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## 192d trains with Langley during UTA

During the February drill you may have noticed a few F-15's parked on the ramp or taking off from the runway here. No we are not converting to new aircraft. What you witnessed were the aircraft participating with us in a Dissimilar Aircraft Combat Tactics exercise.

Langley AFB (Hampton, Va.) sent four F-15's and five crew chiefs to train with our pilots in DACT. The 192d provided the remaining support needed for the training exercise.

According to Capt Craig "Soup" Campbell, 149th Squadron weapons officer, the 192d flies

missions regularly with Langley. Generally, Langley and 192d meet at the range where they will be flying. In those situations, the two groups have only limited mission discussions over the telephone because communications security principles apply.

"The primary reason we have them here," Campbell said, "is the opportunity for face to face briefings. This allows us to talk about classified aspects of the missions. We can discuss tactics, which is more efficient in person."

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### Saves pilot, F-16 from possible mishap

## Maintenance catches engine problem

Maintenance troops recognized and correctly diagnosed a potentially disastrous engine problem in a 192d Fighter Wing F-16 that was just minutes from launch Dec. 8, 1996.

Aircraft #86-0232, piloted by Maj. Bobby Sandford, was ready to takeoff on a routine training flight. The engine was running and Crew Chief SrA Robert Davis, 192d Aircraft Generation Sqdn, was performing the pre-launch flight controls inspection when he noticed fuel venting from the aircraft's main drain bellows

(located on the aft section of the aircraft's belly). Davis had never seen venting like this before; the amount of fuel seemed excessive, so he immediately summoned his supervisor, TSgt John Hughes, 192d AGS.

As aircraft and pilot waited, Hughes inspected the problem and noticed "smoke" in addition to the venting fuel. Hughes explained that the venting fuel was within limits; however, the

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Commander's Call

## Earn F-16 flight by helping recruiters

Recruiting is our most important job. It determines the unit's future capabilities.

For the most part, we leave this job to three very important people in the wing, MSgt Mike Duke, TSgt Lloyd Meredith and TSgt Paul Stimpson. Along with impacting the future of the unit they, more than anyone else, represent this unit on a daily basis. They are dedicated, professional and hard working. We are fortunate to have them.

I recently met with them to share some ideas. They have a difficult job because it is never ending. As they recruit one individual another retires or seeks other adventures.

want to help them. You are our best recruiters. You know the unit. You know the jobs and you are successful at those jobs. And among you, you literally know thousands of people. In my meeting with the recruiters I proposed a competition. Whoever could recruit the most members into the unit between now and June 30 would get an incentive ride in the F-16. Many of you ask for incentive rides, here is your chance to earn one. You won't have to meet a board, you don't have to be selected. You just have to be a recruiter for a day. Give it a try. Our future is at stake

*Col. Robert O. "Bob" Seifert*

Because their job is so important I

### 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

## Cohen takes oath as new SecDef

Former senator, William S. Cohen was sworn in as the 20th Secretary of Defense in White House ceremonies by Vice President Al Gore on Jan. 24.

Cohen's nomination was announced by President Clinton on Dec. 5. He was confirmed by the Senate on Jan. 22 by a vote of 99-0. He previously served three terms as a senator from

Maine (1979-97) and three terms in the House of Representatives from Maine's Second Congressional District (1973-79).

Saying he wanted to "Seize all the possibilities of this moment, and to keep the U.S. the greatest force for peace and freedom, for security and prosperity," President Clinton welcomed his new Secretary of Defense.

## 192d trains with Langley...

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Campbell said 60 sorties were devoted to DACT. These sorties included eight 192d F-16s pitted against Langley's four F-15s. Four F-16s were air-to-air escorts to the other four F-16s which were air-to-air strikers. The four F-15s simulated being Russian Mig 29s.

