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Inspectors delighted with results!

CE team attacks RRR exercise

The 192d Civil Engineer Squadron successfully kicked off the first officially-graded activity of the Operational Readiness Inspection with the Rapid Runway Repair exercise Feb. 28-March 1.

Nearly 30 personnel including structural repair specialists and heavy equipment operators deployed to the State Military Reservation in Virginia Beach for the two-day exercise.

Ninth Air Force inspectors provided a scenario briefing: the CE mission was clear. Quickly repair a runway with a crater measuring nearly 42 feet in diameter and ranging from 6-8 feet deep. The crater contained loose debris and the runway was covered with dirt, gravel and paving material that could be ingested by our fighters when taking off or landing—causing foreign object damage to the jets. Oh, and there may be snipers waiting in the tree line to shoot at you while you're trying to make repairs!

Action was immediate. While most of Virginia Beach was still in bed, CE posted armed members to provide security. Heavy equipment operators staggered equipment movement to enhance security and started converging on the crater.

The crater was labeled unsuitable which meant all the loose material in the bottom of the crater would have to come out—a time consuming activity—and the inspectors' clock

was ticking. The equipment team had to clear the crater and the runway of all loose debris and dirt. They cleaned the edges of the crater and removed all damaged or unsupported pavement. Then they had to fill the yawning hole, first with ballast stone, then with a fine fill material called select. The fiberglass repair matting had to be assembled and pulled exactly over the filled crater. A task completion time of three hours or less was needed for an "outstanding" grade.

Even though final time is vital to the overall rating, safety is preeminent. Two NCOs served as Safety officers, and equipped with a compressed-air whistle could bring the entire exercise to a standstill in a second if necessary. Troops driving front-end loaders and graders, an excavator, sweeper and roller converged on the scene. Following the direction of MSgt Greg Leonard, crater chief, the equipment operators moved their behemoths in and out and around the crater much like a group of square dancers—in & out, back & forth, round & round, in perfect sync and never missing a beat.

As soon as the sweeper cleared a large segment of pavement in front of the crater, forklifts and a semi flatbed became a hive of activity. Led by MSgt David Thompson, a team methodically swarmed over the fiberglass repair matting, lining up the sheets and bolting them

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Commander's Call

ORI is here, let's win!

In a few short weeks we will be fighting a simulated war at Savannah, Georgia, in an event called an ORI (Operational Readiness Inspection). We have talked so much about it I am sure you can't wait to get on with it! I have emphasized the importance of the ORI to all of you and the impact our performance will have on our unit. I am convinced we can do very well. We have planned, we have practiced and we have committed sizable resources to be successful.

Our success will depend on three important things; commitment, hard work

and teamwork. These are not just important for an ORI, they are important in everything we do. People, focused on a goal, working hard and working together can move mountains.

Our goal is to be the most combat ready unit in the Air National Guard. Many units have that goal; the challenge is proving it. We want to be able to say we are the best. To say it, we need the report to back it up. Good luck, I will be there and I can not wait.

Col. Robert O. "Bob" Seifert

Thoughts from the Chief Master Sgt of the AF

Remember basics, strive to improve

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of excerpts from a paper titled "Views of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force" by CMSgt of the Air Force Eric W. Benken. CMSgts Ray Bassetti, VaANG Senior Enlisted Advisor, and Jim Stanley, 192d Fighter Wing SEA, found the paper insightful, educational and motivational; and they wish to share CMSAF Benken's thoughts with everyone in the VaANG. Complete copies of this paper may be picked up at the 192d FW Public Affairs office.

For more information on CMSAF Benken, his views and enlisted issues, visit his new world wide web site at <http://www/af/mil/lib/cmsaf/>

The following words are intended to provoke thought and provide advice and guidance for our enlisted force, and are based on a few assumptions—our objective is to continue being the finest enlisted force in the world; we evolved into the greatest Air Force team in the world and we need to continue doing so, and that each of

us is voluntarily serving the greatest nation in the world.

Being the best enlisted force in the world takes a lot of work. It takes a lot of commitment and dedication. It takes courage, tenacity and innovation. Because we live in a highly technical world moving at an incredible pace, we must also have vision to move forward. And while we tend to complicate things at times, it is important to remember that much of our success is rooted in fundamentals—the very basics.

Fundamental Discipline

Everything we ever needed to know to be successful in the military we learned in basic training. In that six-week process, we were given all the necessary tools. We learned how to salute properly, how to wear our uniforms properly and to look at ourselves everyday and say, "How can I improve myself and make my image better,

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New 1stSgts named in Wing

Three newly-selected first sergeants assumed their new duties during the March UTA. Selected were MSgt Susanne L. Dates, former Assistant Retention Office manager, who assumed duties as first sergeant for the Fighter Wing. MSgt Barry S. Coleman, former Fighter Wing Orderly Room NCOIC, now first sergeant

for Mission Support, and MSgt Sherry L. Hankins, Munitions Maintenance technician, now first sergeant for the Maintenance Squadron. Each await assignment to the two-week first sergeant technical training school. More information about the new first sergeants will be featured in future issues of the Vanguard.

Thoughts from CMSAF Benken...

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because I am a leader and others look to me as an example." We learned how to spit-shine our boots, when to wear our hats and to simply "look our best." We learned that fads do not have a place in our Air Force and that we need to "wear the same jersey" on this team. Our appearance and decorum give us credibility. They tell America we are a disciplined force, capable of winning her wars. Through drill & ceremony and taking care of our dormitories we learned how to work as a team for the benefit of the flight. We learned that as in sports, a winning team is a disciplined team where everyone pulls their weight and contributes their best. We also learned not to call our supervisors by their first names and to be proud of our titles. We learned that being in the Air Force is not just about "getting an education." That is secondary to service before self. Being in the Air Force is about serving your country to the best of your ability.

There is nothing wrong with basic training or the vast majority of those who graduate from it. It is often the first-line supervisor who gets us off track. Have you ever heard, "Forget everything you learned in basic training. This is the real Air Force, call me John or call me Sally?" This is where the breakdown in fundamental discipline begins—with leaders who "forget the basics." To succeed, merely look back to basic training and

continue to apply and expand what you learned during those six weeks. I assure you it will help you in the future. My salute is still as crisp as it was over 27 years ago and I still spit-shine my combat boots every time I wear them. We must teach our troops to embrace discipline, and make sure they understand that it is the foundation for a strong military and essential for survival in combat.

High Standards

I can go into a unit and tell within 30 seconds what kind of standards are set by the leaders. I can tell by uniform appearance, by the way people sit in their chairs; whether or not they stand when an officer or superior enters the room, whether or not they have enthusiasm and by the kinds of questions they ask. Solid leaders always insist on high standards. They spread enthusiasm and pride in their units. They attack issues and problems and always strive to move their units forward. They are the units that can always say, "mission accomplished." Troops will follow your lead and example. Units with low standards invariably have problems, IG complaints, career development course failures, sexual harassment problems, etc. Leadership is the key to success. Poor morale, low retention and poor communication are symptoms or characteristics of poor leadership. It's tough to be a leader these days, but it's absolutely essential!

Chief Dameron retires as SEA

On April 14, the 203d Red Horse Flight in Virginia Beach, said a very special thank you to a former member and the outgoing Virginia Air Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor. CMSgt Tom Dameron was with the 203rd from its standup in 1985 through 1995, when he was tapped to become the state Air Guard senior enlisted advisor.

"I am grateful for being given the opportunity to serve as a senior enlisted advisor," Dameron said. "Never in my dreams did I think I would reach this level in my military career. I'm proud to have served the 203d and all the enlisted people of the Virginia Air Guard.

"I'll miss all of this. I've enjoyed the many wonderful people I've worked with over the years and I learned a lot from my many deployments," he added.

The Chief's wife, Valerie, concurs, "We've always been so proud of him. His travel was a great opportunity not just for him but for his family as well. His return from a deployment to Honduras was humbling for him and us. He shared his experiences from that trip with his children. He helped them understand how much they had and how little other children had. There were children in Honduras who didn't know what a package of crackers was.

