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Joint National Guard unit forming in Norfolk

The National Guard begins folding into U.S. Joint Forces Command this fall, Joint Command officials said, with the activation of a new joint unit with members from two states.

The joint National Guard unit, composed of 40 Army and 10 Air National Guard members from Virginia and North Carolina, will activate Oct. 1 at USJFCOM's headquarters in Norfolk, Va.

The unit will merge into the

USJFCOM Joint Reserve Unit as the Joint National Guard Augmentation Unit. The merger will bring the command's knowledge base of total force integration to a substantially higher level among every directorate, according to Joint Command officials.

Current requirements call for the bulk of the guardsmen to be assigned to Joint Experimentation, Joint Training and Joint Task Force-Civil Support.

"About 80 percent of the Guard has served on active duty. Add to that the skills they've developed as civilians, and there is a well of experience to be drawn upon," said Col. David Hatley, air commander, North Carolina Air Guard.

Likewise, the National Guard stands to benefit from its new joint community membership, officials said.

"I think it's a good chance for all the components to understand other units' systems," said Col. William Prorise, executive support staff officer for the Virginia Air Guard. "Mission-wise we're the same; procedurally we operate differently."

The National Guard has historically supported U.S. Joint Forces Command as a subordinate force provider, supplying close to 500,000 members to the joint force worldwide. The Joint National Guard Augmentation Unit will now be able to serve as the eyes and ears of guardsmen in the field, officials said.

"This will be an opportunity for our people to gain joint experience and



VaANG Family Day Saturday, Nov. 4

**Fun & games for kids all
afternoon;
Picnic lunch in the
maintenance hangar;
Family benefits briefings
in morning.
Mark your calendar now;
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information!**

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Guest Commentary

Their courage, sacrifices kept America, the world free

Three years ago we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Air Force and the 192d Fighter Wing. When the unit was formed in 1947, it was not a wing, not even a group. It was a squadron, the 149th Fighter Squadron, which consisted of some war-weary P-47 Thunderbolts and a group of mostly World War II veterans who chose to continue to serve their country in a reserve capacity.

The real beginning of the unit, however, can be traced to World War II and the 352d Fighter Group. The 352d was made up of heroes who did their part to win the war in Europe. They began flying combat missions over Germany in the P-47 and later transitioned to the P-51 Mustang.

The 352d was made up of three squadrons. One of them, the 328th, ultimately became the 149th Fighter Squadron of the Virginia Air National Guard.

In September we will have the honor of hosting the

remaining members of the 352d as they come to Richmond for what they have billed as their final reunion. On Saturday, Sept. 23, we are planning a program to thank them for the sacrifices they made to keep America and the world free. It will be a chance for us to reflect on the impact of those sacrifices and on the heritage we are proud to share with these brave men.

Our unit's history started with a world war, a war whose opportunities for courage and bravery turned ordinary mortals into heroes. It will be an honor for us to spend time with these wonderful people.

Brig. Gen. Robert O. "Bob" Seifert
Chief of Staff
VaANG State Headquarters

House declares American GI 'Person of the Century'

The U.S. House of Representatives voted 397-0 earlier this year to name the American "GI" as the "Person of the Century" in its Concurrent Resolution 282 with the Senate.

Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base are in the district of House sponsor Rep. Robin Hayes of North Carolina. "I am continually impressed and made proud by their dedication, commitment and patriotism," he said in introducing his resolution.

"We are just turning the corner on a period in which we ask the American GI to do more and more with less and

less," Hayes continued. "As I have gotten to know these brave men and women, one statement continues to ring in my ears. The statement made during a military personnel hearing at the Norfolk (Va.) Naval Base was, 'Sir whatever you give us, we will get the job done.'

"The spirit of the American GI — soldier, sailor, airman and Marine — that 'can-do spirit,' is why we honor today the American GI as the 'Citizen of the Century,'" he said.

Rep. Mike Thompson of California extended "GI" to members of the

Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, saying, "It was the American GI, known at different periods of the century by names such as doughboys, Yanks, Buffalo Soldiers, Rough Riders or the American Expeditionary Force, who carried America's value system abroad and demonstrated unselfish courage aiding those who struggled against tyranny and oppression. ...Indeed, there is probably not a region of the world whose people have not benefited from the presence of the American GI during the 20th century."

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Moment of Reflection

Life is a Journey...

"There is a time for everything and a season for every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1." The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that "Life is a Journey." That is an

important lesson for Guard members as we face life day by day. The journey is not always an easy one as sometimes it rains and the jets can't fly. And yet God says, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." We are not promised sunshine every day. We are, however, promised that God will be with us no matter what the circumstances. In that regard we can face the journey with confidence.

The words of a contemporary worship song, "Life is a Journey" remind us that "There is a time for everything and a season for every purpose under heaven."

"Life is a journey we're takin' each day."

Life is a journey and we are on our way.

And God in His mercy

from heaven above
Blesses our journey in love!
Laughter or sorrow or giggles or tears;
Good days or bad days'
great triumphs or fears.
Oh, what will life's journey be?
We cannot know.
Lord; bless our journey,
wherever we go.
Noah had never been sailing
when God said,
'Build you and ark
cause I'm sending a flood
And take ev'ry animal onto the boat.'
God blessed their journey
and kept them afloat."

"GOD BLESS YOUR GUARD
JOURNEY AND KEEP YOU FLY-
ING."

Your Chapel Staff

National D-Day museum opens

America honors 'Greatest Generation'

In 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said the generation coming of age at that time had "a rendezvous with destiny."

That destiny was to save the world for democracy during World War II. And the celebration of the opening of the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans on June 6 was a chance for younger Americans to thank their parents and grandparents.

"We are the heirs of your sacrifices," said Defense Secretary William S. Cohen during the opening ceremony. "We are citizens of the world that you made, and we can only stand in awe of your courage, at your sense of duty and the other sacred gift that you have offered to all people. To you belongs the honor of this day."

In his speech at the opening of the museum, Cohen quoted Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. A Union lieutenant in the Civil War, Holmes still sat on the court when the men of World War II were youngsters. Holmes noted that his

comrades from the Civil War were getting older and that each year there were fewer of them. "Only one thing has not changed. As I look into your eyes, I feel the great trial of your youth has made you different," the jurist said.

It has been 55 years since the end of World War II, and these men and women can sympathize with Holmes' observation.

"I think all of us bear the marks to this day of our experiences on D-Day," said Roy Boyter, a 29th Infantry Division soldier who landed with the second wave at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. "Seeing friends die — men who we had lived with for up to three years — will affect you."

A 1st Infantry Division veteran listening to Boyter took up the story. "The way your friends were killed added to the shock of seeing them dead," said Gib Blaylock. "This wasn't some movie scene where the villain just grabs his heart and slumps over. People were being blown apart. In some cases you recognized pieces of

your buddies.

