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Master Sgt. Dave Eure, POL (petroleum, oils and lubricants), base fuels technician, performs a seven day quality control check on a JP-4 sample. Fuel must be analyzed on a regular basis to be sure it's good enough to use in one of the 192d FG's F-16s. Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Walker



TIME TO CELEBRATE FREEDOM'S SYMBOL

June 14 is Flag Day, a time to celebrate the birthday of the Stars and Stripes: June 14, 1777. On that day, Congress adopted the first official flag to symbolize the United States of America.

The flag we honor and under which we serve, said President Woodrow Wilson in a 1917 Flag Day address, "is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. ... It speaks to us of

the past, of the men and women who went before us and of the records they wrote upon it."

Because of the sacrifice of Americans - some of whom lie buried in its folds - the U.S. flag has come to symbolize freedom and the continued struggle for the cause of liberty, wherever that quest may lead.

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The Price of Liberty

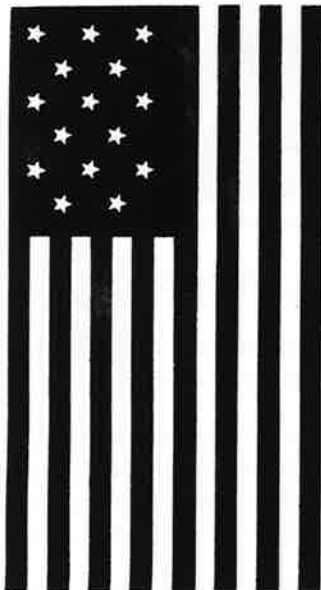
By Staff Sgt. Robert D. Harness

****An article in the March Vanguard announced the "Price of Liberty" essay contest sponsored by the Freedoms Foundation. This is the second entry from the 192d FG.****

What is the stimulus that has stirred men and women through the ages to give themselves completely to a cause? What motivation incites them to march faithfully and courageously against insurmountable odds to reach their goals? What causes an individual to enter into dangerous affairs, knowing not what destiny it could demand? Perhaps a single word would similarly fit each of these questions - VISION! Without vision we have nothing from which to draw a direction for life, or a belief worth engaging, or an ambition to achieve. How is it that our fundamental creed as Americans - liberty and justice for all - is left to a generation that cannot understand what price we speak of? Whose vision is blinded by present liberality and comfort bought for them by the blood of those before?

We are living in a time when considering yourself to be "numeral uno" in the course of this life has replaced national pride; when "doing your own thing" has replaced giving your all so that others may live. The Price of Liberty is not endowed with self-will, or self-thought, or self-indulgence, but with great sacrifice and a unified effort. For those who have fallen; for those who have given their life for such cause: the price of liberty has been a solemn remembrance for freedom's toil. This price is only secured by those who have gone beyond self, beyond duty, and sometimes beyond life, to lay the foundation for us in which we walk today.

The Price of Liberty is a sacrifice that cannot be matched. Freedom from oppression, liberty to choose, and life pursuant to happiness. As Americans we should always be willing to preserve our liberty regardless of the cost... to stand strong among all peoples, tall above every nation, and only kneel...before God!



FLAG - from p. 1

Historians long have argued about whether the colors of the U.S. flag convey specific meanings. Charles Thomson, secretary of the Continental Congress, believed so. One story has it that while Thomson addressed Congress about the Seal of the United States, he stated that white signifies purity and innocence; red, hardiness and valor; and blue, vigilance, perseverance and justice.

The "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" was first used in public schools in celebration of Columbus Day, Oct. 12, 1892. Its author is unknown; however, it first appeared in The Youth's Companion magazine in Boston in 1892. It received official congressional approval on June 22, 1942.

