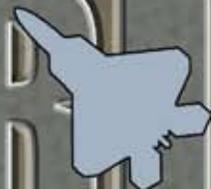


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Veteran's Day



It is most appropriate for me to address Veteran's Day since most of you reading this article have previously or are presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. To many individuals, Veteran's Day has become just another "day off," or perhaps, to others not receiving it as a holiday from work, just another "named" day on the calendar (much like Earth Day, Arbor Day, etc.). With the breakout and ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Americans have become more intimate with the status of our military's presence in the defense of our Nation and its allies, but the sacrifice often goes unnoticed to those who have no connection with past or present Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen since many Americans have never served in the military.

Regardless of the recognition you may receive for serving your nation, you should always be able to stand tall and

proud knowing that you helped keep America free. From the Revolutionary War up to the present conflicts, Americans serve to protect the rights of all. This is the finest country in the world and each of us owes a debt to those who have gone before and offered "service before self." The immortal words of President John F. Kennedy, "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country" should always echo in your mind as you work in your military occupation, enjoy your military retirement, or languish the loss of a loved one who paid the ultimate sacrifice in his/her service.

You, as a Veteran, are a part of a long lineage who have gone before. Note the words of President Abraham Lincoln, "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that

field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

May God bless our Veterans and our Nation and I thank you for your service.

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You can find Memory overlooking the James River at the Virginia War Memorial located in Richmond, Virginia at 621 South Belvidere Street. Photo by TSgt James Orbin.

Back Cover:

Safety to consider especially during the holiday season.

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Article: *192nd Maintenance Group Change of Command*

Second paragraph should read: With former experience in Wing Plans, previous Inspector General, F-16 Pilot and current F-22 pilot, Guy brings a solid background to the table.

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Remember Me

Virginia War Memorial

By TSgt James Orbin

As Veterans Day November 11th arrives, we as Virginians can recognize the importance in honoring our Veterans that have kept freedom alive in Virginia, the United States, and the free world. In January 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered a State of the Union speech stating, "This nation has placed its destiny in the hands and heads and hearts of its millions of free men and women; and its faith in freedom under the guidance of God. Freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere. Our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights or keep them. Our strength is our unity of purpose." One such way Virginians can remember and support our fallen heroes is at the Virginia War Memorial, which is located at 621 South Belvidere Street, overlooking the James River and Richmond, Virginia.



Walk into the Shrine of Memory and you will be able to see the names of over 11,600 Virginians who have sacrificed their lives in different wars. The best time to visit the memorial is in the early morning when the morning sun rises to the east of the Shrine and the names seem to come to life as each ray gleams through the glass of engraved names. In a subtle way, it gives a soft, warm reminder of a new day, another day of freedom for which they sacrificed their lives. Looking at the other southern end of the shrine is an impressive 100,000 pound white marble statue, standing 23 feet named Memory. She stands with her head bowed, not for shame but for great sorrow and pride felt by Virginians for all their fallen brothers and sisters. At the base of her feet, a single rose and the eternal flame which represents everlasting patriotism has been lit since February 1956.

President Kennedy's Inaugural speech in 1961 states "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." This statement has held true to Virginia's sons and daughters since the American Revolutionary War. They held the flame for true patriotism. *(Photo by TSgt James Orbin.)*

Dates to Remember

- Dec 13, 2008 – Breakfast with Santa/192nd FW Christmas Store
192nd Fighter Wing Christmas Party
149 FS Change of Command Ceremony
- Feb 7, 2009 - Couples Weekend - Sponsored by Family Readiness
- April 1, 2009 - Summer Tuition Assistant Forms Due
- April 19 -24, 2009 - Air Force Week - Hosted by Langley AFB
- April 24 -26, 2009 - Langley Air Show

WARRIOR OF THE MONTH



SSgt Danielle N. Ardis

In the VA Guard: Munitions/Ammo

Where is your current duty office?
Heritage Hall

Most exciting place the military has sent you? Al Udeid, Qatar, supported the flight line for OIF/OEF in 2003.

Most memorable moment in basic training? Warrior Week - The different courses were challenging, and I like a good challenge.

