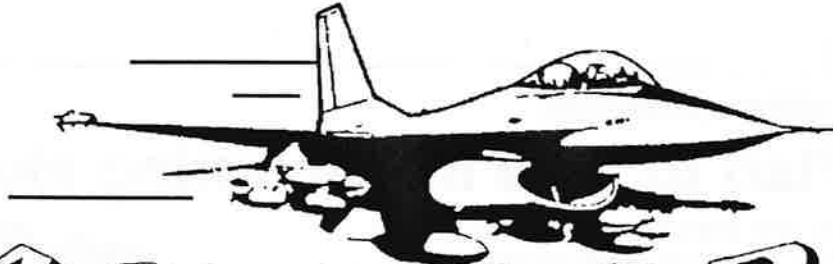


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Mailroom, PDO move to hangar

The base Mailroom and Publications Distribution Office have moved since last month, due to an upcoming change in the Communications Flight organizational structure.

These two activities are now located on the second floor of the maintenance hangar, bldg. 3649. They are now found behind a brand new door located where the old Message Center pick-up window was located.

The new mailboxes have a key-operated lock, according to SSGT William "Hutt" Williams, PDO technician. He reminds base members to

have their box key when they go to the hangar to check for mail. The new mail box arrangement is slightly different than the old arrangement, so the boxes are not in the same locations they were before the move.

Any sections that have not gotten their keys should check with Williams. The PDO and the copy machine are in the same office as the Mailroom. The PDO phone number will remain 236-6305. The moves are being made because the information management section officially merges with the Comm Flt effective Jan. 1, 1997.

Fighter Wing gears up for Air Warrior

The 192d Fighter Wing is getting ready to go on the road again in late October. The destination is Nellis AFB and the mission is participation in an Air Warrior exercise.

The wing is planning to send seven aircraft, 14 pilots and approximately 85 maintenance, munitions and support personnel on the Oct. 31 - Nov. 17 deployment.

During the exercise,

the 192d FW will be tasked with daily missions to the National Training Center in California, where wing aircraft will provide air-to-ground and close-air-support to an Army brigade training at Fort Irwin.

LtCol John Doman,

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Heed military restrictions

Plan to vote in upcoming election

Every four years citizens of the U.S. have the right to participate in the general election, and that includes members of the Virginia Air National Guard.

On Nov. 5, we will elect a president and vice president, the entire House of Representatives, 33 senators, 11 governors, and thousands of state and local officials.

To take part in the election process, citizens must first register to vote. Call your local city or county courthouse to determine registration deadlines and to find out how to register and where your polling place is located. Then find out which offices and candidates will be on your November ballot, and if there are any referendum issues that will be listed on your ballot. Take the time to read up on the issues and candidates. Be an informed voter. Encourage your spouse and children to take an interest in the candidates and the issues. Voting is what makes the United States strong; please do your part and vote on Nov. 5.

While it is our duty to exercise our democratic right to vote, there are certain political activities that are off limits to military people. These restrictions are meant to keep the military a politically neutral establishment by avoiding partisan politics. Please remember, members of



the U.S. military cannot wear their uniforms or use their military rank or duty titles to endorse or promote the political party or candidate of their choice. Personal opinions may be expressed about the issues and candidates, but not as a representative or member of the military. We cannot solicit money or votes from other members of the military or civilian employees. Political buttons and badges cannot be worn while a person is in uniform.

by Capt Debbie Magaldi
192d FW public affairs office

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Guard provides help during hurricane

The Virginia National Guard was ready and waiting for Hurricane Fran when she made landfall in North Carolina during the late night hours of Thursday, Sept. 5.

Governor George Allen activated the National Guard Emergency Operations Center earlier that evening. The EOC is located at 600 E. Broad St. in downtown Richmond. The mission of the EOC is to manage and direct National Guard personnel and resources while providing public assistance during natural disasters. The EOC is manned by the members of the Virginia Army Guard, Air Guard and National Defense Force.

The first thing the EOC staff did was activate the Western Subcommand and put personnel and equipment on standby at three Western Subcommand locations: Martinsville, Danville and South Boston. (By studying the track of Fran it was determined that the western part of Virginia would be hardest hit.) Each location had 11 personnel and 5 HMMVs ready to move when needed.

The swirling mass of wind and rain whipped across North Carolina, moved inland and headed north across the central and western part of Virginia. The wind caused some damage, but the worst was yet to come as Fran drenched already waterlogged areas of Virginia with heavy rains. Water levels in several Virginia rivers rose at alarming rates and crested several feet above flood stages. At one point the Dan River was rising 7 inches per hour.