"We felt we were a part of the Guard too," she added, "because we adjusted our lives around his military career."

To all the enlisted troops, he says, "The

Virginia Air Guard is a great opportunity. Don't give it up. Stick with it. It offers advancement, school, travel, job training and the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life. It's great to be a part of the Air Guard, to serve a great organization and a great country."

Dameron began his citizen soldier career

right out of high school in 1964; he joined the Virginia Army Guard. He transferred to the Air Guard in 1985 and became the supervisor for the 203d Electric Shop. He quipped, "Yep, I spent a lot of time at Ft. A.P. Hill with the Army Guard, then I got smart and joined the Air Guard." He retired from his civilian job last year and is now happily working as an electrical contractor near his home in Chesapeake, Va. "It's great to have a trade background," he said. "There's always work to be done."

BrigGen Terry Maynard, VaANG

deputy adjutant general for air, applauded Dameron's military career and work as senior enlisted advisor. "He was the first state SEA picked from the 203d. He's done a great job and we'll miss him," Maynard said.



Get shots before ORI processing

The April UTA Immunization Clinic will be Sat., April 4 from 9 until finished at the Clinic. Bring your shot record with you.

Takes over as VaANG Senior Enlisted Advisor

Bassetti moves into new job

Newly-pinned CMSgt Raymond L. Bassetti became the next Virginia Air National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor in January.

As the VaANG SEA he advises Col Bill Jones, VaANG chief of staff, regarding enlisted force morale issues, the quality of noncommissioned officer (NCO) leadership, management and supervisory training. Bassetti acts as the liaison between the chief of staff and the enlisted members of the 192d Fighter Wing, the 203d Red Horse Flight, the 200th Weather Flight and the State Headquarters staff. He also monitors compliance with Air Force standards, serves on advisory councils and maintains close ties with the local community.

Bassetti was born in Pennsylvania, and graduated from high school and the Piedmont Aerospace Institute, in Winston-Salem, N.C. Bassetti entered the Air Force in June 1965 and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. After a three-year break in service he joined the VaANG and over the years served in a variety of positions. He worked throughout the Avionics Maintenance branch: Airborne Communication, Airborne Navigation and Weapons Control System Section. In 1987, he became a Quality Assurance inspector for the deputy commander of Maintenance. Then in October 1994, he became the 192d Maintenance Squadron section chief for Propulsion.

In addition to work duties, Bassetti served as noncommissioned officer in charge (NCOIC) of

the 192d Fighter Wing Rifle and Pistol Team from 1980-1994. He is a member of the base Color Guard.

As he settles into his new job, his two main priorities are improving and enhancing VaANG enlisted recognition programs and working promotion issues and concerns. One of the chief's first official duties at the state level was representing Virginia Air Guard enlisted troops at the Virginia National Guard Enlisted Association conference in Roanoke, Va., March 27-28. At the time of this interview, he said he was looking forward to attending the conference and while there, presenting awards to the three Outstanding Virginia Air Guardsmen for 1997.

The chief is married to the former Glenda Collins and they have two children. He wears numerous military awards and decorations including the Air Force Commendation Medal with

two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and one device, several Reserve and Virginia National Guard commendations, the USAF Master Aircraft & Munitions Maintenance Badge, and three marksmanship badges.

During drill weekends, Bassetti may be reached at the State Headquarters, ext. 6510, and during the week he can be reached at the 192d FW Propulsion Shop, ext. 6754. The chief can be reached by phone, base distribution or e-mail.



Spotlight on First Sergeants

Vincent represents Sec Forces

MSgt Antonia L. "Toni" Vincent

Representing: Security Forces Squadron

Location: Maintenance Hanger Rm: 202
ext: 6096

Bio Bits: Vincent is from the Richmond area and has been employed with Philip Morris for the last 20 years as a process insurance coordinator. She has an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from CCAF, a bachelor's degree in Biology from Livingstone College and a master's degree in Business Administration from Averett College. She joined the Army reserves in 1974 as part of the 80th Support Battalion. She completed 4 years and exited the military until she joined the D.C. Air National Guard in 1983. There, she was attached to the 113th FGP at Andrews AFB in Security Police Law Enforcement. She joined the Virginia Air Guard in January 1990 and joined the 192d Security Squadron in Law Enforcement. She worked as assistant NCOIC for LE until her selection as a first sergeant of Security Forces in May 1997. She completed the



First Sergeant Academy at Maxwell-Gunther AFB, Montgomery, Ala., in January 1998.

Biggest Challenge as a First Sergeant: Staying abreast of all the rapid changes affecting us as Guard members. Keeping morale and motivation high for nearly 70 Security Forces personnel, as we accept the challenges associated with ABGD (Air Base Ground Defense).

High Point as a First Sergeant: Briefing 221 first sergeants on the responsibilities and duties of the commander and the first sergeant, and the positive comments she received on her presentation of the briefing.

Message to Troops: I want to thank the Security Forces members for all their support as their new first sergeant. My job is people and I intend to dedicate my time and energy to their needs in their military career. The creed of the first sergeant is "Everyone is our business and we take care of our own." This is my pledge to the members of Security Forces.

by TSgt Ike Rawlings, public affairs

Senior NCO Academy classes available now...

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concurrence of commander. Not be under investigation or charged with an offense punishable under the UCMJ. Wait at least two years between completion of in-residence NCO Academy and the start of a USAF SRNCOA class. Have taken the Air Force Reading

Achievement Test (a grade of 9.0 or higher is desirable).

All interested applicants should contact SMSgt Mike Gates, MPF Training officer, ext. 6590. Complete applications, including all necessary endorsements, must arrive at ANG/MPTEE no later than June 1, 1998. This includes a State Headquarters endorsement.

Med Sq seeks first sgt applicants

The 192d Medical Squadron commander is accepting applications for the position of first sergeant. As a vital link between the commander, base agencies and the enlisted people of the unit, the first sergeant must be creditable, perceptive and epitomize the core values of the Air Force and Air National Guard. They must have a high level of competency, energy and motivation, and be able to communicate effectively. A first sergeant promotes enlisted welfare, morale and health issues, and assists the commander in maintaining discipline and standards of conduct, and provides guidance on matters of leadership, military justice and customs and courtesies. A first sergeant must be exemplary in professional conduct and appearance. Strong leadership traits, professional maturity and command support are a must.

Minimum qualifications include:

Completion of high school or general education development equivalency and meet

all requirements listed in AFM 36-2108. Aptitude scores must be at least 45 in administrative or 58 in general.

Must be a master sergeant (E-7) or promotable. Prior qualification at the 7 or 9-skill level in any Air Force Specialty Code. Within 12 months of selection, **MUST** complete the First Sergeant's Academy in residence. Have exceptional leadership and managerial skills. Must meet weight and body fat standard and overall image should exceed minimum standards. Applicants must have completed PME Course 6 in residence or by correspondence prior to application. Upon promotion to master sergeant completion of PME Course 8 is mandatory.

Members wishing to apply for this position must submit a cover letter and resume to Col (Dr) James E. Jones, Jr., 192d MDS/CC no later than 4 p.m., April 5 (UTA weekend). Interviews will be conducted during the May UTA. For more info call SMSgt Mary Gamache, ext. 3607.

SRNCO Academy classes available now

The USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (SRNCOA) is the highest level of Air Force enlisted professional military education. The mission of the academy is to prepare selected senior NCOs to better fulfill their leadership and management responsibilities.

Commanders are asked to nominate their most professional senior NCOs for this program. Senior NCOs from all major commands, the Air National Guard and AF Reserve are selected to attend the Academy. Applicants should apply for SRNCOA as soon as possible to ensure a slot for FY 99 classes. Class dates are:

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| 99A | Nov. 2—Dec. 16, 1998 |
| 99B | Jan. 20—March 3, 1999 |
| 99C | March 18—April 28, 1999 |
| 99D | May 12—June 23, 1999 |

99E July 8—Aug. 18, 1999

99F Sept. 9—Oct. 21, 1999

To be eligible for SRNCOA, the following criteria must be met:

Be of grade E-7 or E-8 (E-7 must have at least 24 months time-in-grade (TIG); applicant clearly demonstrates a potential for increased leadership and management responsibility and has completed an in-residence NCO Academy or Leadership School (this is an important selection factor). Have at least one-year retainability from graduation date. Hold a Secret or Top Secret security clearance. Be within body fat limits outlined in AFI 40-502. Be recommended by immediate supervisor, with

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Your Mobile Kitchen staff: R

Your day starts at 0400 hours. You're cold, groggy and you need to get to work ASAP. What do you do? Quick, go to the Services Flight Mobile Kitchen Trailer (MKT) and have a hot meal on your way to work in the operation area.

