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Housing offset begun

Recent legislation passed by Congress and signed into law will affect the Variable Housing Allowance (VHA) some Air Force members receive beginning March 1.

Virginia Air National Guard members affected by the enactment are all AGRs and guardsmen on tours of 20 weeks or longer.

The Air Force and other military services vigorously opposed the change and worked to reverse the Congressional position, according to Air Force Accounting and Finance Center officials.

According to officials, VHA will now be based on the actual cost for housing, utilities and maintenance instead of on a locality-based flat-rate percentage of Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ). Members whose VHA and BAQ is more than the actual costs will have to pay back half the difference.

For example, officials noted, if a member receives \$500 per month for VHA and BAQ and only pays \$400 per month for housing, utilities and maintenance, VHA will be reduced by \$50, half of the \$100 difference. If the person's housing, utility and maintenance costs equal or exceed the BAQ and VHA, his VHA will not be reduced.

Members who are renting may include as housing expenses such items as rent or lease payment, and liability and personal property insurance. Members who are buying a home may include the mortgage payment, which includes principal interest, taxes and insurance.

Members must also state the number of people sharing the rent or mortgage costs, excluding dependents.

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A REMINDER...

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Begins Sunday, April 27

Turn clocks ahead 1 hour



TSG Wayne Hackett of the 149TFS accepts the award as Outstanding Life Support NCO for 1985 from MG D.L. Curtis. Wayne surpassed all contenders, Air Guard and Air Force wide, for this coveted award. He is the first Air-Guardsman to win this honor.

A gathering of eagles

A major international aerospace event, the Air Force Association's "Gathering of Eagles 1986," will celebrate 40 years of aerospace progress as well as the anniversaries of the Air Force's Strategic Air Command, Tactical Air Command and the independent Air Force Association on April 27 thru May 1, 1986 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"We are commemorating spectacular achievements in the free world's aerospace prowess that have occurred over three generations thanks to the 'eagles,' the men and women who have served, supported or have been affiliated with the free world's Air Forces during the 40 years our Association has existed," AFA National President Martin H. Harris said.

More than 3,000 have registered for the "Gathering of Eagles 1986" and the Association expects between 5-7,000 to attend from throughout the world. Thus far, foreign Air Force Chiefs of Staff from 18 countries and air attaches from 53 nations, have registered to attend.

American participants include many of the heroes from three wars, including Air Force and Army Air Forces Medal of Honor recipients, Gen. Jimmy Doolittle and his Raiders, who bombed Tokyo in a daring mission in 1942; Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, the legendary Commander in Chief of the Strategic Air Command and later Chief of Staff of U.S. Air Force; Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager; and a host of other prominent airmen from three generations of "eagles."

A key event will be the aerial demonstration and Tactical Capabilities Exercise on Tuesday, April 29, at Indian Springs Auxiliary Field, which will cram 40 years of aerospace progress into two hours. The program will open with reenactments of major World War II battles in authentically restored "warbirds" of that era by the famed Confederate Air Force. Today's modern Air Force will follow with a tactical capabilities exercise involving first

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10-K Special needs your help

The Virginia Air National Guard will sponsor the 3rd Annual 10-K Special foot race to raise money for the Virginias Special Olympics. This years race will be held on May 31, 1986.

As in the past, many volunteers are needed to assist in all aspects of the race. Because all race activities will last only a few hours, volunteers will be through with their assigned tasks by approximately eleven o'clock in the morning.

It's a fun time for all. Ask anyone who volunteered last year and they will tell you. Just contact SMS Gary Brooks on Ext. 319 and tell him you want to volunteer your services.

Please help the Virginia Air National Guard help our community. Volunteer!!



April: Month of the Military Child

5th annual Chamber Days

The Virginia Chamber of Commerce and Busch Gardens are pleased to announce the Fifth Annual Virginia Chamber Days at Busch Gardens. Busch Gardens has provided \$5.00 off discount coupons for you and your family for park visits on Saturdays and Sundays in April. This special \$10.95 ticket (regular admission is \$15.95), includes admission to all park rides, regularly scheduled shows and attractions.

Returning to the Old Country this year is "America on Ice" the park's popular ice-skating salute to the American Dream. Thrill ride favorites, "The Big Bad Wolf," a suspended roller coaster, and the double looping "Loch Ness Monster" will be back as well.

