



# VANGUARD

192d Fighter Wing  
Virginia Air National Guard - Richmond IAP - Sandston, VA

## Summer finds 192d FW deployed

This summer, members of the 192d Fighter Wing will be deployed across the country and around the world.

Deployment activities kicked off in earnest on May 28, with nearly 80 unit members deploying to Aviano AB, Italy. All total, nearly 100 unit members are currently at Aviano.

The unit is flying reconnaissance missions over the strife-torn land formerly known as Yugoslavia. The 192d will continue flying recon missions out of Aviano until mid-July. Due to the size and nature of the deployment, it was divided into two 3-week rotations. The first and second groups will change places between June 21-

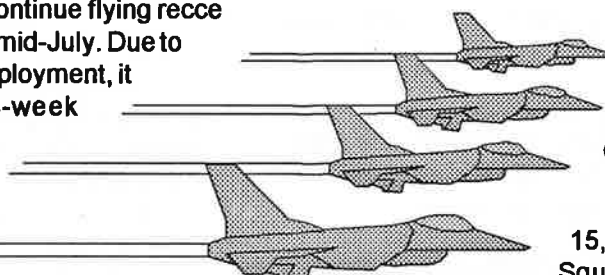
23. The second group is scheduled to return to the base July 17. Col. Bill Jones, 192d FW commander is detachment commander during the first rotation. LtCol Dave Doman, 149th Fighter Squadron, will serve as detachment commander during the second rotation.

The 192d Security Police head for Ramstein AB, Germany, on June 15 and will return home

June 30. The contingent of 49 security police, law enforcement, and combat arms and training and maintenance team members will be providing backfill support to the 86th Security Police Squadron.

The 86th is the largest security police force in USAFE (U.S. Air Forces in Europe). The 86th has been very busy supporting operations throughout Europe. The 192d will backfill positions for the unit while many members are deployed to an exercise in southern Germany.

Meanwhile, June 15, the 192d Medical Squadron deploys to Misawa AB, Japan. Nearly 50 squadron members will participate in the 14-day deployment. The doctors, nurses, technicians and administrative staff will be working at the Misawa AB Hospital, which serves the entire Air Force population in the Pacific Region.



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## Officer applications due now

The Military Personnel Flight is accepting applications from individuals who are interested in obtaining a commission in the VaANG. The policy for filling vacant, non-rated/non-professional positions within the state is to have a pool of applicants established at the beginning of each fiscal year (Oct. 1)

The pool consists of individuals selected from all applications received, who meet all qualification requirements. People placed in the pool are reminded that should they not be selected for a vacant position during the year, they must reapply the following year. The applications are not automatically retained in the pool at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Some of the basic requirements for a commission are as follows:

### ATM Suggestion Response

At the January 1996 Commander's Advisory Council meeting, the idea of installing an automatic teller machine on base was raised.

While many considered it a good idea, base officials researching ATM possibilities found out it was not feasible for the base.

Local banks and the Ft. Eustis Federal Credit Union said that 50,000 transactions per month are required in order to have an ATM installed. The base cannot meet this criteria.

Ft. Eustis Federal Credit Union pointed out that its members will not be charged for ATM transactions from the Richmond area if they send the FEFUCU a request for a fee waiver. This fee waiver request must only be done once.

Further questions about this matter may be directed to LtCol Barker, ext. 6318 or Maj Woody, ext. 6592.

Individuals must be commissioned by age 35. Absolutely no age waivers will be considered.

A bachelor's degree is desired; however, education waivers will be considered. Applicants must have a minimum of 90 semester hours for a waiver to be considered.

All applicants must take the Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT). If you have previously tested and qualified, your test scores will not expire. Required qualifying score requirements will be explained by an MPF staff member.

The deadline for submitting applications is Sunday, June 9. Applications received after that date will not be considered. Applicants failing to furnish the required information will not be considered.

Anyone interested in becoming an officer in the VaANG may contact MSgt John Rollings, MPF, ext. 6708.