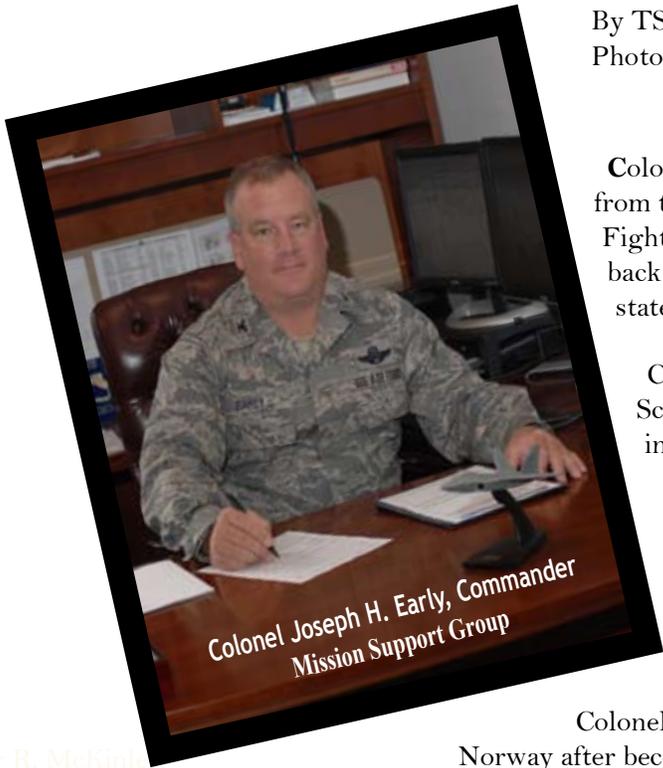
Advice to new recruits: "Pay attention to the small details. Set your own goals, and do your very best to achieve them. Never give up or quit when the going gets hard."

How many years have you been in the military? Seven and one half years as part of the 192nd FW.

Two interest or hobbies: I enjoy fishing and PlayStation. Fishing is a quiet time for me to relax and just enjoy the sound of the water. "It's my way to release." PlayStation is my alone time.

Colonel Joseph H. Early, III Assumes Command of the 192nd Mission Support Group

By TSgt James Orbin
Photos by MSgt Carlos Claudio



Colonel Joseph H. Early, III assumed command of the 192nd Mission Support Group from the position in June. At September's unit-training assembly, Colonel Early replaced Fighter Wing commander, Colonel Mark A. McCauley. Colonel McCauley said thank you back at the 192nd and as the new MSG Commander. "We need new and unique ideas," stated Colonel McCauley.

Colonel Early was born in Radford, Virginia and grew up in Hillsville, Virginia. He graduated from Hillsville High School in 1976. He attended the University of Virginia on a USAF ROTC scholarship and earned a degree in Environmental Sciences.

Upon graduation from the University of Virginia, Colonel Early was commissioned as a second lieutenant and assigned to Laughlin AFB, TX for Undergraduate Pilot Training. His active duty assignments include instructor pilot to SC and F-5 instructor pilot to Williams AFB, AZ. In his later assignment he served as a member of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency's Foreign Military Sales Program team in the Middle East, North Africa, Central and South America.

Colonel Early joined the Virginia Air National Guard in November 1988 and deployed to

Norway after becoming mission ready in the unit's A-7D Corsair II aircraft. After the 192nd FW's

Colonel Early served as an instructor pilot and flight examiner. In December 1993, he participated in the 192nd FW's

deployment, comprised of four Air National Guard units, to Incirlik, AB, Turkey in support of Operation Provide Comfort.

Colonel Early has redeployed to Southwest Asia two additional times in support of Operation Northern Watch, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. Additionally, he deployed to Aviano AB, Italy flying F-16 reconnaissance missions over Bosnia in 1996. During Colonel Early's career, he has flown over 3200 hours in fighter and attack aircraft accumulating 115 combat hours. "I have to say that my best flying assignment was as an F-5 instructor pilot in Arizona. I was able to fly two or three times a day in a very rewarding and demanding mission." "My best non-flying assignment would be with US Joint Forces Command, as the J7 Reserve Director. I benefited by working with and commanding reserve and national guard men and women from all branches of our military." "I think I bring a broader perspective to the wing with the joint training and command opportunities I have had throughout my career. Furthermore, I will leverage this experience exploring new opportunities for Total Force Integration with the 1st FW."

"When I was informed of this assignment," stated Colonel Early, "I thought about all of the role models and true leaders I've known throughout my career. They shaped who I am and I thank them for their mentoring and unwavering faith in me." "Excellence doesn't just happen; it takes hard work, team work, and dedication to service." "I am thankful for the opportunities I've had and I certainly look forward to the challenges ahead."

