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On the evening of Jan. 30, the Wing's F-16D and one of its F-16Cs collided over the Atlantic Ocean. Both

pilots landed their aircraft safely at Langley AFB.

Wing F-16 archive image by TSgt. Jerome Wade, 192CF/Multimedia

## Two Wing jets collide during training sortie

Two Virginia Air National Guard F-16s reported a midair collision while practicing night navigation and intercept missions on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 30. Both aircraft landed safely at Langley Air Force Base, Hampton, Va., and neither pilot was injured.

The mishap occurred shortly before 6:45 p.m. over the Atlantic Ocean, about 80 miles east of Cape Charles. The aircraft were flying in formation at about 30,000 feet when the incident took place. Both pilots were able to recover from the incident, maintain control of the aircraft and land uneventfully at Langley AFB.

Both 192d Fighter Wing aircraft were damaged in the incident. (The damage cost estimate wasn't complete when the newsletter went to press.) An emergency response team from the Guard base traveled to Langley AFB that night to assist in securing the aircraft and starting interim accident investigation proceedings.

The pilots, who had been training with night vision goggles at the time of the incident, were taken to the Langley AFB hospital after their emergency

landings. Both were released and returned to the Guard base a few hours later.

The two aircraft were part of an eight aircraft sortie generation that had left the Guard base earlier in the evening to conduct overwater night vision goggle and intercept training. One of the Wing's C models and the D model were involved in the mishap.

None of the other F-16s flying at the time were involved in the incident and landed safely at the Guard base. An Air Force Interim Safety Investigation Board has been formed at Langley AFB to investigate the mishap.

Please forward all queries concerning the mishap to Lt.Col. Rick Turner, Wing executive officer at (804)236-6763.

## VaANG gains two senior enlisted promotions in 2001 through EPP

The Virginia Air Guard received one E-8 and one E-9 promotion through the National Guard Bureau's 2001 Exceptional Performance Promotion program. The VaANG State Headquarters has sent the nomination criteria/procedures for these promotions to unit commanders.

The specific criteria can be viewed from a link on the Base Broadcast Message (when logged into the base Local Area Network). Adherence to package criteria, as detailed, is required and packages not

complying or received after the submission deadline will be returned to the recommending commander without action. Commanders must have nomination packages completed and endorsed through command channels to arrive at Hq VaANG/DP, 5505 Corsair Drive, Sandston, VA 23150 NO LATER THAN 4 p.m. on April 8. Commanders needing assistance should contact CMSgt. Robert Barnette on UTA weekends at ext. 6510 or CMSgt. Vickie Armes, Tuesdays through Fridays at ext. 6462.

192d Fighter Wing - Virginia Air National Guard - Richmond IAP - Sandston, VA

Thank you, from the 352nd FG

# We're proud to have you carrying our colors into tomorrow!

**TO: All Members of the Virginia Air National Guard**  
**FROM: Robert H. 'Punchy' Powell, 328th Fighter Squadron**

Emily Post would chastise me for not writing this out longhand as the proper thing to do. However, Emily never had to read my scribble or she would have made some exceptions to her rule, as I am doing.

This is to simply to say "Thank You" from all of us for your kind cooperation and assistance during the long period we were communicating with you to make arrangements for our final 352nd Fighter Group Association

reunion. Without your friendly help I am sure it would have been much more difficult for me to complete this mission successfully.

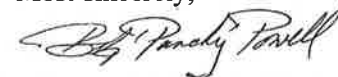
Our veterans, their families, friends and associates have been bombarding me with laudatory letters and calls for the outstanding day you gave us, keeping me busy redirecting their appreciation to Colonel Hicks and all of you. We thank you for renewing us with the "Spirit of Bodney" in a most emotional way. I doubt that there was a dry eye among us as we stepped out of those buses and walked down that red carpet to the

tunes of the Fife and Drum Corps and the applauding salute of the Guard members greeting us. What a wonderful moment in our lives!

The remarks we are hearing from our people all add up to one conclusion and that is: "We could never top this!" You gave us one big "WOW" from the moment we arrived until we reluctantly boarded our buses and departed and we know this was a team effort. We are extremely proud to have you carrying our colors into tomorrow, knowing you will do so with the same pride and purpose we carried them during WWII. Our heritage is surely in good hands in your hands today.

May God Bless each of you as you continue to serve your Country and your Families with honor. We wish you Good Health and Many Blue Skies!

Most sincerely,



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Lt. Robert H. "Punchy" Powell Jr., chairman of the 352nd reunion committee, in his younger days. (World War II archive photo.)



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# New year notes numerous personnel changes

January 1st ushered in a new year and a flurry of personnel changes throughout the 192d Fighter Wing and the Virginia Air National Guard. A variety of personnel actions—promotions, retirements, staffing the new Joint Forces augmentation unit—starting late in 2000 set off the changes.

Over the last few months former Vice Wing Commander Col. Anthony Haynes moved into the VaANG State Headquarters director of operations opening. Taking the reins as the next vice wing commander is Lt.Col. William Busby, former 149th Fighter Squadron commander. Lt.Col. Gary Maupin officially accepted the 149th's command during a ceremony held in the maintenance hangar on Jan. 6.

Lt.Col. Robert Pemberton moved to the State Headquarters as the new Communications/Information Systems staff officer. His position as the Military Personnel Flight commander has been taken over by Lt.Col. Michael Woody (fulltime).

