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The guard can help you pay for your education

The new G.I. Bill alone would cover the tuition for one year for a commuting student and fall just short of covering the tuition for a boarding student. But, because the individual would have already become a member of the National Guard, he or she would have a number of other benefits.

Initial active duty for training would net the student approximately \$2581 in pay from four months of military training prior to entering the G.I. Bill program. In addition, the student/Guardmember would receive approximately \$76 per month for training one weekend a month and approximately \$287 for participating in annual training (a two week period each year).

In addition to the new G.I. Bill benefits and the pay allowances associated with Guard membership, certain Guardmembers/students may participate in the guaranteed student loan repayment program. It provides for the repayment of guaranteed student loans at the rate of \$500 or 15 percent of the loan principal, whichever is greater, plus all related interest, per year.

The Air National Guard may offer \$1000 for shortage career fields and \$1500 or \$2000 for enlisting in critical wartime specialties.

The federal benefits described above are in addition to any benefits provided by the local and state governments. In Virginia, Air National Guard members are also eligible for state educational benefits.

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OPSEC-COMSEC UPDATE

By CPT Tom Shulte

This month's OPSEC Update will address definitions of some of the terms listed in the program. The July and August issues of the VANGUARD will have sample questions which will be on the OPSEC Test to be given all unit personnel (civilian and military), during the September UTA. Be sure to keep the July and August issues of the VANGUARD so that you can study for the OPSEC Test.

The Air Force, like many other large organizations uses numerous acronyms and abbreviations. In order to better understand the AF OPSEC program, some of the terms/acronyms are listed below:

1. Operation: Any military activity, exercise, function, program, or event that requires the protection of information to deny a potential enemy either a tactical or strategic advantage. Specifically, if it includes any support activity (research, development, test and evaluation, acquisition and logistic support, training or other activities) that potentially reveals existing or future operational capabilities and intentions.

2. Operations Security (OPSEC). The process of denying adversaries information about friendly capabilities and intentions by identifying, controlling, and protecting indicators associated with the planning and conduct of military operations and other activities.

6. Essential Elements of Information (EEI). The critical items of information about the enemy and the environment needed by the commander by a particular time, to relate with other available information and intelligence in order to assist in reaching a logical military decision.

7. Essential Elements of Friendly Information (EEFI). Key questions about friendly intentions and military capabilities likely to be asked by opposing planners and decision makers. The critical facts about friendly operations and activities

which, individually or in the aggregate, reveal sensitive details about capabilities and intentions, and require protection from hostile intelligence collection and exploitation.

3. OPSEC Indicators. Action or information classified or unclassified, obtainable by an adversary, that would result in adversary appreciations, plans and actions harmful to achieving friendly intentions and preserving friendly military capabilities.

4. OPSEC Vulnerability. The existence of weaknesses in security measures, operational practices and procedures which can be exploited by and are accessible to a hostile intelligence attack.

5. Communications Security (COMSEC). The protection resulting from all measures designed to deny unauthorized persons information of value which might be derived from the possession and study of telecommunications, or to mislead unauthorized persons in their interpretation of the results of such possession and study. COMSEC includes the following components:

a. Cryptosecurity. It results from the provision of technically sound cryptosystems and their proper use.

b. Transmission Security. It results from all measures designed to protect transmissions from interception and exploitation by means other than cryptanalysis.

c. Emission Security. It results from all measures taken to deny unauthorized persons information of value which might be derived from intercept analysis of compromising emanations from cryptoequipment and telecommunications systems.

d. Physical Security. It results from all physical measures necessary to safeguard classified communications equipment, material, and documents from access or observation by unauthorized persons.

Personnel News

FROM THE BCA

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

BUSCH GARDENS

Busch Gardens Amusement Park is offering special discount tickets to members of the Virginia Air National Guard and their families that can be used during the entire season. The regular one day admission price of \$15.95 has been reduced to \$12.45 per ticket, a savings of \$3.50 per ticket. Tickets will bear no specified date for use so they can be used any day of the season.

Tickets can be purchased from MSG John Rollings in the O&T Bldg., Room 24, or by mailing a check written to: VaANG Contingency Fund and mailed to MSG John Rollings, P.O. Box 297, Sandston, VA 23150-0297.