Early preparation is just the start. A commitment to excellence and service is what drives SSgt Michael E. Wexler, NCOIC (noncommissioned officer in charge) of the MKT for Field Feeding.

"The purpose of the MKT," Wexler explained, "is to support the mission and keep personnel fed. Eating is a key morale issue."

In Savannah during both Operational Readiness Exercises (OREs), the MKT was available during breakfast and dinner. The early breakfast hours were especially important to SSgt Robert E. Jones of the Command Post.

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day," said Jones. "I visited the MKT every morning around 0500 hrs. It was convenient to my job site and the food was pretty good. It really helped to get those long duty days off to a good start."

The MKT can feed up to 500 people per meal, according to Wexler. "We try to feed as many troops as possible and keep them comfortable," Wexler said. "A lot of good comments came back to us and everyone seemed to appreciate what we were doing."

TSgt Robert L. Washington, dining hall supervisor and an assistant on the MKT, has been impressed with the mobile unit. "The MKT is great! It's perfect for field conditions," he said. "Everything is portable and it is relatively easy to set up, maintain and clean."

It didn't bother Washington that the MKT was located in the ORE playing area. "We wanted to make sure everyone was trained

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The 192d Food Services staff works nearly around the clock preparing and serving meals during the Wing's Operational Readiness Exercises. They will be working hard to keep nearly 750 people fed during the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection in Savannah, Ga. Photos by Combat Visual Information staff.



Ready to serve hot ORI meals!

during the January ORE," he said. "We have to be ready for any situation and we believe our catering staff is capable of handling it."

Although he spent most of his time working at the Dining Hall Facility, MSgt. Charles E. Williams, dining hall facility manager, felt the exercise went pretty well. "Besides being a morale booster, it gave people somewhere to go for food and rest. It seemed almost like a vacation at home and going outside in the yard."

Freddie W. Baylor, services flight commander, was truly happy. "Mike [Wexler] did an excellent job [in Savannah]. We know what they are doing and what they can accomplish," he said. "I have received a lot of positive comments during staff meetings. We want everyone on base to attend and get a good meal."

Sgt. Ike Rawlings, public affairs



The MKT is very mobile and fairly easy to set up. Here members of the Services Flight set up the MKT during an annual Civil Engineer bivouac at the northwest end of the base.

To VaANG: Greetings from Bosnia!

In an e-mail from Bosnia, TSgt Tom Polesnak of the 200th Weather Flight writes:

Greetings from Bosnia!

I have been here since Dec. 13. Parts of this duty went as I expected but there have been some surprises as well. This has been the ultimate military experience of my life!

I joined the Air Force during Vietnam, but was stationed at Spangdahlem AB, Germany, for three years. After a break in service, I entered the Indiana Air Guard in 1988, but wasn't called up during Desert Storm. So, at age 51, I hit the jackpot—Bosnia!

On my third day here, I met and ate dinner next to Congressman Wolf from northern Virginia. Then I saw President Clinton's motorcade go by while I was on duty. And a few days later, I saw the Secretary of Defense and his wife. I've seen more important people in two months than I've seen in the last two decades!

The weather here hasn't been as bad as expected. December and January were fairly mild with only one burst of snow. The lowest temperature so far is 18 degrees F—cold but not

frigid. It's been interesting living in tents during the winter, but I've gotten used to it. And the dining facilities serve good food.

You always sense the danger here. Land mines are scatter all around, and everyone stays alert. I make a point not to walk in unmarked territory; I always stay on the beaten path. Even so, I was going to refuel the tent furnace one evening during a snowfall when a huge tree branch snapped and landed 10 feet in front of me. If I had been three seconds earlier, it would have been my curtain call.

I was at Tuzla AB for six weeks, then moved to Camp McGovern. There are more dangers at Camp McGovern but less stress. The weeks are going by quickly. I am up at 4:15 and have breakfast at 5. I get to work by 5:35 and work 12-hour shifts (or longer). Each day starts with checking the weather, contacting other forecasters, then preparing weather slides for a briefing at 7 a.m. There are only five Air Force people here (including me), but we have a good relationship with the Army. I am the only weather person—the other four bluesuiters are Air Liaison.

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Short Order Line

Both days

Hamburgers
Cheeseburgers
Chili Dogs
Pizza
French Fries

On the menu...

Saturday

April 4

Baked Fish
Pork Loin w/brown gravy
Rice Pilaf
Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Broccoli
Yellow Cake

Sunday

April 5

Meat Loaf
Corned Beef w/mustard sauce
Cabbage
Red Potatoes
Lima Beans
Corn Bread
Apple Crisp

VaANG retiree group seeks new members

Retired or have at least 20 years with the Virginia Air National Guard! Then a special group is looking for you! The VaANG Retiree Association.

We're a proud bunch and we're always looking for new members to share that pride with.

We had an exciting time last year and we're looking forward to special projects and activities in the coming months and years. If you went into the maintenance hangar during the 50th Anniversary air show, you saw some of our handiwork. We developed, designed, set up and staffed the aircraft era booths.

The group has monthly meetings called "socials." Anyone with 20 or more years in the Air Guard may join. Dues are \$12 per year. Meetings are open and members, their spouses, and friends are always welcome. The group offers a number of activities to become involved in.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday

of each month at 7 p.m. at Club 149. Social hour lasts 30 minutes with the meeting starting at 7:30. For more information call SMSgt Bob Walton at ext. 6541 or 6373. This is a great organization and it can be even better with more members!

By SMSgt Bob Walton

VaANG Retiree Association representative

Join us for Guard Night at the Diamond!

Sat., May 16 at 7 p.m. Sign up for tickets as soon as possible! Tickets must be ordered no later than May 13 and will be available for pickup May 14. Tickets not picked up will be placed at the WILL CALL booth. Family, friends and neighbors may attend with you. Call TSgt Shirley Cooper, ext. 6428, for more information.

Officer application deadline nears

The Military Personnel Flight is accepting applications from individuals interested in becoming an officer in the VaANG. The 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.

The pool consists of individuals selected from all applications received, that meet the qualification requirements. People placed in the pool are reminded that if they're not selected for a vacant position during the year, they must reapply the next year. Applications are not automatically retained in the pool at the beginning of the new fiscal year. Some of the commissioning requirements include:

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. If a person tests and qualifies, their scores won't expire. Required qualifying scores can be explained by an MPF representative.

The application deadline for the next fiscal year is June 14, 1998. 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.

