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Stan/Eval team visits 192d

Wing, Fighter Sq earn high marks

The 9th Air Force Standardization/Evaluation team's visit is over and the 192d Fighter Wing earned high scores across the board.

Results of the Stan/Eval were presented by 9th AF Team Chief, LtCol. Tom Essig during an outbrief at Club 149 on Saturday morning of the July drill. MajGen Carroll Thackston, Virginia's Adjutant General; wing leadership; and state headquarters and 9th Air Force officials were on hand for the briefing.

The 149th Fighter Squadron scored high on aircrew performance, and the 192d Operations Group earned high ratings in all evaluated areas. The 149th FS earned high marks in all rated areas and the Fighter Wing followed with equally-high scores. Second Lt Rodney Brickell, wing intelligence, was named Superior Performer.

Colonel Essig called the 192d's effort a "sterling performance." "The unit is combat oriented and exhibits high interoperability capabilities," he said. "We were very impressed with the reconnaissance pod.... It is a great product and you've done a great job bringing it on-line. Overall, we found the unit fully capable of handling its wartime mission anywhere and at any time."

Col Robert Seifert, 192d FW commander,

thanked the team for their outbrief, "This has been a real morale booster," he said. "This was a great report. Everyone worked very hard for this. We might have wished the rating was a little higher, but now we realize just how hard we'll have to work to get a top rating. We should be proud of this report; we did well and had no major deficiencies. Keep up the hard work, teamwork and dedication to doing the job right and next time we'll be at the top."

Siefert thanked the Stan/Eval team for recognizing the hard work put forth by Wing members, and he commended the 192d aircraft maintenance troops for keeping the F-16s in outstanding flying condition. "This success is a total team effort," he said.

General Thackston complimented the 192d on its Stan/Eval rating and for all its hard work. He said both he and Governor Allen are very proud of the Wing.

Special Notice!

The 192d Civil Engineer Sq will be providing only minimal base support during the Aug 23-24 drill due to their annual bivouac-- scheduled for Sept 27-28.

Commander's Call

Promotions: stay competitive!

How do I get promoted? Everyone has asked that question at one time or another in their career in the 192nd. It is an important question. Promotions must be fair to each individual and they must serve to improve the unit. A fair promotion system will have a positive effect on morale.

Units need more airmen than commanders. I guess there is less work for commanders. As a result, the higher you move in an organization the more competitive it becomes. The number of E-6 or E-7 slots we have is determined by our manning document. If you want to make E-7 you need to be in an E-7 slot. Who gets put in that slot? The competition is fierce. We also have some flexibility to promote greater numbers than are on the manning

document (deserving airmen promotions); however, these numbers are small and they are affected by length of service.

Here is the challenge. To be promoted you must prepare yourself. Work hard, know your job, look sharp, have a good attitude, be dependable, be honest, make sure you meet all promotion requirements and make a commitment to the unit. Your commander's job is to use these things to determine who gets promoted.

There is no more important issue for me than this. I want you to have an opportunity for promotion and I want your promotion to improve the unit. Let me know if it isn't fair.

Col. Robert O. "Bob" Seifert

Editor's Note: Much of the 192d Fighter Wing will deploy to Savannah, Ga., for the unit's Operational Readiness Exercise, Sept 13-20. The September Vanguard will cover a variety of ORE/ORI issues. To find out more about Air Force Operational Readiness Inspections, check out Air Force Instruction (AFI) 90-201 & the Air Combat Command Supplement (ACC Sup) 90-201.

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200th WF heads for jamboree

Last summer a handfull of volunteers from the 200th Weather Flight put themselves through the "ultimate" test—teaching more than 100 Boy Scouts about meteorology. They've set out to out do themselves this summer, according to Maj Debra Wesley, 200th WF commander.

Between July 28 and Aug 5, members of the 200th WF and a number of augmentees from around the country will teach nearly 1,000 Boy Scouts a variety of weather knowledge and forecasting skills. The Air Guard volunteers are participating in the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill, Va.

"After the success we had supporting the

Virginia Boy Scout camp last summer, we decided to expand. Helping with the National Jamboree seemed like a great way to become more involved with our community and especially with youth," Wesley explained.

Weather Flight participation in the National Jamboree is being supported by National Guard Bureau, according to Wesley. NGB is providing extra training days to support the event and is bringing in 21 Weather specialists from Ohio, Missouri, Wisconsin and NGB headquarters to augment the 12 volunteers from the 200th WF.