Sorties also included four F-16s and the F-15s working together as a team against the other F-16s who were the simulated adversaries, according to Campbell. "This composite training (working with weapons systems different from our own) is good because it allows us to train for realistic combat scenarios," he said.

192d Fighter Wing Operations Group Commander LtCol Dave Dorman said, "Best training we've had on a UTA weekend in years. We saved money by doing it here; we didn't have to deploy people. We got potentially expensive deployment training here at home."

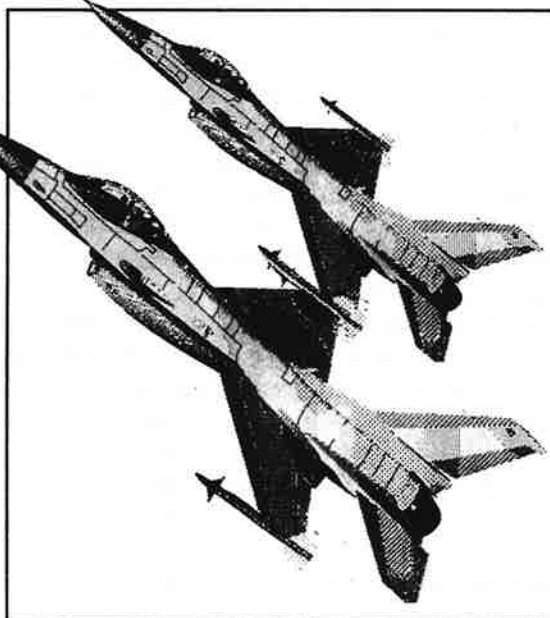
"Having another unit (Langley) here forces us to fly to an even higher standard," Campbell said. "You just do better when others are watching."

"Active Air Force doesn't always see what the Guard and Reserve does. DACT changes

that," Campbell continued. "They leave with a 'Wow,' we didn't know you guys did so much."

"We appreciate the support from everyone on base for allowing the F-15's to come in," Campbell added. "Especially the fuel shop who worked so hard and managed the fuel supply very well."

by TSgt Michael "Ike" Rawlings  
192d FW public affairs office



## Maintenance catches engine problem...

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smoke was unacceptable for aircraft takeoff. He deduced that if venting of smoke/fuel vapors wasn't acceptable during aircraft recovery checks (after a mission), the same must apply on launch even though this was not a specific launch check item.

While Davis pulled a fire extinguisher into place around the jet, Hughes notified Sandford of the problem. They kept the engine running while Hughes dispatched TSgt John Latoski from the Engine Shop. It was important for an engine specialist to see the symptoms so an accurate diagnosis of the problem could be made. Some problems create similar symptoms, some problems are hard to identify after the aircraft has been shut down, and sometimes it can be difficult to recreate a symptom after an aircraft has been shut down, according to Hughes.

Latoski responded to the Red Ball and upon seeing the smoke/fuel vapor, he knew the aircraft wasn't going anywhere that day. The engine specialist recognized the problem as an Augmenter Fuel Control (AFC) failure. Even though this problem had never before occurred at the 192d, Latoski was able to make an accurate diagnosis because he remembered an F110 Jet Service Report he'd read several months before. He informed Sandford of the nature of the problem and had him shutdown the engine.

The AFC manages fuel flow into the augmenter by using air pressure off the combustor through three small metal bellows. The "smoke" was really jet fuel that had vaporized in a stream of hot air escaping from the engine because one of the bellows had failed. If a second bellows had failed, the high-pressure air stream could have flooded the engine combustor case with fuel, which could have resulted in a fire or explosion.

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It's a good thing the ground crew noticed this," said Latoski. "This problem is normally only looked for after a flight. This is one of those problems that requires observant, knowledgeable crew chiefs. The pilot doesn't have a gauge or light to tell him when this component goes bad."