Busch Gardens will also host in concert on April 13th, Wayne Newton and on April 20th, Barbara Mandrell. Shows for both concerts will be at 2 & 5 p.m. Tickets for the concerts are \$5.00.

The discount coupons may be picked up from MSG John Rollings, O&T Bldg, Room 24.

Personnel News

BCA'S COLUMN

"THANK YOU" A KEY TO MOTIVATION

Recently, with the tightening of promotions, motivation becomes more and more important to retain our qualified people. Please keep in mind everyone enjoys being recognized for a job well done. If a supervisor knows his subordinates are doing a good job, a simple "Thank You" lets them know you recognize and appreciate their efforts. These simple words will reward you in the long run with quality work that didn't cost a thing except some forethought and time. Put the words "Thank You" to work for you.

SPOUSE MAY GET ZIP IF YOU IGNORE YOUR SBP OPTIONS

"I get absolutely nothing?" the young Guard widow asked, tearfully. "I'm very sorry to say so, but that's right," answered the Unit Personnel Officer.

"But why?" she asked.

"Well, when we notified your husband that he'd be eligible for retired pay at age 60, he never made a choice under the reserve component Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). And he didn't change the beneficiary on his life insurance policy when he married you. His first wife will get the insurance money."

"Isn't there anything I can do?" she asked.

"Only your husband could have done it. He should have answered our notification letter (which arrives three to nine months after the Guardsman's 20th year of service anniversary) and selected one of the available options."

Option A: Delay the choice until the member reaches age 60. However, if the Guardsman dies before reaching age 60, the survivor will get no benefits; no retired pay, no commissary privileges, no health care.

Option B: Selected on the 20th anniversary, this pays benefits when the Guardsman reaches age 60. If he dies prior to reaching age 60, the survivor receives the survivor benefit when the Guardsman would have reached age 60.

Option C: Selected at the 20th anniversary, this pays the Guardsman when he reaches age 60, or the survivor upon his death whenever that occurs.

PROMOTIONS

This is a reminder that all Deserving Airmen Promotion requests to the grades of E-6/E-7 must be submitted to the CBPO NLT 1 August 1986. Any requests received after that date will not be accepted.

Deserving Airmen Promotion requests to the grade of E-5 may be submitted monthly IAW ANGR 39-29. If you have any questions concerning promotions, please contact SMS Norman or MSG Brown, CBPO, Ext. 310/381.

NEWS BRIEF

The CBPO is currently accepting applications from individuals who are interested in obtaining an Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) position. Applicants must complete AMS and enter undergraduate flying training before reaching age 27 1/2. Those individuals interested in applying, please contact MSG Brown of the CBPO, Ext. 381/310 for further details. Deadline for submission of applications is 1 July 1986.

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Unexploded ordnance UXO

News Briefs

After an attack some ordnance fail to explode - bombs, rockets, missiles, artillery and mortar shells, and others. This unexploded ordnance is dangerous; the slightest movement can cause it to explode. It can also be found anywhere on base; the street, runway, on top of the ground, partially buried, totally buried, and even hanging from trees and buildings. Therefore, keep your eyes open to recognize it, to mark it, and to report it to a central location so the Explosive Ordnance Team (EOT) can disarm it.

a. The most common types of ordnance are: bombs, artillery shells, rockets, cannon shells, missiles, mortar shells, dispensers/canisters. These can be air-to-air, air-to-ground, or ground-to-ground.

b. The following general descriptions are given for your knowledge in identification of UXO:

(1) Bombs. Can be as large as 2 to 3 feet and weigh one ton or more, or as small as a tennis ball and weigh a few ounces. Most are in between with a size and weight of 2-4 feet across. They can be identified by their:

(a) fuses: one or more on both ends.

(b) fins: box or conical, which guides the bomb down to its target.

(c) retardation device.

(d) mounting brackets.

The cluster bomb, or bombettes, is a different type of bomb. Its size ranges from golf ball to softball size and comes with or without fins; some even with parachutes. Usually as many as 2000 bombettes in a single drop; therefore, if you see one, there are probably more in the area.

(2) Rockets. Are longer and smaller around than bombs. They can be easily identified by their exhaust openings inside the fins. They come in a variety of sizes and shapes, with fuses and fins, and are self-propelled.