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### Unit gains visibility with new mission

## VIPs visit, review recce mission

The 192d Fighter Wing has achieved a higher level of visibility and renown since embarking upon the Air Force's new F-16 reconnaissance mission.

Interest in our unit extends right up through the the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Ronald Fogleman to members of the U.S. Congress.

One of these congressmen, Robert K. "Bob" Dornan (R-Calif) and Deputy Director of the ANG, BrigGen Paul A. Weaver Jr., visited the 192d Fighter Wing on May 19. Representative Dornan, his wife, Sallie, and General Weaver arrived on base shortly after 9 a.m. They were greeted by 192d Fighter Wing Commander, Col Bill Jones, and several members of his staff.

Also on hand to welcome the visitors were BrigGen Wilbur Rose, VaANG deputy adjutant general for air, and BrigGen Terry Maynard, VaANG StHq chief of staff.

Col Jones briefed the visitors on the wing. Col Robert Seifert, Operations Group commander then briefed the audience on the new recce pods and the unit's mission capabilities with the pods.

The highlight of the visit for the congressman was an F-16 flight. The day ended with a windshield tour of the base.



***All base members with a computer account are asked to complete the Security Awareness, Training, Education program called SAFE2. It can be accessed from your computer's Windows screen--under the training icon.***

## ANG senior enlisted advisor visits

CMSgt Edwin Brown, senior enlisted advisor for the Air National Guard will be visiting the 192d Fighter Wing on Saturday, June 8.

According to CMSgt Shelvie Wood, VaANG senior enlisted advisor, Chief Brown will hold two discussion sessions in the hangar: 9:30—11 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. "I encourage all enlisted members to attend one of these sessions," Chief Wood said. "With all the commanders' and

supervisors' support, we can make these meaningful, useful sessions for the enlisted personnel. Chief Brown will be giving his full attention to the enlisted force; he wants to hear your questions and concerns. He is concerned for the welfare and development of the enlisted force," Chief Wood said.

Chief Brown also plans to visit individual units.

## Education & Training Corner

# Staff publicizes learning programs

The 192d FW Education & Training staff has kicked off an aggressive program to inform every Virginia Air Guard member of the variety of education services that are available.

"Training and education are vital components for every member of the Virginia Air Guard. Without proper training we can't get our jobs done," said Maj Charlie Sachs, Base Education & Training officer. "To ensure mission accomplishment, each commander must ensure his or her people receive quality training, and are provided the opportunities to grow professionally and personally through military and civilian education. The Education & Training Office is committed to providing these education & training resources."

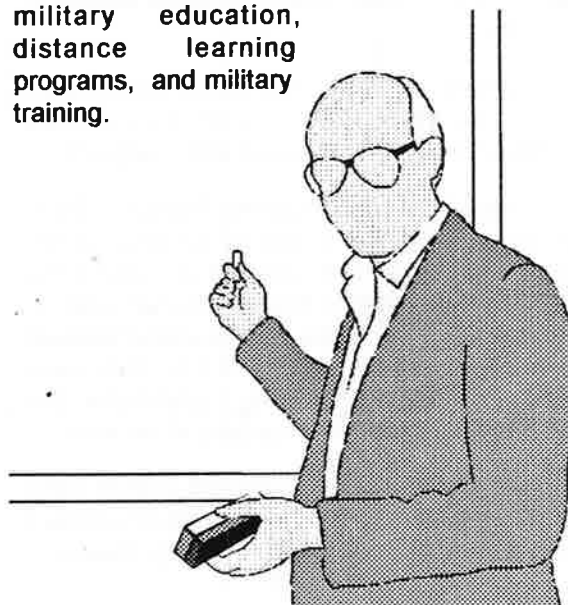
The Education & Training staff recently published an education services pamphlet that describes the major education programs available to Air Guard members. The pamphlet is being distributed base wide. The staff is also surveying the base population to determine the Guardmembers' education and training needs and to provide feedback to commanders.

