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THREE EARN TOP HONORS

Three guardsmen have been selected for top honors in the Virginia Air National Guard.

A1C William K. Johnson, a Munitions Systems Specialist with the 192d Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was selected as the overall Guardsmen of the Year for 1991. Airman Johnson completed his military training as an honor graduate of both basic military training and technical training school.

The airman maintained a 98 percent grade-point-average while attending technical training. He

is helping to develop a more effective program to assemble and deliver munitions to aircraft. Airman Johnson is attending Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University pursuing a degree in marketing management.

Senior Master Sgt. George T. Mallory, NCOIC of the 192d Clinic, was selected as the Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Sergeant Mallory, an Active Guard Reservist, was credited with helping to build a strong unit training program

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The New "Bills" in Charge
(Photo by Senior Master Sgt. George Marshal)
 This must be a candidate for the next edition of Ripley's "Believe it or Not" — five "Bills" in a successive chain of command at a single fighter unit. Left to Right: Col. Bill Rose, Chief of Staff, VaANG; Lt. Col. Bill Martin, 149th FS Ops Officer; Lt. Col. Bill Jones, 192 FG Commander; Lt. Col. Bill Campenni, 192 FG Deputy Commander for Ops; and Lt. Col. Bill Haymes, 149th FS Commander.

And then there was one...

With the retirement this month of Senior Master Sgt. Gene A. Meek, the 192d Tactical Fighter Group will be left with only one veteran of the Korean War.

Sergeant Meek, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 192d Fighter Group Safety Office, is retiring from the Virginia Air National Guard after an active duty/Guard career spanning six decades. He will be 60 years old on April 23.

A native of Mucatine, Iowa, Sergeant Meek joined the Iowa National Guard in 1948, three days after his 16th birthday. In 1952 he enlisted in the Air Force and became a munitions apprentice. He spent 11 months (August 1952-July 1953) with the 3rd Bomb Wing servicing B-26s and F-89s at Kunsan Air Base during the Korean War.

He opted for a voluntary discharge in 1956 after one four-year hitch, but he frankly concedes that the "outside was tougher than I thought it would be." Pocketing a \$1,005 bonus, he re-enlisted for six years.

Sergeant Meek trained in handling the MB-1 Genie, a nuclear-warhead missile carried on the F-84. He later worked on larger nuclear-warhead Thor, Titan, Atlas, and Minuteman missiles.

After his six-year enlistment was up, Sergeant Meek worked for 10 years for General Electric, a defense contractor. He moved to his wife's hometown of South Hill, Va., in 1972, and later heard about the Virginia Air National Guard. He joined the 192TFG in October 1975 and spent more than 16



years in the unit. He retires with a total of 30 years' Guard/active duty service.

In 1985, Sergeant Meek began working full-time at the Guard base as a technician in the ground safety office. Between 1983 and 1989, he commuted daily from South Hill to Sandston -- 93 miles each way, so he could help care for his elderly parents.

Sergeant Meek and his wife, Barbara, have two sons and a daughter, all in their 20s.

With Sergeant Meek's retirement, Senior Master Sgt. Lou Pearman, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 192d Services Flight, is the Virginia Air Guard's sole remaining Korean War veteran. Sergeant Pearman is scheduled to retire next February.

Notice:

Retirement party for Joseph W. Yarbrough Jr.

Date: 21 May 29 Location: Club 149

Time: 5:30 pm - until

Dinner served at 7:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Contacts: Patty Smith, Emmett Perkins, M Carter,
Lawson Osborne, Bobby Weis

AIR GUARD BOWLING TOURNEY

This year the tournament will be held in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, Oct 10 and 11. All people interested in going via AMTRAK at the group rate of \$99.00 round trip, leaving Friday Oct 9th in the morning, returning on Monday, Oct 12th, should contact Russ LaBelle ext. 6487 or Shirley Cooper ext 6428. The ticket must be purchased by the end of June.