We appreciate the continued support of Busch Gardens and are always exploring avenues for additional benefits for our personnel. I hope your summer activities will include a visit to Busch Gardens.



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.

UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING

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.

ROPA PROMOTIONS

The FY 87 Reserve Captain Selection Board is scheduled to convene on 11 August 1986. The eligibility criteria are: PSD: 30 Sep 83 or earlier; TYSD: 30 Sep or earlier.

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.

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 CMS Norman or MSG Brown, CBPO, Ext. 310/381.



REMEMBER

THE NEW "G.I. BILL" - EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BECAME EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1985. ARE YOU ELIGIBLE? YOUR BASE CAREER ADVISOR CAN TELL YOU.

CONTACT MSG ROLLINGS EXT436



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News Briefs

Enlisted Advisor's Report

By CMS Dave Lutz

Senior Enlisted Advisor

Since my last article, I have attended two ANG conferences: the Senior Enlisted Advisor's Conference in Milwaukee, WI and the Area II State Headquarters Conference in Pittsburg, PA. The more I attend this type of conference, the more I become aware of the ideas and information that are available from other units on almost any subject. One of the objects of these conferences is to have unit representatives voice unit problems for brainstorming by the attendees. Seldom does a problem surface that has not previously been encountered by one or more of the other units. The ease at which solutions to some of these are generated often have one wondering "why didn't I think of that?" The topics of discussion at these recent conferences covered everything from awards to veteran's benefits. I won't attempt to list them all, but I intend to use some of the material in future articles.

It is my pleasure to announce that SMS Clyde Reece was selected as the 1985 Guardsman of the Year. As recipient of this honor, Sergeant Reece will receive the Virginia Bronze Star, the Minute Man Trophy, and a \$50.00 Savings Bond. Sergeant Reece received these awards at the Annual EANGUS Conference held in Portsmouth on Memorial Day weekend. I know that you will all join me in offering Clyde our congratulations.

Those of you who have twenty or more years service are aware that you will be reviewed by the Selec-

tive Retention Board (SRB) every other year until you retire. Those of you who will be reviewed this year (July) have already been notified. My VANGUARD article of last September pointed out some of the items that are closely scrutinized by the SRB. Particularly for those of you being reviewed by the SRB for the first time this year, permit me to highlight a couple:

1. Any individual holding a promotable UMD position with the required TIG and TIS, but no required PME. This situation becomes even more vulnerable if the individual is preventing others from being promoted.

2. Any individual in an average UMD position who has not cross-trained, or initiated cross training, to a non-overage position.

The SRB will be reviewing each individual's entire record before making a decision, but those in one of the above-described positions will receive a lot of attention.

The Bloodmobile is scheduled to be on base during the July UTA. In my January article I listed a lot of reasons for giving blood as often as you can. NOW IS THE TIME! Blood supplies are at a critically low level! No, you won't get AIDS from giving blood! Giving blood is not painful! Seldom does a donor get sick or pass out! Those of you who have given before are not only urged

to give again, but are also urged to discuss the process with others in your section and have them join you when you give in July.

VaANG RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION ** NEWS **

There will be a meeting of the Virginia Air National Guard Retiree's Association on Wednesday, 18 June 1986 in the Club 149.

LAW ENFORCEMENT VACANCIES

Two vacancies currently exist in Law Enforcement: one Staff Sergeant and one Sergeant AFSC 811X2. Interested individuals who do not possess AFSC 811XX must be willing to attend a five (5) week technical school at Lackland AFB, Texas. For further information contact MSG Clodfelter, Ext. 320/321.

ATTENTION RMS PERSONNEL

A reminder to all 192d RMS personnel that physical fitness and weight check will be conducted during the June UTA. Please check your duty section for the exact time.

NEW AFA CHAPTER

A Charlottesville Chapter of the Air Force Association was formed on 15 May 1986 with over 60 personnel in attendance. A Chapter (Blue Ridge) Charter has been applied for with officer election and "kick-off" scheduled for late summer or early fall. This is an opportunity for all of you AFA members and potential members who live too far west of Richmond to be able to take advantage of Richmond membership. If you are interested in joining the Charlottesville Chapter or in moving your AFA affiliation, contact CMS Dave Lutz on Ext. 510 or call him at home in Charlottesville (804) 973-2020.