"Someone told me that a combat soldier is a realist. After the first exposure to sudden death you understand it can happen to you and it's just God's will or luck that it wasn't."

Thousands of those realists were in New Orleans for the opening of the museum and to commemorate those who died in battle. Many men took their World War II uniforms out of storage and wore them during the events June 6. "I'm not any fatter," said a veteran Army first sergeant. "But somehow I'm shorter."

"Yeah, you won't die, you'll just shrink out of sight," said a fellow vet.

That humor was also in evidence and must have sustained the men in 1944. Boyter was talking to another 29th Infantry Division vet about the battle for St. Lo.

"I made it to St. Lo a week before the regiment did," he teased. "I was captured by the Germans and sent through there." What Boyter neglects to say is that he was shot through both

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Get ready for annual VaANG Family Day

The immediate family members of all VaANG State Headquarters, 192d Fighter Wing and 200th Weather Flight personnel are invited to a base Family Day on Sat., Nov. 4. The Military Personnel Flight and several other base offices will be giving Benefits Briefings from 9-11 a.m. A free picnic-style lunch will be served in the maintenance hangar from (around) 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. The menu will include barbecue, hotdogs,

Brunswick stew, coleslaw, baked beans, cookies, tea and fruit punch. Also plan on popcorn, snowcones and ice cream. Family activities will continue throughout the afternoon.

All military members: Let your unit Orderly Room know, by close of business Sun., Oct. 15, how many of your family members will be attending — so adequate food may be purchased.

Activities being planned for the event include moon bounce, hayrides,

and games. The Fire Dept. will have equipment on display and an F-16 will be on display.



National D-Day Museum...

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legs and the Germans, when they retreated, left him to be cared for by Allied doctors.

Other men carried the 48-star flags they had carried during World War II. The flags are faded now. "Sort of like us, I suppose," said a D-Day pilot. "But we'll hammer this flag to the top of the flag staff and still fight for it, I guess."

The military parade to honor these veterans was billed as the largest in 40 years. The line ran two miles through the streets of the city and passed in front of the museum. Veterans in Army trucks waved to the thousands of people lining the route. Bands and marching units from today's military and French and British troops also honored the veterans by their presence.

The veterans seemed proud and pleased at the response of the people of the city. In a truck carrying veterans of the 4th Infantry Division that landed on Utah Beach June 6, 1944, tears streamed down the craggy face of one veteran. But he was still smiling and he was still waving to the crowd.

Marine veterans of severe fighting in the Pacific Theater of World War II were buoyed along the route by the "Ooh-Rahs" of current and former Marines. In the bed of one Army truck, a former Marine carried a

captured Japanese flag and waved it at the crowd.

Today's service members also benefited from meeting the veterans and hearing their stories. One Medal of Honor recipient seemed to have a joint service conference around him as soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines hung on his every word. He was peppered by questions from the curious service members, and they wouldn't let him go until they had their pictures taken with him.

"They are a lot like we were," he said to his wife as he walked away. "Too young for the type of work we ask them to do."

Some of the veterans used the opportunity to learn more about today's military. "What do you mean you're in the reserves and your unit is deploying to Kuwait?" asked one Georgia veteran. The Louisiana Army Reservist assured the vet that was the case. Members of the 29th Infantry Division Association — "The 29ers" — were proud their National Guard unit was sending battalions to Bosnia.

The museum is more than just a house of artifacts. Part of its attraction is the stories of the veterans. Interspersed among the exhibits are videos of the men and women and their recollections of America, military life, life on the home front and combat. The pictures these videos show are of young men and women, but the voices

are old and sometimes it is difficult to reconcile the difference.

The World War II generation grew up enduring the hardships of the national calamity called the Great Depression and then fought in the most destructive war in history. Newsman Tom Brokaw calls those men and women now entering, or in, their 80s "The Greatest Generation" in his best-selling book.

At the end of film director Steven Spielberg's masterwork on the Normandy invasion, "Saving Private Ryan," the character played by Tom Hanks is dying. He looks at Private Ryan and says, "Earn this." Spielberg himself alluded to this during his speech at the grand celebration. He said the generations that followed the World War II generation had to work "to earn their respect."

Cohen stressed that today's military is working to earn the respect of their predecessors. "Those who have inherited the mantle of defense, the men and women of today's armed forces ... carry on your noble work, deserving what you have created, defending the victory you achieved and honoring the ideals for which you struggled," he said. "On behalf of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who came after you, we say 'Thank you.'"

by Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

USJFCOM goes Guard...

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for us to lend some of the Guard's core competencies to Joint Forces Command," said Lt. Col. Norman Gilmore, a Marine reservist whose charter, for the past 18 months, has been to oversee the activation of the joint Guard unit at USJFCOM.

In addition to supporting the U.S. Joint Forces Command JRU role of

"availability to meet peacetime, crisis and wartime requirements," members of the Joint National Guard Augmentation Unit will remain subject to traditional activation in response to mobilization orders from their state's command.

by SSgt. Norinda Rodney
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Norfolk, Va.

Editor's note: A number of

VaANG personnel have or are currently pulling temporary duty assignments with USJFCOM. The joint forces command currently has one Air National Guard master sergeant vacancy (AFSC 1C571) and three officer vacancies (AFSCs 33S4, 36P4 and 21T4). For more information about these positions, contact CMSgt. Vickie Armes, ext. 6462, or Col. Prosise, ext. 6505, at the VaANG State Headquarters.

Money for more Guard, Reserve personnel

Appropriation act signed, pay to rise 3.7%

Starting Oct. 1, Air Force Reserve Command will receive an increase in its annual operating budget and funding for more military personnel.

Under the fiscal 2001 Department of Defense Appropriations Act signed by the president recently, AFRC will get \$2.836 billion compared with \$2.682 billion for FY2000. The new spending bill, which allocates \$83.6 billion to the Air Force and \$288 billion to the Defense Department, includes a 3.7 percent military pay raise effective Jan. 1, 2001.

For the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, 2001, funding for AFRC will permit a Selected Reserve end strength of 74,470. That's 170 positions more than recommended in the president's budget submitted to Congress in February, and 762 positions more than funded in FY 2000. The FY 2001 bill also calls for 1,336 full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions, an increase of 58 from the president's budget and 202 more than this year. Congress concurred with the president on funding 9,733 full-time air reserve technician positions, a decrease of 52 positions compared with FY 2000.

Congress and the president both agreed to give more money to the Reserve. However, Congress added funding for some programs but subtracted some \$68.6 million from the

president's total proposal with offsets.