How does Davis view his part in identifying the aircraft problem? "Everyone in maintenance takes their job very seriously. And crew chiefs have the final say on an aircraft getting ready for launch. We're the last maintenance people to see it before take off. We put ourselves in the pilot's seat and ask: 'Would I want to be flying this aircraft?' When the gears are up the aircraft belongs to the pilot, but when the gears are down it is our responsibility," Davis said.

Hughes agreed with Davis, and added, "It's important to have responsible, high-caliber crew chiefs on the (flight)line, but we also need the highly-trained, experienced specialists like Latoski. The F-16 is a highly complex aircraft and no one could know everything about maintaining and repairing all of its systems—let alone keep up with all of the time change technical orders and the special service reports." He commended both men for doing an outstanding job, their attention to detail, quick thinking and pride in work.

Spotlight on First Sergeants

## Foege represents 192d AGS

**Name:** MSgt John Foege

**Representing:** Activities associated with the 192d Aircraft Generation Squadron, including the Flight Line, Weapons Load, Avionics Flight Line, Phase Docks, and Armament which includes approximately 185 enlisted personnel.

**Location:** Temporarily housed in trailer behind Avionics. ext: 6076

**Bio Bits:** Foege served in active duty Air Force doing two tours in Vietnam from 1967 to 1971 after graduating from J. R. Tucker in Richmond. After completing his duty he returned home and resumed his education. He earned a Certificate in Business Management from Smithdeal-Massey Business College in Richmond and in 1975 graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Education.

He taught at Goochland and Lloyd Bird High School over the next five years. During this time he also enlisted in the Virginia Air National Guard (December 1978), continuing his career as an aircraft maintenance specialist.

In 1980 he left the education field and worked for McGuire, Wood and Battle Law Firm. In 1984 he decided to go back to education as assistant principal at Bird High where he works currently.

He earned master's degree from Virginia State University in Educational Administration in 1992.

During this time he continued to work and progress in aircraft maintenance. He has worked on a variety of aircraft to include: O-1s, O-2s, OV-10s, C-7s, C-123s, F-105s, A-7s and F-16s.

Foege was selected as a First Sergeant in September of 1995.

**Biggest Challenges as a First Sergeant:** Keeping morale and motivation high for the

approximately 185 enlisted troops assigned to him. Trying to get around and see each individual and learn who they are not just their job.

**High Point as a First Sergeant:** Receiving the Commandant's Award June 1996 for the highest rated in my First Sergeant training class at Maxwell AFB.

**Message to troops:** Maintain esprit de corps. Keep a strong positive

attitude. Assist your co-workers. Strive to be the best you can be on your job, military and civilian.

by Tsgt Michael "Ike" Rawlings  
192d FW public affairs office



Look at what you'd be losing

## Thinking about leaving the Guard?

Have you been thinking about leaving the Guard? You have your "20" or you've "had enough" or it's become a hassle. Before you decide to become a former member or retiree of the Virginia Air National Guard, take a second look at what you have and the benefits you enjoy by continuing your military career.

If you get out you may have to go out and get another part-time job. Few part-time jobs offer the pay, promotion opportunities, travel, benefits, and retirement pay offered by the Guard. Good part-time jobs are hard to come by these days. Don't throw away what you already have.

Where else but the Guard can you find a part-time job where you only have to work one weekend a month, and then you earn double pay and full benefits, and get free meals and work clothes!

Where else but the Guard can you find a part-time job that gives you a two-week training program each year—time that earns you valuable retirement points. You earn regular pay and get free lodging, transportation, medical coverage, meals and work clothes.

Where else but the Guard can you find a part-time job that lets you move anywhere in the country without losing your job, benefits, pay or tenure.

Where else but the Guard can you find a part-time job that gives you annual cost-of-living pay raises and "longevity" pay raises every two years.

Where else but the Guard can you find a part-time job that gives you the opportunity to

earn college credits for your experience and training. It also offers you free educational counseling, and gives you and your spouse free college-level testing (GED, CLEP, SAT, GMAT, DANTES). And if you commit to stay with the VaANG for six years, you get tax-free tuition assistance.

