

VIRGINIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
Headquarters, 192d Tactical Fighter Group
Richmond International Airport
Sandston, Virginia 23150

SPECIAL ORDER
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1. UP Sec 502, Title 32, USC Sec 206, Title 37, USC, ANGR 50-01 and 192TFGR 50-01. All members of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group and assigned units, are hereby ordered to attend all Unit Training Assemblies shown on this training schedule at Richmond IAP, Sandston, VA 23150.

UTAs

08 Aug 87 Flying & OJT in sections.

09 Aug 87 Flying & OJT in sections.

12 & 13 Sep 87

03 & 04 Oct 87

07 & 08 Nov 87

05 & 06 Dec 87

09 & 10 Jan 88

06 & 07 Feb 88

27 & 28 Feb 88

12-26 March 1988 - Annual Field Training

09 & 10 Apr 88

14 & 15 May 88

11 & 12 Jun 88

09 & 10 Jul 88

13 & 14 Aug 88

17 & 18 Sep 88

01 & 02 Oct 88

05 & 06 Nov 88

03 & 04 Dec 88

2. AM Assemblies will be 0800-1200 (Sat) 0700-1100 (Sun) and PM Assemblies will be 1300-1700 (Sat) 1200-1600 (Sun), with the following exceptions: Assembly for one flight of Food Service Personnel will be as follows: AM 0630-1030 (Sat) 0530-0930 (Sun), PM 1100-1530 (Sat) 1000-1430 (Sun). Additional duty hours to cover special work requirements such as pre-flight, post-flight, etc, will be scheduled by each unit as required. Each UTA will be no less than four hours duration excluding lunch periods.

3. Uniform will be lightweight blues or fatigues, unless otherwise indicated.

4. Excused absences from UTAs must be for reasonable cause and must be mutually arranged in advance by the individual and his/her commander. To be excused, an absence must be made up thru Equivalent Training (EQT) or Split Unit Training Assembly (SUTA). SUTAs must be performed for the convenience of the government and in the same month as the UTA. EQTs with pay must be performed within 60 days after scheduled UTA, but within the same fiscal quarter. Only four EQTs (1 weekend) with pay are permitted each Fiscal Year.

FOR THE COMMANDER


HERBERT C. CHILDRESS, SMSgt, VaANG
Support Services Supervisor

DIST: "A" Plus 1 Ea: TAC/ADUBO; TAC/CRFG;
9th AF/CRFG & IG; NGB/XOS & TE; 1913th ISG/CC
(AFCC); 1st TFW/DO; 1st SUPS/CC; 127th
TFW/DA; 1st CSG/DPMD.



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VANGUARD

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By CPT Gary Wood 192d RMS

The Sandston Branch of Signet Bank saluted the Virginia National Guard the week of 6-10 July 1987. It was a week long celebration at the bank which included special displays, exhibits, refreshments, and the presentation of some very nice prizes and awards.

The celebration was concluded on Friday, 10 July, with a "Grand Finale" attended by about fifty persons including members of the guard, bank officials, and some prominent members of the community. At this ceremony, Major General John Castles presented Betty Bentley, the Branch Manager, with an appropriate award for the bank's recognition of the National Guard's role in the community. In return, the bank presented General Castles with a set of personalized checks with the new National Guard Minuteman logo imprinted on them.

According to SMSgt Charlie Udriet it was a very exciting and successful week. On behalf of SMSgt Udriet, myself, and all of the members of the Virginia Air National Guard, we wish to "salute" Signet Bank for a job well done. In describing the relationship between the Sandston Branch of Signet Bank and the Virginia Air National Guard, I wish to steal a phrase I am sure we are all familiar with. "It don't get no better than this."

see photo on page 2

Enlisted Advisor's Report

By CMS David Lutz

Former 192d Senior Enlisted Advisor

My failure to have an article in the July VANGUARD did have one benefit. Several of you told me you missed it. It is satisfying to know that many of you have been reading my articles over the past three years, and, I hope, benefiting from the information I have attempted to convey. Since this is my last article, permit me to review a few accumulated items before I make my final comments.