In attendance at the ceremony were Colonel Early's mother Charlotte, wife Susan, daughter Marshall, and sons Matt and Josh. His son Josh is a Cadet Fourth Class at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Colonel Mark A. McCauley at the 192nd Mission Support Group command ceremony. Photo by MSgt Carlos Claudio.

Command

group after Colonel Ray A. Turner retired received the MSG guidon from the 192nd that he was delighted to have Colonel Early and Colonel Early has those abilities,”

a graduating from Carroll County High Scholarship graduating in 1981 with a degree

Commissioned a Second Lieutenant and reported assignments include A-10s to Myrtle Beach, this squadron was tasked in support of the training students from throughout the Middle

ed to Evenes Air Station, conversion from the A-7D to the F-16C, Air National Guard's first ever rainbow comfort in Northern Iraq. Colonel Early



McCauley hands Colonel Joseph H. Early, III the Groups guidon during the assumption of command Saturday, September 13, 2008. (U.S. Air MSgt Carlos J. Claudio)

VaANG Imagery Analyst Named Among Top in Field in Air Force

By Lt Col Deborah Magaldi
JFHQ- VA Public Affairs

Recently promoted Staff Sergeant Jennilee Gergets, 192nd Intelligence Squadron, was recognized this summer as the Air Force Air Reserve Component Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Airman of the Year (Level II).

The Virginia Air National Guard member was born in Des Moines, Iowa. While Sergeant Gergets was young, her family moved to Illinois where she graduated from high school in May 2003. She married high school sweetheart Michael Gergets (on active duty at Langley AFB), and in October 2003 she entered the Air Force. After attending technical training at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, she was assigned to the 30th Intelligence Squadron at Langley AFB, Virginia, where she worked as an Imagery Analyst in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

After separating from active duty in 2006, she enlisted in the Virginia Air National Guard as a traditional guard member as an Imagery Analyst with Detachment 2 of the 192nd Fighter Wing also stationed at Langley AFB.

After taking a few months away from work late in 2006, to be with her newborn daughter, Sergeant Gergets went on active duty orders in February 2007 and for several months was the 192nd Intel Squadron's first and only full time Mission Examiner. In August 2007, she competed for and was selected to fill a GS-11 Intelligence Operations Specialist position with the 192nd IS.

According to the award citation, Sergeant Gergets "initiated the systems, processes and procedures that ensured direct war fighting capabilities of all 192nd IS multi-intelligence personnel. Her significant contributions have been vital to the success of the 192nd IS during its structured growth from a detachment of 16 members to a squadron of 100. She managed the standardization of training and evaluation documents for all 192nd IS operations."

Sergeant Gergets is a certified Imagery Analyst, Screener, Imagery Report Editor and Imagery Mission Supervisor and an Instructor Rated Operator, helping to train new imagery analysts. Her 192nd IS position has integrated with the 497th Intelligence Group's Standardization and Evaluation shop where she now works to certify imagery mission personnel after they complete their training.

She analyzes imagery from U-2, Global Hawk and Predator aircraft and helps train and certify imagery analysts supporting contingencies around the world.

"Receiving this award has been very exciting and a little overwhelming," Sergeant Gergets said. "I'm so glad I did this; I really love my work." She and fellow award recipients were recognized over two days of mentoring activities and an awards luncheon in the Washington, D.C. area in June.

The Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Awards Program is conducted annually to recognize outstanding performance by military and civilian members and units who hold ISR specialties or contribute to the mission of the ISR force. In selecting this year's winners, the awards board reviewed more than 240 nominations from 23 organizations. In a message announcing the winners, the board described the caliber of nominees as "extremely high" and the competition as "keen in all categories."

Then-Senior-Airman Gergets was initially selected as tops in her peer group within the 497th Intelligence Group and the 480th Intelligence Wing at LAFB earlier this year. She was nominated for the Air Force level recognition after being named both the 8th Air Force and Air Combat Command Outstanding Air Reserve Component Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance Airman of the Year.



God in the Midst of Suffering

By Chaplain (Maj) Keith A. Lingsch
NGB Readiness Center

Recently an Active Duty B-52H crashed in the Pacific Ocean off the shore of Guam. The plane was on a training mission in which it was scheduled to fly over crowds during a Liberation Day celebration. In the midst of suffering, God was present to bring comfort and peace. God was present through an ANG Chaplain and Chaplain Assistant.