Where else but the Guard can you find a part-time job that provides a legal staff that will draw up your Will and Power-of-Attorney documents at no cost.

Where else but the VaANG can you find a part-time job that gives everyone of the rank captain and below a state income tax break (up to \$3,000)?

Where else but the VaANG can you find a part-time job that gives you a discount on your Virginia license plates.

The Guard gives you access to military exchange stores and recreation facilities and 12 visits each year to military commissaries. Your association with the Guard (after six years) also provides you with Veterans Administration Home Loan benefits. And your continued membership in the Guard guarantees you low-cost life insurance—\$.90 per \$1,000, up to \$200,000 worth of life insurance.

If you're considering getting out of the VaANG, first think about what you'd be losing, and how much more you'd have to make at some other part-time job to make up for all the pay, benefits and retirement you'd lose by getting out.

by TSgt Bob Roza  
retention manager

## **Buy banquet tickets early**

Nearly 350 tickets for the Virginia Air National Guard's 50th anniversary banquet go on advance sale March 1.

The anniversary banquet is set for Friday, Oct. 10 at the Richmond Marriott Hotel. Tickets are \$35 each with a limit of two per Va ANG member or retiree. The tickets are being sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The event will include dinner, a 50th anniversary commemorative memento, a guest speaker and a variety of entertainment. "It promises to be a spectacular event; something we will talk about for years to come. Call your retired members and talk with your co-workers, get your ticket early and plan on having a great time," said LtCol

Ralph Barker, 50th anniversary banquet coordinator.

The advance ticket sale price of \$35 is good through July 31, at which the ticket price will increase to \$40. Ticket sales for the 203d Red Horse Flight will begin during their April unit training assembly (UTA).

Ticket sales by mail will be accepted after March 1. Make checks payable to the Va ANG Contingency Fund and mail to HQ VaANG/50, 5505 Corsair Dr., Sandston, Va. 23150-2520. Please include your name, return address and daytime phone number with your check. Questions should be directed to TSgt Beth Martin, VaANG State Headquarters, (804)236-6014.

### **Give ideas, donations or dollars**

## **Help with 50th anniversary fund**

The 50th Anniversary planning committee is seeking sponsors to help cover costs of the upcoming celebration, Oct. 10, 11 & 12. Officials anticipate the three-day event will be about \$140,000. LtCol Gary Wood is currently approaching several large area business, seeking sponsorships and donations.

If you think the company or business you work for would be interested in supporting this historic, patriotic event, please call Colonel Wood at (804)236-6466. Give him your employer's name, address, phone number, and the name of the person to be contacted for sponsorship. Wood will contact your employer and give them a sponsorship information package.

Colonel Wood says a few great sponsorship leads have come into his office, but he needs more leads. Call him today and give him a point of contact in your business or company.

Donations of any size will be accepted. Even if your employer can't provide a large donation, they might be interested in providing a small donation--\$100, \$50 or even \$25. These donations will be acknowledged in the program, on the "Richmond's Runway of the Future" donation page.

Individuals, groups, shops, offices and units may also make donations to support 50th anniversary festivities. All donations will be listed in the 50th anniversary souvenir program. Donations of \$100 will earn you a "gold brick" on the Richmond's Runway of the Future page. Contributions of \$50 or \$25 will earn the giver a "silver brick" or a "bronze brick" on the page.

Public Affairs has donated \$100 in support of the upcoming event and we challenge every office/section in the VaANG to do the same.

### Honors African-Americans in VaANG

## Banquet draws over 325 people

The Flight of the African-American Guardsmen of the VaANG drew more than 325 Guard members and their guests to the Omni Richmond Hotel ballroom on Feb. 1.

The annual gala recognizes the African-Americans who have served and currently serve in the Virginia Air National Guard and celebrates Black History Month.

