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Share, capture enlisted heritage

## Book chronicles airmen's achievements

Enlisted men and women of the Virginia Air National Guard — active and retired — 1999 is the time to stand up and be counted. This year has been designated by the Air National Guard as the Year of the Enlisted Force.

The National Guard Bureau is spearheading a number of projects to highlight the achievements of enlisted Guard members, and the VaANG has a chance to play a large role.

One project is the Enlisted Heritage Book, which is designed to bring together in one volume, biographies of exemplary Air Guard enlisted personnel and a chronology highlighting significant events and accomplishments involving enlisted personnel in each state.

How can you help? In two ways. One is to nominate people you think deserve to have their biographies

included in the Enlisted Heritage Book. The guidelines suggest people who have "made substantial contributions to the unit and who served as role models to their enlisted counterparts." The VaANG can submit up to about 50 biographies to the NGB for potential inclusion in the book. When nominating someone, please be sure to give a reason why you think they merit such an honor.

The second way to help involves compiling a chronology of events that highlight the achievements of the enlisted force. The 192FW Historian's Office has a list of major deployments dating back to 1947, but many of the accomplishments of VaANG enlisted personnel are hidden between the lines — overcoming challenges posed by new weapons systems; taking on innovative projects such as the F-16

reconnaissance pod or the Engine Regional Repair Center; working night and day to meet critical deadlines; putting together a team that won the Spruance Award; heading up volunteer efforts for Children's Hospital, Special Olympics or the Henrico Christmas Mother. Those are the kinds of things that need to be added to any comprehensive chronology of enlisted contributions.

MSgt Mike Guest has installed an "Enlisted History" hot button you can use to submit entries from the 192FW Intranet home page as well as the VaANG public access Web Site at <http://va.ang.af.mil>. Or you can mail entries or chronologies to TSgt Ed Kelleher, 192FW Historian, 50 Falcon Road, Sandston, VA 23150, or e-mail them to: [edward.kelleher@varic.ang.af.mil](mailto:edward.kelleher@varic.ang.af.mil).

The submissions from all components of the VaANG (State Headquarters, 192d FW, 203d Red Horse Flight & 200th Weather Flight) will be edited and compiled into a VaANG Enlisted Heritage Notebook. A copy will be sent to The Enlisted Heritage Research Institute at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, for inclusion into the book planned by the NGB History Office. The July drill is the deadline for submitting entries.

by TSgt Ed Kelleher  
192d FW Historian

## Wing receives ACC Flight Safety award

The Wing recently received the Air Combat Command Flight Safety plaque to recognize the unit for completing 1998 with no Class A or B aircraft mishaps.

"There is no more important single factor recognizing the excellence of this unit," said Col Robert Seifert, 192d Wing commander, as he presented the plaque to LtCol Steve Hicks, 192d Operations Group commander. "Flight safety is a high

priority here and throughout the Air Force. Earning this commendation is a testament to the safety awareness and professionalism of the many people who made it happen. The pilots and maintenance have done a great job, and this award is a feather in their cap, but it [a year of safe flying] also happened because of every section on this base: support, supply, personnel, clinic. I send a thank you out to each of you."

*Editor's note: Discover more about The Year of the Enlisted Force. Visit the Air National Guard's YOTEF Web Site at [www.ang.af.mil/ccc/YOTEF/news\\_release\\_1.htm](http://www.ang.af.mil/ccc/YOTEF/news_release_1.htm).*

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Commander's Call

# Trust, honor, service make military among most respected professions

Americans are often asked in surveys, "what professions do they most and least admire." Generally the military is rated high or at the very top. Why do Americans respect and trust the military. There are probably many reasons; here are some that I feel make the difference. People in the military have to make great sacrifices; in war their very life is in danger. Most people would not accept that risk. People in the military have a high value system, "I will not lie, cheat or steal nor tolerate among us those who do." We have a reputation for being trustworthy. People in the military are patriotic, they honor the flag and they honor tradition.

We honor the flag at many ceremonies. It is done with our Color Guard, which has traditionally been anchored by SMSgt Mike Duke and the recruiters; however,

many dedicated members of our unit have served with our Color Guard. They perform many times each year in rain or shine at both military and civilian functions.

We honor members who have died with a military funeral. CMSgt Gary Brooks, who makes the arrangements and forms the team, anchors our funeral detail. Many of our members serve on this detail. They also serve in rain or shine and help keep the honor in our profession.

You are fortunate to serve in the military. It is an honor and you are respected for it. Life is not about money, possessions and position. It is about trust, honor, service, adventure and camaraderie. That is why the military is such a respected profession by Americans.

*Col Robert O. "Bob" Seifert*

## AF makes force structure changes for AEF

Air Force officials recently announced changes in the service's force structure affecting the operating locations of people, aircraft and organizations across the United States.

These changes result from mission changes, adjustments for efficiency, congressional directives and implementation of the expeditionary aerospace force concept. Included in this announcement are changes to manpower authorizations required to implement the EAF concept.

The Air Force currently anticipates EAF becoming operational by

Jan. 1, 2000. EAF is a fundamental and evolutionary change for the Air Force. It is a shift to an expeditionary mindset and a vision for how the service will organize, train, equip and sustain aerospace forces to meet the requirements of the national military strategy and the challenges of a changing global security environment.