THE CONFEDERATE AVENUE GATE WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!!



Amm Eliot G. Evans receives the Senior Enlisted Advisor's Award from CMS Dave Lutz while Maj William Schwartz and BG Alvah Mattox look on. Amm Evans was an honor graduate of the Security Police Academy.

G.I. Bill...

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As the cost of a college education continues to increase, more and more parents are having to face major financial decisions when trying to provide for their children's education.

The new G.I. Bill, enacted by congress in 1984, is a federally funded education entitlement program available to enlisted members and officers of the Air National Guard. It provides monthly payments directly to the guard member for undergraduate study at an institution of higher learning.

The maximum benefits paid by the program are \$5,040, in monthly increments of \$140 for full-time, \$105 for three-quarter-time and \$70 for half-time students, for a maximum period of 36 months.

A six-year enlistment in the National Guard will make an individual eligible to participate in the program. A high school diploma or equivalent must have been earned prior to entry into the new G.I. Bill program and the individual must have served at least 180 days in the National Guard, including Initial Active Duty Training.

A college education at a state institution costs approximately \$6000 per year, based on the national average. This includes room and board. A student who lives at home and commutes to school pays slightly less, about \$4000 per year.

The new G.I. Bill is the cornerstone of the Guard's benefit program. It, combined with the other incentives, makes membership in the guard a very attractive way to serve one's state and country; learn high tech, leadership and management skills; and obtain a college education. If you are motivated by patriotism, enjoy a mental and physical challenge and have what it takes to be a member of the National Guard, the new G.I. Bill and the Guard pay may be just the way to make a dream come true.

LOST

A pair of brown with gold handle prescription eyeglasses were left in the men's bathroom in the O&T Bldg last UTA. A reward has been offered for their recovery. Please contact the Accounting and Finance Office, Ext. 314.

CE says 'turn it off!'

BY CMS Adams

Civil Engineering budgets for, and pays the bills to provide many services to operate and maintain the Virginia Air National Guard facilities; such as water, electricity, sewage, fuel oil, propane, custodial supplies, refuse collection, entomology, airport use fee, maintenance and repair, office and shop alterations, etc. As you can see, most of these services are fixed expenditures and used by all members of the VaANG and technician work force.

Due to the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Budget Balancing Act, our budget to operate the base has been cut about \$13,000 this year and next years operating budget will be \$38,000 less than this years budget. Believe me, this will be a severe impact as far as Civil Engineering is concerned. Since most of our base expenditures are fixed type expenses, Civil Engineering feels that some of the budget cuts can be made-up thru energy conservation. Therefore, we are asking for your help to conserve our resources and money. We need to conserve all our resources, especially electricity. This year we will spend over \$100,000 on electricity which is about 1/5 of our total budget. Next year's electricity will be even more due to new facilities under construction and completion of the aircraft ramp lighting project.

Here is a suggested list of ways to conserve energy.

1. Turn off lights in unoccupied areas.
2. Turn off lights in shops and office areas if you leave your area for any length of time, for example, breaks, meetings, lunch, etc.
3. Reduce lighting where possible.
4. Turn off appliances where possible.
5. Turn off equipment where possible.
6. Turn off equipment, air compressors, etc., at night, weekends and holidays.
7. Turn off air conditioning at night, weekends and when outside temperature is comfortable.
8. Delay turning on air condition at the start of the day. Also, turn off air condition sooner at the end of the day.
9. Raise your air condition setting to 78°F cooling, except for controlled areas.
10. Turn off air condition in unoccupied areas.

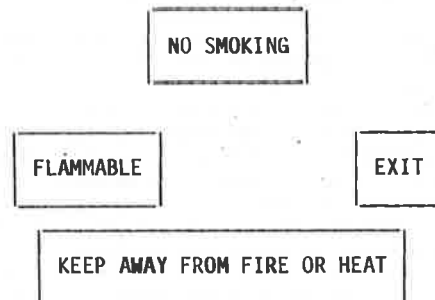
11. Clean and replace window air condition filters.

12. Consider cleaning light fixtures and lamps. All light fixtures get dirty as time goes by. Cleaning the fixtures and lamps does not, in itself, save energy. It just gives more light for the energy being used.

