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A recognition ceremony, honoring base members who participated in international deployments since the beginning of the year, was held during Family Day. Most of the people recognized during the event had deployed to Al Jaber AB, Kuwait. After the ceremony many of the participants posed for this photo -- wearing their desert

"chocolate chip" battle dress uniforms to commemorate their successful deployment. The ceremony was attended by Wing and VaANG State Headquarters leadership as well as the Virginia National Guard Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Claude Williams. (For more on the recognition ceremony, see page 3.) Photo by Combat Visual Information staff.

Group earns praise at Family Day ceremony

Members recollect trip to desert

The Sandbox.

Most of us can probably remember the day when we wanted to go out and play in the sand. Recently 35 of the Virginia Air National Guard's finest were sent to the international sandbox at Al Jaber AB, Kuwait. Upon their return we heard stories of camel spiders, snakes, ice cream and rice. Lots of stories about the abundance of rice. In their own words, this is what many of them had to say about their deployment to Kuwait.

TSgt. Gary Crump, CE: It was an experience and a good cause. For

me, the travel was probably the most exciting part of the deployment. The living conditions were good. Though it was hot outside, the insides of the tents were air-conditioned and cool. At times, we had to open the flaps to warm up!

1stSgt. Barry Coleman, MSS: We again showed the active duty AF that we (Air Guard) could hold up our end. It was a great experience to work on a real world mission. Being on that base and knowing that it had been bombed before was sobering. I'll always remember the size of the

camel spider that chased me from the laundry tent!

TSgt. Veronica Sargent, LG: The things you see and hear on TV about what is taking place in different countries is a lot different when you are there and see it first hand. The flight was long and the weather was extremely hot but I was able to adjust after a few days. The food wasn't great, but they gave us plenty and I didn't go hungry. I thank my husband and daughter for all their love and support.

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Commander's Call

The enlisted force: unsung heroes

Major General Weaver, our Air National Guard Director, designated 1999 as the Year of the Enlisted Force. He has also designated the year 2000 as the year of the family and the year 2001 as the year of the employer. General Weaver is right on target when he recognizes the three groups that are the most critical support components of the Guard. No guard unit in America can perform its mission without the support of the Enlisted Force, the Family and the Employer.

Let's focus on the current year and the contributions of the enlisted force. The following statistics define the demographics for the Air National Guard Enlisted Force nationwide:

- Force Strength: 87 % of the Air Guard work force (92,746 out of 105,977) is enlisted.
- Age: The average age is 34.1. Of the enlisted corps, 16.5% are below the age of 26.
- Gender: 16.3% of the enlisted force are women.
- Race/Ethnic Group: 80.3% Caucasian, 9.2% African-American, 5.6% Hispanic and 4.8% Other Minority Groups.
- Marital Status: 61.9 % Married.
- Family Members: Supports 1.58 dependents with an average of 1.45 dependents in household.
- Total Military Service: 11.9 years on average.

Statistics may define the demographics but no statistic can measure the value of the enlisted force. In the Virginia Air National Guard, our enlisted force numbers more than 1,080 enlisted personnel — performing jobs in over 105 career fields. You are the airmen and women who are working day-in and day-out completing the jobs that need to be done to make your wing, group, squadron or flight run smoothly.

The enlisted force maintains our jets, ground equipment, vehicles, computers, telephones and facilities. You provide medical support, feed our troops, secure our base, train our troops and fuel our jets. You purchase, inventory, store and distribute our equipment and parts. You build, load and maintain our bombs, missiles, guns, pods and racks. You recruit and train our new troops. You pay our bills, manage information, and administer programs. You clean, construct and repair our runways, ramps and taxiways. You ship and transport our troops and equipment to places all over the world. You provide legal services and minister to our spiritual needs. You ensure our health, safety and environmental quality. You write our procedures and instructions. You forecast our weather. You file our flight plans. You inspect our flying equipment and pack our parachutes. You photograph, document and record our history. You support our troops, families, employers and our community. The list goes on and on.

You work long hours at many thankless tasks and make many personal sacrifices to "get the job done." Here's a salute to you, the enlisted force, the glue that binds this organization. Thank you for all that you do — your sacrifice, your service and your total commitment. The officers, the community, the state and the country owe you a great debt of gratitude for your endless contributions. You are the backbone of this unit. In fact, you are the entire skeleton upon which this unit is built.



Col. Stephen R. Hicks

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Recollections from the desert...

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MSgt. Greg Leonard, CE: I thoroughly enjoyed the trip. I deployed with the 203d and was reassigned to the 332d AEF (Aerospace Expeditionary Force) upon arrival. After my initial 31 days, I extended for an additional 30 days. I was proud of being involved in proving the total force is working. Except for the request by my family to come home, I would have stayed longer.

