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Weather alters drill schedule

The new dates for the February drill are April 13 and 14.

For the first time in many years, weather conditions have impacted not just one, but two drill weekends for the Virginia Air Guard.

Some people were still juggling their civilian work schedules in an attempt to make up the Sunday, missed due to heavy snows during the January drill when the call went out that the February drill was postponed until April.

Friday morning, Feb. 2, Virginia Air Guard officials evaluated the current weather conditions and the weekend forecast, and decided drill weekend would have to be cancelled and rescheduled. Steadily worsening weather and driving conditions encouraged officials to start sending the fulltime staff home early on Friday. Freezing rain, ice, and snow swept across the length and breadth of Virginia starting early Friday morning.

Many unit members found themselves without power during and after the storm. Temperatures plummeted to some of the lowest experienced by Virginia this winter. "My family was without electricity for 13 hours. We just handled it; what else could you do. I have a

brother who works for Virginia Power and I knew how hard they were working to get the power back on. Many repair crews were working around the clock," said MSgt Larry Woodson, 192d Services Flight.

In addition, Woodson reminds all Air Guard commuters to call him at 236-6115 or 236-6315 to make billeting arrangements for the first drill weekend of March, the 9th and 10th. "If you're going to need a room that weekend, call me as soon as possible," he said.

Billeting Reminder

Unit members who commute and use local hotels on drill weekend are reminded to call the 192d Services Flight at 236-6115/6315 as soon as possible in order to reserve their rooms for the drill weekend of March 9-10.

Commander's Call

192d keeps pace as tempo quickens

Operations Tempo

This catch-all phrase applies to the entire base, not just the Operations Group. It reflects the rate of our unit activities—pretty high right now. In our latest Video Vanguard, I talk briefly about operations tempo because I have asked our folks to do a lot of difficult things, mostly with limited resources. The response from unit members has been nothing short of remarkable! We have had numerous visitors (including several general officers) and they have been able to observe what we already knew. We are one of the finest organizations in the Air Force. To quote Lt Col Evans, Support Group Commander, we are **"A Quality Organization"**. I could not be more proud when I talk about the Virginia team. Our people make the difference. The accomplishments of the 192d Fighter Wing are well known!

How Much Is Too Much?

I don't know the answer to that question. Last March, we had a meeting at Savannah (annual field training) to review our agenda for 1995-96. (I was concerned about our planned high rate of activity.) We set priorities on deployments and asked commanders and supervisors to review our operations tempo to see if we should slow the pace. The consensus was to lean forward and continue on with our schedule.

BR (Before Reconnaissance)

Our discussions about tempo occurred before we took on the reconnaissance program. I think that this unique capability (reconnaissance) is good for our unit in the long term, but the level of work needed to bring this system on line is more than I could ever have imagined. As usual, the response from our people has been exceptional and the 192d is setting standards for the entire Air Force! It's a bright spotlight and the tempo is faster and faster. Again, how much is too much? I keep asking because I'm not sure. There is no clear answer.

I am relying on leadership at all levels to insure that we do not get so caught up in the "tempo" that we lose objectivity and common sense. We need to stay smart. I appreciate the superb talent we have in our organization! I am grateful for your support.

Bill Jones

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Savannah off as ops tempo increases

Due to the large number of deployments and real world contingencies, 192d Fighter Wing leadership has cancelled the unit's upcoming deployment to Savannah.

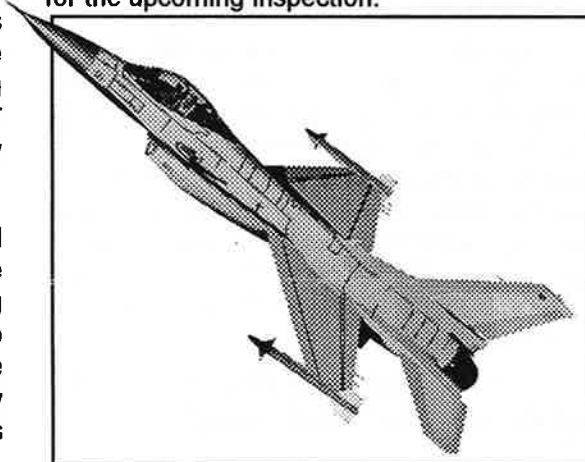
Instead of deploying to the Combat Readiness Training Center in Savannah, Ga., as scheduled, the 192d FW will hold a home-station training week April 20-27.