The additional manpower authorizations associated with the EAF will help relieve tempo concerns associated with deployment commitments by providing additional authorizations to the units that will bear the brunt of the

Air Force's deployment taskings. Also included in the force structure announcement are significant changes affecting the Air Force Research Laboratory.

As the Air Force evolves to an expeditionary aerospace force, according to the announcement, it must place more emphasis on space. Responding to this new vision and the president's proposed budget, the Air Force Research Laboratory plans to invest more research money in space-related programs beginning in fiscal 2000.

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# Bassetti wins quilt design contest



*SrA Steven Bassetti accepts the U.S. Savings Bond from CMSgt Sam Meador, president of the VaANG Chiefs' Council. Bassetti submitted the winning design for the Virginia Air Guard's winning quilt patch design. Photo by Combat Visual Information staff.*

To commemorate the "Year of the Enlisted" all 54 state and territorial Air Guard bureaus are making quilt patches that will be sewn together to make one giant quilt. The center of the quilt will feature the Year of the Enlisted emblem.

CMSgt (ret.) Ed Brown, former Air Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor, came up with the idea during a senior enlisted advisors conference. He passed the idea on to his successor, CMSgt Gary Broadbent. Celebrating The Year of the Enlisted Force seemed like the perfect opportunity to turn the idea into reality.

Given the responsibility of producing the Virginia Air Guard's quilt square, CMSgt Ray Bassetti, State Headquarters Command Chief Master Sgt, approached the Chiefs' Council for help. The council approved holding a patch design contest, with the winning idea earning a \$100 Savings Bond. Bassetti never expected the winning idea to come from his son, Steven (assigned to the 192d Maintenance Sq). Barbara Baldwin and MSgt MaryRuth Halapatz, Comm Flt, did the quilting, and Mike Schmidt, Custom Stichen', donated the precision embossing on the quilt patch. Schmidt produces the Wing's black baseball caps.

There were some restrictions for the project. In order for the collage of squares to go together, every unit was sent a handful of swatches of material as their quilt patch kit.

Chief Brown's idea for a quilt representing the Air National Guard will soon be a reality. If time permits, it will be sent to all 54 states and territories. Afterward, it will be on permanent display at the National Guard Bureau in Washington, DC

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This shift in emphasis will require the laboratory to reallocate its budget and will result in some workforce reductions.

Locally, Langley AFB will gain 60 military authorizations because of the consolidation of the distributed common ground systems from Shaw AFB, S.C. A reduction in the Air Combat Command staff will result in the loss of an additional 78 military and seven civilian positions during fiscal 2000. The 10th Intelligence Squadron will gain 12 military authorizations to support the Joint Service

Imagery Processing System. The Aerospace Command and Control and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Center will increase 43 military and 12 civilian manpower authorizations. The 71st Air Control Squadron will transfer from Moody AFB, Ga., and bring with it 134 military and two civilian positions.

The 1st Fighter Wing will receive 168 military positions as part of the implementation of the EAF concept and is designated an AEF lead wing. ACC's inspector general function will consolidate into the ACC Inspection

Squadron, adding 49 military positions. As a result of the Air Force's supply regionalization initiative, the ACC Regional Supply Squadron will activate with a gain of 182 military and one civilian position following the inactivation of the Air Force Contingency Supply Squadron and realignment of base-level supply functions throughout the command. Other base support manpower actions will result in an increase of eight military and a decrease of two civilian authorizations.

Overall, the net impact of these changes is an increase of 578 military and six civilian authorizations.(AFPN)

*It's about time you got your feet wet!*

# Milton Hathaway's message during Black History month worship service

During the March UTA Black History Worship Service it did not rain; however, as MSgt Milton A. Hathaway delivered the morning message, he used scripture from Joshua 3:14-17 to encourage people to "Get your feet wet." He urged everyone to become achievers and to hold ourselves accountable for our efforts.

The illustration from the Old Testament's Book of Joshua describes the Israelites as they were about to cross the Jordan River while carrying the sacred "Ark of the Covenant." Upon arriving at the Jordan River, the water level was higher than usual, much too high for them to wade across without becoming consumed by the rushing currents of the river. The message goes on to illustrate that as we travel along life's journey, we cannot let any raging "Jordans" prohibit or discourage us in our life's pursuits. "We must believe we can overcome all

barriers and obstacles, then we must set out to do it," he urged.

Joshua inspired the Israelites to believe they could overcome any deterrent in their path. Because the people maintained their faith and pursued their dreams, the level of the river was miraculously lowered, and the obstacle was removed, allowing them to cross safely to the other side.

Hathaway went on to say that we must step up and press forward because the only way the Israelites received their reward was by getting their feet wet. Our sitting and complaining won't change a situation; we have to press forward, get our feet wet and do something about it. We have to step up to our problems and not avoid them. Deal with the problems; don't let them cripple you with indecision or over-analyzing.

His choir, musicians, and some

church members accompanied Hathaway, pastor of historic Second Baptist Church of Quinton, Va. The choir sang several selections during the celebration – ending with "Use Me Lord."