The Education & Training staff, located in the in the Wing Headquarters Building, room 37B includes: SMSgt Mike Gates, Base Training Manager; TSgt Tony White, Community College of the Air Force and satellite downlink training point of contact; MSgt Gary Harper, NCOIC of Base Education, MSgt Bob Roza, veterans and state tuition assistance (ext. 6710), and Maj Sachs, Education & Training Officer. The staff may be contacted at ext. 6590.

The Education & Training staff will be publicizing their programs in the Vanguard in the coming months. "We hope to make people more

aware of the education & training opportunities and benefits available to them," Sachs explained.

Future articles will cover education benefits, testing programs, professional military education, distance learning programs, and military training.



## College Tuition Assistance deadline looms in August

The final deadline for Fall '96 semester, state tuition assistance applications is close of business Sunday, Aug. 11 (Aug. UTA).

Blank applications are available in the 192d FW retention manager's office in the Military Personnel Flight. Applicants must have two years retainability from the last month of the funded semester to be eligible for assistance.

For more information about the college tuition assistance program, see Retention Manager MSgt Bob Roza, MPF, ext. 6710.

## FW recognizes new academy grads

Congratulations to the recent NCO academy graduates: TSgt Allen Johnson, SSgt Robert McGhee and George Rosario from the Engine Shop and SSgt Tom Carter from Personnel. The class, located at McGee Tyson AFB in Knoxville, Tennessee, lasted from Jan. 8 through Feb. 18. A number of 192d FW members attended the graduation exercise to show their support for the wing's four graduating airmen.

Those attending the NCO academy class rated the training as superb. In general, training focused on areas of writing, personal speaking skills, uniform standards, military law, and managerial abilities. Another area of concentration was on Total Quality Management.

TQM training addressed standards and guidelines for performing a task in an efficient manner. Rosario's comment "quality is basically in the people" reflected what he thought was an important element he learned from TQM.

The class is open to all branches of the military and is taught by a dedicated, full-time staff. Class hours were from 7:50 a.m. to 5 p.m., five days a week. Class members were required to participate in physical training three days a week.

There were 143 in the class. For more information about attending NCO academy, call SMSgt Mike Gates, Military Personnel Flight, ext. 6590.

by TSgt Jerome Wade, 192d Public Affairs



**Glad Grads--Top photo: SSgt Tom Carter walks across the stage at graduation. Bottom photo: TSgt Allen Johnson, SSgt Robert McGhee and George Rosario from the Engine Shop are congratulated by 192d FW members after the ceremony. Photo courtesy of Combat Visual Information.**

### Backfill for deployed troops

## Two Supply troops go on active duty

Two members of base supply have been selected for 90-day tours with the Air Force to backfill active duty members deployed for contingency operations.

SSgt Michael R. Bowers, Weapons Systems Support Flight, and SSgt Yvette E. King, Policy and Procedures Flight, were chosen by Headquarters Air Combat Command from

numerous applicants. King is already assigned to Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., and Bowers will be assigned to Tinker AFB, Okla.

This is a new program within ACC Supply activities; it has helped relieve active duty Supply personnel shortages. According to Headquarters ACC, the program is quite successful, and will be offered again next year.

**Spotlight****Guards secure base resources**

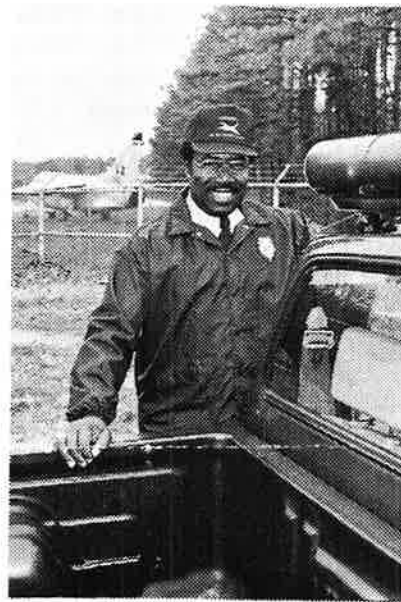
There is a group of people serving the Va ANG every day that often goes unrecognized. Most people think of them as "the gateguards," but this team of people is responsible for much more.

