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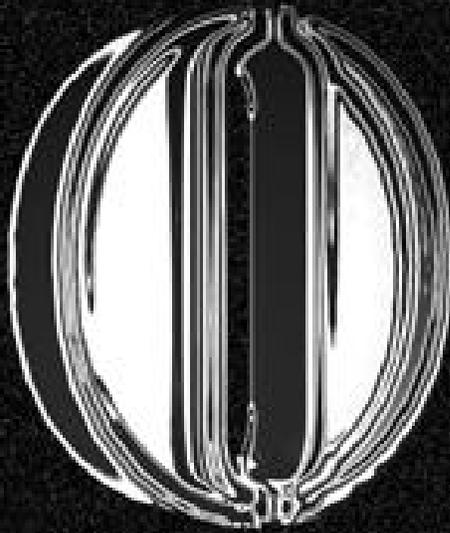


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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

It's been a tough seven months since our first try at the Phase II ORI. While we all had a difficult time coming to grips with the IG's assessment of our performance then, the bottom line remains that we have used the dark winter months to take an honest look at ourselves, make the changes necessary, and to train to the level of excellence that we know we are capable of.

The ORI retake will not be easy, and the IG will be even less inclined to give us the benefit of the doubt. That is as it should be. This Wing is ready by the IG's standards, ACC's standards and any war-fighting CinC's standards; but most importantly, we are ready by our standards. Elsewhere in this issue of the EnGarde you will see a letter from Maj Gen Berberian; one that is simple yet direct. Please take the time to read it – he expresses in a few short words a sincere confidence and level of support that should make everyone in this Wing proud. I am proud of the way the 174th has accepted this challenge, I am proud of the hard work you've invested in preparation, and I know I will be proud of the results of the IG's outbrief a few short days away.

Good luck to each and every one of you.

A letter from Maj. General Berberian...

As you approach your last few weeks of preparation for the ORI, I wanted to remind you of what I said to you after your last inspection: *I have the utmost confidence in the entire 174th Fighter Wing. Together, you can do anything.*

The 174FW has a proud heritage that has served the unit well in war and peace. From all reports, the unit members have taken these lessons to heart and have prepared themselves to succeed. I am confident in the knowledge that you will be great as a team and I look forward to a favorable debrief.

Remarks By The President To National Guard Personnel Yeager Field, Charleston, West Virginia

There is an old saying that example is the true language of men. The example of this state speaks of duty and honor. The people of West Virginia have always answered the call to military service. There are an awful lot of mountaineers who have made this country proud. And the men and women of the West Virginia National Guard and Reserves continue that tradition. When it comes to readiness, as the Governor mentioned, the state's Army and Air National Guard units are ranked at the top of our nation. And the West Virginia National Guard has more people than openings. It's a darn good sign that things are right in the ranks here in this important state.

I also want to recognize the employers of the National Guardsmen and Reservists, especially those that are here today. Citizen soldiers have always depended on selfless employers. The generosity of the employers in West Virginia wasn't learned in MBA textbooks or in business

schools. It was learned because these folks are patriotic. They care about their state and they care about their country. You put love of country above love of profit. And you have the gratitude of our nation.

This is the National Guard's Year of the Employer, and it's a recognition that the employers of the Guardsmen and the Reservists justly deserve. National Guardsmen and Reservists are a part of a great and enduring American tradition. The National Guard, itself, is the oldest part of America's Armed Forces, with a history reaching back more than three and a half centuries.

During the American Revolution, volunteers and MinuteMen earned our freedom. Today, our Guard and Reserve help preserve it. The National

Guard has a unique role. It serves America within our borders and beyond our borders. You assist your neighbors in times of natural disaster, in flood and storm and fire. The West Virginia National Guard, for example, has been activated for disaster relief 15 times in the last six years. All Americans have learned to count on the National Guard in times of crisis, to lend a strong and



helping hand.

The Guard Reservists also provide for the common defense. This has always been so. But it has never been more important than today. During the last few years, American active forces have been reduced in size, even as American commitments have increased. The Guard and Reserves have stepped up to the challenge.

More than ever, you find yourselves a part of overseas missions, serving with your active duty counterparts. In Bosnia and Kosovo, Reservists make up 15 to 20 percent of the force. You know firsthand. Less than two months ago, a number of airmen from the 130th Airlift Wing came home from Operation Joint Force after flying missions from Germany to the Balkans.

During my tenure as Governor of Texas, hundreds of National Guardsmen and Reservists were sent to Bosnia, and I was enormously proud of them. They did what they always do -- they performed their duty, just as you perform your duty. As threats to America change, your role will continue to change. The National Guard and Reservists will be more involved in homeland security, confronting acts of terror and the disorder our enemies may try to create. I welcome the important part you will play in protecting our nation and its people.

The National Guard and Reserves are a vital part of America's national defense. And I want you to know that you not only have a former Guardsman in the White House, you have a friend.

In his book, "Citizen Soldier," the distinguished historian, Steven Ambrose, wrote this: "At the core, the American citizen soldiers knew the difference between right and wrong. And they didn't want to live in a world

in which wrong prevailed. So they fought, and they won. And we, all of us living and yet to be born, must be forever profoundly grateful."

Professor Ambrose was writing about the soldiers of World War II. But his words apply to this audience and to the men and women around the world who proudly wear the uniform. Your uniform shows that you are living your life for others, for your fellow West Virginians in time of suffering and crisis; for your fellow Americans when our safety is threatened; and for the values and ideals our country represents when our allies and friends ask for help. All Americans benefit from your service, and we'll always be grateful. God Bless You

Mother of Three Rejoins Security Forces

By 2nd Lt. Jeff Brown, 174th FW, Public Affairs Officer

Excitement. Structure. Equality. Advancement. These are the qualities of the Air National Guard and the 174th Fighter Wing that enticed Senior Airman Tracy Schroeder back into the military after spending 10 years working in the civilian sector and raising three children.

“I missed the excitement and comradery of deploying overseas, as well as the defined structure offered by the military,” said Schroeder. “My experience in the military is that it provides a fair and equal opportunity for female enlisted personnel. If you work hard and keep your nose clean, you will advance and be recognized for your achievements regardless of your gender.”

Schroeder joined the military in the late 1980s when she enlisted in the active duty Air Force out of high school in Gaithersburg, Maryland. At the suggestion of her recruiter, she joined the Security Police detachment (now called Security Forces). Back then, Security Police was divided into two divisions: Security, which was responsible for guarding aircraft and weapon storage areas, and Law Enforcement, which investigated criminal activity.

Schroeder’s first assignment upon graduation from technical school was Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Schroeder recalls Germany being a nice place to visit, but a country she wouldn’t want to live in. Germans have a great cultural heritage, but they tend to be very laid back compared to Americans. One example is the fact that stores were rarely open on weekends or nights.

