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## Congratulations GUNSMOKE '85 team



### From The Commander

I wish to express my personal gratitude to the men and women who participated in the Coronet Panther deployment.

Understanding what it was like to live under field conditions with limited resources, I am proud to say that everyone enthusiastically gave 100 percent support to make this a successful mission.

Noteworthy was the high morale and camaraderie, which I feel brought us all closer together as a unit. Often, we are so caught up in our individual jobs that we fail to appreciate the importance of another's career field. This deployment gave us all a chance to see what the other person has to offer.

Again, thank you for the dedication and display of professionalism which left such a favorable impression on our allies in Norway.

HARTWELL F. COKE, IV, Colonel, VaANG  
Commander

*MG Forgan,*  
*USAFE Director of Operations*  
*thanks 192d TFG*



*GUNSMOKE '85 team*



The ecstasy of victory...and the agony of defeat were reflected on the faces of the GUNSMOKE support team as the men watched the aircrews on monitors relaying the live action on the bombing range. (See related story, Page 3.)

Please pass by congratulations to 11 members of the 192d TFG who made Coronet Panther a complete success. Your outstanding performance under adverse conditions has again clearly demonstrated the ability of the US to reinforce Europe with Air National Guard tactical air power.



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).

### Heritage

A GRAND OLD SOLDIER ONCE REMARKED,  
AS HE REMINISCED ON HIS CAREER,  
THAT OF ALL THE MEMORIES SINCE HE EMBARKED  
THE CORP, THE CORP, THE CORP WAS MOST DEAR.

TO PARAPHRASE THAT SOLDIER'S WORD  
AND REFLECT ON OUR OWN CAREER,  
FROM ALL OUR MEMORIES WHEN STIRRED,  
THE GUARD, THE GUARD, THE GUARD RINGS CLEAR.

FEW OF US HAVE STOOD IN THE LONG GRAY LINE.  
SOME HAVE MARCHED IN ACADEMY BLUE,  
BUT LOOK AT THE RECORDS OF OUR TIME  
AND PUT CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

FROM NORWAY'S COLD AND SAVANNAH'S HEAT  
TO THE DAMP OF AN ENGLISH FALL,  
SETTING RECORDS FOR OTHERS TO MEET,  
WE'VE EARNED OUR RIGHT TO STAND TALL.

THE FACES AND THE TASKS WILL CHANGE  
AS CAREERS BEGIN AND END FOR  
NO MATTER WHAT THE FATES ARRANGE,  
HISTORY CAN BUT ONE VERDICT RENDER.

AS FREEDOM'S GUARD, WE'VE DONE OUR JOBS  
FOR THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS,  
DEFENDING AGAINST THOSE WHOSE MOBS  
WOULD REPLACE OUR FREEDOMS WITH FEARS.

TO THOSE OF YOU WHO TAKE OUR PLACE  
WE PASS ON TO YOU UNSCARRED  
WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED WITH GOD'S GRACE:  
THE GUARD, THE GUARD, THE GUARD.

By CMS David S. Lutz  
1985



# A message from the Secretary of Defense Veterans Day

As our nation pauses to observe Veterans Day on this November 11, 1985, we should reflect on our traditions and heritage as Americans and be thankful to the millions of veterans, past and present, whose loyalty, courage, dedication, and patriotism are responsible for the peace and freedom that enrich our lives today.

On this historic day, as we join together in communities across America to honor the men and women who have served and continue to serve, let us renew our commitment to them and our fellow citizens. Let us resolve to safeguard our great nation's heritage and values.

On behalf of the entire Department of Defense, I express sincere appreciation and gratitude to all our Veterans. Without their sacrifices our cherished freedom would long ago have vanished.

Congress has directed the Department of Defense to submit options to make changes in the retirement system for future entrants to achieve this mandated reduction. Nonetheless, we will continue to insist that whatever changes the Congress finally makes must not adversely affect the combat readiness of our forces, or violate our firm pledges.

I want to emphasize to you again, in the strongest terms, that the dedicated men and women now serving, and those who have retired before them, will be fully protected in any options we are required to submit to the Congress. Our proposals will affect future entrants only. You can be assured that our efforts on this issue will not falter.

/s/  
Casper W. Weinberger  
Secretary of Defense

### Retirement

The following information is quoted from Secretary of Defense Message 092349Z Sep 85.

An Open Letter to All Military Personnel about potential changes to the military retirement system.

