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

SPECIAL ORDER A-128-Va

9 January 1987

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.

07 Feb 87 0800 AM & PM, Mobility Exercise 08 Feb 87 0700 AM & PM, Flying & OJT in Sections 07 & 08 Mar 87 04 & 05 Apr 87 25 & 26 Apr 87 AFT 02-16 May 87 - Travis Field, Savannah, GA 16 & 17 May 87 UTA for CES ONLY CE AFT 12-28 Jun 87 - Germany 06 & 07 Jun 87 13-27 Jun 87 - Nellis AFB, NV RED FLAG 11 & 12 Jul 87 08 & 09 Aug 87 12 & 13 Sep 87 03 & 04 Oct 87 07 & 08 Nov 87 05 & 06 Dec 87

- 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 fatigues for Saturday, and lightweight blues or fatigues, unless otherwise indicated, for Sunday.
- 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

LAWRENCE A. COUSINS, Major, VaANG Base Services Officer

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## Join the Enlisted Association

New membership cards are now available for the Virginia Army/Air National Guard Enlisted Association and Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States. I urge all enlisted personnel to join.

The purpose of our association is to promote the status and professionalism of the Virginia National Guard. We do this by working with members of our Virginia General Assembly for increased benefits to make the Guard more attractive in terms of making it a career. Examples of our accomplishments are the distinctive automobile tags we enjoy at one-half the regular fee, and our National Guard Tuition Assistance Program. EANGUS pursued a bill through Congress which will make the commissary available 14 days a year to be used at times of a member's choosing rather than during AFT periods only. In this regard, as a member of the Association you should make a commitment to stay in touch with your local and national representatives who, in turn, influence these important issues.

The Conference Committee Roanoke is busy at work planning ...e best conference yet!! Friday night is Casino Night -Saturday, the Business Meeting - Saturday night, the Military Ball - Sunday morning, the Memorial Service. Rumor has it that the 329th Support Group is going to host a hospitality room that will top any in past years. Rumors indicate that MSG Eric Forehand (1st Vice President) is bringing a local beach band with him to perform throughout the conference. The 1987 Anrual Conference will be held at th Roanoke Marriot Hotel, 27-29 March 1987. There are many worthwhole activities being planned. Time your plans now to attend. It will be an excellent opportunity to become personally involved.

Contact TSgt Patti Stanley, your area representative, at x300/301, for information and membership applications.



Ever faithful. "Gen Itchy" attends memorial services for Major Bill Monahan, a VaANG pilot who perished in an A-7 crash in 1982.

## In memory of a legend

By MSG Ed Smith

On 12 January 1987 the Virginia Air National Guard lost one of its finest members. If personal accomplishments in life are measured by the lives you touch, it will be a long time before the impact of this life fades. This Guardsman's life story is truly one of rags to riches, but for now, the ending is painful for most

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General Itchy common on a rainy spring day in 1977. Und by Mitch Carter, Itchy was brought to the Security Police guard house in an attempt to save him from further harm. Approximately a year old, he was undernourished and infested with fleas in addition to having mange. Mitch covered the pup in used motor oil to eliminate the fleas and mange with some success. As a result of his appearance and incessant scratching, the pup was named "Itchy".

For a brief time, Itchy resided with the guards, specifically Mr. Mantlo, at night, and during the day visited with the base. The people in Maintenance took up a collection,

and Dennis Hendricks took Itchy to the veterinarian for his shots and check up. Itchy found his new home much to his liking. He could eat in every shop, exercise base wide, ride with the guys on the flightline, and rest under the watchful eyes of Paul Bentley at the AGE Shop.

Bentley at the AGE Shop.

Not long after, Itchy found Bobby Mantlo. Itchy adopted Bobby as his surrogate father, and Bobby enlisted Itchy into the Virginia Air Guard. The two became inseparable companions, and developed a love for each other that many of us will never have the fortune of experiencing.

Itchy's professional career spanned almost ten years. His accomplishments were many - Club 149 mouse exterminator (all except Roy), 192d TFG mascot, OIC of hall patrol for Operations, teacher for pilots on defense against aggressors (ask a certain IG team chief), and in charge of all official welcoming parties for visiting dignitaries. Although most of his service to the Air Guard was protection of the home front, Itchy did attend Annual Field Training in Savannah one year. In

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Itchy standing the quard.