The formal event began with social hour featuring paintings by African-American artists. The Presentation of the Colors by the Highland Springs High School Color Guard and the singing of the National Anthem by SrA Avis Bennett officially started the evening's festivities.

The Invocation and Benediction prayers were lead by Rev Milton A. Hathaway, a 27-year member of the VaANG assigned to the Logistics Sqdn. Col (Dr) James E. Jones, 192d Medical Sqdn commander, served as master of ceremonies for the evening. Michael Ford, Ch. 6 News, and Maj Cindy Brown, 192d Med Sqdn, assisted with special guest introductions. Bennett lead the ballroom in "Lift Every Voice and Sing," followed by Capt James Parker leading a musical dedication. Featured entertainment included a colorful, vibrant performance by the NGOMA African Dance Co. from the University of Richmond. Drummers and dancers performed a variety African tribal dances, ending with an intense drum solo.

Brown introduced guest speaker MajGen (ret.) John F. Phillips, deputy under secretary of defense. Phillips retired from the Air Force in 1995 after serving more than 30 years. In November 1995 he was appointed to his current position. Phillips served as a pilot with more than

3,000 flying hours and more than 300 combat flying hours over Vietnam. Prior to retirement he was the commander of the Sacramento Air Logistics Center, McClellan AFB, Calif. The center has an annual budget of more than \$3 billion to provide support for the F-117, F-22, F-111, A-10, F-15 and KC-135 aircraft. The center manages more than 200 communications systems and eight space systems and runs a world class micro-electronics and nuclear research facility.

Phillips speech was followed by the presentation of several awards: highlighting the military accomplishments of current and retired Guard members and commending banquet committee leaders for their hard work in hosting a spectacular evening.

Closing remarks were given by Col William C. Jones, deputy chief of staff, VaANG State Headquarters; and Col Robert O. Seifert, 192d Fighter Wing commander. Seifert thanked everyone for their hard work in putting on such an outstanding event. "It's an honor to be here with you tonight, and to be with such a tremendous American as General Phillips. I have tremendous respect for him, his accomplishments and his insights on America. I see a lot of pride here tonight. Pride makes us feel good, stand up a little straighter and smile a little broader.... But pride doesn't just happen, pride has a price. It requires us to work hard, make difficult decisions and take risks.... Everyone here should be proud of what they've done tonight. Your leadership abilities and talents make the 192d Fighter Wing great."

Dancing to the Katz Band rounded out the evening.



# Keep your computer virus free

Watch out for computer viruses. Nearly 7,500 known computer viruses exist worldwide, and as many as 200 new ones pop up each month, according to the National Computer Security Association in Carlisle, Pa.

During a recent software upload at Ramstein AB, Germany, a network server was infected with a virus called the Barrotes-1310. Within minutes the virus spread to other servers and threatened the entire Ramstein network. It was slowed only by the anti-virus software that network security officers had previously installed.

What is a virus? A virus is a computer program written specifically to infect and alter other computer programs. It can easily infect any part of a computer's programming or files.

How do they spread? Most viruses are spread by using contaminated diskettes or by downloading contaminated programs or data from networked systems. With a stand alone computer, infection can happen only by using contaminated diskettes, including downloading contaminated software. In networks, most file virus contamination can spread in a matter of seconds. All viruses have three distinguishing attributes; they reproduce, have a mission, and attach themselves to other programs.

Does your system have a virus? Some indications of a virus are: computer operation seems sluggish, programs take longer to load, available disk space decreases rapidly, files disappear mysteriously or programs encounter unusual messages or aren't functioning the way they usually do.

What do I do if I suspect a virus? Immediately stop work on the system, isolate and contain all diskettes in the area. Make sure no one uses the computer or diskettes

until after the system has been cleaned up. Immediately report the incident to the communication flight computer system security officer MSgt Jay Ellis, ext 6866 or TSgt Lewis Marion on drill weekends, ext 6881.

