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LtCol Bob Seifert, who has not had the best of luck this year with vehicles, resignedly cleans glass from his car in the wake of last month's freak storm.

Storm hits ANG base

By Major Sally Morger

"WE COULD SEE IT COMING ACROSS THE AIRFIELD, RIGHT TOWARD US."

"I NEVER KNEW PALLETS COULD FLY."

"I THOUGHT ALL THE NOISE WAS HAIL. IT WAS STONES HITTING THE CARS."

"IT REALLY DID SOUND LIKE A TRAIN."

Shortly after 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6, a violent storm hit Sandston and the Virginia Air National Guard's facilities at Richmond International Airport. The storm passed quickly, but left dozens of car windows shattered, scores of trees snapped or uprooted, and the base without electricity.

One structure, a storage shed, was seriously damaged. Of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group's A-7D aircraft parked on the ramp, one suffered dents from a flapping canopy. No people were injured, amazing considering it was a training weekend with about 1,000 people on base, many of whom were outside for a mobility exercise.

Was it a tornado? Lt. Col. "Nat" Williams of the Air Guard's 200th Weather Flight says it's hard to tell. "We had many trees uprooted which suggests very strong but certainly directional winds," he says. "But we also had a few trees snapped off six to eight feet from the ground. And that's typical of tornado winds." Williams says it's possible a tornado played touch-and-go, hopping from spot to spot around base.

In nearby Sandston, several trees fell directly on homes. But on base, there were no direct hits, only two close calls. One was at petroleum oil and lubrication (POL) where a very large tree fell parallel to the building, blocking the front door. At the medical and dining facility, another huge tree conveniently fell into the "V" formed by the two perpendicular wings of the building. Other trees, such as the row of cedars in the 149 Club parking lot, stood the force of the storm but were stripped of their bark on one side.

Small stones blown from buildings' tar and gravel roofs accounted for many of the nicks, dents, and broken windows on about 30 cars.

Serious structural damage was limited to supply's open storage shed. The two end walls of the three-sided cinder block shed blew out, damaging several nearby cars. Other minor damage occurred on the roof of the shed near the flightline, and to the gutters of the POL building.

Thanks to the combined efforts of people in communications, supply and civil engineering, few signs of the storm were evident by the next day. According to 192d

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Commanders Column

Congrats to the '89 Gunsmoke Shootoff Team

This group did an outstanding job at the '89 shootoff held recently in Ohio. Their extremely close second place finish against a formidable New Mexico team, bolstered by weeks of flying in clear New Mexico skies and new computer (LANA) equipped and configured aircraft, was a great achievement. The shootoff team also lost three of their primary aircraft to the recent A7D grounding which meant they had to fly backup aircraft.

Their performance was truly exceptional. When you see them give them a hearty Virginia Air Guard "Well Done." They deserve it.

** Bulletin **

We are just eight training periods, four days and two UTAs away from the upcoming unit evaluation inspection (UEI) and twelve training periods, six days and three UTAs away from our deployment to Norway. I don't want you to get over confident during the next few weeks because although we are used to quality work day in and day out, we can't rest on our past performance. This year's inspection measures this year's performance. Granted, our past performance has kept us ready for constant challenge, so there shouldn't be a lot of additional effort required to get ready for the UEI. We're ready always.

And that "ready always" attitude was evident during the mobility exercise conducted at the May 6 UTA. I saw a lot of professionalism. I know that these exercises aren't the equivalent of an afternoon at Kings Dominion. However, they are the first step in the process that transitions us from peacetime to wartime and they are designed to protect you and your family.

Preparing to deploy a force of nearly a thousand troops and 24 aircraft is no minor undertaking. Thanks for a job well done.

RETIREEES MEET

There will be a retiree's association meeting on Jun 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Club 149.

JUNE'S COMSEC SLOGAN

Communications security. It's just what it says - security of our communications. Practice it.

SATURDAY

Catholic Service
0930

SUNDAY

General Protestant
0800

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

Your Chaplain, LtCol Xel Sant'Anna, is available to you and your family 24 hours a day. Do not hesitate to call him if you think he can help or assist you in any way. Chaplain Sant'Anna's telephone numbers are:

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Storm...



POL building sustains minor roof damage - big scare for occupants.

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Civil Engineering Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Nelson Whitt, at least 45 people from his unit alone stayed on base until 8 p.m. that night cleaning up.