After the hurricane, calls to the EOC picked up markedly. The EOC dispatched more than 100 Army Guard troops to more than a dozen

locations around the state. In heavy trucks and HMMVs, Army Guard troops assisted scores of people stranded because of fast-rising water and intense flooding. At one point, more than 500 secondary roads and 64 primary roads in Virginia were closed due to flooding.

Army Guard troops assisted with traffic control and provided potable water in water buffaloes to flooded communities without drinking water. They also provided many cases of Meals, Ready to Eat (MREs) for distribution to people in flooded areas who were without electricity. The National Guard provided one community with 2,000 sandbags so it could shore up its waste water treatment plant.

The Army aviation unit flew three of its Blackhawk helicopter out on damage assessment missions on Saturday. Two of the helicopters left Sandston early that morning with one flying to the southern part of the state and the other chopper covering the northern and western regions. Both helicopters carried federal damage assessment specialists. The third bird carried Governor Allen, members of his staff, Virginia legislators, news media representatives, and MGen Carroll Thackston, Virginia's Adjutant General.

This is the third time in a year that the EOC has been activated. The EOC staff was ready for Hurricane Felix when it suddenly changed course after threatening Virginia nearly a year ago. The operations center was also called to action to help with severe snowstorms last winter.

by Capt. Debbie Magaldi
192d FW public affairs officer

EXTRA!!! The Times EXTRA!!!**Lt Col Buddy Evans
Retirement Dinner**

After 42 years of service, Support Group Commander LtCol Buddy Evans is retiring. A dinner is being held in his honor at the Ft. Lee Officer's Club on Nov. 2.

Reservations for the event must be made by Oct. 11. The cost is \$20 per person. Call MSgt Valeria Murphy at 236-6646 to make reservations or for more information.

Finance updates guidance on AmEx card

Recent changes to the American Express government travel charge card program will make it easier for military people to charge some incidental expenses on their card while on temporary duty.

Air Force Instruction 65-104, Government Travel Charge Card Program guidance now indicates that military members can charge things like alcohol (with a meal), movies, gym fees and telephone calls with their AmEx card.

Paragraph 2.4 of the AFI says the cost of alcoholic beverages are not reimbursable under the Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR Paragraph U4205-A2). And, the cost of other incidental items, such as pay movies, personal telephone calls and exercise fees also are not reimbursable. However, if these expenses are part of a reimbursable expense (i.e., a meal, room charge, etc.), the card may be used to pay for the purchase so long as the charges are reasonable under the circumstances and the traveler pays AmEx for these charges as part of the normal billing process.



(Remember: You can't put these incidental expenses on your travel voucher, so, before you buy it or order it, make sure you have enough money to pay for it.)

Also, AFI 65-104, paragraph 17 states that when getting cash during official travel, "if an extra fee or user fee over the 2.75 percent is charged by the ATM, it can be reimbursed on the travel voucher."

The AmEx card is only to be used on official temporary duty assignments. It cannot be used to cover any expenses during monthly drill weekends.

If you have or will be getting an AmEx government travel card, make sure you know how to use it and understand what constitutes proper and improper use of the card. If you have any questions, call Maj Mike Woody, ext. 6592.

Abuse of the card is punishable under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Now there's one

A-7 heads for scrapyard

The 192d Fighter Wing said goodbye to a piece of its history on Aug. 28. One of two A-7 Corsairs that the unit has had since converting to the F-16 Fighting Falcon in 1991 is headed for dismantling.

The second A-7 is on display at the main entrance to the 192d FW (across from the guard post on Falcon Dr.).

For the last few years A-7, tail number 72/0288 sat in the wooded area off of taxiway "Mike." A CH-47 helicopter from the Pennsylvania Army National Guard carried the A-7 to the Bellwood Defense Supply Center. It took the helicopter crew several hours to prepare and secure the rigging that would carry the airframe on its final journey, but only nine minutes to ferry the airframe to the nearby defense supply center. The airframe will be dismantled there and salvaged for scrap metal.

The fighter jet had been damaged years ago by a bird strike during a training exercise at a Navy bombing range.

"The last time we had to airlift a 192d aircraft was in 1971 when we moved an F-84," recalled CMSgt Billy Fields, Aircraft Generation Squadron superintendent.

by TSgt J.K. Wade
192d Chapel Office



UP, UP & AWAY--A Pennsylvania Army Guard CH-47 helicopter prepares to hoist tail number 72/0288 on its final flight. Photo by TSgt Carlos Claudio.