Taking Woody's place as Wing Comptroller is Lt.Col. Lori Leonard (traditional) and Capt. Michael Lovell (fulltime). Maj. L.J. Cerritelli, Security Forces commander, will fill Lovell's former position as the 192d Communications Flight commander.

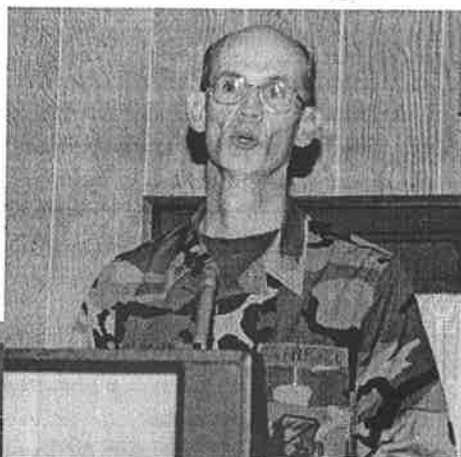
Maj. Nahaku McFadden, joining the 192d from the Minnesota ANG, has moved into the Wing Public Affairs officer job. She replaces Maj. Debbie Magaldi who is now the VaANG State Headquarters PAO.

CMSgt. Robert Barnette, the Wing's Human Resources Advisor, was recently selected to become the State Headquarters next Command Chief Master Sergeant as Raymond Bassetti completes his three-year tenure in that position and returns to his fulltime duties as chief of the Wing Propulsion Branch.

MSgt. Barry Coleman, former Support Group first sergeant, has been picked as the Wing's next HRA.

Lt.Col. Clyde Mathews, Wing Staff Judge Advocate, is also stepping

Maj. Paul Julian (right), CE's new commander, addresses family, friends, dignitaries and 192d Civil Engineering personnel after the formal Change-of-Command Ceremony on Jan. 6.



Images by AB  
Michele Misiano,  
192CF/Multimedia



up to the State Headquarters. He recently became the Virginia National Guard's fulltime SJA at Ft. Pickett.

On Jan. 6 the 192d Civil Engineer Squadron welcomed its new commander, Maj. Paul Julian, who joins the Wing after serving as the 203d Red Horse Flight chief engineer. The change-of-command ceremony took place in the club. Former CE commander, Lt.Col. Thomas Herbert has joined the new Joint Forces Guard

augmentation unit as an experiment designer.

First Lt. Lonnie Davis has been named chief of the Military Equal Opportunity office, which has been vacant since Maj. Darrick Seale's retirement. And, Dorothy Brock, the Wing Commander's Secretary, retired in December after more than 35 years of service to the unit. SrA. Ann Bey, from the Logistics Squadron Orderly Room, has been selected to fill Mrs. Brock's vacancy.

## Wing Hq. building offices do the shuffle

In addition to the many personnel changes at the Wing, several offices in the Wing Headquarters building have recently moved to better use the space available in the Wing Hq. building.

Lt.Col. Ralph Barker, Support Group commander, is now in rm. 29 (across from the Recruiters' offices) and the Support Group Orderly Room is in rm. 30 (formerly Public Affairs).

The vice wing commander's office has moved into rm. 4, the office next to the wing commander's. Public Affairs and the Fighter Wing Orderly Room staff have moved into rm. 6 (right next to the Military Equal Opportunity office and across from the Services Flight).

The Legal office now encompasses rooms 9&10. And around the corner, rm. 11 now provides office space for the Wing Human Resources Advisor and Command CMSgt. Each offices' phone numbers moved with them.

*Don't lose out; know your AFT pay, benefits*

# Finance offers guidance for Savannah trip

Each year, military pay and travel benefits for Annual Field Training are slightly different than the year before. Always check the "remarks section" of your military orders to determine your AFT entitlements and responsibilities, advises MSgt. Karen Long, Finance. Failure to read this section of your orders could result in a failure to receive military and travel pay entitlements in a timely manner.

## **MILITARY PAY for AFT**

**2001:** Payment will be made in lieu of certified orders. Most members will be paid at the end of the tour by signing in and out on a roll call roster. Ten or more members performing Annual Field Training as a unit, for at least 12 consecutive days is the roll call criteria set by ANG 65-101. This allows the member to be paid more quickly after the end of a tour. All others must turn in a certified copy (signed) of the military order at the end of the tour.

The **Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS)** rate for this tour is "P" for enlisted members and is \$.85 per day. Meals are provided at no cost to enlisted members (except AGRs). Officers receive a BAS rate of \$5.35 per day and are required to pay for all government meals. BAS adjustments for enlisted members will be made at the end of the tour. This adjustment will be on a separate check.

**TRAVEL PAY:** A travel pay entitlement is different from military pay and requires a separate action. There are several different factors that affect travel entitlements. For the purposes of the 2001 AFT, there are several different temporary duty scenarios: **Advance, AGR, Main Body and all others.**

The **Advance** orders are for those members that will report to Savannah before March 13 and perform duty through March 24 or beyond. Members on the Advance team should sign in and out on a roll call roster and should file a DD Form 1351-2 for

travel pay. For days that all government meals are not available, a proportional meal rate of \$24 per day applies.

**AGR** orders are for all Active Guard Reserve members. All AGRs should file a DD Form 1351-2 for per diem and mileage entitlements. AGR members are required to pay for all government meals. The government per diem rate is \$10 per day. Breakfast is \$1.60 and Lunch and Dinner are \$3.20 each. Proportional meal rate (\$24/day) applies for days that all government meals are not available.

