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COMMANDER'S CALL



COL. Jay M. Pearsall

Advocate the Air National Guard



January UTA brings 100 members to drill at Langley for the first time. Col. Jay Pearsall, wing commander, and CMSgt Susanne Dates, command chief, held a commander's call.

It's been an interesting time for history. Last month the National Guard had its 370th birthday and this September the Air Force, and 192nd, turn 60. It was another quiet day in history as we completed our first Unit Training Assembly (UTA) weekend "drill" at Langley AFB, Jan 07.

Just over 100 192 FW folks worked Saturday accomplishing combat training tasks at the Distributed Ground Station (Intel imagery analysis), base support functions and F-22A missions. Sunday was ancillary training.

Here's a great recap: "...during the production meeting Monday morning, the Pro Super who worked Saturday praised us for all the help we offered. He went on to state that our help in getting aircraft 047 ready for Monday's flying kept his crew from having to come in (at all) on Sunday. I told him that there was much more to come... as more of our crew chiefs get spun up. We accomplished a lot of training, and managed to help produce flyable aircraft for the unit, (27th and 192nd... the "TEAM"), and made the mandatory annual PT at the base gym a fun event."

It was great seeing a sea of 192 FW ball caps around the base, unit identity – I was reading Ms. Grant's "The Billy Mitchell syndrome" from the latest Air Force Magazine and I want to repeat some of it as it relates to our identity and telling the ANG story.

"Airpower advocacy is part of being an airman. Air Force Doctrine Document 2 tells all USAF members, 'Each of you must be articulate, knowledgeable, and unapologetic advocates.' It adds, 'We must understand what it means to be an airman' and explain 'what air and space power can bring to the joint fight.'"

Advocacy has a checkered history in the Air Force and its predecessor organizations. Start with Brig. Gen. William Mitchell in the 1920s, and you see that speaking up for airpower carried risks. Richard P. Hallion, former Air Force chief historian, has written that one result, among senior airmen, is a "tendency to not be as aggressive in arguing the airpower case as one would expect them to be." Call it the Billy Mitchell Syndrome...

"In 1998, Air Force Maj. Gen. Charles D. Link summed up the problem for USAF leaders. "When a soldier talks about using airpower to support troops on the ground, he's applauded for his jointness," said Link. "When a sailor talks about using Air Force tankers to extend the range of naval aircraft, he's lauded for his jointness." But when an airman talks about using airpower independently to kill the enemy instead of putting our troops in harm's way in the first place, he's being parochial and 'unjoint,' which is now viewed as a sin on the order of adultery."

We all need to advocate the Air Force story. In next month's corner, I'll write how if you replace 'advocating airpower' with 'advocating the ANG' how this relates to us and unit identity. Please search out the AF Magazine article – it's good!

About the VANGUARD

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Front Cover:

LtCol Brian "Shadow" Turner stands in front of the F-22A, of which is he currently training to fly. Upon completion of his training, Turner will be the first African American pilot to fly the Raptor.

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Back Cover:

IM Winners: JFHQ-VA – SSgt Staci Zendejas; 192 MSG – TSgt Susan South; 192 MXG – TSgt Brenda Fitzgerald; 192 OG – SSgt Alicia Kirton; Group IM of the Year – MSgt Mary Weaver; VaANG IM of the Year – TSgt Susan South

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Line of Duty Injuries and Illnesses

By LtCol Janie Hodge, 192d IG

Notify your supervisor
Notify the 192d clinic when initially injured and keep them informed of all medical care you are receiving, be sure to turn in all medical documentation to the clinic
For continuation care, know your options –your health insurance or the military medical system, and make a choice
If referred to a civilian provider, be aware of the possibility of longer waits, longer travel distances, billing glitches or misunderstanding of your authorization to care
Be sure the civilian provider participates in Tricare Prime
Always hand-carry a copy of your LOD paperwork to MTF or civilian appointments
Contact the 192d clinic for questions concerning medical care or billing
Contact the 192d finance office for questions concerning pay issues or loss wages
Contact the 192d personnel office for the status of your LOD paperwork
Contact the 192d legal office for USERRA issues or legal matters

Cut out the box below to keep the key LOD points of contact handy incase you need them.

