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192d FW deploys to Turkey

Nearly 200 members of the 192d Fighter Wing will deploy to Incirlik AB, Turkey, in early February to support Operation Provide Comfort.

The advance team departs Feb. 5 and the main contingent leaves Feb. 7. The entire group of support troops, aircraft maintenance personnel, and pilots will return March 9.

The 192d is one of three Air Guard units rotating through Incirlik in support of Operation Provide Comfort II. The other two units are the 114th FW, South Dakota ANG and the 185th FW Iowa ANG. Unlike the 192d's last stint at Incirlik (Dec. 28, 1993, for 45 days), this time the units will be pulling duty consecutively, instead of all together.

According to LtCol Steve Hicks, deployment commander, the Air Guard's role in national defense is more critical today than at any time in our history. Due to the U.S. Air Force's high operations tempo and drastic force reductions, the Guard no longer has the luxury of doing preparation training when a crisis erupts. We must hit the ground running. "Outstanding performance got us on the Total Force Team and outstanding performance will keep us there," he said.

Operation Provide Comfort developed after the Gulf Conflict to protect the Kurdish people



living in northern Iraq—an ethnic group terrorized by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and his military. "Provide Comfort II is a very important mission. The enforcement of the "no fly zone" above the 36th parallel is serious business," Hicks said. "Air Guard participation in this mission is a testament to the Air Force's respect for our combat abilities and professionalism."

Mail to unit members deployed for Provide Comfort II should be addressed:

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February Celebrate Black History Month

Commemorative coins still available

The Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation and the U.S. Mint have signed an unprecedented sales agreement, transferring all minted but unsold Women in Military Service Memorial commemorative silver dollars to the memorial foundation. WIMSA is now offering the remaining 38,000 coins for sale.

The WIMSA silver dollar is part of a three-coin U.S. Veterans coin set, sold by the mint through mid-1995. All proceeds from the sale of the remaining coins will support the building of the WIMSA Memorial at Arlington National

Cemetery. The coins will be sold at the same prices \$35 for proof version silver dollars and \$32 for uncirculated coins. A limited number of the original three-coin sets (includes the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the American Ex-Prisoners of War coins) are also available for \$91 per set.

Coins may be purchased with credit card by calling WIMSA at 1-800-222-2294, or by writing WIMSA, Dept. 560, Washington, D.C. 20042-0560. There is an additional shipping and handling charge added to each order. (WIMSA release)

DoD calls up 3,800 reserve troops

The Pentagon has called 3,800 guardsmen and reservists to train for possible deployment to the Balkans to support NATO troops in Bosnia. Nearly 2,000 guardsman and reservists have already deployed to Bosnia, from 41 National Guard and Reserve units from across the country.

They are part of the 60,000-member peacekeeping force, the largest deployment in NATO's history. The U.S. is providing about a third of the frontline troops—20,000 U.S. troops will serve in Bosnia, and another 12,000 will provide support from neighboring countries like Croatia and Hungary.

About 15 Guard/Reserve units will actually go into the operational area. The bulk of reserve component forces will be backfilling units in Europe and stateside. Reserve component soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines, not part of units will go to Fort Benning, Ga., for training before deployment. Units will train and process at Fort Dix, N.J. and Ft Benning. The U.S. Atlantic Command in Norfolk, Va., sent a training team to Ft. Benning to help out. Any individuals who are destined for jobs that require joint skills or knowledge about joint or NATO process will be trained by the Atlantic Command team.

Secretary of Defense William J. Perry said reserve component troops will probably stay on active duty for 270 days, the longest they can be called up without special authority under law.

"U.S. troops are going to Bosnia to enforce a peace, not to fight a war," Perry emphasized. But he added, there's only one real alternative to U.S. participation in the implementation force, "a restart of the war and a resumption of the killings and the atrocities."

Perry said there will be risks while reservists

and active component service members are deployed to the former Yugoslavia. But without NATO's peacekeeping operation, "the risks of the war restarting are even greater," Perry noted. If the war restarts, Perry said it could spread north into Croatia, and threaten Slovenia and Hungary. It could also spread south into Macedonia, Kosovo, and Albania and threaten Greece.