**Main Body** orders are for those members performing AFT, March 12-24. For military pay, all members in this category should sign in and out on the roll call roster. In addition, it may be necessary to file a mileage claim if you are entitled to mileage benefits. Mileage claims are filed by completing the mileage certification at the bottom of the military order. This must be submitted to Finance in two copies. All members are **not** entitled to mileage. Please see below to determine your entitlement. For the 2001 AFT, mileage is paid based on where you live and your mode of transportation to Savannah. The mileage rate is \$.345 per mile. There is no entitlement to mileage for periods of inactive duty (i.e. the March UTA).

Use of your **Privately Owned Vehicle (POV)** is authorized when traveling to Savannah at NO expense to the government. Military orders direct members driving POV to report directly from their Home [of Record] to Savannah and directly back home. In the instance that the mission requires reporting to Richmond, the mileage claim must be signed and approved by your commander.

**OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS:** "Out-of-town" refers to unit members that are authorized a hotel stay in Richmond and live more than 75 miles from home station (the base). If residing out of town, and using

**Government Air**, you are entitled to mileage. Members using POV should **not** report back to Richmond, unless directed by their commander.

**LOCAL/Not Henrico Residents:** For those residing outside of Henrico but closer than 75 miles, and using Government Air, a mileage claim must be completed for your round-trip mileage (home to base and back). And, those members using their POV should only claim mileage unless directed to Richmond by their commander.

**Henrico County Residents do not file mileage claims in any situation.**

**PAY PROCESSING:** Roll Call sign in will be conducted in Richmond during mobility processing. Finance will also be available in Savannah for in and out processing at the training site. In processing will be conducted in Building 337 on March 13-14. Failure to process in and sign the roll call will result in no pay. Out-processing will be available at the same location on March 24. Roster sign out and mileage claims should be accomplished prior to leaving Savannah. Failure to sign out may result in collection of military pay entitlements.

**PAYDATE:** Members meeting the criteria to be paid from the roll call should expect payment within 5 days upon completion of tour. For those members that do not meet the criteria for payment by roster, a certified order must be submitted to Finance at the end of the tour. Payment, in this case, should be made within 10 business days after submitting the certified order. As always, verify the money is in your account before spending it. These pay dates are only estimates.

## **Finance Customer Service Hours:**

**Richmond:** Finance will be open for customer service on March 12-13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Normal Tuesday - Friday

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# Wing announces training schedule for AFT

Wing leadership has approved the training schedule for the upcoming Savannah, Ga., Annual Field Training.

A variety of ancillary training is planned for Wing members deployed to the Combat Readiness Training Center. All training will take place Monday, March 19 through Thursday, March 22.

Each day will include the complete Diversity Training class, which has been shortened to 8 hours. Anyone who hasn't completed the required training is urged to take it during AFT. Diversity Training is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. each morning in Bldg. 310.

Supervisor Safety Training (for everyone E-6 and above) will be held twice each day in the Ops Briefing Room. The first class will start at 9 a.m. each day, and the second class begins at 1 p.m.

CATM (marksmanship training) is also scheduled twice each day. The morning sessions will start at 7:30 a.m. at the range and the afternoon sessions will begin at 1 p.m. Right now all of the sessions will be for firing the M-16, except for the Wednesday after-

noon session which has been tentatively set aside for 9mm qualification.

Chemical Warfare Refresher and Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) training will be presented twice on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The training session starts at 8 a.m. and repeats at 1 p.m. on those days, in Bldg. 207. Chem Refresher/LOAC will also be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. Each person must bring their gas mask to this training.

For people needing Initial Chemical Warfare training, that course will be Wednesday morning, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in Bldg 207. Everyone taking this training must bring their full Ground Ensemble with them.

Individuals are responsible for bringing their gear to required training.

Unit Training managers will be developing individual AFT training schedules during the February and March drill weekends. People should know which training classes they're scheduled for before leaving for Savannah.

March 12-13 will be mobility processing at home station. Those flying will be notified of their flight

time during processing. March 14 will be the travel day for POV travelers.

## Deadline nears for FY2002 SRNCO academy applications

The USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (SRNCOA) is the highest level of Air Force enlisted professional military education (PME).

Applicants should apply for SRNCOA as soon as possible to ensure a slot for Fiscal Year 2002. Class dates are as follows: Oct. 29-Dec. 12, 2001; Jan. 7-Feb. 15, 2002; March 7-April 17, 2002; May 1-June 11, 2002; and July 2-Aug. 20, 2002.

Eligibility criteria include:

1. Be in the grade of E-7 or E-8 (E-7 must have at least 24 months time-in-grade (TIG); and demonstrates potential for increased leadership and management responsibility and has completed an in-residence NCO Academy or Leadership School (an important selection factor).

2. Have at least one year retainability from graduation date.

3. Hold a Secret or Top Secret security clearance.

4. Be within body fat limits outlined in AFI 40-502.

5. Recommended by immediate supervisor, with concurrence of commander.

6. Not be under investigation or charged with an offense punishable under the UCMJ.

7. Wait at least 2 years between completion of in-residence NCO Academy and start of a USAF SRNCOA class.

8. Have taken the AF Reading Achievement Test (grade of 9.0 or higher is desirable).

Applicants should contact SMSgt. Mike Gates, MPF Training Officer, ext. 6590, to apply. Applications must arrive at ANG/DPDE by March 1, with all endorsements.