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addition, he served as official path finder on all of the Air National Guard golf adventures. For his accomplishments, Itchy was promoted to the grade of "General of the Virginia Air Guard", and decorated with a collar of four stars. General Itchy still holds the record for the most number of "Slim Jims" consumed by one dog, in his weight category, at Club 149.

It should be important to all of us in the Virginia Air National Guard to recognize the passing of General Itchy. If I have presented him in more of a human light than animal, it is because Itchy was just that. All of us can take example from his dedication to the Guard, his love for the people that are the Virginia Air Guard, and his faithfulness to his companion, Bobby Mantlo. None of us can say we know everyone in the Air Guard, but everyone knew Itchy.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bobby Mantlo, and our heartfelt thanks to him for sharing Itchy with us, and allowing us to serve under him.



## Tuition assistance reduced

The Virginia National Guard Tuition Assistance Review Board has reduced the maximum tuition payment for a guardsman from \$300 to \$250 per semester. In addition, tuition requests for graduate courses and personal-interest courses have been denied for the spring semester.

The actions were taken because greater-than-expected demand for tuition assistance has depleted the money available for the program. As of December, about \$55,000 was available for tuition aid for the remainder of the fiscal year. Tuition requests totaled more than \$80,000. After the payment reductions were implemented, the total amount of approved payments dropped to \$53,000.

The assistance reductions are temporary. A new fiscal year begins 1 July, and new funding will be authorized for the tuition assistance program.

### **Benefits**

If you joined the military between 1 Jan 1977 and 30 Jun 1985, and have not enrolled in the Veterans Educational Assistance Program, time is running short.

Under the program, service members can contribute up to \$2,700 to their education fund. The government contributes \$2 for each \$1 the member puts into the fund, making a possible total of \$8,100. The money contributed by the government is not considered taxable income.

However, people who joined the military between 1 Jan 77 and 30 Jun 85, will lose their eligibility for those benefits if they do not enroll in the assistance program by the end of next month.

The program is the only educational benefit available to members who joined too late to be ligible for Vietnam-er. Wall life anefits, and too early for benefit eligibility under the new G.I. Bill. The new G.I. Bill began 1 Jul 85, as a three-year test program.

Many members of the military did not enroll under an earlier deadline of 30 Jun 85, in the belief that they could enroll in 1988 when the three-year test ended.

The Veterans Benefits Improvement and Health Care Authorization Act of 1986, which was passed by Congress on 28 Oct 86, contained the new deadline of 31 March. Officials say enrollments will not be accepted after that date.



SATURDAY Catholic Service 0930

SUNDAY General Protestant 0800

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

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 - 737-1527 Chaplain Smith's: Home - 796-1497 Office - 230-1325

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## Advisor's Report

By CMS Dave Lutz Senior Enlisted Advisor

The Senior NCO Academy still has space in two of their FY 87 classes: 28 May - 23 Jul cutoff 1 Mar 87 14 Aug - 8 Oct cutoff 15 May 87 For you senior NCOs, there is no

better time than now!

The 3% across-the-board pay raise that became effective on 1 Jan 87 still leaves active duty personnel about 8% behind current private sector wages. This disparity continues to hurt the Air Force as personnel leave to join the private sector. It does, however, help the Air Guard when we pick up these people and their experience!

The Air Force Sergeants Association has recently established a scholarship program that offers grants of \$500.00 to \$1000.00 for children of ANG members to attend college. Personnel interested can obtain application forms from the Educational Affairs Directorate at AFSA Headquarters, P.O. Box 31050,

Temple Hills, MD 20748.

Congress has passed legislation to permit members of the Guard and Reserve and their dependents to shop at military commissaries on days of their choice up to 14 times per year. As soon as the DOD completes the control program for this new benefit, you will be advised of the starting date and the parameters of

the program.

You all know the old saying that "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." If you are the "horse" and "PME" is the water and you are not "thirsty" for recognition and promotion, there is little I or anyone else can do but point out the rough trip you are going to have crossing the vast desert called "career"! Recent unit personnel retirements and UMD changes have opened up several positions for promotion and (would you believe) caught some otherwise

qualified personnel without the PME required for promotion into these positions!! In cases like this, the "horse" has to be replaced by "horse's posterior"! The word from the NGB is that budget restrictions are going to force a reduction in permitted unit promotions overages. It is, therefore, entirely possible that promotion opportunities lost now through negligence such as this will never recur.

