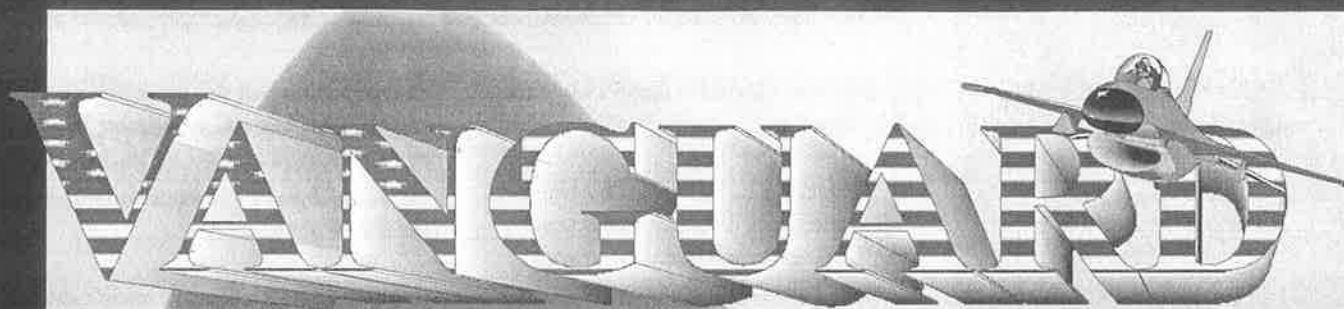


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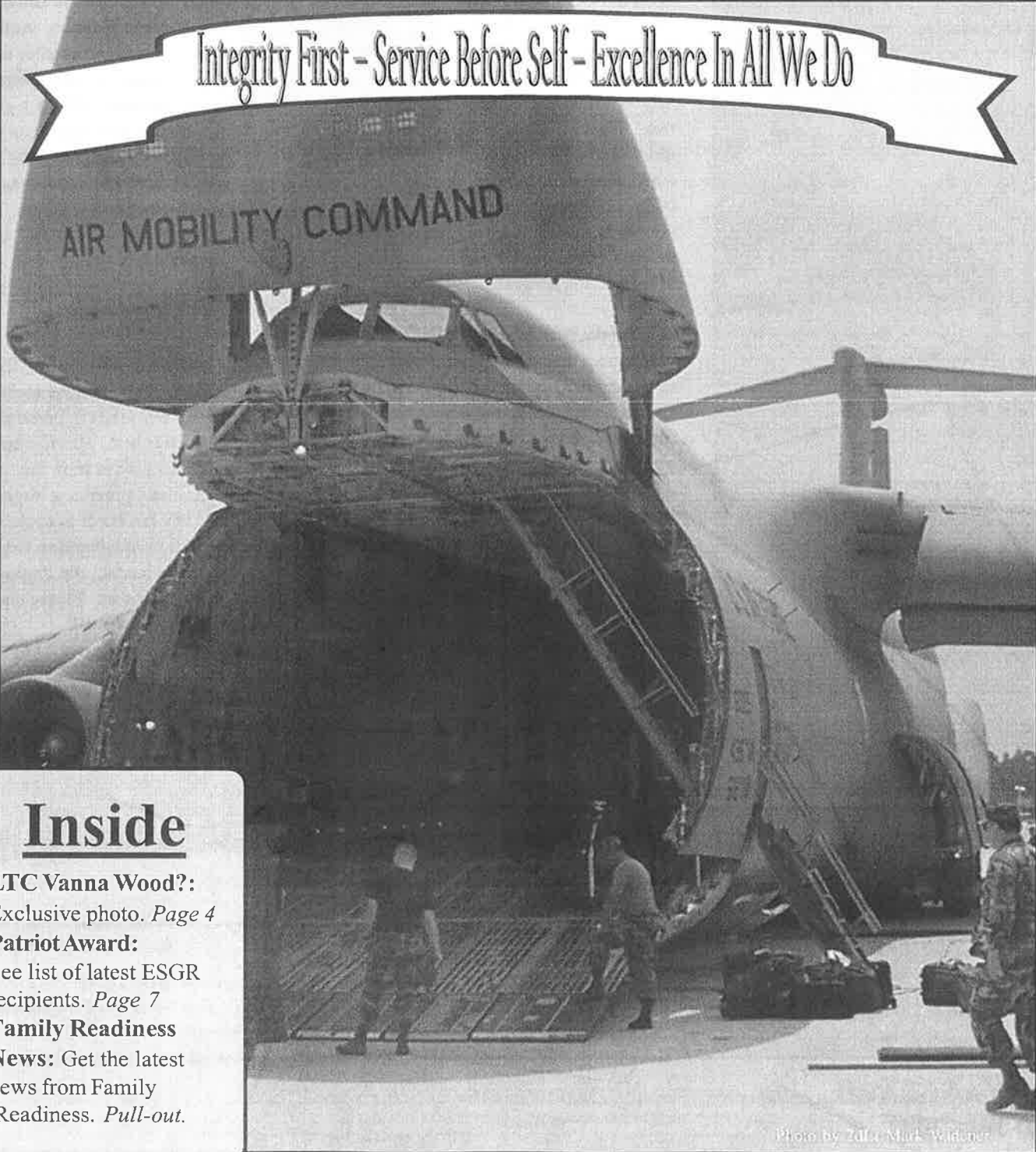
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Photo by Zoltan Mark Widener