1. In the past few months, there has been considerable speculation about potential changes to the military retirement system. The speculation, often well intentioned but ill informed, has been based on criticism from both the public and private sectors about the perceived generosity of the system. The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I have steadfastly maintained that any recommendation for change must take account of -- first, the unique, dangerous, and vital contribution to the safety of all of us that is made by our service men and women; and the effect on combat readiness of tampering with the retirement system. Concurrently we must honor the absolute commitments that have been made to retirees and those currently serving. We remain committed to these principles.

Notwithstanding our opposition, the Congress, in its recent action on the pending Defense Authorization Bill, has mandated a reduction of \$2.9 billion to the military retirement fund. At the same time, the



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### LTC Bill Jones expresses appreciation

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men and women of the Virginia Air National Guard for supporting the 192d TFG GUNSMOKE '85 team at this world-wide weapons delivery competition.

In addition to the individuals who deployed to Nellis, AFB, there were many who worked hard to insure the success of this exercise. Virtually every section on the base helped directly or indirectly in the preparation for this trip. The same is true for the preliminary competition in June that won us recognition as the top A-7 unit in Ninth Air Force.

A special thanks goes to the 45 member team that carried the Virginia colors to Nevada. The positive attitude and professionalism displayed by all was in keeping with the finest tradition of the Virginia Air National Guard. I am proud to have been part of this unique group.

As the slogan says, "We have it made in Virginia." You bet!

*Bill Jones*

WILLIAM C. JONES, JR., LTC, VaANG  
GUNSMOKE '85 Team Captain



A judge closely inspects members of the lodeo team; MSG Alvin Franklin, MSG Edwin Parker and TSG Hunter Moore.

## GUNSMOKE '85: 192D proves best A-7 unit in the Air Force

By CPT Sally Mergor

The Air Force and the media focused much attention on Nellis, AFB, NV, for two weeks in October as the premier competition between the United States Air Force air-to-ground fighter units took place. The event was called GUNSMOKE '85, and the 192d TFG was there proving itself the best in the Air Force within aircraft category.

As first time GUNSMOKE participants, the 192d's 45-man team was up against sixteen of the best Air Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve units flying the F-16, F-4, A-10 and A-7 aircraft. They vied for trophies given overall and in aircraft category for flying, "top gun," maintenance, lodeo, and tool box competition. The 192d team took two of these trophies: one for the best A-7 aircrew and the other for the best A-7 lodeo team.

Overall, the Virginians placed 8th, scoring 8,675 points out of a possible 10,000. They were beaten out by one A-10 unit and six units flying the F-16's, the newest aircraft in the Air Force inventory. An F-16 Air Force Reserve unit from Hill AFB, Utah, the 419th TFW, took top place with 9,432 points, just two points above the 50th TFW an active duty unit from Hahn AB, Germany.

The overall scores were based on three "profiles" flown at a Nellis range by the teams' four aircraft and aircrews; a fifth aircraft and crew stood by as an alternate. The profiles included a basic box pattern with bomb delivery and strafe attacks; a "TAC attack" with low level approach before a "pop up" and bomb delivery; and a navigational attack in which pilots were given a set of coordinates to find within a certain time before bomb delivery. Bombing accuracy on all profiles, and timing on the latter, largely determined the scores.

According to the 192d's team leader, LTC Bill Jones, his crews were frustrated with their scores. "We hit our targets with such accuracy during the 9th Air Force shoot off for GUNSMOKE and in our weeks of practice before heading for Nellis," he says. "We simply can't explain what happened. I sure would have liked to have outscored some of those F-16's!"

The team, however, did earn for the 192d the title of best A-7 unit in the Air Force. Flying with Jones

on the team were Major Roger Legg, Major Mark Hetterman, and CPT G.T. Alexander. CPT Elmer Maxfield served as the teams alternate pilot.

MSG Alvin Franklin, MSG Edwin Parker and TSG Hunter Moore made up the 192d's lodeo team, the best among the A-7 units. They earned their trophy by safely loading bombs on an A-7 within 31 minutes and 5 seconds, a task that usually takes 45 minutes.



In maintenance, the top three honors were won by one Air National Guard and two Air Force Reserve units. Judges were tough, basing their scores on a number of criteria such as flightline crews and aircraft appearance, safety procedures and timing of take offs. The judges missed nothing; for example on the first day of competition, the 192d lost 50 points for a small pebble picked out with a pen from the tar between the cracks of the flightline pavement.

