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UNIT KEEPS BUSY WITH A-7 EVENTS

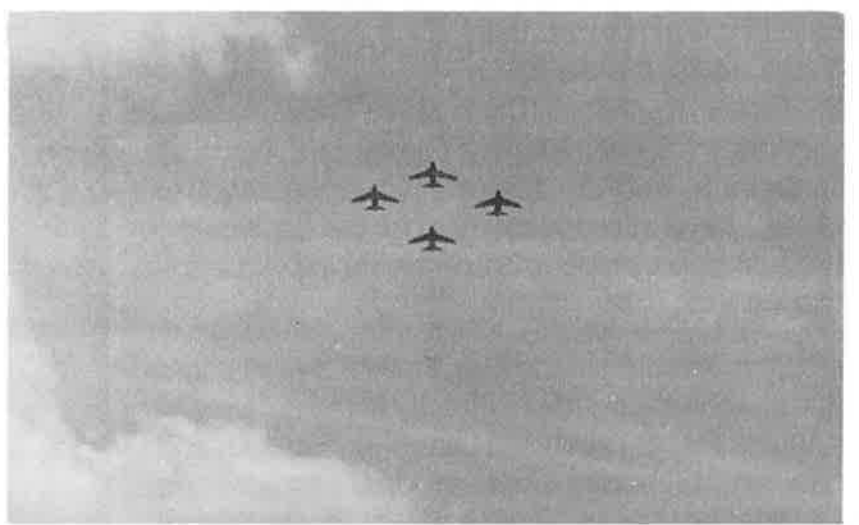
The 192d appears to have a full slate of training missions this year, having recently completed the 9th Air Force gunnery competition; with A-7s and unit members currently in Canada; and a deployment to Spangdahlem AB, West Germany, scheduled for June and July.

SHOOTOUT IN ALBUQUERQUE

During the week of May 15-19, the 192d TFG joined four other Air National Guard units in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the 9th Air Force gunnery competition for A-7's. This competition is used to select an A-7 unit to represent the 9th Air Force in the subsequent Gunsmoke competition at Nellis AFB, Nevada.

The 150th TFG, New Mexico Air National Guard, who won the 1989 "Rickenbacker Revival," hosted this year's event. After one day of practice, units spent two days in competition at the Melrose gunnery range near Cannon AFB. Each flew one mission per day with bombs and strafing.

The 192d TFG, which won the competition in 1985 and was the top A-7 unit at Gunsmoke that year, took five planes (four active, one spare) and 30 people to this year's shootout.



"Launch the fleet" was the order of the day for the May 6 fly-by of the unit's A-7 aircraft. Story in July's Vanguard.

According to Lt Col Roger Legg, although participation is not mandatory, the gunnery competition and Gunsmoke are "part of the competitive spirit of fighter units." The winner receives a trophy (which is passed to the new winner after each competition), bragging rights as the best A-7 unit in the 9th Air Force, and the privilege of going to Nellis AFB for Gunsmoke.

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SENIOR ENLISTED MEMBERS APPOINTED/RECOGNIZED

Brig. Gen. Hartwell F. Coke, Chief of Staff, Virginia Air National Guard, announced May 5, that Senior Master Sgt. Walter D. Davis of the 192d Camron has been selected to fill

the position of Senior Enlisted Advisor upon the retirement of Chief Master Sgt. Edgar A. Waldron. Davis will be reassigned to HQ VaANG as of 1 June 90 and work with Waldron until the Chief's retirement in August.

GROUP MOBILITY PLAN/MEETING

Results of May's mobility exercise indicated a need to review the mobility plan, comparing it against the various mobility operating procedures (MOPs) to identify areas where the two might conflict. All work sections should review the group mobility plan and submit any requested changes to LGX in writing as soon as possible, but not later than July 2. **An important meeting of key personnel involved in May's mobility exercise will be held during the June UTA. Contact Capt. Gary Denson, ext. 405, for further details.**

Master Sgt. Louis Paris of the 203rd RHCEF has been recognized as the Virginia Air National Guard Recruiter of the Year for fiscal year 1989. Paris, who joined the 192d TFG in 1976, became a recruiter for the 203rd in 1987. He lives in Portsmouth with his son, Brandon.

The award was presented to Paris in recognition of his recruiting average and his efforts to improve the recruiting program at the 203d. During the award period he averaged more than 3.7 recruits per month, totaling 44 for the year.

CHIEF OF STAFF PINS ON FIRST STAR

Brig. Gen. Hartwell F. "Tee" Coke IV pinned on his first star March 9. General Coke is the Virginia Air National Guard Headquarters chief of staff. He enlisted in October 1958 and upon graduation from aviation cadet training at Greenville Air Force Base, Miss., in June 1960, was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Following advanced pilot training and jet instrument school, General Coke returned to the Virginia Air National Guard where he served for seven years as an F-84 pilot with the 149th Tactical Fighter Squadron. He has served as the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group safety officer, air operations officer, director of operations and group commander. He assumed his present duties as chief of staff April 1, 1989.

