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NORWAY DEPLOYMENT SET

—Don't forget your pillow!!

With the Norway deployment just around the corner, this special issue of the Vanguard contains the latest news and information about the unit's trip to the "Land of the Midnight Sun."

Nearly 300 unit members will deploy this month to Evenes Air Station, Norway, for Exercise CORONET ANACONDA. The 192d is the only Air Force unit -- Guard, Reserve, or active duty -- to deploy to a bare base environment above the Arctic Circle. The deployment schedule follows:

Wed. 6 Sept. 1630L - C-5 departure
with advance party.
(Date/time to be announced) - Enroute
support team departs for UK.
Sat. 9 Sept. 0400/0430L - A-7s depart
for Norway via UK.
Mon. 11 Sept. (Time to be announced)
Main contingent departs.

Each deploying member is reminded to include a pillow among personal items to be packed for the 2-week Norway trip.

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HURRY-UP-AND-WAIT to in-process for the Norway deployment. During the second August UTA, more than 200 unit members completed processing for the upcoming event.

203d RED HORSE Unit Excels During ORI

By TSgt Cindy Lawson

The 203d RED HORSE Civil Engineering Flight was recently subjected to a grueling review of mission readiness and came through with exemplary ratings.

The 203d, located in Virginia Beach, went through its first Operational Readiness Inspection since the unit's activation in 1985. An ORI is a test of a

unit's ability to perform its assigned mission under "combat" conditions. For the 203d, that mission is to deploy to remote locations on short notice to perform major repairs on damaged base facilities. Failing an ORI means the unit is incapable of fighting and therefore, cannot be relied on in an emergency.

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Commander's Call

LtCol Bill Rose

Commander, 192d TFG

Congratulations to all the members of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group for your performance in the recently completed Standardization Evaluation and Unit Effectiveness Inspection. Your demonstration of excellence and dedication to duty showed through in the comments of the inspectors. A number of areas were singled out as the best "seen to date" in 9th Air Force gained units.

The recent evaluation of our unit and the commensurate top flight performance of both flying and support personnel, are continued evidence of your dedication to duty and to your country. All of you can be proud of your contributions to the unit's effectiveness and to its ability to perform its mission.

Thank you for the hard work and long hours it took to achieve our level of excellence.

This month nearly three hundred of us will deploy to Norway for two weeks of training. It will not be an easy two weeks, and I know many of you will deploy at great sacrifice to your families and to your employers.

This is our second deployment to Norway and the second for many of you. Let's all try to remember that we are guests of our host nation and should treat our hosts, and their traditions, with the respect and consideration we



would want from them should they be visiting our country.

The key to a successful deployment and training session will be our commitment to fulfilling the training goals we set prior to deploying. Our job is to treat our exercise as if it were an actual wartime situation. We must be professional in our behavior not only to our guests but to each other. Safety must be uppermost in our minds as we operate in a new and unique environment.

Again, thanks for the great performance during our recent inspections. I know I can count on you to make the deployment to Norway another positive milestone in the annals of the 192d TFG.

Inspectors Rate 192d TFG "EXCELLENT"

During the August UTA, the 9th Air Force Inspector General and the 9th Air Force Standardization and Evaluation Teams, conducted both a Stan Eval visit and a unit effectiveness inspection of the 192d TFG. Both inspections showed that the 192d is prepared to carry out its mission to "fly and fight".

"Once again the 192d Tactical Fighter Group has demonstrated that it is

one of the top air national guard units in the country," said Lt Col Wilbur Rose, group commander. "A recent letter from Lieutenant General Charles Horner, Commander, 9th Air Force said 'Congratulations to you and the members of the 192d TFG for your excellent performances'...."

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NORWAY

Lt Col Basil H. Evans, 192d Deputy Commander for Resources, said, "Some people have joked about this issue, but it's not insignificant. We initially tried to locate enough pillows so we could provide them at the deployment site, but we were just unable to do so. Lt Col Evans also provided a list of 'necessities' for deploying members, which appears on this page along with other information about Norway.

Deploying members should note that footlockers cannot be accommodated on the deploying passenger aircraft. Also, each passenger is limited to 66 pounds of luggage and belongings both enroute to, and returning from Norway.

Deploying unit members who gave U.S. dollars to Capt Gary Wood, Chief of Supply, for exchange into Norwegian currency can pick up the currency on Friday, Sept. 1, or Wednesday, Sept. 7. Capt. Wood said, "I'll take any currency not picked up by that time with me, and have it available in Norway at the time of inprocessing."

The address for official mail is: 192d TFG (TDY), Exercise CORONET ANACONDA, APO NY 09085. The address for personal mail is: Rank, Name (First, MI, Last), 192d TFG (TDY), Exercise CORONET ANACONDA, APO NY 09085.