### GI Bill benefits for CCAF

Extracted from ANGSC/TET MSG R152154Z Jan 87

Air National Guard members using GI Bill benefits to complete degree requirements for the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), will not be authorized benefits by the Veterans Administration unless the reservist's claim is accompanied by a certification of acceptance from CCAF for each course for which benefits are claimed. Reservists should send a request to CCAF/RRS, MSgt Clancy, Maxwell Air Base, Alabama 36112-6655. ATTN: Force Base, Each request must identify the course name and number and the school. A copy of VA Form 22-1999 prepared by the school's certifying official is acceptable. If there are any questions regarding this procedure, please contact MSqt Clancy at autovon 875-5800.

## College credit

College credit will be granted for graduates of the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science, the American Council on Education has announced.

Dr. Eugene J. Sullivan, council's associate director, has notified the ANG that four lower division (bachelor's/associate's degree) credit hours may be granted, based on a recent evaluation of the academy. The credit hours are three semester hours in management/leadership communication and one semester in defense studies. hour credit is retroactive to the inception of the academy in May 1971. The ANG Academy Mili

Military 01.3 Science was to provide precommissioning ... J to ANG officer candidates. It was the first Air Force precommissioning school to fully integrate male and female students into the same flights. In 1973, it became the first precommissioning school to use a female faculty advisor with an all-male flight.

The academy is located at the Air National Guard I.G. Brown Professional Military Education Center, McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, TN. Nearly 5,000 newly commissioned officers have graduated from the academy in its 15-year history.





#### TV WINNER

The winner of the TV recently given away by the VaANG Officer's Association was Kim Gossett. Kim is the daughter of Major David Gossett who is assigned to the Group. The winner of the Christmas turkey given away earlier was SSgt Patricia Bradley assigned to RMS.

Thanks to all of you for your sup-

port on this project.

VAANG RETIREE'S ASSOCIATION \*\* NEWS \*\*

There will be a meeting of the Virginia Air National Guard Retiree's Association on Wednesday, 18 February 1987 at 1900 in the State Headquarters conference room located adjacent to the club.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE - 8 FEBRUARY 1987**

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The Richmond Metropolitan Blood Service will conduct a blood drive Sunday, 8 February 1987 from 0800-1230. It will be held at the Weapons Release training room (Bldg 3633). Please donate if at all pos-The blood supply in the Richmond area has been at a very low level due to Christmas and New Year's holidays and the recent Call SMSgt Bobby McCormick Snows. on extension 312 for an appointment. Bring a friend with you if possible. Remember, only you can give the gift of life.

## Reece chosen Firefighter of the Year

By TSG Ed Kelleher

You would have thought SMSgt Monroe Reece had just committed an unpardonable sin instead of winning an award.

"I'm just so very, very embarrassed about this whole thing," Reece said sheepishly of his being named "Firefighter of the Year" in the 192d Tactical Fighter Group. "This was designed to recognize the achievements and dedication of other people in the fire department. I certainly never expected to get it."

Reece has good reason to be chagrined at winning the honor. He's the group's fire chief. Until last year he was full-time technician fire chief. He dreamed up the idea of the firefighter award nine years ago as a pat on the back for outstanding effort by his troops.

He could have designed the selection process in an autocratic way - fire chief picks the winner. But Reece made the selection democratic. The firefighters will know who works hardest among them, he figured. Let them decide.

So, in the 1986 voting, the fire-fighters decided on their boss.

"It was probably their way of saying 'good-bye,'" Reece said. "They're kicking me out of here pretty soon."

Reece, 57, has been a fireman with the Virginia Air National Guard since 1957. He retired last year as a full-time technician and expects to retire from the Air Guard this summer. He and his wife, Sara, live in western Hanover County. They have four grown children.



Senior Master Sergeant Clyde M. Reece



Pistol Team members pitcured above from left to right are: TSG Abe Easter, MSG Jim Stanley, SMS Jack Sandford, TSG Ray Bassetti, MSG Bobby Curtis, SRA Krag Cash, MSG R.K. Cash and MSG Earl Clark.

### Pistol team receives award

The Virginia Air National Guard Pistol Team recently captured first place in the Virginia Pistol League. This is the fourth year in a row the Virginia Air Guard Pistol Team has captured the award.

Other teams in the league included the Richmond Police Department, Philip Morris, and a number of local gun clubs.

According to the team captain of the event, TSgt Abe Easter, "We're proud to represent the unit at these matches. Our team members work hard to maintain proficiency and it shows."