Please forward any energy conservation suggestions to Civil Engineering.

 * FAMILY PICNIC *
 * Don't forget that this Saturday UTA is the family picnic. *
 * Family members may start to arrive at 1430 hours. There *
 * will be lots of food, games and *
 * toys for the kids. *

Signs of our times



Signs of our times - do not block them from sight and heed what they say. They are there to protect your life, property and job.

Smoking and smoking materials are the number one cause for accidental fires in the nation. Use ash trays and butt cans to discard smoking materials. Do not use these containers for trash and contribute to a fire hazard. Designated smoking areas have been established for your convenience. Please use them accordingly.

Do not discard any smoking materials from vehicles. Do not smoke in any vehicle while on the aircraft ramp or in a "No Smoking" area.

If you smoke or have smokers at home, you should check to be sure all smoking materials are out before going to bed. If you have a fire in a stuffed piece of furniture call the Fire Department and make sure it is out. A hot ash in your couch could make an ash of your house. It is your job to keep fire in its place.

Summertime safety

By TSG Larry Harris
Safety NCO

Many needless injuries and fatalities occur during the critical period from 1 May to 30 September. Publicity and education will help to make our people aware of the hazards associated with recreational activities and keep our Air Guard members free from pitfalls of summertime safety.

Extra precautions should be observed while traveling to and from work or on vacation. When the temperature goes up people naturally take to the water. Swimming safety and boating safety must be adhered to in order to reduce the number of fatalities and injuries experienced by our people during this critical period. Safety around the house and on those do-it-yourself jobs is equally important when we attempt to reduce summertime accidents.

Lightning kills more people each year in the United States than does tornadoes. Approximately 360,000 bolts of lightning bombard the earth every hour. It can be devastating, spectacular and unpredictable. More than 600 persons in the United States are killed each year from being struck by lightning. We have been unable to prevent lightning, but we have learned how to protect our homes by installing electrical grounding systems.

Following these safety rules will help your life when lightning threatens:

- Stay indoors. Don't venture outside unless absolutely necessary.
- Stay away from open doors and windows, fireplaces, radiators, stoves, metal, pipes, sinks and plug-in electrical equipment.
- Don't use plug-in equipment like hair dryers.
- Don't use a telephone unless absolutely necessary.

Out-of-doors do the following:

- Do not work on fences, telephone lines, pipelines or structural steel fabrications.
- Do not use metal objects such as fishing rods or golf clubs.
- Do not handle flammable materials in open containers.

d. Stop tractor work, especially when the tractor is pulling metal equipment, and dismount. Tractors in open fields are often struck by lightning.

e. Do not continue swimming. Get off small boats.

f. Stay in your automobile if traveling. Automobiles offer excellent lightning protection.

g. Seek shelter in buildings. If no building is available, your best protection is a cave, ditch, canyon, or under head-high clumps of trees in open forest glades. Never take shelter under a single tree in an open field.

During the summer months, lightning from electrical storms presents a unique hazard to recreational activities. Take care to avoid needless injuries from accidents during this critical period from 1 May to 30 September.

Immunization

LTC Mary Rebkovich

Ready to go: Panama, Norway, England - seems like our Guardsmen are all over the globe. There is considerable "behind the scenes" activity in preparing these mobile people to get to their destinations. One of these activities is a "shot in the arm" and occasionally, a little lower on the anatomy. The basic requirements for mobility personnel are: (1) Oral Polio - series of 3, these are usually completed during childhood (if your mother loved you) and need not be repeated as an adult. (2) Typhoid - series of 3 with boosters every 10 years. (4) Yellow Fever every 10 years.

Smallpox vaccination is no longer given; this disease has been wiped out world-wide for the past 3 years. Cholera or Plague are not given routinely but may be required for a particular deployment. We've also given Immunogammaglobulin as a preventive for Hepatitis-B when there was a local outbreak in areas where troops deploy.

The cost per dose of Tetanus and Typhoid is about 10¢ each. These vials do not go out of date and are used until all of the vaccine is given. On the other hand, yellow fever vaccine is only "good" for one hour after it is mixed, then we discard the unused portion. The cost per dose depends on the number of people who show up when they are scheduled. The present cost is \$12.00 per vial, so we will not mix it to give just one person.