COMMANDER'S CALL

Lt. Col. Bill Jones, Commander 192d FG

By any measure, our first deployment with the F-16 was a huge success. The extensive prior planning paid off with exceptional training for all sections--in every functional area. The 192d Fighter Group hit the ground running and met standards of excellence that have characterized our unit over the years. This annual field training (AFT) started with deployment of 12 aircraft on Saturday, March 28. Two aircraft had been sent on the advance bringing the total to 14 F-16's at Savannah. On Wednesday, April 1, another eight aircraft were flown from Richmond, completing the deployment with 22 aircraft!

A full schedule of ancillary training was completed with the following results: CATMs (M-16 and .38 weapons qualification) - 401 trained; Social Actions - 265 trained; Chemical Gear Initial and Refresher - 337 trained. There was an attack response exercise (ARE) on Monday and Tuesday of the first week. Meticulous planning for this event by our exercise evaluation team provided sections with demanding and realistic wartime problems to solve with emphasis on providing on-the-spot instruction during the ARE. Some strong areas (and some weak ones) were observed, but the overall training was excellent. The attitudes displayed were outstanding!

In addition to C-130 airlift support, KC-135 tankers from New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, F-15 fighters from Georgia (ANG) and Marine F-18 fighters from South Carolina and Florida provided additional training support for the deployment and employment phases. Out of 260 sorties planned, 260 were flown for a completion rate of 98%--another remarkable accomplishment. These numbers do not include the safe redeployment of all aircraft to Richmond. The quality and effectiveness of training for pilots, maintenance personnel, and all other supporting sections exceeded even our own optimistic goals. Also, as usual, the support from the staff at the Savannah training center was superb.

There were too many key players to thank individual members for the success of AFT '92. Everyone involved in the planning and execution of this deployment should feel a tremendous sense of achievement. My thanks to all of you for an outstanding display of teamwork, unit pride and mission accomplishment.

'ALL IN THE FAMILY' FOR WIMMERS

For AIC Marc A. Wimmer, joining the Virginia Air National Guard seemed like a natural progression of events. Why? Well, as he explains it... "I've been exposed to the military all my life. The 192d has a good reputation and a whole lot going for it, and I want to be a part of it."

Although only speculation, it's probably a good bet that Marc's father, assistant CAMRON commander Maj. Larry B. Wimmer, who swore him in on March 14, 1992, agrees with his son's assessment. AIC Wimmer will graduate from the University of South Carolina in May of this year and leave for basic training at Lackland

AFB on June 10. He will receive technical training in munitions at Lowery AFB, Denver, Colorado, and return to the 192d on November 11, 1992 to become an F-16 load team member.

After his initial training, AIC Wimmer plans to take advantage of the tuition assistance programs available to guard members and attend Longwood College for teaching certification and to complete a bachelor's degree in chemistry. Eventually he would like to attend the University of Virginia for a master's degree in secondary administration.

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within the clinic. That included spearheading a successful drive to expedite the process of giving physicals which allowed the clinic to complete physicals ahead of schedule. He was also credited with developing requirements for a three year training program for medical readiness, AFSC specialty training and overseas deployments.

Technical Sgt. Kevin L. Chaklos, 192d Security Police Flight, was chosen as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year as well as for top honors in the 1991 U.S. Air Force Security Police Individual Awards Program's Outstanding Reserve Component NCO/Airman Security Specialist.

Sergeant Chaklos' military service includes two years active duty and fourteen years as a guardsmen in Massachusetts, New York and Virginia. As an Air Guard Reservist he serves as a security flight chief, flight training NCO and as assistant unit mobility manager. Sergeant Chaklos was credited with building and maintaining a strong unit training program for more than 50 security policemen. He has completed the Grounds Combat Skills Course, Ft. Dix, N.J. the Technical Instructors Course, Sheppard AFB, TX., the F-16 Aircraft



Technical Sgt. Kevin Chaklos

Familiarization Course and is currently working on the NCO Academy Course by correspondence.