TSgt. Charles Washington, CE: It was a great experience. I loved the work and the challenges. We worked 12-hour days, six days a week. The time went by pretty fast. I would go again if given the opportunity. Hotel (the tent) accommodations were wonderful. I got to see a lot of area wildlife, i.e. camel spiders, lizards, scorpions and snakes.

MSgt. Jackie Atkins, CF: For 15 days you can do anything. My deployment was truly a great opportunity. To interact with our active duty counterparts and experience how chemical warfare training plays a vital role in our mission success was significant. Being able to e-mail members of the 192d helped me stay connected to the world. Many times I thought of how glad I was to be an American.

SSgt. Glen Morreale, Fire Dept: Fire and rescue operations in the heat of the desert offered a unique experience. Nothing like wearing those baked potato suits in 120-degree plus weather! Other than that it was fun and challenging and I made many new friends. I did manage to catch and make a pet of a 4-foot long lizard.

MSgt. Valeria Murphy, MSF: The best part of the deployment was the people I met. The active duty personnel made my stay very enjoyable. I had a couple opportunities to go to downtown Kuwait and shop. I'll always remember passing out while doing the 5k run and I've got the tee shirt to prove it!

MSgt. Karol Crane, MSF: We again proved that the National Guard is totally capable of completing any mission at a very high standard. We were able to change the perceptions of our active duty counterparts. We played a lot of BINGO when we had free time and Virginia held the record for the most

winners in a month. I was fortunate to win the grand prize color TV while playing for the first time.

The words of these nine individuals, though differently said share a similar theme. The Virginia Air National Guard again put the mission first; they worked hard and represented the 192d

FW with dignity. These citizen-soldiers and all others deployed for international service during this period did their part to serve the world, our nation, state and community. They made Virginia and the Air National Guard look good!

Both stories by TSgt. Michael Rawlings, Public Affairs office

Troops earn thanks for international deployments

Maj. Gen. Claude Williams, adjutant general of Virginia, was on base Aug. 14 to recognize VaANG members who had participated in the five overseas operations the base participated in over the past year.

Williams was accompanied during the recognition ceremony by Brig. Gen. William Jones, deputy adjutant general for air; Brig. Gen. Robert Seifert, VaANG StHq chief of staff and Col. Steve Hicks, 192d FW commander. Williams expressed his appreciation to the nearly 50 people and their families. He said the accomplishments of the VaANG are always mentioned when he speaks to other units. He also said he wanted to make sure everyone understood that everyone is important — calling the efforts of everyone a part of "Team Virginia."

As friends and family members looked on, each individual was called and recognized for their participation in the deployments which included Operation Guarded Skies, Northern Watch, Allied Force, Joint Force and Noble Anvil.

Hicks said the citizen-soldiers served from 17 to 179 days, representing over 12 career fields. This totaled a whopping 1,616 days of deployment in five different countries.

"I sincerely appreciate you for doing the hard jobs," Hicks said. "Stepping up to the plate and doing what needs to be done says a lot. People are putting the mission first. You all are great Air Guard role models."

Lt. Col. Francis W. Pedrotty

SSgt. James G. Caprara

SSgt. James W. Bottelle

TSgt. Gary C. Crump

TSgt. Kevin S. McNamee

SSgt. Glen L. Morreale

SSgt. Paul D. Tucker

SSgt. Scott L. Ward

MSgt. Barry S. Coleman

SSgt. Eric D. Bates

SSgt. David D. Grubbs

SSgt. Dale F. Cooper

MSgt. Perry B. Hattorf

TSgt. Roger C. Nelson

TSgt. Christopher Allen

MSgt. Jay N. Ellis

SSgt. Eugene R. Watts

TSgt. Keith A. Applewhite

TSgt. Terry L. Ellis

TSgt. Thomas W. Martin

SSgt. Leslie W. Mayo II

TSgt. Geoffrey Miltenberger

SSgt. Willie E. Rose Jr.

SSgt. Richard Satterfield

MSgt. Veronica H. Sargent

MSgt. Karol A. Crane

MSgt. Christopher K. Hodge

TSgt. William H. Williams

MSgt. Valeria M. Murphy

SSgt. Avis M. Bennett

MSgt. Jacqueline Atkins

SSgt. Conard C. Dunn

SMSgt. Thomas G. McIntyre

TSgt. James W. Carrington

SSgt. Christopher Fleischer

MSgt. Robert L. Seay

TSgt. Timothy D. Graham

MSgt. William G. Leonard

MSgt. Jesus L. Mendoza

SSgt. Raymond D. Taylor

TSgt. Charles Washington

TSgt. John E. Killin III

TSgt. Reginald Hinton

TSgt. Steven W. Jenkins

SMSgt. David J. Kinsey

SSgt. Ian S. Phillips

Anthrax vaccine

One of the safest immunizations on record

With almost a million shots given, the anthrax immunization is proving to be one of the safest vaccination programs on record, said Dr. Sue Bailey, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs in Washington, D.C.