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**COVER:**

*Our team of augmentees load a C-5 Galaxy for the deployment to Denmark to participate in the "Clean Hunter" exercise.*

## YOU CAN'T DRIVE TO DENMARK ON A TRUCK!

by Capt. David Schlagel/Logistics Plans Officer

Denmark...as in EUROPE! Not the "skip and jump" like our unit's usual trips to Savannah, Georgia, Combat Archer (Florida), or Red Flag (Nevada). In terms of equipment, this deployment would be large: much larger than normal due to the extremely limited equipment already positioned at our destination. We'd be taking a lot more of many items and some we don't normally take. One hundred and twenty thousand pounds worth, as well as 90 of our unit personnel!



*Logistics Squadron's MSgt Jerry B. Talley, Jr., packs luggage on a pallet.*

And the bulk of that would be going out on a C-5 Galaxy! Our unit last deployed by C-5 to Curacao, and that deployment, (the only one by C-5 in the last few years) included only our personnel, with no equipment being loaded here. Instead, we'd be filling this C-5 to the brim! If we were an active duty unit, we would likely have a Tactical Airlift Control Element (TALCE) team come in with the plane to take care of all of our deployment activities, including joint inspection of all the cargo and physically loading it on the plane. But as we aren't an active duty unit, instead of a TALCE we relied on.....**YOU!**

You may have been one of the guardsmen who pulled UTA or annual training days to work the Joint Inspection of cargo, or marshall cargo, or load the plane, or drive a flatbed truck. Maybe you were the unit deployment manager or increment monitor for an item of equipment, responsible for

ensuring it passed the joint inspection. Or maybe you were the supervisor or commander of the people who performed these tasks, and had to accomplish your regular mission without them.

Regardless of which category you fit into, I want to say thanks to each of you who supported our Denmark deployment and our entire deployments program. Active duty units have a large number of people whose primary responsibility is to deploy the unit. We, as a guard unit, do not have that luxury, and the folks in Personnel, TMO, Vehicle Ops, and Wing Plans simply cannot do it alone. They have to rely on a "team" of augmentees to help ensure that everything is accomplished safely and efficiently.

We can only fly and fight if we can get to the fight, and we must be ready to deploy our aircraft, personnel, and equipment, or all is lost. This C-5 trip gave us a great opportunity to train the augmentee pool and practice a larger-scale deployment. My hat is off to each of you that participated in this deployment, and to those of you who sustain the deployment program on a daily basis. Please continue to give it your full support!!!



*photos by MSgt Carlos Claudio*

*Deploying members of the 192FW show off their "goody bags" from Rural Point and Glen Allen Elementary Schools before boarding a C-5 aircraft.*

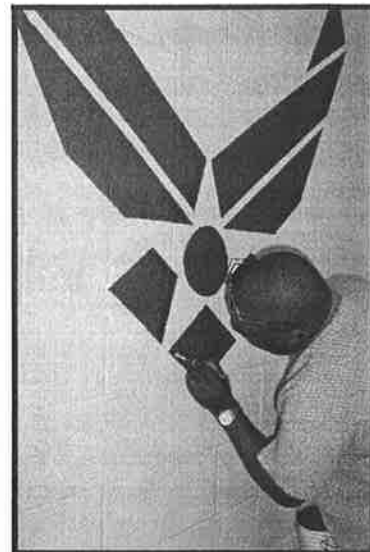
## Out With The Yellow, In With The Blue

by SSgt. Eric L. Jones, 192 Services Flight

If you have not noticed, the 192d Aerospace Dining Facility is receiving a much needed face-lift. The old yellow paint that donned the walls since it was built in 1986 along with the yellow, black and orange chairs have been replaced by a cool, brisk color of Air Force blue. It was the cooperation of Civil Engineering, contracting, finance, sheet metal shop, Family Support, and Services. Also, in an effort to save government funds, several members of the 192d Services Flight did the painting and furniture assembly themselves. "I'm extremely proud of the services personnel and contributing organizations who put in the long hours and hard work bringing this project to fruition," stated 2LT Dan Gibbons, the 192d Services Officer.