One of the AEF deployments that the ANG Chaplaincy has consistently filled is the flight-line ministry at Andersen AFB Guam. The Religious Support Team serving God by caring for Airman in Guam is, Chaplain Lt Col Greg Clapper of the 122nd FW in Indiana and MSgt Mark Lounello of the 192nd FW in Virginia. Their flight-line mission had them in close contact with all the B-52 flight-crews prior to the accident. Our business

in the Air Force is dangerous. Lives are on the line every day. As we build relationships through ministry of presence with flight-crews and all those who serve we hope never to have to deal with tragedies. Sometimes the unthinkable happens.

In the wake of the unthinkable Chaplain Clapper and MSgt Lounello were where God needed them to be. They have tirelessly worked to bring God's comfort and peace. In a chaotic situation they did their job and did it well! Thanks for being God's representatives and bringing healing to those that are hurting.

May God bless the men and women of Andersen AFB and the Religious Support Teams that serve them!



Photo by MSgt Mark Lounello

Major Micah "Zeus" Fleser Makes a Visit



Major Micah "Zeus" Fleser is an F-22A pilot with the 192nd Fighter Wing. He is on a three year stat tour with the 433rd Air Dominance Division at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas NV. Nellis AFB is where fighter pilots learn advanced tactics. Fleser is the first F-22 instructor pilot, among active duty and guard, to instruct in that division. (US Air Force photo by Master Sergeant Carlos J. Claudio)

If you would like to read more about Major Fleser's career, please visit our website at: <http://www.192fw.ang.af.mil/>

THE MEO CORNER

What is Your Opinion?

During the November drill, you will have the opportunity to share your opinion of "positive and negative human relations factors that may affect your organization's mission accomplishment" with your commander. The 192nd Equal Opportunity Climate Assessment Survey will be available from your first sergeants during the November drill. Please be aware that this survey is different from the CSAF Invitation to 2008 Climate Survey. There are 40 questions, separated into 6 categories. The categories are job environment, motivation/pride/recognition, peer relationships, unit leadership, perception of freedom to address concerns and fair treatment/discrimination/sexual harassment. In addition to answering questions favorable, neutral and unfavorable, you will have the opportunity to type in comments. Once all personnel have completed the survey, the information will be compiled into an executive summary. It will be available in the Vanguard for review. Each commander will be given a separate survey for their squadron. Please feel free to contact the Military Equal Opportunity Office (Major Stewart) if you have any questions (757) 764-7105.

Moving In, Moving Up, Moving On

Enlistments

Maj David Bennett DET 1
 Maj Darren Gray 149 FS
 1LT Rocki Luksan MDS
 TSgt Jeffery Leftwich IS
 SSGT Chris Barron AMXS
 SSGT Christopher Debatto IS
 SSGT Daniel Harms AMXS
 SSGT David Buckley MXS
 SSGT Gregory Thomas SFS
 SSGT Jeshurun Whittenburg FW
 SSGT Jonathan Ayers IS
 SSGT Robert Loquist MXS
 SrA Rachel Jones IS
 SrA Shawn Phillip AMXS
 SrA Shicara Irvin MDS
 SrA Trevor Sprinkle RHS
 A1C Anthony Cuccherini AMXS
 A1C David Goodman RHS
 A1C Jacob Fleming RHS
 A1C Joseph Haygood Jr. AMXS
 A1C Joshua Tiller AMXS
 A1C Michael Allen MDS
 A1C Michelle Foreman SFS
 A1C Neal Malone IS
 A1C Olvin Monterrosa RHS

A1C Ryan Schmidt FS
 A1C Sharronie Hunter SFS
 A1C Shawn Love MXS

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Lt Col Ralph S. Seilius DET 1
 Lt Col Thomas P. McAtee 149 FS
 Maj Mathew R. Hummel AMXS
 Maj Linzy R. Laughunn FW
 SMSgt Steven Pasco IS
 MSgt April Lee LRS
 MSgt Frederick Chappell MSG
 MSgt James Carrington MXS
 MSgt Joseph Woolard AMXS
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 MSgt Rebecca Walvatne LRS
 MSgt Regina Lawrence MSF
 MSgt Thomas Harper AMXS
 MSgt Todd Henry RHS
 MSgt Wesley Childress MXS
 TSgt Asha Gibbs MSF
 TSgt Brian Gray RHS
 TSgt Darci Sanger IS
 TSgt Jacob Ikenberry SFS