Personnel actions

Accessions – Jan-March 1998

SSgt Paul Glowatch, Jr., SFS
TSgt Daniel R. Young, RHF
SrA Ann J. Bey, LGS
TSgt Kevin A. Garrett, Med Sq
A1C Phillip M. Bishop, Med Sq
SrA Leon A. Jackson, Jr., Maint
A1C John M. Cole, LGS
A1C Asia M. Gile, Comm
A1C Denise P. James, Comm
SSgt Jack N. Harris, AGS
TSgt Jodi K. Warren-Michal, SFS
A1C Raymond T. Orden, 200 WF
A1C Karen A. Kelley, LGS
A1C Angelique F. Dickerson, Maint
SrA Glennis A. Lightburn, Log Spt Flt
SrA Benjamin F. Pritchett, CES

Promotions – Jan-March 1998

CMSgt Raymond L. Bassetti, Maint
SMSgt Jerry V. Johnson, FW
SMSgt Richard K. Edwards, HQ, Log Gp
SMSgt William W. Lund, CES
MSgt Kevin A. Johnson, 149 FS
MSgt Brenda K. Kirby, FW
MSgt John R. Anderson, Jr., Log Spt Flt
MSgt Susanne L. Dates, FW
MSgt Richard O. Earhart, CES
MSgt Sherry L. Hankins, Maint
MSgt Stuart B. Thorpe, Jr., LGS
TSgt Leslie M. Cairns, Maint
TSgt David L. Harlow, Maint
TSgt David S. Sterling, RHF
TSgt James J. Parlow, Maint
TSgt Lawrence E. Jackson, Maint
TSgt Daniel W. Gibbons, Comm
TSgt Eric M. Hunter, Log Spt Flt

TSgt Charles W. Malpass, AGS
SSgt Devin W. Clemons, Maint
SSgt Robert E. Jones, FW
SSgt Michael E. Rose, AGS
SSgt David D. Grubbs, SVF
SSgt Walter H. Holland, Jr., AGS
SSgt Scott L. Ward, CES
SSgt James L. Easley, CES
SSgt James W. Botelle, CES
SSgt Derek R. Kahn, LGS
SSgt Thomas L. Austin, RHF
SSgt Ernest Blawas, RHF
SrA Michael J. Soroka, 149 FS
SrA Jonathan Z. Trogdon, 149 FS
SrA Daniel R. Read, 149 FS
SrA Brian J. Penn, AGS
SrA Eric D. Jones, RHF
SrA Mathrew E. Kidd, RHF
SrA William J. Earley, CES
SrA Nickolas E. Reed, AGS
SrA Ellen M. McFarland, RHF
SrA Patricia L. Arnold, RHF
SrA Richard V. Domingo, RHF
A1C Courtney N. Washington, Spt Gp

Retirements - Jan-March 1998

TSgt Rosa J. Harris, FW
MSgt Russell G. Acors, CES
TSgt David W. Hill, Med Sq
MSgt James A. Johnson, Sr., Med Sq
SSgt Henry P. Blackford, RHF
MSgt Karl E. Mercer, Jr., RHF
MSgt Edwin W. Parker, Jr., AGS
CMSgt Larry E. Byers, Med Sq
TSgt Frank V. Sieloff, RHF
LtCol Joan W. Brumfield, Med Sq
LtCol Hugh T. Cole, Op Spt Flt
Col William M. Campenni, HQ, VaANG

Community interest surges as Guard takes lead

Fire & Rescue dept gives CPR training

The Virginia Air National Guard Fire & Rescue department has been delivering basic life support training (CPR and basic first aid) to members of the VaANG since 1992. In December 1995, the department received accreditation as a Basic Life Support Training center through the American Heart Association to more efficiently deliver these services. Crew Chief David Runion earned instructor-trainer status and took the lead role in administering the program. At that time there were six CPR instructors in addition to the instructor trainer, and nearly 300 people were trained annually.

After earning training center status, the department received many requests from local volunteer groups, schools, nursing facilities and private organizations to assist with this type of training. In keeping with the Air Guard's commitment to community involvement, the department responded by providing instructor certification and administrative duties to accommodate these organizations.

In the last two years, the VaANG Fire & Rescue department has grown to 22 instructors in addition to the instructor trainer; and it now teaches nearly 1,000 people each year.

Recently, the American Heart Association revamped training center rules, streamlined operations and began charging fees for services to recover administrative costs. Consolidation of smaller training centers into larger activities was a key concept. Through the dedication and hard work of Runion, the VaANG Fire & Rescue department recently applied for the new Community Training Center accreditation to ensure our clients receive the highest quality instruction. If accepted, the department will be required to train more than 1,000 people each year, and offer additional courses such as AHA Heartsaver, Pediatric Basic Life Support,

Healthcare Provider, and Basic Life Support Instructor.

We look forward to getting the new Community Training Center status and continuing to provide quality services and instruction to the surrounding community and VaANG members.

By Ian J. Bennett
deputy fire chief

Base firefighter earns commendation for actions

Curt Egan, a state firefighter with the VaANG Fire & Rescue department, recently earned an incident commendation from Henrico County for duties performed at the scene of an accident.

On Jan. 17, Firefighter Egan responded to a vehicle accident, in the east end of Henrico County, involving two critical injuries. Through the team effort of all emergency personnel on the scene, the accident victims were rescued and many emergency procedures were completed within a short time. For his professional and outstanding work, Egan was officially recognized by Henrico County Fire Chief, Mark Light, during an awards ceremony held Feb. 17.

Greetings from Bosnia...

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I've enjoyed working for both the Air Force and Army commanders here.

I help with church services and stay busy. I don't want to just perform my weather duties and leave it at that. I feel it is important to help with other duties when time permits. I wish each of you the best.

Yours truly,
TSgt Thomas Polesnak
200th Weather Flight

News you can use...

Check personal records before ORI

The April drill will be the last chance for 192d Fighter Wing members to update their personnel records prior to the Operational Readiness Inspection. Take this chance to check your records, make corrections, get a new ID card or dog tags, and update your DD Form 93 (emergency information card), and Service members Group Life Insurance (SGLI), urge Military Personnel Flight staff members.

These personal record items are "gimmees," according to MPF staff. We know they will be checked and we have the April drill to make changes, so we should all do very well on this ORI category. "Let us help you," MPF staff members ask. "Stop by the Customer Service counter and make sure your personal information is correct. It is your responsibility." The MPF will be closed Saturday, April 4 for ORI training; however, it will be open Sunday, April 5 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

New Customer Service ID hours

The MPF Customer Service hours, for getting a new ID card, printed in last month's Vanguard were wrong. VaANG members and their family members needing new ID cards may go the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service counter Tuesdays through Fridays between noon and 5 p.m. to get their new ID cards made.

Private group offers scholarships

The Federal Employee and Assistance Fund is a private organization providing benefits to federal workers and their families. This organization sponsors annual scholarships which are open to members of the Virginia National Guard.

An applicant must be a federal employee, Postal employee, or their legal dependent. AGR personnel and their family members are not eligible for this scholarship program. Applications

for this scholarship must be postmarked no later than May 8. For more information about this program, or to get an application, stop by the Base Education office or call ext. 6436.

Get home-based/self-paced education

Have you or a family member ever wondered about finishing your education at home or at your own pace? The Education & Training office has a new booklet called "Student Guide to Success," which gives unit members and their families information on home and self-paced education programs.

Using multimedia technology to enhance presentation, these "Hollywood Style" courses are entertaining and educational, according to base education technicians. Eight of the courses have earned awards, including an Emmy, which is a good indication of their professional acclaim, points out TSgt Tony White, Base Education office. Long distances from college campuses and juggling work, home and studies can be simplified with this program. Visit the Base Education office today and pick up a booklet on this new and exciting education program, or call ext. 6436 for more information.

Tuition assistance deadline nears

Last Reminder: The Virginia National Guard tuition assistance application deadline for the summer semester is close of business Sunday, April 5. Call MSgt Bob Roza, ANG Retention manager, ext. 6710 for more information or to pick up the form. Completed forms must be returned to Roza before the deadline.

Congratulations new CCAF graduates

The Base Education office congratulates two 192d Fighter Wing members on recently receiving their Community College of the Air

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Force associate's degrees.

Earning their CCAF degrees were TSgt Hutt Williams, Publications & Distribution office manager, and TSgt Philip Thomas, Aircraft Generation Squadron. Williams' degree is in information technology and Thomas' degree is in aircraft maintenance technology.

Traffic patterns at Langley AFB change

The traffic patterns at Langley AFB changed March 16. The center-reversible lanes along the length of Nealy Avenue and on Sweeney Boulevard from the Nealy intersection up to Douglas Street, were converted into permanent center-turn lanes. This means inbound LaSalle Gate through traffic must now merge into one

lane, right before Rickenbacker Road. However, center-reversible lanes will continue to accommodate inbound and outbound traffic at the West Gate during rush hours—that is until you reach the Sweeney/Nealy intersection.

If you drive to Langley AFB (Hampton, Va.) for military business or personal reasons, follow the new traffic flow carefully.

Base Pistol Team wins competition

The 192d Fighter Wing Pistol Team recently won the Chief of National Guard Bureau Small Bore Pistol Championship—for the second year in a row.