In addition to the morning message, honorary guests, TSgt Joyce Irby and MSgt Willie Moore, both retired, were recognized. Col Robert Seifert, 192d FW commander, made the closing remarks. He shared the inspiring story of the life of African-American pilot MajGen Benjamin Davis. Seifert commented on how General Davis encountered many obstacles as he moved through the ranks. However, Davis had perseverance and a role model, his father. We all can be like General Davis. He got his feet wet and soared high above his obstacles and crossed over to the other side of his River Jordan.

by TSgt Jerome Wade, Base Chapel

## Cop Olympics: SFS troops, family members enjoy event

There wasn't an Olympic torch being passed around the base, but the Security Forces Squadron had their own Olympics recently. During the November drill, SFS members and their families gathered to test their strengths and team spirit in a series of competitive athletic events.

According to TSgt Mark Sturman, chairman and master of ceremonies of the semi-annual event, the "Cop" Olympics featured activities for SFS members as well as their families. The events tested muscular strength, endurance, aerobic endurance, flexibility, agility and skills. Events for SFS members included a live-fire exercise, M-60 crew competition, orienteering course (to test map

and compass skills), injured personnel transport, leader reaction (patrolling skills test), ATV competition, team push-ups, tug-of-war and a sandbag toss.

"The families had similar events," Sturman explained. "These events included a grenade toss (using a water balloon), a water gun target event, tug-of-war, M-60 demonstration with blanks, a parent-child competition and spouse patrol. Several family members participated and had a great time."

The SFS competition was held between three squads with Headquarters and Combat Arms Training and Maintenance personnel distributed amongst the squads. Each squad consisted of a four-man fire team from

each unit and all team members were required to participate in at least one event.

"With few exceptions, each event was timed," Sturman said. "Our judges, which included several SFS retirees, kept track of the points given after each event."

"We had enthusiastic participation among SFS members and their families," Sturman added. "Everyone involved had fun and did a great job." The event ended Sunday evening with a cookout.

According to Maj L.J. Cerritelli, SFS commander, the event was top-notch. "It was our mini-open house for

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# CE prepares for SWA deployment

During the February and March drill weekends, a major effort was made to prepare 192d FW volunteers to deploy to Al Jaber AB, Kuwait. This remote middle-eastern air base is located in central Kuwait, roughly 50 miles from the Iraqi border and approximately 26 miles from Kuwait City, the capital of Kuwait.

TSgt Chris Allen, 192d Civil Engineer unit deployment manager, said that beginning April 12, a rotation of approximately 30 volunteers would begin deploying to Al Jaber to augment the Connecticut Air Guard unit currently assigned there. These airmen will deploy in small groups with the average deployment lasting about 15 days. The group includes people from CE, Personnel, Communications, Logistics and Services.

Temperatures in the area of operations this time of the year range from 50° F at night to 90° F during the day. This deployment will take the airmen into what is considered a hostile area. A few weeks ago the air base was under increased threat conditions.

Four airmen: MSgts Jesus (Bing) Mendoza and Greg Leonard, TSgt Charlie Washington and SSgt Doug Taylor, all from CE, deployed to Al Jaber February 15 and are scheduled to

return March 15. I am sure when we see them during April's UTA, they

will have an adventure they will be eager to share with us.

by TSgt Jerome Wade, Base Chapel

## E-mail from the sandbox!

To: W LUND@CES (MSgt William "Tiny" Lund, 192d CES)  
From: "332 AEG ESPTS CE OPS1" <ops01ealjaber.aorcentaf.af.mil>  
Date: 3/7/99 5:04 AM

Hey Buddy, Could you please have 1stSgt Scottie beam us a Form 40. I think we missed role call! Pass on to folks who are following us the projected daily routine: shower, eat, work, eat, work, nap, eat, e-mail, sleep, then it starts over again. The electricians can skip the shower, nap, and e-mail. Their schedule doesn't allow time for the luxuries. "Bitburger Beer" tastes great and is less filling. The only problem is that it's non-alcoholic and costs \$14.95 a case.

Tremendous amount of work here for electricians. All cable and wiring have to be buried by hand (shovel). UXO's prevent digging with equipment. Bring many pairs of gloves. Glad we are here now. It's only in the 90s now! Can survive without air conditioning for a while longer. Feel sorry for anyone coming later, except those electricians. The entertainment nightly runs from uneven pool tables (three) to bingo with prizes from the gift shop (imported from Pakistan).

Work is overwhelming. Constantly being approached while working by people asking for favors. They range from storage buildings to picnic tables. Trying to accommodate them all. Have the afternoon scheduled off, but the four of us are building a storage shed for the Heavy Equipment Shop. Next off-duty project is two picnic tables and a deck for the Security Forces Section. Tell our folks coming over after us to get their fill of regulated shower water and bathing with lights. The food here is pretty good though, and all you want to eat. The dining hall stays open for coffee, drinks and snacks. Staple foods are rice and potatoes, and lots of it. Really missed the Saturday evening drill routine last month, and looking forward to getting back in the flow.

Send everyone back home a "hello" from the four "Mouseketeers" in Kuwait, Bing (Houston-we have a problem, let it go Louie), Sir Charles, Doug the Dastardly, and Papa Smurf Greg, or referred to by the ladies as "that older guy". See Ya!  
P.S. We are the only tent in "Tent City" flying an American flag.