As most of you know, our Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (EGR) drive is under way, and a good number of recommendations have been submitted. Have you recommended your employer for one of the awards? This is the best way I know to make points with your civilian employer and, at the same time, reap benefits for both yourself and the Air Guard. Take time to read about this program when your squadron monitor approaches you, or see your first sergeant for the recommendation forms. It only takes a few minutes and you can't lose.

During the June UTA, the Chiefs' Council briefed Colonel Coke and his staff on the Senior NCO Conference we held at the State Military Reservation. The briefing was filmed, and two copies of the VCR tape are available for viewing. Contact MSgt Flournoy in the Photo Lab to check out a copy. I know that all of you who attended this conference will be interested in our approach to management with the recommendations made at the conference. A follow-up to these recommendations will be made during the August UTA. Anyone who would like an 8 X 10 color photo of the conferences attendees, see me or SMSgt Waldron during this UTA.

You will note elsewhere in this VANGUARD that I have scheduled a meeting of E-8s, E-9s and first sergeants at State Headquarters on Sunday, 9 August at 1000 hours. I am sorry that space restrictions do not permit me to include E-7's. Hopefully, future reconfiguration of

the club facilities will give meeting space for larger groups. This meeting is an important one in that Chief Master Sergeant Herb Buttner will brief us on some of the computerized training aids that have recently become available. This briefing will coincide with several of the ideas and recommendations made at our Senior NCO conference. Another agenda item will be the possible formation of a Senior NCO Council to replace the inactive Enlisted Advisory Council.

Colonel Al Washington, the new Chief of Staff, has selected SMSgt Edgar A. Waldron as my replacement as senior enlisted advisor. Eddie brings a lot of ability and expertise to the position, so I know he will do well. If you all give him the help and cooperation you have given me, he can't fail.

It's hard for me to express my feelings about leaving military service after 31 years. In some ways I'm glad it's over (I know my family is), but in many ways I'll really miss it. I must say that the past three years as your senior enlisted advisor have been the proudest and most enjoyable of my career. Each of us holding the enlisted advisor position all manage it differently. I have approached it as I interpreted its requirements. I hope you feel that my efforts have benefited you and the Virginia Air National Guard.

I know there is no way I can get around to see all of you this weekend, but I'll try. I'm not saying "good bye," since I will continue to be a member of the Retiree's Association and Club 149. I will be at the Club Friday and Saturday nights. Let me buy you a beer. It has been a pleasure working with you all of these years. Whenever you are in Charlottesville, come see me at my new business, Reese's Fine Gifts in the Albemarle Square Shopping Center.

Important to keep criticism in perspective

By James McGovern

Under Secretary of the Air Force

Winston Churchill once told his colleagues in Parliament, "I do not resent criticism, even when, for the sake of emphasis, it parts for a time with reality."

Neither does the Air Force resent criticism, especially constructive criticism, but it's important that it is kept in perspective. One area of criticism precedes even the establishment of the Department of Defense and the Air Force in 1947. It is the criticism of new system performance, usually during the late development and flight-test stages, to support the contention of "arm chair strategies" that the Department of Defense is too addicted to high technology, that cheap and simple weapon systems are a better answer.

To put that criticism in perspective, consider the following: Here's an interesting headline: "Study Kept From Congress, Cost Is Hidden." The article goes on to say that this particular newspaper has discovered a secret Pentagon cost study identifying major breakdowns in aircraft engine hardware, and the cost rises could lead to problems for the aircraft program. This was a March 18, 1973, Washington Post article. Today, despite the critics, the F-15 is the premier air superiority fighter in the world today.

Or consider the following criticism about an Air Force aircraft: Too heavy. Not enough range. Defensive systems can't cope with the projected threat. An easy target for expected defenses. The wings are inadequate for the aircraft design. And we really don't need a new bomber, anyway!

Sound familiar? Are they talking about the B-1 bomber? No. Those are the comments about the B-52 during its development and test phase over 30 years ago.

The last contention, that we don't really need a new, or another, manned bomber, is an irresponsible criticism not worthy of comment, but we saw this same criticism of the B-17. And the B-17 stood the critical test of World War II, helping establish the key role of the strategic bomber.