The team will compete at the national competition running from the end of May through the beginning of June. Go Team!

CE attacks rapid runway repair exercise...

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together. The mat is used to provide a FOD cover over the crater, allowing aircraft to safely land and take off over the filled crater. You could liken the fiberglass patch to an earth-sized bandage. The team assembled the matting in 14 ½ minutes; the average time for this step is 20 minutes.

As the crater and its rim were cleared and cleaned, large earth-moving trucks started appearing, each loaded with seven tons of ballast stone to fill the gaping hole. One, two, three...seven, eight...10 loads disappeared into the crater. On top of that went four loads of fine fill—to level out the hole. Suddenly a hydraulic hose broke on one of the front-end loaders working the crater. A repair team was immediately put to work on the piece of equipment.

The roller flattened the fill in the crater, while the sweeper finished cleaning the pavement. The matting was carefully pulled into place with two forklifts, and the clock stopped. Just under three hours!

The inspectors gave a short debrief and reminded everyone to be back the next morning to do the exercise a second time—this time in chemical warfare gear and gas mask (MOPP 4).

The next day showed the team at its best; they completed the repair in 2 hours 28 minutes and that included the sweeper breaking down. With the machine out of commission, sweeper operator, SSgt Rick Turnbull, quickly picked up a broom and kept cleaning.

Maj Joseph Mihalik, 192d CE operations officer, was elated with the results. "The exercise is a team effort and the team did a helluva job," he said. The inspectors were very happy with the finishing time and the quality of the repair and gave the team the highest of ratings. They also complimented the team on the combined effort of everyone involved. "It was great to see everyone busy—completing one task and immediately moving on to the next. In an exercise like this, if you see people standing around, something's wrong," one inspector explained.

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**REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD!--When you go to bed on Sat.,
April 4 (drill weekend), remember to turn
your alarm clock ahead one hour so you
get to the base on time Sunday morning!**

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Make sure you are ready

Countdown is on for ORI!

Please refer to this newsletter as you prepare for the upcoming deployment to Savannah, Ga., for the Wing's Operational Readiness exercise. Then keep this newsletter available during the ORI; use it for reference purposes. Unless a piece of information in this newsletter changes, it won't be repeated in the daily Savannah Flash. Changes will be published in the daily Flash.

This way we'll minimize repetitive announcements and have more space in the daily newsletter to keep you informed of current events, ORI progress and other important issues and activities. The Savannah Flash will have a new look to it; watch for it.

Before the ORI, take a few minutes to read this newsletter, the Falcon Warrior Guide (yellow cover, dated Jan 98) and the new 192d ORI Safety Checklist (orange cover, dated March 98). If you have any questions or concerns after reading these documents, check with your supervisor. Also, you might want to refer to a copy of the 192d Fighter Wing 90-201 OF-LAN dated 15 Jan 98. Copies have been distributed to offices and work sections. Or you might want to check the ORI Ground Rules manual.

If you know of something, or come across something, you think other unit members would find useful or interesting during the ORI, call the

192d FW Orderly Room/public affairs staff, ext. 3675, once you get in Savannah.

Be sure to share your Savannah mailing address and emergency contact phone numbers with family members (see page 2).

If you should be approached by a news media representative or reporter (real or an exercise simulation), please refer him or her to Capt Debbie Magaldi, Wing public affairs officer, at (804)236-6388 through 18 April or at (912)963-3675 in Savannah, 19-25 April.

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It's how you show up @ the showdown that counts

Attitude, teamwork wins ORIs!

The Operational Readiness Inspection is here. This inspection gives our team the chance to "demonstrate our capabilities."

We have the potential to do great on our ORI! We have enough experience and know-how to pass any type of inspection, even if we were faced with an evaluation where we didn't know what the inspectors were going to grade. However, getting through an ORI successfully is straightforward and logical. There is nothing weird or mysterious in what the inspectors look for.

The inspectors want to see that we do everything in the most effective and efficient way possible every day. They want to see motivated, positive troops with a good attitude and a sense of urgency in all our actions.

The ORI is a game and each of us is an important player. Everyone knows how to do their job, but the ORI requires not only the ability to do your job but also the ability to think and play

(remember, I said it was a game) under the pressure of getting bombed and gassed.

To do well in "the game," we have planned for every situation and have back-up plans for all of the back-up plans; but, the hardest part is making sure everyone on your team understands the plan and the back-up plans! Take time today to think through the many possible scenarios. Check your guidance. Make sure you are as prepared as you can be. We stand to gain a great deal by doing well during the ORI.

Everyone of us is equipped for the challenge ahead of us. Go out there and make a positive contribution to the team, keep a good attitude, and remember, it only lasts four days!

Every morning you wake up in Savannah, look in the mirror and say to yourself, "You animal you, go out there and kick butt!"

Bobby

1.1aj Robert Sandford, ORI project officer

Your mailing address, emergency phone

In case of an emergency at home, have your family call the 192d FW Orderly Room at (912)963-3675 anytime between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. After hours, call the CRTC Security office at (912)966-8224/223, or call the 192d Security Guard at (804)236-6360, and they will call the 192d-deployed duty officer.

Each squadron commander/first sergeant should designate someone in your unit to pick up mail daily. Mail may be picked up and dropped

off in bldg 337 (FW Orderly Room). You can buy 32-cent postage stamps at the Orderly Room.

For family members wishing to write you, give them the following CRTC address:

(YOUR RANK & NAME)

192d FW/(YOUR SQDN or OFFICE), VaANG



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What to pack...

Check your gear now to make sure you have everything you need for the ORI. Inspectors will randomly check chemical warfare gear bags and personal bags to see if unit members packed at least the minimum deployment gear for the Operational Readiness Inspection.

Each person should have a bag or knapsack for their chemical warfare gear, which includes: a chemical warfare suit (pants and jacket), a pair of protective boots, a pair of gloves and glove liners, gas mask with hood, web belt with chemical kit and canteen, and a helmet. Any unserviceable equipment should be repaired or replaced before the ORI. Inspect your gas mask and make sure the inspection card is filled out. Also, make sure your rank, last name and Air Force Specialty Code is printed (on tape) affixed to the front and back of your helmet and to your chem mask hood. Be sure to bring the ziplock bag containing your new safety booklet (orange cover) and the yellow ATSO booklet (Falcon Warrior Guide).

In addition to chem gear, each person deploying to Savannah must pack uniforms and personal hygiene gear. Be sure to pack enough clothing, uniform items and personal hygiene gear to last a full week. Air Force Instruction 10-403 says individuals are recommended to pack the following items:

Non-Aircrew Members

- 1 duffel bag or soft luggage
- 4 sets of battle dress uniforms
- 1 pair of combat boots
- 1 BDU cap (NOT the unit baseball cap)
- 1 web belt
- Socks, t-shirts, undergarments as required
- 1 field jacket w/liner
- 1 set rain gear/poncho
- cold weather gear as required

Aircrew Members

- 1 duffel bag or soft luggage
- 4 flight suits
- 1 pair flight boots

- 1 flight cap
- 4 pair flight gloves
- Socks, t-shirts, undergarments as required
- 1 flight jacket

Recommended Personal Hygiene Kit

(For the ORI, pack a 7 day supply.)

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| portable toiletry bag | soap |
| shampoo | nail clippers |
| toothpaste | toothbrush |
| deodorant | comb/brush |
| razor(s) | shaving cream |
| towel(s) | wash cloth(s) |
| shower clogs | sanitary napkins/tampons |

For more information on mandatory and recommended packing items, check the Personal Clothing Items Briefing paper in your mobility folder. Civilian clothes may include shorts, lightweight pants & shirts and a lightweight jacket suitable for warm/hot weather with mild evenings.

Miscellaneous items to include

Flashlight & batteries, reflective belt, clothes hangers, mosquito repellent, sun block/screen, alarm clock, work gloves, a combination or key padlock (be sure to bring combination or key).

Be sure to carry...