## Know your AFT pay, benefits...

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customer service hours will be available March 14, which are 1:30-4:30 p.m.

**Savannah:** Travel Voucher assistance will be available March 23-24 in Bldg. 337, and Roll Call Sign out March 24 in Bldg 337. Hours will be announced later.

Anyone with questions is asked to see a Finance customer service rep during customer service hours.

### BILLETING CHECK IN/OUT:

Billeting Check In at the CRTC will be in Bldg. 290, the Linen Issue building. Everyone arriving via POV must check in no later than 5 p.m. on your indicated travel date.

Billeting Check Out will take place in Bldg. 290 on Saturday, March 24 from 6-8 a.m. Everyone must be checked out of their rooms by 8 a.m. so the rooms can be cleaned and keys turned back to CRTC headquarters.

### MEAL AVAILABILITY:

**Richmond:** Meals will be available for the March 10-11 UTA as usual. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be available March 12, and Breakfast and Lunch will be served on the 13th.

**Savannah:** Dinner will be served March 10. Breakfast and lunch will be served March 11-12. All meals will be available March 13-23. Breakfast only on March 24.



# Health Promotions manager suggests steps to safe, healthy weight loss

As all of you know, the Base takes the weight program seriously, and commanders have sent individuals who exceeded their weight limit to the 192d Medical Squadron for health promotions counseling. Here is what you might encounter if you were to meet with one of the Health Promotions counselors:

The counselor will sit down with you and hold an informal and friendly discussion regarding diet and exercise. The counselor might ask you to describe your typical breakfast, lunch, dinner, and in-between-meal snacks. He/she might also ask you what kind of exercises you do, if any.

Next, the counselor might ask you to think about your body as a bank account, in the sense that if you take out more than you put in, then you will lose. By the same token, if you burn up more calories than you put in, then you will lose weight regardless of your age, sex or hormonal status. Admittedly, age and hormonal status can make losing weight more difficult, but it is doable if you stick to the practice of burning up more calories than you put in. The body cannot make weight out of nothing. If there are no extra calories left over, then there is nothing to make extra weight.

Then the weight counselor might ask you to decrease the amount of fatty foods that you eat, such as French fries, fried chicken, greasy hamburgers, chips and candy, and other snacks. He/she might point

out to you that non-diet soft drinks actually can make the calories add up; so, cut down on the number of soft drinks or change to diet drinks.

On the exercise side, the counselor might suggest a walking or jogging program, perhaps a mile or two, 2-3 times a week. This might seem like an unpleasant chore, but you can make walking/jogging fun by asking a family member or friend to come along. Even taking the family dog along on a leash can help the time go

by. Having another person as an exercise partner will help both of you get the job done, and the two of you can encourage each other.

Finally, keep in mind that weight reduction is an obtainable goal. Many people have done it successfully. So can you. The Health Promotions counselor at the 192d Medical Squadron is ready and willing to help you.

Maj. Frank Yang  
Health Promotions manager

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE WEIGHT (MAW) TABLE

### MEN Interpolated Weight

Height	MAW	1/4"	1/2"	3/4"	Desired Weight
60	153	153 1/2	154	154 1/2	138
61	155	155 1/2	156 1/2	157 1/4	140
62	158	158 1/2	159	159 1/2	142
63	160	161	162	163	144
64	164	165 1/4	166 1/2	167 3/4	148
65	169	170 1/4	171 1/2	172 3/4	152
66	174	175 1/4	176 1/2	177 3/4	157
67	179	180 1/4	181 1/2	182 3/4	161
68	184	185 1/4	186 1/2	187 3/4	166
69	189	190 1/4	191 1/2	192 3/4	170
70	194	195 1/4	196 1/2	197 3/4	175
71	199	200 1/2	202	203 1/2	179
72	205	206 1/2	208	209 1/2	185
73	211	212 3/4	214 1/2	216 1/4	190
74	218	219 1/2	221	222 1/2	196
75	224	225 1/2	227	228 1/2	202
76	230	231 1/2	233	234 1/2	207
77	236	237 1/2	239	240 1/2	212
78	242	243 1/2	245	246 1/2	218
79	248	249 1/2	251	252 1/2	223
80	254	255 1/2	257	258 1/2	229

### WOMEN Interpolated Weight

Height	MAW	1/4"	1/2"	3/4"	Desired Weight
60	136	136 1/2	137	137 1/2	122
61	138	138 3/4	139 1/2	140 1/4	124
62	141	141 1/4	141 1/2	141 3/4	127
63	142	143	144	145	128
64	146	147	148	149	131
65	150	151 1/4	152 1/2	153 3/4	135
66	155	156	157	158	139
67	159	160 1/4	161 1/2	162 3/4	143
68	164	165	166	167	148
69	168	169 1/4	170 1/2	171 3/4	151
70	173	174	175	176	156
71	177	178 1/4	179 1/2	180 3/4	159
72	182	183 1/2	185	186 1/2	164
73	188	189 1/2	191	192 1/2	169
74	194	195 1/4	196 1/2	197 3/4	175
75	199	200 1/2	202	203 1/2	179
76	205	206 1/4	207 1/2	208 3/4	184
77	210	211 1/4	212 1/2	213 3/4	189
78	215	216 1/2	218	219 1/2	193
79	221	222 1/4	223 1/2	224 3/4	199
80	226	227 1/2	229	230 1/2	203

Notes: 1) For every inch under 60 inches, subtract 2 pounds from the MAW. For every inch over 80, add 6 pounds to the MAW. 2) Measure without shoes. 3) Subtract 3 pounds for any military uniform and 2 pounds for gym clothes. (ANGI 40-502, 24 March 2000)

Medical Sq. creates new tradition to say 'Thank You'

# Leadership award honors Chief Stanley

On Jan. 6 2001, the 192d Medical Squadron established an annual Leadership Award in honor of CMSgt. Jim Stanley who has now moved on in his own career path.