As soon as the storm blew over, Whitt said the first order of business was moving a tree that had fallen across Beulah Road between the two base gates. With a chain saw and front end loader, the engineers moved the tree and freed traffic, a problem compounded by "quitting time" for both the Air Guard and the Army Guard's aviation folks up the road.

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Volunteers needed to support American Council of the Blind

By 1Lt Woody

The 1989 annual convention for the American Council of the Blind will be held in Richmond, July 1-8. There will be between 2,500 - 3,500 blind and visually impaired conventioners and 80-100 exhibitors in the Richmond Centre.

The Air National Guard has volunteered to handle the arrival and departure of conventioners thru Richmond International Airport. Volunteers will be needed for the 29th and 30th of June and 1,2,7,8 and 9 July. Approximately thirty people will be required to work varying shifts and days to escort conventioners from their planes

Whitt's people then moved a generator to the operations and training building so communications personnel could operate the telephone switch board for the base. Electrical outage was due to trees falling across lines off base. Engineers also installed a pump in the basement of the small arms training building where flooding threatened weapons stored there. As an additional precaution, Amns Mathew Crawford and Leslie Mega volunteered to monitor the pumping operation until the danger of flooding no longer existed. Engineers also checked the pumps of the aircraft arresting system on the runway and found them working. The pumps automatically drain rain water from the system's eight-foot-deep concrete pits.

Overall, according to 192d commander Lt. Col. "Bill" Rose, "The Air Guard got off lucky. We could have had a lot more damage and we are very fortunate that nobody was injured." The most irreplaceable loss was a pair of oaks that stood side by side near the taxiway on the north side of the base. Though their age is unknown, the oaks were probably mature in Civil War days. One story alleges that during the Battle of Sandston, Union soldiers tethered hot air balloons to the oaks so they could observe the Confederates, who were in the area of the present-day civilian terminal. In more recent history, the trees are said to have served as a trysting place. The oaks, having earned their place in local folklore, are now sadly gone with the wind.

* * * * * thru the terminal building to the luggage area and then to different modes of transportation.

If you are willing to help out with this worthwhile project please contact Col John Shurley, ext 368 or 1Lt Michael Woody, ext 386 as soon as possible.

Deserving airmen promotion requests

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 1989. 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 CMSgt Norman or MSgt Rollings, CBPO, ext 310/381.

New Mexico edges Virginia in 9th AF Shootout

The 150th Tactical Fighter Group, New Mexico Air National Guard, won the 1989 Rickenbacker Revival and earned the right to represent 9th Air Force A-7 units this fall in Gunsmoke '89.

Virginia's 192d Tactical Fighter Group finished a strong second, 267 points behind the winner. The 150th scored 4789.25 to the 192d's 4522.75.

The Rickenbacker Revival, held at the end of April at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, was this year's version of the 9AF A-7 Shootout. The winning New Mexico team will compete this fall in Gunsmoke '89 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Every two years, the top bombing and gunnery squadrons in the Air Force and Air National Guard meet at Nellis to select a champion.

In 1985, the 192TFG won the 9AF Shootout and went on to win the Vought Trophy as the world's best A-7 unit at the '85 Gunsmoke competition. The 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker won the 9AF Shootout in 1987 and earned the right to host this year's event.

The 192TFG contingent consisted of five pilots and 45 support personnel. The pilots were Lt. Col. Bill Jones, team captain and commander of the 149th Tactical Fighter Squadron; Maj G.T. Alexander, Maj. Max Maxfield, and Capt. Bill Busby. The backup pilot was 1Lt. Bobby Sandford.

Lt.Col. Dave Fisk, the unit's Air Force advisor, was a judge for the event. Lt. Col. Harold Yeary was the team's maintenance officer, and SMSgt Jim Gwaltney was the non-commissioned officer in charge of maintenance.

"I was extremely proud to be part of our team," Jones said. "Everyone did a great job, and the whole team can be pleased with their efforts."

Jones gave credit to the host unit -- in particular Lt. Col. Tom Pape -- for their role as hosts. "Rickenbacker did an outstanding job of hosting the event," he said. "From our perspective, the only thing they could have done to make it better for our unit was to ensure a win for Virginia."

The other three competing units were Ohio ANG units -- the 180TFG, third place; the 178TFG, fourth place; and the 121TFW, fifth place.