How can I protect my computer? The best way to protect a computer is to regularly use the anti-virus software available in Windows, at the User Utilities icon, make backups of your work and use good computer security practices. Backups of programs and operating files should be made regularly. Restrict physical and electrical access to the system, control all diskettes and install and use acceptable passwords.

Finally, have a clean, write-protected bootable diskette with key files and anti virus software on it. As with all viral illnesses, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

## Firewall installed on LAN improves security

During the last half of 1996 the VaANG was attacked by a "friendly hacker." This hacker belonged to the National Guard Readiness Center, testing security of trusted Computer Systems.

The attack provided insight into our computer security needs. A firewall has been added to the base Local Area Network (LAN) which monitors activity into and out of the base through a gateway. One benefit of this firewall is a log of all activities through the gateway, which allows the base security manager to see where someone may have gone on the internet.

Each member who uses the base LAN and travels on the internet needs to heed ANGPD 33-1 and ANGI 33-103. The base LAN and base access to the internet are for "OFFICIAL USE."

Jones, wife salute maintenance team

## Colonel takes last F-16 flight

After 33 years as a dedicated Air Force aviator, Colonel Bill Jones flew his final flight Jan. 3. He completed the flight and touched down on the runway around 10 a.m.

As a command fighter pilot he has flown the F-16, A-7, C-26, F-102, F-105 and F-106. He was trained in the T-33 and T-38.

Colonel Jones has been on several overseas deployments. During his career his most challenging assignment was when he was deployed to Vietnam for one year while flying the F-105. His plane was hit by enemy fire only once. Another harrowing incident during his career took place in 1977 while he was flying an F-105 near Cape Hatteras, N.C. For 3 1/2 minutes

he was without power due a disconnected fuel line. After exhausting all of his options in trying to resume operation of the aircraft, he safely bailed out.

Jones believed his last flight would be a very sentimental event. However, something his wife did to recognize the aircraft maintenance people and the life support crew actually made Dec. 18, 1996. To thank the many people who kept her husband flying safely over the years, Jones' wife, Diane, presented maintenance and life support with a beautiful glass eagle bearing the inscription "You are the wind beneath the pilot's wing."

by TSgt J.K. Wade  
192 FW chapel

## AFAF campaign kicks off

As in past years, members of the Air National Guard have the opportunity to make contributions to the Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) Campaign.

The AFAF was established to provide an annual effort to raise funds for the charitable groups that provide support to the Air Force family (active duty, retirees, reservists, Air National Guard, and their family members, including surviving spouses) in times of need. Organizations making up the AFAF include the Air Force Aid Society, Gen & Mrs Curtis E. LeMay Foundation, Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows and Dependents Home Foundation and the Air Force Village Foundation. These organizations help active-duty Air Force,

Reserve and Guard members with aid during emergencies, educational needs, and by providing a retirement home for widows or widowers of Air Force members needing financial assistance.

This year's campaign runs through May 4. Key workers have been designated in work sections throughout the base to answer questions and to assist individuals in making donations. Contributions can be made by check or cash. Checks should be made payable to the 192d FW Contingency Fund. All contributions are tax deductible.

All contributions will be greatly appreciated, says this year's program coordinator Capt David A. Biggs, ext. 6589.

## Log Spt Flt plans holiday fundraiser

The Logistics Support Flight , Quality Services and Weapons Standardization sections have begun their fundraising campaign for the 1997 Christmas Mother Program.

Our goal is to raise \$1,000 by December so we can give a needy family a Christmas to remember, said TSgt Mike Guest. During the March drill weekend, donations for tickets will be

available for a ham. Tickets will be available in the dining hall. Your support and participation will help us bring joy to a needy family, Guest said.

Anyone with fundraising ideas or the desire to make a donation to the program may contact Guest at ext. 6457 or TSgt Roberta Canez-Jenkins at ext. 6338.