Chief Stanley came to the 192d MDS in October 1998 to help a unit in need. During his tenure, the Chief walked us through drill by drill, challenging us, encouraging us, constantly questioning our thoughts and never accepting the status quo. He provided this unit with the tools to grow and an understanding of how to get where we needed to be.

He forced us to grow. We are sure it wasn't easy for him and that on more than one occasion he was probably wondering what he was doing. To his credit, he stuck in there with us. For us, there were many moments of frustration, unclear vision, transition of control, and having to swallow pride and admit to not knowing nearly what we should.

The healing process has been long and painful and quite an incredible experience. And even though Chief Stanley had no clue of medicine, he has been our primary caregiver and the Medical Squadron's healer.

The charge Chief Stanley left us is for our senior enlisted personnel to keep leading this unit in the right direction. He led by example and gave us the tools necessary to continue what he has started. The Chief made us understand that to be successful, we had to come together, work like a team, respect one another, talk to one another, have traditions and take care of each other.

One of those comments is what brought about this award about. Knowing the Chief was leaving, he repeatedly asked us not to do any of the traditional gift stuff for him. Many



The first annual Chief Jim Stanley Leadership Award was presented to SSgt. Dawn Wilson (2nd from left), 192d MDS radiology technician, during the January drill. She is accompanied by Medical Squadron First Sergeant Richard Green (from left); Nursing Services Superintendent SMSgt. Kimberly Evans holding the perpetual plaque; and CMSgt. Jim Stanley, for whom the award honors.

of us have found that he has a hard time accepting "thank yous" and is extremely humble when accepting compliments. However, we still wanted to do something to let him know how much he has truly impacted our unit. Together, the Senior NCOs agreed that the best way to show our thanks to Chief Stanley was to start a tradition in his honor.

We are very proud to have created in his honor the "Chief Jim Stanley Leadership Award." This Award will be presented annually to a 192d Medical Squadron Junior NCO or Airman that truly exemplifies leadership traits throughout the year.

In conjunction with the development of this award we proudly selected and recognized our first recipient, SSgt Dawn Wilson, with an individualized plaque for her outstanding contributions and leadership capabilities.

In addition a presentation was made to 192d MDS Commander Lt.Col. Greg Biernacki, of a perpetual plaque which will bear the name of each annual Leadership Award recipient. The award will be presented each January.

Today, as the 192d MDS begins our new era as a squadron without Chief Stanley's physical presence, we can only hope he truly believes that his leadership and guidance will live on. We also hope that somewhere deep inside, he finally believes he has made a difference. Please share with us in congratulating Chief Stanley for his outstanding accomplishments.

SMSgt. Andrea Richardson  
192d MDS Senior Health Technician

*Editor's note: Chief Stanley has completed his assignment with the 192d MDS and will be returning to the 192d Security Forces Sq.*

*Irresponsible Travel Card users beware***Bank of America terminates past due accounts**

Bank of America is saying "enough is enough" and taking action on delinquent government travel cardholders, terminating those accounts with balances more than 120 days past due.

"Since the government travel card program was implemented in October 1998, the bank has written off about \$8 million in bad debt owed by Air Force members," said Col. Greg Morgan, director, accounting, banking and comptroller support at the air staff.

"They (BOA) have been losing about \$250,000 a month -- that's the amount that Air Force members owe and never pay," he said. "The bank has been taking this loss but has decided to uphold the contract terms and exercise their option to terminate those delinquent accounts."

Morgan said the number of Air Force members who have accounts written off total less than 2 percent of the force's active cardholders, but the impact in terms of members' financial reputation and to the service is much higher.

"We cannot stress enough that people need to take responsibility for their financial obligations. That's the bottom line," Morgan said. "Your financial reputation is critical; it can either help you or hurt you."

Morgan said it shouldn't be a surprise to those whose cards are being terminated. "The bank has notified people about past due balances, but they are no longer going to be lenient." They intend to suspend accounts at 60 days, cancel accounts at 120 days and report to credit bureaus at 181 days if the card balance is still unpaid.

For those whose cards are terminated, the repercussions can be enormous. "The bank is not obligated to renew or issue them another travel card," Morgan noted. "Also, the action will be reflected on their personal credit reports if amounts are left unpaid."

"I can tell you that a lot more people will look at your credit report

than your DD 214."

The loss of the card can also impact a person's ability to conduct the Air Force's mission, he added. "You may have a person who has had their card terminated and has to go TDY; that person will have to use personal funds to cover their expenses or else try to obtain a cash advance from the Air Force. Few bases even have cash available."

"This is a serious concern for us," Morgan said. "One of the values we hold high in the Air Force is integrity first and financial irresponsibility is a violation of this core value."

Michael Weber, the service's government travel card program manager, said there are many options available to make it easy and convenient for people to pay their card fees in a timely manner.

"The first thing is to file your travel voucher as soon as possible," he said. "The Air Force reimburses travel claims in a timely manner, but we cannot reimburse you until we receive a voucher. We also have options available such as split disbursements -- where portions of the claim charged on the card is paid directly to the bank."