Guardsmen and reservists are joining active duty forces in what Perry described as a limited peacekeeping mission to minimize the risk to the force. "We're not going to allow mission creep in this operation," he said. "We have a large and a well-armed force capable of intimidating any force which tries to tangle with it."

Reserve component personnel going to the former Yugoslavia will work with a multinational division comprised of some 20,000 U.S. troops, a 4,500 Nordic brigade, a reinforced Turkish battalion and a Russian brigade. All of these are serving under the command of MGen. William L. Nash, U.S. Army commander, 1st Armored Division.

(Compiled from AFIS releases)

ACSC coursework changes

Students currently enrolled in Version 10 of the Air Command and Staff College are no longer required to complete the book analysis assignment as part of the program's curriculum.

The book analysis assignment has been removed from the ACSC graduation requirements for all Version 10 correspondence and seminar students.

Any questions about the change may be directed to the training office, ext. 6590 or 6436.

Chief of Staff Fogleman:**Guard is key to AF success**

The Air National Guard has played a huge part in the success of the Air Force, the Air Force Chief of Staff said recently.

Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman said as America's dedicated citizen-airmen, guard members are making an ever increasing contribution to our Air Force team and the security of our great nation.

The general spoke at the Guard's annual Senior Commanders Conference in Arlington, Va. "Thanks to your efforts over the years, the Guard has evolved into a ready and responsive force...one that's well equipped, highly trained and respected," he said.

Fogleman said the extensive demobilization at the end of the Cold War resulted in a return by the nation to a traditional reliance on the Guard and Reserve. As a result, the Air Force has turned increasingly to the reserve components to take on contingency and day-to-day operations.

While the Air Force has been drawing down, its role in contingency operations has increased. "We've found ourselves tasked to participate in contingency operations at nearly four times the rate we experienced during the Cold War," Fogleman said. "We are fortunate that highly capable Guardsmen and Reservists have joined us in meeting the needs of the theater commanders," he said. In its ever-increasing role, the Guard has helped:

—Maintain an air occupation of Iraq from bases in Turkey and southwest Asia for four years.

—Restore democracy in Haiti.

—Provide humanitarian relief in all corners of the world, including Somalia, Bosnia, Rwanda and the Ukraine.

—Conduct counterdrug operations to disrupt the flow of illegal drugs into the U.S.

—Support and fly Deny Flight missions over Bosnia.

—Fly Deliberate Force combat missions against Bosnian Serb forces.

"These missions proved critical in bringing the warring parties in Bosnia to the negotiating table at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio," Fogleman said. The general said Guardsmen have also volunteered to pull holiday tours so active-duty forces can spend Christmas with their loved ones. The Guard has helped hold down the active-duty force's operations tempo, which Fogleman said is a top quality of life concern for all servicemembers.

Most important, when the Guard and Reserve are asked to do a job, their professionalism isn't questioned, the general said. "The measure of merit for me is that when we tell a theater commander we're swapping out a fighter unit, a tanker unit, or whatever — he never asks if the replacement is active duty, Reserve or Guard. The commanders don't care because they understand that you're trained and equipped to the same level as our active-duty troops," he said.

Fogleman said the U.S. will always have a National Guard, and it will continue to rely heavily on its citizen-airmen. And because of the Air Force's increasing missions, the Guard's role will grow. Because of this, the Air Force has the strongest Total Force Team of all the services, he said. Together, the Guard, Reserve and active-duty Air Force will continue providing the U.S. with unrivaled capability to project military power anywhere in the world. (AFNS)



ANOTHER STAR!—BGen John R. Metz is promoted to major general during his retirement ceremony held Jan. 6. Pinning the general's new set of stars are his wife, Theresa, and Virginia's new deputy adjutant general for air, BGen Bill Rose. Photo by TSgt Carlos Claudio .