One of Schroeder’s most vivid memo-

ries while serving at Ramstein was her visit to the German concentration camp Dachau. The camp is located approximately 300 miles from the base. During World War II it housed thousands of prisoners of war.

Schroeder recalls being moved by a solitary picture set in the middle of a field of flowers showing a mass grave that once occupied the site. She also



was moved by touring several rebuilt gas ovens and examining logbooks listing the names and origins of every prisoner at the camp.

While at Ramstein, Schroeder met her husband Bill. After their tours of duty were up, the couple returned to Bill’s hometown of Syracuse and began raising a family. For the past 10 years, the couple has raised three children, Joshua, Samantha and Zachary. Senior Airman Schroeder currently works at the Onondaga County Water Authority and her husband is a police officer with the Syracuse Police Department.

Despite her prolonged absence from

the military, in 1999 Schroeder decided to rejoin the 174th Fighter Wing as a member of the Security Forces Squadron. She had always been interested in coming back, but she was concerned about spending time away from her family to complete basic and technical training. After a chance meeting with Master Sgt. Ann Johnson during an event attended by their children, Schroeder decided to call our recruiters. She quickly found out that her original training in Air Base Ground Defense was still valid and she would not have to recomplete basic or technical training.

Since joining the 174th, Schroeder has been impressed by the Air National Guard as compared to the active duty Air Force. “I am particularly excited about the breadth of experience Guardsmen bring to the fight,” said Schroeder. “They have a better perspective on their jobs because of their many life experiences.”

Starting in March, Schroeder will join the 174th as a full time AGR Security Forces member. Security Forces is broken down into four squadrons of approximately 13 members each. Within each squadron there are three four-member Fire Teams.

Additionally, there is a separate Combat Arms Section responsible for conducting weapons training and a separate Training section for Security Forces members. The entire Security Forces Squadron comprises 13 full-time military AGRs, 12 full-time civilian Base Security Guards and 60 traditional guardsmen.

Joint ESGR in Central New York

by Major Kate Vaughan, 174th FW, Community Manager

With over 1,000 unit members I often think of the Air National Guard at Hancock Field as “the military presence” in Central New York. Of course I am a bit biased--most folks who live in this area know we are one of many Active Duty and Reserve units including the Naval Reserve, United States Marine Corps, and the 27th Brigade.

The jointness of our community was eloquently illustrated a few weeks ago during an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) My Boss is a Patriot award ceremony here at the 174th Fighter Wing. Mr. Bill Fitzpatrick, The Onondaga County District Attorney, was recognized for his outstanding support to our Judge Advocate Major Brian Lauri, Lieutenant Commander Matthew Doran (USNR), and Captain Michael Mordue (USAR). Lieutenant Commander Tiemann, Commander Naval Reserve, and Maj General Schempp, Chairman ESGR Committee joined Colonel Knauff, in the Wing Headquarters for the presentation. Each formally recognized Mr. Fitzpatrick’s contributions to the success of our military units.

Immediately following the presentation the group met with Lieutenant Colonel Hunter for an up-close look at our F-16s. The group then headed to Operations where Captain Figueroa trained Mr. Fitzpatrick on the use of our F-16 simulator.

The event was a great success. The first of many special events to be hosted dur-

1. Is an employee protected from unlawful discrimination by an employer based on military affiliation?

Yes. The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) provides protection for initial hiring and adverse employment actions by an employer if the action is motivated even in part by the employee’s military service.

2. Can an employer refuse to allow an employee to attend scheduled drills or annual training?

No. Employees must be excused from work to attend drill or annual training and the employer must reemploy the employee as if he or she has not been absent.

3. Is an employer required to pay an employee who is on military leave of absence?

Note. While many employers offer differential pay or specific number of paid military leave days, an employer is not required to pay an employee on military leave of absence.



ing the Year of the Employer. I hope that each of our guardsmen will consider recognizing their boss with an award or invitation to see our base. For more information on ESGR events contact me at 454-6139.

A Few Common ESGR Questions and Answers:



Mr. Fitzpatrick received the "My Boss is a Patriot Award" from his three Guard/Reserve employees, local Commanders, and the ESGR"



Up close with an F-16. From L to R: Mr. Fitzpatrick, Col Hunter, Maj Lauri, LCDR(S) Doran, and Capt Mordue"



Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Maj) Timothy Bejian



A Flint Arrowhead for God

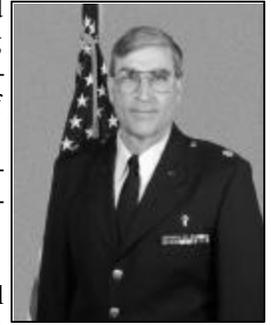
If you come into my office and look on my desk, you will see an assortment of odds & ends. The most interesting of which, at least to me, are three pieces of rock. The smallest and most easily overlooked is a piece of flint I found while deer hunting in Alabama a year ago. This piece of flint is an arrowhead that didn't meet the required standards and was cast aside only to be found by me a century or two later. Have you ever taken a good look at a real flint arrowhead? Have you ever watched a program on how such items are actually made? It is all really quite fascinating and there is nothing primi-

tive about it. Flint, though it is a rock, needs to be treated like glass. When properly and precisely struck, a conoidal fracture occurs and the resulting chip falls away. If you wonder what a conoidal fracture looks like, it looks like your windshield after a stone hits it, or like a window after a BB hits it.

When making an arrowhead, the workman selects a piece of flint. If he or she is smart, a thick piece of leather is laid across the leg to protect it from the sharp pieces of flint that are knocked off. The flint is now held at a precise angle and a stone tool is used to strike the flint. The finished arrowhead is the result of many such strikes all calculated and precise. If the workman mis-

calculates and strikes at a wrong angle, the arrowhead is ruined. If the flint is struck too hard, the arrowhead is shattered.

In a very real way each of us is like a piece of flint. God takes each of us in His hand and chips away first here and then there, until He has the finished product. Sometimes we may complain about the hits we take in the process but when it all said and done, we usually experience a sense of growth and direction in Him.



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VA Benefits Bill Introduced

Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) has introduced the Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001, his first major bill as chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. A House Veterans Affairs Committee press release reports that key provisions of the measure include: (1) an increase in the VA burial and funeral allowance from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for veterans whose deaths are service-connected, and from \$300 to \$500 for veterans with non-service connected disabilities; (2) an increase in assistance to severely disabled veterans for automobile and adaptive equipment from \$ 8,000 to 9,000; (3) an extension to as early as nine months before discharge for VA, Department of Defense, and Department of Labor transition counseling. The period would be extended to as much as 18 months for those retiring after military careers. For more information on the activities of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, or to write your representative, visit <http://veterans.house.gov/welcome/webindex.htm>

Reservists Benefits...Commissary Challenge 2001

Officials with the Defense Commissary Agency are issuing a challenge to reserve component members in 2001. Shop regularly in the commissary and we guarantee you and your family will save more than \$2,000 in the New Year. The key for unlocking the door to savings is the Commissary Privilege Card (DD Form 2529) issued annually to Guard and Reserve members by their units.