Sergeant Chaklos has completed 52 credit hours towards an associates degree in Criminal Justice through the Community College of the Air Force. He is involved with the Newport News Crime Watch Program and the Parents Teachers Association and well as working with needy families through the Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Newport News.

FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Family members of Virginia Air National Guard personnel are needed on a voluntary basis to assist the unit in resolving family crises now and in the event of mobilization. Volunteer's must be knowledgeable about the National Guard and will be provided with current information on policies of State and national level programs. This can be an extremely satisfying service to volunteer for. If interested please contact CBPO, 192d MSS, Master Sgt. Robert Lamb.



February and March 1992 Accessions

ACCESSIONS - FEBRUARY 1992

RANK AND NAME	UNIT
2Lt Lt Charles E. Davis	8192 Stu Ft
Sgt John E. Coffey Jr	192 CAMS
SrA Dan D. Cooler	203 RHCEF
SrA Angus A. Garner	192 CAMS
SSgt Marilyn M. Graham	192 RMS
AIC Pamela J. Greenwood	203 RHCEF
TSgt Larry F. Hawthorne	192 CAMS
AB Kenneth M. Longest	8192 Stu Ft
SSgt Tonya L. Lord	192 CAMS
Sgt David K. Pack	192 CAMS
SrA Tamaralynne C. Reiss	192 CAMS
AB Michael D. Rose	8192 Stu Ft

MARCH 1992 - ACCESSIONS

SrA James R. Baldwin	192 RMS
AIC Michael A. Cole	192 CAMS
SrA Donald A. Dows	8192 STU FLT
Sgt Steven M. Edwards	192 CAMS
Sgt Steven M. Graves	192 CAMS
AB Paula R. Hatten	8192 STU FLT
AIC Cheryl A. Kopf	192 CAMS
SrA Jeffrey E. Messenger	8192 STU FLT
SrA Susan K. Peirick	192 TAC CLN
Sgt Michael A. Powell	192 CAMS
SrA Kenneth T. Russell	192 CAMS
SSgt Benny D. Saunders Jr	192 CAMS
SSgt Joseph F. Wales	203 RHCEF
SSgt Timothy A. Weaver	192 CAMS
AIC Marc A. Wimmer	8192 STU FLT



Major Larry Wimmer, 192d CAMRON, enlists his son, Marc, as a member of the 192d and the Virginia Air National Guard. See story on page 3.

FEBRUARY 1992 PROMOTIONS

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NAME	UNIT	PROMOTED TO
William S. Fuller	203 RHCEF	CMSgt
Gary S. Brooks	192 MSS	CMSgt
George T. Mallory	192 Clinic	CMSgt
Donald W. Bradley	192 RMS	CMSgt
Marvin C. Fortune	192 CAMS	MSgt
Roger L. Lovern	192 CAMS	MSgt
Robert W. Mathias	192 CAMS	MSgt
Thomas J. Wallace	192 CAMS	MSgt
Recardo Bush	192 CAMS	TSgt
James L. Buchanan	192 CAMS	TSgt
Raymond L. Cole	192 CAMS	TSgt
Alexander Coppedge	192 CAMS	TSgt
Robert F. Gray	192 CAMS	TSgt
Charles E. Harper	192 CAMS	TSgt
Phillip D. Hudson	192 CAMS	TSgt
William K. Joyce	192 CAMS	TSgt
Lawrence E. Miles	192 CAMS	TSgt
Donald E. Morrison	192 CAMS	TSgt
Enid T. D. Perry	192 Clinic	TSgt
James A. Venable	192 CAMS	TSgt
Dennis A. Wilson	192 CAMS	TSgt
Major E. Bland	192 CES	SSgt
Gary W. Capley	192 CAMS	SSgt
Leslie M. Cairns	192 CAMS	SSgt
Joseph L. Childress	192 CAMS	SSgt
John T. Cornett	192 CAMS	SSgt
Kirk Delk	200 WF	SSgt
Timothy A. Jackson	192 CAMS	SSgt
Thomas W. Langdale	192 CAMS	SSgt
Sherry C. Lee	192 CAMS	SSgt
Gerry L. Mabry	192 CAMS	SSgt
Paul E. Wayne	192 CAMS	SSgt
Elwood B. Wooden	192 CAMS	SSgt
Stefan Hill	192 CAMS	SrA
Joseph E. Messenger	192 CES	SrA
Stephen R. Ols	192 SVCS	SrA
Terry L. Wade	192 CAMS	SrA
Derek D. Carter	192 CAMS	AIC