Another option, he said, benefits those people who are on long temporary duty assignments. "You can arrange in advance to have monthly payments made to the card, including interim settlements." This can greatly reduce the likelihood of incurring late fees.

Cardholders can also sign up to the EAGLS website by requesting a password from their card coordinator. The Electronic Accounting Government Ledger System is a password-protected site that allows cardholders to access their account history. "By using this site, you can easily complete your travel voucher because it lists every transaction you have made, including payments," Weber said.

Both he and Morgan said use of the card should be viewed as any other

financial obligation. "You pay your rent or car payment every month, this should be no different," Weber said. "These are charges that have already been reimbursed to the government traveler."

If you are experiencing problems in making payments, Weber said, call the bank immediately and explain the situation. "This can go a long way toward alleviating and avoiding a potential problem later on," he said. Supervisors and card coordinators are also excellent sources to go to for assistance.

"The travel card offers convenience and flexibility when you are TDY. It allows you the opportunity to pay for official expenses, such as lodging, food, and car rental fees, without having to carry a large amount of cash," Morgan said.

"There are not many corporations that will issue a line of credit to a young individual with no past credit history, but the Air Force does and entrusts its people to fulfill their financial obligations," he said. (AFPN)

**Card use reminders**

— The card can only be used for official TDY travel expenses, not for personal expenditures; and delinquent accounts will be identified to unit commanders for appropriate action.

— Misuse of the card is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

— Only use the card for official travel expenses when on a TDY assignment. Annual Field Training and Unit Training Assemblies are not TDYs.

— The card cannot be used to purchase personal items unrelated to a TDY assignment.

— The card balance must be paid in full upon receipt of the monthly statement.



# Personnel Actions

## Oct.– Dec. 2000 Promotions

1stLt. Toni Vanderspiegel, VaANG StHq  
 1stLt. Charles A. Friend, 192d OSF  
 1stLt. Ronald W. Gray, 192d MDS  
 CMSgt. Robert L. Weis, 149th FS  
 CMSgt. Troy C. Springer, 192d CES  
 SMSgt. Dennis L. Hendricks, 192d LGp  
 MSgt. Roy M. Wilson, 192d CES  
 MSgt. Terry L. Ellis, 192d SFS  
 MSgt. Kevin S. McNamee, 192d CES  
 MSgt. Mark A. Fromal, 192d LGS  
 MSgt. Michael R. Crockett, 192d LGp  
 MSgt. Hernest Mojica, 203d RHF  
 TSgt. Mark W. Widener, 203d RHF  
 TSgt. John E. Hughes, 192d OSF  
 TSgt. Ricky D. Barbour, 192d AGS  
 TSgt. Antonio A. Dildy, 192d AGS  
 TSgt. Jerome Katz, 192d AGS  
 TSgt. Jessie J. Miller, 192d CommFlt  
 TSgt. Johnnie K. Pope, 192d AGS  
 TSgt. Roy A. Perkins, 192d AGS  
 TSgt. Tonya L. King, 192d FW  
 TSgt. Danielle X. Smith, 200th WF  
 TSgt. Harvey S. Campbell, 192d CES  
 SSgt. Steven M. Bassetti, 192d MS  
 SSgt. Daryl W. Songer, 192d CES  
 SSgt. Leon Y. Chimenz, 192d MDS  
 SSgt. Ann M. Martin, 192d FW  
 SSgt. Randy L. Thompson, 192d AGS  
 SSgt. James C. Phelps, 203d RHF  
 SSgt. Andre S. Davis, 203d RHF  
 SSgt. David P. Wood, 192d MS  
 SrA. William A. Donghia, 192d AGS  
 SrA. Courtney Washington, 192d FW  
 SrA. Kenneth J. Tapley, 192d CES  
 SrA. Stephen L. Conley, 192d CES  
 SrA. James J.J. Hartwell, 192d CES  
 SrA. Anita D. Foy, 200th WF  
 A1C April B. Green, 192d MS

## Oct. – Dec. 2000 Accessions

Maj. Cory A. Vallance, 192d LGS  
 Maj. Peter S. Garner, 203d RHF  
 Maj. Thomas E. Koertge, 192d MDS  
 MSgt. Richard A. Roberts, 192d MSF  
 MSgt. Clifton Taylor, 203d RHF  
 TSgt. Dianna M. Worthey, 192d LSF  
 TSgt. Gwendolyn D. Mitchell, 192d MDS  
 SSgt. Joaquim M. Ferreria, 192d AGS  
 SSgt. Abraham Brooks, 203d RHF  
 SSgt. Sonia L. Patterson, 192d StFlt  
 SSgt. Joseph D. White, 149th FS