"The vaccine that we are administering to our troops for protection against anthrax is effective and entirely safe," Bailey said during a Pentagon interview.

She said service members are experiencing few serious adverse reactions from the shots. The most recent reports show only 14 reactions were serious enough that the service members had to be off work for 24 hours or more or hospitalized, she said. "Those who had those kinds of reactions have fully recovered," she added.

As of June 16, 935,632 separate shots had been administered. With 102 total reactions reported, including the 14 serious reactions, this means only .01 percent of the shots caused an adverse reaction. "This is a lower rate of reaction than one gets with a [diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus] shot administered to children," Bailey said.

Bailey countered reports that the vaccine was somehow tainted with a substance called squalene. Squalene is a substance that appears naturally in everyone's body. "You also find it in a lot of beauty products and in some

health food products," she said. "But, squalene isn't now and has never been used in the anthrax vaccine production.

Following the reports, the Department of Defense contracted with a civilian laboratory that tested the vaccine for squalene and "found there is no squalene in the anthrax vaccine we are using," she said.

Bailey said the vaccine DOD uses is effective. "[Anthrax is] so deadly, we don't test humans," she said. "We rely upon non-human primate testing to give us the information about the efficacy of the vaccine. And that shows it to be very effective in protecting against anthrax."

The anthrax vaccine the department uses is licensed by the Food and Drug Administration and has been since 1970, Bailey said. The vaccine stocks have undergone DOD-mandated supplemental testing performed by the manufacturer and overseen by a private, independent firm.

Since 1970, there have been no reports of long-term adverse health effects from the anthrax vaccine. However, DOD continues to study the vaccine.

"We have a study underway at the U.S. Army Medical Institute of Infectious Diseases to determine whether individuals who received multiple vaccines, including anthrax, demonstrate any adverse health effects over the long term," Bailey said.

"DOD has another study underway at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. A total of 570 medical workers who have received the series are being studied so DOD can get ongoing information that we can project into the future about effects of the vaccine."

The anthrax vaccination program is a series of six shots stretching over 18 months. In May 1998, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen approved a plan to inoculate all service members against the disease.

"Anthrax is a deadly bacteria," Bailey said. "If you were exposed to weaponized anthrax spores and were not immunized, you would develop symptoms and die. Antibiotics alone cannot save you once you display the symptoms. We feel it is our responsibility to provide for the best protection — and we do so through the immunization program." (AFNS)

Editor's note: Base members who haven't already started receiving the Anthrax vaccines will begin receiving them during the Aug. 26-27, 2000, Unit Training Assembly. The second series of shots will follow during the Sept. 9-10, 2000, UTA; and the third series of inoculations will be given during the Sept. 23-24, 2000, UTA. These will be mandatory-attendance drill weekends. Please note these drill dates on the FY 2000 UTA Order printed on page 11.

Senate confirms Peters as secretary of AF, DiBattiste as new undersecretary; Finch sworn in as new CMSAF

The Senate confirmed F. Whitten Peters as Air Force secretary July 30. During his confirmation hearing July 21, Peters testified before the Senate on a number of subjects including the F-22, recruitment, retention and the expeditionary aerospace force.

Peters has served as acting Air Force secretary for nearly two years. He is the 19th secretary of the Air Force.

In related news, Carol DiBattiste was confirmed by the Senate Aug. 5 as the undersecretary of the Air Force, and CMSgt. Jim Finch was sworn in as the 13th chief master sergeant of the Air Force on Aug. 2.

DiBattiste has been the deputy U.S. attorney for the Southern District since January 1998. Prior to serving as the deputy in the U.S. Attorney's Miami

office, she was the director of the Executive Office for the United States Attorneys for more than three years.