In addition to the color scheme change, the dining facility is decorated with hand painted Air National Guard and Air Force artwork, most of which was done by resident artists SRA Andrew Harris and SSGT Eric Jones, both assigned to the 192d Services Flight. When completed, the 192d Aerospace Dining Facility will have a new paint job, tables & chairs, blinds, ceiling mounted televisions, and a wall separating the dining room from the self-serve area.

The 192d Services Flight also operates the Base Exchange, located next to the headquarters building where you may quench your thirst with a cold beverage or purchase a DVD Player and the Fitness Center, located in the rear of the supply building where you may exercise to maintain your fitness.



*SSgt Eric Jones finishes painting the new Air Force symbol.*

photos by Angie Wade



*SRA Andrew Harris paints the 192d Fighter Wing Shield on the side wall of the dining hall.*



*United States Air Force, as interpreted by 2LT Gibbons & SRA Harris.*

## What Gives Us Identity? - by Chaplain (LtCol) Charles A. Smith

Two boys registered for Sunday School. They were both from the same family. They both said they were nine years old, one born June 2, 1992, the other born June 23, 1992.

The superintendent said, "Are you sure you both were born in the same year?"

"Oh yes," said the one, "One of us is adopted."

Without thinking, the superintendent asked, "Which one is adopted?"

"We don't know!" said the other boy. "We asked once, but Dad said we were both Jones', that it didn't make any difference."

"In fact," said the other boy, "he said he loved us both the same and had actually forgotten which one was adopted."

Experts say that all human beings share a common need to belong. We members of the Guard are no different. Our identity is more than the BDU's we wear. Our identity rests in being Children of God and in living each day in His love and care. The Prophet Isaiah proclaims, "This is what the Lord says-He who created the heavens and stretched them out, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it." WHAT GIVES US IDENTITY? God does!

# Seven Pines SOL Rally

By TSgt. Ed Kelleher  
192FW Historian



*The children of Seven Pines get excited about the SOL's.*

You'd never think the SOLs could be so much fun.

The pupils seated on Seven Pines Elementary School gymnasium floor howled in unison – laughing, screaming, cheering – as Lt. Col. Gary Wood pranced into view. He was dressed in a flowery granny skirt that stretched the boundaries of the word “ugly,” a blue 192FW T-shirt with airplanes on the back, a floppy hat, combat boots and horn-rimmed glasses.

Move over, Vanna White.

“Vanna” Wood is after your job.

The occasion was a May 31 rally to pump up the Seven Pines pupils about preparing for the much-trumpeted Standards of Learning (SOL) tests. By 2007, each public school in Virginia will have to have at least 70 percent of its students pass the English, math, science and history SOLs or risk losing its state certification.

Already Seven Pines has earned the rank of “fully accredited.” And it doesn't plan on slipping.

Seven Pines is the school on Beulah Road that has a four-year Lunch Buddy relationship with the Virginia Air Guard and has turned drill Saturdays into massive shows of flag-waving patriotism as Guard members drive by.

School officials called on their Air Guard buddies to help

perform a segment of “Wheel of Testing” for the SOL rally. The atmosphere was electric. Even before Vanna appeared, teachers led the pupils in rousing SOL cheers and SOL fight songs.

Based on the format of television's “Wheel of Fortune,” the “Wheel of Testing” production featured a dolled-up Vanna Wood spinning the wheel and posing such questions as “How do you prepare for the SOLs?”

Well-rehearsed Guard members – Cpts. Kathy Kahlson and Tony Schlagel, MSgt. Rick Anderson, TSgt. Len Carter and SSgt. Lori Wall – were ready with the answers: Get a good sleep the night before, eat a good breakfast and don't worry about the tests. You've studied the material, so you're in good shape.

Vanna's hand-lettered signs were crowd favorites: “How do you spell S.O.L.?” one sign read. He got an ear-splitting answer.

Kahlson and Carter interjected their own cornball humor.

“Knock-knock,” Kahlson said.

“Who's there?” the kids responded.

“Butternut,” she replied.

“Butternut who?” they yelled.

“Butternut stay up too late the night before the tests.”

Laughs. Smiles. Groans.

The rally was replete with a row of pompom-equipped cheerleaders (teachers) and Uncle Sam (Principal June Murphy).

As the program ended, the Guardsmen and teachers broke into an arm-waving dance routine, and the Seven Pines kids – not to be outdone – rose and started gyrating to the music. They had rhythm.

And Vanna? (S)he was totally out of control.

*Vanna Wood works the crowd.*  
Photos by TSgt Ed Kelleher.





Happy Fourth of July!

# Family Readiness News

Pull Out  
Section

192d FW Virginia Air National Guard 203rd RH

## The 192nd Review: A USO Style Show

### Let's make history together!

On Saturday, July 13, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. **Family Readiness and Support** will host **The 192nd Review, a USO Style Show**.