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203rd finishes successful Korea trip

The 203rd Red Horse Flight sent 33 troops to Teagu Air Base, South Korea, for a 21-day deployment in May, to start an Air Force construction project.

The group deployed halfway around the world to support the 554th Red Horse Squadron, an active-duty Air Force unit stationed at Osan AB, Osan, South Korea. The 203rd's mission was to do preliminary site and foundation work for the construction of a 90 ft X 170 ft Super K-Span building that will be used as a storage and warehousing facility for the 601st Material Maintenance Sq assigned to Teagu AB. The 601st maintains the war resource materials (WRM) to be used by units deploying to the region during a wartime scenario.

The 203rd Red Horse team included a mixture of civil engineering, heavy equipment and construction trade specialists and six Services troops. The work they did included installing concrete footers and 8 ft high stem walls to support the metal roof and end walls, to be installed by later deployment teams. During the 21-day deployment, the team fabricated and

installed approximately 30,000 linear feet of reinforcement steel and placed 253 cubic yards of concrete to construct the necessary walls and footers for the new building. They also spread, graded and compacted 830 tons of stone base inside the new walls. The stone base was necessary as a foundation over which follow-on teams will install a concrete floor.

Despite lost work time due to bad weather and a one-day delay getting to Teagu, the 203rd completed their work on time or ahead of schedule and maintained high-quality workmanship, according to Maj Mike McCarthy, 203d base civil engineer. "We're very proud of our team," he said.

The deployment, led by Capt Quintin Elliott, is a traditional Guardsman from Williamsburg, Va. The 203rd Red Horse Flt, Va Air National Guard, is a rapid response repair and civil engineering unit stationed at the State Military Reservation, Virginia Beach, Va.

Teagu, South Korea's second largest inland city, is located midway between Seoul and Pusan and is home to more than one million people.

Chap Woods back from ACSC

"It's great to be back! I really missed the unit and all the wonderful people," said Chaplain Charlie Woods as he moved back into the 192d Fighter Wing chaplain's office last month.

Chaplain (and newly-pinned LtCol) Woods has returned from a 10 month stint at Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.—an in-residence, professional military education program.

The chaplain was one of 14 Air Guardsmen and the only Air Guard chaplain in the class of 602 officers. Most were U.S. Air Force, Air Reserve or Guard, Army, Navy or Marine majors; however 80 were officers representing 60 countries from around the world.

Woods described attending ACSC in-residence as a tremendous opportunity. "The curriculum was intense. The school stressed joint operations and coalition forces; it was a great chance to learn to evaluate the 'big picture'. I developed a much better understanding of tactical operations and learned a great deal about the strategic aspects of air power and joint warfare.

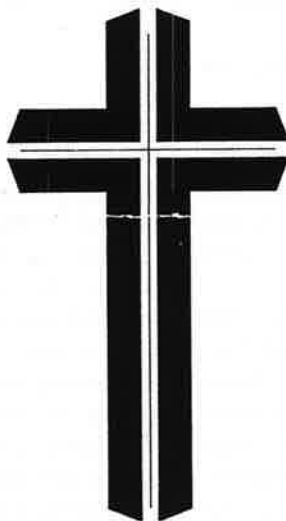
"I made contact with future military leaders of the U.S. and around the world," he added. "We read 135 books during the 10-month program. It was challenging for me, but even more so for the international officers who were adjusting to a foreign land, language and culture. I really enjoyed my exposure to the international officers. Many of them were of a rank equal to LtCol; they were the top 2-3 percent of their nations' military forces. I met a woman from Thailand who was going back to write her country's Air Doctrine after finishing ACSC!"

The chaplain felt his extensive deployment experience benefited him during ACSC. In the two years prior to attending ACSC, Chaplain Woods traveled to 14 countries in temporary duty or deployment status—his longest assignment was to Italy for 130 days last summer. "I had four times the deployment and international contingency experience of most of the active duty officers. That experience helped me a lot," he admitted.

Now the chaplain is back, his highest priority is getting reacquainted with the unit. "I'm amazed by all the new faces; so many people have joined the VaANG in the last year," he said. "Please stop by and introduce yourself on drill weekend. Feel free to call me or stop in anytime you need to talk. We also welcome you to Chapel services—Catholic Mass at 9:30 a.m. on drill Saturdays and a multi-denominational service at 8 a.m. on drill Sundays. Join us for worship, then stay for refreshments and fellowship afterward.