MEI keys to success

Warning! In 45 days the TAC/IG will conduct a management effectiveness inspection of your base.

Forty-five days! MEI! A mild apprehension from deep within quickly swells into a massive hemorrhage of panic and terror. Short, shallow blasts of air burst from your lungs.

Stop! Take a slow, deep breath. Take another one. Think. By golly, you know you've done a good job. You know the progress. Everybody has worked hard. But wait. A few nagging problems relentlessly ambush your thoughts. What if? Maybe we should have? Your mind is reeling. Panic, once again, assumes control. Darn, I should have paid more attention to the stress management seminar.

Does this scenario sound familiar? The feelings are not uncommon. Most people have them. The trick is to replace your counterproductive thoughts with a systematic approach to final preparation for your inspection. Use the 45 days wisely. Don't try to rebuild a program. Don't change longstanding procedures without careful thought. In short, don't make sweeping changes only because you're going to have an MEI.

Do conduct a critical self-inspection. Know your program thoroughly. Prepare a detailed in-brief for your inspectors. Identify program strengths, weaknesses, trends and goals. Show plans and initiatives for improvement. Explain unique circumstances. Provide quantitative documentation when possible.

Also, cultivate positive attitudes. They are contagious. Accept responsibility for your inspection. Ensure the responsible individual talks with the inspector. Sell the positive aspects of your program and identify the negative aspects. Take pride in your facilities. Be proud of yourself and your accomplishments.

Sure, TAC standards are tough. They are getting tougher. But a strong sense of accomplishment can only be realized when measured against tough standards. Your MEI is your time to show off. Strut your stuff! (TACNS)



A hard look at drinking & driving

In recent years we have seen nationwide movement by various groups to put an end to drinking and driving. Nearly every community in the nation now has chapters of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) and Students Against Drunk Drivers (SADD). These awareness programs are having a significant impact on the problem and now that the movement is underway we must make sure that it doesn't lose its momentum. This article contains some important and startling facts about drunk driving as well as ways to keep your family and friends from becoming an alcohol-related accident statistic.

FACTS:

*More than half of all Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related traffic accident in their lifetime.

*Seventy-one people a day lose their lives in alcohol-related traffic accidents.

*Between 45 percent and 50 percent of all fatally injured drivers were legally intoxicated in most states.

*Americans between the ages of 5 and 34 are more likely to be killed in a traffic accident than by any other single cause; alcohol is involved in at least half of these fatal crashes.

*The fatally injured victims of alcohol-involved crashes include the following: 52 percent of the victims are the intoxicated drivers themselves; 20 percent are passengers in the drinking driver's vehicle; 11 percent are drinking pedestrians, and the remaining 17 percent are others not in the drinking driver's vehicle.

*Although 16-24 year-olds make up only 20 percent of the number of licensed drivers and account for less than 20 percent of total vehicle miles traveled, they are involved in 42 percent of all fatal alcohol-related accidents. When alcohol is involved, the fatal crash rate of young drivers is three times greater than that of older drivers.

*Alcohol-involved motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for teenagers.

*During the period between midnight and 4 a.m. on any night of the week, between 75 percent and 90 percent of all fatally injured drivers had been drinking prior to the crash.

After studying these statistics it becomes painfully clear just how serious a problem drinking and

driving has become. Everyone should be helping to put an end to this situation. Consider asking yourself these questions: If I've been drinking should I be driving, and if my friend has been drinking should he be driving?

Let's take a look at how we can help put a stop to the needless death and suffering caused by intoxicated drivers.

SOLUTIONS:

*Be sure to serve food when you serve alcoholic drinks. Cheese and meats are especially good because they stay in the stomach longer slowing the rate at which the body absorbs alcohol.

*Keep several jiggers or self-measuring one-ounce bottle spouts at the bar to mix drinks. Guests are less likely to drink excessively when standard measures are used.

*If you serve alcoholic punch, use a non-carbonated base such as fruit juice. The body absorbs alcohol faster when mixed with carbonation.

*Always make non-alcoholic beverages available for your guests who do not want to drink alcohol.

*Do not push drinks on your guests or rush to refill their glasses when empty. Some guests may not wish to appear rude and will accept drinks they do not really want.