According to LtCol Buddy Evans, 192d Combat Support Group commander, "Individuals should check with their supervisor to determine if they should go on annual training orders during this period, or if they will meet their 15-day AT requirement through one of the many deployments scheduled this year."

The dining hall will be open that week, and billeting arrangements will be made through the units for people living outside the commuting distance. "However, we do ask commuters to come in for AT, starting April 21. The hotels we use for billeting have already indicated that they are booked for the night of April 20," Evans added.

"Anyone not going on any scheduled deployments may use this time to complete up to eight days of annual training. The rest of their 15 days may be scheduled through a person's unit throughout the remainder of the fiscal year," Evans explained.

The Quality Air Force Assessment is still scheduled for August, supervisors may want to use the week in April to make final preparations for the upcoming inspection.



Recruiters list unit job vacancies

Contrary to popular belief, the 192d Fighter Wing has vacancies that need to be filled by high-quality, motivated people. If you know someone who would benefit from the Air Guard experience, please call the recruiting office at 236-6311 or 236-6316.

Following is the number of vacancies in each category:

1C351	Command & Control	2	2A353B	Acft Maintenance	8
3S271	Education & Training	1	2A353A	Avionics Attack Control	1
3C051	Computer System Operator	1	2W151	Aircraft Armament	4
2E673	Telephone Switching	1	2A151	Avionics Sensors	1
			2A157	Electronic Counter Measures	1
			2A654	Acft Fuels System	8
			2A655	Acft Pneudraulics	2
			2A656	Acft EI & Environment	5
			2A652	Aerospace Ground Equip	2
			2A754	Fabrication & Parachute	1
			2P051	Avionics PMEL	2
			2A051B	Avionics Test Station	4
			2W051	Munitons	3

192d FW deploys to Turkey

With adrenalin running high, and a couple delays already behind them, 155 unit members finally climbed aboard a chartered stretch DC-8 at the Richmond International Airport around 8:15 p.m. Feb. 7, then sat there until midnight.

The contingent was ready and eager to deploy to Incirlik AB, Turkey, for a month-long tour in support of Operation Provide Comfort II, but little things kept delaying their departure.

According to Maj L.J. Ceritelli, Wing Plans, there was a cargo door that wouldn't open; then there were problems getting the fuel truck hooked up to the jet; followed by the jet shifting slightly on the icy parking ramp and snagging the fuel truck's grounding line, which then had to be cut so the truck could drive away; then the aircraft developed an hydraulic problem; which was repeated on a smaller scale by the food delivery truck.

"The group was delighted when they finally got the green light around midnight.

Once in the air, they made fabulous time, caught a couple-hundred mile-an-hour tail wind and arrived at Incirlik AB in 14 hours," Ceritelli said. Richmond local time for the group's arrival in Turkey was 2 p.m. Feb. 8, which was 9 p.m. that night for our travelers, as Incirlik AB is seven hours ahead of Richmond.

The team of pilots, aircraft maintenance, weapons, and support personnel was about 50% traditional Guardsmen, 50% full time staff. The group included three guests: Peter Bacque, military correspondent for the Richmond Times Dispatch; Times Dispatch photographer Bruce Parker; and Virginia State National Guard public affairs officer, Maj Thomas Wilkinson. These three will return to Richmond on Feb. 12.