As a final note, deploying unit members should keep in mind that Europeans in general, including our host nation, Norway, are serious about mixing drinking and driving. One drink is too much if a person is planning to drive. The penalties are severe.

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Checklist

Unit members deploying to Norway must deploy with a complete mobility bag, to include sleeping bag and mess kit. Each will hand-carry an ID card, immunization record, ID tags, military/NATO orders, restricted area badge, and U.S. government driver's license (and possess a current state driver's license).

In addition, they might want to consider taking the following personal items along:

- sufficient hygiene items such as towels, washcloths, soap, shampoo.
- pillow with pillow case.
- some warm civilian clothing.

The following information should also prove useful to those taking part in the deployment: International traveler's checks are a must, as no personal checks will be accepted. Hot breakfast and dinners will be provided, with MREs (meals ready to eat) scheduled for lunch.

Military buses will not be operating for recreational travel, but those deployed will find clothes washers and dryers available at no cost. All deploying members should ensure that their personal affairs are in order prior to the deployment.

RED HORSE

Deployed to Starke, Fla. July 21-29, members of the 203d teamed up with their sister unit, the 202d, for eight days of sweltering heat and close scrutiny by Air Force inspectors. Dressed from head to toe in chemical warfare gear and gas masks, the team was tested in its ability to set up deployed equipment, survive and repel an attack, and repair a runway within an allotted time - while under attack.

"Since this was our first ORI, we weren't really sure what to expect. It's been somewhat a struggle setting up and training a new unit, but the hard work, perseverance and determination to be better than average has paid off," commented Lt. Col. William A. Procise Jr., 203d commander. "We learned a lot from the ORI. We now know where we stand and where we'd like to be. We're all pretty proud of the results. Next time we'll be at the very top--not just near it," he added.

Labor Day



200th Weather Flt Named 1988's Best

The National Guard Bureau announced recently that the 200th Weather Squadron, predecessor of the 200th Weather Flight at Sandston, has been selected as the Air National Guard Outstanding Weather Unit for 1988.

The squadron was deactivated in February and redesignated the 200th Weather Flight. With a mission to support the Army National Guard's 29th Infantry Division and backed by its predecessor's record, flight members look to the challenges that lie ahead for the unit.

INSPECTIONS

In commenting on the performance of the fighter squadron during the Stan Eval visit, Squadron Comander Lt Col Bill Jones said, "I am extremely proud of the efforts, not only of our pilots, but also of the maintainance and support personnel. It was a real team effort. Major Maxfield and his staff really helped everyone get ready for the inspection. Our program is designed to be ready for an inspection every day and that type of commitment pays off in spades when tested by the inspectors."

Major General John G. Castles, Adjutant General of Virginia, said in a letter to the unit, "The excellent ratings received on the Unit Effectiveness Inspection and the Standardization Evaluation Inspection are most gratifying to me and I know that the men and women of the HQs and the 192d are also very proud...In my judgement you continue to be 'second to none.'"

Brigadier General Joseph A. Washington, Deputy Adjutant General for Air, conveyed his feelings, saying, "During this series of 9th Air Force inspections, the men and women of the Virginia Air Guard have achieved a record that will be difficult to surpass".

Finally, Colonel Hartwell F. Gcke, Chief of Staff, Virginia Air National Guard, added his congratulations for the best UEI report "I have ever read."

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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 are hereby ordered to attend all unit training assemblies shown on this training schedule unless attending a split UTA (SUTA), or rescheduled UTA (RUTA) at Richmond IAP, Sandston, VA 23150.

UTAs

21 Oct 89 Flying & OJT in sections

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	06 & 07 Jan 90	05 & 06 May 90	15 & 16 Sep 90
	03 & 04 Feb 90	09 & 10 Jun 90	13 & 14 Oct 90
04 & 05 Nov 89	03 & 04 Mar 90	14 & 15 Jul 90	03 & 04 Nov 90
02 & 03 Dec 89	07 & 08 Apr 90	04 & 05 Aug 90	01 & 02 Dec 90


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, as directed.

4. Commanders may utilize Rescheduled Unit Training Assemblies (RUTAs) to achieve training objectives using maximum availability of equipment and full-time personnel resources that cannot be achieved during UTAs or SUTAs. RUTAs will not be used for the convenience of the individual.

5. Equivalent Training (EQT) may be authorized by commanders for personal attendance problems if requested in advance. EQT with pay must be performed within 30 days of the missed UTA and within the same fiscal year. Only four EQT periods with pay are permitted each fiscal year. EQT without pay (retirement points only) may be authorized when the individual is unable to make an EQT in a pay status.

FOR THE COMMANDER


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