- (1) at least one copy of your orders and your military ID card with you at all times during the ORI or any type of deployment.
- (2) Wear your dogtags.
- (3) If you have a military driver's license and/or a restricted area badge, bring those also.
- (4) Bring your armband badge holder and the UPC scanner card given to you during the ORI.

Leave your government American Express Card at home. Don't use it during the ORI.

How to pack...

You **MUST** follow these guidelines for packing your bags for a deployment. Air Passenger Terminal (APT) staff enforce these guidelines and have the final word on interpretation. You will not be allowed to check baggage and/or board aircraft if in violation of these guidelines. Failure to abide may force you to perform hasty adjustments to your personal baggage. Any adverse impact on the deployment process may result in disciplinary action.

Checked Baggage

Checked baggage is baggage you turn over to APT personnel to be palletized, floor-loaded or belly-loaded aboard aircraft. Unless otherwise directed, you are entitled to 2 pieces of checked baggage not to exceed 70 pounds each—for a total of 140 pounds. This does not mean 3 or more pieces whose total weight stays less than 140 pounds. Two is the limit. Neither piece will exceed 62 linear inches (length + width + height). Checked baggage may be soft luggage such as duffel bags, B-4 bags, etc., or commercial luggage with rounded corners. Footlockers or trunks will not be used. If any issued mobility bags (cold weather, training, chem gear, etc.) are deployed, they will not count against your 2-piece entitlement.

ALL checked baggage (including mobility bags) requires an AF94 baggage tag and also must be identified with the owner's name. The AF94 does not have a designated location for a name. Your name must be entered on the reverse side of the tag under the pre-punched hole and above the "TO" block. Other required tag information will be briefed at time of deployment. If your baggage is not properly tagged, it will not be loaded and you will find yourself at the deployed location without baggage.

Checked baggage is subject to inspection. Passengers refusing checked baggage inspections will not be transported or deployed,

and are subject to disciplinary action.

Carry-on Baggage

Carry-on baggage is baggage you intend to hand-carry aboard aircraft. Carry-on baggage is limited to items that can be conveniently stowed under your seat or in an approved storage compartment. Items that cannot meet this requirement must be checked as regular baggage (2 total bags of checked baggage is still the limit). You may be required to hand-carry a mobility bag with chemical gear, web belt, etc. This will not prevent you from hand-carrying your own personal carry-on but remember, you will be required to hand-carry all items until the final destination, so you may want to keep it small and light.

Federal Guidelines

Federal law forbids bringing hazardous materials aboard aircraft in your checked or hand carried baggage. Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives, and radioactive materials. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 75 ounces total) of medical and toilet articles carried in your baggage and certain smoking materials (lighters) carried on your person. (Smoking is not permitted on military aircraft).

Special note: Alcoholic beverages of greater than 140 proof may not be transported by passengers. Alcohol less than 140 proof and packed in containers of less than 5 liters may be carried in checked or carry-on baggage (this does not mean you can consume alcohol during the flight). If you have any questions regarding hazardous materials, please contact the Transportation Management Office.

Federal law prohibits the transfer, use or possession of narcotics, including marijuana, aboard aircraft.

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Safety tips help you get to & through ORI...

Yes, it's time to head South again to the land of Southern Hospitality and the Combat Readiness Training Center (also called CRTC or Travis Field), Savannah, Georgia.

Some of us have made the journey before but some have not. If you are one of the experienced travelers, take the time to pass along the knowledge you have acquired on your many trips to those who are experiencing the wonders of Savannah for the first time. Tell them the do's and don'ts.

If you drive to Savannah or drive once you get to Travis Field, don't speed or you will find yourself making a healthy donation to the Georgia "revenue enhancement fund." The fines can get very expensive.

If you would rather rent a room for one or two nights (jail cell), get caught drinking and driving (better known as DUI). These rooms can also be "rented" by having open containers of alcohol in your vehicle even if you aren't driving. So if you want a room to rent or would like to help with revenue enhancement projects between Richmond and Savannah, now you know how!

Before embarking on journey

A few tips to make your trip more enjoyable:

1. If you are driving, check your vehicle before starting out (oil, water, break fluid, tires, tune-up, belts, exhaust system).
2. Let someone know your travel plans and schedule. Give them a phone number for emergencies.
3. Be prepared for the weather. This time of year it should be warm/hot and humid with a good chance of thunderstorms. Note: When you try on the government-provided tuxedo (chem suit) you will realize it is very hot & humid. Bring a lightweight jacket, lightweight slacks & shirt, shorts, etc. for after-duty hours.)

4. Get plenty of rest the night before leaving; don't overeat and don't drink alcohol.

5. Travel with a buddy or caravan with other vehicles; this can be very helpful if you have vehicle problems. Try to have a major credit card for emergency repairs, if needed.

6. Rest stops should be taken at least every two hours, get out of your vehicle, walk around, relax your body and your mind for at least 10-15 minutes.

7. Before you leave home make sure you have the following information items:

- a. Vehicle Insurance coverage card. Georgia's law requires the vehicle operator to have this available at all times.
- b. Notification of next of kin (for emergency).
- c. Current driver's license & military ID card.
- d. Your vehicle registration card.
- e. Copy of your active duty orders.

At Savannah

The purpose of an Operational Readiness Inspection is to test how well we can pack up and deploy to the unknown. We all must remember "Nothing is so important that it cannot be done safely." Our mission is to fly aircraft and fight wars. To accomplish this takes people. Without us, nothing can be accomplished. We must take care of ourselves and we must watch out for each other. In addition to the normal hazards in your everyday work activities, you will be exposed to a different environment, chemical warfare suits, and plenty of mental and physical stress. Everyone should know and use the Buddy System—team up with a fellow worker and help each other.

Two important things to watch for are dehydration and heat stroke. Make sure you and

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Know rules & obey them

Avoid legal pitfalls of Georgia

As we prepare for our ORI, we need to be aware of legal pitfalls to avoid while deployed.

First, if you plan on driving while in Savannah, Ga., state law requires that the owner or operator of a vehicle keep proof of automobile insurance in the vehicle at all times. This may be an insurance identification card or a copy of your policy. If you fail to provide proof of insurance, you will be given a traffic citation and your driver's license will not be returned until you appear in court with proof of insurance and pay a minimum \$25 fine. If you are unable to provide proof of insurance, the maximum penalty is a \$1,000 fine and 12 months in jail.

Georgia also strictly enforces its laws against driving while intoxicated. If you are stopped and charged with DUI, you will spend 24 hours in jail.

The legal limit in Georgia is the same as in Virginia—10 BAC. A first conviction requires a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000, jail of not less than 10 days or more than 12 months and the person's driver's license must be surrendered until completion of an alcohol safety course. Avoid any problems and always have a designated driver if you plan on using any alcohol.

Safety tips...

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your buddy drink plenty of liquids—water is the best and avoid getting too hot. Trying to show how tough you are can kill you. Not getting enough rest and consuming large amounts of alcohol can increase your chances of dehydration and heat stroke.

Safety rules have been implemented for reasons; they protect your health and well being so follow them.

Rules that always work

1. If it isn't safe, don't do it.

Finally, please be prepared to take care of any financial obligations you incur while in Savannah. Don't spend money you don't have.

Members of the National Guard are also subject to military law under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for misconduct committed while on active duty, and may be involuntarily extended or recalled to duty for disciplinary purposes. In particular, failure to report for annual field training after receiving orders to do so is a violation of both the UCMJ and Virginia law. It is imperative that you contact your commander and supervisor immediately should you have any difficulties in reporting for duty. Also, please remember to observe full military customs and courtesies and comply with dress and appearance standards while on duty as failure to meet these requirements are offenses under the UCMJ.

Hopefully, your visit to Savannah will be enjoyable and without incident. Should you encounter any legal problems, immediately inform your commander. I will be available throughout the deployment to provide legal advice and assistance.

by LtCol Clyde Mathews
Wing Legal Office

2. Think about what you are going to do before you do it.

3. If you see something unsafe, let your supervisor know so it can be corrected.

4. Use common sense at all times, on base and off base. Using common sense can make your deployment a safe and enjoyable one.