SSgt. Mary L. Weaver, 192d FW  
 SSgt. Donald A. Hart, 192d MDS  
 SSgt. Binjamin A. Rettig, 192d FW  
 SSgt. Damian D. Taylor, 192d LGS  
 SSgt. Leval Chaplin, 192d SFS  
 SSgt. Keith A. Bishop, 192d MS  
 SSgt. Lynda Lam, 192d FW  
 SrA. Gregg M. Allen, 192d AGS  
 SrA. Wayne L. Hill Jr., 192d MS  
 SrA. David J. Reid Jr., 192d AGS  
 SrA. Charles B. Cull, 192d AGS  
 SrA. Richard J. Hunter, 203d RHF  
 SrA. Justin W. Kay, 192d CES  
 SrA. Tamara R. Hartless, 149th FS  
 SrA. Richard Jimenez, 192d AGS  
 A1C Timothy G. O'Sullivan, 203d RHF  
 A1C Erik Johnson, 203d StFlt  
 A1C Eric Meredith, 203d StFlt  
 A1C Greg K. Wills, 192d StFlt  
 A1C Katina Anerson, 192d StFlt  
 A1C Shelby L. Vessels, 192d StFlt  
 A1C William O. Johnson, 192d AGS  
 A1C Audrey Montgomery, 192d StFlt  
 A1C Paul Standfill, 192d StFlt  
 A1C Benjamin J. Reiker, 192d AGS  
 A1C William F. Burroughs, 192d AGS  
 A1C Jason K. Slaughter, 192d SFS  
 Amn. April B. Green, 192d MS  
 AB Edward P. Farrelli, III, 192d AGS

## Oct. – Dec. 2000 Retirements

Lt.Col. Cynthia J. Brown, VaANG StHq  
 Lt.Col. E. James Rubis, 192d MDS  
 Maj. Darrick A. Seale, 192d FW  
 CMSgt. Donald W. Bradley, 192d LGS  
 CMSgt. Thomas W. Morgan, 192d MDS  
 CMSgt. Catherine A. Desper, 192d MSF  
 CMSgt. Gerald F. Knowlton, 192d CommFlt  
 SMSgt. Michael A. Duke, VaANG StHq  
 MSgt. Edward Burrell, 192d LGS  
 MSgt. Roger L. Cox, 203d RHF  
 MSgt. Dave L. Eure, 192d LGS  
 MSgt. Thomas W. Brooke, 192d AGS  
 MSgt. Michael C. Elswick, 192d LGS  
 MSgt. Leroy F. Finch, 192d MS  
 MSgt. Christopher W. Corcoran, 192d SFS  
 MSgt. James A. Heilman, 192d FW  
 MSgt. Marvin O. Owens, 192d LGS  
 MSgt. Mildred Gray, 192d LGS  
 SrA. Daniel Williams, 203d RHF  
 SrA. Patrica Carrasquillo, 192d MDS

# News you can use...

## Make plans now to attend ALS this summer

The first in-residence Airman Leadership School in Virginia will be taught this summer at the 203d Red Horse Flight, at Virginia Beach. The class will run from July 8 through Aug. 9.

If you are an eligible senior airman you can meet your requirement for Professional Military Education (PME) by attending this class. You can earn college credits, get awarded the PME ribbon, earn active duty pay for attending, and be eligible for promotion to staff sergeant after graduation. Sign up now as there are only 15 slots remaining and they won't last long. Contact Base Training at ext 6590 for more information.

## Retiree Assoc. wants you to join the club

The Virginia Air National Guard Retiree Association meets on the second Thursday night of each month at the Club. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

The group's current slate of officers are President, Bob Seifert; Vice President, Ed Southard; Secretary, Dewey Drucker; and Treasurer, Ashby Myers. There are approximately

150 current members.

If you are retired or have 20 years in the Air National Guard you can be a member, association officials point out. Dues are only \$12 per year. Join now, see old friends and enjoy the camaraderie. Pizza is served before each meeting.

Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact any of the association officers mentioned above, or Ray Bassetti, ext. (804)236-6754.

## 192d AGS/Flightline party set for Feb. 10

The 192d Aircraft Generation Squadron (AGS)/Flight Line Section will host their second annual awards ceremony at the Club on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m..

All unit members are invited. The cost is \$5 per person and includes refreshments. For tickets contact TSgt. David Lands, ext. 6187, or SrA. Audry Prince, ext. 6340.

## February final month for BAH/BAQ recertification

Annual BAH (BAQ) recertification must be completed no later than February 2001. All orderly rooms have a roster of the individuals due to recertify. Anyone on the roster is asked to report to Finance for further

instructions. Traditional members should accomplish recertification during the February Unit Training Assembly. Fulltime staff may do so during the week. Failure to complete recertification by February 2001 will result in automatic termination of BAH entitlements.

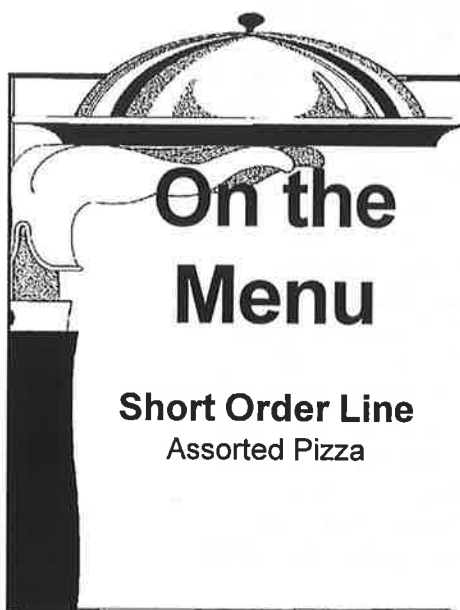
## Chief documents history of VaANG memorial

CMSgt. Gary Brooks, Military Personnel Flight, is developing a book telling the history of the Virginia Air National Guard Memorial.

He hopes to document the building of the memorial through photos, stories and anecdotes. Anyone with photos or information they would like to add to the book may contact the chief. Anyone providing photos is asked to identify as many people as possible in the photos. Brooks is located in suite 37 in the MPF, Wing Headquarters building, and can be reached at ext. 6319.