Korean War Service Medal Available

The DoD's 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Committee wants veterans to know that the Korean War Service Medal is still available. Applicants must furnish a copy of their DoD Form 214 (discharge papers) as proof of eligibility. People who need to request their military records can download a request form at <http://www.nara.gov/regional/mprsf180.html> Veterans applying for the medal should contact the AFPC by calling (800) 558-1404, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., CST, or contacting the awards and decorations section at (210) 565-2431, (210) 565-2520, or (210) 565-2516. Information is also available at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards>

New VA Hotline for Agent Orange

Vietnam veterans now have a new national toll-free helpline to answer questions about Agent Orange Exposure, health care, and benefits at(800) 749-8387 VA representatives staff the hotline from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., CST, or you can access a 24-hour automated system at other hours. The VA has established a specific Agent Orange Web Page in conjunction with the helpline that can be accessed at <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/benefits/herbicide> .

OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION PART DUEX GUARDED OPTIMISM?

by Lt. Col. John Murray, 174 FW, IG



Seven months ago the ACC/IG, as personified by Colonel John Poutier, arrived at the 174th Fighter Wing and provided us with a graded opportunity. The results of our endeavor in that Phase II Operational Readiness Section are history and it took some time for the bruises and abrasions to our unit ego to heal.

Seven months later we have completed an NGB sponsored Staff Assistance Visit, two Operational Readiness Exercises, three Command Post Exercises, six months of Chemical Warfare Refresher and NBC Sweep Team Training, hour after hour of ICT and Combat Turn training and practice, and countless hours of other training and meetings. So where do we stand today and what do we do next?

The answer to that question rests with you. You have the capability, the knowledge, the ability, and you have demonstrated that you can perform. As a total, the unit's capabilities are known and more than meet the standard being applied across the Air Force today. The only unknown in this Phase II again remains the ACC/IG Team and their scenario.

The best defense is to take our game to them. Plan for and expect a full-blown Phase II ORI. Put the right stuff, in the right place, at the right time, every time. Be positive, control your emotions and those of the people around you, use your checklists and procedures as well as the greatest resource we have, each other. Practice effective communications up the chain of command, down the chain of command and laterally throughout your duty section. If you are unsure of what to do in a situation, be proactive, take the initiative, and yell for, "HELP!" Taking care of each other will get us through yet another opportunity to excel. There is no need to enter this round with "guarded optimism." You are ready! Let's Do It!

The ABCs Of Surviving An Inspection

By Master Sgt. Leland Green, 174th FW,

APPLY YOUR TRAINING, SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE ALL THE TIME

BRING ALL YOUR EQUIPMENT, MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT!

CONCENTRATE ON THE TASKS AT HAND.

DEMONSTRATE SAFE WORK PRACTICES AND SKILLS BY USING CHECKLISTS.

EVALUATE THE SITUATION, THINK THEN SELECT THE PROPER RESPONSE.

FREELY ACCEPT GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION FROM THE EXPERTS.

GO WHERE YOU ARE NEEDED, QUICKLY AND ASSIST IN RECOVERY OPERATIONS.

HANDBOOK, AFH32-4014, V4, HAVE IT HANDY AND USE IT.

INITIATE ACTION, BE READY TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP.

JUDGEMENT, USE IT!

KNOW WHERE YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.

LIVE UP TO EXPECTATIONS.

MANUAL, AFM10-100, A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT REFERENCE.

NEVER ARGUE WITH THE INSPECTOR.

OPERATE SAFELY WITH SUCCESS IN MIND.

PERFORM BUDDY CHECKS FREQUENTLY.

QUALITY IN WHAT AND HOW YOU DO IT STILL COUNTS.

RESPOND - RESPOND- RESPOND.

SAFETY - SAFETY - SAFETY IS ALWAYS FIRST.

TREAT CASUALTIES -INITIATE CARE & TRANSPORT.

URGENCY - SHOW IT, REACT, DEMONSTRATE IT.

VERIFY USE DURESS AND CHEMICAL CODES.

WATCH YOUR BUDDY.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE.

YOU ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR SUCCESS.

ZIP IS WHAT YOU GET IF YOU DON'T APPLY YOURSELF.

Getting There and Back, The ORI Transportation Flow

By Senior Master Sgt. Dale Cuny, 174th FW, Transportation Superintendent

Here we are only a few short days away from the arrival of the ACC IG Inspectors here at Hancock Field. We have trained, corrected problem areas, made improvements to processes, and practiced for our ORI over and over again. Now we're peeked and ready to show the IG just what the 174th FW is all about and leave them wondering why they had to come back.

The 174th Logistics Squadron, Transportation Flight will be providing Shuttle Bus transportation to the 174th FW Operations Area from the Personnel Accountability Station (PAS) located on the north side of Hancock Field.

The parking lot shuttle will begin on the north side as parking lot locations progress outward from the SAGE building using vans with yellow beacons. Personnel will be dropped off at the South side of the SAGE building for PAS processing. Upon completion of the processing, personnel will exit the SAGE building on the west side to board the bus bound for the 174FW ORI Operations Area. Personnel will not be allowed to board the bus without processing through the PAS.

Buses will depart the SAGE building at no longer than 10-minute intervals. The driver will verify with the Transportation Control Center (TCC) the current field condition and MOPP level prior to entering the Operations Area to allow for any necessary adjustments in Mission Oriented Protective Posture. Unit members should plan on arriving at the north side of the Field at least 45 minutes or more before they are due at their work centers.

At the end of a person's duty shift, transportation shuttles will move personnel to the North side of the Field for out-processing. Plan on at least 30 minutes for your departure.

Shuttle Bus "A" Route Bus Stops (SAGE Bldg to 174FW Operations Area) are located at:
Building 106 (Fuels)
South side of building 610 (Hanger)
South side of building 614 (Supply)
South side of building 643 (Operations)
Parking lot at building 787 (Weapons)

During the day there will be a Shuttle Bus "A" Route shuttle running to the SAGE Building at approximately 30-minute intervals.

There will also be a Shuttle Bus "B" Route working the Operations Area continuously throughout the duty day. These bus stops are located at:
South East corner of building 604
North East corner of building 627 compound
South side of building 610
South side of building 614
South side of building 643
Parking lot of building 787

Bus route stops will be marked with a Shuttle Bus "A" Route or Shuttle Bus "B" Route sign. If you should run into a unique transportation related problem during the ORI the Transportation Control Center can be contacted by calling ext. 426.