Under the reserve personnel appropriation, AFRC will get \$971 million in FY 2001, a \$92 million increase over last year but \$10.7 million less than recommended by the president.

Congress deducted \$24.6 million from the RPA fund for travel, training, permanent-change-of-station requirements and pay miscalculations. However, the legislature added \$3.75 million for AGR pilot retention bonuses, \$1.7 million for 50 more full-time recruiters and \$400,000 for eight AGR positions in a rapid engineer deployable-heavy operational repair squadron engineer unit, better known as RED HORSE. Congress also wrote in \$5.5 million for the Montgomery GI Bill Kicker education program, \$1.38 million for funeral detail duties and \$1.2 million for Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs.

This year the president recommended \$1.886 billion - a \$72 million increase - in operation and maintenance funding to train, organize and administer the command. O&M funds pay for civilian employees, including ARTs, flying hours and depot maintenance. These funds also cover repair of facilities and equipment; travel and transportation; recruiting; procurement

of services, supplies and equipment; and communication.

Congress added the following to the O&M budget: \$7 million for depot maintenance, \$4 million for real property maintenance, \$3 million for ART pilot retention allowances, \$2 million for shortfalls in flying hours and \$1.8 million for a RED HORSE unit. Then, Congress withdrew nearly \$44 million with a working capital fund offset.

As in the past, the president did not request money for Guard and Reserve equipment, but Congress did, though not as generously as in the past. This time Congress added \$4.97 million for miscellaneous equipment, such as simulators, avionics equipment and radios.

Last year Congress tacked on \$20 million for miscellaneous equipment. In addition to these programs included in the FY 2001 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, Congress previously provided funding for military construction projects in the FY2001 Military Construction Appropriations Act. President Clinton signed the MILCON bill into public law July 13. AFRC's portion for military construction is \$36.6 million. The president had recommended \$14.9 million. (AFRC News Service)

DOD temporarily slows anthrax vaccine

The Department of Defense announced July 11 that it is temporarily slowing its Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP) effort. Most of the remaining vaccine will be used to help protect those most at risk serving in the High Threat Areas of Southwest Asia and Korea.

DOD will continue new starts for the highest risk personnel serving in the High Threat Areas; other new starts will be deferred. Those personnel who have begun the shot series, but have since departed the High Threat Areas also will be deferred. A full resumption of the vaccination effort will occur when a sufficient supply of FDA-approved and certified safe and effective vaccine is available.

"While we regret this necessity, we do not have a sufficient supply of vaccine at this time," said Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen. "We will expand our vaccination effort as soon as logistically feasible, with FDA-

certified vaccine. In making the decision to protect our servicemembers against anthrax, we put safety first.

"We determined that vaccination is the safest, most reliable way to protect our servicemembers from a potential threat that is 99 percent lethal to unprotected, untreated individuals. Anthrax remains the top biological warfare threat to U.S. troops, and the vaccine is our safest, most effective weapon to protect our people against that threat," he said.

When FDA-released vaccine is again available, the full scope of the program will be resumed. Precise plans for resuming vaccinations will be based on the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices in consultation with the Food and Drug Administration.

"Additionally, we need to assure a sufficient, long-term supply of

vaccine," said the secretary. "Protecting our servicemembers is far too important for us to rely on a single source. We are immediately and aggressively seeking a second U.S. source of anthrax vaccine.

"By having a second source, we can have greater confidence and comfort that a sufficient supply of safe and effective vaccine will be available to protect our servicemembers against anthrax," said Cohen. A request for a second supplier was published in the July 3 issue of Commerce Business Daily.

More than 455,000 service members have started their vaccinations and more than 1.8 million vaccinations have been given. To be fully protected, servicemembers are vaccinated using the FDA-approved protocol of six immunizations over an 18-month period, plus annual boosters.

(Armed Forces News)

American GI 'Person of the Century'...

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Rep. Jim Gibbons of Nevada, a co-sponsor and one of the 10 House supporters who spoke in favor of the resolution, is a veteran Vietnam and Gulf War pilot.

"The United States, through two hot world wars and a long Cold War, and numerous wars and conflicts in all the far-flung reaches of this troubled globe, has been called the 'arsenal of democracy,'" he said. "The American GI was the bearer of those arms and our American flag. He was, and still is, the guardian of our and our allies' security and freedom."

"The sacrifice, dedication and honor of our soldiers has been a lamp unto the world, the shining beacon of liberty," Gibbons concluded. "The American GI kept our flame of freedom burning brightly through the grim and dark skies; through blood, sweat and tears; through times of

adulation and sadly, through times of unreasonable contempt. But stand they did."

"Throughout this sad and bloody century, it was the GI — the American citizen soldier — who left hearth and home, put his or her personal plans on hold, and traveled to every corner of the world to save the concept of democracy and preserve the value of freedom," said supporter Rep. Jim Kolbe of Arizona.

"Despots and dictators throughout this century were halted in their tracks and driven back to their lairs because Americans were not, as they thought, too soft and decadent to resist their battle-hardened armies."

He concluded: "There have been many great people this century who have symbolized the struggle for freedom in the 20th century — Churchill, Roosevelt, Reagan — but it is the millions of people behind them,

the American GIs, who actually delivered on that promise."

Rep. Mac Thornberry of Texas raised the only dissenting voice and voted present on the roll call. "I would support a resolution which recognized their contributions," he said in preface. "I would far prefer a more tangible showing of appreciation, such as fulfilling the promises of health care made to those who served."

The House referred the resolution April 11 to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

(American Forces Press Service)

Best finish ever for Virginia runners!

VaNG marathon team finishes in 5th

The Virginia National Guard Marathon Team finished in fifth place at the National Guard Marathon Trials held in Lincoln, Neb., on May 7.