5. Use great caution on highway 307 in front of Travis Field. Traffic is very heavy and accidents have been on the rise. The best way to enter 307 is at the traffic light across from Days Inn.

by SMSgt Wayne Keene, Wing Safety office

What to expect during ORI...

To help you better understand what will be expected of you during our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, here are a number of explanations and tips.

INITIAL RESPONSE

- We will be graded on our response to a mobilization. That means:

You will receive a call notifying you of a recall. This is how we would contact you in the event of mobilization. Expect it for the ORI. If you are a primary caller on the recall roster know your responsibilities.

Expect our security posture to be increased—perhaps ID checks at the front gate. Be conscious of potential threats to our mobilization. Sometimes it is not a friendly world.

DEPLOYMENT

Be ready to process. Have your personal readiness folder (PRF) in good shape. Make sure you do not need a shot, an update to your ID card or other personnel actions. Have your complete chemical warfare ensemble ready. Pack adequate uniforms, clothes and personal hygiene gear to last a week.

Be where you should be on time. Process on time. Know what your orders say and have a copy of them. Know how you said you would get to Savannah and follow through on it. If you plan to drive to Savannah and your plans change at

the last minute you will most likely be on a bus.

EMPLOYMENT

Employment is a test of our ability to put jets in the air and ordnance on target. It will test the quality of our equipment (reliability of the jets and support equipment) and the capability of each of you. Are you trained to do the job? Our pilots must fly successful missions. Their job is demanding and complex. Support them.

ABILITY TO SURVIVE AND OPERATE

Can we continue to accomplish our mission under adverse conditions? Attacks will be conventional and chemical. Chemical attacks are the most complex. They require an understanding of the equipment you are provided and how it can protect you. Read your Falcon Warrior Guide (yellow booklet). Help each other. Know how to treat injuries. The Buddy System helps tremendously in both these areas.

The impression we leave with the inspectors will depend on "attitude and sense of urgency." The inspectors keep saying that and here is what they mean when they say it: Do we want to be the best? Do we view this as an opportunity to demonstrate how good we are? Do we take our job of being a combat-ready fighter unit seriously or are we just here because it's a cool job. They will be the judges.

How to pack...

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Passengers are prohibited from having a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device on or about their person while aboard an aircraft. Weapons required for deployment purposes are the exception. All passengers and hand-carried articles are subject to inspection. Once aboard an aircraft, refusal is a federal offense. Passengers refusing inspection prior to boarding

will not be transported or deployed, and are subject to disciplinary action.

USAF Core Values

Integrity first

Service before self

Excellence in all we do

Keep yourself & buddy safe & well

Self aid/buddy care reminders...

Self Aid/Buddy Care (SA/BC) constitutes the first echelon of medical care. All non-medical personnel should receive specialized training in this area and be familiar with the location of any shelter first aid kits. SA/BC is the foundation of wartime casualty care.

SA/BC is care provided by the casualty (to himself) or by a buddy. It normally takes place in the field, at the site of injury. At the onset of an attack/Condition Red, one should first take cover, then begin initial self-aid by donning the protective mask and achieving MOPP 4. Further SA/BC may be continued within the confines of a bunker or other cover.

After Condition Black is declared, a thorough search for unexploded ordinances (UXOs) and casualties will be made in the attack area. If UXOs are present, mark/seal off the area and notify the SRC. Casualties found must be immediately masked (if unmasked) and checked for injuries. The buddy should then take action as indicated below:

- Render aid. Check the entire body for wounds. Stop any bleeding, protect the wound, and prevent/treat for shock. Broken bones should be splinted in position—no attempt must be made to realign.

- Improvise wound dressings. Parachute material, sheets, undershirts, clean handkerchiefs, etc., may be used. Ropes, belts, string or strips of cloth may be used to secure dressings.

- If neck injuries are suspected, the head must be kept straight and still. The neck should be immobilized by using sandbags, rolled field jackets, rolled blankets, etc.

- Casualties must be checked for chemical agent contamination. Additionally, casualties showing signs and symptoms of nerve agent poisoning will be administered nerve agent antidote/atropine.

The buddy should remain with the casualty

after rendering treatment. However, this may not always be possible if additional casualties require assistance. As soon as possible, casualties must be transported to the Casualty Collection Points (CCP) by whatever means possible. Options include walking, using available vehicles, or requesting vehicle support from the SRC. Casualties should arrive at the CCP within 25 minutes after declaration of "Alarm Black" following an airfield attack.

Health Hints & Wisdom from LtCol

Joan Brumfield (Ret., chief nurse)

- DRINK LOTS OF WATER. The best way to make sure you're drinking enough water is to check the color of your urine. If it is bright yellow, you are a quart low. Just like your automobile - if you don't have the appropriate fluids in your system, your engine will overheat! When you drink water, remind your buddy to drink water.

- If you will be working outside, bring and use sun block. Remember, the higher the SPF, the less likely you are to get sunburned.

- Bring and use insect repellent. Savannah has several critters that are real biters—fire ants and mosquitoes for starters. The mosquito is the state bird.

- "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." But, if you or your buddy become ill or injured, seek medical attention as soon as possible. During an ORI, people want to go the distance; however, sometimes this may be physically dangerous. Keep a watchful eye on your buddy, so they don't over do it!

- Last but not least, save the celebration for after the ORI!

Real-World Sick Call, emergencies

The clinic will be open from 0730-0800hrs each morning for sick call. After-hours on-call medical POC will be posted on the clinic door. For all serious or life-threatening emergencies, dial 117 from any base phone.

News you can use...

IG Conference hour set

The Inspector General (IG) Personnel Conference and Fraud, Waste & Abuse disclosure period is at home station (Richmond) Sat., 18 April from 1300-1400 hrs. The disclosure period will be held in the Maintenance Conference Room (2nd floor, bldg 3649).

Weather forecast for Savannah

Weather in Savannah during the ORI will be similar to the conditions we had during the ORE in September 1997. Daily temperatures should run between the mid-50s and the high-70s. However, if unseasonably warm weather sets in on the Eastern Seaboard by deployment date, the temperatures could easily be in the mid-80s or higher. Plan on the humidity in Savannah being uncomfortably high—probably 80% or higher in the mornings and dropping to 50% in the afternoons. We should see (and feel) a lot of sun each day; however, there is a good chance we will get afternoon rain or thunderstorm activity. Wind and cloud cover will be minimal.

Folks, these are great conditions for HEAT STRESS. Be aware and treat yourself with care—on duty and off!

Finance discusses mil pay...

Finance staff reminds all deployed members that there will be no roll call during the ORI.

To be paid for your duty: On your last day of duty give your supervisor a copy of your orders. Completely fill out the back side of your order before giving it to your supervisor. You will be paid about two weeks after your supervisor turns the orders in to Finance. Please don't call Finance to check on your pay (until 2 weeks after end of deployment) because it disrupts pay processing.

travel pay...

The Travel Pay staff will be set up in the 192d FW (deployed) Orderly Room, bldg 337 at the CRTC from 0800-1200 hrs on Fri., 24 April to

process Travel Vouchers. Anyone entitled to Travel Pay must stop by the Orderly Room during that time to fill out your Travel Voucher. Bring two copies of your orders to accompany your Travel Voucher.

...and other entitlements

Military entitlements will be paid out to members eligible for them—for deployment dates 18-25 April. Base pay will be based on pay grade. BAQ will be paid to those entitled to it. BAS-P will be paid to enlisted personnel. AGR personnel (only) will receive \$10 per diem.

ORI Outbrief time, location set

The ORI Outbrief will start promptly at 0900 hrs Sat., 25 April in Groves High School (Garden City). The school is across the street from the Garden City McDonald's and Shoney's restaurants. Buses will be available to take unit members to the briefing and return them to the CRTC afterward. The Wing's rating will be announced by the Inspector General at this briefing. Everyone is encouraged to attend this briefing.

Chapel provides worship services

The Chapel staff is planning both Protestant and Catholic services during the ORI. A Catholic service is scheduled for Sunday evening, 19 April, in the Orderly Room, bldg 337.

Protestant Fellowship & Prayer meetings are planned for Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings (20, 21 & 22 April). Times and locations will be announced in the Daily Savannah Flash.