## Cop Olympics...

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SFS members and their families," he said. "Sergeant Sturman did a great job organizing the Olympics. It's an intense event to organize; however, through this event we received excellent training and it helped family members see what their guard member does while they're here."

The major added that this training really gave meaning to all the different skills SFS members are required to have. "Most importantly it's a great way to build camaraderie and morale," he added. "Our families were also very enthusiastic after their events."

One of the judges, Capt Elliot

Evans, was very impressed by what he saw at the Olympics. "I was most impressed by the teamwork," he said. "Each person looked out for the other as they went through the obstacles. Each SFS member has to have a high level of familiarization and comfort with their teammates and their capabilities because their lives are in each other's hands. They must know each other's capabilities well. Everyone took this training seriously and had fun in the end getting the job done."

According to SrA P.R. Hunt, a member Squad 2 (which won first place), the Olympics were a good chance

to have friendly competition and to work as a team to accomplish certain missions. "It gave us a chance to show our proficiency in each skill," Hunt said. "The hardest event for me was the Leader Reaction event. It involved a combination of different skills and was a good test of teamwork."

SrA Harold Childs, a member of the second place squad, summed up the Cop Olympics saying, "Everyone learned a lot. The events showed us what we need to work on. It also showed our families what we do. It was fun, and teamwork and camaraderie are what made it work."

by SrA Ann Martin, Public Affairs



## Outstanding MPF Member of the Year

# Rollings selected by peers for award

The 192d FW Military Personnel Flight honored MSgt John C. Rollings recently as its 1998 Outstanding Member of the Year. As part of this honor, Rollings received the use of the MPF's reserved parking spot for one year.

According to the NCOIC of Career Enhancement, winning this award and much of his military job success is owed to the many people he helps every day. "Dealing with the people is the best part of my job," he said.

A large part of Rollings' job involves helping officers and enlisted members with issues such as promotions, performance reports, reenlistments and the weight program. "What makes my job so much fun and challenging is dealing with all the different personalities and attitudes on a daily basis," he said. "There's a constant variety."

Working in the personnel field has always been the job of choice for the Dendron, Virginia, native. Rollings has been in military service since 1966; he began his military career with a 10 1/2-year stint in the Air Force as a personnel specialist. Following his discharge in 1976, he joined the Air Guard as a traditional guardsman and came on full time with the 192d in 1983.

"I enjoy working for the 192d," Rollings said. "This is a great unit! The people are really super and after 10 1/2 years active duty I can really say the people here are special. I have really gotten to know the people here and appreciate the people I work with."

As far as his most memorable experience with the military, Rollings said it would have to be the opportunity to travel. Going to Panama in 1986 with the 192d was his best trip. "In the military you get the chance to see a lot of new places and how people in other parts of the world live. It certainly gives you a greater appreciation for what we have here," he added.

Sergeant Rollings attributed a lot of his success to the support he gets from his wife, Janice, and his two stepchildren. He also thanks his peers in the MPF for rewarding him for a job he enjoys doing.

"It's an honor to be selected by my peers for this award," the sergeant said. "It makes you feel good that your co-workers think you're doing a good job."

According to LtCol Ray Turner, MPF commander, Sergeant Rollings is a very committed and dedicated member of the MPF Flight. "You can



**MSgt John Rollings goes over MPF paperwork with SrA Ghanda Ross. Both are assigned to the 192d Military Personnel Flight.**

always depend on Sergeant Rollings," Turner commented. "His contribution to this section has definitely made a difference in the forward thinking of the MPF."

The sergeant spends off duty time hunting or helping his mother out at her Surry County home. He also attends church regularly.

When asked how a member of the VaANG may enhance his or her military career, Rollings recommended, "Do the best you can in the job you're given. Always be a team player, and take a positive approach to what comes your way."

story & photo by SrA Ann Martin  
Public Affairs staff

## Computer virus spreads quickly through e-mail; base protects user accts

On March 26, a malicious e-mail was discovered, containing a new Word97 Macro Worm (virus) called W97M.Melissa and it is spreading rapidly across the Internet.

This virus affects various Microsoft Software Products. In particular, it affects Outlook e-mail clients and MS Word documents by using Microsoft Outlook to e-mail the infected document to the first 50 people on each new victim's Outlook address book. Also, it overwrites the first macro in open documents and in the Normal.dot template with the macro virus code, as well as turn off your macro detection in Word. The infection is widespread and may result in denial of service against e-mail servers and/or sensitive documents may be inadvertently disclosed.

If you receive any e-mail messages with the "Subject: IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM <username> and Body: Here is the document you asked for...don't show anyone else," **DON'T OPEN THE MESSAGE or any included attachments.** Delete all occurrences of this message from your personal folder's INBOX as well as your DELETED items folder or trash.

The first time you sign onto your military account at the Guard base after reading this announcement, the new McAfee Virus Software will begin loading in the background. **Let it install completely.** Once the install is complete, run a full virus scan of your entire system. When you close this warning and the Word document launches, it will prompt you to enable or disable your Macros. **MAKE SURE YOU CHOOSE DISABLE.** Finally, obtain a copy of the latest McAfee Virus Software from the base Intranet (<http://www/cf/helpdesk/helpdesk.htm>) for your home PC.

Risk of infection is high. The risk of damage to your system is low. The risk of lost productivity and lost mail messages and possible security breach is high. Assistance or questions: Please contact the BNCC at ext. 6866 or 6119.