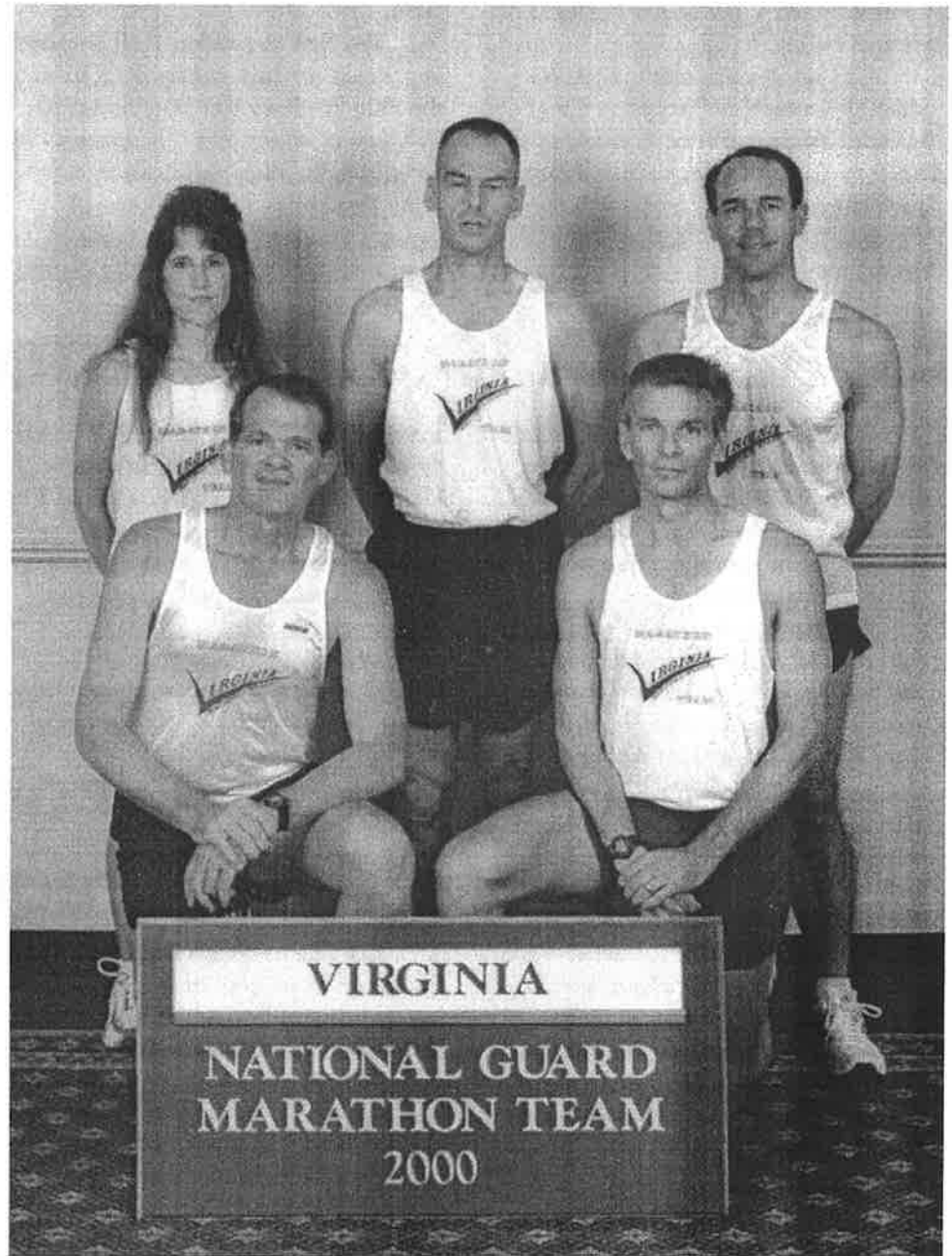
According to team member Rob Thomas, this was a new high finish for the team.

National Guard Bureau has held its marathon trials at the Lincoln Marathon for the last 17 years. National Guard teams from all 50 states, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands compete at the event. The Virginia team's goal for this year was to beat their sixth place finish from last year. "We were very happy with our finish," Thomas said. "This is the first time Virginia has finished in the top five. It was an exciting race and we had a lot of fun." The first four teams in order of placement were Puerto Rico, Oregon, Indiana, and South Carolina.

Virginia's five-member team includes Maj. Colleen Chipper, originally with the 203d Red Horse Flight and now with the Va. National Guard Weapons of Mass Destruction team; SMSgt. Dave Kinsey, 200th Weather Flight; MSgt. Rob Thomas, 192d Fighter Wing; First Sgt. Greg Whisler, Va. Army Guard; and TSgt. Richard A. Green, 203d RHF. The team's top three finishing times were compiled and used to rank team placement at the event.

Thomas finished the 26-plus mile footrace in 2:46, Whisler's time was 2:53, and Kinsey crossed the finish line in 3:10.

The team is looking forward to competing in other races this year. They plan to participate in the Army 10-Miler in October.



Courtesy photo, Va. Army National Guard

The Virginia National Guard Marathon team includes: (back row, left to right) Maj. Colleen Chipper, VaNG Weapons of Mass Destruction team; 1stSgt. Greg Whisler, 429th Fire Support Brigade (Va. Army Guard); SMSgt. David Kinsey, 200th Weather Flight; (front, l. to r.) TSgt. Richard A. Green, 203d Red Horse Flight and MSgt. Rob Thomas, 192d Fighter Wing.

In-residence course now available

Airman Leadership School comes to Va.

Airman Leadership School is coming to the Virginia Air National Guard!

CMSgt. Ray Bassetti, VaANG State Headquarters Command Chief Master Sergeant, has been working to bring an ALS program to Virginia for the last year. He feels it is vital for the Virginia Air Guard's airmen and women to attend ALS and it was his

goal to make it as accessible as possible.

The first in-residence ALS class is planned for July 9-Aug. 9, 2001 at the State Military Reservation located in Virginia Beach, Va. The classes will be held in facilities provided by the 203d Red Horse Flight. The head instructor will be MSgt. Roberta Canez-Jenkins from the 192d Logistics

Support Flight.

The month-long PME course is open to anyone in the rank of senior airmen with at least four years time in service.

For more information about ALS, or to register for the July 9, 2001, class, contact SMSgt. Michael Gates, Base Training office, ext. 6590.

SRNCOA Course 8 goes away

The Air Force Director of Personnel in coordination with the College for Enlisted Professional Military Education recently announced several changes to the administration of enlisted PME programs.

Effective June 1, Air Force active duty, Guard and Reserve personnel will no longer be authorized enrollment into the paper-based Senior Noncommissioned Officers Academy Correspondence Course (Course 8). Eligible active-duty, Guard and Reserve personnel will instead be authorized enrollment into the Air Force Senior NCO Academy Multimedia Course (Course 5). Calendar Year 2000 master sergeant-selects are not eligible for Course 8 enrollment. Those personnel actively enrolled in Course 8 prior to the June 1 restriction date will be allowed to complete their enrollment.

Effective Oct. 1, no new enrollments will be authorized into the paper-based Course 8 for any category of enrollee. Eligible personnel will instead be authorized enrollment into Course 5. People actively enrolled in Course 8 — prior to the Oct. 1 restriction date — will be allowed to complete their enrollment.

The changes were officially announced recently in a message from the Air Force Director of Personnel.

Additionally, the Air Force Institute for Advanced Distributed

Learning (AFIADL), formerly known as the Extension Course Institute, will reflect these changes in the Course 8 eligibility criteria of their next course catalog. The Base Training office has the course catalog, and can provide additional information about the revised program. Base Training is located in the Military Personnel Flight (Wing Headquarters, building 3652),

or call Base Training at ext. 6590.