Meet one of our gate security officers: Rodger Jones. He served in the active duty Air Force for 20 years, and retired from the 842d Missile Security Sqdn, Grand Forks, N.D. in September 1991. "I enjoy working for the Va Air Guard. Coming to this job was like coming home," he said.

Gate Security is the first contact people have with the base. The Guards must be firm yet courteous and ready to deal with any type of situation that could present itself. Jones manages gate security with eight other full-time and three part-time employees. He said, "Our job can be routine much of the time, but we never lose sight of the fact that we are here to protect the base's resources. Even in times of peace, real-world situations have shown that targets can be anywhere. We have to stay prepared and vigilant."

Jones says most people on base are security conscious, but he reminds us: "Security is everyone's business, not just the guys at the gate."

by TSgt Michael Rawlings  
192d Public Affairs Office



*Rodger Jones prepares to make security rounds at the end of a busy day. Photo by TSgt Carlos Claudio.*

**Summer deployment*****Continued from page 1***

In July, the Security Police will be back on the road again, but this time they'll stay on U.S. soil. From July 17 to Aug. 3, 23 security police and law enforcement specialists will deploy with a similar contingent from the West Virginia Air National Guard. The group will work as a unit, providing security in Atlanta, Ga., during the 1996 Olympic Games.

**Base offers new location for getting ID cards**

If you need a new military identification card, you no longer have to visit security police. New ID cards can now be issued at the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Section (formerly CBPO).

New ID cards are issued for reenlistment, extensions, grade change, or to replace a lost card. Call ext. 6318 for more information.

## Fire Dept. offers summer safety tips

It's time to break out the lawn mowers and power tools. Here are a few timely safety tips to help you have a safer summer.

Before plugging in any power tool, check the electrical cord for cuts, breaks or abrasions. If they are in bad shape, replace them.

When getting out gasoline-powered tools, check for dry, rotting fuel lines and pull cords. Replace worn parts.

Keep only a small amount of gasoline on hand for your lawn equipment. This fuel should be stored in an approved container and kept in an

outside storage area. Portable fuel cans should be painted red and have the word "gasoline" printed on them. The can should also have a tight fitting vent cap or a spring lid. Plastic or glass containers should not be used to store or carry gas, unless the container has been approved by Underwriters Laboratory.

When transporting gasoline, never leave it in your vehicle for an extended amount of time, especially on hot days. The container may rupture due to pressure buildup, or fill the vehicle with explosive vapors.

Never open gasoline cans near open flames or sparking devices. The vapors are dangerous and explosive. Make sure your lawn mower engine is shut down and cool before refueling. Maintain a 20 ft clearance from all combustible materials and structures when refueling. Never refuel anything inside a building

For a courtesy inspection of your base facility or equipment, call the fire department at ext. 6361.

by R. Pettyjohn  
base fire department



## Club plans activities for June, July

On Saturday, June 8, the 192d Logistics Super Flight will sponsor a volleyball game and beach part at Club 149, from 5:30–9 p.m. Music, food and fun are planned. Logistics members invite everyone to join in on the fun.

The Club Board of Governors and Club Council is calling a general membership meeting at 5:15 p.m., Saturday, July 13. The meeting will open up for discussion a recommended change in the Council By-Laws.

The recommended change reads: The Board of Governors shall consist of up to 15 members, composed of the following: President, 10 elected members and up to four appointed members. The elected positions will be for will be for a full two-year term, five of which will be elected each year; and the appointed positions may be filled by the President at his/her discretion for one year.

Elections will be held annually at a general membership meeting.

Event celebrates 5th anniversary

## Af-Am banquet hailed as success

The Flight of the African-American Guardsmen of the VaANG celebrated its fifth anniversary during the weekend of March 30. Mayor of Richmond Leonidas B. Young; Henrico County Supervisor Frank Thornton; and BrigGen Wilbur Rose, the VaANG deputy adjutant general for air, were among the many distinguished guests on hand for the celebration.

More than 400 guests gathered at the Richmond Marriott Hotel for an evening of dinner, recognition and entertainment.