LtCol Steve Hicks, deployment commander

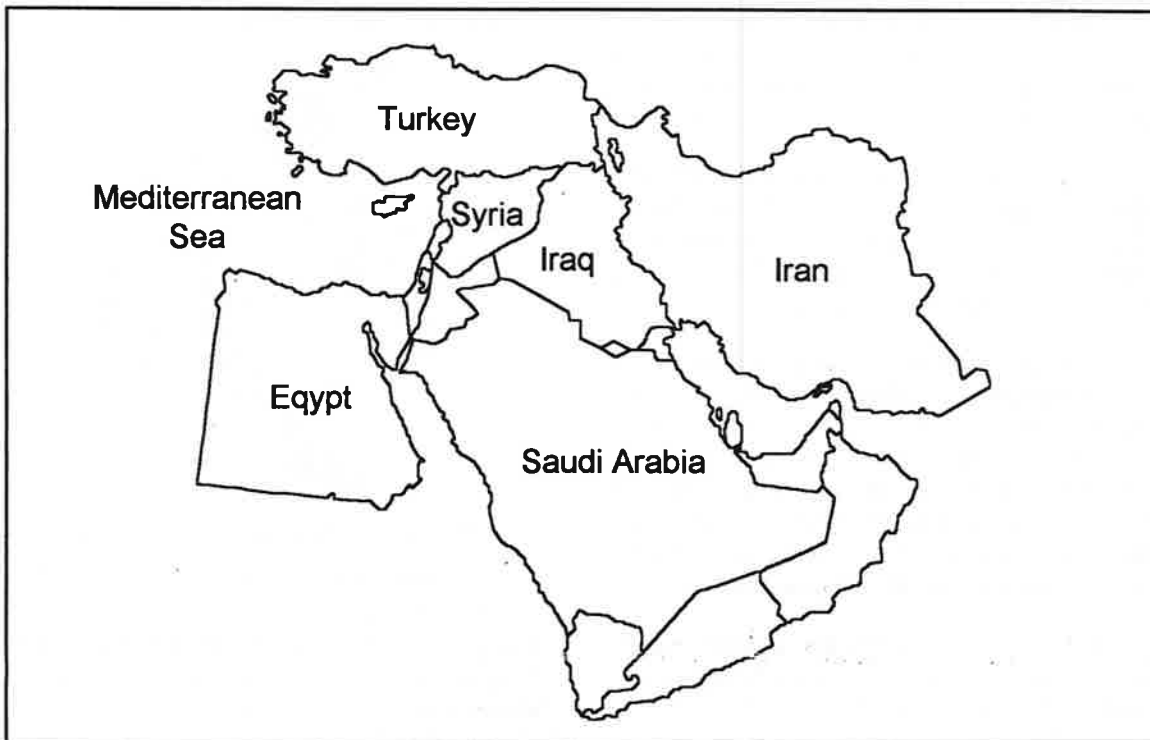
described his group's morale as high and very upbeat. "I was talking with one of the team and what he said is a testament to the attitude of the entire group," Hicks said. "MSgt. Jim Regan describes this as being the most exciting time to be in this unit. It is a challenge and it is difficult, but these are the most exciting of times to be in the 192d. I never want to retire; you'll have to kick me out."

Hicks added, "I'm glad to be associated with this unit; everyone here tonight is proud to be part of this team. We're enthusiastic and excited. We plan to perform our mission with flying colors. I'm very proud of our people and our families—they've all sacrificed a lot to support this deployment.

The 192d FW will fly Provide Comfort II missions during its 30-day tour and return to Richmond on March 9. The 192d team will perform its rotation with the F-15 unit from New Orleans. Prior to the 192d deploying, the F-15 unit from St. Louis, Mo., and F-16 unit from South Dakota flew a month of Provide Comfort missions. After the 192d leaves Turkey, the F-15 unit from Hawaii and the F-16 unit from Iowa will take over. Equipment and aircraft from all six units was prepositioned at Incirlik before the first two units deployed, where it will stay for the entire three-month rotation and be used by each succeeding unit.

Col Bill Jones, 192d FW commander, said to the group before their departure:

"This is a real world deployment, a real world job. This is the way things will be, fewer training deployment, more real world situations. I'm proud of this organization and all the people here tonight. We have a great unit; we had more people volunteer for this deployment than we had slots. I wish you well."



Turkey rich in world history

Turkey is located at the juncture where Europe meets Asia, forming a bridge between the two continents. It is about the size of Texas. The western portion is called Thrace and the eastern part is known as Anatolia or Asia Minor. In addition to several countries, the Aegean Sea, Mediterranean Sea, and Black Sea all border Turkey.