Wing gears up for Air Warrior in November

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149th Fighter Squadron commander, describes the exercise as a great training experience. "We fly over 'friendly' troops and provide them support by dropping munitions on 'enemy' forces. Once our pilots are airborne they will get their target information from Forward Air Controllers,"

Dornan explained. "We will also have the opportunity to drop live ordnance on 'pop-up' targets during Air Warrior."

Dornan anticipates a fairly heavy mission schedule with "6-turn-6" on flying days and the first mission of the day having a 3:30 a.m. briefing time.

Act quickly; apply now for PME classes

Officer and enlisted professional military education courses are changing. Several recent developments may make your PME "experience" more interesting and rewarding, says Maj Charles Sachs, base education officer.

Airman Leadership School is currently available to Guard members by correspondence. Wing satellite downlink capabilities now allow unit members to take this course through a one-way video/two-way audio live broadcast.

Eligible enlisted members may apply for the four week ALS in-residence classes conducted throughout the year at Shaw AFB, Keesler AFB, Miss.; Scott AFB, Ill.; and Randolph AFB, Texas.

Friday the 13th, turning 30, not so bad after all

Who says Friday the 13th has to be unlucky? And turning 30 isn't the end of the world.

Just ask 2nd Lt Jackie Minter, 192d Civil Engineer Sqdn., about her 30th birthday on Friday, Sept. 13.

Early in the day she was concerned about what could go wrong and she did worry a little about leaving the twenty-something decade. But that afternoon she won a pickup truck from a local radio station (XL 102)!

She had entered a contest and the radio station picked her name as the lucky recipient of a fully-loaded 1996 Nissan truck.

by TSgt J.K. Wade
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***Several recent developments
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Beginning in January 1997, the Senior Noncommissioned Officers' Academy (SNCOA) correspondence course will be offered on CD ROM.

Applications are needed now from captains interested in attending Squadron Officer School (SOS) in residence. All applications must be received by the base education office by Oct. 15. The new, abbreviated SOS Total Force Course is the only fiscal year 97 class with openings.

The four-week Total Force Course was created for Guard members and Reservists and is offered once a year. Class 97T is schedule for July 14 - Aug. 9, 1997.

The Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) correspondence course is now offered only in CD ROM format. The education office staff has recently installed the ACSC course on the base local area network (LAN). This provides easy access for those officers currently enrolled in ACSC and serves as a great reference source for everyone, according to Sachs.

Contact the Education Office at ext. 6590 for more information on these and other education programs.

Four earn degrees

Congratulations CCAF graduates!

The base education and training office has received confirmation that four members of the Virginia Air National Guard recently completed all requirements toward earning their associate's degrees from the Community College of the Air Force.

Graduates include: TSgt Antonia Vincent, 192d FW, earning an associate degree in Criminal Justice; SSgt Leonard C. Canter, 192d FW, earning an associate degree in Aircraft Maintenance Systems Technology; SSgt Michael T. Harris, 203d Red Horse Flight, earning an associate degree in Aircraft Maintenance Systems Technology and SrA Dina Tanksley-Wells, 203d RHF, earning an associate degree in Financial Management.

Anyone interested in earning a two-year degree through the CCAF may call the education & training office at ext. 6436.



The deadline for submitting a Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Application for the Spring '97 semester is close of business Sunday, Nov. 3.

Deadline nears for Tuition Assistance Applications

"Don't wait until the last minute," emphasizes MSgt. Bob Roza, Retention Office manager. "Applications missing the deadline will require written justification from your unit commander."

Application forms are available from Retention Office staff, TSgt Susanne Dates or Roza, located in bldg. 3652, rm. 37. Completed applications are returned to the Retention Office.

"Because Virginia National Guard tuition assistance is a state grant, it can be used at the same time a person uses any G.I. Bill benefits or any other federal benefits," Roza reminds unit members.

News you can use...

Reservists gain "M" device for contingency service

Reservists who volunteer or are called to active duty for designated contingency operations on or after Aug. 1, 1990, may wear an "M" device on their Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

President Bill Clinton signed an executive order Aug. 6 authorizing the award of the mobilization device for some 282,000 National Guard and Reserve members.

The new executive order also accommodates service in more than one contingency and service longevity. An Arabic numeral indicates the number of times the "M" device has been awarded, and bronze, silver and gold hourglass devices designate 10, 20 and 30 years of reserve service.

The Military Personnel Flight staff is currently working to verify those members of the Virginia Air Guard who are authorized to wear the new device.

Red Cross no longer needs to verify family emergencies

Commanders do not need American Red Cross verification to approve emergency leaves, announced Carolyn Becraft, deputy assistant defense secretary for personnel support, families and education.