"Every time I leave for a deployment or TDY assignment, I come back feeling even more proud of the Virginia Air National Guard. Everyone in the Virginia Air Guard has every reason to be proud of the tremendous work you do as part of the total Air Force. You are a great team and a wonderful group of people and I am very proud to be part of the Virginia Air Guard team," he concluded.

The Chapel is seeking candidates for two chaplain (officer) vacancies. For more information about the vacancies, call Chaplain Woods at (804)236-6849 or MSgt John Rollings at (804)236-6708.



Harper earns top MPF honor for '97

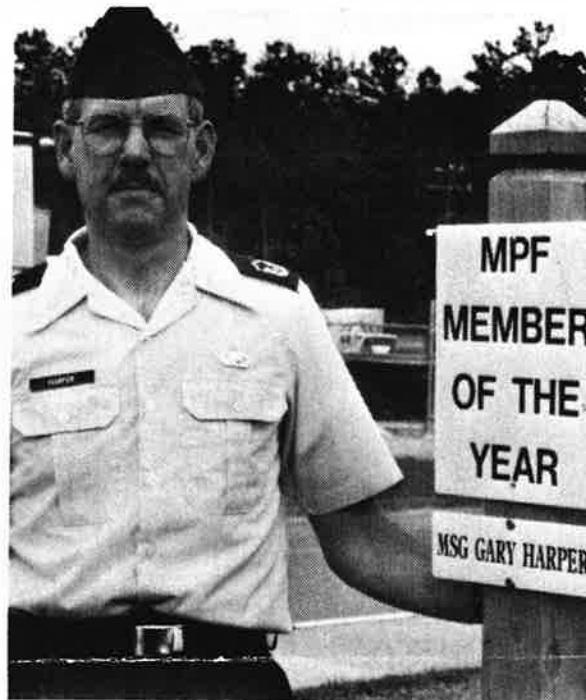
Dedication, consistency, professionalism and job knowledge were the nomination package words used to describe the Outstanding Military Personnel Flight Member for 1996.

MSgt Gary C. Harper, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of the Education Office, says he didn't feel like he did anything extraordinary. "I do my job and try to help out wherever I'm needed. My knowledge of computers has allowed me to help others often," Harper said.

Harper said the best part about the award is knowing he was chosen by his peers. "Getting recognition from your peers leaves you with a special feeling," he explained. "It lets you know you are liked and respected."

LtCol Ralph Barker, 192d Mission Support Flight commander, said Harper was an excellent choice. "Gary works with minimum instruction. He has always been a team player—a true all-around professional," Barker said. "In addition, his unlimited computer background has been an incredible asset," he added.

For winning the Outstanding MPF Member of the Year award, Harper received a reserved MPF parking space and a desk set with his name



MSgt Gary Harper stands in front of his MPF Member of the Year parking spot.

Photo by A1C Amy Hill.

on it. He was also recognized by his civilian employer, Capital One, during a regional conference.