Colonel Hartwell F. Coke, IV, said during ceremonies at the 11 January Expanded Staff Meeting, "These men really work hard. I know they appreciate all the help and co-operation they get from their commanders. This is only one of a number of awards they have won this year. We should all be very proud of their accomplishments".

#### 'Love never fails'

By Chaplain Charles Smith

February brings to mind Valentines Day and Valentines Day brings to mind "love". But, what is love?

Love is duty-whatever duty may require to accomplish a good thing. Love is peace. One must not cally be peaceful but to be peace of others. Love is sometimes pain. We must give up something that causes us pain because it is for the good of the greatest number.

Love is understanding that others do not have to forever explain their actions to us. Love is the courage to stand up for what one believes in. Love is faith. Faith in God, faith in self, and faith in others.

The epitome of love is found in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should never perish but have everlasting life." God is love and we can love others because He first loved us. Love does not command, it only serves as God showed us in His love for us.

## Recruiting contest winner

By SMS Charlie Udriet

THE ENVELOPE PLEASE...AND THE WINNER IS: TSgt Lloyd Meredith. Congratulations to Lloyd for the outstanding job he did during the recruiting contest held from 10 Nov to 19 Dec. 86. During this period Lloyd enlisted 8 individuals into the Virginia Air National Guard and became the recipient of a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond. Sgt Meredith said, "I'll give it to my son, for his future." Lloyd, who has been recruiting for the Virginia Air National Guard since April 1984, has been doing an excellent job, and we thank him for his recruiting efforts. We also thank the other recruiters for their contributions during the contest; MSgt Harrell, 7 enlistments; MSgt Fedorsak, 5 SSgt Whitaker, 5 enlistments; enlistments. All of you keep up the good work.

## Ellyson receives safety award

By MSG Gene Meek

MSgt Gerald G. Ellyson, 192 CAMS, has been selected to receive the 192d TFG Safety Award for the sixmonth period from 1 Jul through 31 Dec 1986.

Ellyson is assigned as a pneudraulics system mechanic. On 7 Aug 1986, an A-7 aircraft ground-aborted after the pilot discovered he did not have full forward travel of the control stick during flight control checks. While the crew chief was "feeling" the stick, the restriction "broke free" and no further restrictions could be felt. Ellyson was assigned the task of troubleshooting for the problem.

After inspecting the control system through all normal access points, Ellyson could not locate the binding problem. Not satisfied with the inspection results, he started removing other aircraft panels to expose other covered routes to the control rods. The additional effort revealed the problem.

The 90-degree cable clamp on the upper anti-collision light cannon plug had made contact with the pitch control or connecting link. Ellyson found that the rivet securing the arm assembly to the rod had made enough contact to drastically bend the bracket.

Recognizing a potential flight mishap situation, he initiated a fleet inspection of all assigned aircraft. The inspection revealed that 12 of 24 aircraft showed evidence of chaffing conditions, cannon plugs that were either improperly positioned, or loose 90-degree cable clamps which may turn and allow them to chaff.

Subsequent review of technical data revealed that the technical order installation procedures did not address the need to insure that the anti-collision light cannon plug and wiring are installed with clearance for the pitch control link and cable. An emergency tecnnical order was submitted and an interim order and safety supplement were issued for all A-7 units to inspect their aircraft for this potential flight safety problem.

SMSgt Gene A. Meek, safety shop supervisor, said Ellyson's actions and performance were a classic example of accident prevention - "identifying and correcting a problem before it becomes a mishap."

Valentine's Day Feb. 14



Pinky Whitehead, a participant in the 1987 Winter Special Olympics held at Wintergreen ski resort Jan 13-14, appears overcome by the thrill of competion as she prepares for a solo run. Ten members of the Virginia Air Guard worked as volunteers during the winter games. (Photo by Wallace Clark, Rich mond Newspapers Inc.)

### **Guard supports winter olympics**

By TSG Ed Kelleher

Jim Regan stopped SSgt Tom Foard in a doorway of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group hangar during the January drill and asked about the upcoming ski trip.

Some Guardsmen were meeting the next day in a parking lot on Broad Street, Foard said. Then they were heading straight for the slopes.

Sound like a good way to wind down from a hard month at work?

Maybe, but only if volunteering comes easy. Regan, Foard, eight other Air Guardsmen and some assorted friends and relatives were heading for three days of work-setting up, instructing, and helping to operate the 1987 Winter Special Olympics for mentally retarded children and adults.