**GOOD LUCK!
LET'S SHOW THE IG OUR BEST!
WE'RE READY!**

Current Terrorist Threat Conditions

by Senior Master Sgt. Harold Bill, 174th FW, Security Forces

We are in Threatcon Normal. This was reduced from Alpha because there is currently no reason to justify the increase in conditions at this time. World affairs and how those affairs affect the 174 Fighter Wing directly drive Threatcons. They can also be driven by local events, which may directly or indirectly cause a threat to the personnel assigned to the wing. Threatcons can change with little advance notice and we must be prepared to implement changes as quickly as possible. Unit Commanders, Supervisors, Unit Security Managers, and Building Managers must be knowledgeable of Threatcon measures and

how to implement them within their squadrons. Prior events such as Khobar Towers, World Trade Center, and the Federal Building in Oklahoma City are indications of the type of threat that we are trying to protect people from. The loss of a life is unacceptable and the seriousness that we apply to implementing the protective measures will minimize the results if not completely deter a planned act from taking place.



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Start Off On The Right Foot

(7 – 8 & 28 - 29 April 2001)

When you report to the PAS for in processing you are to be in Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) 0 and be wearing the following:

GROUND PERSONNEL

DOG TAGS

Field Jacket (if required)

Battle Dress Uniform

Combat Boots

Helmet

Web Belt with Canteen (filled with water)

MCU-2A/P Gas Mask, Hood & Carrier

PILOTS ON ORE/ORI FLIGHT STATUS

DOG TAGS

Flight Jacket (if required)

Flight Suit

Flight Helmet with Mask

Flight Boots

Web Belt with Canteen (filled with water)

You must be carrying the following items:

CHEMICAL WARFARE TNG BAG

Chemical Warfare Suit (Jacket & Pants)

Chemical Protective Overboots

Chemical Protective Gloves with Liners

OPS 1 CHEMICAL BAG

Rubber Gloves/Inserts with Flight Gloves

Plastic Overcape

Plastic Overboots

OTHER ITEMS YOU NEED TO HAVE WITH YOU:

- Military Identification Card - (worn in arm band when issued)
- Reflective Belts (worn during hours of darkness around the waist)
- Line Badge (if you have been issued one)
- Gas Mask Spectacle Inserts, if required
- Military Drivers License (if you will be operating a vehicle)
- Flight Line Certificate of Competency (if you will be driving on the flight line)
- Weapons Qualification Card (if you will be carrying a weapon)
- AFM 10-100 Airman's Manual (with)
 - Change to T.O. 14P4-15-1 (MCU-2A/P Gas Mask), 30 Jan 00, label attached inside front cover.
 - Pyridostigmine Tablet (P-Tab) label attached inside back cover.
- AF Handbook 32-4014, Vol. 4, USAF ATSO Procedures
- Money for the purchase of an MRE (officers & AGRs only), if you want one, \$3.20.
- Haircuts and uniforms need to meet military standards.
- A positive attitude, self-confidence and a sense of humor.

DO NOT MIX CIVILIAN CLOTHING ITEMS, SUCH AS SNOW MOBILE STYLE BOOTS, NYLON WIND BREAKERS, ETC. WITH MILITARY UNIFORMS.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU SHOW UP WITHOUT THE RIGHT UNIFORM, EQUIPMENT OR IDENTIFICATION?

Individuals arriving at the PAS without proper uniform, equipment or ID card **WILL NOT** be permitted to in process and board the bus to be taken to the base.

If the missing items are in your work center at the base the following procedures will be used:

- The individual calls his/her supervisor.
- Notifies them that they have been denied in processing.
- Identifies the nature of the problem to include the missing item(s) and location(s).
- The supervisor assigns someone in the section to retrieve the item(s).
- That person takes the bus to the PAS.
- Gives the individual their missing item(s)
- The individual then in processes and proceeds to the base.

If the missing item(s) are left at home or in your motel room:

- The individual calls his/her supervisor.
- Notifies them that they have been denied in processing.
- Identifies the nature of the problem to include the missing item(s) and location(s).
- The individual returns to the off-base location of the missing item(s).
- Retrieves the required items.
- Returns to the PAS, in processes, boards the bus and reports for duty.

The OIC/NCOIC of the Personnel Accountability Station is required to generate a roster of the names of personnel that arrive at the PAS and fail to meet reporting requirements. This roster will be forwarded to the individual's Commander, Group Commander and the Wing Commander.



MEALS FOR APRIL 2001

by Senior Master Sgt. Sue Cenci, 174th FW, Base Services Specialist



FIELD KITCHEN: Members eating at the Field Kitchen will report to the tent by building 612 between 1030 and 1400 on Saturday and/or Sunday. Meals will be distributed in "take out" containers. Members may eat their meal in building 612 or take their meal back to their work area. Once the member signs in at the Field Kitchen, he/she will not be required to respond to ATSO alarms. Do not remove your IPE gear before signing in at the Field Kitchen tent. Members are required to respond to ATSO alarms before signing the meal count list and upon leaving the Field Kitchen/612 area. Inside building 612 is a non-play area – do not linger or we will lose this privilege. Don the appropriate MOPP level IPE before leaving building 612.

OFFICER's/AGR's Must Pay for their Meals:

Lunch and Dinner meal charge = \$3.20 (MRE or at Field Kitchen tent).

Please try to have exact change available.

MRE Pickup* - Personnel Accountability Station, Bldg 502 or as required by section with AF Form 2039
Lunch 1030 -1400 hrs Field Kitchen (Tent by Bldg 612) 28 April—BBQ Pork Ribs 29 April—Pepper Steak
Dinner MRE* - See note below.

**Note 1: All members are authorized to pick up one MRE at the Personnel Accountability Station. If the MRE is consumed for lunch and a dinner meal is required, the member's section is responsible to do the steps below and pick up the required number of MREs.*

For Group MRE Pickup:

To get MREs, prepare AF Form 2039, Ground Support Meals, found in FormFlow.

Separate form for each meal and each pay status.

Enter name and last four digits of social security number in appropriate columns.

Paying members = \$3.20.



Take filled in forms and money to Field Kitchen to pick up MREs for the total number of names listed on the forms. MREs will not be handed out without the form and/or money provided and properly filled out.

NCOAGA Scholarships

From the 174th FW Chapter 50 Office

The Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association has several scholarships available to Regular and Associate members of Chapter 50 and the National Association.

What's Available?

\$600 - Junior Division Scholarship. Open to all eligible High School students in 10th and 11th grade. They must write a 500-750 word essay on the topic, "How does the news media effect my life personally."

\$1,300 - Senior Division Scholarship. Open to all eligible High School students in 12th grade, and College student

in Freshmen through Senior year of college. They must write a 750-1,000 word essay on the topic, "How do my commitments effect my future."

\$1,600 - William M. Goyer Scholarship. The Senior Division essay receiving the highest number of points will be awarded this scholarship.