Members of the entertainment community are coming together to pay tribute and say thank you for the sacrifices made by members of the VaANG and their families since 9/11.

The big event will take place in the big hangar at the VaANG base in Sandston, VA, with the help of Chief Sam Meador and staff.

Chief Meador is organizing a prominent display which will include an Ordinance Display; a DP Display; ECM POD; TARS Display; Litning POD Display;

and an F-16 110-100 Engine Display.

We are also expecting an art display by MSgt Inez Hughes for guests to view as they enter the hangar. A roving photographer will be available to take pictures for members and their families with the displays.

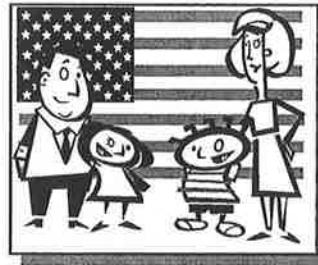
The entertainment will feature the comedic talents of impersonator Garret Chester, a local actor, who will bring us "Bob Hope", "Ed Sullivan", and "Johnny Carson". He is given to spontaneous audience interviews and interaction, guaranteeing a lot of laughs and fun.

Other entertainers will include "The Andrew Sisters" who will be singing, "Boogie Woogie, Bugle Boy", and spe-

cial surprise guests appearing throughout the evening.

And, Oh yes...**Elvis** (local impersonator, John LaFrancis) **will be in the building!**

We are expecting a great turnout as the 192nd reflects back on an historic year, adding to the long, rich history of the Virginia Air National Guard.



## Many More Volunteers Needed

By Ann Hicks

The 192d Family Readiness Group hosted a continental breakfast for the unit family volunteers during the June Guard drill.

About 15 people were in attendance to enjoy the "low calorie" sweet rolls and Muffins.

Ann Hicks, lead Family Readiness volunteer, welcomed the attendees to the meeting and explained the

Family Readiness program at the 192nd.

She explained the services and support available to the families, including a special offer from the CE Section to be available to assist families in emergency situations when there is a separation due to deployments. (Please read article on page 2)



Given the busy lives that

most people live today, a wide range of volunteer opportunities are available, based on an individual's personal schedule and location.

Volunteer **Marie Edwards** was recognized by **MSgt Brian Thorpe** during the meeting. She was presented with a framed letter of appreciation from **Lt Col Tom Turlip**,

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### Asides:

- Plan to attend the 192nd Review-A USO Style Show. Don't miss it for anything!
- Kings Dominion Tickets are still available for \$24 from the FRG office. They are good for June 24-July 7, 2002, Armed Forces Days. Call 236-7036 to secure your tickets. (Regular priced tickets are \$40)
- If you have an emergency with your home while your spouse is deployed, please call the FR office and we will get you assistance, if necessary. Skilled volunteers are available. (But only for emergencies!)
- Friday Family Fun Day will be at Water Country USA on July 26. The first 15 responses will receive free tickets, provided by NewsRadio WRVA 1140. "The staff of 1140 WRVA-AM deeply appreciates your service to our wonderful country." Chaperones required for children under 12. (Free Tickets for chaperones, too!) Call 236-7036 and ask for Angie Wade, or e-mail at: [angeli.wade@varich.ang.mil](mailto:angeli.wade@varich.ang.mil)

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## The New GI Mail— from afcrossroads.com

Keeping in touch is one of the most important events a service member and his/her family wants to maintain when a separation occurs due to deployment.

Currently, many are relying on their own service providers and personal commercial e-mail such as yahoo.com.

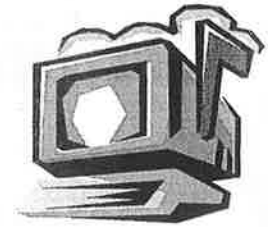
While this is immediately more convenient, it can be slower in getting through. It also runs the risk of being shut down without notice due to security precaution.

The **Global Internet Mail**, or **GI Mail**, provides a secure method through **afcrossroads.com** to allow Service members and their families to communicate with each other through e-mail. The service is avail-

able at <https://www.gimail.af.mil>. It functions in every theater of operations because it is on a military server with no advertising.

GI Mail will be allowed through when other services are down or impaired because of hacker or virus threats.

GI Mail is available to Air Guard members, their families and all Department of Defense members worldwide. Eligibility to use the system is determined by the Air Force Crossroads interface with the **Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System**. Once validated as a GI Mail member, the account's user-ID and password can be used to access the system from anywhere in the world.



Both spouses need to establish their own accounts in order to be able to e-mail to each other at any time.

The new GI Mail will offer many improvements, including an enhanced, easier-to-use interface. It will allow automatic forwarding of your mail, even to multiple accounts if you wish. You will be able to set up an automatic answering message for times when you will not be able to answer your mail immediately. We believe you will like the new GI Mail.