"Most of my people agree that GUNSMOKE was tougher than any ORI we've been through," says MAJ Harold Yeary, Maintenance Officer for the 192d team, "but we took pages of notes and suggestions so we can do better when we head "West" again for GUNSMOKE '87:"

Yeary's 40-man maintenance team was in last place on the first day of the meet, but pulled itself in to 10th place by the end of the competition. The scores were close: out of a possible 6000 points the 192d finished with 5,821 points, only 123 points behind the top unit, the 442d TFW and an Air Force Reserve unit from Richard Gibaur AFB, Missouri.

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# GUNSMOKE ...



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Showmanship was a big factor in GUNSMOKE'S tool box competition. The tool boxes - basic necessity for flightline crews - were made of mahogany, copper and camouflage, gold flake paint, and even 24 karat electro plate. One unit had chrome plated tools each with its area cut to fit in a nest of wood and blue velvet.

After almost two weeks of stiff competition, the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce treated the seventeen GUNSMOKE teams to a banquet and professional entertainment at Caesar's Palace on Friday, October 18. Trophies were handed out the next morning at an awards ceremony attended by a host of VIP's including the Honorable Edward Aldridge, Jr., Undersecretary of the Air Force; General Robert Russ, TAC Commander; (retired) General W.L. Creech, former TAC Commander; and BG John McMerty, Deputy Director of the Air National Guard.

As was noted at the awards ceremony, GUNSMOKE teams flew almost 500 sorties, and there were no incidences and only one abort (and even that proved to be a mistake). "I'm truly proud of how our team contributed to these impressive statistics," says COL Hartwell F. Coke, 192d Commander, "and of course the whole unit will cherish those trophies the team brought back home. With the lessons we learned from our first GUNSMOKE experience we'll surely make an even better showing if we're selected to participate in GUNSMOKE '87."

# Take a look at CCAF

By MSG John Rollings  
Base Career Advisor

If you've written off the Community College of the Air Force, maybe its because you haven't really looked at the program.

You may not realize it, but you took the first steps toward earning an associate degree just by graduating from basic training. That's because CCAF awards four semester hours of college credit for all physical activity you performed in basic.

And, if you graduated from a technical school, as do 90 percent of all incoming enlisted people, you earned about 20 more semester hours of credit. Even if you didn't go to technical school you earned four semester hours of college credit by reaching the 3, 5, 7 or 9 skill level in your job.

CCAF awards six semester hours of credit for management which you can earn by completing professional military education courses. In fact, most of the credits needed for a CCAF degree can be earned by job-related courses.

"Oh, but," you say, "CCAF credits don't mean anything." Oh, but you're wrong. CCAF is accredited with the Southern Association of Colleges and School's Commission on Colleges and is the only Department of Defense school authorized to grant an associate degree. And these credits are transferable to some four-year schools.

You ask, "Why do I need a two-year degree when I already have a four-year degree?" I ask, "Don't you think two degrees will look better than one when you are applying for a job or maybe looking for that promotion in your current job?"

If you have any questions about CCAF, contact MSG Gates or MSG Rollings in CBPO, Room 24, or call Ext. 436.

## BENEFITS

Guard members, remember those great Air Guard benefits at reassignment time-including low cost life insurance, recreational facilities, BX and commissary privileges, and space-available air travel.



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**KEEP GUARDING AMERICA'S SKIES.**

# Rourke nominated for Secretary's post

Washington (AFNS). President Reagan has announced that he will nominate Russell A. Rourke to be secretary of the Air Force. Mr. Rourke would succeed Verne Orr, who plans to retire November 30.

Mr. Rourke has been Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs since May 1981.

Born in New York City, the 53-year-old lawyer has held a range of administrative positions in Washington, D.C., since 1960. He has been Administrative Assistant to three congressmen, special assistant to President Ford and Deputy to then Presidential Counsel John O. Marsh, Jr., now Secretary of the Army.

After graduating from the University of Maryland in 1953, Mr. Rourke served for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including a tour in Korea. He retired from the Marine Corp Reserve as a Colonel.

Mr. Rourke is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center. He is married to the former Judith Anne Miller. They have three children - Patricia, Elizabeth and Mary Frances - and reside in Annapolis, MD.