In clarifying the defense leave policy, Becraft said DOD wants to reduce the burden on service members, families and commanders caused by verification delays. "Most service members are mature and responsible individuals whose emergency leave needs can be considered on their own merits," said Becraft.

Defense policy says commanders should grant leave to any service member for family emergencies involving members of their household, immediate family and sole surviving blood relatives. By granting leave, commanders allow their troops to be home with family during hardships and meet family responsibilities. (Air Force News Service)

AAFES Fall/Winter catalog now available

The new Fall/Winter Exchange Service catalog is available at Army and Air Force Exchange facilities.

The 600-page catalog is full of gift ideas for the shopper who wants to get a jump on the holiday season, according to AAFES officials.

The catalog is valid through Jan. 31 and anyone with exchange privileges may use it. The catalog costs \$5, but includes a coupon for \$8 off the first order of \$25 or more. For more information about the catalog and ordering merchandise, call toll-free 1-800-527-2345. The catalog order center is open around-the-clock, seven days a week.

Alcohol and tobacco-related diseases cause of concern

People who drink and smoke are three times more likely to die from related diseases than non-substance users, according to an American Medical Association report.

The AMA report cited a recent Mayo Clinic study of 214 people who had died. Half of the 214 died from a tobacco-related cause, such as

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WELCOME HOME!--
Twenty-two members of the 192d Security Police Squadron provided security support from July 17 - Aug. 3 at the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga. SSgt Samuel Moore (rendering salute) is greeted by Col Bill Jones, 192d FW commander, while Capt Eliot Evans, 192d SPS commander, greets SSgt Ashley McCune. Photo by TSgt Carlos Claudio.

News you can use...

Alcohol & Tobacco

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cardiovascular disease or cancer. Only 73 of the 214 people died from an alcohol-related cause, such as chronic liver disease or cirrhosis.

Air Force health promotion officials urge all military people to quit smoking and to consume alcohol in moderation. (Air Force News Service)

Insurance Program starts Oct. 1

Ready Reservists may enroll in the Ready Reserve Mobilization Income Insurance Program beginning Oct. 1.

This optional program is set up to supplement

the income of members called involuntarily to active duty for more than 30 days and is intended to narrow the potential gap between civilian and military pay.

To receive payments, reservists must be ordered to duty in support of war, national emergency or to augment active forces for an operational mission. Benefits are not paid to those who volunteer or are called to duty for training. Those currently on active duty are not eligible for the program until they are released from active duty.

For more information about this new program, stop by the Military Personnel Flight customer service desk, building 3652.

Personnel actions

Accessions – July & August

SSgt David W. Taylor, Maint Sq
 SSgt Ray E. Kimbro, Jr, Comm Flt
 SrA Russell K. Noyes, Jr, 203 RHF
 SSgt Michelle F. Wright, FW
 A1C Daniel R. Nuckols, Maint Sq
 SSgt Hoyle W. Helms, Maint Sq
 SrA Stephen W. Skelton, AGS
 A1C Eric D. Jones, 203 RHF
 A1C Hope C. Bursenos, 203 RHF
 A1C Steven R. Gouldsmith, 203 RHF
 A1C Shajuan L. Weber, 203 RHF
 A1C Marco D. Worsham, LSF
 SrA Suzanne D. Karohl, Comm Flt
 SrA Lester J. Schneider, CES
 A1C Sandra T. Gipson, Maint Sq
 A1C John E. Jacobson, Jr, Maint Sq
 SSgt Jerome Katz, AGS
 SSgt David W. Turner, AGS
 Amn Nicholas Baker, III, 203 RHF
 SSgt Elder L. Vaughn, AGS
 TSgt Jennifer Thomas, Med Sq
 SSgt Theodore S. Richardson, 203 RHF
 SrA Kelly M. Mason, 203 RHF
 AB Courtney N. Washington, FW
 SSgt Larry N. Roberts, LGS
 SSgt Samuel L. Burley, Maint Sq
 Maj Mimi L. Peak, Med Sq

Promotions – July & August

MSgt Veronica Sargent, Log Gp
 SSgt David G. Ellis, LGS
 SSgt Kathryn M. Kahlson, SPS
 SrA Joseph W. Buyalos, CES
 SrA Avis M. Bennett, CES
 SrA Rocky M. Lewis, 203 RHF
 A1C Gregory C. Stills, 203 RHF
 SSgt David E. Myers, Jr, Maint Sq
 A1C William J. Early, CES
 A1C David M. Yates, Comm Flt

