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FAMILY DAY MEMORIES: *How many rounds a minute did you say this thing fires? Kyle Maitland, son of Staff Sgt. Charles Maitland, instructs Staff Sgts. Keith Applewhite (left) and Joanne McKenna (right) on the proper operation of an M60 machine gun. Photo by Technical Sgt. Ken Hill*

ROSE: LET'S TELL EMPLOYERS 'THANKS'

Since the termination of the draft in 1973, the United States has placed increased importance on the role of the Guard and Reserve in providing for national defense. Because of this, the training and readiness of these forces needs to be maintained at the highest possible level - as illustrated by recent events in the Persian Gulf.

Much of the success in building and maintaining a strong Guard and Reserve depends upon the nation's employers. As Col. Bill Rose, 192d TFG Commander, puts it " Ultimately, we're dependent on the employer. If he or she doesn't provide the time, then we don't have the people."

Guard and Reserve members take on added responsibility and make personal sacrifices for the security of the nation. Employers are also occasionally called upon to make sacrifices to support Guard and Reserve employees who must sometimes be absent from work, and the

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192D JOINS FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS

By Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Feigl, 192d SPF

The Virginia Air Guard has thrown its hat into the ring to help stop illegal narcotics distribution in Virginia. Two members of the 192d Security Police Flight have joined forces with the Virginia Army National Guard, the Virginia State Police, and the U.S. Customs Service to supply support in the offensive against drug abuse.

For security reasons, the names of the participating members will not be disclosed. They have taken an extended active duty position for one year (8 Oct 91-92), tasked with supplying intelligence information to law enforcement agencies within the state, who will evaluate the information, and then take necessary measures.

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very real possibility exists of losing their services through recall or mobilization.

Colonel John R. Shurley, deputy commander for support, feels strongly about the value of employer support. "Employer support is extremely important to the Virginia Air National Guard. With the many demands placed on a Guardsman today, without employer support, many would be forced to leave the Guard."

Employers, however, also benefit from their support. The skills acquired through military training are usually transferable to civilian jobs. Guard members and reservists learn and practice leadership, management, planning, and decision making. They are generally reliable, conscientious and dedicated, and are assets to both their civilian and military organizations.

Recent events serve to underline the importance of this type of support for the 192d TFG. With members deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm and the demands of the F-16 aircraft conversion, employer support has been more important than ever. As Colonel Rose points out, lack of employer support would have heavy costs for the 192d in terms of maintaining operational readiness. "We're dependent on Guardsmen to support our activities - without them there would be no Guard - and without the support of their employers they couldn't do it."

All VANG members can nominate their employers for an award from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. If your employer supports the National Guard and Reserve and understands the importance of your military duty, then consider nominating him for one of these awards. It's a good way to say thanks for the type of support that makes it possible for the 192d TFG to do its job.

FISK STOPS GIVING 'FRIENDLY ADVICE'

by Lt. Colonel Bill Campenni

With an F-16 last flight ceremony at the December UTA, Air Force Advisor Lt. Colonel Dave Fisk hung up his G-suit for the final time. Retiring from the Air Force on December 31, Dave closes out a flying career that started in 1969. He has demonstrated exceptional flying skills, closing out the logbook with over 3,500 hours.

Lt. Colonel Fisk had the honor of making the last A-7 flight for the 192d when he delivered the last bird to Puerto Rico in October. A resident of Yorktown, he will be taking up a new civilian career in the world of coats and ties.

Asked his feelings on leaving his advisor assignment and the Air Force, Dave said that "It's been the best assignment I ever had." He expressed admiration for the unit, its people, and all its agencies on base, especially the way they pull together when the need arises. His advice on parting is to "keep doing what you're doing, and you'll be as successful as you have been - the unit will always come out on top.

"This unit should be proud of its accomplishments, and justifiably so. I'll sorely miss this place, and its people." Well, as Dave pitches out for the last time, we can say in return, we'll miss him too. Sierra hotel, RAFSOB; good luck, and check six.

MOBILITY NOTICE

Meeting mobility requirements is an on-going requirement, even during the conversion. Anyone with questions or inputs to the 192d TFG Mobility Plan 28-4 is asked to attend a meeting on Saturday, 11 January, at 2:00 p.m. in the pilot's briefing room of the operations building. This meeting will fulfill the requirement for a semi-annual review of the plan. All suggestions for changes must be made in writing. Logistics Office, Ext. 6405/6491.

Say thanks for...

**EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF
THE GUARD AND RESERVE**

***Show your appreciation either by bringing or
sending the attached form (completed) to 192d
TFG/Public Affairs, Room 4 of the O&T Building,
or by mailing a completed form to:***

**National Committee for Employer Support
of the Guard and Reserve
1555 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22209-2405**

“My Boss is a Pro” Awards Nomination Form
**National and State Committees for Employer Support
of the Guard and Reserve**

**** Please print legibly or type all information requested on this form. ****
Without all the information requested below, we cannot process your nomination.

This section pertains to your civilian employer.