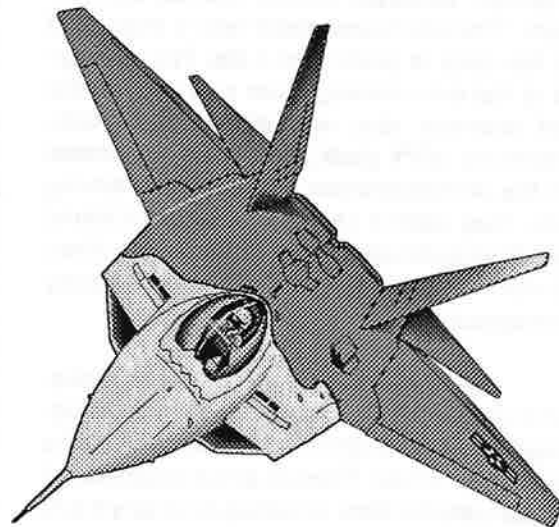
F-22 aircraft assembly begins

Lockheed Martin Aeronautical systems marked a major milestone at the end of 1995 as it began assembly of the forward fuselage of the first F-22 fighter.

This first assembly is the nose landing gear wheel well, a box-like structure that the nose landing gear retracts into when the aircraft takes off.

"We are starting assembly operations on schedule," said Randy Simpson, manufacturing program manager for the Lockheed Martin-Boeing team developing the F-22 for the Air Force. "It is exciting getting to this point. We are not just doing design anymore—this is the real thing."

The first F-22 is scheduled to be flown from the runway at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, which adjoins Aeronautical System; in May 1997. After several functional check flights, the aircraft will



be ferried to the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, Calif., where the F-22's flight test program will take place in earnest. (Air Force News Service)

Celebrating the holidays

Woods visits troops in Peru

Chaplain (Maj) Charles Woods spent Christmas in Peru, but his visit to this exotic location wasn't part of a well-earned vacation. No, the chaplain's sojourn into Peru was for the purpose of celebrating Christmas with U.S. military troops serving in a drug interdiction program the U.S. shares with Peru.

The chaplain was flown into a ground-based radar site manned by a small contingent of U.S. Air Force members. He spent 10 days with the group and celebrated Christmas with them during a candle-light service.

"I was immediately struck by the age of the group," Chaplain Woods recalled after his return. "The unit commander was a major and had less time in grade than I did. The average age of the men serving there was 24, and the most common rank was airman first class. Despite the unit's youth, I was very impressed with the professionalism and discipline among them. They were a very sharp group of young men. Their dedication to duty is incredible; their mission is dangerous and goes mostly unrecognized.

"Their operation runs 24-hours a day, seven-days a week, identifying potential drug-smuggling aircraft, which are forced down by the Peruvian Air Force. There is also a great deal of political unrest in Peru, resulting in terrorism and a poor economy. Our troops live in a self-contained compound. Sandbags stacked several layers thick and head high, help protect our airmen from sniper fire. They wear flak jackets and helmets. The drug cartels, and various

terrorist groups have bounties out on the unit's leader's. Why, there was even a bounty on me while I was there. That was very unnerving; I've never had a price on my head before," the chaplain said.

The chaplain left the unit with a new nickname "Boss Cross;" which was his radio call sign during the visit. He believes his stay at the unit was beneficial for the men, all of them are there for 60 day to 180 day assignments. "They are people, and just like people anywhere they have problems, concerns, and frustrations in addition to the special kinds of issues they must face with their work in Peru," the chaplain explained.

While daily temperatures in Peru topped 100 degrees, and it rained daily, during the chaplains visit, he said the compound's living conditions were comfortable and offered many of the comforts of home (i.e., microwave ovens, TV with U.S. programs. and laundry facilities). He said living conditions were more comfortable than what he experienced on a recent trip to Albania in support of a joint-military training exercise.

Woods is happy he went to Peru, but just as happy and relieved to be home.

The excitement of his stay in Peru isn't to be outdone by the adventure he went through in getting there. "There were some real problems in getting the proper approvals to go in country," the chaplain recounts, "and I want to thank all the people who worked so hard to get me to Peru." *by Capt D.L. Fredette, 192d FW public affairs*

News you can use:

Offices move to new locations

The Social Actions offices have moved up the hall and into Rm. 6 of the Wing Headquarters building.

Information Management (IM) offices have moved from Rm. 6 in the Wing Headquarters building, to Rm. 208 of the Maintenance Hangar. This will put the IM staff with the Communications Flight offices. And the Environmental Management office has moved into Rm. 31 in the Wing Headquarters building. All offices will maintain their original phone numbers.

PDO and the mail room are staying in Wing Headquarters, Bldg. 3652.

Cape Henry Inn opens at Fort Story beach

Military travelers with a taste for beach life have a new option.

