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Did you know?

The 200th Weather Flight recently moved from Langley AFB to Richmond IAP. They are now located in bldg. 2749 (the old barracks bldg.). The telephone numbers are 435 and 564.



May UTA mobility exercise

Dates: May UTA -- Saturday, May 6
Sunday, May 7

Mobility Concept

Briefing: Saturday, May 6, 0830
Bldg. 2749 - Annex
Late Arrivals Not
Admitted

Load 1: Processing at 1030
C-141 departs at 1430

Uniform of Day: **Fatigues/BDUs.**
All personnel will process with web belt and canteen, helmet, gas mask, and chemical warfare training ensemble. Personal baggage will be simulated.

Passenger Pickup: In front of Supply.

Exercise will be placed "on hold" at 1645 Saturday and will resume at 0730 Sunday. It will continue until terminated by the group commander or group mobility officer. Safety is paramount.

State hosts Virginia Day

By LtCol Campenni

How many Virginians does it take to change a light bulb? The answer to that comes later, but a couple of dozen of them sure brightened up the Air National Guard Support Center with a "Virginia Day" reception at the Andrews AFB, Md. facility on April 21st.

Approximately fifty Guardsmen from all the commonwealth's units hosted over 300 ANGSC and National Guard Bureau personnel and several visiting dignitaries. Remarks by Virginia's Senator John Warner highlighted the formalities of the day.

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VaANG softball

Anyone interested in playing softball for the Virginia Air Guard please contact MSgt Tiny Lund, ext. 491.

Commander's column



LtCol Bill Rose

It is with great pride that I take command of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group. This unit has a long history filled with accomplishments, and you, the men and women of the 192 TFG, make it all happen. Your professional approach to the job, your "we-are-the-best" attitude, and your dedication to the team effort are the reasons we enjoy a reputation for outstanding performance.

While there are plenty of individual heroes day in and day out, we succeed as a unit because you recognize that every person, every job is essential to the accomplishment of our mission.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families of our members for their patience and understanding. It requires a great sacrifice of family time on your part. We pledge to make your sacrifice worthwhile.

I look forward to working with each of you and assisting you in attaining your goals in the 192 TFG.

Mandatory direct deposit

The Accounting and Finance Center at Denver has advised that implementation procedures for direct deposit of military pay are expected to be finalized this month.

Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, retired military, and military re-enlistees are scheduled to start the mandatory direct deposit program on Aug. 1. Active duty Air Force personnel are scheduled to begin on June 1.

Civilian employees -- including military air technicians -- should be issued an Aug. 1 startup date, but this depends on local bargaining obligations.

Updates will be published as they are received by Accounting and Finance.

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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Virginia Day.....

Senator Warner, a strong proponent of defense preparedness and an active supporter of the men and women in the armed services, reflected on his service in the Navy, Marines, and Marine Corps Reserve. He stressed the importance of the National Guard in helping to maintain the security of the United States, especially in these days of declining budgets. Especially well received by the assembled Virginians and guests were his recognition of the accomplishments of the Virginia Air Guard and his personal interest in modernizing the weapons systems and equipment it would have to use if called upon.

Prior to introducing Senator Warner to the guests, Virginia's Adjutant General, MG John Castles, presented a silver plaque to Air National Guard Director, MG Phil Killey, in appreciation for the assistance provided by the Support Center and the National Guard Bureau to the state.

Many of the guest personnel from the Support Center remarked that the affair was one of the best "state days" they had attended. The nearly two dozen volunteers who arranged the reception and prepared the tasty Virginia delicacies and refreshments "put on a class act", to quote an ANGSC representative. BG Al Washington, state Adjutant General for Air and official host for the day received many compliments from the guests and dignitaries, and expressed special thanks to all of those who helped make Virginia Day the great success it was. He remarked that the face to face contacts made during the business part of the day preceding the festivities and the social mixing during the reception will pay dividends to the state later on.