In civilian life, the general has been an Air Technician with the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group for 24 years. Effective with his promotion, General Coke retired from his technician position as air commander of the 192nd TFG.

General Coke's career includes more than 5,000 hours flying the F-84, F-105, and A-7 aircraft. He has earned numerous military decorations, including the



Maj. Gen. John G. Castles, Adjutant General of Virginia, left, congratulates Brig. Gen. "Tee" Coke.

Meritorious Service Medal, and is a member of several military and civilian associations.

The general is married to the former Sharon Brown of Richmond, Va. They have two children, Hartwell F. Coke V, and Katherine. The family resides in Quinton, Va.



Virginia's Governor, The Honorable Douglas L. Wilder, was the guest speaker at the annual conference of the Virginia National Guard Association at the end of April. Major General John G. Castles, Adjutant General, right, listens to Governor Wilder.

AIR GUARD VISIBLE AT HIGHLAND SPRINGS CENTENNIAL FEST

On May 5, 1990, Highland Springs, a small community within walking distance of the Virginia Air National Guard Base, celebrated its 100th anniversary. The Virginia Air National Guard Color Guard led the Centennial parade from New Bridge Baptist Church, to its conclusion at Highland Springs High School. The Color Guard was made up of Senior Master Sgt Charlie Udriet, Master Sgt Mike Duke, Technical Sgt Lloyd Meredith and Technical Sgt Robert Roza.

The recruiters also set up and maintained a booth in hopes of snaring some good prospects for the unit. Master Sgt Mike Duke stated, "This is the type of thing recruiters must be involved in. We have to make the public aware of the Air Guard to enhance our recruiting base."

The 192d TFG, with the help of Senior Master Sgt Robert Walton and the AGE Shop, also provided some "power" assistance for the celebration.

**FLAG DAY- Thursday, June 14 is Flag Day.
Remember to display your flag proudly.**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Ch, Major Gerald T. Stone
Installation Staff Chaplain*



MOBILITY PHOTOS (left and above) - Transportation specialists and mobility augmentees carefully inspect palletized equipment for simulated airlift during May's mobility exercise.

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CANADIAN RED FLAG

On June 9, members of the 192d deployed to Cold Lake, Canada, for Exercise Maple Flag, will return to home station. The purpose of the exercise is to provide cooperative force training in an environment oriented more toward Europe, compared to the desert surroundings of Exercise Red Flag at Nellis AFB, NV.

EXERCISE CREEK CORSAIR

On June 23, a contingent of the 192d TFG will deploy to Spangdahlem AB, West Germany, for Exercise Creek Corsair. The 2-week event is sponsored by the ANG to provide training in the European environment and to acquaint deployed personnel with USAFE and NATO procedures.

Major E.D. "Max" Maxfield is the 192d's project officer for Creek Corsair, and Master Sgt. Archie W. Sours, Jr. will serve as First Sergeant for the deployment. The 192d will be one of three ANG units to participate in Creek Corsair '90.

Warning. Your telephone is subject to monitoring.

Remember to depress the hold button when the telephone is not in use.

As I reflect upon my boyhood days, I remember the beauty of God's creation around in the Adirondack Mountains of northeastern New York. On a certain day there was a group of us, boys and girls, who decided to climb Mt. Sabattis. It was a small mountain and not too difficult climbing. In fact, a nine-hole golf course was carved into its gentle slopes. It was pretty clear sailing for over half the hike.

Nearing the top we noticed an old, dilapidated log cabin under some stately pine trees. It presented us with a certain suspenseful moment, and as we moved toward it someone mentioned that they hoped we could see what was inside. And then we saw it, an open window!

We ran the last few yards and stood on our tiptoes to peer inside. A set of bedsprings lay on the floor in one corner. But right beneath the window was a small table with a large evil-looking butcher knife on it. (I say evil-looking because it had several large reddish spots along the length of it. Someone shouted "Blood!", the girls started screaming, and then we all panicked and started running back down the mountain.

Looking back on that experience, I have already established within my own mind that those were really rust spots on that butcher knife. But as the old song says, "Things are not the way they seem..." which defines my reason for sharing this story with you in the first place. Many areas of our lives become real, only insofar as we create it. In other words, we get out of life what we put into it. We know those persons who are upbeat with an optimistic approach to life, and then there are others who pull people down with their pessimism. We can respond to others with support and understanding, or undermine relationships and write people off with less than valid information about them.

IS "ICE" THE NEW CRACK?

Major Andrew Willis

"Crack", or smokable cocaine, may soon lose its distinction as the most dangerous illegal street drug. Smokable methamphetamine crystals, street-named "Ice," have community leaders and law enforcement officials worried. Why? Because "ice" is easy to make, produces a longlasting "high", and doesn't involve needles.

Ice is probably not a problem within Virginia yet, but it is a problem on the West coast, and is the top drug problem in Hawaii. Historically, once a street drug is popular on the West coast, other areas follow throughout the country.

Community drug counseling centers can provide additional in-depth information about this potentially deadly drug. Take the time to call a drug counseling center in your community to ask questions and obtain information.