

# VANGUARD

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## Advocate the Air National Guard, Part II

I hope you got a chance to find the Air Force Magazine article "The Billy Mitchell Syndrome" by Rebecca Grant (Dec 06, <http://www.afa.org/magazine/dec2006/>). The gist of the article is that advocating airpower, starting with Brig Gen Billy Mitchell, is a risky business!

*"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.'"*

However, after every major conflict, airmen speaking on the value of airpower came under fire. After Mitchell, in the 40's there was bomber vs. the carrier and the "revolt of the Admirals," and recently, General Dugan was pressured to resign after bragging on airpower prior to Desert Storm.

*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 'unjoints,' which is now viewed as a sin on the order of adultery."*

I propose the Air National Guard has a similar problem. We need to be able to tell the ANG story without invoking cries of "service" parochialism. We want to describe what it means to be a Guardsman and explain what we bring to the USAF fight. This is so very important now considering our Total Force Integration into Langley AFB. For instance, we don't want to lose our identity, nor do we want to use it to beat people over the head with either. How we talk about being ANG is important, and the words and the images they convey do matter.

Let's talk about "Guard culture." I believe the statement "Guard culture" is a dangerous term. First of all, I believe there's no set definition. Everyone has a different visual picture when you bring up the term. To most active duty personnel not intimately familiar with the ANG, the picture they have in their mind is the old stereotypical: older, overweight, unprofessional, the rules don't apply, faded BDUs, no hat and no salute individual.

Conversely, we know Guard culture to be: citizen airman, organized Militia rooted in the US Constitution, responsible to the Governor, professional, diverse, trained to the same standards as the active duty, inspected by the active duty, integrity mindset, oriented to get the job done, and most important to me - the role of the Drill Status personnel, from the individual Airmen to the strength of our traditional supervisors/commanders and how their civilian lives contribute to supporting the warfight. Keep this in mind when telling the ANG story. Don't let your audience develop their own picture.

## About the VANGUARD

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### Front Cover:

Senior Airman Samantha Zimmerman launches her Raptor at Langley, AFB. Zimmerman is believed to be the first female F-22 Crew Chief in the Virginia Air National Guard and in the entire Air National Guard.

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### Back Cover:

Colonel Jay M. Pearsall took his last flight in an F-16, on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. He has a total of 3,600.1 flying hours in all versions of the F-16 (A:825, B:105.8, C:2174.2 and D:495.1) Later this month he will train to fly the F-22A. He is currently the commander for the first ANG unit to fly the Raptor.

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## Abraham's transistion . . .

## Our transistion . . .

by Chaplain Colin Smith

As I reflected on the 192nd's move to Langley and the various effects that the transition has on everyone, another, more ancient transition, came to mind. Abraham was of a very successful family in Ur of the Chaldees (likely in present day Iraq). As the 192nd has had a successful history here in Sandston, so had Abraham and his father Terah in Ur. While we may understand the official reasons for moving to Langley, some may wonder, perhaps like Abram, why do this now?

The direction given from higher echelons intends a greater good. Similarly, Abram heard God calling him for a greater good. But it wouldn't be easy and not without cost. Abram and his father Terah were very wealthy. They had it made in Ur. God called Abram and Terah away from the near eastern gods they worshipped to the God who had created both wood and stone and an unfamiliar place.

Imagine the sacrifice of this move away from everything familiar, into unknown territory with a great financial cost. However, Abram, moved by faith, trusted in the promise of a great God who would change his name from Abram to Abraham. God led him out of Ur to be more—the father of a great nation, the father of promise.

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Gen. 12:1-3 NIV)

## Retirement Spotlight



### ATTENTION 192ND CES RETIREES!

We are going to have a grand celebration on June 9, 2007. A mailing list is being assembled and if you are interested in partying with the finest contact: MSgt Frank Kunze by email at [KUNZE41@cox.net](mailto:KUNZE41@cox.net) or phone (757 259-6635. This reunion will be our final opportunity to get together before the 192d CES disbands later in 2007!

## WARRIOR OF THE MONTH



### TSgt Tesha Thornton

**In the VA Guard:** Military Equal Opportunity Specialist (MEO)

**Born and Raised:** New York, NY

**Civilian job:** Consultant at Verizon and Doctoral Student at Capella University Minneapolis, MN

**Memorable moment in Basic Training:** Passing the reviewing stand during the graduation parade and realizing it was almost over

**Scariest thing you've done:** Rock climbing in Colorado

**Chocolate, Vanilla, or Strawberry?** Vanilla

**Pepsi or Coke?** Pepsi

**Blues or BDUs?** BDUs

**How do you like your coffee?** Prefers tea

**Who has been the most influential person in your life?** My Grandmother - Joyce Hollis



# The Langley In

## The Raptors first Red Flag deployment with the 192d and the 94th



*192d Fighter Wing F-22 pilot LtCol David Nardi consults with a Langley AFB Crew Chief on the jet's maintenance status. Nardi is deploying with the Langley 94th FS for Red Flag, an air combat training exercise, at Nellis AFB (ANG photo MSgt Carlos Claudio)*