(3) Missiles. Similar to rockets, but larger and self-propelled. The major difference is they have their own guiding system which makes them more accurate. If you are unsure whether the device is rocket or missile, just mark it and report it as an unexploded ordnance.

(4) Artillery Shells. Similar to a bomb with the fin end cut off. They have a fuse on one end, and a flat base on the other.

(5) Cannon Shells. Similar to small artillery shells, yet looks like large bullets. Unlike bullets, they are loaded with explosives.

(6) Mortar Shells. Similar to a rocket's shape with a fuse and fins, only smaller. They have no exhaust openings.

c. If an ordnance looks empty, **DO NOT HANDLE!** Explosives could still be inside, underneath, or around the empty shell. Mark it and report it.

An exploded ordnance leaves a hole called a "crater." It is saucer-shaped with a raised mound around the edge. Usually there is no damage around a "true" crater, and there is no need to mark it.

A "false" crater is the result of an ordnance that did not explode. It will leave a hole of entry and a small crater. The mound is visible and covered by loose dirt. If the device explodes while in the ground, the mound is then called a camoufliflet. Underneath the ground is carbon monoxide gases. The loose ground may not hold weight, so stay away from it.

A downed aircraft could also have UXO around and on the plane. It is not necessary to mark the plane itself, but do mark the unexploded ordnance and report the location of the aircraft. **DO NOT** go near the aircraft or on/in it.

Marking and Reporting UXO. The first person to find an unexploded ordnance must post a warning sign of some sort that will attract attention - sticks, cloth, or even a simple warning sign secured with a rock or stake so it will not blow away. Place the warning sign close enough to be seen, but far enough away to be safe. **DO NOT TOUCH THE UXO.** Then leave the area. Once you leave, do not go back!! Immediately report the UXO to the established central location, generally the command post. Note where the UXO is in relation to a nearby landmark. Report with as precise directions as possible. Also, state exactly what is found - bomb, rocket, cannon shell, etc. If you are unsure, report by describing it, and let the EOT decide what it is.

Remember, it is imperative for your safety as well as others that you can recognize a UXO, mark it, and report it!

TOM PALMORE HONORED BY BAPTIST MEN

Tom Palmore was recognized on Baptist Men's Day as Baptist Man of the Year at Sandston Baptist Church. Tom is most deserving of this honor. He has carried out with great responsibility any place or service he has assumed in the church. He has a genuine Christian spirit and is a man of dependability. (Reprinted from the Sandston Baptist Church Bulletin.)

VaANG RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION

There will be a meeting of the Virginia Air National Guard Retiree's Association on Wednesday, 16 April 1986, 1930 in the Club 149.

FORMER STUDENTS OF OVERSEAS AMERICAN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOLS

There is now a central point thru which you can get info on reunions for your school. For info send addressed & stamped envelope to: OSCAR, POB 7763, Washington, D.C. 20044. Provide your class, school, years of attendance, and maiden name.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Applications for State Tuition Assistance for the Summer Semester/Quarter 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, Room 24.

SATURDAY
Catholic Service
0930
SUNDAY
General Protestant
0800

Chapel services will be conducted in the CE Building Conference Room.

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).

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line aircraft and tactical warfighting techniques. The final segment will include fly-bys of old warbirds and modern aircraft.

Throughout the week, more than 150 leading international aerospace industries will exhibit their latest, state-of-the-art developments in aerospace technologies at the Las Vegas Convention and Conference Center. The exhibits will be open to registrants from noon to 6:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, and on Thursday from noon to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

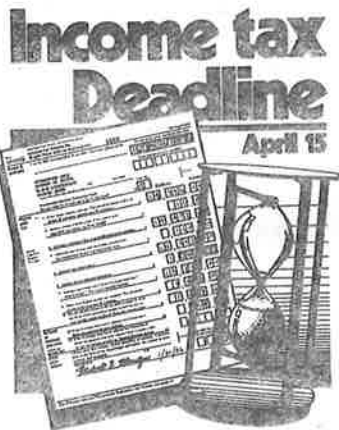
Other events include a symposium on "Global Aerospace" in which American and allied air commanders will appraise the interaction of missions, strategies and weapon systems of the free world's air forces; a workshop for educators on "Educating for Leadership in Space," which includes teacher Barbara Morgan, the back-up to Christa McAuliffe in NASA's Teacher in Space Program; a symposium on "Your Air Force - Today" with the major Air Force commanders; and a roundtable discussion on "Designing Tomorrow's Air Force" with the top developers and leaders of Air Force Systems Command and its component divisions as participants. These educational events will take place at the Las Vegas Convention and Conference Center.