## Finance 201— Understanding Your Credit Report

This month's financial feature is taken from **Credit Talk**, a great website found at [www.credittalk.com](http://www.credittalk.com). It is good, easy to understand information about how to handle your personal financial snapshot.

"Many people don't understand credit reports, why they're important and what's in them.

Think of a credit report as a resume of how well you have paid your bills and used financial tools such as credit cards and checks.

Just like a report card or a resume, a credit report is used to document your performance, in this case, your financial

performance.

The report details how well you pay your bills, bank loans and credit card purchases. It also can indicate if you have abused financial tools such as checking accounts and debit cards. *Even debts of small amounts, if not paid on time, can hurt your credit standing.*

Information on a credit report can remain for many years. (This is often referred to as your "credit history.") Since this report is used by others to make important decisions affecting you, it is important to review your credit report for accuracy once a year."

Below is a list of information that can appear on a credit report:

- Your name, Social Security number, birth date and current and previous addresses.
- Information about your employers, both current and previous.
- Your payment history with major credit cards, department store charge accounts and loan payments.
- Your payment history with utility and telephone services.
- A list of your accounts (if any) that have been referred to a collection agency.
- Inquiries made about your credit history that have been made over the past several years, and whether or not you were granted credit.
- Public record information: such as bankruptcies, foreclosures, and tax problems.

## "192 CES, Fix it and move on" : Support for Families

On Tuesday morning, a call came into the Family Readiness Office for help from Debbie Ward, wife of MSgt Mike Ward, who was recently deployed to Denmark just three days before. Her air conditioning unit was leaking! The weather for Tuesday...." **Heat Indices Between 100 And 105 Expected...**"



(who is expecting their third child) has a 2 year old and 4 year old child, A/C unit is primary source of cooling," said the report from TSgt Arnold Roots.

Angie Wade, Family Readiness Coordinator, made the call to TSgt Roots around 8:30 a.m.

"Directed by SMSgt Hodge, SSgt James and MSgt Hart dispatched to meet Debbie Ward to try and repair the unit. Debbie

"Job was completed at approximately 1115 hrs. A/C unit is now cooling properly and completely repaired. Customer is ex-

tremely happy. HVAC technicians dispatched were MSgt Daryl Hart, SSgt Antonio James, and SrA Cody Ratcliff."

Angie Wade spoke to Debbie after she returned to work. She was elated! "I felt so dumb to not know what was going on. But they fixed a slow leak in the AC, put more freon in the unit, re-taped a place on the furnace, cleaned the filters and made sure everything was working. And they did it all so quickly! I appreciate it so much!"



**GET READY ....GET SET....**



**★ ELVIS WILL BE IN THE BUILDING!!!!**



# **THE 192<sup>ND</sup> REVIEW - A USO STYLE SHOW**

*Featuring local area professional entertainers and some familiar faces from the 192d FW*



*To Say Thank You  
And to Honor You and Your Families,  
For your commitment and  
sacrifices*

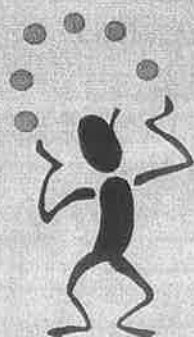


**SATURDAY,  
JULY 13, 2002**

**1900 HRS TO 2100 HRS**

**AT THE  
HANGAR!**

*Military ID's Required*



**FAMILY READINESS AND SUPPORT GROUP  
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM  
VIRGINIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
192nd FIGHTER Wing**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City : \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank and Name Rank of Service Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Service Member's Military Duty Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Skills of volunteer: Circle all that apply**

- |                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Mental Health Training     | 11. Childcare Provide      |
| 2. Basic Home Repair          | 12. Electrical Skills      |
| 3. Basic Auto Repair          | 13. Speaker                |
| 4. Teacher                    | 14. Physical Ed/Recreation |
| 5. Clergy                     | 15. Financial Counseling   |
| 6. Artist                     | 16. Telephone Skills       |
| 7. Musician                   | 17. Journalism             |
| 8. Typing/Office Skills       | 18. Good Listener          |
| 9. Computer Skills            | 19. Accounting/CPA         |
| 10. Management/Administration | 20. Family Counseling      |

**What areas of volunteer work would you like to do? Circle all that apply:**

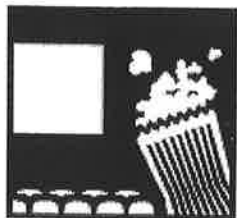
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| 1. Chair Committee/Project             | 9. Plan Social Events       |
| 2. Serve on Committee                  | 10. Provide Refreshments    |
| 3. Sponsor New Families                | 11. Plan Youth Activities   |
| 4. Telephone Tree Caller               | 12. Provide Transportation  |
| 5. Newsletter/Publicity                | 13. Special Projects        |
| 6. Develop List of Community Resources | 14. Office Administration   |
| 7. Provide Childcare at Events         | 15. Regional Representative |
| 8. Artistic Projects                   | 16. Other: _____            |

**What time commitment are you willing to contribute?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hours per month \_\_\_\_\_ Hours on special projects

**The best time to contact you:** \_\_\_\_\_





## Summer Movies with Your Family

by Lisa Wirt

Here is some great movie info from my MOPS

(Mothers of Preschoolers) group. Commonwealth 20 - Chesterfield Theater has *Summer Specials* in place.