Stay tuned... In the next Vanguard, there will be more information regarding LOD injuries and illnesses.

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WARRIOR OF THE MONTH



SrA Timothy James Murphy, II

In the VA Guard: Fire Fighter, Fire Department

Born and Raised: Boston, Ma.

Civilian job: Fort Lee, Va. Fire Department as an Army civilian, GS-7

Memorable moment in Basic Training: Loosing base liberty for eating French fries in the chow-hall line

Scariest thing you've done: Let's come back to that one

Chocolate, Vanilla, or Strawberry? Strawberry

Pepsi or Coke? Coke

Blues or BDUs? Civies

How do you like your coffee? Dunkin Donuts... It ran my Grandmother's coffee shop out of business but she was still a big fan of them.

Who has been the most influential person in your life? My Father

Scariest thing you've done: I plead the fifth!

Retirement Spotlight



Mr. Alfred Crawford from the Ft Lee Commissary is pictured here with Tom Carter, active member of the Retirees Association.

Crawford was just one of the many distinguished people and organizations who lended a helping hand in the '61 Call up Reunion.

Crawford and his coworkers provided the cake, meats, cheeses, and fruit and vegetable trays, among other things.

The Retirees Association would like to thank all those who helped make the '61 Call up Reunion such a fabulous success.



Virginia Air National Guard salutes

African-American

*VaANG first
African-American
enlisted to officer
- Lt Col Robert
Pemberton*

*VaANG first
African-American
female 1st sergeant
- SMSgt Antonio
Vincent*

*VaANG first
African-American
employee - MSgt
Dorothy Tatem*

*VaANG first
African-American
chief - CMSgt
William Bane*

*VaANG first
African-American
female colonel - Col
Debra Carroll*

First African-American F-22A pilot



Lt Col Brian Turner says a guiding principle he likes to stick to is "maintaining a sense of humor in all parts of life, at work and home, to keep the day balanced and prevent small issues from spinning out of control."

Turner is not only a great pilot, but also a dedicated family man, and an overall positive influence on his community. Even with the commute to Richmond, Turner still finds time to spend with his family playing basketball among other things. He particularly loves to grill out, he said.

Born on Williams AFB, in Arizona, Turner is the son of a retired Air Force fighter pilot. His father spent 26 years in, flew the F-4, and retired as a LtCol. His father was clearly a large influence in his life.

Turner has four children: 18 year old Bryce, 16 year old Margaret, 13 year old Sydney, and 10 year old Marshal. Turner enjoys watching sports, especially college basketball, and computer gaming, he said.

With a degree in Psychology from the University of Virginia and previous experience in the civilian world as a Human Factors Analyst in D.C., and Ohio, that Turner brings is well rounded, educated asset to our unit.

Furthermore, in March, 2007, when Turner graduates, he'll be the first African-American F-22A pilot in Virginia.

African

Original Tuskegee Airmen

*VaANG first
African-American
male 1st sergeant
- MSgt Vincent
Harris*



NGB mission brings unit members to NAACP convention



While supporting a National Guard Bureau Mission at the NAACP annual convention in Washington, D.C., Captain Andrea Stewart, MSgt Ann Bey and TSgt Tesha Thornton had the opportunity to meet Julian Bond, Chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Mr. Bond has served as chairman for the oldest and largest civil rights organization since 1998.

The NAACP mission is to "ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination."

Mr. Bond is a renowned professor at American University in D.C. and the University of Virginia. And the airmen witnessed the presentation of a Habitat for Humanity home to a father and daughter from Louisiana during their mission at the convention

Story Month

First 192d FW Airman Graduates from Langley AFB Airman Leadership School

By CMSgt Susanne L. Dates

On the evening of 14 December 2006, SrA Brandon Brooks was the first member of the 192FW to graduate from the Langley AFB Airman Leadership School (ALS). The graduation ceremony was held at the Langley AFB Officers Club. Col Jay Pearsall and a very enthusiastic group of members of the 192d were in attendance to personally congratulate SrA Brooks on his hard work and dedication to this invaluable course. SrA Brooks is an F22 crew chief assigned to the 192FW Det 3, Langley AFB.