The recent restructuring of AFIADL has resulted in some problems connecting to previous ECI Web sites. The ECI Home Page has now become the AFIADL Home Page. The AFIADL Course Catalog, which is the definitive guidance for all enlisted PME distance learning programs, is also available online.

Know, complete your PME requirements

Just like a college degree is important to success in life, Professional Military Education is essential for your military career. For all enlisted members, PME is a mandatory requirement for promotion. It is also strongly encouraged for all line and medical administration officers, and is one of the factors considered by promotion boards.

If you are a senior airman you should take Airman Leadership School. Technical sergeants or select are required to take the NCO Academy. Senior master sergeants or select need the Senior NCO Academy. On the officer side of the house, captains need squadron officer school. Majors or major select are required to complete Air Command and Staff College (cyber seminar available). Lieutenant

colonels or colonels must finish the Air War College.

These courses are available in residence or by correspondence. Anyone wishing to enroll by correspondence, wanting to request a school date, or has questions should contact the folks in the training office located in MPF (Headquarters building), room 37B, or they can be reached by calling extension 6590.

More information is also available on the web! Log into the VaANG Intranet Home page, click on Unit Web Pages, then Support Group, Mission Support Flight, and Education/TNG Office. You can visit the Education/TNG office site for links to more officer's PME information. The web address is <http://www/msf/msf.htm>.

Special event highlights Sept. 23 UTA

VaANG celebrates its WWII history



Major George E. Preddy Jr., in Cripes A'Mighty 2nd talks with his crew chief Lew Lunn after a mission in April 1944.

Preddy, a leading Mustang ace, commanded the 328th Fighter Squadron. The 328th became the 149th Fighter Squadron (VaANG) after the war.

Historical photos in this edition courtesy of Samuel L. Sox Jr., Friends of the 352d Fighter Group

More than 100 World War II Army Air Corps veterans and nearly 300 of their family members will gather at the 192d Fighter Wing on Saturday, Sept. 23.

The veterans are the remaining survivors of the 352d Fighter Group, one of the most decorated and illustrious aviation units of WWII.

This will be their last reunion -- kind of a last get together and final hurrah -- due to their advancing age and dwindling numbers. The 192d Fighter Wing is hosting the group's visit to the base because the Wing takes its military lineage directly from the 328th Fighter Squadron--one of the three units comprising the 352d Fighter Group.

"This is a great way for the 192d to celebrate its rich heritage and say 'thank you' to a very special group of aviation heroes," says 192d Wing commander, Col. Steve Hicks.

The 352d members and their families will be at the base from

approximately 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23.

At 1:40 p.m. a Wing F-16 and a P-51 Mustang will perform a flying demonstration in the air over the flightline. All base members are asked to gather in front of the Operations building to view the flying activities. Immediately following the flying demonstration, the Virginia Air Guard's dedication activities honoring the courage and sacrifices of the 352d's pilots and support personnel will take place (in front of the Base Ops building).

The base is planning a dedication ceremony to honor the men of the 352d and their fallen brothers who served our country with honor and distinction. Base leaders will dedicate the Operations building in honor of Maj. George E. Preddy Jr., the leading Mustang ace of WWII and the commander of the 328th Fighter Squadron. Major Preddy was

inadvertently shot down by Allied anti-aircraft fire while he pursued a German Luftwaffe fighter on Christmas Day 1944.

Then 149th Fighter Squadron pilots (of the 192d Fighter Wing) will commemorate a plaque to the tireless work of the 192d's crew chiefs and aircraft maintenance men and women. A Missing Man Formation flyby will highlight the dedication activities.

After the ceremony, members of the 352d and their families will board their buses and return to the Sheraton Park South Hotel, Richmond, for the rest of their reunion activities.

All Guard members are invited to attend the day's flying activities and dedication ceremonies in front of Base Operations. Base members are also encouraged to view the many exhibits and displays in the mainte-

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nance hangar after 3 p.m. Saturday, in addition to the 'bluenosed F-16 and visiting P-47 and P-51 aircraft on the flightline. A WWII encampment (re-enactment) will be set up near the

Fire Dept.

Lunch in the hangar is reserved for 352d reunion guests, distinguished visitors and invited base members.

Informational brochures giving

the complete schedule of events for the day, as well as a floor map showing the arrangement of exhibits and displays in the hangar will be distributed the morning of the event.

Guard members, their families, and interested friends & neighbors are also invited to visit the base from 2-4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22 to view and take photos of the a 192d Fighter Wing F-16, and vintage P-47 and P-51 aircraft, sporting the original color scheme of the 352d Fighter Group's "Bluenosed Bastards of Bodney."

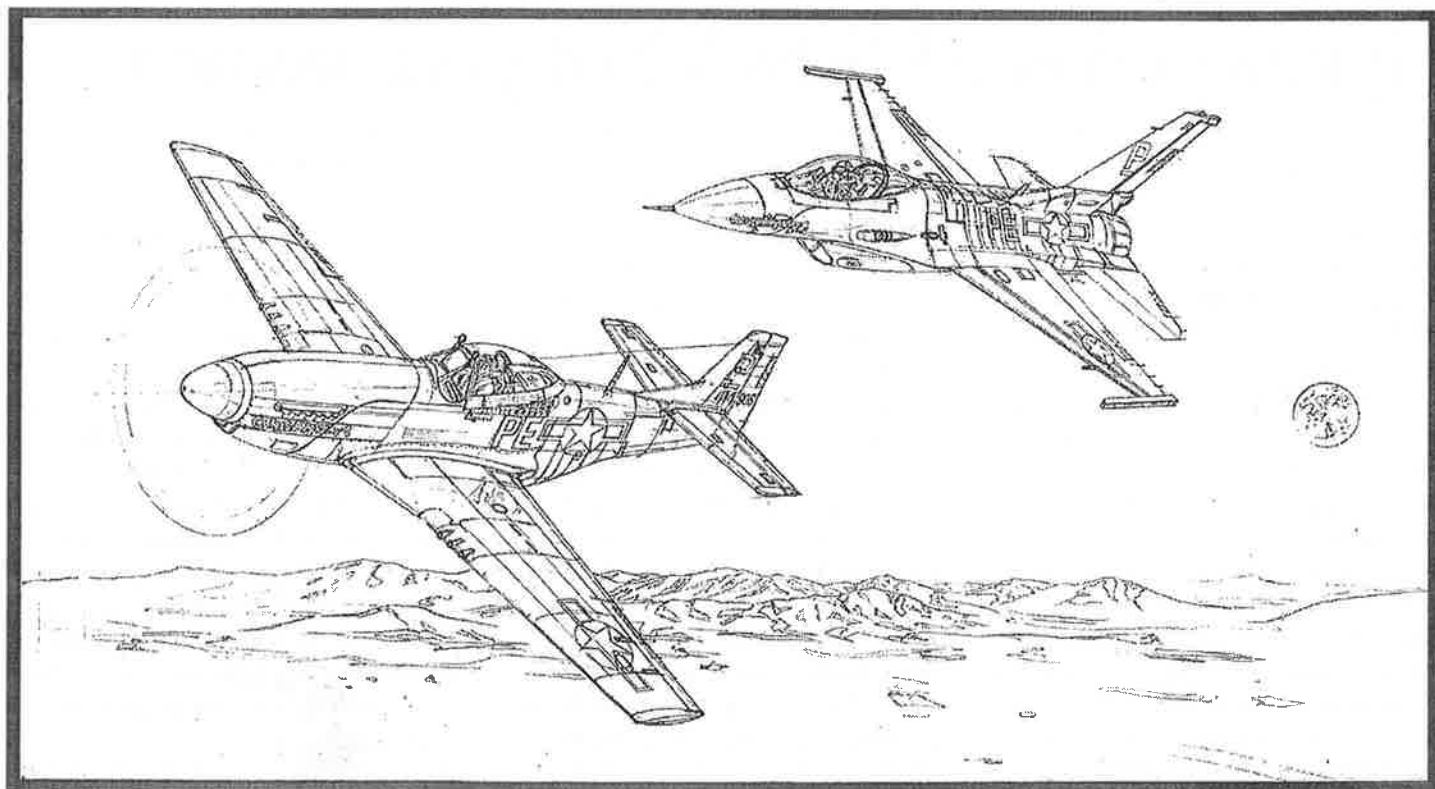
A number of historical and modern aviation exhibits will also be on display in the Hangar on Friday afternoon. And an audiovisual presentation of WWII photos from the 352d's archives will be shown.