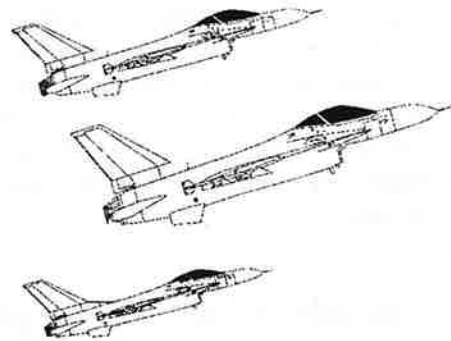
The phrase "under God" was added by a congressional act on June 14, 1954. At that time, President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future. In this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

COMMANDER'S CALL

Lt. Col. Bill Jones, Commander 192d FG

MILESTONES.....The end of June will mark a major milestone in the history of the 192d Fighter Group—completion of our conversion phase to the F-16 aircraft. When the first two jets arrived almost a year ago, with "VIRGINIA" beautifully stenciled on the tail, 30 June 1992 seemed a long way off. (The conversion officially started on 1 October 1991.) Looking back, the tireless efforts of a lot of people have brought us to the point of being able to report that we are sufficiently trained and equipped to support our wartime tasking. That time has passed quickly.

By comparison, transition to the F-16 is taking three months longer to complete than our transition to the A-7. Ten years ago, there was a great push to get back to combat ready status as soon as possible. Today, we are taking a more measured pace toward our combat ready goals. (Some would say that nine months is not long enough.) Overall, safety is enhanced and the emphasis now is on quality training and maybe not so much on quantity (or rapidity). Not that our conversion to the A-7 was unsafe, but with changing technology and more complex systems, the current approach is certainly appropriate for the F-16. Many of the lessons learned in our A-7 conversion were put to work to ensure a safe and efficient transition to the F-16.



Earlier I stated that we will be sufficiently trained by the end of June. The next goal is to become FULLY trained and equipped by the end of 1992. Limited (and reduced) budgets pose a large challenge to even modest goals. We recently reduced our flying hour allocation—the second reduction this fiscal year. Many questions remain about future funding for projects and equipment. I can't see around the corner, but I have always been impressed with how well the Virginia Air National Guard responds to challenges. To make it work, each member must be a part of the team. Every job is important. We must all pull in the same direction. I'm counting on US.

Words are cheap. I intend to watch and be a part of the action. I'm willing to bet that in six months, we will have achieved our next milestone—and the time will have passed quickly.

Officer Commissioning Changes

Effective October 1, 1993: Unit members interested in pursuing a commission must have a minimum of 75 semester or 112 quarter hours of college credit to qualify for a degree waiver. A bachelor's degree must be obtained by the sixth year of commissioned service.

Effective October 1, 1995: To be eligible for a degree waiver, applicants must have completed a minimum of 90 semester or 135 quarter hours, with a bachelor's degree by the fifth year of commissioned service. In addition to the education requirements indicated above, testing on the Air Force Officers Qualifying Test will only be authorized twice (the initial test and one retest).

Seminar Series To Begin

The Company Grade Leadership Seminar Series will start during the June UTA. All interested lieutenants and captains are invited to attend. Commander's conference room in the O&T building at 1730, Saturday, 13 June 92. Plan on approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Looking Ahead... Make Your Fourth of July Happy, Safe

The fourth of July is a special time for military members. Keep the holiday special by minding safety, especially fireworks safety. Whether you are supervised or on your own, experts suggest the following guidelines:

- * Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.
- * Don't allow children to play with fireworks; sparklers, considered by many adults to be "safe" fireworks, burn at temperatures up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit and can easily ignite clothing.
- * Closely supervise older children when they use fireworks.
- * Don't allow running or horseplay around fireworks.
- * Read and follow warning instructions on the fireworks label.
- * Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from buildings.
- * Make sure people and pets are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- * Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies.
- * Never light fireworks in a container, especially one of glass or metal.
- * Don't try to relight malfunctioning fireworks; soak them in water and throw them away.

Get Ready: Upcoming Mobility Exercise - A mobility exercise is scheduled for the September 19-20 UTA. The new F-16 equipment package (including munitions) will be tasked; personnel processing will take place.