192d LG names best load crew

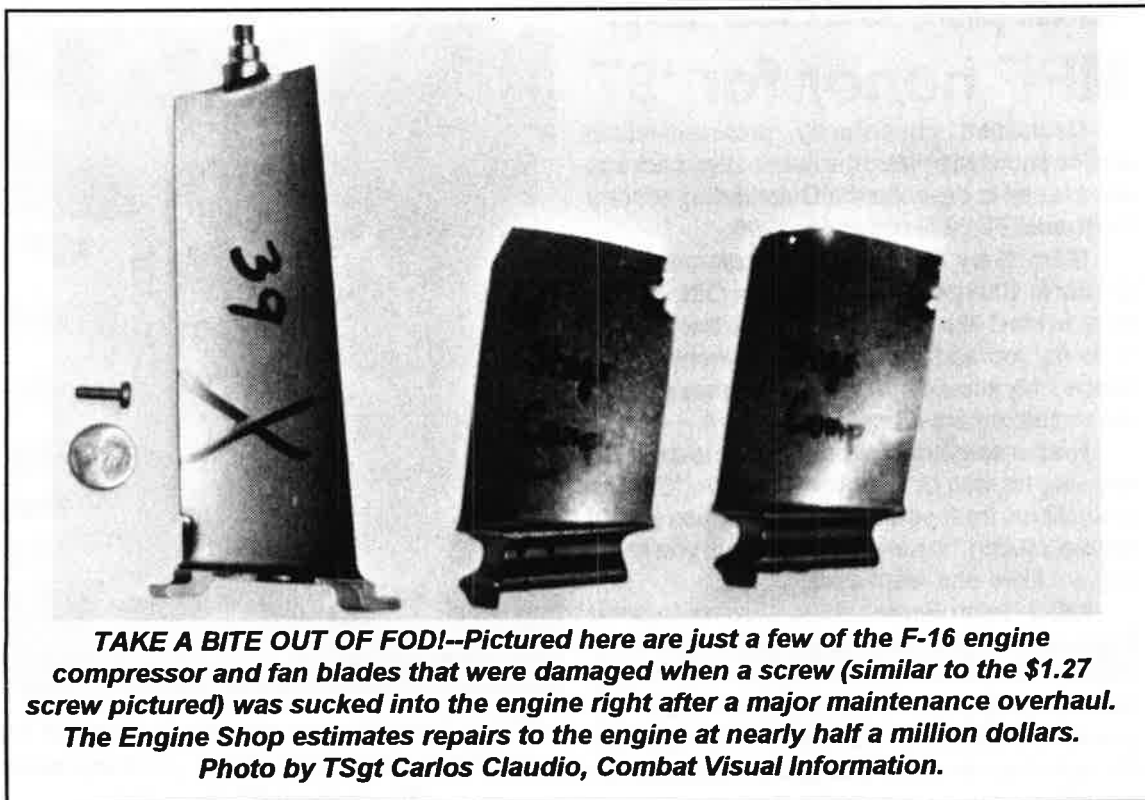
The 192d Logistics Group congratulates the team winning the Weapons Load Crew of the Quarter award for April - June '97, said CMSgt Ronnie Haley, 192d weapons manager.

Taking the honor for the second quarter of 1997 are: TSgt James M. Taylor, SSgt Ralph A. Davenport and SrA Jonathan E. King of the 192d Aircraft General Squadron Weapons Load Section.

The quarterly competition is between the squadron's 10 weapons load crews. The crews

compete for high points during their quarterly evaluations. During the evaluation each team must load assigned munitions onto an F-16 according to technical order specifications. The Logistics Group Load Standardization Crew manages this awards program; they evaluate each load crew and select a quarterly winner.

By being named a Weapons Load Crew of the Quarter, Taylor, Davenport and King are now eligible to compete for the Weapons Load Crew of the Year title.



TAKE A BITE OUT OF FOD!—Pictured here are just a few of the F-16 engine compressor and fan blades that were damaged when a screw (similar to the \$1.27 screw pictured) was sucked into the engine right after a major maintenance overhaul. The Engine Shop estimates repairs to the engine at nearly half a million dollars. Photo by TSgt Carlos Claudio, Combat Visual Information.

Edds nominated for wing safety award

Because of his perceptiveness and quick decision-making, TSgt Barry Edds has been nominated for a Wing Outstanding Achievement in Safety award.

During a routine engine run on aircraft #572, on June 6, Edds noticed an excessively hot panel in the area of the environmental control systems (ECS) package.

Edds called for an engine shut-down and requested the Electric Shop to investigate the problem; they suspected a leaking duct. The investigation turned up a 5-inch duct, connecting the ECS turbine to the heat exchanger, with holes and cracks along more than half the diameter of the duct. If this condition had gone undiscovered, it could have resulted in an

overheating condition in flight that would have required a pilot to shut off the ECS system.

This condition would have then required the pilot to reduce altitude due to lack of cabin pressurization. It also would have forced the pilot to jettison the external fuel tanks because lack of ECS pressure would disable fuel transfer capabilities.

According to maintenance officials, Edds' quick action prevented this dangerous flight scenario from developing and identified a condition that would have developed into a costly maintenance condition, had it not been caught so soon. If gone unnoticed, the leaking duct would have caused extensive damage to associated ECS components.

50th Anniversary Special Edition

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VaANG builds Memorial to fallen brothers

As the Virginia Air National Guard (VaANG) prepares to celebrate its 50th Anniversary; it is taking time out to reflect upon the sacrifices made by their families and fellow airmen--especially the 11 Virginia Air Guardsmen who lost their lives in the line of duty since 1947. To commemorate these sacrifices, the VaANG is building a Memorial which will be dedicated during a ceremony the morning of Oct. 11.