### Summer Kid Shows 2002

June 18th - Aug 15th

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday @ 10:00 a.m.

(doors open at 9:30 a.m.)

Passes for Whole Summer - \$6 or \$1 per show.

Parents and Babysitters get in FREE!

Call (804) 744-7421 for more information

**June 18 - 20**  
Shrek PG  
Babe - Pig in the City G

**June 25 - 27**  
Dr. Doolittle PG  
Rugrats in Paris G

**July 9 - 11**  
My Dog Skip PG  
Chicken Run G

**July 16 - 18**  
The Grinch PG  
Anastasia G

**July 23-25**  
Cats and Dogs PG  
Muppets in Space G

**July 30 - Aug 1**  
MVP PG  
Jimmy Neutron G

**Aug 6 - 8**  
Paulie PG  
Airbud G

**Aug 13 - 15**  
Digimon PG  
Pokemon 2 G

## Many More Volunteers Needed, cont'd

of the 203rd Red Horse Unit, Virginia Beach for assisting with the coordination of flowers from the logistics Squadron for their Memorial program.

the drawing for the Kings Dominion ticket, and **Lisa Wirt** was the lucky winner.

Door prizes were also given out in a drawing. **Karen Dantzler**, wife of **SSgt Earl Dantzler**, won a Family Readiness Virginia Air Guard coffee mug.

**Marie Edwards**, wife of **MSgt George Edwards**, won a copy of the must-read book, *"When Duty Calls"* by Carol Vandesteg; and **Lisa Wirt**, wife of **TSgt Mark Wirt**, won an official "Goodie Bag" filled with treats.

All of the names were placed back in

Opportunities abound to serve and to have input in the direction of the Family Readiness Program for the Virginia Air National Guard.

Please consider becoming involved!  
Many more volunteers are needed!!!

The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, August 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the base.**

R.S.V.P. by email to:  
annuhicks@hotmail.com.



*Volunteering is a form of meaningful action that serves the community. The impact is immeasurable.*

**Don't Forget to take advantage of your Commissary benefit! It's worth the Trip!**



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***Family Readiness and Support***

**Vision**

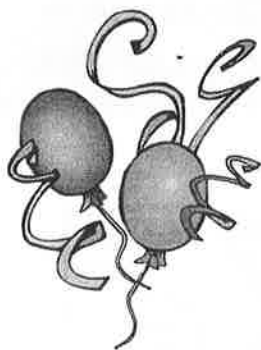
*To provide an enhanced quality of life for National Guard members, their families and the communities in which they live.*

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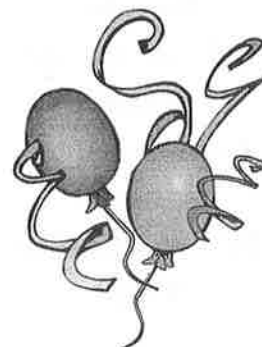
*To establish and facilitate ongoing commander involvement, support and recognition between National Guard families and the National Guard in a partnership that provides the best in both.*



**WELCOME HOME!**



**Security Force Personnel  
Firefighters  
Services  
Civil Engineers  
Pilots, Crew chiefs and Crew  
Vehicle Maintenance  
Chaplain and Staff  
Logistics and Supply  
MPF Personnel  
Wing Staff**



## Section Connection/In The News

### Virginia Air Guard Retirees Association

Come visit with some of your favorite Retirees for pizza and drinks. Let them tell you how proud they are of your contributions and sacrifices for supporting Operation Noble Eagle. Meetings are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30pm at the Club 149. Mark your calendars: July 11, Aug 24 (Saturday Summer picnic at Bill Walton's - Details to follow), Sept 23 (Monday breakfast meeting at Cold Harbour Restaurant), Oct 10, Nov 14, and Dec 12 (Christmas Party the Club). If you have over 20 years service and are interested in joining, contact President (Ret) Maj Mike Carter (266-8366); Vice-Pres (Ret) Robert Brockmeier (266-5736); Secretary SMS Sheryl Clark (236-6416); or Treasurer MSG Valerie Murphy (236-6646). Annual dues are \$12.00. We'd love to have you!!!