HENRICO CHRISTMAS MOTHER COUNCIL  
P.O. BOX 27  
SANDSTON, VIRGINIA 23150  
(804) 226-3866

JANUARY 15, 1997

Dear Very Special Friends,

Holidays are always a special time and the Christmas holiday is that time of year we are all reminded to help those who are less fortunate than we. Henrico is a wonderful and diverse county. Your generosity helped lessen the worry of many of our citizens by making their Christmas much happier than they had expected.

This year, by working together we were able to assist 3,829 people (1,201 families). The "adopted" families numbered 145 (542 individuals). We also are fortunate to be able to report to you that we exceeded our 1996 financial goal. This insures that all of our outstanding commitments for new toys and new clothing will be met.

Adoption committee chairman Betsy Foster and the adoption committee worked diligently to match you and your family or individual recipient. We on the Christmas Mother Council truly hope your experience was rewarding. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the future, please write me a note so I may share your ideas with the Council.

Thank you for sharing your love with those in need. You truly have helped prove that "love has no beginning and no end." I wish each of you and your families a healthy and happy 1997.

Very truly yours,

*Beverley Donati*

1996 Christmas Mother



**Master Sgt Forrest Tibbs and Technical Sgt Barry Smith with Col William E. Haymes Jr, 192d Fighter Wing vice commander. Photo by A1C Amy Hill.**

## **MSgt Tibbs, TSgt Smith retire**

Two members of the 192d Fighter Wing recently retired—taking with them a combined 42 years of military experience.

Master Sgt Forrest Tibbs, 192d Security Police Sqdn, spent 21 years with the wing. During that time he has served in the security police field and also maintained the environmental systems of the F-105.

Technical Sgt Barry Smith, 192d Aircraft Generation Sqdn, is also retiring with 21 years dedicated to the Air Guard. He's among the last of the traditional maintenance troops that worked on the F-105.

Tibbs' father, Forrest Tibbs Sr., worked in the 192d motor pool for years. MSgt Tibbs credits his father with talking him into joining the Air Guard. Looking back on his career, Tibbs says the security police deployment to Germany last year was one of the highlights of his career. "We were involved in a real-world mission during that annual training. We successfully demonstrated our abilities and effectiveness to the active-duty Air Force. We handled all security

police and law enforcement tasks assigned to us," he said, "and that felt good."

Tibbs is looking forward to the free time his retirement will give him. "I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family," he says, but adds, "I will miss my Guard friends. There are people out here I've known for years."

Smith recalls the 192d's second Norway deployment as one of his career highlights. "It was a great deployment," he recalled. "We worked hard, but I also got the chance to hike across the countryside and meet local folks. It was fascinating." With his new-found free time, Smith also looks forward to getting reacquainted with his family, and picking up some old hobbies like woodworking. "But I'm definitely going to miss the friendships and the fun I've had here over the years," he admitted.

The 192d Fighter Wing wishes these two men happiness and health in their retirements. Wing officials thank them and all retirees for the years of dedication and hard work they've given the unit.



**UP, UP & AWAY!--SSgt David Shelton, center, received an F-16 incentive flight Jan. 7. He earned the incentive flight for outstanding work he performed in the Nondestructive Inspection (NDI) shop. Shelton flew with Maj Bobby Sandford (right) while mission crew chief TSgt Richard Laird (left) ensured a safe flight in the Fighter Wing's F-16D. Photo by TSgt Carlos Claudio.**

#### Officer pool candidates...

## Applications due by June UTA

The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) is currently accepting applications from individuals interested in becoming an officer in the Virginia Air National Guard. The VaANG policy for filling vacant non-rated/non-professional officer positions within the state is to establish a pool of qualified applicants at the beginning of each fiscal year (1 Oct.).