Finch replaced former CMSgt. of the AF Eric W. Benken, who retired July 30. Prior to his selection as CMSAF, Finch served as the Air Combat Command command CMSgt. for six years, the last four at ACC headquarters and before that at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

Personnel Actions

Accessions May–July 1999

SrA. Shane S. Jenkinson, 192d AGS
 A1C Christopher A. Wade, 203d RHF
 SSgt. Frederick A. Schramm, 203d RHF
 SSgt. Charles R. Nellist Jr., 192d Maint
 A1C Jeremiah R. Smith, 203d RHF
 SSgt. John F. Owen, 203d RHF
 SSgt. John E. Wheat, 192d AGS
 SrA. Brandon S. Velano, 192d Maint
 SSgt. Chad E. Leggett, 192d Comm Flt
 SrA. Ebonica N. Branch, 192d MSF
 A1C Kalomi E. Downing, 192d MDS
 A1C Stephen D. Breeden, 192d AGS
 SrA. Glynnis M. Boles, 192d FW
 A1C Wanda L. Isales, 192d LGS
 SSgt. John L. Hogan, 203d RHF
 A1C Courtney A. Grafton, 192d MDS
 SrA. Lore W. Engle, 192d FW
 A1C Jamal C. Smith, 192d Maint
 TSgt. Cindy L. Edwards, 192d MDS
 A1C Roberto L.R. Mercado, 203d RHF
 SSgt. Garland Moore, 203d RHF
 Amn. Kevin A. Carney, 203d RHF
 A1C John D. Martin, 192d CES
 SSgt. Jesse J. Miller, 192d CF
 SSgt. Michelle A. Miller, 192d MDS
 SrA. Jennifer A. Kujawa, 192d MSF
 SrA. Derek M. Weaver, 192d LGS
 TSgt. Greg D. Cumbey, 192d FW
 SSgt. Kimberly Andrews, 203d RHF
 A1C Lafeetah C. Jones, 192d SFS

Promotions May–July

Brig.Gen. William Jones, VaANG StHq
 Brig.Gen. Robert Seifert, VaANG StHq
 Col. William Prosise, VaANG StHq
 Col. Anthony Haynes, 192d FW
 1st Lt. Timothy Moore, 192d CES
 CMSgt. Gerald F. Knowlton, 192d Comm Flt
 SMSgt. Thomas G. McIntyre, 192d Maint Sq
 SMSgt. Lisa A. Hernandez, 192d FW
 MSgt. Alyse R. Ford, 192d Maint Sq
 MSgt. Stacey A. Short, 192d MDS
 MSgt. Christi Cunningham, 192d MDS
 MSgt. Mildred E. Gray, 192d LS
 MSgt. David C. Thelen, 192d OpsSpt Flt
 MSgt. Michael S. Ward, 192d FW
 MSgt. Judith E. Brandon, 192d MSF
 MSgt. Gary C. Harper, 192d MSF
 TSgt. Brian D. Orzolek, 192d AGS

TSgt. Bonnie L. Weis, 192d Comm Flt
 TSgt. Tony J Gurganus, 192d MDS
 TSgt. Terry L. Haswell, 192d LS
 TSgt. Daniel L. Burnam, 192d LS
 TSgt. Carl B. Knight, 192d AGS
 TSgt. Steven A. Dawson, 192d LS Flt
 TSgt. Karen M. Bland, 192d LgGp
 TSgt. James E. Rowe, 200th WF
 TSgt. Peter J. Martens, 192d LSF
 SSgt. Clint W. Ogden, 192d MDS
 SSgt. Paul E. Hicks, 203d RHF
 SSgt. Christo Deatherage, 192d FW
 SSgt. Brian D. Morlock, 192d LS
 SSgt. Eric L. Dorsey, 203d RHF
 SSgt. Mary J. Laposata, 192d MDS
 SSgt. David M. Yates, 192d Comm Flt
 SSgt. Christopher Brown, 192d AGS
 SSgt. Dannie A.J. Burgess, 192d FW
 SSgt. Dawn M. Wilson, 192d MDS
 SSgt. Gary W. White, 192d LS
 SSgt. Michael L. Brinkley, 192d OpsSpt Flt
 SSgt. Samantha M. Conditt, 203d RHF
 SSgt. Corbett M. Allen, 192d AGS
 SSgt. Danny L. Athanasaw, 200th WF
 SSgt. Michele A. Moring, 192d FW
 SSgt. Paul J. Blancato, 203d RHF
 SrA. Duriel S. Smith, 192d Maint
 SrA. Robert H. McCormick, 192d Maint
 SrA. Audra L. Collins, 203d RHF
 SrA. Asia M. Gile, 192d Comm Flt