\$1,000 - The NCOAGA Memorial Scholarship. All Regular and Associate members of the ANG NCO Academy Graduate Assn. are eligible for this scholarship.

You must be a Regular or Associate member of the Association to be eligible for these scholarships. No "Local

Members" of Chapter 50 are eligible for these scholarships.

Attached are all the applicable forms, and guidance for the above essays. All scholarship applications must be "Post Marked" NLT 1 May 2001.

If anyone is not a member of Chapter 50, and has a dependent student, or will apply themselves, please contact Master Sgt. Jeremia Farley or Senior Master Sgt. Joe Gianetto for a membership application at #404.



RECRUITING

Tech. Sgt. Heidi Diaz 454-6532, Tech. Sgt. Richard Doctor 454-6158, Staff Sgt. Brad Addison 454-6241



Openings are available in the following AFSC's for new enlistees or for personnel who wish to retrain. Please contact the Recruiters (ext. 159) if you know of someone who is interested in joining the Air National Guard. If you would like to cross-train into one of these career fields contact the Retention Office at ext. 161.

<u>AFSC</u>	<u>Career Field</u>
1C4X1	Tactical Air Command and Control (274 ASOS)
1C5X1	Aerospace Control and Warning Operations (152AOG & NEADS)
2A0X1B	Avionic Test Station
2A1X1	Avionic Sensors Maintenance
2A3X2	F-16 C/D Avionic Systems
2A3X3B	Tactical Aircraft Maintenance (F16)
2A6X1A	Aerospace Propulsion
2A6X2	Aerospace Ground Equipment
2A6X3	Aircrew Egress Systems
2A6X4	Aircraft Fuel Systems
2A6X6	Aircraft Electrical and Environmental Systems
2E2X1	Electronic Computer and Switching Systems
2F0X1	Fuels Management
2S0X1	Supply Management
2W0X1	Munitions Systems
2W1X1	Aircraft Armament Systems
3A0X1	Information Management
3C0X1	Communications Computer Systems (152AOG & NEADS)
3E9X1	Readiness (Disaster Preparedness)
3P0X1	Security Forces



Personnel Accountability Station

By Lt. Col. MaryJo Patierno OIC, 174th FW, Personnel Accountability Station

Welcome to the 174th Fighter Wing Personnel Accountability Station (PAS).

We are here to assist in preparing you to deliver a peak performance during our upcoming ORI. To that end, it is our goal to provide every member with a fast, efficient and positive in/out processing experience. Our dry run during the March UTA was a great success. That success was due in large part to you, the members we served. Thank you.

The April ORI will be the test, and we're ready. Changes will be minimal between now and the ORI and made only if it makes it easier on you. You can help to ensure the success of the PAS by being prepared when you arrive. The rest is up to us.

Be sure you have your ID card and line badge. You will be asked to show identification before your given access to the PAS and will be denied if you don't. The SAGE building is a controlled area and requires an ID check every time you enter. If you have an armband use it. Several people did in March and it made things go much faster when hands were full of gear.

Sign-in during the March UTA went great. Expect to see it exactly the

same in April. Tables will be broken down by group and last name. Personnel moved through quickly and without hesitation to MRE issue and sign in. (see article from Services Flight) During March our objective was to collect baseline data on the average time to process through each and every checkpoint and to make people familiar with the entire operation. For that reason we required everyone to sign for an MRE. In April if you don't want an MRE you may proceed directly to the ATSO station. Officers and AGR's remember you'll be charged \$3.20 for an MRE. Having exact change will move you through this checkpoint faster and make things easier on our finance people. Please plan accordingly.

When you make it to the ATSO station smile, you're almost home. This checkpoint is there to make sure you're properly dressed for the current MOPP level and have all your IPE before entering the play area. This is where it counts. You will not board the bus unless you're cleared through the ATSO checkpoints. A group of trained professionals will be standing by to assist you in this final stage of preparation but you are ultimately responsible for the contents of your bag. Once cleared

through ATSO you will board the bus and proceed to the base. Enjoy the ride. You won't find a better trained or more prepared group of professionals anywhere.

Remember to add some time for ORI processing especially at the ATSO checkpoint. This is where we have the greatest potential to fall behind. Also, buses will not be able to accommodate the same large numbers of personnel in one trip. This time it's people plus bags. Plan wisely and arrive early.

The team in the PAS is committed to assisting you to perform up to the standards of the 174th FW. These standards were reinforced by the performance and professionalism of the PAS team and every member we processed. We'll give you our best and we expect the same from you. If you have questions call me and I'll do my best to answer them. In April when the IG walks away scratching their heads, be kind.



The ABC's of Self-Aid and Buddy Care

by Senior Master Sgt. Laurie Radtke, 174th FW, Senior Health Tech

What would you do first when encountering an unconscious casualty? If you focus on obvious injuries, such as a major fracture, you may overlook or even complicate more serious problems. Lightly shake the casualty to determine level of consciousness. If the casualty doesn't respond, determine the ABC's. Does the casualty have an open Airway? Is the casualty Breathing? Is there a pulse - Circulation? Always remember to establish the basics - - airway, breathing, and circulation. These are the first steps of effective buddy care for an unconscious casualty.

Casualty Transport/Escort Procedures

Units will transport/escort casualties to the Casualty Collection Point (CCP) in Bldg. 613 (Columbia College) by any means available. Escorts will be required to stay at the CCP to assist in completing the Casualty Information Sheet for all unconscious or deceased casualties.

Casualty Processing Procedures

All casualties will be processed through the Casualty Collection Point (CCP) to ensure proper casualty accountability and reporting to PERSCO. The CCP's primary objective is to treat minor injuries and return personnel to duty as quickly as possible. Casualties with more serious injuries are processed and

sent to the Casualty Holding Area (CHA) until released by the IG. Deceased casualties are also processed through the CCP, sent directly to Mortuary Services for further processing, and then on to the CHA until released by the IG. Once released, these individuals must process back through PERSCO also located in Bldg. 613 (Columbia College) before returning to duty.



May I Salute You?

by Patricia Salwei

I approached the entrance to Ft Belvoir's medical facility last year as an old veteran puttered towards me. Easily over 80 years old, stooped and slow, I barely gave him a second glance because on his heels was a full bird colonel.

As they approached, I rendered a sharp salute and barked, "Good morning, Sir!" He immediately came to life! Transformed by my greeting, he rose to his full height, returned my salute with pride, and exclaimed, "Good morning, Captain!" I was startled, but the full bird behind him was flabbergasted. The colonel stopped mid-salute, smiled at me and quietly moved on.