Nominee's name: _____
(Employer-Owner or Supervisor, if desired)

Business/company where you work: _____
(Write out full company name)

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

This section pertains to you, the nominator:

Your complete name: _____ Phone number: _____

Your rank: _____ (spell out)

Your Component: ARNG USAR USNR USCGR (circle one) ANG USMCR USAFR

Your street address: _____

This section pertains to your National Guard or Reserve unit.

Your unit: _____
(write out)

Unit address: _____

Unit city: _____ Unit state: _____ Zip Code: _____

Your commander's name: _____ Rank: _____

Your reason for nominating your boss or company:

(Use an additional sheet of paper, if needed, and attach it to this form.)



**For more information, phone or write
the National Committee's Awards Officer: 1-800-336-4590**

FIRING RANGE QUALIFYING

The Air Force has recently implemented a new procedure for firing range qualification, based on categories. Category "A" includes Security Police personnel only. Category "B" includes CE personnel and certain "combat AFSCs," who will fire every TWO years with mechanical training every year. Category "C" includes those in all other sections, who will fire every THREE years with mechanical training every year also. Unit members with questions should contact their section training NCO or call Security Police at Ext. 6360.

CAREER CORNER

Unit members who are currently taking advantage of Virginia State Tuition Assistance through the VANG should be aware of the reduced budget for this program. A recent memorandum stated, "Awards will be authorized at 50% of tuition charges not to exceed a ceiling of \$250." Scheduled deadlines for receiving applications in 1992 are as follows: SUMMER SEMESTER-10 APRIL 92; FALL SEMESTER-15 JULY 92; SPRING SEMESTER-5 NOVEMBER 92. Applications may be picked up at CBPO Customer Service or in the Career Education Office.

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Special Order M-17 23 Dec 1991

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:	11 Jan 92	Flying & OJT in sections	DEPLOYMENTS:	None
	12 Jan 92	Flying & OJT in sections		
SCHEDULED UTAS:	08 & 09 Feb 92		14 & 15 Mar 92	16 & 17 May 92
			11 & 12 Apr 92	13 & 14 June 92

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 Services Personnel: 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 RUTAs to achieve training objectives using maximum availability of equipment and full-time personnel resources that cannot be achieved during UTAs and SUTAs. A RUTA must be requested, approved and documented in advance of the missed period.

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. EQT without pay (retirement points only) may be authorized when the individual is unable to make an EQT in pay status.

FOR THE COMMANDER DIST 'A' Plus 1 Ea: TAC/ADUBO; Chief, TAC/CRFG; 9th AF/CRFG, CV & IC; NGB/XOS & TE; 1913th ISG/CC (AFCC); 1 TFW/DO; 1 TFW/LGSPC; 113th TFW/DA; 1CGS/DPMD; HDQ/TCDF/RF, Langley AFB, VA 23665-6343.

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AIR GUARD BOWLERS!

The Virginia Air Guard Bowling League will begin organizing this month. Remember, you don't have to be an accomplished bowler to join. We bowl together to have fun! . For information on our league, or our tournament next year, please contact: Bo Johnson-6485; Shirley Cooper - 6428; David Cooper -6487; Michael Coleman-6459; John Anderson-6487; Vicki Johnson-328-1685.

F-16 patches (and many other items) have arrived! To purchase patches (\$4 each) or other memorabilia, see TSgt. Cooper in Room 5 of operations building.

Display the Guard-Ian Service of the 192 TFG with this custom made quartz watch designed by Sgt. Martens of the 192d Propulsion Shop (Ext. 6369).

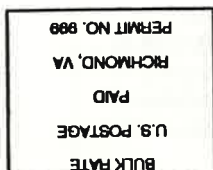
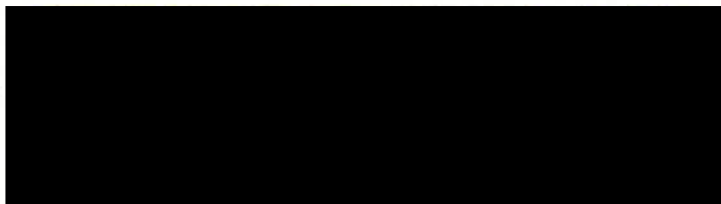
Leadership seminars: If you are a company grade officer, please contact Maj. Petrone at Ext. 6425 about a continuing series of leadership seminars.

Softball challenge: Organizations wishing to experience "the agony of defeat" will be eager to accept the softball challenge of operations' "Viper Victors" team. Contact SMSgt. Weis in Ops (Ext. 6413).

Hours for D Street Gate: Sat. 0715-0800 and 1645-1715; Sun. 0615-0700 and 1545-1615, drill weekends.

Enlisted Association: Membership drive now under way for 1992 (cost-\$10); members and dependents can apply for one of three \$1,000 scholarships (deadline Feb. 9, 1992). Contact MSgt. C. Clark, Ext. 6416.

Club 149: Club 149 will accept applications for membership during the January 1992 drill. Contact SMSgt. B. Weis (Ext. 6413) or MSgt. C. Clark (Ext. 6414).



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