## Base Fire/Rescue personnel recognized for outstanding support to community

Recently, Virginia Air Guard Fire & Rescue Department personnel received commendations by the Henrico Division of Fire. Assistant Chief Aubrey Hyde, Crew Chief David Runion, and Firefighter Chris Aycock were each invited to the annual awards ceremony at the Henrico County public safety training facility to accept incident commendations for their emergency service to the Henrico Division of Fire during the ice storm on Dec. 23.

At 4:34 p.m. on Dec. 23, the Va. Air Guard Fire & Rescue Dept. was asked to assist the Henrico Division of Fire with a vehicle extrication on I-64 at the Nine Mile Road overpass. A van with one occupant had left the interstate during the ice storm and overturned down an embankment above Nine Mile Road. The occupant was injured and trapped in the van, which rested against some trees. At the time, Henrico Division of Fire was busy with many other calls around the county and they needed assistance.

Henrico called for the Base Fire Dept., which has specialized rescue equipment, and personnel who are highly trained in many types of extrication procedures. The patient in the van was treated and stabilized by the emergency personnel. The roof of the vehicle had to be removed using tools from Henrico and the Air Guard. The patient was removed and carried up the treacherous, ice covered embankment on I-64 by many staff from both departments.

Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad transported the patient in stable condition. This incident was one of only three emergency-response incidents occurring in Henrico County during 1998 that was recognized with incident commendations awarded to personnel who worked at the scene. The citations are presented for exemplary and successful emergency response under adverse conditions.

by Aubrey W. Hyde, Jr.  
Assistant Fire Chief  
VaANG Fire/Rescue

## Fire Dept. staff provide fire safety training to local youth

The 192d Base Fire Department visited Seven Pines Elementary School on Oct. 15, 1998, to provide public fire safety education for kindergarten, pre-school and special education students. This marked the first time our fire personnel presented a program of this type at the local school.

Our personnel were well received by the faculty and staff of the school. We are confident that our involvement with the school has opened the door to accomplish our goal of presenting an effective fire safety program to certain grade levels at the school. The Henrico Division of Fire has given us overwhelming support for becoming involved with the educational program at Seven Pines.

We presented basic fire safety messages to 83 children while displaying two fire department vehicles. The school provided exercise mats for the children to practice their "stop, drop, & roll" and "crawl low in smoke" techniques.

The visit was successful and we have been asked to come back soon.

These fire safety presentations are also available to base personnel. You may bring your club, family or school groups to the fire station with prior notification. If you would like more information, please e-mail me at [aubrey.hyde@varic.ang.af](mailto:aubrey.hyde@varic.ang.af)

by Troy C. Springer, Jr.  
Base Fire Chief

## Are you prepared for Y2K?

# Simple steps to protect your family

The year 2000 is coming. If you believe the "gloom and doomers," Y2K will rank right up there with famine, pestilence and floods as one of history's greatest disasters.

This will not happen, say Y2K experts at the Air Force Communications Agency, Scott AFB, Ill. The sky will not fall. It will not be the end of the computer-driven world. Experts expect there will be some isolated, short-term problems, but these should be fixed quickly. Government and industry are working very hard to ensure the United States is prepared to handle any problems with the calendar change.

But that's not to say you should not be ready for the unexpected. The AFCA Y2K staff said the event is not cause for mass hysteria, but believes a little preparation will ensure Air Force families are ready for any Y2K problems. Most homes will continue to operate normally in 2000, but it is always good practice to be ready for the unknown.

What is Y2K? Cost and space limitations in computer memory chips led programmers to use only the last two digits to designate the year. Many chips maintain time and date information in different locations — the first two digits (century) are hard coded into the chip and the last two digits count from "00" to "99." The two locations are put together to form the four-digit year, for example, 1999. Problem solved — until the year 2000. The Y2K problem will occur when "99" rolls over to "00" and programs misinterpret the year as 1900 instead of 2000.

As if that is not enough, 2000 is also a leap year. Programs may not recognize Feb. 29, 2000, or the fact that 2000 will have 366 days instead of the usual 365.

The use of two digits to represent the year affects many modern conve-

niences — personal computers, videocassette recorders, televisions, cameras, camcorders, fax machines, electronic organizers and even cars. Nearly anything that recognizes, processes or manipulates dates is susceptible.

The first step in assessing Y2K risks is to inventory any items that use date information. Equipped with your inventory, determine if it is important that these items recognize the correct date. If so, simple tests can tell if they are Y2K compliant. Set the clocks on these devices ahead to 11:58 p.m. Dec. 31, 1999, and see what happens after two minutes. If you see "1/1/00" (2000), then it is Y2K compliant. If the device displays the day, it should show "1/1/00" (2000) as a Saturday.

To test for leap year compliance, set the clock forward to Feb. 28, 2000, and see if it rolls over to Feb. 29, 2000. If you can, check the manufacturer's Web site for information regarding compliance and workarounds for noncompliant products.

For personal computers, free tests are available to check your PC Basic Input/Output System, or BIOS. Beware of manual testing on your home PCs. Software licenses may expire, or date-sensitive software may delete or archive current data. Most noncompliant PCs can be fixed with software patches or by manually setting the date on Jan. 1, 2000. Check with the manufacturers of frequently used software programs — most have Web sites with compliance information.