In the quest for the Top Gun award, the 192d's Alexander finished third with 1199.75 points, 61.25 points behind the Top Gun, Maj. Jake McGuire of the 150TFG, and 0.5 behind McGuire's teammate, Lt. Col. Cato Williams.

Alexander took top honors in strafing and Maxfield took second.

BASE UNITS CONDUCT ANNUAL FITNESS TESTING AND WEIGH-INS

192 RMS

The 192 RMS will perform the required annual physical fitness run/walk during the June 1989 UTA. Supervisors will have the option of scheduling their assigned personnel to conduct this run/walk at either 0900 or 1500, Saturday, 10 Jun. Additionally, all personnel will be required to have their weight checked. Supervisors will be responsible for ensuring unit members participating in split UTAs complete these two requirements.

192 TFG

Physical fitness testing will be done during June's UTA. Coordinate with TSgt Barry Coleman on ext. 301 for time and place. Don't forget to bring necessary clothing.

Who can obligate the government?

By MSgt Donald Duke

Only those persons duly appointed as contracting officers are authorized to issue contracts, or otherwise obligate the government, for the purchase of supplies or services. Individuals appointed to these positions are responsible only for their own acts and are prohibited from ratifying the unauthorized acts of others.

Don't jeopardize your military career by engaging in unauthorized contracting procedures!

Officer applications being accepted

By MSgt John Rollings

The CBPO is currently accepting applications from individuals who are interested in obtaining a commission in the unit. The 192 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 Oct). 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:

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

***EDUCATION:** A bachelors degree is desired. Waivers of education will be considered.

***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. Required qualifying score requirements will be explained by a CBPO representative. Deadline for submission of application is 1 July 1989. 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 MSgt Rollings, ext 381.

COMSEC telephone monitoring

All telephones on this installation are owned by the Department of Defense (DOD) and are provided for transmitting official government communications and are subject to COMSEC telephone monitoring according to AFR 56-8.

The use of DOD telephones constitutes consent by the user to COMSEC telephone monitoring.

Air Guard A-7D fleet suffers wing problems

By Maj. Frank McNally

On April 24 the Air National Guard A-7D and A-7K aircraft were restricted from flight pending an inspection concerning possible wing cracks. Since that time the 192d TFG's A-7 fleet has been inspected and a number of aircraft have been identified as having cracks in the wings. Currently ten of the units' aircraft are flyable under the imposition of current restrictions. Plans are being developed in cooperation with Air Force Logistics Command to prepare a fix for the problem.



TSgts Jim Regan (left) and Roger Lovern of the 192 CAMS NDI Lab inspect local aircraft wing.

According to Lt. Col. Bill Rose, commander of the 192d TFG, "While the wing cracks, which are microscopic and in most cases not visible to the naked eye, do pose a hazard, they would not restrict the use of the A-7 in combat conditions. However, under peacetime flying conditions, we don't want to take any risks and therefore have suspended flying those aircraft that have been identified as having a crack."

A depot field team from the Sacramento Air Logistics Center will be visiting each of the affected units and re-inspecting the affected aircraft.

Lt. Col. Rose said, "The immediate problem faced with the shortfall in available aircraft will be pilot proficiency and training. However, by working with both aircrews and maintenance on scheduling we should be able to keep everyone current."



SMSgt "Skip" Springer (Right) of the 192 CES Fire Dept. and SSgt Mike Childrey (Left) of 192 RMS are two of seven Virginia Guardsmen who recently competed in a national marathon.

Virginia guardsmen in national competition

By TSgt Fred Fontenot

Even in the flat country of Lincoln, Nebraska, running 26.2 miles is still running 26.2 miles!!

Seven National Guardsmen from Virginia found this out on May 7 while competing in the Lincoln annual marathon. The marathon hosted 1305 participants, including 450 guardsmen from around the nation. The guardsmen competed in hopes of gaining membership on the Guard's national team.

Representing Virginia were 2 Air Guardsmen, SMSgt Skip Springer and SSgt Mike Childrey, and 5 Army Guardsmen from around the state.

Skip Springer posted the best time for the Virginia team: 3 hours 2 minutes, while Mike Childrey was right on his heels at 3 hours 27 minutes.