The pool will consist of individuals selected from all applications received, that meet the 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. Applications are not automatically retained in the pool at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Some of the commissioning requirements are as follows:

AGE: Individuals must be commissioned by

age 35. No age waivers will be considered. EDUCATION: a bachelor's degree is desired. Waivers of education will be considered. Applicants must have a minimum of 90 semester hours for consideration of a waiver. TEST REQUIREMENTS: All applicants must take the Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT). If a person tests and qualifies, their scores won't expire. Required qualifying scores can be explained by an MPF representative.

The application submission deadline for the coming fiscal year is June 8, 1997. Applications submitted after that date will not be considered. Also, failure to furnish the required information within the specified date will result in the application not being considered. For more information about becoming an officer in the VaANG, call MSgt John Rollings at ext. 6708, or stop by rm. 37G in the MPF.

**Chiefs' Council hosting May event****Club plans membership drive, election**

Club 149 is hosting a membership drive during the March drill weekend. Club officials are sending 1997 membership forms out now. They encourage all VaANG members to support Club 149—renew your expiring membership or join for the first time.

Club members enjoy a variety of recreation activities and events hosted by the club, as well as being able to use club facilities at other military installations. Club officials remind VaANG members that using other club facilities is a great benefit when a person is on orders at another location.

During the Saturday, March 8 meeting, club members will also elect five new officers for the club council. The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m.

The club is still looking for squadrons interested in sponsoring a club activity or event during a drill weekend during 1997. At this time, the Chiefs' Council is planning food, fun, and a tag sale for May and Operations will host activities at the club in June.

CMSgt Frank Stanley said the Chiefs' Council is planning a number of giveaways and prizes during the Club 149 activity they are hosting during the May unit training assembly weekend

**On the menu...**

**NEW!**  
**Short Order Line**  
**(both days)**

Hot Dogs  
Hamburgers &  
Cheeseburgers  
French Fries  
Pizza  
Corn Dogs

**Saturday**  
**March 8**

Braised Beef Tips  
Knockwurst w/sauerkraut  
Steamed Rice  
Buttered Corn  
Spice Cake w/icing  
Salad Bar  
Assorted Breads & Margarine  
Assorted Drinks

**Sunday**  
**March 9**

Swiss Steak w/onion  
Roast Turkey  
Brown Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Yellow Cake w/icing  
Salad Bar  
Assorted Breads &  
Margarine  
Assorted Drinks

# 192d Fighter Wing

## Chain of Command

Commander.....Col Robert O. Seifert  
Vice Commander.....Col William E. Haymes Jr.  
Wing Executive Officer.....LtCol Robert H. Pemberton  
Wing Senior Enlisted Advisor.....CMSgt James W. Stanley

Medical Squadron Commander.....Col (Dr) James E. Jones Jr.  
Medical Squadron First Sergeant.....MSgt James Johnson

Support Group Commander.....LtCol William J. Schwartz  
Support Group First Sergeant.....MSgt Robert N. Barnette  
Mission Support Flight Commander.....LtCol Ralph Barker  
Services Flight Commander.....Maj Freddie W. Baylor Jr.  
Security Police Squadron Commander.....Capt Eliot G. Evans  
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Aircraft Generation Squadron First Sergeant.....MSgt John Foege

## Banquet committee plans basketball game

The African-American Banquet committee is sponsoring the game of all games, Saturday, May 3 after drill. At that time the Virginia Air National Guard Traditional Guardsmen will take on the Guard Technicians in a friendly game of basketball.

Technicians interested in playing should contact MSgt Al Harrison at ext. 6356 or MSgt Gerald Golden at ext. 6530. Traditional Guardsmen should contact TSgt Ike Rawlings at pager 342-2720 or SSgt Lonnie Minor at pager 756-1933. Those interested in helping may contact TSgt Jackie Atkins at ext. 6303 or SSgt Tasha Upshaw at ext. 6516.

Half time contest and activities are planned. Location of the game will be announced during the March drill. Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 10 and under. For more information call Rawlings at the above pager number or at ext. 6388 on drill weekend.

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