Retirements May – July

SSgt. Frederick D. Osterud, 192d Maint
 TSgt. Ferlanda M. Williams, 192d LGS
 MSgt. Francis M. Dorish Jr., 192d CES
 Brig.Gen. Terry A. Maynard, VaANG StHq
 MSgt. Melvin O. Butler, 192d LGS
 TSgt. James L. Davis, 192d SVF
 TSgt. Raymond Parker, 192d AGS
 TSgt. Thomas N. Turner, 203d RHF
 MSgt. Fred Fontenot, 192d OpsSpt Flt
 SSgt. Eugene Casterline, 192d Maint
 CMSgt. Steven T. Ingram, 192d Maint
 Maj. Steven Abel, 192d MDS
 TSgt. Sheila P. Gallacher, 192d Maint
 MSgt. Huell W.J. Matthews, 192d FW
 Maj. John D. Carroll, 192d FW
 Maj. Robert L. Dyke, 192d Comm Flt
 MSgt. Joseph S. Barbour Jr., 192d Maint
 TSgt. Preston E. Brown, 203d RHF
 Col. David L. Hudson, VaANG StHq
 TSgt. Timothy J. Harris, 192d AGS

Year of the Enlisted Force event!

Get teams ready for 5k fun run

Attention Runners and Walkers!

The race is open to all Virginia Air National Guard members and their families. The challenge is for Squadrons, Flights and Sections to field a team to compete for a Traveling Trophy. Teams will consist of 5 members with the first three counting towards the team score. Teams must have at least three runners. The team with the best three placements combined -- wins! The run will also feature age division awards in 10-year increments. The Year of the Enlisted Force planning committee and senior leadership encourage unit and family participation. Walkers will receive a finishers ribbon.

Registration for the 5k (kilometer) race is \$15 with a T-shirt, or \$7.50 with a water bottle, or \$22.50 for both souvenirs. Registration forms must be received by Sept. 18 to guarantee getting your T-shirt and/or water bottle. The race will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Sat., Oct. 16.

All children, 12 and under, are invited to participate in a 1/4-mile fitness fun run beginning at 9 a.m. with an entry fee of \$1. Times will be read aloud at the finish line but no official results will be recorded. All finishers will receive a commemorative ribbon.

Trophies will be awarded to the men and women winners in the

following categories: 1st overall, and the top three in the age divisions of 19 & under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & over.

All proceeds will be used for Year of the Enlisted Force Run prizes and trophies. There will be water stops and medical support throughout the race. Random prizes will be given out at the finish before the awards ceremony.

Make registration checks payable to: VaANG Contingency Fund. Mail Applications to: 192d CF/SCBN (MSGT Thomas), 100 Falcon Road Suite 212, Sandston, VA 23150-2526 -OR- Deliver to 192FW Mailroom Attn: MSGT Thomas.

Year of the Enlisted Force 5k/Fun Run Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age on race date: _____

Gender: M F

Shirt Size: S M L XL

Event: Individual participant

Team participant

Children's Fun Run

Team Competition

Team Name: _____ Unit: _____

Runner #1: _____ Runner #2: _____

Runner #3: _____ Runner #4: _____

Runner #5: _____ Team Captain: _____

Waiver Must Be Read and Signed Before Mailing:

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter or run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running in this race including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of weather, including high heat and/or humidity, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks

being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your acceptance of my application, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Air National Guard, the race officials, plus all other sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver.

Signature

Date

Parent's Signature if under 18

Get tickets now for banquet & dance; celebrate ANG Year of the Enlisted Force!

The Virginia Air National Guard Year of the Enlisted Force celebration is nearly here! Get your tickets no later than close of business Sept. 19. The event kicks off Saturday, Oct. 16 with a 5K run in the morning and the banquet and dance that evening. All enlisted members, retirees and officers are invited and encouraged to participate in the events.

According to 192d FW First Sergeant, MSgt Suzanne Dates who is on the Year of the Enlisted Banquet committee, the day's activities are designed to emphasize fun and participation of all ages and ranks.

The day kicks off with a 5K Fun Run to be held on base. According to MSgt. Rob Thomas, head of the fun run committee, prizes will be given to the winners in several categories and T-shirts will be awarded to everyone who participates. Refreshments will be

available afterwards. The run registration form is on page 6.

"We're looking for volunteers to help with the run," Thomas said. "We really need spotters the day of the event." For more information or to volunteer for the run, contact Sergeant Thomas at ext. 6323, SMSgt. Lisa Hernandez at Wing Safety ext. 6421, or TSgt. Ed Kelleher, Wing Historian ext. 6846.

The semi-formal banquet and dance for Guard members and their spouses (or date) will top off the day (mess dress & semi-formal uniform wear is optional, but encouraged). The event will be at the Ft. Lee Officer's Club, beginning with a social hour from 6-7 p.m. The buffet dinner starts at 7 p.m. and will feature baked 1/2 cornish hen, roast beef, wild rice, green beans, baby carrots, tossed salad, rolls & butter, coffee, tea and cake.