The echo of B-52 criticisms in the current controversy over the B-1

SIGNET BANK'S SANDSTON BRANCH SALUTES THE NATIONAL GUARD



The "Grand Finale" was attended by: Herbert Vaughan (Signet Vice President), Col Hartwell F. Coke, IV, Anthony P. Mehfoud (Henrico County Supervisor), Maj Gen John Castles, Betty Bentley (Signet Branch Manager), Senator William F. Parkenson, Jr., and Dr. Dennis M. O'Toole (Representing Committee for Employer's Support of the Guard and Reserve).

should help us keep all such comments in perspective. The B-52 survived the critics and proved over nearly 30 years to be a capable and credible force for deterrence.

So did the F-15, and the Army's Abrams tank. I predict that we'll soon be hearing the same nonsense about our advanced tactical fighter: "Don't need supersonic; should be moving away from vulnerable manned aircraft; dogfighting is a thing of the past!"

The proof of the pudding is that our modern weapon systems, designed and produced by our defense industry perform better than any in the world.

In 1982, the Israeli successes in the Bekeia Valley provided a dramatic example of the effectiveness of our advanced systems.

With our weapon systems, the Israelis destroyed 80 Soviet-built aircraft and 19 surface-to-air missiles, and lost only one aircraft!

BOOZE & YOU

Sixteen percent of the people who die in alcohol-related crashes are teen-agers. About 11 American teen-agers die in alcohol-related crashes each day.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Filler Fax

If you suffer a power failure, unplug the freezer, refrigerator and television sets. A sudden surge of returning power can damage them.

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Waldron takes over as Senior Enlisted Advisor

By TSG Ed Kelleher Unit Historian

Senior Master Sergeant Edgar A. "Eddie" Waldron will succeed Chief Master Sergeant David S. Lutz this weekend as the base's senior enlisted advisor.

Waldron, 55, recently retired as a civilian technician. He thus qualified for the senior enlisted advisor post which by federal regulation must go to a part-time Guardsman.

Lutz, who has been senior enlisted advisor for three years, officially will notify the base's top enlisted non-commissioned officers and first sergeants of the change at a meeting Sunday, 9 August, at 1000 hours in the State Headquarters building.

Waldron, a Richmond native who attended Catholic schools in Richmond before joining the Virginia Air Guard, was a supply management superintendent with the 192d TFG Resource Management Squadron's Material Storage and Distribution Branch before accepting his new post.

His experience covers a broad range of Air Guard activities. His additional duties in his three decades in the Guard have included being squadron on-the-job training manager and administrator, ancillary training monitor, property custodian, manager of computer-directed training systems, NCOIC of mobility load planning, inventory verifier, base engine manager, ground safety NCO and explosive safety NCO.

"I intend to carry on the work that Chief Lutz has begun, especially in the area of Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve," Waldron said.



He acknowledged that the senior enlisted advisor job, while technically a part-time post, requires a full-time approach. Lutz, who lives in Charlottesville, normally spent far more than two days a month working on Guard related activities, and Waldron, who lives only a few miles from the base, figures he will be on base at least once a week.

Lutz, 56, has opened a curio shop in Charlottesville, and said he has been busy preparing to take over full-time management of the shop.

A native of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, he became a member of the 192d CAM Squadron in 1963 when he moved to Charlottesville to take a job with Del Monte Frozen Foods. He was manager for standards and regulatory affairs for Del Monte until retiring recently to buy and manage the curio shop.

News Briefs

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL PHOTOS

The following members of the 192d Human Relations Council are scheduled to have pictures taken in the Base Photo Lab on Saturday morning of the August UTA. Please wear your usual duty uniform.

- Capt Nolia Anderson
- MSgt Edwin Shaw
- TSgt Rita-Anderson Patterson
- TSgt Nikita Jones
- SSgt Janet Guilmart
- SSgt Jamita Wright

W-4 CERTIFICATIONS FOR 1987

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

Be sure to file a new W-4 with Military Pay immediately. Copies of W-4s are available through the Orderly Room and can be routed to Military Pay through normal distribution.

VaANG RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION ** NEWS **

The Virginia Air National Guard Retired Association meeting will be held in the State Headquarters Conference Room on Thursday, 13 August 1987, at 1900.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a meeting of all E-8s, E-9s, and First Sergeants in the State Headquarters Conference Room on Sunday, 9 August, at 1000 hours.

DRILL SCHEDULE

Scheduled UTAs will be held from 0800 to 1200 and 1300 to 1700 on Saturdays and from 0700 to 1100 and 1200 to 1600 on Sundays of UTA, week-ends unless modified by section supervisors and/or commanders.