## Pay dues now for officer association membership

State and national Guard officer association membership fees are due soon. "When you receive your dues notice, please turn in your money as soon as possible," asks base membership officer, Lt.Col. Michael Woody.



### Saturday Feb. 10

Baked Chicken  
Fried Chicken  
BBQ Spareribs  
Pork & Beans  
Corn-on-the-Cob  
Salad Bar w/Asst'd Dressings  
Breads & Butter  
Beverages  
Yellow Cake w/Icing  
Ice Cream

### Sunday Feb. 11

Baked Fish w/Lemon Wedges  
Fried Fish  
Swiss Steak w/Onions  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Steamed Rice  
Mixed Vegetables  
Salad Bar w/Asst'd Dressings  
Breads & Butter  
Beverages  
Peach Cobbler, Ice Cream

## Computer security requires common sense, safeguards

"What's your computer password?" the helpdesk person asked the young noncommissioned officer.

"Just key in 'PASSWORD,'" the NCO answered. It is exchanges like this that give network administrators fits.

It's a cyberworld and protecting information is at the heart of the trust people put on information gleaned from computers. You wouldn't leave your wallet lying about or leave your car unlocked, but people—often smart people—leave their computers unsecured.

MSgt. Jeff Hoopes, security manager for the Defense Information Systems Center, has a number of common sense precautions people should take to safeguard their computers.

Passwords are the first line of defense for computer users. Computer users should have a "strong" password that does not contain any word found in a dictionary or is used in a normal conversation. Reversing a word or name can also be easily cracked. "A strong password contains a mix of numbers, upper and lower-case letters and special characters with a minimum of seven characters," he says. "Ktr#i9Q" is an example of a strong password.

Don't tape your password up next to your machine; and avoid using the same password for all of your computer accounts.

Hoopes says people should avoid suspicious e-mail with attachments from anyone, even from addresses you recognize. "A virus can often come from a trusted source that was infected," he points out. The "I Love You" virus, for example, spread by attaching itself to e-mail addresses in users' personal address books.

He advises users to install anti-virus software and apply vendor updates, as they become available. Have your system scanned for viruses regularly. Users should apply security patches to update their operating system and applications as needed. He suggests users point their browser toward <http://updates.zdnet.com/>, and click on the "My Updates" button to have the program check their computer system and recommend updates.

People should use credit card information on the net wisely, Hoopes says. "Only use secure sites," he said. Web browsers indicate secure sites with a lock icon and "https://" preceding the Internet address. People who are still concerned about using their credit cards online might consider getting and using a credit card with a minimal credit line, he adds. Also, some credit cards will promise "zero liability" for Internet fraud. Everyone should minimize the personal information they share online, he emphasizes.

"You should always use nicknames or 'handles' to protect your identity on chat sites or bulletin boards," Hoopes says.

People who have questions about their office computer security should contact their network administrator or e-mail or call (ext. 6866) the Base Helpdesk. (Armed Forces Press Service)

## 192d FW drill schedule & VaANG Calendar of Events

### February

#### African-American History Month

10-11: UTA (Should pay NLT Feb. 23)

10: TOP III meeting, 4 p.m. in the Ops Briefing Room. Contact CMSgt. Wayne Keene, ext. 6420 for more information.

10: Guard Night at the Freezer! The Hockey puck hits the ice at 7:30 p.m. against the Pensacola Ice Pilots. MSgt. Shirley Cooper, ext. 6428. Tickets \$6 each.

### March

10-11: UTA (at home station) (Should pay NLT March 23)

12-24: Annual Field Training (Savannah, Ga.) (Should pay NLT April 6)

### April

7-8: UTA (Should pay NLT April 20)

27-28: VaNG Association annual conference, Fredericksburg, Va

### May

19-20: UTA (Should pay NLT June 1)

### June

2-3: UTA (Should pay NLT June 15)

2: Guard Night at the Diamond

### July

14-15: UTA (Should pay NLT July 27)

### August

11-12: UTA (Should pay NLT Aug. 24)

25-27: NGAUS 123d General Conference, Indianapolis, Ind.

### September

15-16: UTA (Should pay NLT Sept. 26)

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, rm. 6, Wing Headquarters building.

Guard pay W-2 Tax Withholding Statements were mailed out Jan. 18. Anyone who hasn't received their W-2 can call 1-800-755-7413 for a replacement. If your address on record is incorrect, you must change your address at the Military Personnel Flight, then Finance can request a replacement W-2 for you.

## Support Group announces First Sgt. vacancy; seeks applicants

The 192d Support Group announces the vacancy of its First Sergeant position. Applicants must be (E-7) master sergeants or promotable technical sergeants. The projected assignment date is April 8.

Interested applicants are directed to review Chapter 10, AFI 36-2113 for the minimum qualifications for this position.

All individuals interested in the position must submit a resume which addresses both their military and civilian work experience, a current copy of their AF Form 422 which shows their physical profile (can be obtained from the 192d Medical Squadron), and a current DP Form 13, Weight Management Program work slip (can be obtained from the 192d Military Personnel Flight), and a letter of recommendation from the individual's commander.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE 192d MPF/DPM, 50 Falcon Road, Suite 37, Sandston, VA 23150-2524, to arrive no later than close of business, March 11. Applications received after that date/time, will not be considered. Eligible candidates will meet a board during UTA on April 7.

For more information about applying for this position, contact CMSgt. Gary Brooks (804)236-6319.

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