The top three times for each state team is used for standings. Virginia time was 9 hours 27 minutes, but the winning team time was 8 hours 16 minutes, and the individual best time was 2 hours 24 minutes, posted by a Utah Guardsman.

SSgt Mike Childrey has been competing in Guard marathons for a number of years, and SMSgt Skip Springer competed for his first year. Each compete in the 18-40 year category, but there is also a 40+ category.

The word is out - the Virginia Guard marathon team is actively seeking additional members. At least two more marathons are scheduled for this year. Information about becoming a member of the team can be obtained from SMSgt Springer at the Fire Department. Hints for qualifying - run 40-50 miles per week for at least 4 months prior to any marathon and be willing to run around a lot! Congratulations to our Guardsmen for a job-well-run, and best wishes for many more good races. Remember, the Guard does want additional members and will welcome newcomers with running feet!

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Checkered Flag?

By 1Lt Michael Woody
192 MSS Checkered Flag Trng Monitor

What is the TAC Checkered Flag program? It is a TAC readiness program established for the purpose of preparing TAC and TAC gained units to deploy, regenerate and employ from an assigned wartime beddown with minimum delay.

Each unit's program is tailored to unique unit requirements and capabilities as determined by deployed occupational capability statements, aircraft and the Checkered Flag training base itself.

Within the Mission Support Squadron the training covers such areas as the weather within the area of operations, intelligence involving the current threat, customs, courtesies, living conditions, facilities, accommodations, disaster preparedness concerns, medical and mobility considerations.

Since all personnel may be required to fill a mobility position on short notice, everyone will receive this training annually. The term Checkered Flag is unclassified, but the association of training bases to beddown bases or Checkered Flag training to contingency plans is SECRET.

The Checkered Flag program is a viable program. By knowing what lays ahead, and tackling any problems before hand, it will make our jobs a lot easier if and when we actually deploy.



SECURITY EDUCATION/MOTIVATION PROGRAM

UEI is coming up. It's time to bone up on security procedures. Below are a few items to assist in meeting security responsibilities. SECURITY is NOT limited to security police - - it is everones responsibility.....

1. UP CHANNEL REPORTING: There are two up-channel reports --- HELPING HAND and COVERED WAGON.

a. HELPING HAND: This is an unclassified telephone message sent rapidly up the chain of command informing higher headquarters that an unusual incident, possibly hostile and affecting priority resources has been detected at the base.

b. COVERED WAGON: This is an unclassified telephone report sent up the same channel as a Helping Han. The report informs higher headquarters that an unusual incident, probably or actually hostile, and affecting priority resources has occurred at the base.

2. What telephone number is used at Richmond IAP to report a Helping Hand/Covered Wagon?

320

3. What Restricted Area numbers are open (used) at Richmond IAP on the AF Form 1199 to designated restricted areas?

- a. Area 3 Open - 192TFG Command Post.
- b. Area 4 Open - Priority C Aircraft Parking Area.
- c. Area 8 Open - Priority B Aircraft Parking Area.

4. What does the large letter "E" on the restricted area badge mean to you?

ESCORT - Individual has been designated as an Escort Official for the area open beside the "E".

5. Who is your unit/agency security manager?

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|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 192CAMS ----- | MSG Taylor | 192MSF ----- | TSG Trice |
| 149TFS ----- | CPT Swetnam | 192CES ----- | MSG Siford |
| 192TFG ----- | MSG Weis | Hq ANG ----- | SMS Udriet |
| TAC Clinic ---- | SMS Sager | 192RMS ----- | CPT Wood |
| 192MSS ----- | CPT Barker | 192WSSF ----- | SMS Sandford |

----- PICK ONLY ONE-----

CHECK THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS HANDOUT FOR ACTIONS TO TAKE IF YOU OBSERVE AN UNUSUAL INCIDENT OR UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL WITHIN A RESTRICTED AREA.

STEPS IN REPORTING A HELPING HAND & COVERED WAGON



IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT -- TAKE ACTION

IT IS EASIER TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU TOOK ACTION THAN IT IS TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU DIDN'T

YOUR
INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES
IN THE SECURITY REPORTING/
ALERTING SYSTEM ARE:

- I. DETECT hostile ground actions against operational resources.
- II. ALARM the security force by any means.
- III. DETAIN unauthorized person in restricted area.
- IV. ALERT persons in immediate area.