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PISTOL TEAM 'STRIKES' AGAIN

By Tech. Sgt. Joe Cheatham

During October 5 through 16, the 192d FG pistol team competed in the Winston P. Wilson National Guard Championship matches at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Participants in this annual event, sponsored by the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit at Camp Robinson, are winners of state championships from all 50 states.

The 192 FG team, which has represented Virginia at this match more than any other unit in the Virginia National Guard, had its best finish to date, coming in with an overall 9th place finish. Individual awards were won by Staff Sgt. Krag-Stevens Cash, Staff Sgt. James Breeden, and Tech. Sgt. Philip Thomas.



Pistol team members - left to right - standing, Tech. Sgt. David Stigall, Master Sgt. Abraham Easter, Tech. Sgt. Philip Thomas, Staff Sgt. Richard Laird; kneeling, Staff Sgt. Krag-Stevens Cash, Master Sgt. Raymond L. Bassetti, Staff Sgt. James Breeden. Air Force Photo.

192D TAKES PART IN 'LIVE DROP' EXERCISE

Six pilots and approximately 30 maintenance personnel took part in the unit's first "live drop" exercise with the F-16, flying close air support missions with Mark-82 bombs during Exercise Live Fury, November 28 through December 5, Eglin AFB, Fla. The Detachment Commander was Lt. Col. Taylor Cole, with Chief Master Sgt. Frank Stanley

serving as the senior enlisted member of the deployment team.

According to F-16 pilot Major Pete Bonanni, the 19 sorties flown in support of U.S. Army forces at

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Chain of Command

There have been a number of changes in the command structure of the 192d FG in recent months, the latest round of which went into effect on January 1. The following chart shows "Who's on first," so to speak, for the 192d.

192d FG Commander	- Lt. Col. William C. Jones
192d Operations Group Commander	- Lt. Col. Robert O. Seifert
149th Operations Sq. Cmdr.	- Lt. Col. William E. Haymes, Jr.
192d Logistics Group Commander	- Lt. Col. Harold T. Yeary
192d Maintenance Sq. Cmdr.	- Maj. Larry B. Wimmer
192d Logistics Sq. Cmdr.	- Lt. Col. David G. Phillips, Jr.
192d Support Group Commander	- Lt. Col. Basil H. Evans, Jr.
192d Engineer/Services Sq. Cmdr.	- Lt. Col. T. Nelson Whitt
192d Security Police Sq. Cmdr.	- Maj. Paul H. Lapham
192d Mission Support Sq. Cmdr.	- Maj. B. Ralph Barker
192d Communications Sq. Cmdr.	- Maj. Robert L. Dyke
192d Clinic Commander	- Lt. Col. James E. Jones, Jr.

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Fort Benning, Ga., were not unlike many of those flown during Operation Desert Storm. He said maintenance technicians worked extra hours to make the deployment a success.

Senior Master Sgt. Kenny Whitlock, 192d CAMS weapons release shop, agreed, saying that "once in a while you get a stubborn airplane that takes a lot of work to keep it in the air." He said deployed unit members got some valuable weapons training and that "all the bombs came off just like they were supposed to."



COMMANDER'S CALL

Lieutenant Colonel Bob Seifert, 192d Operations Group Commander

The capability of any organization can be measured by the skill and ability of its people. High tech equipment is only as good as the people using it. While training is essential to improving our capability, the quality of the initial recruit is the most important factor in our success. The Air Force/ANG has been lucky because it has never had to work hard at recruiting people. The job itself is attractive enough to keep our strength at a comfortable level. But are we getting the best?



Our success as a unit is a tribute to the outstanding people who are in the unit. It seems to follow therefore, that we individual guardsmen are in the best position to recruit people to fill the vacancies that occur. We need that friend of yours; that solid individual with energy and talent just looking for a place to get started. With 1,000 plus people trying to fill the few vacancies that exist, with your help we can be assured of our future success.