About eight months ago, the 50th Anniversary planning committee started seeking ideas for the Memorial's design. Hundreds of letters went out to various universities, businesses and private artists and sculptors. The committee received about a dozen responses and of those only five of them offered specific proposals. During the meeting to decide which proposal would be chosen, CMSgt Gary Brooks, 192d Military Personnel Flight, asked for five minutes of the committee's time to present his idea for the Memorial. The chief quickly took up chalk and outlined an open-fronted circle with a large, pyramid-shaped monument rising up from its center.

He explained the meaning of the Memorial's components as follows: "The Memorial is encircled with a slowly-rising brick

wall representing the loving arms of God, stretching around to protect those who have died. The black, granite pyramid expresses the sorrow we share for our lost brothers, while the vertical rise of the stone represents the Va Air Guard team raising their fallen brothers to heaven. The interlocking red brick flooring and walkway represent the firm foundation of dedication to God and Country that forms the heart of every Air Guard member and the special bond shared between them.

Two granite benches will be placed inside the wall on either side of the circle, to provide visitors to the Memorial an opportunity to sit and reflect. The 11 VaANG members to whom the Memorial will be dedicated are:

Lt. John H. Loving: died Aug 28, 1948, in a P-47 mishap.

Lt. John L. Harris: died Jan 22, 1949, in a B-26 mishap.

Sgt. Robert E. Drewry: died Jan 22, 1949, in a B-26 mishap.

Sgt Carl J. Toomey: died Jan 22, 1949, in a B-26 mishap.

Pvt. Benjamin F. Renick: died Jan 22, 1949, in a B-26 mishap.

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50th Anniversary Donation Honor Roll

Businesses & Groups

NCO Academy Graduates Association \$500
Va National Guard Officers Association \$300
Pemberton Corporation \$200
Weapons Luncheon \$195
192d FW Mobility Readiness Spares Package Flight \$130
192d FW Public Affairs Office \$100

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Ivor Massey Jr. \$10,000
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Col Robert Seifert \$125
Col Percy Gravatt \$200
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LtCol Steve Hicks \$100
BrigGen (Ret) Al Washington \$100
Col (Ret) Nick Valdrigi \$100
SSgt Pat & Betty Downey \$40
TSgt Russel Labelle \$12

The 50th anniversary planning committee thanks all organizations and individuals for all donations and fundraising activities in support of the 50th anniversary. Don't be left behind; make your donation today! Call LtCol Gary Wood, (804)236- 6466, or LtCol Steve Hicks, (804)236-6368, for contribution information.

Proceeds go toward VaANG Memorial

Attend art show & auction!

A group of Virginia Air Guardsmen are planning an Art Show & Auction for Saturday, Aug. 23 to raise money for the Virginia Air National Guard Memorial being built across the street from the 192d Fighter Wing Headquarters building.

The art show & auction is being presented by the Heisman Fine Arts Gallery, Inc. of Ardmore, Penn. The gallery puts on art shows & auctions all along the Eastern Seaboard. They will present a variety of art at the event, including: oil paintings, watercolors, lithographs, etchings, serigraphs sculptures, enamels and prints. The event will include works from artists known internationally, nationally and regionally.

The art show & auction will be held in the Virginia Aviation Museum, located at 5701 Huntsmen Road, Richmond International Airport. To get there, drive as if you were going to the airport and after passing through the intersection

of Williamsburg Road and Airport Drive, you will see the museum on your left.

Auction preview starts at 6:15 p.m. and the auction will run from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each or \$50 for a package of six; they must be purchased in advance. Call SSgt Natasha Upshaw at (804)236-6516 to get your tickets today.

"It promises to be a great event," says MSgt Denise Jones, contracting office. "It will be a great chance to socialize, enjoy some hors d'oeuvres, and buy great art! This is a great way to have fun and support the 50th Anniversary. Proceeds will go toward building the VaANG Memorial." The event will also give guests the opportunity to check out many of the exhibits inside the Va Aviation Museum.

The public is invited to attend this event. Call Jones at (804)236-6355 for more information.

Memorial to honor fallen airmen...

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1st Lt. William P. Hazelgrove Jr.: died Aug 13, 1952, in a P-47 mishap.