*Staff Sgt Tom Mills goes through a series of aircraft checks during the deployment for the Red Flag at Nellis AFB, Nev. Sergeant Mills is a crew chief with 192d Virginia Air National Guard assigned to the 94th Aircraft Maintenance Unit. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Samuel Rogers)*



*Maj. Patrick Deconcini performs a preflight inspection of an F-22 Raptor while preparing to deploy to Nellis AFB, Nevada. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Samuel Rogers)*

On February 3, 2007 eleven 192d Air National Guard members deployed with the 94th Fighter Squadron to Nellis AFB, Nevada for a Red Flag mission. Red Flag is an air combat training exercise designed to test pilots and air support crews' ability to effectively respond to real-world combat scenarios. This is the first integrated Red Flag deployment with the 94th FS where the project officer (Maj Robert Grey) and the maintenance NCOIC (SMSgt Raymond Dawson) are both guard members. This is also the first Red Flag deployment with F-22s.

## The first Integrated AEF with the Raptor to Kadena Air Base

The Air Expeditionary Force rotation leaving from Langley AFB, Va to Kadena AB, Japan marks the first integrated overseas F-22 deployment for both the 192d Fighter Wing and the 1st Fighter Wing. They successfully arrived at Kadena AB, Japan on February 17th and 18th, 2007 with twelve Raptors and 250 Airmen of which fourteen airmen were from the 192d Fighter Wing. The aircraft and personnel are supporting the U.S. Pacific Command's Theater Security Package in the Western Pacific.

# Integration

## The Importance of Training and the Langley Integration

by TSgt Ivan D. Ayala

Apprentice, Journeyman, Craftsman, 3, 5 and 7 skill level. Most likely, as a member of the Air Force, Guard or Reserve you have heard these terms at least once in your career, maybe even several times. You may also be familiar with the terms AOR, deployment and 'war fighter'.

Our unit's integration with the 1st FW at Langley poses an interesting question – What changes and differences will come about from this integration in relation to the training available now to members of the 192d fighter wing?

All training, be it Computer Based Training, On the Job Training, Professional Military Education, or Courses for Career Development, will prepare us to do our jobs better and enable us to better support the war effort going on in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations in the world.

So, how will the training you receive relate to the move that is going to take place? The answer is simple; this movement of the unit has and will continue to create opportunities for us as Guardsmen whether it is from positions going unfilled or the creation of new positions. If you are fully trained in your specific AFSC then it will be much easier to move within the unit both for promotion and possibly a lateral move to another AFSC.

Surprisingly, many guard members can't seem to complete their training in a timely manner, and while some reasons for this occurrence are legitimate, most are not. Usually, upgrade training can be accomplished in about one year, with the exception of additional time requirements needed by some AFC's and a certain amount of 'time in training' for applied tasking of what is learned. However, I have noted that several people spend two years or more in training. This is a long period of time. I can recall that when I was in upgrade training I wanted to complete each part in as fast a manner as possible for two reasons – one to keep my supervisor happy, and also so that I



could move on to other things (such as the pursuit of my college degree).

Commanders are beginning to focus more on training and will note if an individual spends an excessive amount of time to complete training requirements, typically a period of over twenty four months. They have taken steps to enforce the Air Force training standard, some by denying Tuition Assistance to Guard members. This should send a very strong statement to personnel in upgrade training because a large number of individuals in Upgrade Training are using Tuition Assistance to pay for college. It should be noted that commanders can and do reward those that do well in the progression of their upgrade training. As one example, our Maintenance Group Commander, Col Carl Bess, offers an individual time off for scores a 90 or better on their CDC exam.

As we integrate with Langley AFB there will be an increased opportunity for new assignments, and most likely additional TDY's, to new locations. But, only qualified people will be eligible. This is where the importance of the timely completion of your training comes becomes vital. If you want to be in control of your career in the Virginia Air National Guard take control of the progress of your training. Keep in mind, if you do not manage your own career someone else will. However, only you truly have your own best interest at heart.

I will discuss opportunities that you can take advantage of to stay current in your training in my next article in Vanguard.

# Are You Ready for Change?

by CMSgt Susanne Dates

The changes we have recently encountered and will continue to encounter in the upcoming months, will change the very nature of what we do and how we do it. Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time. What we want is for things to remain the same, but get better. Of course we know that simply can't happen. The toughest thing to change is our approach. Most of us expect change, it's inevitable.

