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Hails & Farewell

First U.S. Army Office of the Inspector General hailed the following soldiers:

MAJOR ADRIAN B. CURTIS

MAJ Curtis assumed the duties of Acting Inspector General in June 2001 and Deputy IG in September 2001. MAJ Curtis transferred to this office from First Army's DCSOPS.



MSG SUSAN R. PASCHAL

MSG Susan R. Paschal, 71L, came to Headquarters, First U.S. Army in September 2001 from Yongson, Korea.

Her previous military duties include but are not limited to Drill Sergeant, Equal Opportunity Advisor, First Sergeant, etc. Her hobbies are Bowling and Chess.



COLONEL SAMMIE E. HASKIN **Inspector General** **First United States Army**

COL Haskin assumed the duties of, Headquarters, First United States Army Inspector General in September 2001.

He began his military career as an Operation Officer and Logistics Officer with the Combat Development Experimentation Command in 1978.



SFC FLOYD J. MAYS, JR.

SFC Floyd J. Mays, 96B, came to Headquarters, First U.S. Army in January 2002 from Ft. Huachuca,

Arizona. His previous military duties include but are not limited to Equal Opportunity Advisor, J2 NCOIC, CO2 Instructor, etc. His hobbies are Computers, History, War-gaming, Reading and cycling.

Farewell to:

SFC FREDERICK SAVAGE who retired on 19 Dec 2001.

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FY 02 INSPECTION SCHEDULE

DATE ST

07-11 January SC
28 Jan - 1 Feb OH
04-08 February MS
25 Feb-1 March IL
04-08 March TN
25-29 March NJ
15-19 April FL
13-17 May VI
03-07 June PA
17-21 June DC
15-19 July WV
05-09 August GA
26-30 August IN

**FY 03 INSPECTION SCHEDULE
(TENTATIVE)**

DATE* STATE

06-10 January AL
03-07 February PR
03-07 March NC
17-21 March MD
31 Mar - 04 Apr CT
14-18 April RI
28 Apr - 02 May MA
12-16 May NH
02-06 June MN
16-20 June WI
14-18 July VT
28 July - 01 Aug NY
11-15 August ME
25-29 August MI
08-12 September VA

*** Inspection dates will be confirmed during the USPFO conference in May.**

Inspector General (Cont.)

He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health & Physical Education from Jackson State University in 1978, a Masters of Science Degree in Contracts and Acquisition Management from Florida Institute of Technology and a Masters of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. His military education includes the Quartermaster Basic and Advance Course, Logistics Executive Development Course, Command and General Staff College and Senior Service College.

During his career, Colonel Haskin has served in a variety of command and staff positions. His overseas assignments includes a tour in Kuwait and three tours in Korea. He was the Commander of Alpha Company, 407th Supply and Service Battalion, DISCOM 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC and also commanded the 377th TAACOM (FWD), Doha, Kuwait. He has served as a Storage Officer, Contracting Officer Representative, Supply Management Officer, Plans Officer DMMC and Support Operations Officer.

Colonel Haskin last served as Commander, 227th Maintenance battalion, 501st Corps Support Group, 19th TAACOM, PERSCOM FA90 Branch Chief and Commander, Combat Support Coordination Team #3.

Colonel Haskin's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal (three Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (two Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

SPECIAL INTEREST NEWS:

REVISION TO AR 670-1

DAPE-HR-PR
2 November 2001

SUBJECT: Revision to AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia

1. Purpose. To provide information on the status of the revision to AR 670-1 and to highlight specific changes to the regulation.

2. Facts.

a. The revision is complete and was submitted for publication on 12 October 2001 to the U.S. Army Publishing Agency. The normal publication process can take from 3 to 6 months, so users should not expect to see the revision until late 2001 or early 2002.

b. The revised AR 670-1 contains extensive changes incorporating messages released since 1992, the 14 June 2001 beret wear policy letter, and other information released informally through the uniform web page. Some of the major changes not issued in messages or policy letters are listed below. Users are reminded that all changes in the revision are subject to final approval by the Secretary of the Army. The published revision will supersede all previous information, messages, and policy letters.

(1) Hair. Dreadlocks are prohibited for all soldiers. Prohibited hair dye colors include purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright fire-engine red, and neon colors. Applied colors must look natural on the individual soldier. Females are authorized to wear braids and cornrows; baldness is authorized for males, either natural or shaved.

(2) Nails. Males are not authorized to wear nail polish and they must keep nails trimmed to the tip of the finger. Females must keep nails trimmed no longer than ¼ inch, as measured from the fingertip. Two-tone or multi-tone manicures and nail designs are prohibited. Prohibited nail polish colors include bright fire-engine red; khaki or camouflage; purple, gold, blue, black, white, and neon colors.