This year's program was dedicated to LtCol Basil H. "Buddy" Evans Jr., for his years of support and help in making this annual affair a reality. He was presented with a Defender of Freedom Eagle sculpture as a token of appreciation.

Also honored during the festivities were Rosalee Lewis (in memory of her late husband, MSgt John Lewis, who was the first African-American to join the Va Air Guard); Maj Eric Ray Paige (VaANG retired); the first African-American officer hired as a full-time technician; and MSgt Glenda A. Lett (formerly with the VaANG and currently in the Army Guard), who is the only African-American female E-8 in the Va National Guard.

Master Chief Petty Officer Carl Brashear (retired Navy), was keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet. He was the first African-American Master Diver in U.S. Navy history. Brashear spoke eloquently of the many trials and tribulations he faced during his distinguished career, during which he accomplished many "firsts." A captivating film clip summarized the highlights of his career. Col. William C. "Bill"

Jones, 192d Fighter Wing commander, described Brashear as a true hero.

Sister Cora Marie Billings, RSM, Pastoral Coordinator of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Richmond, provided the Gospel message during a very inspirational Sunday Morning Service. (She is the only African-American female in the United States to hold this type of position.) A standing-room-only crowd in Club 149 hugged, cried and sang together during the Service, simply entitled "Unity."

MSgt Dorothy Tatem, African-American Banquet Committee coordinator, thanks everyone who took part in the weekend celebration. "The event was a success and we look forward to even greater things in '97. Our message has been constant over the years and we hope that every heart has been touched."

by TSgt Michael Rawlings  
192d Public Affairs Office

### Banquet committee meets during June UTA

The African-American Banquet Committee is meeting at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 8 in the maintenance briefing room. Anyone with questions about the meeting may contact MSgt Dorothy Tatem, ext. 6367.

### Retirees meet monthly

Retirees of the Virginia Air National Guard meet on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings convene at 7 p.m. at Club 149.

Annual dues are \$12. Anyone with 20 or more years of military service may join the group. For more information, call SMSgt Robert Walton at ext. 6541.



## 192d members visit VA hospital

On April 13, 22 Air Guard members revisited the veterans at McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond.

Their first visit was about three months ago, just before Christmas.

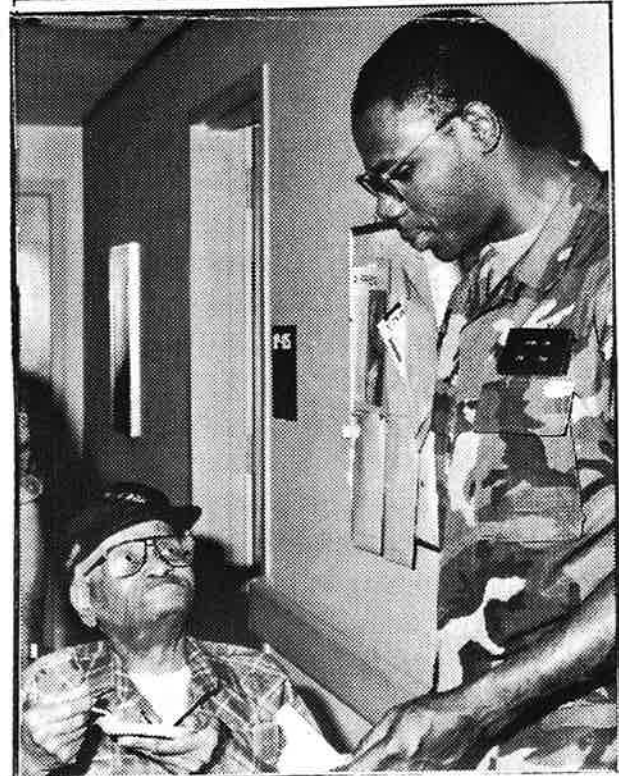
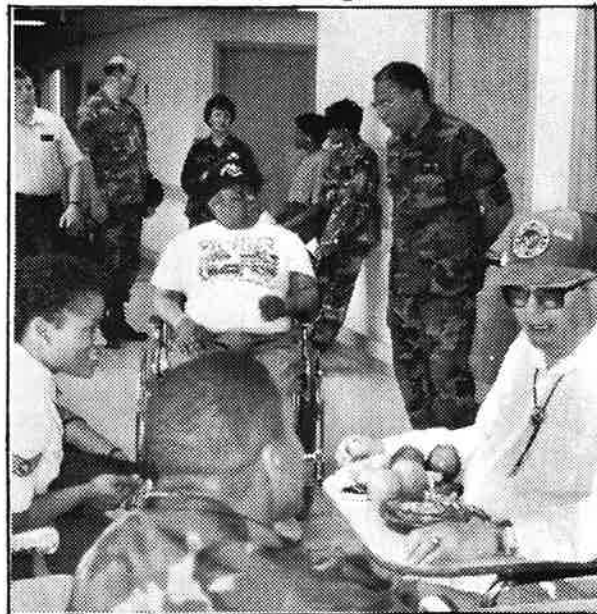
During this visit, unit members once again gave out fruit, pastries, and beverages. They spent time listening and talking to the vets about their time in the military. Speaking with some of the veterans was like walking through time and learning about what the economy and politics were like during World Wars I & II and the Korean and Vietnam campaigns. There were also some very lonely soldiers who felt rejuvenated after having someone there just to spend time with them.