An "Honors Banquet" will be held at the MGM Grand Hotel Wednesday evening in tribute to the free world's leading aviation heroes, past and present; and a spectacular "Gathering of Eagles" gala stage show emceed by Tennessee Ernie Ford, with Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager, USAF, (Ret.) as General Chairman, will climax the week's activities Thursday evening, May 1. It will be held at the Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts and will feature cameo appearances by a number of stage and screen stars who have figured prominently in the history of aerospace.

Other events coinciding with AFA's "Gathering of Eagles" are the Confederate Air Force's static displays and fly-bys of old warbirds that will occur at McCarran Field Wednesday and Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and will be open to the public. Those not registered for the "Gathering of Eagles" will be charged a small admission fee. Also, a number of Air Force related reunion groups have planned meetings during the "Gathering."

Registration for AFA's "Gathering of Eagles 1986" is open to the public. The complete registration

package is sold out. The second package includes all events except the "Honors Banquet" and costs \$200 for both AFA members and patrons and those not affiliated with the AFA. For more information contact: Robin L. Whittle, Director of Communications, (703) 247-5850.



Custodian training offered

Custodian Training for base personnel will begin in April and thereafter become ongoing on a quarterly basis. Base custodians are strongly urged to attend these classes as they are targeted toward you.

This training outlines the use and preparation of AF Form 9's, use and preparation of DD Form 1348-6's, (as they pertain to Base Contracting), competition, public law, sole source or brand names, walk throughs, and any changes in procedures.

Training will be held in the Supply Classroom from 1300 to 1500 by MSG Donald Duke, Base Contracting Officer. Scheduled classes will appear in the monthly Base Training Roster.

If you have any questions, contact the Contracting Office at Ext. 355.

Everyone should care

conserve energy

News from the retiree's association

We, the members of the Virginia Air National Guard Retiree's Association, who attended the St. Patrick's Day Festivities at Savannah, wish to express our appreciation for the treatment we received when we arrived at Travis Field. Skeeter Glenn, Bubba Hughes, Bill Murphy, Lou Pearman, Bobby Mantlo, Sonny Couch, John McDonald and everyone in the unit treated us like royalty and made us feel as if we were still members of the unit.

We are not sure just how many members went down for the celebration, but I do know that Jack Maynard, Lee Keran, Dewey Drauker, George Ligon, and E.B. Harmon availed themselves of the hospitality of the home unit, and we all had a ball.

Most of us arrived on Friday, March 14th, and left on Tuesday, March 18th. You guys looked out for us and saw that we had good quarters, and anything else we might need. The celebration was great, but just being with you guys again, and being made to feel like part of the troops really made our weekend.

Thanks, again, for your hospitality, and come to visit with us on the third Wednesday of each month at the Club.

The VaANG Retired Association's monthly meeting will be held at the Club 149 at 1900 hours, 16 April 1986. A Seafood Dinner will be served to members and their guests immediately after the meeting. The cost of the dinner is \$8.00 per person. Dress for the occasion is casual. Members that did not attend the March 19th meeting must contact SMS (Retired) Joe Germain at 795-1276 for reservations.

The members of the Retired Association would like to thank members of the 192d TFG and citizens of the community for supporting the raffle sponsored by our organization for the purpose of purchasing Retired Association logos. I personally would like to thank the technician force for your hundred percent support. Lucky winners in this raffle were Mrs. Deborah Jones, MSG (Retired) Buck Rogers, and CMS (Retired) Jack Maynard.

We were pleased to have BG Alvah Mattox, Chief of Staff, attend our March 19th meeting. We appreciate the General's interest in our association and pledge our support to the Virginia Air National Guard.

VA continues home loan program

The Veterans Administration has announced it will continue to operate its home loan guaranty program without restrictions until it reaches the current \$11.5 billion loan commitment limit mandated by 1986 deficit control measures (the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Acts).

VA officials expect this limit to be reached April 1; however, acting VA administrator Everett Alvarez, Jr., said he was aware of several proposals in Congress to raise the loan commitment limit and permit the program to operate without interruption until the end of the current fiscal year on Sept. 30.