### Retirement Dinner

FOR: Lt Col Robert H. Pemberton

WHEN: 17 August 02

WHERE: Holiday Inn, Williamsburg Road, Sandston, VA

TIME: 6:30PM Cash Bar; 7:00PM Dinner

DINNER CHOICES: New York Strip or Chicken Cordon Blue

COST: \$25.00 per person

POCs: MSgt Simmons, ext. 6014 or MSgt Washington, ext. 6516

### Unit Training Manager Opening

The 192d Civil Engineer Squadron will soon have an opening for a Unit Training Manager. If you would like to apply for this position, please notify 1ST Sgt. David Scott in writing prior to 31 July 2002. Resumes and/or letters of qualification are encouraged. Submissions received after deadline will not be considered. Please submit all documents via email to david.scott@varich.ang.af.mil, or mail them to:

192 Civil Engineer Squadron  
5601 Corsair Drive  
Sandston, Va 23150  
Attn: 1ST David Scott

### Services

There is a new base phone extension to call if you want to find out what is on the menu at the dining hall. Just call 6260 to find out the menu of the day.

Lodging Members: Do not leave your room key on the nightstand when checking out of the hotel. You must physically go to the front desk and sign out when leaving. Thanks for your adherence in this matter.

## MOVING IN, MOVING UP, MOVING ON

### Gains for June

MAJ Tabatzky, Christione.

MAJ Purcell, Howard P.

TSG Ruble, Rodney E.

SSG Elliot, Robert L.

SSG Hucker, Bryan P

SSG Bemis, Kenneth A.

SSG Molaro, Jane T.

SRA Ikenberry, Jacob S.

SRA Davis, Lianna C.

SRA Spivey, Donnie G., Jr

SRA Murphy, Merideth K.

A1C McWhorter, Don Carlos, D.

A1C McCurdy, Saddiq K.

A1C Huppert, Nicholas I.

### Unit

Medical Squadron

APMP

Fighter Wing

203<sup>RD</sup> Red Horse

Civil Engineering Squadron

Logistics Squadron

149<sup>TH</sup> Fighter Squadron

Security Forces Squadron

200<sup>TH</sup> Weather Flight

Medical Squadron

Logistics Squadron

203<sup>RD</sup> Red Horse

AGS Squadron

Maintenance Squadron

### Gains for June

Amn Cabaday, Sean M.

Amn Hanks, Evan T.

### Promotions

TSG Eugene R. Watts

TSG Steven L. Pasco

TSG Dennis M. Goodwin

SSG Carlene W. Eller

SRA Kevin L. Wright

SRA Kenneth G. Titus, Jr

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Amn Shadeed R. Jones

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## Virginia Air Guard Firefighter receives Governors Award for Workplace Safety

Mr. Lewis Heath, a firefighter with the 192<sup>nd</sup> CES/CEF, Virginia Air National Guard Fire and Rescue Department, was recently selected to receive the Governors Award for Outstanding Achievement. Only seven employees throughout the State of Virginia were chosen for this prestigious recognition.

During his 10 years with the Virginia Air National Guard, Lewis Heath has constantly strived to increase workplace safety through innovative and practical solutions. He has been an active member of the Department's Occupational Safety and Health Committee since its inception, providing valuable advice on projects to achieve a greater level of safety.

One recent example provides insight into Lewis' concern for safety:

Lewis noticed a severe hazard existed with emergency vehicles because of inadequate emergency lighting on each vehicle. He researched the applicable regulations and standards, gained appropriate approval from necessary base agencies, procured alternate funding to save precious fire department resources and completed the installation of the entire fleet. The result is more visible pieces of equipment readily identifiable to motorists when responding to an emergency, creating a safer work environment for employees and ultimately a

safer community.

Lewis Heath's concern for his firefighter colleagues underscores the vital role workplace safety plays in protecting employees and the public.



*Lewis Heath receiving award from L-R, William H. Leighty, The Governors' Chief of Staff, Major General Claude A. Williams, The Adjutant General of Virginia, Mr. Heath, Brigadier General John D. Dornan, Deputy Adjutant General for Air, and Major Dave A. Kolmer, 192<sup>nd</sup> Base Civil Engineer.*

## Retirement Ceremony for TSgt John Cornett



*TSgt John Cornett accepts an award from Maintenance Squadron First Sergeant MSgt Sherry Hankins*

photos by SSgt Dave Buttner



*TSgt John Cornett accepts an award from LTC Cynthia Hall during his retirement ceremony.*

In a formal military ceremony held June 8th, 2002, TSgt John Cornett, a member of the 192d Maintenance Squadron, retired. A talented machinist, John has been a member of the Virginia Air National Guard since 1984. He actually volunteered to join the Air Force in 1966 at the height of the Vietnam War and became a jet engine mechanic. His first assignment was at Andrews Air Force Base, where he was assigned to Air Force One. In 1984 John joined the VaANG as an environmental specialist working for MSgt Jim McCauley (ret.). His environmental career was short lived because MSgt Bill Mathias (ret.) found out that John was a certified machinist and decided he was way more valuable in the machine shop than in the environmental world. For the next 17 years, TSgt Cornett served his country, state, and community as a A-7 and F-16 machinist.