The 5 week course curriculum includes three areas of study; Profession of Arms, Leadership and Communication Skills. It prepares senior airmen to accept greater responsibilities as future supervisors and managers while placing great emphasis on student involvement in the classroom.

Eligibility criteria for selection to attend Airman Leadership School include the following:

1. Hold the rank of Senior Airman.
2. Have:
 - a. 48 months time-in-service (TIS) prior to class start date. .. or ..
 - b. 42 months time in service (TIS) AND hold a 5-skill level in their primary air force specialty code, or a 3-skill level for those AFSCs that do not have a 5-skill level (e.g., weather, etc).
3. Be recommended by a supervisor and squadron commander.

Contact SMSgt Gates, MSgt Roberts or SSgt Lowery in the Base Training Office for additional information on class dates and locations.



Col Jay Pearsall and SrA Brandon Brooks

NCO Induction Ceremony

Commanders, Supervisors, and Co-Workers: You are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the upcoming NCO Induction ceremony sponsored by the First Sergeants Council. The ceremony will be held in the Base Chapel March 4, 2007. The time will be announced during February drill.

CES Retirees

Attention 192nd CES Retirees! We are going to have a grand reunion celebration June 9, 2007, and are looking to contact our former members. A mailing list is being assembled. If you are interested, please contact MSgt Frank Kunze by email at Kunze41@cox.net or telephone: (757) 259-6635. This reunion will be our final opportunity to get together before the 192nd CES disbands later in 2007.

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Important Immunization Information

By Maj. Rochelle C. Brown

With the New Year comes a new list of immunizations Airmen need to be fit for the fight. You will also see a few new faces when you visit the Immunization Clinic.

You will be receiving a new Tetanus shot when vaccination time is due. The Tdap replaces the Td (Tetanus-Diphtheria) and is a combination of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Whooping Cough). Here is a link to the Centers for Disease Control fact sheet for additional information: <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/vis-tdap.pdf>

Another new Air Force required immunization is the Varicella vaccine, for prevention of Chickenpox and is mandatory for all Airmen born after 1980.

If you were born before 1980, we will update your exemption status. Be patient as it may take some time for medical personnel to update everyone's records.

For members born after 1980 without previous serologic evidence of immunity, you will be titer tested (blood drawn). If you can show proof of immunization or a blood test, provide a copy of the paperwork from your doctor to release you from receiving a titer/and or vaccine.

Airmen can help speed the process for adding these new medical requirements by researching personal files for necessary blood test results and immunization records. If you do not have proof, medical professionals will draw a titer and, if necessary, administer the Varicella vaccine for prevention of Chickenpox.

Females who have ever been pregnant have had a titer drawn from your doctor. Call to get a copy of the results.

College students have also more than likely had a titer drawn for the admission process. Contact the school and obtain a copy.

And, note that the operating hours for the Saturday Immunization Clinic are now 0930 to 1130 and 1300-1600.

The Immunization clinic will be minimally manned during the following UTA's due to mandatory training requirements for most of the medical group: Feb, May, Jun, Aug & Sep. Please keep in mind the line may be longer due to this situation.

I am always available to discuss all your questions and concerns, and you can e-mail me at: Rochelle.brown@langley.af.mil



Immunization Team: SSgt Czarina McLaughlin-Young, Maj Rochelle Brown and MSgt Dawn Valois. Not pictured is SSgt Rachel Gurley

Diversity Facilitators Needed!

SMSgt Michael Rawlings is our newly selected Human Resource Advisor. He is currently looking for diversity facilitators. If interested, contact him or CMSgt Barry Coleman at 236-6513 or email: Michael.Rawlings@varich.ang.af.mil or Barry.Coleman@varich.ang.af.mil.