Trans lists GOV reminders

The wing Transportation team reminds everyone driving government vehicles of the following items:

At the start of each day—inspect your GOV

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and sign the series 18XX inspection card. The form is generally located in the glove compartment. (This is an inspection item!)

Anyone driving a GOV must have their 192d FW-issued Military License. If you have a MilLic from another base or unit, see your group vehicle control officer BEFORE the deployment and get a VaANG MilLic issued to you.

Use GOVs only for official business. Obey all speed limits and always use your seatbelts. Always use a spotter when backing any vehicles.

Be sure to put the "simulated covered" signs in vehicle windshields (when vehicles aren't in use) during a simulated chemical environment or when the battle staff announces a chemical attack threat. Only during the game: When evacuating a vehicle, be sure to turn vehicle off, set parking break and leave keys in ignition.

Plan for ORI party in May

There will be no official End-of-Camp Party at the end of this deployment. Instead, there will be an ORI Celebration for everyone involved in the deployment, back in Richmond the afternoon of Sun., 17 May. Plan on attending—free food, fun & entertainment!

No money will be collected for this party. More information about the event will be in the May Vanguard.

Turn in billeting key or pay \$25

No key deposit will be collected on billeting rooms during the ORI. However, a \$25 re-coring fee will be charged to all people who DON'T TURN IN their room key BEFORE leaving CRTC. Turn your key in before heading home; there will be no exceptions to this policy.

Dining hall schedule, notices

EVERYONE MUST SHOW THEIR MILITARY ID when signing in at the dining hall

or the MKT. The CRTC Dining Hall is still undergoing renovations so it looks like we'll be using the 165th Dining Facility during the ORI.

Dining Hall meal times are as follows:

18 Apr (Sat)-----Dinner: 1700-1900 hrs

19 Apr (Sun)-----Breakfast: 0700-0800

Lunch: 1100-1300

Dinner: 1700-1900

20 Apr (Mon)-----Breakfast: 0500-0730

Dinner: 1700-2000

21-23 Apr-----Breakfast: 0530-0730

(Tue—Th) Dinner: 1800-2000

24 Apr (Fri)-----Breakfast: 0600-0800

Lunch: 1100-1300

Dinner: 1700-1900

MKT Days/Hours of Operation:

21-23 Apr-----Breakfast: 0330-0730

(Tue—Th) Dinner: 1700-1900

The MKT will be located near the flightline gate—where it was during the January ORE.

Pre-packaged lunches

Jimmy Dean pre-packaged lunches will be passed out near the MKT at lunch time Monday—Thursday. Someone from each work section should be designated as the meal runner. Everyone receiving a JD meal should have filled out an AF Form 2039. All AGR personnel and officers must pay \$12.80 (\$3.20/day) for the packaged meals. Make sure separate AF 2039s are filled out for paying and non-paying personnel. Make sure forms and money are turned in to Services Flt.

Ride GOV bus to dining hall

Everyone MUST ride the GOV bus to the 165th Dining Hall—don't walk. The buses will run on 20 minute cycles starting 10 minutes before the scheduled meal until ½ hour after each meal. The buses will pick-up and drop-off people in front of the Fire Dept and in front of the Clinic.

All AGR personnel and officers must pay for all military meals: \$1.60 for breakfast and \$3.20 for lunch and dinner meals.

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Dress & appearance reminders

Dress & Appearance reminders: Make sure your haircut/style meets all standards set in AFI 36-2903. No jewelry may be worn on the flightline. Everyone else should minimize their wear of jewelry. Necklaces and chains shouldn't be worn, or must be completely concealed by uniform and t-shirt. Women should remove all earrings as they can pose real safety problems when you are donning/doffing the gas mask. Fingernail polish should be conservative, single color and have no ornamentation. Remember to wear the BDU hat and not a unit baseball cap.

Think ComSec when using phone

Communications Security and Operations Security are vital to the success of any military operation—and the ORI is no exception. During the inspection, use the following procedure any time you answer the phone: Before picking up the receiver announce: "Phone's up." Then answer the phone saying: Your rank and name and "Non-secure line."

Get authentication card at inprocessing and other Disaster Prep reminders...

Upon arriving at the Combat Readiness Training Center, you will process in through the 192d FW Orderly Room, bldg 337 (flag pole in front).

While there, be sure you pick up an Authentication Code card. The procedure for using the card will be explained to you then. Keep the card with you at all times during the inspection. Using the card will eliminate daily duress/authentication words.

During the inspection, listen to the Big Voice (public address system) and the siren system and watch for flashing lights to let you know what condition we are in.

If you are asked by an evaluator to simulate administering atropine injections to yourself or a buddy, remember the proper order for the shots. Uncap the small injector and administer that shot into the fleshy part of thigh, then uncap and administer the big injector into the thigh. (Remember: small before large)

Once someone is determined to be a casualty

during any ORI scenario, take their gas mask off of them. Also, if anyone should become faint, dizzy or unconscious, remove their gas mask immediately.

Review your Falcon Warrior Guide (yellow cover) dated January 1998; it describes many useful topics.

One item in the book has changed. The pyridostigmine bromide (p-tabs) tablets won't be used or simulated during this ORI. Please disregard the reference to p-tabs in Tab 8.

DP reminds everyone that they MUST process through the Personnel Control Center (PCC) starting Monday morning. Everyone must go through the PCC (to be scanned) when entering and leaving the play area. This is an important personnel accountability item. Driving personal vehicles to work is prohibited. Also, always ride the bus between your work area and the PCC.

Everyone is asked to avoid going through the CCA area after duty hours. There is a large amount of equipment and material in the area that can easily be destroyed or damaged.

New way to report housing problems

A new procedure is in place for reporting CRTC housing problems. Each dormitory will have a notice posted at the front door—listing a beeper number to call in case of problems.

Park POVs in authorized areas only

Parking privately-owned vehicles (POV) at the CRTC is somewhat restricted; POVs may only be parked in designated areas. POVs may be parked in the VOQ/SrNCO barracks area, in front of the CRTC dining hall, next to bldgs 220 and 227 and in front of bldg 310. Due to limited parking on base, we have arranged to use the airport parking lot right next to Quail Run Inn.

POVs can't be parked in "play" areas. They can't be parked next to bldg 360 (the PCC) or the Orderly Room, bldg 337. Don't park on the grass. POVs parked in unauthorized areas are subject to towing by the CRTC commander, at the owner's expense.

Exercise input...

ORI scenario sends unit to Saudi

Welcome to Prince Sultan Air Base, Al Kharj!

Our ORI scenario simulates the 192d Fighter Wing deploying to Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia. If this were a real deployment to Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia, as it is called by those who've served there, the information in this newsletter would include information about Saudi Arabia, the current conditions at Al Kharj, host country cultural sensitivities, billeting arrangements, weather conditions, postal & mail guidance, recreation activities, etc.

Public Affairs would gather and disseminate releasable deployment information from headquarters and from Air Force informational web sites such as <http://www.eskan/swaback/af.mil> and <http://www.aorcentaf.af.mil/>

1. You will pass through Saudi Customs. Alcohol, personal firearms, pork products, magazines that could be considered pornographic in nature (this includes Muscle magazines, Victoria's Secret and even JC Penny catalog w/lingerie), or any materials contrary to the Islamic faith are prohibited in the

Kingdom.

2. When traveling to Southwest Asia you should wear either your battle dress uniform, desert camouflage uniform or civilian clothes on your flight. People arriving on the rotator flight from Baltimore travel in conservative civilian clothing—no shorts, tank tops or visible religious items. Males should not wear earrings or baseball caps.

Host Country key information

Government: Monarchy w/council of ministers. Divided into 14 provinces.

People: 16,758,000 est. population. Arab tribes and immigrants from other Arab and Moslem countries. Speak Arabic. 99% of population is Moslem.

Geography: 1/3-size of U.S. Occupies most of Arabian Peninsula in Middle East. Much of land is desert. Capital: Riyadh

Chief Industry: petroleum products; Chief crops: dates, wheat, barley, fruit

Currency: Monetary unit: Riyal

Southwest Asia