Sgt. M.G. Kuhaneck (above) was Major Preddy's armorer. Preddy never suffered a weapons stoppage on any of his combat missions.

Major Preddy's ground crew (at right) prepares his most famous Mustang for another mission. Preddy never had to abort a mission because of mechanical failure.





Concept sketch for original painting "Spirit of Bodney" by AF Heritage Artist Peter Wells. Reprinted with the artist's permission.

Air Force artist creates original painting for reunion

A limited edition fine-art print by Peter Wells commemorating the last reunion of the 352d Fighter Group, hosted by the Virginia Air National Guard, is nearing completion. The pencil rendering above depicts the artist's concept for the final full-color print of Maj. George E. Preddy's "Cripes A'Mighty" flying lead formation with one of the 192d Fighter Wing's F-16C Falcons, painted in the 352d's distinctive bluenose color scheme of late 1944.

Unit members interested in having a lithographic print of this original painting may contact Maj. Carl Bess, ext. 6776. The first 250 prints will be \$30 each and will be countersigned and numbered by the artist. Unsigned and unnumbered prints of this limited edition piece of Air Force and unit heritage art will be available for \$25 each.

The final image size is approximately 26"X14" and is being printed on pH-neutral, archival quality paper.

The final painting will be pre-

sented to the VaANG, by the artist, during the 352d's reunion visit to the 192d on Sept. 23.

The creator of the "Spirit of Bodney," Peter Wells, is a self-taught artist. His career began as an advertising illustrator in 1977. His talents grew and in 1987 he became a successful freelance artist, working mostly with airbrushed acrylics. Wells specializes

in tight, realistic renderings. Over the years, his clients have included some of the largest companies in the nation.

In 1991 he joined the Air Force Art Program, bringing together his passion for aviation and his skills as an artist in what he describes as "the perfect union." Since that time he has donated four original paintings to the Air Force Art Collection.

352d/192d commemorative coins available at reunion

Only 250 352d Fighter Group/192d Fighter Wing commemorative coins will be available for sale during the Sept. 23-24 drill weekend.

The coins will cost \$10 each. For more information about purchasing one of these collector's pieces, contact CMSgt. Frank Stanley, ext. 6725.



Lipinski wins SFS NCO of year award

Motivation is the key to success says SSgt. James Lipinski of the 192d Security Forces Squadron. And he should know. The sergeant recently earned the 192d Security Forces Squadron NCO of the Year award for 1999, and he claims he couldn't have won the award without it.

"Attitude is everything!" said the fulltime 11-year Air National Guard veteran. "I thoroughly enjoy what I do. I get total satisfaction from a job well done."

Sergeant Lipinski has spent his entire career with SFS, which he claims trained him well and has given him many great opportunities. Besides his most recent award, he had won top NCO of the Year previously in 1996. Being from an Air Force family – his dad is a retired master sergeant and his brother is currently an ROTC student at Penn State – helped give him the qualities and ethics he felt he needed to do well in his Guard career.

"The reason I keep my ideals and goals high is not to make the rank or win awards, I do it for self worth and experience," the sergeant explained. "I feel like I have important contributions to make not only for my unit, but in life as well."

The Hanover County resident is now making contributions to another aspect of his career. He accepted a full

time ANG position as a command and control technician (command post) at Andrews AFB, Md. He left the 192d FW at the end of June and according to the sergeant, with 'mixed emotions.'

"I really loved working at the 192d SFS," claimed the staff sergeant. "I was sad to leave the unit. The Guard is like your family. You put in so much time and you get so close to everyone." Lipinski is still living in Hanover County and is making the commute daily to D.C., so he assured everyone he will still get to see them.

Although he misses his coworkers at the 192d, Lipinski knows his new job is another opportunity to build upon. "I'm looking forward to this new position," he added. "And I must attribute a lot of my success to the great support of the people behind me. Maj. L.J. Cerritelli, SFS commander, First Sergeant Toni Vincent and all the other SFS folks were wonderful! I wouldn't be where I am today without their help!"

The sergeant also attributes a lot of his personal success to his wife, Amy, their two-year-old daughter, Jordan, and other family members. "My family is always very supportive," he noted. "My dad is especially excited for me about my new job! I owe a lot of my work ethics to him. It helped to be part of an Air Force

upbringing because it gave me an advantage on the system."

The sergeant couldn't stress enough the importance of education – both college and PME. "If you want to get ahead, plan for the future; get your PME done," he emphasized. "Everything I've done in my career I've done to broaden my experience so it will be helpful somewhere else. Grab the training when it is offered to you."

Lipinski is currently completing his CCAF and is working on a Criminal Justice degree. He is certain his education will help him on his new job and when promotion opportunities come up. "My goal is to make Chief Master Sergeant!" he exclaimed confidently.