TSgt Jessica Wilson RHS
 TSgt Joseph Nickerson
 TSgt Kevin Moore LRS
 TSgt Robert Stewart MSG
 TSgt Ryan Hooper SFS
 TSgt Stephen Wise AMXS
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 SSGT Andrew Zimmerman MXS
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 SSGT Derek Chandler MXS
 SSGT Ira Jones MSG
 SSGT John Detomasso MDG
 SSGT Jose Jusino AMXS
 SSGT Kelly Heatherman IS
 SSGT Paul Kelley, Jr. IS
 SSGT Rachel Chambers MXS
 SSGT Sarah Lopez IS
 SSGT Trent Baker MXS
 SSGT Zachary Holloway IS
 SrA Cansas Carter RHS
 SrA Christopher Bell MXS
 SrA Robert Baggett RHS
 SrA Russell McMillion RHS
 SrA Ryan Wilkerson FW
 SrA Steven Stribling RHS

UTA Schedule

192 FW & JFHQ-VA

November 1 -2, 2008
 December 13 - 14, 2008
 January 10 - 11, 2009

203 RHS

November - **NO UTA**
 December 6 - 7, 2008
 January 10 -11, 2009

200 WF

November 1 - 2, 2008
 December 6 - 7, 2008
 January 10 -11, 2009

Det 1

November 15 - 16, 2008
 December 6 - 7, 2008
 January 10 -11, 2009

Beat on the street...

Why do you think it is important to vote?



As a free citizen, it's irresponsible not to vote for your future. Voting allows you to stand up for what you believe in. "Be the change you'd like to see in the world." *SrA Holly Catanzaro, Chaplain Assistant*



"It is your duty and freedom as an American citizen to vote. If you do not fulfill your duty, you have no right to complain." *A1C Joseph Marotta, Munitions*

Photos by SSGT Jeshurun Whittenburg

HOLIDAY SAFETY

Hunting Safety

First and foremost **hunting safety** means **gun safety**. This is a very powerful tool that comes with responsibility. No matter where you are, always treat your gun as if it was fully loaded and ready for shooting. Remember to **keep your gun's safety** "on" until you're actually ready to use it. If you have to do any sort of climbing, unload the weapon and reload when you're ready to hunt. Second know your skill level and be certain of your **aim**. People's emotions run high when hunting, which is why other hunters or hikers get mistaken for deer. Look twice; be sure. Third **know your weapon** and take proper care of it. Like any tool your gun needs on-going care if it's to work properly. Fourth is to have familiarity with your hunting area. When in doubt – stop and look one more time for that "**hunter orange**" stripe that identifies other humans. Fifth is having **proper hunting gear**, including eye and ear protection. Exposure to gunfire can cause hearing loss over time. Eye protection creates a barrier between you and any possible debris like gun powder. Last but not least remember to go hunting unimpaired. Drugs or alcohol make handling firearms very unsafe.



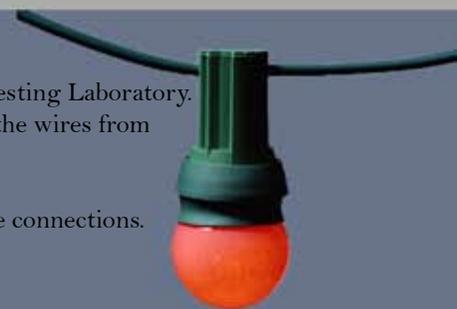
Holiday Driving Safety



- Maintain your vehicle. Check on the tire tread, battery, antifreeze, windows, brakes and the like.
- Keep a safety kit at hand. The kit should contain flashlight, jumper cables, flares, and other warning devices. For an extensive trip don't forget to bring in food, water, blanket, batteries, medication, and mobile phone.
- Drive in accordance with the law and common sense. Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Avoid drowsy driving. Get a good sleep before driving. To be more secure, drive with a companion.
- If stalled or stopped, stay with your car. You will have to put conspicuous markers your on windows or antenna and shine dome light. If you insist to run your car, be sure to clear its exhaust pipe to keep its warmth.
- NEVER drink and drive.

Holiday Decorating Safety

- Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety by a nationally-recognized Testing Laboratory. Use only newer lights that have thicker wiring and are required to have safety fuses to prevent the wires from overheating.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
- If using an extension cord, make sure it is rated for the intended use.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.
- Do keep decorations and ladders away from overhead electrical lights and power lines.
- Turn off all holiday lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.



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