As I entered the clinic, the utter beauty of the encounter preoccupied me. What prompted the old man to assume that I was saluting him? Perhaps he just thought, "It's about time!" After all, doesn't a WWII vet outrank us all? I turned my attention to the waiting room taking a moment to survey the veterans there. Service people rushed around, loudspeakers blared, and the bell for the prescription window kept ringing. It was a whirl of activity and the older veterans sat quietly on the outside seemingly out of step, patiently waiting to be seen. Nobody was seeing. My old friend stayed on my mind. I began to pay attention to the military's attitude towards its veterans. Predominately, I witnessed indifference:

Impatient soldiers and airmen plowing over little old ladies at the commissary; I noticed my own agitation as an older couple cornered me at the Officer's Club and began reminiscing about their tour in Germany. To our disgrace, I have also witnessed disdain: At Ramstein AB terminal, an airman was condescending and borderline cruel with a deaf veteran flying Space A;

An ancient woman wearing a WACS button was shoved aside by a cadet at the Women's Memorial dedication in D.C.; A member of the Color Guard turned away in disgust from a drunk Vietnam vet trying to talk to him before the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Vietnam Wall.

Have you been to a ceremony

at the Wall lately? How about a Veteran's Day Parade in a small town. The crowds are growing faint. Why do we expect the general public to care if we don't? We are getting comfortable again. Not many of us around that have been forced to consider making the ultimate sacrifice. Roughly, 60% of today's active duty Air Force did not even participate in Desert Storm.

The next generation is watching. It is not my intention to minimize the selfless service of our modern mili-



tary; my comrades are the greatest people I know (and frankly should be treated better). But, lately I'm wondering if the public's attitude towards the military isn't just a reflection of the active duty military's attitude towards its own veterans. It's time to ask - do we regard them, do we consider them at all? How does our attitude change when the hero is no longer wearing a uniform... super hero hanging up his cape. How will we measure his value then?

He will no longer look like a

pilot, an officer, and a colonel. He'll just look like an old man coming out of the clinic with his prescription. But, is he less of a hero? Will anybody remember or care about all the months he spent away from his newborn daughter while making peace a possibility in the Balkans? Probably not! The truth is there are heroes in disguise everywhere. I use to wonder why people would want to chat with me when I was in uniform - telling me about their four years as a radio operator in Korea. So what? I wasn't impressed relative to my own experiences. Now I understand that they were telling me because nobody else cared. Proud of their service, no matter how limited, and still in love with our country, they were trying to stay connected. Their stories were code for: "I understand and appreciate you, can you appreciate me?" The answer is, yes.

I separated from the Air Force in February. I'm out of the club. Still, I want you to know that I'll attend the parades, visit the memorials, and honor you. All this while my kids and your kids are watching. Then, maybe, someday when I'm an old woman riding the metro, a young airman will take a moment of her time to listen to one of my war stories. I, in turn, will soak in her beauty and strength, and remember.

Today, as I reflect on my adventures in the Air Force, I'm thinking of that ancient warrior I collided with at Ft Belvoir. I'm wondering where he is, if he's still alive, if it's too late to thank him. I want to start a campaign in his honor - Salute A Veteran. What a great world this would be if all our elderly veterans wore recognition pins, and we would salute them even if we were out of uniform and saw them coming out of a Seven Eleven. Yes, this started out as a misunderstanding on my part. But, now I get it. That day was the first time in my life that I really understood what it meant to salute someone. Dear Veteran, I recognize and hail you! I do understand what I have and what you have given to make it possible. So I'm wondering if we meet on the street again - may I salute you?

Three Sundays in the Twentieth Century

By Capt. Chris McDonald, 174th FW, Intel OIC

Let me set the stage by telling you what happened on three Sundays in the twentieth century. There is a common thread that ties together the events that occurred on these Sundays, and our being here today is particularly tied to the most recent of these Sundays. The dates of the three Sundays are June 28, 1914; December 7, 1941; and February 6, 1965. Sunday, December 7, 1941, "a day that will live in infamy," was, of course, the date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the first day of America's combat involvement in the Second World War. What happened then, in 1941, echoed what happened in 1914. No, it wasn't the date when the guns started the firing on the Western Front but, in retrospect, they were the first shots of the carnage called World War I. On that Sunday in 1914 in Sarajevo a young Serbian nationalist, Gavrilo Princip, fired two shots and killed the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and his wife Sophie. The response of the Austro-Hungarian Government to the assassination led to a train of events that soon engulfed all of Europe. It was the opening bell for round one of a three-round conflict that has consumed most of the twentieth century: World War I, World War II, and the Cold War. Sunday, the 6th of February 1965 is an outgrowth of the Cold War. And while

it is not imbedded in our nation's memory like December 7, 1941, it is no less significant because it was on that date that the longest war in America's history can be said to have begun. In the early morning hours at a town called Pleiku, some two hundred miles north of Saigon, a platoon of Viet Cong troops made a surprise attack on American military personnel at the airfield there. Eight Americans were killed and 119 wounded. This was a direct assault on Americans whose role in Vietnam up

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to that time had been purely advisory. This was not the first attack upon American personnel and equipment in the south, but it is the first attack that resulted in a continuing American Military response. (I use the word "continuing" to distinguish our response at this time from the quid pro quo response to the Gulf of Tonkin incident six months earlier.) With President Johnson's approval, a campaign of fighter-bomber strikes against military targets in North Vietnam began. Known as "Rolling Thunder," these air operations played a unique role in the emer-

gence of Operations Security (OPSEC) as a concept and as a program.

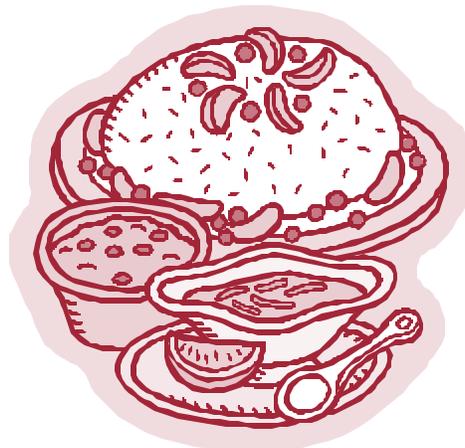
The first Rolling Thunder mission was flown on February 11, 1965 four days after the attack at Pleiku and one day after another bloody attack on American personnel at Qui Nhon. Our war had begun. I do wonder whether we would all be here today if Gavrilo Princip had missed on that Sunday in 1914. We can only speculate idly about this.

As the Rolling Thunder missions continued to be flown in the weeks and months that followed that Sunday in early 1965, they were accompanied by normal military concern over retaining the element of surprise. This concern gave the rise to a Joints Chief of Staff initiated undertaking to identify any actual or possible sources that the enemy might exploit to derive forewarning or fore knowledge of our intentions. Such identification could provide a rational basis for the development of countermeasures. This undertaking, of course, was the genesis of OPSEC and began a train of events, which has finally brought all of us here today.