SSgt. Scott Browning, 192d AGS, is a professional photographer; he'll be set up in the Ft. Lee Officer's Club lobby taking pictures for anyone interested.

A dance featuring entertainment by disc jockey, Lt.Col. Freddie Baylor Jr., will follow immediately after dinner. SMSgt. Ed Smith will be master of ceremonies for the event.

Tickets for the banquet/dance are \$15 per person and can be purchased through your unit first sergeant or any of the tickets representatives listed below. Transportation to and from the 192d to Fort Lee will be available for those who need a ride (fill out and send in the form printed below).

Anyone with questions about the event may contact their first sergeant for more information.

by SrA Ann Martin,
Public Affairs office

Banquet tickets may be purchased from the following people:

MSgt. Suzanne Dates, Fighter Wing, ext. 6762
MSgt. Barry Coleman, Support Group, ext. 6368
MSgt. Vince Harris, Logistics Sq, ext. 7103
MSgt. Tony Harris, Aircraft Generation Sq, ext. 6776
MSgt. Sherry Hankins, Maintenance Sq, ext. 6331
MSgt. Toni Vincent, Security Forces Sq, ext. 6828
CMSgt. Ray Bassetti, Maintenance/StHq Command CMSgt, ext. 6754
MSgt. Beth Martin, StHq, ext. 6014
MSgt. Dorothy Tatem, Logistics Sq, ext. 6367

Transportation Request to Ft. Lee for Year of the Enlisted Banquet

Anyone needing a ride from the base to Fort Lee, then back to the base after the banquet, should fill out this form and give it to your unit First Sergeant. (See ticket sales list, above.)

Name & rank:

Squadron:

Duty phone:

Will spouse or date be attending with you?

Order commemorative Year of the Enlisted Force clothing now!

ORDER FORM



| Kind | Item | Cost |
|------|----------------------------|--------|
| A | T-shirt | \$13 |
| B | Tank Top | \$15 |
| C | Crewneck Sweatshirt | \$22 |
| D | Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt | \$24 |
| E | Shorts w/Pockets*** | \$15 |
| F | Sweatpants*** | \$17 |
| G | 32 oz. Sport Bottle | \$2.50 |

Sizes: Small (S), Medium (M), Large (L), Extra Large (XL),
Extra Extra Large (XXL)

***No XXL in shorts and pants

Colors: Ash (A), Athletic Heather (AH), Black (B), Navy (N), Red (R),
Royal Blue (RB), Stone (S), White (W)

Fill out the order form below:

KIND SIZE* COLOR COST X QUANTITY = \$ TOTAL

*Add \$2.50 for each piece of clothing size XXL ordered.

Make check payable to VaANG Contingency Fund TOTAL _____

Your Name:

Squadron:

Duty Ph:

Send order form and check to MSgt. Dorothy Tatem, 192d LS/LGSPE, 61 Falcon Rd, Sandston, VA 23150 not later than Sept. 19.

News you can use...

Nominate your top troops for Airman of the Year honors

Supervisors and commanders interested in nominating their top troops for Virginia Air National Guard Outstanding Airman of the Year awards may contact Command Chief Master Sergeant Wayne Keene for current submission information.

Top Airmen, noncommissioned officers, senior noncommissioned officers and first sergeants may be nominated in their respective categories. The deadline for submitting nomination packages (an AF Form 1206) will be the November UTA.

Lunch Buddy program needs full-time, traditional volunteers

Another school year is getting underway, and with it the Virginia Air National Guard's second year of participating in the Lunch Buddy program.

The Virginia Air Guard will continue its programs at Seven Pines and Jacob Adams. If there is enough volunteer interest, MSgt Gary Bradley is trying to start a Lunch Buddy

program at Baker Elementary School.

Full-time and traditional Guard members may volunteer for the program. The program varies slightly between Seven Pines and Jacob Adams; check with each school's point of contact on their visitation schedule and how the program works at their school.

---Seven Pines: Maj. Garrie Denson, ext. 6467;

---Jacob Adams: MSgt. Pearl Brooks, ext. 6593;

---Baker: MSgt. Gary Bradley, ext. 6542.

CE plans bivouac during September UTA

It's September and that means the 192d Civil Engineer Sq and a number of people from the 192d Services Flt will be deployed to the west end of the base for their annual bivouac. During the bivouac CE members practice their bare base deployment skills. They raise tents, set up a shower tent, install plumbing and receive heavy equipment training.

CE will take emergency workorders throughout drill weekend. Call ext. 6445 if you need to report a plumbing, electrical or other CE-type problem.