What else can you do to reduce risks? The following checklist is not all-inclusive but calls attention to some precautionary measures.

--- Check home medical devices. Ask your physician if your device processes date information. If so, check with the manufacturer for compliance information. You might

also want to refill necessary medical prescriptions.

--- Keep records of all bank, credit card and loan statements including individual retirement accounts, certificates of deposit, 401k accounts and mortgage papers. This is good practice for trouble-free living and not just a Y2K measure.

--- Have an adequate cash supply for your short-term needs (enough for a three-or four-day weekend) — and don't wait until the last minute. The Y2K rollover is a holiday weekend and people will need cash for traveling, shopping and entertainment.

--- The Y2K rollover is in the winter; a time when Mother Nature is active, so don't let your fuel supplies get low. Make sure you have plenty of gas in your car Dec. 31 in case pumps aren't working the next day.

--- Check your emergency kits in case of temporary power outages.

--- Beware of unqualified advice or claims offering to help you "survive" the Y2K rollover. Some people seek to profit from the Y2K rollover and some of their services will take your money while offering no help to you.

The Air Force is working hard to ensure the 2000 rollover comes and goes without any adverse effects to your daily lives. Some simple, smart preparations as well as good common sense will make the transition easier.

For more information regarding Y2K, contact the Air Force Y2K Program Management Office, (618) 256-5761, DSN 576-5761, e-mail: [afca-afy2k@scott.af.mil](mailto:afca-afy2k@scott.af.mil). (AFPN)



## AAFES sells military gear, uniforms online, through catalog

Military clothing catalogs from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service are now available worldwide via the Internet at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com).

The Internet catalog version is designed to provide shopping convenience for Reserve service members, many who live miles from a military clothing sales store.

Just as in the store, airmen purchase clothing items at the same price AAFES pays the supplier. Additionally, the military clothing catalogs have a variety of optional uniform items and accessories to choose from. Though identical in product selection, the electronic catalogs don't replace the paper versions, which are available in clothing sales stores and by request to stateside customers by calling (888)768-3204. Featured in each service's catalog are the latest dress, service, physical training and battle dress uniforms, as well as boots, shoes, shirts and insignia. Listed catalog prices include delivery by parcel post. No handling fees are charged. Faster delivery is available at added cost.

## Challenge program seeks teen applicants

The Challenge Program is eager to recruit applicants for its next class, as well as future classes. If you know of a teenager who has dropped out of high school, but is willing to work hard to turn his or her life around, encourage them to check into the Challenge Program. Two classes are conducted each year. The in-residence program runs a session from January-June and a second session from July-December. The next class begins July 22. The Challenge Program administrators are

very thankful for the support the Air Guard units have provided in giving youth across the state a second chance.

All Guard members and the public are welcome to contact the Program Recruiter for more information. If you would like to schedule a tour of the program at the State Military Reservation (Virginia Beach), or receive a presentation at your unit, commanders may contact the Program Recruiter, SSgt Chanel Young, toll free at 1-800-796-6472 ext. 235.

## Club requires card for entry

Beginning with the April drill, all VaANG members entering the Club will be asked to show their Club membership card. Individuals who aren't members will be asked to leave.

Membership in the Club is needed to keep the Club in operation. Club Board members ask everyone to have their card in-hand when entering the Club.

Hot dogs and chips will be sold at the Club Sat., April 17 from 5-9 p.m.

Chiefs' Night at the Club has

been moved to Saturday night of the June drill. For more information about food, activities or the rummage sale, call CMSgt Frank Stanley, ext. 6725.

The Logistics Group, in conjunction with the Club, is hosting "Cajun Beach Fest" Saturday, Sept. 18 from 5 p.m. until. Logistics is looking for volunteers to help with the event. Anyone wanting more information, or interested in helping, may contact Lt Kathy Kahlson, ext. 6186 on drill weekends.

## Heading for SWA? Beware of Order 1

Just a reminder to everyone deploying anywhere in Southwest Asia: Take General Order 1 very seriously.

General Order 1 applies to all military people deployed to Southwest Asia; it prohibits the "introduction, possession, transfer, sale, creation or display of any pornographic or sexually explicit" material. This includes anything that displays bare human anatomy below the neck, above the knees and inside the shoulders. The definition includes many items that people in the U.S. wouldn't consider pornographic or even especially revealing, such as fitness magazines or lingerie catalogs.

Let those catalogs and magazines wait for your return stateside. Don't have them forwarded to you. Also, let your significant other understand the seriousness of this rule, so you don't wind up with problematic mail while deployed.

The most common violation of the order is viewing or downloading sexually explicit material using the Internet. Punishments for these offenses have included reduction in grade and forfeiture of up to \$500 pay. Some military members have

been discharged. Every website accessed by a computer at U.S. military installations in the area of responsibility is reviewed by the communications squadron. Inappropriate accesses are referred to investigators and the legal office for review. Most of them turn into Article 15s.

You may not like being unable to look at nude pictures. By the same token, you might like to have a beer now and again and maybe even have your own toilet. In Southwest Asia the U.S. military is in an area of responsibility with a real-world mission, and we have to make concessions to logistical realities and host-nation sensitivities. The bottom line is military members follow orders. General Order 1 is another to follow.