"It's totally taxing, physically as well as mentally," said MSgt Wayne Hackett, one of the volunteers. "You've got to be happy. They tell you that the kids will become a mirror image of you." The volunteers had to be careful to project the best possible image at all times.

Hackett a. 577er. 7 G rer Guardsmen were at Wintergarn ski resort in Nelson County 12-14 Jan for a repeat engagement. They had also volunteered their assistance during last year's Winter Special Olympics. The winter games-like their summer counterpart-are sponsored by the Virginia Special Olympics, Inc.

Members of the 192d TFG have taken an active role in both sets of competitions in recent years.

Foard, Hackett, SMSgt Monroe Reece, MSgt Troy Springer, and a friend of Foard's arrived at Wintergreen early enough the afternoon of 12 Jan to form a team that delivered food to the houses and condominiums where all 254 Special Olympians were staying.

Others from the Guard were MSgt Steve Ingram, SSgt Barry Edds, SSgt Keith Joyce, TSgt Bob Taylor, and TSgt Lawson Osborne.

The next day, Tuesday, was devoted to skiing instruction.

Osborne and Taylor learned how to run the timing stations for the downhill and slalom races, while others in the Air Guard group taught the Special Olympians how to ski. Many of the youngsters and adult skiers were on skis for the first time.

They practiced in the morning and afternoon. And then, on Wednesday, they went for the gold.

"The main focus is competing, not winning," Hackett said. "These kids are just as much athletes as you and me, in their own way."

The results of the volunteer effort were gratifying and amazing, the Guardsmen said.

"It's tremendously satisfying," Hackett said. "When you have a kid who has a hard time with motor skills walking, and then at the end of a day he wins a gold medal skiing and you didn't think he could accomplish five yards of skiing."

"Instruction day had moments that try an instructor's patience," Springer said of his efforts to teach skiing to mentally retarded youngsters, however, he said, "it was very rewarding on race day."

Rewarding enough to go again next

"Oh, yeah," said Springer, the 192d TFG technician fire chiet. "You can count on it. As a matter of fact, I'm thinking of getting seven or eight guys from the fire department to go up as a team."

#### CIVIL RIGHTS BRIEFING

#### The Civil Rights Act of 1964

- 1. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 contains 11 major sub-parts, or titles. Three of these titles are of particular relevance to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.
- 2. Title II deals with public accommodations. Discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin is banned in:

a. Every inn, hotel, motel or place providing transient lodging.

- b. Restaurants, cafeterias, lunch rooms, lunch counters, soda fountains or facilities principally engaged in selling food for consumption on the same premises.
  - c. Gasoline stations.
- . d. Motion picture houses, theaters, concert halls, sports arenas, stadiums or places of exhibition or entertainment.
- e. Any establishment located on the same premises as any of the foregoing and which is serving the patrons thereof.
- f. The Act covers establishments in 2b, c, and d, depending upon whether they serve interstate travelers or whether a substantial portion of their products cross any state line.
- 3. Title III deals with publicly or governmentally owned facilities, other than schools. It authorizes the Attorney General to bring suit to end the prohibited discrimination or segregation.
- 4. Title IV deals with discrimination or segregation in public education. The United States Commissioner of Education is charged with making appropriate surveys. The Attorney General is authorized, upon complaint from an individual, to bring suit to end the prohibited discrimination or segregation.
- 5. Title VI deals with nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs. The National Guard operates upon a nondiscriminatory basis in compliance with this title. Any person may file a written complaint with the appropriate State official or the Chief, National Guard Bureau, or both if he or she believes that discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin is being practiced within any National Guard program that is subject to the provisions of this title.

#### Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs Briefing

The purpose of this regulation is to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and DOD Directive 5500.11.

The regulation, ANGR 30-12, states that an icap.

In may be excluded from or denied benefits of any program because of race, ex, national origin, age or handicap.

If you feel you have been discriminated against, you should file a complaint with your unit commander or see your social actions officer within 90 days of the alleged violation. He will forward it to the Adjutant General if it is not resolved at unit level.

The injured party may file the complaint himself, or it may be filed on his behalf by a representative. A group may also file through a representative. If the complaint is not satisfied at unit level, it is forwarded to the Adjutant General; if the Adjutant General cannot resolve it, the Chief, NGB, is notified, and he is the final authority.

If a state is held at fault and does not comply with this regulation, it is grounds for terminating all federal assistance to the state.

Anyone feeling that he has a valid complaint should see his social actions representative.