"The VA fully supports a legislative remedy to this problem," Alvarez said, "providing the Congress will also allow VA to implement a 2 percent loan funding fee asked for in its fiscal 1987 budget, allowing the VA to meet its future deficit reduction goals."

The Office of Management and Budget has endorsed the VA's position.

In announcing continuation of an unrestricted loan program, VA withdrew plans to impose certain loan limitations that were scheduled to go into effect on March 1. These included denying requests for refinancing, for restored or partial guaranty entitlement, as well as setting a \$90,000 limit on loans. "We abandoned these temporary measures," VA loan guaranty Director Robert M. O'Toole said, "once it became apparent they would not have prevented us from exceeding our ceiling."

Volunteers needed

It's time for the Virginia Special Olympics Summer Games. The Summer Games will be held at the Robins Center on June 6-7, 1986.

The Summer Games is a competition of the handicapped. There will be races, frisbee throwing contests, wheel chair races and other events.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and participate in the Opening Ceremonies on June 6th and also to help with the sporting events on June 7th.

We would greatly appreciate all the help and support we can get. We will need at least 50 volunteers for the two days, and also for June 5th to set up the Robins Center for Opening Ceremonies.

For more information, contact SSG Valeria Martin on X435, TSG Patti Stanley, or CMS Bill Murphy on X437.

Remember our POW/MIAs!



F.O.D. what can I do about it

You are the Guest of Honor attending a banquet and are expected to deliver a speech after the meal. While eating your salad some of that delicious French dressing drops onto your black tie and a drop or two lands on the white jacket.

There you are with the rest of the meal for this orange junk to make a good stain before you have to get up into the "Lime Light." You have just experienced foreign object damage (F.O.D.) in a most embarrassing way. However, in the aircraft maintenance business when we talk about FOD or foreign object damage we are referring to a much more serious problem. And that is what this article is about and what you can do to help prevent FOD damage.

On any installation FOD is a serious problem. It can and does cause engine damage/failure, flight controls to jam, and tire failure, just to name a few of the problems. Since we operate on a small base the majority of the time, let's review some things that we can do to prevent FOD here at Richmond IAP.

We seem to have a lot of unnecessary traffic operating on the aircraft parking ramp and taxiways. Putting it simply, if your job does not require you to operate a vehicle on the ramp or taxiways then don't. Do not, as a matter of convenience use the ramp as a short cut, or the ramp in front of the hangar as a parking lot. Each time a vehicle enters an aircraft operating area there is a high potential for foreign objects to be introduced, either by objects being stuck in the tire treads or as we have experienced in the past, from fasteners (bolts, screws, nuts, etc.) falling off or from the vehicles.

Officer applications being accepted

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

1. **AGE:** Individuals approaching the maximum commissioning age must have their application initiated NLT their 34th birthday. Absolutely no age waivers will be considered.

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

3. **TEST REQUIREMENTS:** All applicants must take the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test. If you have previously tested, your test scores cannot be more than 2 years old. If so, you must retest. Please contact the CBPO immediately to schedule a time. Required qualifying score requirements will be explained by a CBPO representative. Deadline for submission of application is 1 July 1986. Applications received after that date will not be considered. If applicants qualify on the AFOQT, they will be required to furnish the

CBPO additional documents/information to be put before the selection board for review. Failure to furnish the required information within the specified date will result in the application not being considered.

For those individuals interested in becoming officers in the VaANG, contact MSG Brown of the CBPO, Ext. 381.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO'S AIR GUARD MATERIAL?

For more information about the Air Guard, and what it can give to your Air Guard, call the base recruiting office at 222-8884. Check Air Guard when you visit the Air Guard.

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Base Accounting and Finance offices have VHA rate tables to help determine if a member's VHA is subject to offset. Standard utility and maintenance allowances were developed by the per diem travel and transportation allowance committee for all CONUS locations where military service personnel are assigned.

Officials said centers will be set up in March to process housing expense information. Members will be asked to provide documented copies of expenses.

People who think they may be subject to the offset are encouraged to provide this information as soon as possible, so their offsets can be processed early. Otherwise, these people could be overpaid and have to pay back money to the Air Force, officials said.