REAP

The Richmond Employee Assistance Program is a free service available to VaANG members and family. It is a confidential counseling service to help you deal with life's issues. Marital problems, Parent-child relationships, Children's school problems, Anxiety or depression,

Aging parents, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse, Financial difficulties, Legal Problems, and/or Managing Stress. Call 1-800-223-2515 or 804-270-1550.

SNCO Academy Training Info

The USAF Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy (SRNCOA) is the highest level of Air Force enlisted professional military education (PME). The mission of the academy is to conduct a program of PME to prepare selected Senior NCOs to better fulfill their leadership and management responsibilities.

Senior NCOs from all MAJCOMS, the Air National Guard (ANG), and the Air Force Reserve are selected to attend the Academy. All interested applicants should contact the MPF Training Office, SMSgt Michael Gates, Ext 6590 or MSgt Lori Flinn, Ext. 6436 to learn about the necessary criteria and available dates.

Moving In, Moving Up, Moving On

Enlistments

A1C Sheena Kuahine AMXS
A1C Ethen Weaver MXS
SrA Mark Young CF
Lt Col Manuel Enriquez MDS
Krista Bales MXS
Robby Hughes DET 1
Mark McKinney AMXS
Joseph Marotta MXS
Benjamin Miller
Eric Russell DET 2
Andrew Zimmerman MXS

Promotions

A1C Joshua Butts RHS
SrA Michael Beaudoin CES
SSgt Teophilus Addotey AMXS
SSgt Rick Dumas SFS
SSgt Brandon Faust MXS
SSgt Matthew Olson AMXS
SSgt William Rackley AMXS
SSgt Daniel Richardson MXS
SSgt Linette Sanchez SFS
TSgt Brian Boggs MXS
TSgt Leval Chaplin SFS
TSgt Stephen Conley CES
TSgt Tracie Gallegos MDG
TSgt William Nearhood SFS
TSgt Frederick Rowe MXS
SMSgt Robert Johns AMXS
SMSgt David Pack MXS

Retirements

TSgt Jewell Brown RHS
TSgt Robert Gall MXS
TSgt Clarence Kennedy AMXS
MSgt Robert Ellis LRS
MSgt Michael Godfrey MDG
CMSgt Vickie Armes JFHQ

The Decade Book - Help Create a beautiful section in our decade book... Public Affairs wants your pictures and captions as soon as possible and NLT than COB June Drill!

What's for Lunch

Saturday

Pizza
Chicken Tender
Hot Ham and Cheese
Sandwich
French Fries
Butter Corn
Chocolate Brownies

No Short Order

Sunday

Roast Beef
Pork Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rice
Chocolate Chip Cookies

No Short Order

February

African-American History Month

National Weddings Month

Creative Romance Month

National Heart Month

Responsible Pet Owner Month

Return Carts to the Supermarket Month

Canned Food Month

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT TEAM



BACK ROW: TSgt Angelique Dickerson, MSgt Bonnie Weis, MSgt Mary Weaver, TSgt Cynthia Meekins, TSgt Rebecca Schilling, SrA Robert Duke, TSgt Ghanda "Gigi" Ross
FRONT ROW: MSgt Lori McGhee, MSgt Ronnie Sargent, MSgt Sheila Buckingham, TSgt Susan South, TSgt Jennifer Morrill, SrA Stephanie Wassmer



Group Information Manager of the Year MSgt Mary Weaver is flanked by Col. Ray Turner (L) and First Sgt Mark Fromal

192 MXG
 TSgt Brenda Fitzgerald
 Information Management Award Winner

JFHQ-VA
 SSgt Staci Zendejas
 Information Management Winner



MSgt Bonnie "Charlie" Weis presents the VaANG Information Manager of the Year award TSgt Susan South



TSgt Susan South receives the Mission Support Group Information Manager of the Year award

192 OG
 SSgt Alicia Kirton
 Information Management Award Winner

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