TSgt. James A. Childress: died May 9, 1960, in a ground accident.

Lt. Frederick A. D'Amico: died Nov 17, 1962, in an F-84 mishap.

Lt.Col. James P. Gunter Jr.: died March 10, 1981, in an F-105 mishap.

Sgt David S. Brannan: died Oct 6, 1974, in a ground accident.

Maj William J. Monahan: died Feb 9, 1982, in an A-7 mishap.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the VaANG Memorial Fund may call LtCol Steve Hicks at (804)236-6368.

Want to rent a Mess Dress?

Virginia Air Guard members or retirees who would like to attend the 50th Anniversary Reunion Banquet in a Mess Dress, but don't wish to buy the uniform may rent a Mess Dress for approximately \$50.

Air Force male and female Mess Dress uniforms may be rented from Shinbaum's Uniform Company, Montgomery, Ala. The uniform rental includes a complete Mess Dress with the requested shoulder board insignia (rank). The rental doesn't include undergarments, shoes or the miniature medals worn with the Mess Dress.

For more information, or to reserve a Mess Dress for the Friday, Oct. 10 banquet, call Shinbaum's at (334) 265-0552.

VaANG Inaugural Golf Tournament!

**Mon., Sept. 29 at the Prince George Golf course.
Registration deadline is Sept. 24. All proceeds from
this event will go toward the VaANG Memorial. Call
TSgt Roy Phaup at (804)236-6450 to sign up or for
more information.**

**12:15-1 p.m.- Registration
1 p.m.-Shotgun start,
captains' choice
5 p.m. (after tourney) Social
Hour, steak dinner & fixings,
beverages, awards
presentation & prize
drawings!**

***Featuring team prizes,
beverages on course, 50/50
split, prize drawings, prizes for
closest to pin, long drive &
longest putt!***



Supply NCO backfills for active duty

SSgt Shannon Vittone, 192d Supply, was recently selected for a backfill assignment at Cannon AFB, N.M. Vittone will be performing supply duties for individuals stationed at Cannon but who are currently deployed on contingency operations.

The backfill program has been used by ACC

for several years to cover manpower reductions and increased operations tempos. Vittone will be at Cannon through Sept. 30.

It's a great opportunity for Guard members to broaden their job experience and it allows ACC to fill critical, short-term manning needs, according to 192d Supply officials.

VaANG employers win ESGR award

Three businesses or institutions that employ Virginia Air National Guard members recently received Department of Defense awards.

The Dollar Tree store, Tabb; Industrial Training Co., Richmond; and the School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, were three of five employers honored with the Employers Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR) State Chairman's Award for 1997. The award honors those employers who are deemed very supportive of their employees who serve part-time, or as traditional members, of the National Guard and military Reserves.

The Dollar Tree store was nominated by employee MSgt Lisa A. Hernandez of Newport News, Va. Hernandez is assigned to the 192d Munitions. Hernandez praised her employer, store manager Linda Williams, for her total support of Guard service during weekend training and emergency call ups. "Linda put my service in the Air Guard and my unit's success above her needs and interests," said Hernandez. "Heroes like Linda don't wear a uniform, but they make it possible for others like me to wear it and serve our country." Williams frequently adjusted employee work schedules at the Dollar Tree store so Hernandez could deploy with her unit to Turkey and Italy on peacekeeping missions.

Similarly, SSgt Richard Roberts, 192d Aircraft Generation Sq, Waynesboro, nominated

the University of Virginia for the award because the School of Engineering and Applied Science worked with Roberts so he could take off for a full month for the 192d Fighter Wing's deployment to Turkey early in 1996. Roberts, who manages the school's stockroom, described his civilian job is a "one man operation," and praised the school for making do during his absence.

Lt David Schlagel, 192d Logistics Gp, Midlothian, nominated his employer, Industrial Training Company, for the award because, "the company has a real understanding of the value of Guard and Reserve members...and considers military service an asset to the company. The company's president, Ernest R. Drew III, has encouraged Schlagel throughout his military career and gave him six weeks off to attend officer training school.

Other companies honored this year by the Virginia ESGR Committee are: National Maintenance Control Center of the Federal Aviation Administration, Herndon; the orthodontics practice of Doctors Rubin, Karesh and Shivar, Virginia Beach; and The MITRE Corporation, McLean. These businesses and corporations were recognized during a banquet in Virginia Beach on May 17. They were judged outstanding employers for their personnel policies and practices in support of their employees who are also part-time members of the National Guard and Armed Forces Reserves.