- 08 & 09 August
- 12 & 13 September
- 03 & 04 October
- 07 & 08 November
- 05 & 06 December

Blood Drive

Sunday 9 Aug 1987

0800 - 1230

Club 149

55 MPH WE CAN LIVE WITH IT

NO BILLETING AT SMR

Until further notice, the 203d Civil Engineering Flight is suspending reservations for RED HORSE billeting accommodations at Camp Pendleton. The only reservations that will be taken for the facilities will be for personnel on military orders to the RED HORSE unit. Those 192d TFG personnel who have made prior reservations with SSgt Sperber will still be honored.

UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE (UXO)



FAB 200M4 HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMB

Most conventional attacks involve the use of high explosive ordnance to destroy key facilities, runways, taxiways and equipment and to inflict heavy casualties.

Common ordnance categories include bombs, rockets, grenades, mortars and artillery. Flying debris or shrapnel generated by explosive ordnance is the primary hazard during conventional attacks.

Personal protective actions during attacks are:

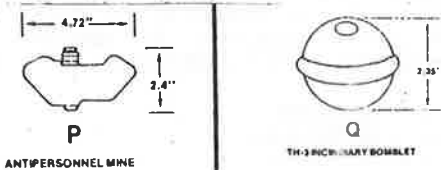
- (1) Take cover, if time permits. Take cover in designated facilities such as shelters, bunkers, revetments, ditches, or foxholes.
- (2) Lie down. If caught in an open area where cover is not available, lie face down on the ground.
- (3) Avoid potential targets. Stay away from buildings, aircraft, vehicles, equipment and other areas which are primary targets.
- (4) After the attack, unexploded munitions (UXOs) are a primary hazard. You must know how to recognize, mark and report an unexploded ordnance.

The standard UXO report consists of:

- (1) Your name and rank: "This is Captain Smith."
- (2) The shape of the UXO: length, width, markings, color.
- (3) The UXO location: include grid points if possible (in front of Building 123).
- (4) The condition of the UXO: "It appears to be intact."
- (5) How to reach you: "I am at extension 123."

Standard UXO markers should be available to mark the area. If not, mark the area as best possible to keep personnel or equipment from coming in contact with the UXO.

UXO reporting and marking is being used by the IG during ORI's. This is one area that unit personnel must take the proper procedures to ensure a good ORI.



What's the truth about spare-parts 'horror stories'? The truth is: The system works!!!

Do not be too quick to believe reports that the Air Force procurement system is in shambles. In fact, it is highly efficient and capably managed by dedicated people who take their stewardship of tax dollars very seriously.

It is a system, however, whose sheer volume is awesome, with almost 900,000 different types of spare parts, of which some 95,000 are bought annually. More than 300 spare-parts contracts are processed every workday. However, even with a system 99.44 percent pure, the large number of our purchases leaves the potential for hundreds of errors. If errors occur, our critics and detractors publicize them to the hilt as new "horror stories." Air Force people should remember these reports do not present a balanced picture of Air Force procurement practices.

For example, such stories never mention our zero overpricing program that saved \$7.6 million last year alone through your challenges of contractor-assigned prices. Since fiscal year 1980 the number of zero overpricing challenges increased from 2,700 to more than 8,660 annually. But such facts are not the ingredients our critics want for their versions of our system.

At the start of this decade, a shortage of spare parts was so acute it reduced our combat readiness. Then the president and Congress, with strong emphasis on readiness

and sustainability, brought us a dramatic increase in spare-parts funding.

In the rush to make up lost ground, some things slipped through the proverbial crack, and "horror" stories about overpriced coffeemakers, hammers and other equipment flourished on the front pages of America's newspapers. Military spare-parts procurement was projected as a national joke, and people justly wondered what was going on.

Only a few of these stories were based in fact, but many were biased, misleading or just plain inaccurate. Most reports failed to put these few isolated cases in perspective, creating the impression that nearly all spares were overpriced. And, although we were busy solving the procurement problems long before the "horror stories" became popular, we did not do very well in countering the false impressions those stories created.

So, what happened?

Public support of our spending began to erode.

Rapidly!