The Canadian Northlands experience only two seasons, winter and July. As the back roads begin to thaw they become muddy and vehicles traveling through the back country leave deep ruts. The ground freezes hard during the winter months, and the highway ruts become part of the traveling challenges. For vehicles entering this undeveloped area, there is a sign which reads, "Driver, please choose carefully which rut you drive in, because you'll be in it for the next 20 miles."

The Canadian back roads are not the only place where the dangers of remaining in a rut threaten us. The world as we knew it changed on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. We weren't provided the opportunity of choice in this matter...it was thrust upon us. Many choices have been made since that historic attack upon our freedom and against the way of life we were accustomed to. As such, we've become engaged in warfare unlike any we've ever faced. As members of the military, we are challenged every day. We are challenged to learn new tactics, techniques and procedures in order to combat an ever-changing enemy. Most importantly, we are challenged to think about how we will navigate our future. Will we choose the previously driven path that has now frozen solid and restricts our movement, or will we make a new path and avoid that back wood Canadian rut?

Our focus as members of the 192d Fighter Wing should be on continuing to keep a strong and secure nation, but with that, comes the challenges of change. The future is here. Change is inevitable; you can choose to resent it, accept, or embrace it and thrive on the good it will bring.



## JFHQ-VA Accepting Applications

Headquarters VaANG is currently accepting applications for the position of State Command Chief Master Sergeant. Duties include advising The Adjutant General of Virginia, the Assistant Adjutant General for Air, and other senior leaders on matters concerning the welfare, morale, and regulatory compliance of the enlisted force. For a complete listing of the duties, responsibilities and qualifications refer to ANGI 36-2109.

Anyone interested in applying for the position must be a Chief Master Sergeant or a promotable Senior Master Sergeant. Full time technicians or AGR personnel must have approval from their immediate supervisor and commander, before applying for this position. Interested applicants must submit a letter of intent, a resume and Record of Individual Personnel (RIP), virtual MPF RIP is recommended, to HQS VaANG, 5505 Corsair Drive, Sandston, VA 23150, ATTN: CMSgt John P. Iorio, **no later than close of business Sunday, 15 April 2007 (April UTA)**. Applications received after the deadline will be returned without action.

Qualified candidates will be notified of the date, place and time to appear before a nomination board which is scheduled to take place during the May 2007 UTA.

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### VaNG Youth Summer Camp

**When:** 24-29 June 2007

**Where:** Camp Pendleton, in Va Beach

**Who:** Dependent children or siblings (ages 8-15) of the Virginia Army and Air National Guard.

**Contact:** Kay Baber

Virginia State Youth Coordinator

1-888-483-2682 Ext 6129

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### Automated Housing Referral Network

This website: <http://www.ahrn.com/> is referral network for military members to find housing around military bases. This may be useful to some looking for places closer to Langley.

### 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

SSgt Justin Walker DET 2  
 Jeffrey Gaydos SFS  
 Donald Hawkins DET 2  
 Joseph Hayes, III MXS  
 William Russell DET 2  
 Darci Sanger DET 2

## Promotions

Sgt Gregg Allen AMXS  
 TSgt Fernandus Branch SFS  
 TSgt Tyrone Rather MXS  
 TSgt Jonathan Walker AMXS  
 MSgt Benjamin Anderson LRS  
 MSgt Bernd Bartelt RHS  
 MSgt Samantha Davis RHS  
 MSgt Mark Fontenot AMXS  
 MSgt Melissa Lindsay LRS  
 MSgt James Lipinski SFS  
 MSgt Daniel Moore SFS  
 MSgt Charles Poulin MXS  
 MSgt Dawn Walsh MDG  
 SMSgt Kim Lengel MXS

## Retirements

SMSgt Charles Leavelle SVF  
 MSgt Jeffrey Marks AMXS

# JEC - IS SPONSORING ...

**What:** Fish Fry

**When:** Saturday, March 3 @ 1800 hrs

**Where:** All Ranks Club

**Who:** Junior Enlisted Members

**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**

BBQ Sandwich  
 Hot Dogs  
 Chicken Salad Sandwich  
 Baked Beans  
 French Fries  
 Mixed Vegetables  
 Gingerbread Cake w Icing  
 Broccoli & Cheese Soup

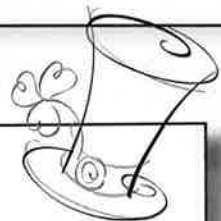
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**Sunday**

Grilled Ham Steak  
 Meatloaf  
 Mashed Sweet Potatoes  
 Buttered Noodles  
 Buttered Peas  
 Peach Crisp  
 Broccoli & Cheese Soup

No Short Order

## March



National Women's History Month

*St Patrick's Day*

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*Foot Health Month*

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*Irish American Heritage Month*

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