Based on AFAFC processing of housing expense data, members affected by the offset will notice two things on their leave and earnings statements beginning in March. The maximum VHA entitlement they have been receiving and an offset (indebtedness) entry to reduce the VHA entitlement. (AFNS)

What the Air Force Association is all about

It's 230,000 men and women who believe strongly enough in national defense, and the importance of airpower to that defense, to want to support their beliefs in an organized way. Founded in 1946 by former members of the World War II Army Air Forces, it has grown steadily in size, influence, prestige, and ways to serve its membership. AFA headquarters are in Washington, D.C., manned by a professional staff of some ninety persons.

The objective of the Association, as set forth in AFA's Constitution, is to provide an organization through which free people may unit to:

Fulfill the responsibilities imposed by the impact of aerospace technology on modern society;

Support armed strength adequate to maintain the security and peace of the United States and the free world;

Educate themselves and the public at large in the development of adequate aerospace power for the betterment of mankind;

Help foster friendly relations between free nations; based on respect for the principle of freedom and equal rights to all mankind.

What Does A Member Receive?

AIR FORCE Magazine - Most importantly, all members receive a monthly copy of AIR FORCE Magazine, the Association's official journal. Unlike many organization publications, AIR FORCE Magazine is not loaded with local interest news-meetings, banquets, and speeches. It is a professional journal edited for people whose interest in aerospace power is professionally motivated. The editorial aim is to inform, enlighten, stimulate, and inspire at a professional level. Without question, it is the most professional and most readable military-oriented publication in the world and has received a long list of writing awards.

Other Direct Benefits

The Air Force Association also provides a variety of excellent, low cost group insurance programs for members that are administered by AFA's professional staff. Nearly 50,000 AFA members are insured under one or more of these programs (Life, Accident, CHAMPUS Supplement, Medicare Supplement, and Hospital Indemnity Insurance) and each has been designed exclusively for AFA members (coverage

is not available to patrons). Detailed information about any of these programs can be obtained by writing or calling AFA headquarters.

Additionally, members are eligible to

1) apply for special AFA/VISA credit cards that provide substantial credit limits and \$400,000 common carrier travel-accident insurance for travel charged to the card.

2) receive deeply discounted automobile rental cards from AVIS, Hertz and National Car Rentals,

3) participate in AFA's automobile lease-purchase program (which provides new automobiles from local dealers at remarkably low rates),

4) obtain membership in a buying club which provides name brand items at sharply discounted rates,

5) join the Pentagon Federal Credit Union (if membership in other federal credit unions is unavailable), and

6) purchase aerospace collectibles and other AFA products that are periodically offered to members.

The key to the effectiveness of any organization is directly related to the scope of its activity and the size and quality of its membership. While AFA will always work to support the Air Force and all its people, as well as to promote public understanding of the need for a strong and modern Air Force, individual membership directly attests to support of AFA's activities on behalf of the Air Force and national defense.

Individual AFA membership also benefits the community in which a member lives through his or her participation in local chapter activities. And membership in the Air Force Association can help the individual member, too, through readership of AIR FORCE Magazine, new social contacts, attendance at AFA symposia and conferences, use of AFA benefit programs and participation in AFA's low cost group insurance plans.

Annual dues are \$18, a three-year membership is \$42, and Life Membership is \$250 (which can be paid in installments over a one or two year period).

For further information and membership applications, see TSgt Patti Stanley in the O&T building, room 2, or call extension 300/301.

First Air Guard woman promoted to colonel

Washington, D.C. -- The name of Marlene Ausen entered the history books recently when she became the first woman promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Air National Guard.

Colonel Ausen, the Air National Guard Nurse Advisor to the Chief of the Air Force Nurse Corps, received her eagles from Lt. Gen. Murphy Chesney, Air Force Surgeon General, and Maj. Gen. John B. Conway, Director of the Air National Guard at a Pentagon ceremony on December 6th.

Colonel Ausen received her diploma in nursing from Hamline University, St. Paul, and later her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing with Honors from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She received a Master's Degree in nursing from the University of Virginia.

In 1965, she joined the Air Force Reserve in Minnesota where she served as a flight nurse. The following year she transferred to the Minnesota Air National Guard. In 1973, she transferred to the Wisconsin Air Guard and in 1978 to the Virginia Air National Guard. She has held her job since 1981.