A recent survey showed 90 percent of the respondents believed there was at least some waste and fraud in defense spending; more than half believed there was a lot. Unfortunately but obviously, much of this thinking was based on information from the news media, and from some self-appointed

watchdogs who made it their business to record our every expenditure.

If we are to continue rebuilding combat readiness, we need to rebuild taxpayer confidence in our procurement system. And we are doing that. We absolutely must respond to exaggerated criticisms by providing the balanced perspective necessary to view spare-parts procurement clearly. We must emphatically set the record straight whenever there are biased, misleading, or inaccurate reports about the way we buy spares.

And we must reaffirm our vow to make the system as nearly perfect as possible. While we can conceive how a small number of items might be incorrectly priced in an inventory that contains almost a million parts, we can't be satisfied so long as even one costs too much.

The Air Force has a vital mission: to help defend the United States and our allies. We need the public's confidence and support if we are to succeed in that mission. And the fact is, our spare-parts procurement system, a vital part of our mission, is indeed worthy of confidence and support.



RETIREES TO BE HONORED

Eighteen Virginia Air National Guard retirees will be among people honored on August 8, 1987, during a retirement and awards ceremony to be held at the State Military Reservation in Virginia Beach.

The ceremony will honor all Virginia National Guard members who retired between 1 June 1986 and 31 May 1987. A reception hosted by Major General Richmond L. Vaughan, Deputy Commander of the Virginia State Defense Forces, will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Building 84. It will be followed by the retirement and awards ceremony at 11:00 a.m. in Building 427. The 29th Division Band will provide the music.

The Air Guard retirees to be honored are:

- Brig Gen Claude F. Heath
- Col Roland R. Kessler
- Lt Col William H. W. Crawford, III
- Lt Col George W. Davis, Jr.
- Lt Col James F. Stockner
- CMSgt Robert V. Glenn
- CMSgt William F. Smith, Jr.
- SMSgt Delmer L. Chisenhall
- SMSgt Donald E. Davis
- SMSgt Garland L. Hamlett
- SMSgt Harry C. Hatchett
- SMSgt Cedric W. Yates, Jr.
- MSgt Richard G. Cox
- MSgt Hassel C. High
- MSgt Harry T. Pritchett
- TSgt James R. Price
- TSgt Walter K. Seyl
- TSgt James M. West

O&T RENOVATION COMPLETE

By TSgt Ed Kelleher

In October 1986 support personnel occupying the Operations and Training (O&T) Building were left homeless due to a projected renovation. Some moved into double-wide trailers while others were offered shelter in the Club and Annex Building.

In July 1987 renovation of the O&T building was largely completed, and temporarily dislocated offices are now relocated in modernized surroundings.

The Consolidated Base Personnel Office now occupies the wing that formerly housed the base dining hall.

The opposite wing, formerly the site of the base clinic, now houses the chapel, chaplain's offices, closed circuit television studio, and base photographic services.

Rest rooms are located on the back end of both wings and in the center of the main section of the building. Base administration services are located where CBPO used to be. The former administration office is now occupied by Base Services, mechanical equipment, storage, and vending machine area.

The base commander's office and group orderly room are in the same location.

In addition to providing chapel space, the renovation also has made room for the legal office and disaster preparedness.

Filler Fax

A gasoline container with only a small amount of gas in it creates a gas-air mixture much more explosive than a container three-quarters full.

Safety Award

Master Sergeant John L. "Johnny" Johnson has been selected to receive the 192d Tactical Fighter Group Safety Award for the first half of 1987.

Johnny is assigned to the 192d CAM Squadron and works as the base engine manager. He also serves as auxiliary assistant fire chief. In this capacity, he has waged a "relentless" battle against fire hazards and unsafe conditions, according to Senior Master Sergeant Gene A. Meek, Group Safety Specialist.

"On one occasion, he observed an unsafe welding operation inside a building," Meek said in recommending Johnson for the award. "As acting fire chief that day, he monitored the remainder of the operation and then repeatedly checked the building to ensure no fires developed. On another occasion, he identified unsafe storage and handling of flammable/combustible liquids by contractor personnel. He immediately stopped the operation and provided the contractor an approved safe storage area for the hazardous material."