The Cape Henry Inn at Fort Story, Va., opened its doors at the end of 1995. The hotel and accompanying cottages are open to active-duty personnel, Guard, Reserve, retired military, and DoD civilian employees and their families.

Hotel manager Carl Greeley said the inn's year-round rates of \$40 to \$65 a night are about average for Virginia Beach in the winter, but only a third or half what nearby resorts charge between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

"All reservations are first-come, first-served," Greeley said. "We will take reservations a year in advance" The summer months are filling up fast, he said. There is still room during the winter months.

The hotel consists of a 50-room main lodge unit and 18 cottages. All rooms in the lodge have ocean views with kitchenettes. The cottages feature full kitchens. The hotel operates under the auspices of the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation office at Fort Eustis, Va.

For reservations, call 1-800-540-3709. (AFIS)



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Banquet committee announces event

The 5th banquet of the African-American Guardsman will be held Saturday, March 30 at the Marriott Hotel at 500 E. Broad St., Richmond.

Tickets are available from any member of the banquet committee for \$28 per person. Dress for the event is semi-formal uniform or mess dress uniform for enlisted members, and mess dress uniform for officers.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Carl Brashear of Virginia Beach. Brashear was the first African-American master diver in the U.S. Navy. Brashear has been featured on several television shows, including 20/20, Real People, and James Whitmore's Come-Back. Bill Cosby has plans underway to produce a movie about Brashear's life and career.

For more information about the banquet, the evening's program, or tickets, call MSgt Dorothy Tatem, ext. 6367, or TSgt Veronica Sargent, ext. 6475.

Club 149

Snow-delayed meeting set for Feb. 3

Due to last month's snow storm, Club 149 will now hold its general membership meeting Saturday, Feb. 3.

The meeting will include elections for some board member positions, and at least one agenda item proposing a change to the club's bylaws. The proposal would allow retirees to become voting members and also allow them to become board members. Retirees are currently associate members. After the meeting, stick around and enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, and music.

During 1996, club officials are encouraging



Banquet committee meets

The African-American Banquet committee will meet on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 3 p.m. in the Maintenance Briefing Room, located in the hangar. All committee members are asked to attend this meeting to finalize plans for the upcoming banquet.

each squadron to pick a drill weekend and provide an activity at the club for that UTA. These squadron-sponsored activities will start with the April drill.

At this time, the Logistics Support Flight has volunteered to plan an activity during the June drill weekend and the 149th Fighter Squadron will sponsor a function during the October drill. There are plenty of months left, club officials point out.

If your unit would like to participate, call Rick Lewis, ext. 6329; Valeria Murphy, ext. 6646; or Shirley Cooper, ext 6428.

WELCOME ABOARD! December Accessions

TSgt James P. Ferguson, 203d RHF
 TSgt Francis Shen, 192d Med Sq
 SSgt Kimberly Andrews, 203d RHF
 SSgt Adrian W. Hampton, 203d RHF
 SSgt Roland E. Harris, 203d RHF
 SSgt Michael N. Hollie, 203d RHF
 SSgt Bradley D. Steele, 203d RHF
 SSgt Frank I. Tominich, 192d Maint Sq
 SSgt Veda H. Wilson, 192d Log Sq
 SrA William J. Bear, 192d Log Sq
 SrA Jamison L. Toro, 203d RHF
 A1C Amy L. Hill, Stud Flt/192d Comm Flt
 A1C Christopher G. Morton, 192d SPS

GOOD LUCK RETIREES! December Retirements

BGen John R. Metz, VaANG StHq
 CMSgt Herbert Timberlake, 192d Com Flt
 SMSgt Patti L. Smith, 192d Com Flt
 MSGt Robert W. Mathias, 192d Maint Sq
 TSgt Thurman Farmer, 149th FS

CONGRATULATIONS! December Promotions

Rank in listing indicates promotion.