Perhaps the success of the day was best summed up by a comment from one of the ANGSC executive staff in a follow-up telephone conversation, when he said "we're gonna set aside another day in June to try and get you Virginians back".

Oh - the answer to how many Virginians to change that light bulb - don't know! They're so naturally bright that they don't need lights.

Retirees dinner meeting

There will be a free steak dinner for all association members and their spouses at 1900, 11 May 89, at Club 149. A regular meeting will follow. Please make plans to attend.

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Retirement ceremony held for Brig. Gen. Mattox

During a retirement ceremony April 8, Brig. Gen. Alvah S. Mattox Jr., was awarded both the U.S. Air Force and Virginia National Guard Legion of Merit.

Citing outstanding contributions made toward aircraft modernization, retention and recruiting, and improved relationships with elected federal and state officials, Maj. Gen. John G. Castles, Virginia's adjutant general, presented Mattox with the awards along with thanks for his many years of service.

A pilot with more than 14,000 flying hours, General Mattox retires after a 35-year military career -- 29 years of them with the Virginia Air National Guard.

Others receiving awards included Col. Nicholas P. Valdrighi, MSgt. John L. Johnson, Maj. William J. Schwartz Jr., Maj. Ray A. Turner Jr., MSgt. William C. Edwards Jr., TSgt. Neal S. Woods, CMSgt. Herbert L. Buttner, and Sgt. Krag-Stevens Cash.



Annual field training - It could have been worse

By SRA Carshena Walker

Savannah, Georgia has been home to annual field training for the Virginia Air National Guard for more than 25 years. This year, in my second deployment to Travis Field just north of Savannah, I gained a new-found knowledge of our unit and the role we play in the total force.

If I were to tell my civilian friends that annual field training had been thrilling, exciting and adventurous, they would most likely reply, "Sure, Car, we know."

But they really don't know. This year I worked at the base operations office and learned what it takes to plan flight training missions. I didn't know until recently that pilots spend nearly three times as much time planning a mission as flying it. Also, the coordination needed between our fighters, the local tower and airport personnel, and the people at the range surprised the heck out of me. From my office in the O&T building at Byrd Field, I figured that you just kicked the tires, lit the fire, and went. That's not the case at all.

In addition to working in Ops, I attended classes on subjects ranging from drug and alcohol abuse to human relations and awareness training. A variety of courses was offered to keep Guardsmen and women up to date on current Air Force

programs. It was like being back in school -- but I learned a lot.

The highlight of "summer camp" came when I was offered a ride on an Arizona Air Guard KC-135 tanker. That unit had deployed to Savannah to assist our pilots by providing them an airborne gas station. That was a great flight.

While in the tanker, I witnessed air-to-air refueling of our A-7s, received a thorough briefing on flight operations, saw what a beautiful world it is from the cockpit of a KC-135, and watched the landing from the boomer's position. I found that everyone in the Guard is important, and that other units like our own must perform their missions if we are to accomplish ours.

I crammed a lot of learning into the two weeks of training at Savannah, but it wouldn't be right for me to write this story without at least mentioning some off-time activities. I mean, some of you were there, and this story wouldn't have any credibility at all if I didn't mention THE PARADE and THE DAY.

So here it is. Yes, I went to the St. Patrick's Day parade, saw the green river and green fountains, watched the bands and floats, and sang a couple of Irish songs. I mean, what else is Savannah for on St. Patrick's Day but for pretending to be Irish? And I can truthfully report that I wasn't alone in that experience. Thousands of others were jamming the streets. It was a real experience.

With the opportunity to learn new things at Travis Field and fly in another unit's aircraft, I can truly say annual field training was a great experience for me.

One of the highlights was the farewell party, planned by our unit and the Georgia and Arizona Air Guard units. It was fun, and the food was good.

But more importantly, it showed me an outstanding characteristic of Guard life -- the relationship we in the Virginia Air Guard share with our fellow Guardsmen and women across the nation. It's a key relationship, because we have something in common -- a desire to serve our country, earn a few bucks, make some friends, and learn new things. And there's no better way to confirm it than by sharing two weeks of working, training and playing together.