Thirty percent of Article 15s issued at Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia, last year were given for Internet pornography offenses. Don't make this costly, embarrassing mistake. *Editor's note: This is a summarization of an article written recently by Maj Gary Brown, 363d Expeditionary Air Wing staff judge advocate.*

# News you can use...

## Use new gov't VISA card only for reimbursable TDY travel expenses

All Guard members who have received the new government travel VISA credit card are reminded that the card can only be used for expenses you will be reimbursed for while on a temporary duty assignment. The monthly bill is to be paid in full, immediately upon receiving the statement.

There are already unit members who are carrying overdue balances on the card. If you have questions about proper use of the card, stop by the base Finance office.

## Medical Sq prepares for June inspection

All Virginia Air Guard members are asked to support the 192d Medical Squadron as it prepares for a major inspection in June. If you are notified of an appointment, physical, vaccine or paperwork requirement at the Clinic, please take care of your medical responsibilities immediately.

## Brown named new commander of Clinic

Congratulations to LtCol Cindy Brown who was recently named the new commander of the 192d Medical Squadron. Brown holds the distinction of being the first woman to command a squadron within the 192d Fighter Wing. She had been serving as acting Medical Sq commander since November 1998.

## Unit members train in Savannah, Ga.

Nearly 400 unit members deployed to Savannah, Ga., for annual field training at the Combat Readiness Training Center from March 20–April 2. Training offered during AT included weapons qualification, supervisor safety training, (Equal Opportunity) EO 2000, self-aid/buddy care, chemi-

cal warfare refresher and Law of Armed Conflict classes.

## Security Forces revamps vehicle decal program

Security Forces are revamping the vehicle decal program. If you received a vehicle decal recertification form during the March drill, fill it out and return it to Security Forces during the April drill. Check your vehicles and make sure your decals are current and legible. Be sure to remove all military decals from vehicles you are selling or scrapping, and notify SFS of these changes.

## Slow down on Va. roads; drive carefully to drill

Speeding has become a hot issue on Virginia's roads. The State Police, and many county and local sheriffs' offices, are joining forces to stop speeding and reckless driving. Virginia Air Guard members affiliated with law enforcement agencies encourage all Guard members to drive carefully all the time and they warn drivers to slow down on their commute to the Guard base. Interstates 64, 95, 295 and 81 will have possible speed traps set up to slow down all traffic. If you are going to be late for drill, stop and call your supervisor, advise Wing Safety personnel. Getting caught speeding multiple times on one trip to the base could get very expensive.

## Take new SATE test soon or lose computer use

If you haven't completed the new Security Awareness Training & Education (SATE) program and test (accessible from the Broadcast Message page on your computer), complete it before May 5 or your computer account will be disabled.

The training is an annual requirement. It takes about 15 minutes to complete the test. Refer questions to MSgt Jay Ellis, ext. 6866.

If you've already taken the test,

you may check your score by clicking on your Windows screen Start button. Select Net Applications, then Training, SATE Training and SATE Test Scores. Then scroll down to your squadron and your name. Test results are updated weekly.

## Top III Council posts election winners

The Top III Council held officer elections during the March drill. SMSgt Charles W. Keene, 192d FW, was elected president; SMSgt Robert Barnette, 192d FW, was chosen as vice president; MSgt Kim Evans, 192d Medical Sq, was selected as secretary and MSgt Ralph Pietromonaco, 192d FW, is treasurer.

The Top III Council will hold its next quarterly meeting in June. Information will be sent out to council members before the meeting. Anyone with questions about the council or the next meeting may contact Keene at ext. 6420.

## FW, CES schedule aerobics for April drill

Spring is here! (VaANG translation: For many units, it is time for the annual aerobics run/walk.) Fighter Wing staff will hold aerobics Saturday, April 17 at 9 a.m. starting and ending in front of the Wing Headquarters building. Anyone who completed their aerobics during Savannah must furnish their official run/walk time so Orderly Room staff can update records.

The 192d Civil Engineer Sq is also performing physical fitness testing during the April drill. Report to work at 7 a.m. Sunday, April 18 in PT clothes.

## Braves host Armed Forces Day at the Diamond

The Richmond Braves proudly sponsor Armed Forces Day at the Diamond on Saturday, May 15. The

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baseball game starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$2.50 in advance for Armed Forces personnel, their family and friends. The VaANG Color Guard will present the Colors at the beginning of the game. Make your reservations early by calling TSgt Shirley Cooper, ext. 6428. Cooper said this is a special invitation from the Braves; she is planning to schedule a Guard Night at the Diamond later in the season.

## Thunderbirds hire two Air Guard members for elite team

The USAF Thunderbirds recently announced that two Air National Guard members have become part of the elite Thunderbird team. SSgt Larry Herrera, 150th Aircraft Generation Sq, Kirtland AFB, N.M. and TSgt Kimberly Long, 173d AGS, Klamath Falls, Ore., are the Thunderbirds newest members.