"We're very proud of Sergeant Lipinski in winning the SFS NCO of the Year award, and I'm certain he'll excel in his new job," complimented Major Cerritelli, SFS commander. "These are the types of accomplishment I prepare my people for. I hope they want to prepare for a higher level, just like Sergeant Lipinski who took the bull by the horns and made steak out of it. You reap what you sow!"

First Sergeant Vincent also added, "He's a good troop. I'll miss working with him, but I'm sure he'll do an excellent job wherever he goes!"

by SrA. Ann Martin

192d FW Public Affairs office



Photo courtesy of 192d SFS newsletter Defensor Fortis

CMSgt. Jamie Pleasants made 192d Security Forces Squadron history in April by being the first Virginia Air National Guard Security Forces member to be promoted to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant (E-9). CMSgt. Pleasants started his military career in the Marine Corps and served in the Marine Reserve before joining the VaANG. He is the Security Forces Manager on the squadron's command staff, and as such is a principle advisor to the commander and the First Sergeant, on issues impacting squadron readiness, training, personnel and morale. Here he is congratulated by Brig.Gen. William C. Jones, VaANG deputy adjutant general for air.

Personnel Actions

Accessions for June & July 2000

AIC Daniel Bittner, 192d Maint Sq
 AB Jason E. Walters, 200th WF
 AIC Travis Sheets, 192d Maint Sq
 AB Christopher Wingo, 192d AGS
 AIC Jessie Hughart, 192d AGS
 AIC Jeremie Baylon, 192d LSF
 AIC Boyenoh W. Kun, 192d Maint Sq
 SSgt. George S. Davis, 192d MDS
 AIC Quadesha L. Joyner, 192d SVF
 SSgt. Jeffery J. Griffith, 192d Maint Sq
 AIC Thomas C. Wear, 192d OSF
 AIC Myria D. Taylor, 192d LGS
 SrA. Dwayne W. Duprey, 192d Comm
 AIC Maria Mitchell, 192d STU/FLT
 AIC Brandon Valce, 203d RHF
 AIC Pamela R. Baker, 192d STU/FLT
 Lt.Col. William Albrow, 192d CES
 SrA. Latisha R. Smith, 192d MDS
 SSgt. Michael G. Brumer, 192d Maint Sq
 SSgt. Randall Strickland, 203d RHF
 AIC Anne E. Davis, 192d STU/FLT
 AIC Eric Carter, 203d RHF
 SSgt. John E. Zetack, 192d SFS
 SrA. Todd Henry, 203d RHF
 SSgt. Army R. Martino, 192d LGS
 AIC Derex B. Rillie, 192d CES
 SrA. Toya O. Young, 192d SFS
 AIC Shadeed R. Jones, 192d AGS
 AIC Michael J. Germain, 192d AGS
 TSgt. Randal L. Sweet, 192d LGS
 SrA. Ruth S. Sola, 200th WF
 Capt. Yvonne Amy, 192d MDS
 Col. Harry J. Robinson, VaANG STHQ
 AIC Dexter D. Duling, 192d AGS
 SSgt. James M. Cunningham, 192dLGS
 Lt.Col. Kenneth Piper, 149th FS

Promotions for June & July 2000

SrA. Karen A. Kelly, 192d Logistics
 SSgt. Travis D. Dillard, 192d Logistics
 SSgt. Krustisa Robinson, 149th FS
 TSgt. James J. Profita, 200th WF
 MSgt. John P. Latoski, 192d Logistics
 TSgt. Sydney M. Savion, 192d FW
 SMSgt. Milton A. Hataway, 192d Logistics
 CMSgt. John R. Glenn, 192d Logistics
 SMSgt. Sheryl D. Clark, 192d Operations
 CMSgt. Donald M. Davis, 203d RHF
 MSgt. David R. Shelton, 192d Maint Sq
 TSgt. Paulies M. Brown Jr, 192d SFS
 TSgt. John W. Griffin Jr, 192d SFS
 TSgt. Jesse Lee Jr, 192d SFS
 TSgt. Ashley M. McCune, 192d SFS
 TSgt. Daniel B. Moore, 192d SFS
 TSgt. Willie E. Rose Jr, 192d SFS
 SrA. Christopher A. Wade, 203d RHF
 SrA. Reid A. Saul, 192d AGS
 SrA. Shelly N. Jefferson, 192d Comm Flt
 SSgt. Robert G. Kreisher, 203d RHF
 SSgt. Charles W. Garner, 203d RHF
 SSgt. Derek J. Koenig, 192d Maint Sq
 SSgt. Marsha L. Koenig, 149th FS

Retirements for June & July 2000

Col. William J. Schwartz, VaANG STHQ
 Lt.Col. Donald E. Everett, 192d FW
 SMSgt. Gerald G. Ellyson, 192d Maint Sq

Nominations for top enlisted Wing members sought for award

Col. Tony Haynes, 192d Vice Wing Commander, asks supervisors to start identifying their top troops for 2000.

The Outstanding Airman of the Year Program is covered by ANGI 36-2805, dated July 1, 1996. Nominations for Outstanding Airman,

Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) and Senior NCO are based upon achievements during the current calendar year for the period of Jan. 1 through Oct.

31. Each Group commander may nominate one individual in each of the three categories: Airman, NCO and SNCO. Group commanders must

forward nominations to the Vice Wing Commander prior to the November drill (Nov. 4). A Wing selection board will meet during the November drill and forward the Wing-level winners to the VaANG State Headquarters for inclusion in the State-level recognition program.

Don't jeopardize military career

Remember, Internet for official use only

In accordance with Air Force Instruction (AFI) 33-129, when using your military computer, the use of the Internet is for Official Business Only. The instruction **does not** provide any exceptions to this statement.

Prior to the Windows NT migration, a commander's permission was required for an individual to have access to the Internet, and individual passwords controlled access to Internet Web sites. After the NT migration, the use of a proxy server, which is used to cache Web sites, was implemented. Now, individual Internet passwords are not required, and Web access is no longer restricted. However, a log of each Web site visited, is maintained. Because of these changes, the Network Control Center (NCC) monitors the proxy logs to determine compliance with AFI 33-129.

Since the installation of the proxy server, there have been many cases in which individuals have "surfing" questionable sites. In **two cases**, the commander was notified and disciplinary actions were taken.

Remember, when an individual clicks "OK" at the opening logon banner, he or she gives consent to monitoring. Remember that all

computers on the base are government owned and are not intended for personal use.

Please do not find yourself in an

embarrassing position. For more information, contact the NCC at ext. 6866 or the Base Information Assurance Manager at ext. 6119.

Eating health foods containing hemp seed oil can result in positive drug test results

Like many Americans, Air Force members are constantly trying to stay in shape. It's no wonder the market for nutritional supplements, including sports bars, has skyrocketed in recent years. This demand breeds competition among businesses looking for new ways to get their products noticed.