Announced Retirements

MSgt Melvin R. Roberts, 203 RHF
 TSgt Robert E. Tremblay, AGS
 TSgt Carter C. Lefon, FW
 SSgt Terry L. Mason, AGS
 MSgt Andrew W. Masowich, Med Sq
 TSgt Gary F. Swain, Comm Flt
 SMSgt Gary S. Ringstaff, CES
 SMSgt Lloyd O. Burrell, AGS
 TSgt Virgile W. Lane, CES
 TSgt Richard P. Robinson, Maint Sq
 TSgt Vince Vincent, Med Sq
 TSgt Bruce C. Uram, CES
 TSgt Roger W. Berkheimer, 203 RHF
 MSgt William Huggins, Comm Flt
 TSgt Michael E. Coleman, Maint Sq
 TSgt Mark Skolnick, CES
 SSgt Herbert L. Smith, Jr, 203 RHF
 Maj Wilmer E. Jones, HQ
 Maj Larry L. Thompson, LGS
 Capt Girard B. Kovacic, Maint Sq
 TSgt Ansley L. Hammell, 203 RHF
 MSgt Francis L. Smith, LGS

Note: For corrections to the Vanguard retiree mailing list, please contact SSgt. Williams at (804) 236-6305.

Attend Club 149 OPStoberfest

The 192d Operations Group invites all Club 149 members and their families and friends to attend the "OPStoberfest" on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The club event is part Oktoberfest and part Halloween masquerade party; however costumes are optional says TSgt Shirley Cooper.

The party will cost \$3 per person and will feature a variety of finger foods and hot hors d'oeuvres. For more information about the party, call Cooper at ext. 6428.

Pass & ID Section closed during October drill

The base Pass & ID Section will be closed during the October drill weekend.

The 192d Security Police Sqdn will be at the State Military Reservation for weapons qualification training during the October unit training assembly.

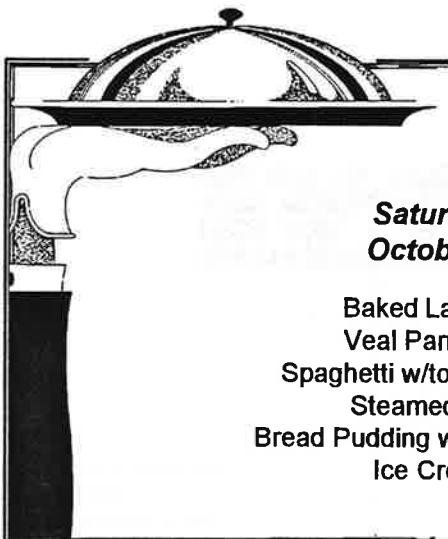


Club 2000 fund-raising efforts have currently raised \$11,252.75 toward its goal of \$100,000 for a new club/recreation center. If you have any fund-raising ideas, or if you would like to donate money toward the Club 2000 project, call Cooper or MSgt Rich Lewis at ext. 6329.

Hotel rates may go up FY '97

October marks the beginning of a new fiscal year and that means new contracts for some base services.

MSgt Larry Woodson, 192d Services Flight, advises base members from out of town that basic hotel rates may be going up. People paying single-difference hotel room rates could find their portion of the bill increasing with the start of the new fiscal year.



On the menu...

Saturday October 5

Baked Lasagna
Veal Parmesan
Spaghetti w/tomato sauce
Steamed Rice
Bread Pudding w/lemon sauce
Ice Cream

Sunday October 6

Corned Beef
Roast Beef w/gravy
Buttered Cabbage
Buttered Carrots
Whole and Mashed Potatoes
Brownies w/walnuts
Ice Cream

Upcoming UTAs

Dates for the remaining 1996 calendar year unit training assemblies are:

- October 5-6
- November 2-3
- December 7-8

The 1997 calendar year UTA schedule is available on the 192d Fighter Wing's local area network. After accessing your computer account, enter Windows and double click on the Base News icon box, then double click on the 97UTA icon.

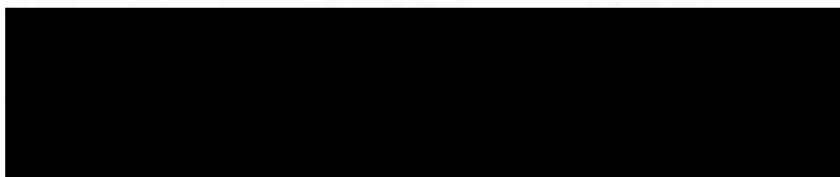
The November Vanguard will carry a copy of the new UTA schedule official order.

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