A FEW GOOD WORDS... *By Chaplain, Lt. Col. Gerald T. Stone*

*"And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, that it may be well with you."
Deuteronomy 6:18*

A few years back I ran into a college friend of mine at the funeral of a friend who had died suddenly at a young age. We met at the church, and after the service was over started to talk about our friend, Sandy. The shock of his death had hit us both hard.

"You know," my friend said in reflections, "Sandy taught me something I never have forgotten. In college during mid-term exams, I got a call from my mother's doctor saying that my mother was very sick and perhaps I should come home. It scared me, and I called my dad who told me he didn't think mother was that sick. I told Sandy how torn I was about the

trip. I didn't want to miss exams and I really didn't have the money. And Sandy said, "I can't tell you what to do, but I can tell you how to decide -- just do what you won't regret five years from now."

My friend went on to say that he had gone home, and even though his mother recovered, she died a year later. He went on to say that five years later he had no regrets whatsoever about that trip home. We all face tough decisions in life, and a good many of us have tried our hand at praying. This little bit of advice is wise and sound no matter what may arise. Seek counsel and pray for wisdom, yes -- then do what you won't regret five years from now. Chances are that whatever the outcome, you'll have a conscience you can live with and be at peace with God, too.

CAREER CORNER

By Master Sgt. Bobby Lamb

VA HOME LOANS: President Bush signed into law Oct 28, the Veterans Home Loan Program Amendments of 1992. The law, which took effect immediately has some interesting provisions for Selected Reserve members.

The law opens VA loans through 1999 to current members with six or more years service, and to veterans of the Selected Reserve who served at least six years and have an honorable discharge.

Reservists and Guard members who participate must pay a 2 percent funding fee to the VA for no down payment home loans.

It also makes veterans free to negotiate the interest rate for a VA backed mortgage with the lender, negotiate the number of any additional interest rate points the lender charges for making the loan, and negotiate how many points will be paid by the buyer or seller.

RINGSTAFF NAMED UNIT CAREER ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

Master Sgt Gary S. Ringstaff, assigned to the 192d Civil Engineering Squadron has been selected as the Virginia Air National Guard Unit Career Advisor of the year for 1992.

In his position as Unit Career Advisor, Sergeant Ringstaff insured all career counseling interviews were accomplished in a timely manner. His familiarity of NGB policies and benefits were a definite asset to his squadron and the unit.

In a time of massive reorganization within the Civil Engineering Squadron, Sgt. Ringstaff's will-do attitude and knowledge made a positive contribution to the excellent retention rate of the 192d Civil Engineering Squadron.

Guard/Reserve Exchange Privileges

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has developed a program to better inform Guard and Reserve members and their families about their exchange entitlements.

In 1990, all National Guard and Reserve members and their families gained unlimited shopping privileges at military exchanges in the United States. However, many people still do not fully understand that they have this privilege.

The new AAFES program, called "Pass the Word," provides a comprehensive look at information on location, hours of operation, and major AAFES programs. The program will be presented to Guard, Reserve, and retired audiences throughout the United States. Sample products, catalogs and pamphlets will be given out to explain AAFES and show people how to take advantage of the 20 percent overall savings gained by using the exchange service.

PARENTS SHAPE
THE FAMILY



AND AMERICA'S
FUTURE!



WHEELBARROW WINNER - Senior Airman Roy Busic, 192d CAMS Engine Shop, won the "wheelbarrow full of cheer" raffle last month, with Chief Master Sgt. Frank Stanley walking away with the consolation prize, a \$50 Sears gift certificate. The raffle netted more than \$400 for the 1993 Northeast Regional Bowling Tournament, which will be hosted by 192d bowling enthusiasts later this year. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ken Hill.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR VANG MEMBERS

Your Chance to Shine. The public affairs office would like to speak to anyone who works at the Innsbrook Corporate Center, who is interested in taking part in a variety of community involvement activities. Please give us a call at ext 6388.