Send aid to earthquake victims via Red Cross

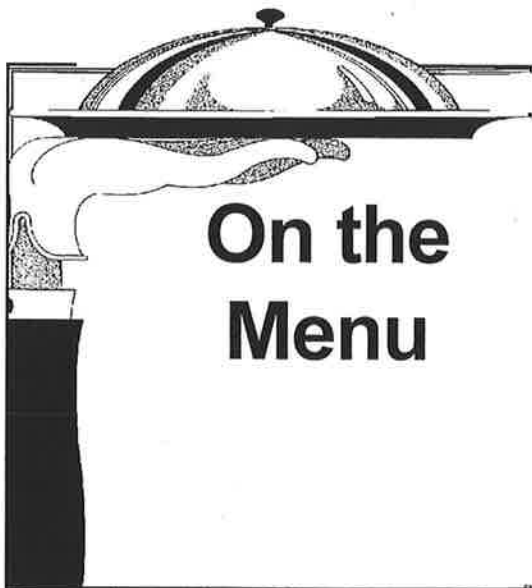
Anyone interested in helping emergency services in western Turkey after the recent earthquake may make a monetary donation to the Red Cross. The Red Cross has members of its International Emergency Response Unit in Turkey. Cash is the most effective way for the Red Cross to provide rapid relief and enables the most flexible use of resources.

To help the victims of this and other disasters, contributions may be made to the American Red Cross International Response Fund and sent to your local chapter, or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C., 20013, or call 1-800-HELP-NOW (1-800-435-7669), or visit the Red Cross webpage at www.redcross.org/.

Register now for Sept. 18 AF marathon

People may register for the upcoming Air Force Marathon slated for Sept. 18 at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. People may sign up by calling 1-800-467-1823 or by visiting <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/>.

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On the Menu

Saturday Sept. 18

Baked Spaghetti
Fried Chicken Patties
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Salad Bar w/Assorted Dressings
Breads & Butter
Beverages
Ice Cream
Chocolate & Vanilla Pudding

Sunday Sept. 19

Pork Roast
Beef Tips
Whole Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Buttered Corn
Salad Bar w/Assorted Dressings
Breads & Butter
Beverages
Ice Cream
Chocolate Brownies

News you can use...

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Family members 10 & older can get dependent ID cards

Did you know your children (minor dependents) are entitled to an ID card when they turn 10 years old? If they will be accompanying you to a military facility, they will need an ID card to go into military facilities (this includes base exchange stores, commissaries and MWR facilities).

When an ID card is needed, you the military sponsor must accompany your family members, including your spouse, when getting the card made. This process cannot be done without your signature on the DD Form 1172.

If any of your family members need an ID card, take them to the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service counter, rm 37, in the 192d FW Headquarters building.

Top 3 Council meets in October

The Top 3 Council will hold its next quarterly meeting Saturday, Oct. 16 beginning in the Dining Hall at 3 p.m. Anyone with questions about the council or the upcoming meeting may call Command CMSgt. Wayne Keene at ext. 6420.

Va. Blood Svs plans Sept. blood drive

Virginia Blood Services will hold a base blood drive on Sunday, Sept. 19 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be parked at the Wing Headquarters building side parking lot. Sign up will be in the chapel. Blood supplies are low and Va. Blood Services is in critical need of as many donations as possible.

Call SMSgt. Mary Gamache at ext. 6302 to reserve a time slot or for more information about the blood drive.

Check out federal supply web page

Website of the month: <http://www.fedsupply.com>

This web page offers a directory of the more than 9,500 GSA vendors on-line. This web page offers

- direct links to vendor Web sites
- direct links to vendor e-mails
- vendor literature on-line
- vendor catalogs on-line

Catch 192d lecture at aviation museum

Catch a presentation on the history of the 192d Fighter Wing at the Virginia Aviation Museum at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept 16.

Col. Steve Hicks, 192d FW commander, and SMSgt. Bob Walton, Aerospace Ground Equipment element chief, will give the presentation, which includes a briefing on the World War II beginnings of the unit, a video and archive photos.

For Virginia Aviation Museum information, call (804) 236-3622, or visit www.smv.org/wvhome.html.

VaANG Calendar of Events

September

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

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

The Logistics Group, in conjunction with the Club, is hosting "Cajun Beach Fest" Saturday, Sept. 18 starting at 5 p.m. 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.