Health Tips

What makes us gain unwanted weight? What makes us fat? Most people don't know the answer to this very common question. Most of us are under the impression that eating fatty foods makes us gain weight, hence become fat. Indirectly, this is a true statement and only because fatty foods tend to be higher in calories than most other foods. The answer to this question, "what makes us fat" is excess calories! Based on your activity level in a given day your body can only consume "X" amount of calories. So if your in-



take of food (calories) is greater than your expenditure (energy) you will gain weight. It is the Law of Thermodynamics, if your "intake" is greater than you're "output", you are going to gain weight, it is not dependent on how much ice cream you are consuming! Moral of the story: if trying to lose a few unwanted pounds, increase your expenditure (energy) and decrease your intake (food consumption). The greater this ratio, the better the results. Please consult with your Physician prior to any drastic changes in your lifestyle.

"The ALQ-213 Countermeasures System"

By Capt. Terry Coolidge "Heat", 174th FW, Electronic Combat Pilot

The ALQ-213 Countermeasures System (CMS) is a fairly new addition to our jets which dramatically improves our Electronic Warfare capability. Surface to Air Missile (SAM) radar's and aircraft radar's use range, azimuth, elevation and velocity to guide a missile to a target. The ALQ-213 is a computer that integrates the Threat Warning System, Chaff/Flare Dispenser, and the ALQ-184 Jamming Pod to deny some of that information to an enemy radar, (hopefully) causing the radar or the missile to lose the target.

In order to defend against a radar threat, we have to know that it is looking at us. The Threat Warning System (TWS) uses a network of antennas to sense radar energy; think of it as an expensive Fuzz Buster. The TWS gives the pilot both video and audio indications of what kind of threat it is and what direction it is coming from. The TWS will also try to determine if the aircraft is in the threat's range and or if there is a missile in the air.

Once you know the type and direction of the threat, the ALQ-213

provides the pilot with a selection of Chaff and Flare techniques that can be accessed "hands-off" with a button on the flight control stick. The Chaff/Flare dispenser can release different combinations of chaff and or flares to defend against specific threats. Flares are used against infrared missiles, and chaff is used against radar's. Chaff is essentially a bunch of shredded aluminum that can cause radar to break-lock or hide an aircraft in a "cloud" of metal. Chaff also often creates multiple target displays on a radar'scope, confusing the operator as to which blip is the real airplane.



The ALQ-184 pod can also fool radar into thinking the aircraft is someplace else and, with luck, cause the bad guys to launch a missile at clear air. The pod can also drown out the aircraft radar return, preventing it from being locked up at all. As with the Chaff/Flare programs, the ALQ-213 has a rotary of options the pilot can select against specific radar's.

The ALQ-213 is a flexible system that gives the pilot the ability to customize the jet to meet specific air-to-air and surface-to-air threats. Another strength of the system is that it can quickly be reprogrammed on the flightline. The 174th FW's ability to quickly respond to and implement a software change was tested during the September ORI. The 174th FW's Electronic Warfare Integrated Reprogramming (EWIR) Group was rated as "outstanding". The EWIR Group consists of representatives from Maintenance Control, Avionics Flightline Element, Pod Shop, AIS Shop, Command Post, and DOW.



Pod Shop: (back row) Staff Sgt. Mark Treasure, Master Sgt. Kyle Adams, Master Sgt. Wayne Redmond (Ret.), Staff Sgt. Justin Tracey. (Front row) Technical Sgt. Mark Raut, Staff Sgt. James Augustus, Staff Sgt. Roger Schemerhorn, Staff Sgt. Steve Glessing. Not pictured: Staff Sgt. Jeff Tyler, Master Sgt. Marsha Rowe.

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It has come to my attention that some individuals are not conducting themselves in a military manner while performing duty on a daily or part time basis. Because we are generally long-term members of the ANG, we tend to get familiar with fellow workers and superiors. We tend to use first names. One of the write-ups the IG always gets us on is use of first name instead of Sgt. or Capt. Etc. Aside from being inappropriate, it is against military protocol and it gives the appearance of a less than professional organization.

Military protocol dictates that all junior personnel address senior members by rank and last name. Senior

Respect is the Key

By Command Chief Master Sgt. Ted Mosley,
174th FW,

members have the option to call junior members by their first names. Obviously mutual respect is the key. It is customary for senior ranking folks to ask the junior person their preference. The use of rank and last name for senior personnel applies in all situations, both on-duty and off-duty. Again, our unit is in a unique situation with families and friendships crossing rank structures. A good rule of thumb is to not make assumptions, to err on the side of formality and to always be aware of your sur-

roundings.

Think before you greet someone that you know to be in the military. If you are the senior ranking person and someone addresses you by your first name, politely correct him/her. If you are the junior person and prefer to be called by your rank and last name speak-up and let the person know. A little mutual respect and situational awareness goes a long way.



Career Opportunity In Communications

The 174th Communications Flight will soon be advertising a full time technician position for a LAN Manager. Personnel should watch for the official job posting over the April UTAs. Any qualified individuals are encouraged to apply.

There are also traditional openings in the Communications section in the 3AOX-career field. Interested personnel may contact the Recruiting office or CMS Flynn directly.

I realize this type of article is a little unusual, but with the operational tempo focused on the ORE and ORI in April, we want to ensure widest dissemination possible of this full time opportunity. Otherwise, many people may not think to check the job postings during April. Thanks.

**April UTA
Pay Date:**

9 May 2001



Next UTA 9-10 June 2001

EnGarde Article Submission Deadlines

In furtherance of our goal of involving traditional guardsmen in the EnGarde publication process during drill weekends, the following article submission deadlines apply for the remainder of the year:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>
April	2 March 2001 (Friday)
May	No issue
June	7 May 2001 (Monday)
July	1 June 2001 (Friday)
August	6 July 2001 (Friday)
September	3 August 2001 (Friday)
October	31 August 2001 (Friday)
November	5 October 2001 (Friday)
December	9 November 2001 (Friday)

Articles should be submitted via e-mail to jeff.wallace@nysyra.ang.af.mil AND jwallce@garrity.com. THANK YOU.

Air Force Replaces Current Personnel System

In less than two months, military personnel throughout the Air Force, Air National Guard, and Reserve will begin using state-of-the-art technology to process "total force" personnel information. Air Force Print News reports that the new Air Force Military Personnel Data System Modernization program (MilMod) begins May 1st. All active-duty, Guard, and Reserve members are urged to complete any personnel actions before April 21 to ensure the transactions are processed prior to the transition, or they can wait until MilMod comes online May 1. For more information, visit the MilMod home page at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/modern/default_ie.htm

ALL SERVICES CLUB

The ballots for the following positions have been counted and the winners of this years elections are as follows:

President	Mike Drake	Board of Directors	Ted Mosley
Vice President	Gary Scheirer		Rita Scheirer
Secretary	Heidi Diaz		Chuck Normanly
Treasurer	Tom Brown		Darryl Elkie
			Mike Silkworth
			Marilyn White

We thank those who participated in our yearly election process. Congratulations to all the winners.