"Recently, he was called at home on a Sunday evening by security police and notified that an aircraft in the hangar had developed a fuel leak and that JP-4 fuel was spilling onto the hangar floor. Upon arrival at the scene, Johnny immediately recognized that a spark or heat source could create a disaster.

"His technical expertise and experience in handling this near-miss disaster situation resulted in the condition being neutralized and controlled," Meek said.

Johnny also was cited for having identified to the base Safety Office numerous safety deficiencies during mobility exercises. The Safety Office then was able to take remedial action.

"Sergeant John's dedication to professional excellence in performing his duties, and his promotion of safety awareness and demonstrated initiative to correct unsafe conditions is a major contributing factor to this unit's outstanding safety record," Meek said.

Where's my pay?

By TSgt Lou Paris
Public Affairs Office

The Air National Guard pay system usually works efficiently. But, like any system, it periodically develops "glitches" that cause problems. The problems become more than petty annoyances when we are on the receiving end.

TSgt Tom Carter of the base Accounting and Finance Office recently explained how the system works and why, on occasion, it does not.

The Air Force Accounting and Finance Center in Denver schedules four "paycheck dates" and paycheck processing dates each month. The paycheck date is the date stamped on the paycheck (the date it is scheduled to be delivered by mail or deposited in your account electronically). The processing date is the date the information is scheduled to be processed by the Accounting and Finance Center's computers in Denver.

After each scheduled drill week-end, the payroll here is completed, fed into the computer, and sent electronically to Langley AFB on the Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning following the drill. At Langley, the payroll for the Virginia Air National Guard is handled manually. From there, the information is sent to Denver electronically in time for the next check-date.

Generally, the system allows us to receive our paychecks on the second Friday following the monthly UTA. However, several factors can delay paycheck processing.

First, mistakes may be made as the information is entered into the computer here. These errors are generally discovered before the data leaves Richmond.

Second, there may be problems in electronically feeding the information from Richmond to Langley or from Langley to Denver. This will require the information to be either re-fed electronically or, in the worst case, sent manually. This causes further delay.

Third, since the information is handled manually at Langley, there is the possibility of human error. Normally, the paycheck dates in Denver allow us to be paid on the second Friday after the monthly UTA. However, the accompanying chart includes two exceptions to that rule.

(1) The September UTA will be held on the 12th and 13th of the month. However, the next paycheck run-date is not scheduled until September 21 and the checks will be dated September 30.

(2) In December, UTA will be held on the 5th and 6th, but the next run-date in Denver is December 14 and the checks will be dated December 22.

Remember, the September and December UTA paychecks will be received later than usual.

DRILL DATE	RUN DATE	CHECK DATE
AUG 8 & 9	11 AUG	21 AUG
SEP 12 & 13	21 SEP	30 SEP
OCT 3 & 4	7 OCT	15 OCT
NOV 7 & 8	12 NOV	20 NOV
DEC 5 & 6	14 DEC	22 DEC

GUARD NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND

The Richmond Braves invite you to a night at The Diamond. They are sponsoring a Military-Veterans Group Day on Wednesday, August 19, 1987. Game time will be 7 p.m. against the Rochester Redwings. The general admission tickets will be \$1.50. You are not seeing things! Yes, the cost is only \$1.50 per ticket. Any military, DOD civilian, veteran, and their families can get in for this price. A real deal you cannot refuse.

Tickets can be purchased from MSgt John Rollings, Base Career Advisor, in the CBPO, or call 222-8884, Ext. 436.

In case of rain, these tickets will be valid any remaining Sunday thru Thursday home game. Also, the Virginia Air National Guard Color

Guard will present the colors at the game. So come on out to The Diamond and join your friends in a night of baseball, hot dogs, popcorn, your favorite beverage, and just a good ole time!



In for the bennies?

Would \$5,040, tax-free, help pay for your education? Are you one of the nearly 20,000 National Guard members taking advantage of this benefit?

It's part of the new G.I. Bill, a federal program designed to help pay for college or vocational education. Service members in the National Guard and Reserves and on Active Duty are eligible for cash benefits.

The bill allows a reserve component participant to receive a maximum of \$5,040 in education benefits when enrolled in a Veterans Administration-approved institution. The student rates are \$140 monthly (full-time), \$105 monthly (3/4 time), and \$70 monthly (1/2 time).