(3) Contacts. Tinted or colored contacts, and contacts that change the shape of the iris are prohibited, as they are not medically required. The only contacts authorized are opaque lenses (when prescribed for eye injuries) and clear corrective vision lenses.

(4) Cell Phones and Pagers. One electronic device is authorized for wear on the uniform, in the performance of official duties. The device may be either a cell phone or pager – not both. The device must be black in color and may not exceed 4x2x1 inches. Devices that do not comply with these criteria may not be worn on the uniform and must be carried in the hand, in a bag, or in some other carrying container.

(5) Bloused Boots. Soldiers will not blouse boots any lower than the third eyelet from the top of the boot.

(6) Headgear. Males are exempt from wearing headgear to evening social events (after retreat). Black beret: The Army flash is the only flash authorized, unless authorization for distinctive flashes was granted (i.e., OPFOR) before 14 June 2001.

(7) Hydration Systems. Commanders may authorize the use of a camouflage hydration system (commonly called “camelbacks”) for field duty or on work details. Soldiers will not use these devices in a garrison environment, unless directed by the commander.

(8) Desert BDU Insignia. Sew-on insignia is now authorized; colors are khaki and spice brown combinations. Soldiers may wear the same insignia and awards as are worn on the woodland camouflage BDUs.

(9) IPFU/PFU Wear and Pregnancy. Soldiers who are pregnant wear the PT uniform until the uniform becomes too small or too uncomfortable. At that time, pregnant soldiers may wear civilian equivalent workout attire. Leaders will not require soldiers to purchase larger PT uniforms to accommodate the pregnancy.

See Revision to AR 670-1, p. 4.

Revision to AR 670-1 (Cont.)

(10) Regimental Distinctive Insignia (RDI). Wear of the RDI on the AG 415 class B shirt is optional.

(11) The category of the EOD Badge is changed from group 5 to group 3.

(12) A wear-out date of 30 Sep 03 is established for the black mess uniform.

c. Changes issued since 1992 by messages or policy letters to the field are incorporated into the revision. Of these, some that have been clarified are listed below.

(1) Exceptions to uniform policy based on religious practices.

(2) Definition of ID bracelets: restricted to medical alert or POW/MIA bracelets.

(3) Tattoo and body piercing policies.

(4) Civilian bag carrying policy. For bags carried on the shoulder in uniform, no see-through (plastic or mesh) bags are authorized, and soldiers will not carry the bags with the strap draped across the body. Bags must be carried on one shoulder only when walking, with the bag and the shoulder strap on the same side of the body. Users are reminded that the bag policy applies only to bags purchased by soldiers for personal use. The commander governs use and/or wear of bags or rucksacks issued by the unit.

MSG Messman
DSN 225-6361

DoD Decides not to Create Cold War Medal

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Jan. 23, 2002) - The Department of Defense will not be creating a Cold War Service medal, and Army officials said any commemorative medals made by private vendors are unauthorized on the military uniform. "After careful consideration, it was decided not to create a medal," said Brad Loo, deputy director of Officer and Enlisted Management Personnel for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

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"Throughout the Cold War years, commanders used a full spectrum of individual, unit and service awards to recognize the achievements and sacrifices of service members," Loo said.

The Cold War is regarded as the period in history beginning at the end of World War II until the Soviet empire collapsed, or as Loo said, from 1945 until 1991.

Former Secretary of Defense William Cohen approved a Cold War Certificate. The certificate recognizes all service members and federal employees who faithfully served in the United States military during the Cold War era, Loo said.

Last year an unidentified source caused confusion by sending an e-mail to individuals informing them that a Cold War medal had been approved, and attached a picture of the medal to the e-mail, said Arlette King, chief of policy for the Army Award Branch.

"We've tried to correct the issue by putting out messages on our Web site stating that there is not an authorized medal," King said. "This is America and anyone can purchase the commemorative medal from private vendors, just not wear it on his or her uniform."

There are several different designs of medals being offered on the Internet and even at military clothing sales stores.

It is against the law to wear an unauthorized medal on the military uniform, said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, the uniform policy noncommissioned officer for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

"Whoever knowingly wears a medal not authorized by Congress ... shall be fined or imprisoned not more than six months or both," Messman said, "according to Title 18, Section 704, Military Medal or Decorations."

FY 02 CLOTHING REPLACEMENT ALLOWANCES

1. THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ARE FY 02 CLOTHING REPLACEMENT ALLOWANCES FOR ARMY PERSONNEL EFFECTIVE 1 OCT 01:

ENLISTED MALE ENLISTED FEMALE
BASIC/STANDARD BASIC/STANDARD
\$280.80/403.20 \$338.40/482.40

2. THE FEMALE CASH ALLOWANCE FOR FY 02 IS \$300.03. THE CASH ALLOWANCE IS PAID ONCE. THE CASH ALLOWANCE WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE THE HANDBAG \$30.36, THE PUMPS \$43.54, UNDERGARMENTS \$166.13 AND RUNNING SHOES \$60.00

3. STARTING IN FY 02 MALES WILL RECEIVE A \$60 CASH ALLOWANCE FOR RUNNING SHOES.

4. PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE, THE CASH ALLOWANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN OPTIONAL HANDBAG MUST BE IAW AR 670-1, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORM AND INSIGNIA.