**Have an idea for the the EnGarde?
Contact the Public Affairs Office @ 454-6651,
Email: jeff.brown@nysyra.ang.af.mil**

Virtual Military Personnel Flight Announcement

(A message passed down from the Air Force, Director's of Personnel)

In November 1999, the AF/DP announced the Virtual Military Personnel Flight (VMPF) program at the worldwide Personnel Conference. The VMPF was targeted to provide a convenient, accurate and secure way to conduct individual personnel business from anywhere in the world. The VMPF design would provide a self-service capability for Air Force members to review and initiate certain personnel actions from any internet connected location.

Actual VMPF development began in January 2000. Current plans call for implementing VMPF service modules incrementally on a measured schedule. We expect to deliver approximately 100 service modules that will cover a range of capabilities including reviewing individual personnel data to changing your home address to applying for retirement. The levels of sophistication and service are expected to grow as the VMPF platform matures and becomes more accepted by our customers.

Beginning in February 2001, VMPF capability will be available to Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members. This release will allow members

to retrieve information from their Personnel records pertaining to duty history, reenlistment info (including eligibility), point credit information, and also a proof of service letter that is certified by the VA to be used for benefit purchases. Military members can click on the VMPF links from the Air Force Reserve Command, Air Reserve Personnel Center websites or access the site directly from the Air Force Personnel Center website at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> and clicking the VMPF link on the home page.

We believe the VMPF offers a great service to our Air Force members and we encourage your cooperation in advertising this new capability throughout your organizations. Subsequent product releases are already being developed and will be announced prior to their delivery. We appreciate your consideration and support in getting the VMPF off to a good start and we offer our thanks in advance. For additional information on the VMPF, visit the knowledge management website at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>. If you have any questions, contact HQ ARPC at 1(800)-525-0102 or the Air Force Personnel Center contact center at 1(800) 558-1404.

For Your Information

Important Information on SGLI (Servicemember's Group Life Insurance)



The top rate of Service member's Group Life Insurance (SGLI), will automatically increase to 250,000 effective April 1, 2001.

Current premium payment of \$.80 per \$10,000 of coverage will continue, resulting in an additional \$4.00 premium being withheld from each members pay for SGLI. As an example, for those members who currently have the maximum coverage amount of \$200,000, the premium payment per month is \$16.00. With the increase in coverage, the premium will now be \$20.00 per month for the maximum coverage.

If you want the full coverage of \$250,000 you won't have to do anything since this is automatic. However anyone wishing to reduce or decline the coverage completely must re-accomplish a new VA SGLV 8286.

This should be done at your orderly room.

Since we were only given a short time frame to accomplish this, anyone wishing to reduce coverage must do so by April 30, 2001.

To elect a reduced amount of coverage, or no coverage, a SGLI form must be prepared, signed, dated, and submitted no earlier than April 1, 2001 and no later than April 30, 2001. Any requests for a change in coverage, received during this period will result in a refund of any over-collection in the premium in the month of April.

You may change your SGLI coverage at anytime, but if done after the April 30, 2001 deadline you will not receive a refund.

Please see your orderly room for any changes.

Please accept our apology for not having an Alumni News last month. Due to a need for more space in the EnGarde, to cover subjects related to the ORI, we were asked to relinquish our page.

SPRING PARTY CANCELLED

For the first time in many years, we will not have our Annual Spring Party in May. The last couple of years our attendance has been low, to the point where we have wondered whether or not it was worth the expense. On the average our cost for such a party is between 6 and 8 hundred dollars. We brought the subject up before the members during the last two monthly meetings, and the general consensus was to cancel the party. It was felt that the money could be better utilized where more people would benefit. If in the future we find that it should be resurrected we shall do so. Both the Summer Picnic and the Thanksgiving Party will be held as in the past. In May we will have a regular monthly meeting of the membership, where snacks and drink will be served.

We are happy to announce that we have reached another milestone. Just this past month, John Terry, our Membership Chairman, announced we are now at an all time high of 700 members. For some it may not seem like a lot, but in today's society, people are not so quick to join an organization such as ours. Instead they quickly forget the pride they once felt as a member of the 174th and the sense of accomplishment the mission often provided. John has devoted a great deal of his time and efforts, not only keeping those on board we already have, but recruiting new ones. We can't say enough about the job John has done for us, other than to say "Thanks for a Job Well Done".

Got a son, daughter, grandchild, or young friend that wants to attend college, but hasn't figured out where the money is going to come from? If so, we

strongly suggest you have them call the Base Recruiting Office, at 454-6159, and ask about the many benefits now being offered to Guardsmen. It's not like the old days, the pay is a heck of a lot better, and they now offer substantial enlistment and reenlistment bonuses and money for college Colleges. There are also other benefits to numerous to include here. It's a super deal, so give them a call. We think you will find it well worth your time.



Civil Engineering Flight - Panama Deployment 1979
"ONE OF THE TOUGH ONES"

Recently signed into law is a comprehensive low-cost pharmacy benefit for Medicare-eligible military retirees, their families, and survivors of retired military members. This new benefit will be effective the 1st of April 2001. Under the plan, pharmaceuticals will be available through base dispensaries, the National Mail Order Pharmacy, TRICARE designated pharmacies, and non-TRICARE pharmacies. There will still be minimal co-payments and deductible charges, but the cost will be a lot cheaper than what it has been for those 65 and over. The important thing to do right now is to ensure that your Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) data is current. If and when additional information is available, we will forward it along.

Sick Call

Colonel Bob Homer was recently hospitalized, but happy to say he is now home recovering.

New/Reinstated Members

Linda Fisher, Steve Leet, Steve Macaulay, Jim Morse, Gary Page, John Purcell and John Talmage

More News & Trivia

There will be no EnGarde or Alumni News for the month of May.

Since our last announcement, we have added three brand new octogenarians to our list of life members. They are Norm Culbertson, Tom Sheldon, and Tony Simonelli. However, not to be outdone, Thurlow Diller, our first Alumni President, turned 90 on the 28th of February. We want to extend our sincerest congratulations to each of them.

Hope you people haven't forgotten that you are all cordially invited to attend the monthly Barbara Aronson Comrel Luncheon. It is held on the last Wednesday of each month in the Base Dining Hall, beginning at 12:00 noon sharp. Cost is \$7.25

per person, which includes a buffet style meal, followed by a special guest speaker. This month the luncheon is on the 28th, and the guest speaker is Major General John H. Fenimore, V, New York State Adjutant General.

Next Meetings

Thursday, April 19, 2001, at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Snacks and drink will be served. The May meeting will be held on the 17th, same place, same time. Come on out, we'd love to see you.



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