Modern Turkey is the most recent in a series of important states and empires that have inhabited the Anatolian peninsula since the beginning of history. The oldest known site of human habitation is located in central Turkey at Chatalhuyuk (6500 B.C.). The great Hittite empire (3000-2000 B.C.), which dominated much of the Middle East, was centered east of Turkey's

modern-day capital of Ankara. Ancient Troy, the scene of much of Homer's *Iliad*, is located near the Dardanelles. Alexander the Great captured Anatolia in the fourth century B.C., and the Romans followed three centuries later, making important cities such as Ephesus and Antioch major provincial capitals.

Paul of Tarsus brought Christianity to Anatolia through epistles. In 330 A.D., the Roman Emperor Constantine founded the city of Constantinople, which later became the center of the Byzantine Empire and was renamed Istanbul.

In 1923, from the ruins of the Ottoman empire, Mustafa Kemal, a general in the Turkish army, fashioned the modern-day Republic of Turkey.

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.



Banquet committee meets

The African-American Banquet committee will meet on Saturday, March 9 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.

Club 149

Membership rally rescheduled again

Due to weather during the last two months, Club 149 will now hold its general membership meeting Saturday, March 30.

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 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. The club will be open during the first drill weekend in March.

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

Personnel Actions for January

Promotions for January

SSgt Bruce F. Pace, 192d Maint Sqdn
 SSgt Bradley A. Keen, 192d SPS
 SSgt Lawnikwa A. Spotted Eagle, 192d Log Sqdn
 SrA John M. Carpenter, 200th Weather Flt

Enlistments for January

A1C Christopher G. Morton, 192d SPS
 SrA Jamison L. Toro 203d RHF
 SSgt Yvette E. King, 192d Log Sqdn
 SrA David P. Wood, 192d Maint Sqdn

SrA Shanna K. Matthews, 192d FW
 SrA Winona R. Bayne, Ops Supt Flt
 SrA Joey L. Shelton, 192d Comm
 A1C Amy L. Hill, 192d Comm
 A1C Richard V. Domingo, 203d RHF
 SrA Richard E. Savage, Jr., 203 RHF
 SrA David A. Martens, 192d AGS
 AB Diana M. Cook, 192d Log Sqdn
 AB Charmeen S. Coleman, 192d MSF
 Sgt Roy C. Tisdale, Jr., 192d Comm
 SSgt William T. McMichael III, 192d Log Spt Flt
 SSgt John M. Bitorrie, 192d MSF

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1. The following is the amended Unit Training assembly for the 192 Fighter Wing, Virginia Air National Guard, for the period of 09 March 1996 through 31 December 1996. All members of the 192 Fighter Wing, VAANG, are hereby ordered to attend all unit training assemblies as shown below:

09-10 March 1996	10-11 August 1996
30-31 March 1996	14-15 September 1996
13-14 April 1996	05-06 October 1996
18-19 May 1996	02-03 November 1996
08-09 June 1996	07-08 December 1996
13-14 July 1996	

2. AM assemblies will be 0800-1200 (Sat), 0700-1100 (Sun) and PM assemblies will be 1300-1700 (Sat), 1200-1600 (Sun).

3. Excused absences from UTAs must be for a reasonable cause and must be arranged in advance by the individual and his/her supervisor. To be excused, an absence must be made up through equivalent training (EQT). EQTs with pay must be performed within 30 days of the missed UTA and within the same fiscal year. EQTs without pay (retirement points only) can be performed any time during the member's anniversary year. Only four (4) EQTs with pay are permitted each fiscal year.

4. Commanders may utilize rescheduled Unit Training Assemblies (RUTAs) to achieve training objectives using maximum availability of equipment and fulltime personnel resources that cannot be achieved during UTAs and SUTAs. RUTAs must be approved and documented in advance of the missed UTA.

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William C. Jones Jr., Col, VAANG
 Commander



Due to postponement of the February drill, the menu for both March drill weekends was unavailable at publication time.

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