So to TSgt John Cornett we say, "Thank You, John, for your honorable and dedicated service to the United States of America. Good Luck, God Speed, Don't forget us. We are proud to have served with you."

The ceremony was attended by TSgt John Cornett's friends and colleagues from the machine, sheet metal, NDI, and Munitions sections. When asked what he planned to do in the future he replied he was going to continue to spoil his grandchildren and volunteered to spoil anybody else's kids who needed it as well.

# ESGR

by TSgt Sabrina Reynolds-James

The Ops tempo for the 192d has been steadily on the rise. Since 9/11 it has become ever so important that employers give the needed support to the guard. Members who were activated could fulfill their obligation without additional concerns and pressure.

"Employer support for the guard and reserves (ESGR) has increased tremendously since September 11<sup>th</sup>," says Maj. David Biggs. Several companies were recognized between May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002 and given the **Patriot Award** for their support of the individuals they employ. Electronic Data Systems, Virginia Dept of Transportation, Alleghany County Public Schools, Verizon, Hook-Ups Plus, American Freightways, Rental Uniform Services and International Tela-Com were among the recipients.

"Employers minds are put at ease, once they come and see for themselves that the people they employ are not only an asset to their companies, but also an invaluable tool to the U.S Air Force," says Biggs. "The visits have allowed employees the opportunity to add understanding of the military operation and why it is important to support the men and women who wear more than one hat."

If your employer has been supportive in your guard career, why not show them the appreciation. Go to the ESGR website at [www.esgr.com](http://www.esgr.com) or call 236-6763.

## Patriot Award Winners

1. Department of the Treasury- US Customs Service Internal Affairs  
Employer: Ronald J. Wilbur  
Nominating Guardsman: MSgt. Gordon R. Olson
2. Philip Morris  
Employer: Gary Ruth, Richard Wilson, Beverly Trautman  
Nominating Guardsman: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Toni Vincent
3. Verizon  
Employer: Arthur Griffin, Thomas C. Majewski, Toni Newkirk, Albert Foxwell, Cynthia Sanderson, John Welch, Bryan Kennedy,  
Nominating Guardsman: MSgt. Robert P. Franzen
4. Electronic Data Systems  
Employer: Karen M. Overall, Al Slagle  
Nominating Guardsman: MSgt. Anthony J. Penna
5. Rental Uniform Service  
Employer: John Yates, Noel Ferris  
Nominating Guardsman: SSgt. Wayne L. Hill, Jr
6. Alleghany County Public Schools  
Employer: Brenda Siple, Dusty Rhodes  
Nominating Guardsman: SSgt. Perry T. West
7. Virginia Department of Transportation  
Employer: Thomas O. Schinkel  
Nominating Guardsman: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. S. Bryant Thorpe
8. Hook-Ups Plus  
Employer: Joseph Lively  
Nominating Guardsman: SrA. James Hartwell, Sr.
9. International Tela-Com  
Employer: Ed Horgan  
Nominating Guardsman: SSgt. Jeffrey A. Vittone
10. American Freightways  
Employer: Thomas Putnam  
Nominating Guardsman: TSgt. Harvey S. Campbell

*From L-R, Brenda Siple (Head Principal of Clifton Middle School in Alleghany County, SSgt Perry West (Special Ed teacher at Clifton), Dusty Rhodes (Assistant Superintendent of Alleghany Public Schools).*



*Richard Wilson, a Process Assurance Manager with Philip Morris, takes aim with an M-16 in the F.A.T.S.*



photos by Angie Wade

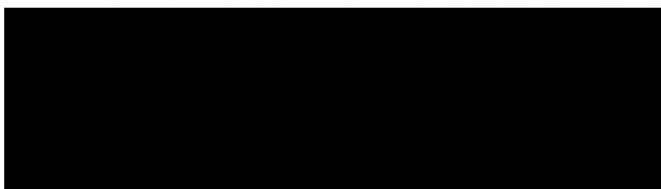
*From L-R, LTC Carl Bess, MSgt Anthony Penna, Karen Overall & Al Slagle of Electronic Data Systems.*





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## What's for Lunch?

### SATURDAY UTA

Hamburger  
BBQ - Ribs  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Baked Beans  
Cole Slaw  
Corn on the Cob

### SUNDAY UTA

Fried Chicken  
Salisbury Steak  
Buttered Rice  
Brown Gravy  
Peas & Carrots

"THESE ESR BOSSIFTS HAVE BEEN A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS! BUT  
I GOTTA' ADMIT THERE'S TIMES I WISH WE WERE A C-130 UNIT!"