5. HQDA (DALO-TST) POC IS MR. MARTIN FADDEN, DSN 767-0841, FAX 767-0306.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Scams Target Veterans for Identity Theft

by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, Jan. 22, 2002) - An e-mail circulating about a retiree who had his identity stolen after filing separation papers at a county courthouse is no urban legend, according to Transition Center officials.

Soldiers separating from the military are now being advised to ignore the old recommendation to file their Department of Defense Form 214 (Military Discharge) with their local county courthouse.

Instead, transition counselors are advising soldiers to safeguard their personal information to guard against credit fraud, said Deborah Snider, Transition Center personnel analyst at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

Between 600,000 to 700,000 cases of identity theft were reported by the Federal Trade Commission in 2000. Identity theft is the fastest growing crime today, according to the FTC, and many victims don't find out that their personal information has been stolen until they are trying to buy a house or get a loan.

"I don't think anyone ever thought about this happening, which is the reason there are no provisions to 'unfile' records," Snider said. "This is a serious problem, and soldiers are a prime target because everything is tied to the soldiers' Social Security number."

The victims of identity theft suffer tremendously because the burden of proof is on them, Snider said. It's hard to believe that a person's life could be destroyed by this, she said, but it happens.

A Navy retiree learned that someone had stolen his personal information and established credit in his name when he received a phone call from a clerk at American Express saying that someone was trying to cash a \$9,000 check in his name made out to a Muslim or Arabic-sounding name.

The clerk was suspicious and called the retiree because the address she had on file for him did not match the address on the check. After the retiree's case was investigated, he found out that a lawyer stole his identity. The lawyer also had a laptop with several thousand military names, Social Security numbers and other information on it. The common link between the veterans on the list was that they had filed their DD 214s with their county courthouse.

"Someone stole my identity, now I feel I am no longer me," said a victim of identity theft. "I reside in the pocket of a felon who can see that she is allowed to steal me without penalty. She carries me casually, and each time she pulls me out a small piece of me falls away."

See Scams....p.6.

Scams....(Cont.)

To help guard against identity theft the Transition Center is no longer placing Social Security numbers on discharge and retirement certificates, Snider said. Anything that might be hung for display will not have a soldier's Social Security number on it.

When soldiers separate from active duty, Snider said the most vital document they receive is the DD 214. It contains their Social Security number and birth date. In the past, soldiers were advised to file the form with their local courthouse to ensure that they would always be able to get a certified copy. They need a certified copy to receive any Veterans Administration benefits.

Once the DD 214 is filed at a local county courthouse, however, it becomes a public record. Some courthouses have put this information online, and even more plan to do so in the future, Snider said.

"Our recommendation is to safeguard the form as you would any vital papers such as a will, marriage license or insurance papers," Snider said. "A safe deposit box would be a good investment."

Forty-six states now have identity theft laws, up from just three in 1996, according to the Federal Trade Commission. And many state lawmakers are considering toughening laws already on the books.

Under a new Montana law that took affect in October, the maximum penalty for identity theft involving more than \$1,000 in gains is a \$10,000 fine and 10 years in jail. In Missouri, identity theft is punishable by up to six months in jail for the first offense; up to one year in jail for the second offense; and one to five years imprisonment for the third or subsequent offense.

PROCESSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS TO THE ARMY

MILPER MESSAGE NUMBER : 01-260
TAPC-PDO-IP

A. CDR PERSCOM MILPER MESSAGE 01-256,
DTG 180953Z SEP 01, SUBJECT AS ABOVE IS
RESCINDED.

B. AR 1-100, GIFTS AND DONATIONS, DTD 15
NOV 83.

C. TITLE 10, USC 2608.

D. MEMORANDUM FROM THE
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, SUBJECT:
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES
CODE, SECTION 2608, DTD
SEPTEMBER 17, 2001.

E. MEMORANDUM FROM ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS), SUBJECT:
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS UNDER THE
PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES
CODE, SECTION 2608, DTD SEPTEMBER 18,
2001.