To be eligible for the new G.I. Bill, Guard members must complete a statement of understanding (DA Form 5435-R), serve satisfactorily and meet the following eligibility criteria.

(a) Be a high school graduate or GED holder.

(b) Not have received a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent.

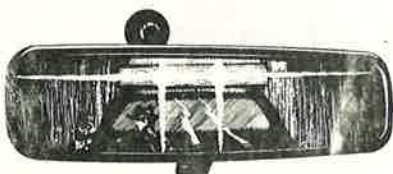
(c) Not be qualified for the All Volunteer Force Education Assistance Program (the new GI Bill for combined active and reserve service).

(d) Not be receiving an ROTC scholarship. Students who are eligible are issued a DD Form 2384 (Notice of Basic Eligibility). At that time, the Guard member should review the data to ensure accuracy and correct any errors or omissions immediately. The Veterans Administration uses the data in verifying eligibility for the new GI Bill.

Use of the program is growing slowly, according to National Guard Bureau officials. To date, the states of Ohio, Alabama, and Illinois lead the nation in the number of Guard members enrolled.

More information on the program may be obtained by contacting the Base Career Advisor, MSgt John Rollings, Ext. 436.

More drunk drivers are seeing the light



How Sweet Is It?

Saccharin and aspartame are more than 200 times sweeter than sugar and have few, if any, calories. However, they have possible side effects.

Studies show that saccharin is a low-potency cancer-causing agent. Aspartame can cause some users to have allergic reactions, such as headaches and dizziness, although its use shouldn't pose any serious health problems, according to the American Society of Internal Medicine. People with phenylketonuria, a rare genetic disease, should not use aspartame.

Standards of Conduct

By Maj Gen Buford D. Lary
1st Air Force, Commander

We are the best Air Force in the world, and I am confident that we will remain that way.

Our successes can easily be overcome by a few failures of the wrong kind; however, and one of the most threatening is failure to adhere to the standards of conduct.

We all live and work in a glass house. The public is watching, and it must not be disappointed.

Standards of conduct are in Air Force Regulation 30-30. It isn't complicated. We don't make private profit from our official positions. We don't take gifts for having done something that we are supposed to do, and we don't let others get the impression we have done so.

We restrict our gifts to other Air Force members to those few nominal gifts permitted by regulation. We don't use the taxpayers' property, our subordinates' labor, or our titles for private interests or gain. We refrain from any act that might even make it appear that we have misused our position. We don't gamble on duty or on government installations, we pay our debts and keep our private interests apart from our official positions.

When I travel, I often talk to civic groups and civilian audiences. I find that ordinary citizens are concerned that their armed forces might be inefficient. It is our duty to maintain the public's confidence. Each of us has the chance to do that by ensuring the public never has cause to believe that we act for any reason other than in the public's interest.

That's what standards of conduct are about.

(AFNS, Courtesy TAC News Service)

SATURDAY
Catholic Service
0930

SUNDAY
General Protestant
0800

Chapel services will be conducted in the chapel, O&T Building.

Your Chaplains, LTC Xel Sant'Anna, and 1Lt Charles Smith are available to you and your family 24 hours a day. Do not hesitate to call them if you think they can help or assist you in any way. Chaplain Sant'Anna's telephone numbers are:

Home - 737-0635
Office - 737-1572
Chaplain Smith's:
Home - 796-1497
Office - 230-1325



"Natural" or "granola" cereals have a higher fat (saturated fat, usually from coconut oil) and caloric content than other cereals. Read the label to determine the fat content.

ADULT EDUCATION IN NEW KENT
By TSgt Mary Sager
VaANG Recruiter

Adult Education at New Kent High School will begin on Monday, September 14, 1987.

You can register at the first class meeting for such classes as Adult Basic Education, GED preparation, aerobics, carpentry, agri-mechanics, introduction to micro/home computers, typing and psychology. Additionally, workshops will be offered during the semester in such areas as couponing and financial planning.

Courses and workshops will vary in cost depending upon the time and length of the course.

For more information, you may contact Howard Price, Director of Guidance/Evening School at 966-2191.

Additional information may also be obtained through the Evening School Booth at the New Kent County Fair to be held Saturday, August 22, 1987. While at the booth you may want to test your Trivia knowledge. Prizes will be awarded.