The idea of visiting with the veterans originated with MSgt Vince Harris, Logistics first sergeant. While he was attending the First Sergeant Academy, he sensed that reaching to our former military soldiers would be a very worthwhile opportunity.

Those participating in this outreach event represented several 192d FW squadrons: logistics, medical, civil engineering, finance, and vehicle maintenance to name a few. When this event is rescheduled, (hopefully on a quarterly basis) anyone may participate. For more information, call Harris, or SSgts Adrienne Smith or Cassie Tucker at ext. 7103.

by TSgt Jerome Wade  
192d Public Affairs

**Photos at right – Veterans and 192d FW members enjoy each other's company during the unit's recent visit to the local Veterans Hospital. Photos by MSgt Ken Hill.**





## On the menu...

<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>June 8</b></p> <p>Baked Fish w/ lemon Grilled Chicken Patties w/ cheese topping Baked Macaroni &amp; Cheese Rice Pilaf Buttered Mixed Vegetables Ice Cream &amp; Dessert</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>June 9</b></p> <p>Pepper Steak BBQ Spareribs Baked Beans Baked Potatoes Broccoli w/ Cheese Sauce Ice Cream &amp; Dessert</p>
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## Personnel actions

### Accessions – April 1996

SSgt L.K. Baker, 192d Med Sq  
 SSgt T.A. Tucker, 192d Comm  
 SSgt A.D. Hyndman, 192d Med Sq  
 SSgt R.A. Davenport, 192d AGS  
 SSgt J.G. Caprara, 192d Maint Sq  
 SrA D.S. Coleman, 203d RHF  
 TSgt A.G. Lane, III, 192d Med Sq  
 SrA D.W. Clemons, 192d Maint Sq  
 SSgt M.S. Leeper, 192d Maint Sq  
 A1C D.A. Johnson, 203d RHF  
 SSgt R.D. Mullins, 203 RHF  
 SrA Y.K. Kim, 192d Maint Sq  
 SrA A.H. Bridges, 203 RHF  
 SSgt D.W. Gibbons, 192d Comm  
 SrA L.D. Morton, 192d LGS  
 Sgt S.D. Zettlemoyer, 192d Maint Sq

### Promotions – April 1996

SMSgt David L. Underhill, 203d RHF  
 MSgt Robert C. Pace, 192d AGS  
 MSgt Thomas R. Barlow, 192d AGS  
 MSgt Stephen E. Tuck, 192d Maint Sq  
 TSgt William H. Morey, 192d Med Sq  
 TSgt Shiela Buckingham, 192d Comm  
 Sgt Angel L. Berrios, 203d RHF  
 SrA David L. Mozee, 192d Maint Sq  
 SrA Matthew B. Stoupa, 192d CES  
 SrA William Cole, 192d SPS  
 SrA Melissa D. Spangler, 203d RHF  
 A1C William F. Folk, 192d CES  
 TSgt Mike (NMI) Garcia, 192d Maint Sq  
 Sgt Eric D. Bates, 192d SVF  
 SrA Courtna L. Brown, 192d FW

