asked to do. Our people have a wide range of interests, talents and skills," he added, and "as former Air Guardsmen, we have a tradition of service to the community."

"We'd like to hear from retirees, or anyone who knows the whereabouts of any retirees," said Maynard. "It will help us in tracking down people and letting them know we care."

Maynard can be reached at 737-4906, and Keran can be contacted at 266-6104.



The next meeting of the Virginia Air National Guard Retiree's Association will be Wednesday, 20 March, at 1930 in the Club 149.

PME courses available for officers

The following PME courses are available for all interested officers. All applicants should come by the Base Training Office (O&T, Rm 4) to put in an application. Applications must be received at ANGSC/TET no later than 30 days before class start date.

AURF 005
Reserve Officer Orientation
4-15 Mar 85

SMPW ANG
Soviet Military Power Week
29 Apr-3 May 85
10-14 Jun 85
22-26 Jul 85

MLMOC 800
USAF Commander's Seminar
1-5 Apr 85
17-21 Jun 85
16-20 Sep 85

MAURF 003
Reserve Forces Course
22 Jul-2 Aug 85

MAURF 006A
Reserve Forces Adjunct Course
11-15 Mar 85

RCNSC ANG
Reserve Component National
15-26 Jul 85
4-8 Nov 85

SRCOG ANG
Senior Commander's Orientation Course
20-25 Jul 85

ASFCOC
ANG Squadron/Flight Commander's Orientation Course
31 Mar-5 Apr 85
24-28 Jun 85

MLMDC 810
Base Commander's Course
2-28 Jun 85

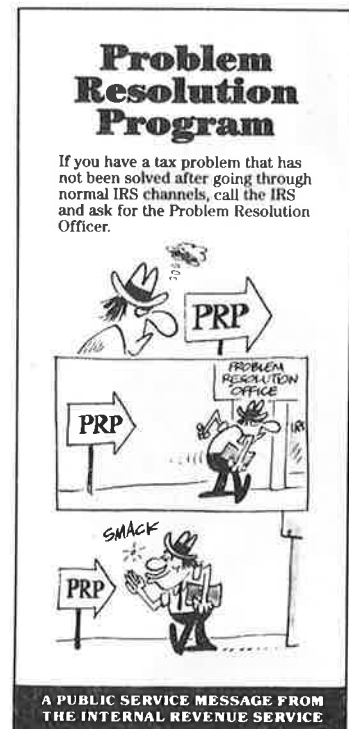
MAWC 501
ANG/USAFR Combined Air Warfare Course
13-24 May 85

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15 Apr-10 May 85
3-28 Jun 85
29 Jul-23 Aug 85

MAURF 001
Senior Officer PME
18-22 Nov 85

Remember, any applicants should contact MSG Gates in CBPO, Ext. 436. Apply early!

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



Mobility exercise teaches lesson

Don't assume anything

"Don't assume anything." That is the lesson CPT Nick Tarzia has learned during recent mobility exercises. The Officer-In-Charge of the Air Passenger Terminal says that many problems have been solved because of the exercises, but others have appeared. Most of the problems relate to paperwork and lack of communications. According to CPT Tarzia, the morale of both mobility workers and those being mobilized has improved greatly because of the increased familiarity with the system and an accompanying decrease in the dreaded "hurry up and wait" syndrome.

The discrepancy rate in the mobility line has dropped from 30 percent to approximately 10 percent. CPT

Ralph Barker says discrepancies range from inadequate inoculations to expired identification cards and missing dog tags. CPT Barker said a discrepancy rate of 5 percent or less is required during the upcoming ORI in order for the unit to receive a SATISFACTORY rating. He feels confident that the unit will be able to meet that goal.

On the first day of the February UTA, more than 300 people were processed through the mobility processing unit. During that processing, unusual conditions such as computer failures, were introduced to test the system's ability to cope with the problems. According to CPT Barker, the personnel involved responded to the emergencies quickly and efficiently.

IMPORTANT MEDICAL REMINDER: For the Savannah deployment, anyone taking medication on a routine basis for blood pressure, etc., make sure you bring enough so you will not run out at camp. The Clinic will not be responsible for refilling prescriptions on a routine or emergency basis.

Spring fashion for March and April



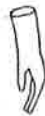
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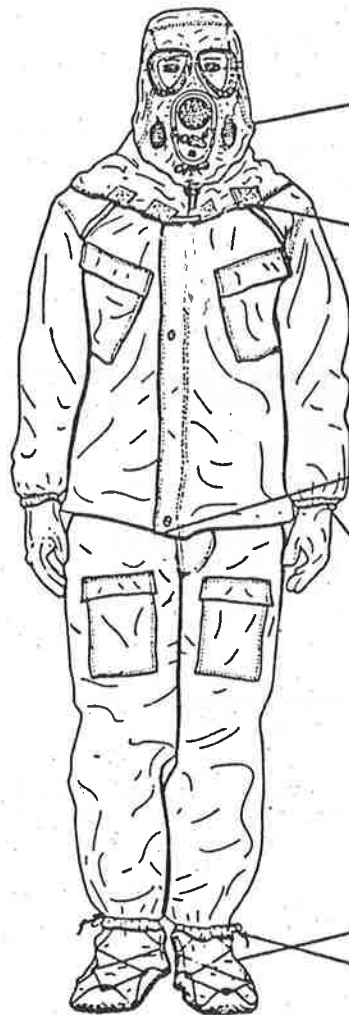


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3. Protective Glove Set 25 Mil (Glove and Short Glove Insert)
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5. 14 Mil Protective Glove
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