April 1992 Accessions

RANK AND NAME UNIT

SRA	Rowland, Luther G. III	192 CAMS
AB	Allred, Thomas S.	192 CAMS
SRA	Wilburn, David G.	192 CAMS
SSGT	Moeller, Lorraine M.	192 SVCS
2LT	Croxton, Christopher S.	149 FS
SRA	Miltenerger, Geoffrey T.	192 SPF
AMN	Silver, Sylvia N.	192 CAMS
SSG	Thinton, Reginald	192 CAMS
AIC	Hardy, Bobby	192 CAMS
AB	Goodfellow, William P.	192 CAMS
SGT	Agee, Ronald D.	192 CAMS
SRA	Warren, Preston A.	192 CAMS

MARCH/APRIL 92 - RETIREMENTS

CMSgt	George H. Woods Jr	192 CAMS
Msgt	Robert C. Clark	192 CES
Tsgt	Joseph W. Yarbrough Jr	192 CAMS
SMSGT	Meek, Gene A.	192 MSF
MSGT	Mallory, Robert D.	192 CES

Reserve Reductions

(Air Force Internal Information Service)

A Pentagon plan that will pace National Guard and Reserve personnel cuts with active-duty reductions is facing strong opposition in Congress.

The plan calls for closing down units in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; cutting defense spending; and reducing the size of both the active and reserve forces by 25 percent over the next five years.

Nearly 80 percent of the 830 units on the list presented to Congress were part of forces specifically intended to go to Europe in wartime and support active-duty units. By 1997, the new base force will consist of 1,626,000 active-duty and 1,164,142 reserve component personnel.

Base Supply Outstanding Airman

Technical Sgt. Mildred E. Gray has been selected as the Base Supply Outstanding Airman for July 1 through December 31, 1991. She has been an inventory technician since April 1990. Technical Sgt. Gray kept up with all the inventory problems inherent in an aircraft conversion.

She received a "Letter of Commendation" from the Deputy Commander for Support for her hard work and professional manner in completing one special inventory. In civilian life, Technical Sgt. Gray, her



MARCH AND APRIL 1992 PROMOTIONS

PROMOTIONS - MARCH 1992

NAME	UNIT	PROMOTED TO
Steven R. Swetnam	149 FS	MAJ
Robert N. Barnett Jr	192 CES	MSG
McQueen A. Johnson	192 CAMS	MSG
Jerry G. Kendrick	192 RMS	MSG
David J. Kinsey	200 WEA FLT	MSG
James L. Armes	192 RMS	TSG
Robert M. Ellis Jr	192 RMS	TSG
Karen R. Mealy	192 CAMS	TSG
Ray E. Payne	192 CES	TSG
Scott D. Sherwood	203 RHCEF	TSG
Paul M. Stimpson III	HQ VaANG	TSG
Gregory D. Alves	192 CAMS	SSG
Franklin J. Baker	192 CAMS	SSG
Alexander M. Corley III	192 CAMS	SSG
Jerry L. Davis	192 CAS	SSG
Timothy Harris, III	192 SVC FLT	SSG
David R. Lands	192 CAMS	SSG
Peter J. Martens	192 CAMS	SSG
Randall V. Thornton	192 CAMS	SSG
Earl J. Wright	192 CES	SSG
Angel L. Berrios	203 RHCEF	SRA
Hunter Y. Carwile	192 SPF	SRA
James T. Dildy	203 RHCEF	SRA
Natasha L. Walton	192 CAMS	SRA

PROMOTIONS - APRIL 1992

Riding, Paul G.	192 CAMS	MSGT
Brooke, Thomas W.	192 CAMS	MSGT
Wade, Jerome K.	192 CES	TSGT
Harlow, Wayne H.	192 CES	TSGT
Atkins, Jeffrey S.	192 CAMS	TSGT
Bickel, David M.	192 CES	SSGT
Shelton, Jeffrey L.	192 SVCS	SSGT
Lorentson, Neal A.	203 RHCEF	SSGT
Edwards, George W. II	192 RMS	SSGT
Turner, Thomas N.	203 RHCEF	SRA
Rhinard, Andrew E.	203 RHCEF	SRA
Aponte, Nick	192 CAMS	SRA
Lautenslager, Stephen P.	192 CAMS	AIC

Scholarship deadline

Enlisted members and/or dependents who wish to apply for two \$2,000 scholarships should contact Master Sgt. Sheryl Clark, Ext. 6416. The application deadline is Sunday, June 14.