### Announced Retirements

CMSgt Shelvie Wood, StHQ  
 SMSgt Robert K. Newton, 203d RHF  
 TSgt Ernest L. Graham, 192d Maint Sq  
 TSgt Jeffrey S. Atkins, 192d AGS

## Logistics shoots hoops with youth

LtCol Gary Wood, Logistics Sqdn commander, led a team of 10 guardsmen (9 men and 1 woman) to participate in recreational basketball with youth from the Newbridge Connect Program at Newbridge Baptist Church recently.

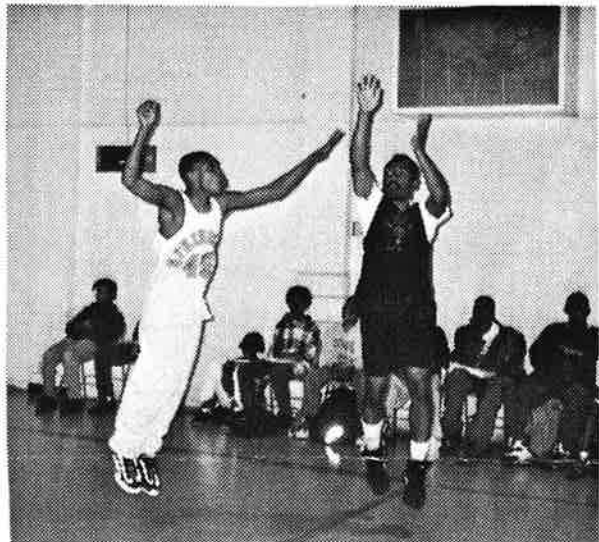
The Connect Program, under the direction of Henrico Area Mental Health and Retardation Services, is geared towards violence prevention in county neighborhoods. TSgt Ike Rawlings, a part-time county employee, arranged the game and took the Guard members through the Newbridge facility.

"We are an after school program serving kids from 3rd through 12th grade. The youth have mandatory study times before they are allowed to play," Rawlings explained. Air Guard participants included: Wood, MSgt Al Harrison, SSgt Cassandra Huff, TSgt Marvin Owens, SSgt Lawrence Jackson, Capt James Parker, TSgt T.O. Williams, SrA Michael Bowers, MSgt Gerald Golden and TSgt Joshua Coston.

After the game, VaANG members declined to discuss the score, but all agreed, "Those kids

were really fast." "We'll have to do it again," Parker said.

by TSgt Michael Rawlings  
192d Public Affairs Office



**Logistics members find themselves bested at basketball. Photo by TSgt Michael Rawlings.**

## Vanguard clarifies recreation article

The VaANG state headquarters invites all Virginia Air National Guard members to Club 149 for an evening of fun, food and festivities during the July drill weekend.

The state headquarters is hosting an evening of watersports. State headquarters male officers have volunteered to sit in a dunking booth—or perhaps be on the receiving end of a water balloon barrage. The headquarters staff promise an enjoyable, relaxing evening. They invite

everyone to join them at Club 149 on Saturday, July 13.

*Editor's note: The Vanguard regrets any misunderstandings concerning the wording in last month's version of this article.*

Sincerely,

Capt Deborah L. Fredette  
192d Public Affairs

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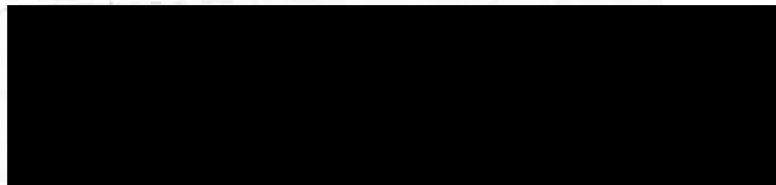
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