Annual field training in Savannah. It was boss!

Children's fair - we need your help

By SMSgt Bob Walton

June is fast approaching and you're thinking of all the summer time activities you'll want to enjoy. Consider one more. The first weekend in June will be the annual telethon and fair. The fair will be Sunday, June 4, on the lawn in front of the Children's Hospital on Brook Road. We need you to attend and give us your support and help.

The fair has grown over the years and each year we need more help. But, the best part, our support and contributions have helped a lot of kids realize a miracle. All funds (100%) go to help these kids. From the entertainers to the game booth operators, the time, money and talents are given to this cause. I'm not going to tell you that hard work is not involved. It is! On the other hand, we have fun at the same time and get that good feeling of having a part in helping others.

This is a family affair and all are invited to participate in the games, entertainment, displays and prizes. Live entertainment all afternoon, food and refreshments, games of chance (basketball, darts, sand treasure, wheel of fortune, etc.) displays (203rd's dozer and crane ride, custom cars, pony rides, animals, computers, fire and rescue units, scuba divers, gasoline powered remote controlled cars and 4X4s) and much more. Something for all ages.

Contact me for further information. Better yet, talk to those who have attended and worked the fair before.

Don't forget, June 4th, 1 PM to 6 PM on the lawn at Children's Hospital, Brook Road. We can always use the help to set up Saturday and early Sunday.

My thanks to the Retiree's Association and the 203rd Red Horse for already giving their support. Come on 192nd, it's our time!

For further information and to volunteer please call me on ext. 373 or 541.



192TFG to receive support aircraft

The Virginia Air Guard is slated to receive a C-26A later this year.

The C-26A is a derivative of the Fairchild Aircraft Corporation's Metro 3 turboprop aircraft, used extensively by commuter airlines in the U.S. and abroad, that has been modified for military use.

The aircraft, which is configured to seat 18 passengers, will be used primarily as a utility and VIP transport. The seats can be removed, however, and the aircraft converted quickly for litter-carrying medivac or all cargo/freight missions. The aircraft will also be used to help support local and state law enforcement officials.

Special olympics volunteers needed

By TSgt Charlie Martin

On behalf of Virginia Special Olympics I want to thank everyone in the Virginia Air Guard and their families who have helped with the summer or winter olympics. Everyone who has been involved with the Special Olympics knows the joy that comes from helping these athletes achieve their goals.

Each year we get more involved and are asked to take on a bigger role. Hundreds of volunteers from companies all over the Richmond area help with these games. This year we need at least 40 volunteers Friday evening, June 2 to help with opening ceremonies. About the same number are needed Saturday, June 3 to help with the field and track events.

If you can help, or have friends or family who would like to help, please contact Charlie Martin, 222-8884, ext. 484, or Jim Regan, ext. 346.

Enlistments

AB	Daryl Pretlow	203 CEF HR
Sgt	Darryl Riddle	203 CEF HR
Sgt	Christopher Fox	203 CEF HR
Sgt	Karl Porter	192 RMS
Sgt	Walter White	203 CEF HR
SRA	Rita Mattera	192 MSS
AB	John Clark	192 CAMS
SSgt	Lowell Pado	192 RMS
SRA	Willie Jordan	203 CEF HR
SSgt	Leonard Dean	192 RMS
Sgt	David E. Scott	192 CES
AIC	David Greene	203 CEF HR

Promotions

To MSgt

James A. Johnson	192 TAC CI
Thomas G. McIntyre	192 CAMS
Kenneth R. Whitlock	192 CAMS

To SRA

Twila C. Butts	200 WEF
Michael P. Boseman	192 CAMS

Discount tickets for the "Old Country"

By TSgt Barb Odom

Busch Gardens officially opened for the 1989 season on 25 March. Weekend only operation continues through 12 May when the park begins its daily operating schedule.