Strike Up the Band. If you enjoy performing and hearing military band music, here's your chance to become a member of an all-volunteer musical unit. Basic instrumentation needs include: reeds, brass (low and high), and percussion. Interested? Contact Master Sgt. Les Hart, ext 6310 during UTAs.



Social Actions Office Offers Advice on Harassment

Sexual harassment can be anything from the unwelcome display of posters, cartoons, or pictures of a sexual nature to forced sexual relations. If you feel that you are a victim of sexual harassment you should:

1. Make it clear that such behavior is unacceptable
2. Report the incident to your immediate supervisor or a higher level supervisor
3. Contact an EEO counselor or the EEO manager
4. Document every incident:

Who said or did what.
Date, time, witnesses.
Your response to the incident.

3d Annual African-American Guardsmen's Banquet Gears Up

The 3rd Annual African-American Guardsmen's Banquet is scheduled for February 20, 1993. Attire for the banquet is semi-formal uniform or mess dress. The deadline for the ticket purchases is February 7.

Anyone interested in assisting the banquet committee is invited to attend the next committee meeting on January 9, 1993, in the O&T building, Room 2, at 1:30 p.m.

The JAGged Edge...

Preventive Law

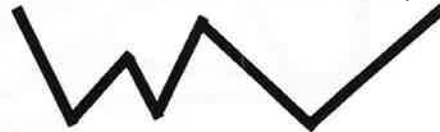
**By Major Clyde Mathews
192d Legal Office**

Recent changes in the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program allow military members the option of increasing their insurance coverage up to a maximum of \$200,000.

All members of the Virginia Air National Guard should also take this time to review their overall arrangements for the welfare of family members in the event of their death. This is a subject most of us prefer to not think about, but proper planning could prove critical to the well-being of the people you love most.

A "last will and testament" is an important

Legal advice for life's ups and downs.



part of estate planning; it not only states who will receive your property, but also names your executor -- the person who will be responsible for handling all of your personal and legal affairs. For parents of minor children, a will also allows you to appoint a guardian to take care of them and their property until adulthood.

The legal office provides advice to unit members on personal legal matters, including the preparation of wills and powers-of-attorney. Individuals in need of legal services during the UTA weekend should contact the legal office in Room 10, O&T Building, extension 6494.



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Special Order M-4-Va

8 Dec 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: 09-10 Jan 93 Flying & OJT in sections **DEPLOYMENTS:** Annual Field Training 10-24 Jul 93

SCHEDULED UTAS: *NOTE CHANGES IN UTA DATES*****

			6 & 7 Feb 93
20 & 21 Mar 93	24 & 25 Apr 93	15 & 16 May 93	12 & 13 Jun 93
7 & 8 Aug 93	21 & 22 Aug 93	18 & 19 Sep 93	2 & 3 Oct 93
6 & 7 Nov 93	4 & 5 Dec 93		

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 BDUs, 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, V2ANG
 Chief, Customer Support

DIST 'A' Plus 1 Ea: ACC/ADUBO; Chief, ACC/CRFG;
 9th AF/CRFG, CV & IC; NGB/XOS & TE; 1913th ISG/CC
 (AFCC); 1 FW/DO; 1 FW/LGSPC; 113th FW/SC; 1 CGS/
 DPMD; HDQ/TCD/RF, Langley AFB, VA 23665-6343.

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MENU - JANUARY UTA

Sat.:	Roast Beef	Sun.:	Salisbury Steak
	Mashed Potatoes		Mexican Pork Chop
	Brown Gravy		Steamed Rice
	Black-eyed Peas		Tomato Sauce
	Mixed Vegetables		Steamed Broccoli

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.

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.

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.

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, Ext. 6541 for more information.

Notice: The Retiree's Association is planning a special program for its February 1993 meeting - "Successful Money Management Seminar," by Planning Associates, Inc. This is an opportunity to learn more about financial planning during retirement and pre-retirement. For more information, about this special program, contact SMSgt. Bob Walton, Ext. 6541.

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