AF renames security units

Security police units throughout the Air Force, Guard and Reserve were officially redesignated "security forces" units July 1. The name change reflects the Air Force's new emphasis on our mission of force protection, explained Maj L.J.

Cerritelli, 192d Security Forces Sq commander. A security career field merger is scheduled for later this year. The new security forces career field will include the combat arms training and maintenance, security and law enforcement fields.

SSgt Taylor earns F-16 ride

Recruiting contest has winner

Remember the recruiting contest that's been going on since February, asks MSgt Mike Duke, 192d Fighter Wing recruiter. "The contest was a success and we have a winner," Duke announced recently.

Earning the F-16D incentive flight is SSgt David W. Taylor, 192d Fighter Wing Jet Engine Craftsman. Taylor submitted the names of several potential candidates to the recruiters, and two of his leads have enlisted. "This is fantastic," Duke said. "Congratulations to David for his outstanding support of the unit Recruiting Program and thanks to everyone who gave the recruiters names. We've had many new enlistments and we hope you will continue

supporting your unit Recruiting Program.

"Since the incentive flight contest was so successful, the Wing is continuing the contest for another six months," Duke announced. Between now and December, the person who refers the most people to enlist wins an F-16 incentive ride. "It's simple," Duke said, "talk with you friends, neighbors and relatives. Give the recruiters the names of those individuals who might be interested in a career in the VaANG. If they enlist, you get the credit!" The person with the most enlistments to their credit at the end of December wins an F-16D incentive flight.

Send referrals to the recruiter of your choice. Questions may be directed to Duke at ext. 6145.

Virginia Air National Guard Recruiting Prospect Referral Form

Prospect's Name: _____

Home Ph. #: _____

Work Ph. #: _____

Address: _____

Referred by: _____

Clip and fill out this form. Send to Recruiters at 192 MSF/DPMR or drop the completed form by their offices in Room 28, Building 3652, Wing Headquarters

Analyst develops imagery program

When the 192d Fighter Wing accepted the challenge of bringing the Air Force's new, portable reconnaissance pods on line, the wing was missing one key element. The wing lacked imagery analysts—the intelligence specialists who analyze the images captured by the recce pod camera.

The imagery of tanks, military target sites, airfields, missile sites, etc., must be examined and useful or important information identified for future military use. Mission planners need to know: who's there and what's happening?

Enter TSgt Angela DiCentes, 192d Operations Support Flight-Intelligence imagery analyst.

DiCentes, came to the Virginia Air National Guard from intel operations with the Kansas Guard during August 1995 and was selected as the Wing's imagery analyst in August 1996. She began proving her capabilities immediately by

graduating at the top of her technical training class at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. Now she is attacking the challenge of building the Wing's imagery analyst program. "The position I fill was created because of a need. The unit has been very supportive. I'm going to give them the best possible product," DiCentes said.

According to DiCentes most of her training will occur outside of the unit. "I'll be spending lots of training time at Langley AFB and with the Alabama (Birmingham) and Nevada (Reno) ANG, which are recon units.

DiCentes got her first real experience in Canada for the Maple Flag exercise. Prior to joining the 192d Fighter Wing, DeCentes had seven years active duty and four years in the Kansas Guard where she began working in intelligence.

by TSgt Michael Rawlings
192d FW public affairs

On the menu...

	Saturday Aug 9		Sunday Aug 10	
	Short Order Line Hamburgers Cheeseburgers Cold Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Hot Dogs w/chili Pizza French Fries		Baked Lasagna Beef Cordon Bleu w/sauce Parsley Seasoned Potatoes Buttered Noodles Seasoned Broccoli	
	And Always... Salad Bar & Assorted Dressings Assorted Breads & Butter Assorted Beverages Fruits & Ice Cream		Baked & Fried Chicken Salisbury Steak w/gravy Mashed Potatoes Rice Pilaf Green Bean Combo	
	Saturday Aug 23		Sunday Aug 24	
	Stuffed Green Peppers Baked Knockwurst w/ sauerkraut Oven Browned Potatoes Tomato Sauce Vegetable Combo		Roast Beef Roast Pork Apple Sauce Brown Gravy Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Succotash	



"LET'S PLAY BALL--And try to stay warm," was the battle cry during Air Guard Night at the Diamond on June 7. More than 150 Guard members and their families attended the baseball game. The weather was cold & wet and fans drank all the coffee & hot cocoa the concession stand had, but we had a great time, reported TSgt Shirley Cooper, 192d Operations. The 192d Color Guard posted the Colors at the beginning of the game--with a little help from Sport, the ballfield mascot. Photo by SrA Sophia Piellusch, CVI.