1. THIS MILPER MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE
NLT SEPTEMBER 2002.

2. REFERENCE B PRESCRIBES GENERAL
POLICY ON PROCESSING GIFTS AND
DONATIONS TO THE ARMY. ON 17
SEPTEMBER 2001, THE SECRETARY OF
THE ARMY SIGNED A BLANKET GIFT
ACCEPTANCE FOR ALL UNRESTRICTED
OR UNCONDITIONAL GIFTS OF
PERISHABLE ITEMS AND ALL OTHER
NON-MONETARY ITEMS VALUED AT
\$100,000 ORLESS. THIS BLANKET
ACCEPTANCE IS LIMITED TO GIFTS THAT
ARE PROFFERED TO ASSIST THE ARMY
AS A RESULT OF THE TERRORIST
ATTACKS ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2001. THESE
GIFTS MAY BE RECEIVED BY THE
COMMAND OR ORGANIZATION TO
WHICH THEY ARE OFFERED AND BE
USED AS DESIRED. ALL COMMANDS AND
ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING SUCH GIFTS
WILL REPORT THEM TO THE ADJUTANT
GENERAL, ATTN: TAPC-PDO-IP, 200
STOVALL STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA
22332-0470. THE REPORT MAY BE FAXED
OR SENT ELECTRONICALLY (SEE PARA 4
BELOW).

Gifts... (Cont.)

IT WILL CONTAIN: THE DATE THE GIFT WAS PROFFERED, THE DESCRIPTION OF THE GIFT, THE DOLLAR VALUE OF THE GIFT, THE NAME OF THE CONTRIBUTOR, AND HOW HE ITEM WILL BE USED, IF OTHER THAN PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. GIFTS WITH RESTRICTIONS, CONDITIONS, A VALUE OVER \$100,000 AND ALL OTHER GIFTS THAT ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE SECRETARY'S BLANKET ACCEPTANCE MUST BE FORWARDED FOR APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES IAW REF B. THE PROFFER WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMAND AND FORWARDED TO HQ, PERSCOM USING THE FORWARDING MEMO FORMAT IN PARA 3 BELOW. ALL GIFTS REPORTED WILL BE CONSOLIDATED INTO A QUARTERLY REPORT AND FORWARDED TO THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICY).

3. FORMAT FOR GIFT PROFFER FORWARDING MEMO:

A. MEMORANDUM FOR: THE ADJUTANT GENERAL (TAPC-PDO-IP), 200 STOVALL STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22332-0470.

B. PARA 1: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARMY REGULATION 1-100, RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF ATTACHED GIFT PROFFER FROM (NAME OF COMPANY) FOR (GIFT)
(ATTACH ALL LETTERS FROM DONOR).

C. PARA 2: TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE GIFT IS \$_____.

D. PARA 3: CONDITIONS OF THE GIFT ARE (TAKE FROM DONOR LETTERS). THE COSTS TO THE GOVERNMENT ARE \$_____.

E. PARA 4: I CERTIFY THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS GIFT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF DOD 5500.7R.

F. SIGNED: AGENCY COMMANDER/HEAD.

4. QUESTIONS CONCERNING ARMY GIFTS AND DONATIONS MAY BE ADDRESSED TO MR. JIM DAVIS AT (703) 325-4530 OR DSN 221-4530, FAX NUMBER IS DSN 221-4532 OR COMMERCIAL (703) 325-4532. E-MAIL DAVISJ@HOFFMAN.ARMY.MIL

Mobilization Site Visits—Issues/Concerns

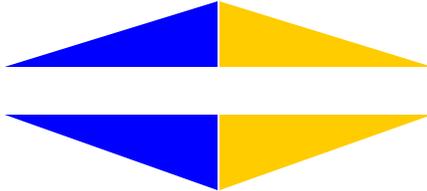
Dental. Units continue to arrive at Mobilization Operations Centers (MOC) with a large number of soldiers in the Class 3 Dental category. Approximately 10 percent of the soldiers also arrived at the MOC without dental records and required complete dental examination and panorex. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Memo, 18 Jul 96 requires a current panorex in the dental records of Reserve soldiers or a DNA specimen repository. Confusion still exists on whether a soldier in a Class 3 dental category should be treated by the MOB station prior to being deployed or should the soldier be deployed anyway to USAREUR and be treated there. MOCs, installations and USAREUR are working that issue.

Medical. Units are arriving to MOCs with missing and incomplete medical records on their soldiers; some profiles are not being properly documented in the medical records; lab results are missing or incomplete; some soldiers required a complete periodic medical exam which, therefore, causing a major delay in the Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP).

Driver's Training. Even though previously reported data reflected that only 7 of 63 soldiers tested successfully passed the USAREUR Driver's Test on the first attempt, new data, however, showed significant improvement on the passing rates.

Physical Fitness. Overall physical fitness level of the soldiers appeared to be good.

TRICARE. Soldiers are enrolled in TRICARE PRIME Remote once mobilized, however, Reserve soldiers have limited knowledge on the TRICARE system. For TRICARE questions, assistance or guidance, please contact the Staff Medical Advisor, First US Army, at 1-866-263-5463.

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