Competition may be healthy for the market, but it can lead to trouble for an unsuspecting consumer. The use of exotic ingredients and unsubstantiated health claims make the nutritional supplement industry a very confusing arena. Air Force personnel have to be especially careful when shopping for nutritional supplements because some contain hemp seed oil.

Ingestion of hemp seed oil is against Air Force policy because it may lead to a positive drug test result for marijuana.

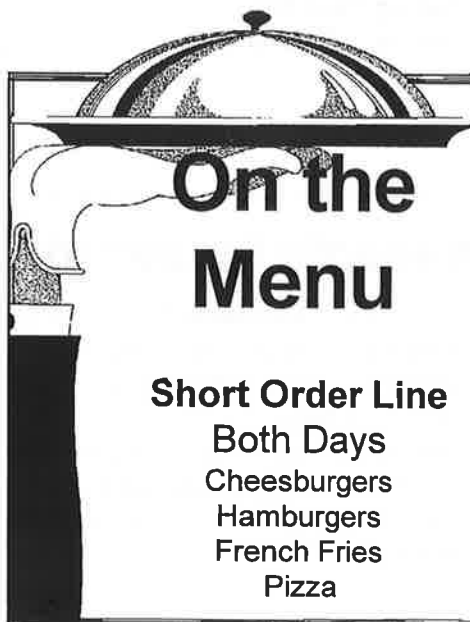
"Modifications are being considered for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program to

ban all hemp seed products, not just hemp seed oil," said Lt.Col. Susan Northrup, chief of operational medicine for the Office of the Surgeon General. This is an important clarification because all products made with hemp products may contain the same substances found in marijuana.

From a botanical standpoint, hemp and marijuana are the same plant species — *cannabis sativa*. The different parts of the plant contain varying amounts of psychoactive substances, the highest concentrations of which are in the resin of the flowering tops of the plants. Industrial hemp plants are grown in countries around the world, and the seeds are sold commercially for use as birdseed, as ingredients in commercially prepared foods and even for cooking at home.

Hemp seeds don't contain tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the

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Saturday Sept. 23

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Roast Pork
Parsley Potatoes
Brown Gravy
Broccoli
Salad Bar w/Asst'd Dressings
Breads & Butter
Beverages
Devils Food Cake w/Icing
Ice Cream

Sunday Sept. 24

Grilled Chicken Breast
Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Mixed Vegetables
Salad Bar w/Asst'd Dressings
Breads & Butter
Beverages
Bread Pudding & Ice Cream

Don't chance positive drug test...

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euphoria-producing active ingredient in marijuana. So why the concern? Hemp seeds can pick up the chemical after coming into contact with leaves and stems during processing. Products that contain hemp seed oil or hemp seeds, like the Original Organic Hemp Seed Bar, manufactured by Nutiva, are off limits for some Air Force personnel.

Why would anyone want to eat hemp seeds or hemp seed oil? According to Capt. Deborah Carlton, chief of clinical dietetics element at David Grant Medical Center, the answer is simple. She said, "Hemp products are marketed by manufacturers as being a good source of essential fatty acids and protein."

She went on to explain that a well-balanced diet will meet a person's needs for protein, fats, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals without the use of supplements.

For more information about dietary herbs and supplements, visit the Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, Web site, Operational Alternative and Complimentary Medicine.

(AMC News Service)

**The Base Hangar Dance
scheduled for Sat., Sept. 23 has
been cancelled.**

**The new official Fiscal
Year 2001 Unit Training
Assembly and
deployment order will be
forthcoming**

192d Fighter Wing's FY2001 UTA Schedule

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|------------------|-----------------|------------|
| October | February | June |
| 14-15: UTA (UCI) | 10-11: UTA | 2-3: UTA |
| November | March | July |
| 4-5: UTA | 10-24: AFT | 14-15: UTA |
| December | (Savannah, Ga.) | August |
| 2-3: UTA | April | 11-12: UTA |
| January 2001 | 7-8: UTA | September |
| 6-7: UTA | May | 15-16: UTA |
| | 19-20: UTA | |

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192d FW drill schedule & VaANG Calendar of Events

September

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month

22: Friday: 2-4:30 p.m., P-51 Chaser Open House.

Free, mini open house: Maintenance Hangar displays & exhibits will be open to the public for viewing; the P-51, P-47 and F-16 prepped for the next day's 352d Fighter Group reunion will be on display on the parking ramp. Come out, bring the family, friends, aviation buffs and your camera.

23-24: UTA (Should pay NLT Oct. 6)

23: World War II heroes honored (352d Fighter Group reunion)

October

14-15: UTA

12-17: Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI)

November

4-5: UTA

December

2-3: UTA

January 2001

6-7: UTA

February

10-11: UTA

March

10-24: Annual Field Training (Savannah, Ga.)

April

7-8: UTA

May

19-20: UTA

June

2-3: UTA

July

14-15: UTA

August

11-12: UTA

September

15-16: UTA

This calendar reflects the drill/annual training schedule of the 192d Fighter Wing, and includes other VaANG events. If you have an event you would like to add 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).

Guard Bureau announces Year of the Family Scholarship Contest

Scholarships will be awarded during the Year of the Family to family members (spouses, and children under the age of 21) of Air and Army National Guard enlisted members. Academic achievement is the most important criteria in determining the selection of scholarship recipients. The scholarship panel will review applications and award points in the following areas:

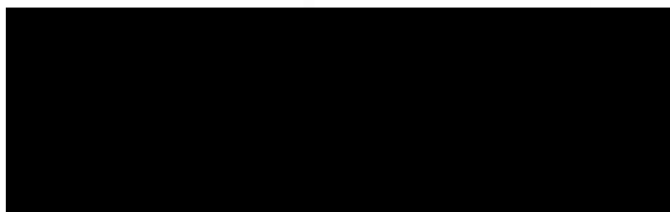
- Academic Achievement.....up to 50 possible points
- Original essay.....up to 25 possible points
- Leadership.....up to 15 possible points
- Extracurricular activities.....up to 10 possible points

Scholarship funds will be awarded through an academic institution's financial aid office. The funds must be used for educational needs including tuition, books and related fees. The institution must be an accredited college, vocational school or community college. Confidentiality of the applicants will be maintained. If selected, verification of all information will be required.

Applicants must be a 2000 high school senior or presently enrolled as a fulltime college student. The applicant's parent or spouse must be an enlisted Air or Army National Guard member. Applicants must complete a scholarship application, an original essay and an official transcript. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Sept. 30, 2000. Applications forms and more information can be found on the YOFAM Web site: <http://www.ang.af.mil/> or <http://132.80.207.6/fet/>.

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