SMSGt McQueen A. Johnson, 192d LogSptSq
 SMSgt James W. Regan, 192d Maint Sq
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 TSgt Keith A. Applewhite, 192d SPS
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 SSgt John P. Cary, 192d AGS
 SSgt Jean A. Parmiter, 192d AGS
 SSgt Michael E. Wexler, 192 Svs Flt
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 SrA Roger C. Tingen, Jr., 192d AGS
 SrA Shebra R. Dickens, 192d Svs Flt
 SrA Stephen D. Davis, 192d Svs Flt

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DoD sets policy on joining groups

In the wake of two recent murders in Fayetteville, N.C., defense officials are again emphasizing DoD's policy concerning military personnel participation in supremacist organizations.

There is no place for racial hatred or extremism in the U.S. military, Defense Secretary William Perry said in a recent press release. He said every service member takes an oath to support and defend the U.S. Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

"The men and women in the military must understand the gravity of this oath," said Perry. "Department of Defense policies state that military personnel may not actively participate in organizations that espouse supremacist causes."

Perry's statement came after Fayetteville police found Nazi flags and supremacist material in the mobile home where they arrested two murder suspects—Army Pfc. James A. Burmeister, 20, and Malcolm Wright, 22. Both were charged with two counts of first degree murder in the Dec. 7 deaths of Michael James, 36, and Jackie Burden, 27, both of Fayetteville.

A third soldier, Spc. Randy Meadows, 21, is charged with two counts of conspiracy to commit murder. Meadows allegedly drove the vehicle that transported Burmeister and Wright.

All three serve with the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. Both Fayetteville police and the Army Criminal Investigation Division at Ft. Bragg continue their investigations. The incident prompted Army Secretary Togo West to form a review board to investigate extremist and supremacist activities within the Army. West appointed MGen. Larry Jordan, the Army's deputy inspector general, to head the board. Jordan is to report findings to West by March 1, 1996. In a press conference Dec. 12, West echoed Perry's

remarks: "Involvement in extremist organizations, whether active or passive, will not be tolerated." Service member must reject participation in organizations that:

- Espouse supremacist causes;
- Attempt to create illegal discrimination based on race, creed, color, gender, religion or national origin;
- Advocate the use of force or violence or otherwise engage in efforts to deprive individuals of their civil rights.

Also, DoD instructions prohibit service members from:

- Participating in supremacist or extremist rallies or demonstrations;
- Knowingly attending meetings or activities while on active duty, when in uniform, when in a foreign country or in violation of off-limits restrictions or orders;
- Conducting fundraising activities;
- Recruiting or training members (including encouraging others to join);
- Organizing or leading a supremacist or extremist group;
- Distributing extremist or supremacist literature on or off military installations.

Perry said DoD policies clearly prohibit racial intolerance and discrimination in any form. "Equal treatment, respect and trust are values that the men and women in the military take very seriously," said Perry. "These values are fundamental to a just society, and they are fundamental to military effectiveness. Military training stresses these principles, military conduct requires their observance."

by MSgt. Stephen Barrett
American Forces Information Service



**JOINING THE AIR
GUARD FAMILY--TSgt
Ken Hill, 192d FW
Combat Visual
Information Support
Center, is all smiles after
his daughter, Amy, joined
the 192d Fighter Wing on
Dec. 20, 1995.
Conducting the
enlistment ceremony was
192d Mission Support
commander, LtCol
Bernard Barker (right).
Amy will be a
photographer like her
father. Photo by TSgt
Carlos Claudio.**

Schedule of upcoming UTAs, events

Unit Training Assembly Schedule of Events
Through December 1996:

3-4 Feb 96 UTA

(4 Feb/AM, Major Accident Response
Exercise; 1-28 Feb/Provide Comfort II,
Deployment to Turkey);

9-10 Mar 96 UTA;

30-31 Mar 96 UTA;

20 Apr-4 May 96 AFT (Annual Field Training,
Savannah, GA; Operational Readiness Exercise,
22-23-24 Apr);

18-19 May 96 UTA (19 May/AM, Major

Accident Response Exercise);

8-9 Jun 96 UTA;

13-14 Jul 96 UTA;

10-11 Aug 96 UTA (8-14 Aug/9th AFQAF);

25-31 Aug/Exercise-Silver Flag, CE FD DP
SVCS);

14-15 Sep 96 UTA (CE Bivouac/Major
Accident Response Exercise);

5-6 Oct 96 UTA (Mobility);

2-3 November 96 UTA (Attack Response
Exercise);

7-8 Dec 96 UTA.



*Happy Valentine's Day
February 14th*

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