18-19: Oceana Naval Station Air Show

During the 4th Week in September: National Native American Day

Sept. 15-Oct. 15: National Hispanic Heritage Month

October

16-17: UTA

16: Year of the Enlisted Force 5k Run in the morning, followed by banquet, dance that evening. Banquet & Dance tickets \$15 per person. Call your unit First Sergeant for more information. Special logo T-shirts, sweatshirts & travel bags are on sale. Get involved! Planning meetings are monthly in the State Headquarters Training Room--Drill Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (See pages 6-8 for more about Year of the Enlisted Force events and activities.)

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).

Editor's note: Printed on page 11 is the official order including the Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 Unit Training Assembly (UTA) schedule for all components of the Virginia Air National Guard. It also includes the 192d Fighter Wing's Annual Field Training dates. Please clip and save this official order. This order may be copied and given to your civilian employer. Extra copies of the Order are available in the Public Affairs office. Informational copies of the drill schedule are also available on the base local area network.

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SPECIAL ORDER
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1. In accordance with ANGI 36-2001, Unit Training Assemblies (UTAs) for the period of 01 October 1999 to 30 September 2000 are announced. All members of the units indicated are hereby ordered to attend UTAs as shown on this training schedule unless authorized to perform Split Unit Training Assemblies (SUTAs) or Rescheduled Unit Training Assemblies (RUTAs). Members must be physically and mentally capable of performing UTA duty and will comply with the standards of dress and personal appearance in accordance with AFI 36-2903 when attending scheduled UTAs or performing SUTAs, RUTAs or authorized Equivalent Training (EQTs).

| UNIT | OCT 1999 | NOV 1999 | DEC 1999 | JAN 2000 | FEB 2000 | MAR 2000 | APR 2000 | MAY 2000 | JUN 2000 | JUL 2000 | AUG 2000 | SEP 2000 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| State Hqs | 16-17 | 6-7 | 4-5 | 8-9 | 12-13 | 4-5 25-26 | | 20-21 | 10-11 | | 26-27 | 9-10 23-24 |
| 192 FW | 16-17 | 6-7 | 4-5 | 8-9 | 12-13 | 4-5 25-26 | | 20-21 | 10-11 | | 26-27 | 9-10 23-24 |
| 203 RHF | 16-17 | 6-7 | 4-5 | 8-9 | 12-13 | 4-5 | 1-2 | 20-21 | 10-11 | 8-9 | 12-13 | 9-10 |
| 200 WF | 16-17 | 6-7 | 4-5 | 8-9 | 12-13 | 4-5 25-26 | | 20-21 | 10-11 | | 26-27 | 9-10 23-24 |

**** Note:** Annual Field Training for the 192d Fighter Wing and assigned units will be at CRTTC, Savannah, GA during 8-21 April 2000.

2. AM assemblies will be 0800-1200 (Sat), 0700-1100 (Sun). PM assemblies will be 1300-1700 (Sat), 1200-1600 (Sun). Flexibility is given to unit commanders to schedule work hours within the prescribed 4 hours requirement. Excused absences from UTAs must be for reasonable cause and should be approved in advance by the unit commander or their designated representative. RUTAs will not be performed outside the fiscal year of the missed UTA. Unit Commanders may utilize RUTAs to achieve training objectives using maximum availability of equipment and full-time personnel resources that cannot be achieved during UTAs and SUTAs. Authority: ANG 36-2001.

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MWR Board seeks input on baseball, hockey ticket costs

In the past the base Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Board purchased season tickets for the Richmond Braves baseball and the Richmond Renegade hockey games. Members of the 192d could request tickets for a particular night and take their family and/or friends at no cost.

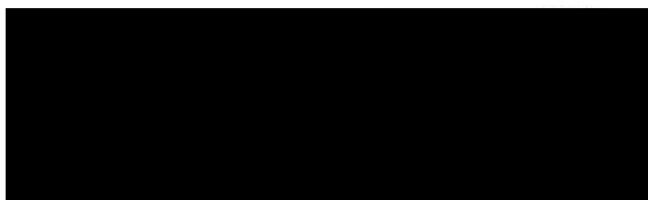
These tickets were paid for entirely with MWR Board funds. Recently however, the MWR Board's method of funding has changed and the board can no longer fund these activities at the 100 percent level. The board must now decide how to handle the uncovered portion of the tickets' costs.

Suggestions made up to this point include charging members a small fee for the tickets they use, or possibly having duty sections offset the cost.

If the MWR Board is to continue making tickets available to guard members we need your help and ideas, says TSgt. Ike Rawlings, Fighter Wing board member. Contact Lt.Col. Ralph Barker at ext. 6318 or Sergeant Rawlings at ext. 6388; or e-mail them at **B BARKER@SG@192FG** or **M RAWLINGS@FW@192FG**.

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