Applications should be submitted to Chief Master Sgt. Walter Davis at State Headquarters or Master Sgt. Clark, 149th FS Operations, and must include: 1. Copy of college transcript. 2. Letter from applicant. 3. Three letters of recommendation. 4. Letter of academic reference. 5. Copy of membership card to Enlisted Association.

Strike Up the Band

If you enjoy hearing and performing military band music, here is your chance to become a member of an all-volunteer musical unit.

We are looking for the following basic instrumentation: reeds, brass (low and high), and percussion.

If you are interested, please contact Master Sgt. Les Hart on Ext. 6310 during UTAs.



CAREER CORNER

ASSISTANT CAREER EDUCATION MANAGER

Would you like to be involved in a Family Support Program? How about conducting a Newcomers Orientation Briefing? Be the local expert in the Virginia State Tuition assistance program; the Montgomery GI Bill program; assist unit personnel with the Community College of the Air Force Associate Degree Program. The position is Assistant Career Education Manager may be of interest to you. Promotion potential is Staff Sergeant and the required AFSC is 732X0. If you are interested in this many faceted job please contact CBPO, Master Sgt. Bobby Lamb, Ext. 6710, commercial 236-6710.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE

For all members who may be looking for another option in acquiring that Associates Degree; the Community College of the Air Force may be just what you're looking for. Come on over to the Career Education Management Office in CBPO (Room 37B). Let us explain how CCAF can benefit you.

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Special Order M-9

26 May 92

1. UP Sec 502, Title 32, USC Sec 206, Title 37, USC, ANGR 50-01 and 192TFGR 50-01. All members of the 192d 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: 13 Jun 92 Flying & OJT in sections

14 Jun 92 Flying & OJT in sections

DEPLOYMENTS:

CES-Camp Pendleton, VA, 18 Jul-1 Aug 92; DEF-Dover AFB, DE, 11-25 Jul 92; CES-Camp Pendleton, VA, 15-29 Aug 92.

SCHEDULED UTAS:

11 & 12 Jul 92

19 & 20 Sep 92

7 & 8 Nov 92

8 & 9 Aug 92

3 & 4 Oct 92

5 & 6 Dec 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

Patti L. Smith
PATTI L. SMITH, MSgt, VaANG
Chief, Customer Support

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; 1 CGS/DPMD; HDQ/TCD/RF, Langley AFB, VA 23665-6343.

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MENU - JUNE UTA

Sat.:	Cheeseburger	Sun.:	Pepper Steak w/Rice
	Hamburger		Roast Pork Loin
	Hot Dog		Mashed Potatoes w/
	Chili Dog		Brown Gravy
	Baked Beans		Buttered Green Beans

Both Days: salad bar, assorted dressings, assorted bread with butter, dessert, koolaid and coffee.

Church Services: Catholic Mass, Sat. 9:30 a.m.; General Protestant, Sun. 8:00 a.m.

Visual Information Briefing: A presentation on "Visual Information for the 1990s" will be held once more during the June UTA at 9:30 a.m. in the O&T Conference Room.

Retirees' Association: The VaANG Retirees' Association meets every second Thursday of each month (except December), at 7 p.m. in Club 149. Contact SMSgt. Bob Walton at Ext. 6541 for more information.

Ki Aikido: The Richmond Aikido Club offers classes in Ki development and Ki Aikido. Six weeks courses \$25.00. For information contact TSgt. Cheatham at 6388 or 275-1936.

Raffle Winner: The winner of a 27-inch color TV, grand prize in a Club 149 raffle on May 17, was L.E. Wylie, 192d SPF.

For Sale: 3BR, 2 Bath, Brick Rancher, located off Rte. 60 and I-295. Contact Captain Woody at 6592 or 236-6592.

Dancing! Food! Free Refreshments! TGIF (Thank goodness it's Flag Day). Maintenance and Ops are sponsoring a "happening" at Club 149, Saturday, June 13. Music starts at 5:30 p.m. Come join the fun!

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