## AF announces top quarterly web sites

The latest winners of the Air Force's 5-Star award for outstanding public web sites are Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute AFROTC Detachment 550 and Vandenberg AFB. Visit the ROTC site at [www.rpi.edu/dept/afrotc](http://www.rpi.edu/dept/afrotc) and check out Vandenberg's page at [www.vafb.af.mil](http://www.vafb.af.mil). Also recognized was the 367th Training Support Sq's site at [www.hill.af.mil/367trss/findex.htm](http://www.hill.af.mil/367trss/findex.htm). Nominations can be made on Air Force Link [www.af.mil/5star](http://www.af.mil/5star).

## ANG golf tourney set for June 15-18

The 7th Annual ANG Eastern Invitational Golf Tournament is set for June 15-18. The tourney will run June 16-18 at the Baytre Golf Plantation, North Myrtle Beach, S.C., and is open to all current and retired Air National Guard people and their family members.

The first two days of tournament play will be qualifying rounds and golfers will be paired based on their average score (handicaps not required). The last day of the event will be bracketed by flights based on scores from the first two days of play. The entry fee is \$105 per golfer. Anyone interested in attending this event may call SMSgt Donald Duke, ext. 6354, or pull down more information from the link on your Guard base computer's Broadcast Message.

## In Memoriam...

Col Edward J. Face, retired comptroller for the VaANG and a retired vice president of the former Signet Bank, died Feb. 16 after a long illness. He was 71 and lived in Chester.

MSgt Johnny Lee Johnson, retired from 192d Maintenance Squadron, former assistant base fire chief, longtime official with the Sandston Little League and member of the Henrico Volunteer Rescue Squad, died Feb. 13. He was 70 and lived in Sandston.

# VaANG Calendar of Events

### April

**17-18: UTA** (Should pay NLT April 30)

**17: Hot dogs & chips at the Club**

**18: Planning Meeting for the Year of the Enlisted Force banquet & dance committee. More volunteers are needed. Come to the State Headquarters Training Room at 2:30 p.m.**

**23-25: Virginia National Guard Officer Association conference at Virginia Beach**

### May

**1-2: UTA** (Should pay NLT May 14)

**2-22: DACT at Holloman AFB, N.M.**

**5: Deadline for completing SATE test**

**15: Richmond Braves host Armed Forces Day at the Diamond, baseball begins at 7 p.m. Call TSgt Shirley Cooper, ext. 6428, to reserve tickets**

### June

**12-13: UTA** (Should pay NLT June 25)

**12: Chiefs' Night at the Club--food, fun & rummage sale. Contact CMSgt Frank Stanley, ext. 6725, for more information**

### July

**10-11: UTA** (Should pay NLT July 23)

**10-23: Cope Thunder Exercise in Alaska**

### August

**14-15: UTA** (Should pay NLT Aug. 27)

**21-25: Enlisted Association (EANGUS) National Conference in Des Moines, Iowa**

### September

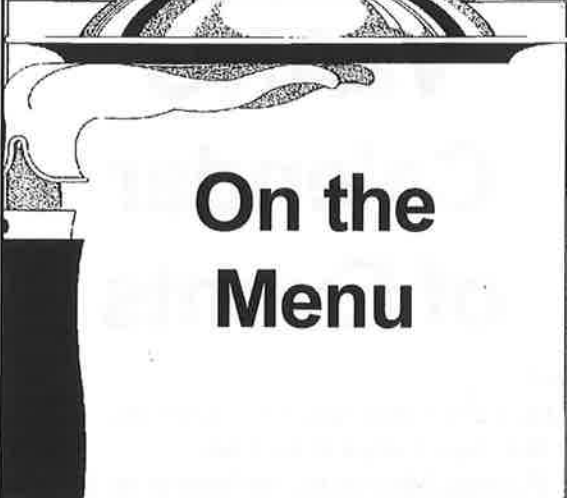
**18-19: UTA** (Should pay NLT Oct. 1)

**3-6: National Guard Association 120th General Conference in Atlanta, Ga.**

### October

**Year of the Enlisted Force banquet & dance: October Drill Saturday night. Stay tuned for more information!**

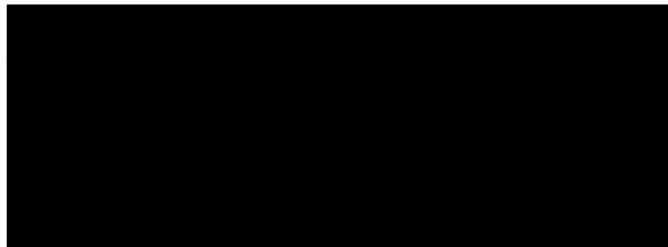
If you have an item or event you would like to have added to the calendar, call Public Affairs at ext. 6388, or visit the PA office during drill weekends (Wing Headquarters building, room 30 -- across from the Recruiters' offices).

 <p><b>On the Menu</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday April 17</b> (Short Order Line will be open) Grilled Chicken Breast Salisbury Steak Steamed Rice Buttered Parsley Potatoes Brown Gravy Salad Bar w/Assorted Dressings Breads &amp; Butter Beverages Ice Cream &amp; Spice Cake</p>	<p><b>Sunday April 18</b> Roast Turkey Roast Beef Brown Gravy Mashed Potatoes Steamed Rice Broccoli Salad Bar w/Assorted Dressings Breads &amp; Butter Beverages Ice Cream &amp; Brownies</p>
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## ***What's Inside the April VANGUARD...***

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