WF teaches forecasting to Scouts...

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Security Forces from the Air Guard will be on hand during the jamboree to provide safety and resource protection.

The cadre of Weather personnel going to A.P. Hill with the Scouts will be performing two missions: training the Boy Scouts in weather knowledge and forecasting skills, and providing real-time military observing and weather forecasting to support U.S. Army aviation activities at the Boy Scouts of America Jamboree. The training will allow the boys to earn their

Weather Merit Badge. The 200th WF staff has put together lesson plans and weather training blocks covering general weather information, weather systems, clouds and severe weather, weather-related environmental issues such as acid rain, and the mission and equipment of a military weather flight.

"We're very grateful for the support we've gotten from the 192d Fighter Wing, NGB and the Army. Without their help we wouldn't have been able to accept such a large project," Wesley said.

News you can use...

Services moves to old POL bldg

Base Services has moved to their new location, Building 3635 (the old POL Building). Services new street address is 261 Thunderbolt Street; however, all Services phone numbers remain the same.

Because the new location is outside the general flow of base traffic, monthly drill billeting reservations may be made during the previous month's drill (Sat. & Sun.), at the Dining Hall from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Services has a Billeting Reservations Table set up at the Dining Hall and individuals may sign up for next month's room. People may also stop by the new Billeting Office during all other regular office hours to sign for next month's room.

MPF announces new SGLI rates

The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) recently received new premium rates for the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI).

The Department of Veterans Affairs has lowered the SGLI rates effective July 1, 1997. The rate has changed from 90 cents to 85 cents per \$10,000 coverage, as a result of program management efficiencies achieved by the SGLI office and low fatality rates among SGLI members.

To see how much you are paying for SGLI,

check your Defense Finance and Accounting Service Military Leave and Earnings Statement (DFAS Form 702). SGLI premiums are listed in the deductions box and are generally taken out once a month (from your drill weekend pay). The amount of SGLI a person has is documented in his or her personnel record at the MPF. To change your SGLI stop by the MPF.

VBS blood drive nets 41 units

Virginia Blood Services of Richmond collected 41 units of blood during the blood drive held on base during drill on Sat., July 12.

Blood Services representatives were very happy with the turnout for the blood drive. Base volunteers helped them exceed their goal of 40 units. The blood drive ran from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. with donor registration taking place in the chapel and donations being made in the bloodmobile parked next to the Wing Headquarters building.

Richmond Blood Services staff thank all VaANG members who donated blood. They say blood donations always drop during the summer because people go on vacations, get busy with summer activities and forget about area blood drives. But they point out, the need for life-saving blood products this time of year is just as high as any other time. They ask all donors to make a summer-time donation.

Make sure your mailing address is current...

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addresses for other large mailings," Williams said. When the Vanguard or other mail went out First Class, items with bad addresses were usually returned to the mailroom where errors were identified and corrected. However, when the Vanguard went out Bulk Rate, which it does 9 of the 12 mailings each year, bad addresses

weren't delivered and weren't returned to the mailroom. "So, most times we couldn't catch your bad addresses," Williams pointed out. "Now those bad addresses will come back but they are going to cost the unit extra postage."

If you have questions about your address, please check with your Postmaster then stop by your Orderly Room or the MPF and get your address updated."

Check your Vanguard mailing address today

Everyone receiving the Vanguard through the mail needs to check their Vanguard mailing address to make sure it is accurate and complete. Even if it is almost correct and your mail carrier has been delivering it to you, now is the time to go to your Orderly Room or the Military Personnel Flight (MPF) and get that address updated or corrected.

Due to postal requirements, beginning this month Vanguards with bad addresses will be sent back to the base with postage due—that includes those Vanguards with slightly incorrect addresses that have been delivered up to this point, explained TSgt Hutt Williams, 192d Fighter Wing mailroom manager.

"Up to this time we've averaged about 25 bad addresses each month when mailing the Vanguard, and about the same number of bad

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