Busch Gardens, the Old Country, is a 360-acre family entertainment park featuring eight authentic European hamlets and is located three miles east of Williamsburg, Va. It is a one-hour drive from Norfolk and Richmond.

This year also marks the 5th birthday of the famed "BIG BAD WOLF". Many new shows and strolling entertainers will debut during the Old Country's 15th season.

Discount tickets may be purchased by Air National Guard personnel for \$15.75 each. Regular admission price is \$19.95 - a savings of \$4.20. For discount tickets, personnel should contact TSgt Barb Odom, ext. 436. Plan now for fun-filled days at Busch Gardens.

Just another great benefit offered to our members that we should utilize and appreciate!

You, too, can join AFA!

By Col. Sandy Sharpe, Vice Commander
354th TFW, Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.

The Air Force Association's annual membership drive is under way.

The AFA is a national, nonprofit organization that fights for a strong national defense all across our country through a variety of public information programs.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Larry D. Welch said in a recent statement endorsing the AFA, "The association's efforts to educate the American people are especially vital considering the public's changing perception of the threat to our national security."

The association is in a unique position to help all of us since it has more than 350 chapters, with at least one chapter in every state. There are also several AFA chapters overseas. They provide a civilian-military forum, which exists through no other organization, to build support for our needs.

Membership in the AFA is open to all Air Force and Air National Guard people, officers and enlisted. It's the only organization that represents the entire Air Force family. Additionally, many people may be unaware that our friends in the local community also are eligible to join.

CMSgt James Binnicker, chief master sergeant of the Air Force, recently said, "As professionals in the Air Force, it's our duty to stay abreast of the daily issues that affect how we do our jobs. The AFA provides us with some of the tools to do just that -- the annual AFA convention and the monthly AFA magazine."

In addition, AFA members are eligible for several low-cost group insurance programs, an automobile lease program, car rental discounts, an AFA Visa card, an employment transition service, as well as numerous opportunities to work with all elements of the Air Force family and community leaders to solve problems and effect change.

The membership drive, which began April 17, continues through May 26. See Col. John Shurley for details on joining.

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For the love of liberty, practice good communications security.

Customer service corner

This is the fifth in a series of questions and answers dealing with the following subjects: Death gratuity, burial flags, and funeral detail units (pall bearers, bugler, colors, and firing squad detail).

Q: Under what criterion will the death gratuity be paid to the surviving spouse and/or dependents of a Reservist or Air/Army Guardsman?

A: The key to this question is that the deceased member must have died while he/she was performing active duty (AD), active duty for training (ADT) or as a result from performing this ADT or AD.

Q: What is the sum amount of this particular benefit, who is the authority, and what is the time limit for payment?

A: The sum total of this benefit is equal to 6 months pay of the deceased, not less than \$800, nor more than \$3,000. The authority for payment is the member's unit major command. For Virginia Air Guardsmen our major command is the Tactical Air Command (TAC), Langley AFB, Virginia. The gratuity is given to the deceased veteran's spouse, children, and those designated by the veteran - parents, brothers or sisters. Please allow for a reasonable period of time (45 to 60 days). If time has elapsed, please contact the major command to which the deceased was assigned. For a death relating to specified causes from performing the ADT or AD, payment is payable within 120 days after the fact.

Q: How is the American flag obtained prior to burial?

A: The easiest way to obtain an American flag to be draped over the casket is to provide a copy of the deceased member's DD Form 214 along with death certificate to the designated mortician who will go through the U.S. Post Office or VA Office. Even if a DD Form 214 is not available at the time of burial, the mortician has an available source. In cases where the deceased was missing in action and presumed dead, the VA will issue a flag upon request.

Q: As the widow/widower or dependents, must I make a request for a military funeral detail to be present for the services prior to burial and at the grave site?