John P. Cary	192 CAMS	AIC
Mark D. Nicholas	192 CAMS	AIC

NO OFFICER PROMOTIONS DURING FEBRUARY

UNIT GETS NEW NAME

The 192d Tactical Fighter Group based in Sandston, Va., has a new name: The 192d Fighter Group (FG).

Effective immediately all references to the 192d should reflect the new designation: 192d Fighter Group. Included in the renaming process, the 149th Tactical Fighter Squadron within the 192d FG has been redesignated the 149th Fighter Squadron.

As the Air Force and the Air National Guard reorganizes under the two new major commands, Air Combat Command (ACC) and Air Mobility Command (AMC), the distinction between tactical and strategic air resources has blurred. Redesignating active-duty, the guard, and reserve units has become necessary for the names to more accurately convey the missions of the various units.

Most active-duty Tactical Fighter Wings and their subordinate units implemented redesignation policies Oct. 1, 1991. For instance, the 1st Tactical Fighter Wing at Langley AFB, was redesignated as the 1st Fighter Wing.

The decision to redesignate units grew out of air combat doctrine changes that developed during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Air Force leadership found that when pressed into actual combat, the roles of strategic and tactical resources were interchangeable.

CAREER CORNER

STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE

All of the members who are currently taking advantage of Virginia State Tuition Assistance through the Virginia Air Guard need to be aware of the reduced budget for this program. In August the Virginia Adjutant General's office issued a memorandum stating that "Awards will be authorized at 50% of tuition charges not to exceed a ceiling of \$250.00." Scheduled deadlines for receiving applications in 1992 are as follows: Summer Semester, April 24; Fall Semester, July 24; Winter/Spring Semester, November 24. Applications may be picked up at CBPO Customer Service or in the Career Education Office.



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Headquarters, 192d Fighter Group

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Special Order M-8

29 April 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 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: 16 May 92 Flying & OJT in sections

DEPLOYMENTS:

17 May 92 Flying & OJT in sections

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: 13 & 14 Jun 92 8 & 9 Aug 92 19 & 20 Sep 92 7 & 8 Nov 92

11 & 12 Jul 92 19 & 20 Sep 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 - MAY UTA

Sat.: Italian sausage w/
Green peppers and onions
Meat loaf
Scallop potatoes
Buttered corn

Sun.: Roast beef
Roast turkey
Brown gravy
Chicken gravy
Steamed rice, Mashed potatoes
Buttered mixed vegetables

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.

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

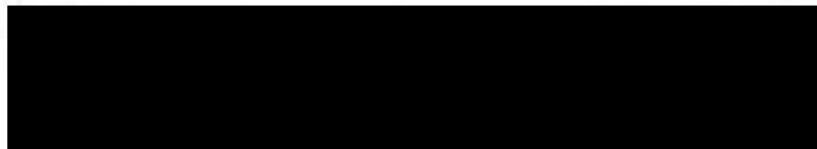
The NEW HATS, F-16 patches (and many other items) have arrived! To purchase hats or patches or other memorabilia, see TSgt. Cooper in Room 5 of operations building.

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: More than just a martial art, Ki Aikido is also an excellent means of personal development. For information on class schedules and fees, contact TSgt. J. Cheatham evenings at 275-1936.

Softball Anyone?: The VA Air Guard Men's Softball Team is looking for players and support. County League season starts in April on Thursday nights. Those interested contact TSgt. Ray Phaup, Ext. 6393 during the week. The National Air Guard Tournament will be in Phoenix, AZ, in August. The 35-and-over team is looking to repeat as national champions.

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