*Stop serving alcohol about two hours before the party is over as this will allow time for the alcohol that has been consumed to be absorbed. It is a good idea to serve coffee and other non-alcoholic beverages at this time as well as meats and cheeses.

*Remember, neither coffee nor a cold shower will help sober someone up. Only time can do that.



AV training

The Visual Information Services Section is conducting projectionist training classes on a continuing basis on UTA weekends. Instruction is given in the proper operation of 16mm film projection and videotape playback equipment. Individuals who attend the one hour class will be issued AF Form 2022 "Audiovisual Projection Equipment Operator's Permit."

AFR 95-2 requires that anyone who signs out projection/playback equipment from the Audiovisual Library must possess a valid operators permit. All sections which require this type of equipment for training purposes need to have at least one qualified projectionist. To schedule individuals for this training contact MSG Flournoy or SSG Lautenslager, Ext. 342.

Are you putting me on?



Contamination avoidance

Vapor and liquid are the two forms of chemical agent contamination. The M17 mask protects individuals from most vapor threats while the rest of the ensemble protects against contact with liquid agents. The worst exposure to liquid contamination comes during the actual attack and thereafter from physical contact with objects which were exposed during the attack. Avoidance of liquid contamination will greatly reduce the risk of casualties during CWD operations. All personnel caught in the open when the attack occurs should immediately don their mask and seek shelter under the nearest cover to avoid contact with falling liquid.

Critical resources should be protected from contamination as much as possible. Overhead protection should be used when available. Plastic sheets or any other type of cover may be used to protect equipment when shelters are not available. The use of field expedient decontamination efforts will reduce the possibility of subsequent contamination of clean areas and equipment.

Contamination avoidance is a must in order to continue operating after an airbase attack.



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HEADQUARTERS, 192D TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP
BYRD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SANDSTON, VIRGINIA 23150

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 192TFG/CC

13 April 1986

SUBJECT: 1986 Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF)

TO: Members, 192d TFG

1. As members of the Virginia Air National Guard and the 192d Tactical Fighter Group, each of you have an active involvement with the United States Air Force and its various programs. It is this involvement with the Air Force that makes the success of the 1986 Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) campaign vital to you. The AFAF campaign is an Air Force wide campaign that raises money for three charitable organizations that benefit active duty, reserve, and retired Air Force members and their dependents. These organizations are the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Village, and the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation, Inc. None of these worthy organizations are tax supported and rely solely on the generosity of the members of our Air Force family for their support.

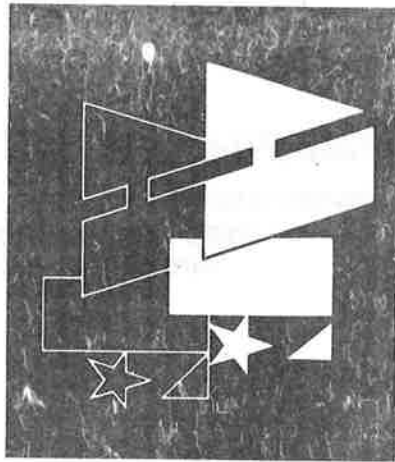
2. As your commander, I would urge that each of you take the time to learn more about each of these organizations and understand how important they are to Air Force personnel, both active and reserve. This is an important fund drive and I urge each of you to participate. It is a chance to help our own. Please contribute generously commensurate with your means - even pocket change is significant. "Sharing is what really counts." Your contributions are, of course, tax deductible.


HARTWELL F. COKE, IV, Colonel, VaANG
Commander

The Air Force Assistance Fund

Enlisted Widows Home Air Force Village

Air Force Aid Society



The Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) raises money for three charitable organizations. They are the Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc., the Air Force Village, and the Air Force Aid Society.

These organizations benefit active-duty, reserve and retired Air Force people and their dependents, including surviving spouses and dependents.

Retirement Communities

The AFAF supports two communities for retired Air Force members, their dependents and surviving spouses.

Both communities have recreational facilities and are near Air Force bases with hospitals and other services. Residents live in security and comfort near others of similar backgrounds and interests.

Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc.