# Disney World salutes Armed Forces in November

An Epcot Center "Skyleidoscope" spectacle of motion, color, music and fireworks, a new Chinese restaurant, in international festival and a host of Magic Kingdom events highlight Walt Disney World's salute to the Armed Forces November 1-30, 1985.

All active duty and retired military, disabled veterans, reservists, National Guardsmen, civil-service employees and their immediate families can choose a day in either the Magic Kingdom or Epcot Center for \$15 per person. For one \$28 ticket, they can spend one full day in the Magic Kingdom and another full day and night in Epcot Center. The regular adult one-day admission is \$19.50.



# Enlisted Advisor's Report

By CMS Dave Lutz

## Senior Enlisted Advisor

From accumulated desk notes:

1. The activities of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group were noted twice in the October 7th issue of the Air Force Times for our very successful deployment to Norway and for our participation in Gunsmoke. One of these days this unit is going to be recognized for the great one that it is!

2. The 1985 Edition of the National Guard Almanac is now available. The price is \$3.00 and is money well spent. Take a look at the copy in your orderly room and use a copy of the form in the back to order your personal copy.

3. The VaANG Retiree's Association has reached 37 members and continues to grow. One item about membership, recently brought to my attention, is that an individual does not have to be retired from the ANG to join, but must be eligible for retirement (20 years). You can belong to both the ANG and Retiree's Association.

4. The NGB has issued the FY 86 quotas for the USAF Senior NCO Academy. Quotas are tight as usual, so qualified E-8 and E-9 personnel should initiate their applications now.

5. I continue to be disturbed by the lack of participation in our periodic blood donation program. It is really a poor showing to get only 13 pints of blood from over 900 personnel. You do not get AIDS from giving blood. I welcome your suggestions on how we can improve our participation the next time the blood mobile is scheduled.

6. Are the NCO's of the VaANG interested in having a Dining In? Formal? With spouses? With speakers? Let me have your thoughts and interest in helping put one together.



# News Briefs

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## 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 TFGR 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.

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## ATTENTION "OER" RATERS

Effective immediately, IMC 85-1 to AFR 36-10 requires the additional rater to be the rater's rater. Additional rater data is being added to all OER notices. The rationale for this change is that most additional raters will have better and more personal knowledge of the ratee, and their comments will add value to the OER. If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact CPT Barker or MSG Brown in CBPO, Ext. 318/381.

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## TUITION ASSISTANCE

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

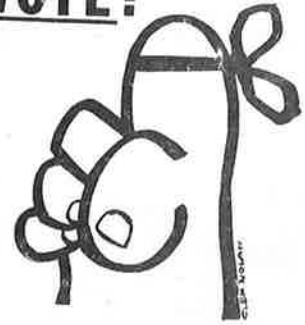
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## VaANG RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Virginia Air National Guard Retiree's Association will be Wednesday, 20 November 1985, 1930 in the Club 149.



# VOTE!



**DON'T MAKE  
APATHY THE  
WINNER!**

## 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 CMS Bill Murphy or SSG Valeria Martin no later than Saturday, December UTA. The winner will be announced on Sunday.



## MENU

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

- Beef Stew
- Buttered Noodles
- Baked Lima Beans
- Salad Bar
- Chilled Peaches
- Assorted Beverages

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

- Roast Turkey with Gravy
- Savory Dressing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Buttered Peas
- Cranberry Sauce
- Salad Bar
- Hot Rolls
- Fruit Cake
- Fresh Fruit
- Assorted Beverages

# Visions of Norway ...



The 192d TFG A-7 and the Norwegian F-16 aircraft flew exercises together during the deployment.



CPT Sally Morger, news correspondent and food critic, samples smoked reindeer tongue and marinated salmon.



CPT Ed Rydalch, MAJ Nelson Whitt and CPT Jeff Allen pose in front of a VROOMS (Virginia Reservations Only Overland Motorcoach) which took them to Narvik and Harstaad.



A disaster preparedness exercise during the first week employed all unit personnel to acquaint them with USAFE survival procedures.



SMS Ronnie Norman and MSG Omer Pugh discuss runway clean up operations.



MSG Lou Pearman (left) learns Norwegian Cuisine from airman brought to Evenes from their permanent stations around Norway to support the 192d's mess facilities. SGT Teresa Cicardi and SGT Al Bertrand (right) serve Norwegian delicacies to unit members.

TSG Vladimir Tarabay claims he caught the biggest fish (holy mackerel) of his life in a Norway fjord.