A: The misperception is that no request has to be made for any single or combination of components comprising a military funeral detail. The widow/widower or dependents must request one of the four components or a combination of: bugler, pall bearers, seven-person firing detail. There is an exception: Colors will be provided upon request for retired active duty personnel, retired Reservists and Guardsmen, and for a deceased Reservist or Guardsman whose death occurred while performing federal active duty, active duty for training or resulted from the performance of active duty/active duty for training.



Chief Engels receives EGR award

On March 7, 1989 Colonel Richard G. Engels, Chief of Police, Henrico County, was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Department of Defense for his continuing support as an employer of members of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group, Virginia Air National Guard. The presentation was made in the chief's office at the Public Safety building of the Henrico Government Center. Making the presentation was MSgt (Ret) Charles W. Desper, former NCOIC of the 192 WSSF.

Memorial Day

May 29, 1989

Firefighters visit Florida

By SRA Dave Bickel

HOMESTEAD AFB, Florida -- In almost everybody's opinion, there are worse places to be in February than southern Florida.

For SMSgt Troy Springer and 13 of his firefighters from the 192d Civil Engineering Squadron, southern Florida meant Homestead AFB and two weeks of hard work (with a few minutes here and there to enjoy the local landscape.)

Homestead was a choice place for a two-week deployment because of its constant alert missions -- drug interdiction and defense against potential intrusions by Cuban aircraft into American airspace.

The mobility exercise began before the C-130 transport plane from the 145th Tactical Airlift Group, North Carolina Air National Guard, touched down at Richmond International Airport on Feb. 11 to pick up the waiting Virginia firefighters. Bags had been labeled and palletized, and the firefighters had been briefed.

Simulating an actual deployment under urgent conditions, North Carolina and Virginia Guardsmen worked together beneath running engines to load the airplane. They were airborne in about 15 minutes.

On landing at Homestead, the Virginia Guardsmen quickly became integrated into CMSgt Martin P. Jester's Homestead base fire crews.

With Air Force F-16's and Marine Corps F-18's flying more than 100 sorties a day, the Guardsmen found themselves responding to numerous in-flight emergencies. They also supported structural fire responses and airplane refueling operations.

Besides actual emergencies, the mobility exercise allowed time for training. The Guardsmen were introduced to various firefighting techniques and shown the pumping and driving operations of the new P-18 tanker truck which the Virginia unit recently acquired. According to the training personnel of Homestead's 31 CES/DEF, the presence of the Virginia Guardsmen allowed the active duty firefighters to participate in more training deployments and attend various Air Force schools around the country.

All was not work for the Virginia firefighters. Southern Florida offered three exhibits of Miami Beach's art festival, the waters of Key West, and the wildlife of the Everglades National Park.

The flight home with the Carolina airlift crew was a repeat of the efficient initial airlift. When they debriefed in Richmond, the firefighters knew their deployment exercise with Homestead AFB's fire department had been a worthwhile training mission.

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Palace Chase recall

All Palace Chase members who have not completed their initial Palace Chase commitment should be aware that failure to participate satisfactorily or perform satisfactorily, will be processed for recall to active duty.

For everyone's information the 192d Civil Engineering Squadron recently successfully processed one of its members for recall. The individual will be placed back on active duty in the grade of E-2 and was ordered back to active duty for the amount of time he initially had remaining on his original service contract. The time spent in the ANG does not count towards fulfilling his commitment. All Palace Chase members should stop and ask themselves if they want to be in the same situation. If not, satisfactory participation is a must.

Contracting corner

Brand name as a description may be used only for supplies and equipment when it is otherwise unfeasible to describe the requirement. You must always describe the characteristics of the item, i.e., what criteria must any "equal" item meet. Failure to do this will not only prohibit contracting from accepting your purchase request, but may also subject you to having to accept a product you cannot use. It is a long standing legal principle that a product must be accepted as "equal" if it performs the same general function as the brand name specified. Any brand name description received without an accompanying "sole source" justification will be considered a "brand name or equal" description and be purchased accordingly.