The Foundation currently has two facilities. Terra Village, located in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., has 113 apartments and nine houses. Bob Hope Village, located on 79 acres of land near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., has 128 of the planned 256 garden style apartments

completed. When the other 128 units are constructed, the Foundation will have a total of 378 units. Both complexes feature social and recreational areas.

- Persons eligible to apply are:**
- Widows and widowers, age 55 or older, whose spouses were retired enlisted persons from the regular Air Force, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve.
 - Retired Air Force enlisted people, age 62 or older, and their spouses.
 - Surviving spouses under age 55 and their dependents also may apply under special circumstances. Their residency would be limited to the adjustment period immediately following the loss of a spouse.

The average resident's age is 65. Residents share in operating expenses. Financial assistance is available for those in need. Security service, transportation and recreation are provided.

Air Force Village

The Air Force Village is located in San Antonio, Texas.

- The minimum age for residence is 62. Persons eligible to apply are:**
- Widows or widowers of Air Force, Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard retired officers.
 - Retired officers and their spouses and certain dependents.

Individuals entering Air Force Village for residency are provided a lifetime home. Accommodations also are available to widows of active-duty officers in certain emergency conditions.

Approximately 600 people reside in the Village. The average resident's age is 74. Women comprise 64 percent of the population and 51 percent live alone. Indigent widows have priority for admission. Financial assistance is available to residents in need. Currently, 23 percent of the widows at the Village require financial help.

A recently completed construction program provided an eight-story apartment building containing 84 apartments, 92 one-story garden apartments, and a 68-bed nursing facility. The

Village now provides 378 one- and two-bedroom apartments and an outstanding, modern, skilled-care nursing facility.

Air Force Village II, planned for 1986 in San Antonio, Texas, will provide 310 additional apartments and a 68-bed nursing facility.

Air Force Aid Society

The Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) is the official charity of the Air Force. It is chartered to assist in relieving financial emergencies of eligible active-duty, retired and reserve members on active duty. Surviving spouses also are eligible.

Qualifying members are given interest-free loans or grants during personal and family emergencies. Aid is given for such purposes as food, rent, utilities, dental and medical care, moving costs, transportation and essential services. The AFAS also assists commands having special family support needs that cannot otherwise be funded.

Emergency financial assistance may be applied for at AFAS sections in the Consolidated Base Personnel Office or Family Support Center at all major Air Force installations. If no AFAS office is near, AFAS has cross-service assistance agreements with the American National Red Cross, Army Emergency Relief and the Navy Relief Society.

Installation commanders can approve requests for aid up to \$2,000. Exceptional cases are handled quickly, around-the-clock, by AFAS headquarters, Arlington, Va., and by the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

There are three educational loan programs for eligible Air Force people pursuing vocational, undergraduate or graduate studies. These loans are made possible by the Department of Education's Guaranteed Student Loan and Guaranteed Parent Loan Programs. Money lent by the participating banks is guaranteed by the United Student Aid Funds Inc. on the basis of reserve funds deposited by and held for the AFAS.

The General Henry H. Arnold Student Loan Program covers sons and daughters of active and retired members of the Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve (categories A and B). An applicant must be a U.S. citizen enrolled full time in a school or college qualified by the U.S. Office of Education.

The General George S. Brown Senior Student Loan Program covers active and retired Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve

(categories A and B) members and their spouses, widows or widowers enrolled as at least half-time students in vocational, undergraduate or graduate work.

The Parent Loan Program covers eligible members or their dependent children who are full-time undergraduate students.

Why Support the Air Force Assistance Fund?

Neither AFAS nor the two retirement communities receive taxpayers' support. They rely largely on voluntary contributions made by Air Force people.

Funds are needed to meet the increasing emergency assistance required by Air Force people. The fund should be able to help Air Force people with aid in an emergency, for educational needs, or to have a secure retirement home for themselves or their spouse. Contributions are made during the annual AFAF fund drive directly to unit key workers or by payroll deductions.

For additional information on retirement communities write to:

Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation Inc.
571 Mooney Rd.
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 or
4917 Ravenswood Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78227

For additional information on AFAS educational loans, visit the AFAS section at any Air Force base or write to:

Arnold Student Loan Program
Brown Student Loan Program
Parent Loan Program
Air Force Aid Society National Headquarters
1735 North Lynn Street, Suite 202
Arlington, VA 22209

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