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INSPECTOR GENERAL CORNER

How old are you today – 7 or at least 27?

Webster’s dictionary defines adult as “one who has attained maturity or legal age.” The word is derived from the Latin word *adultus* meaning to grow up. The dictionary also defines child as “childish or immature person” or “not fully grown or developed.”

Why is this of importance you ask? Well, that is a good question! I will attempt to answer this question in this article. You see, our office resolves numerous sensitive issues everyday. Some of the complainants and subjects are mature, professional, and adults, whereas others are immature, unprofessional, and childish. Some assume responsibility for their actions and others do not. Some rely on facts and others rely on rumors. Some know the correct standards and other assume they know the standards. Where does this all lead?

It leads to lost productivity for the complainant, the subject, and the chain of command by taking time away from more important issues. It also undermines the good order and discipline of an organization by creating an atmosphere of distrust and disrespect.

Remember, every issue the IG accepts takes time to research, time to speak with everyone involved, time to impartially analyze the facts, and time to type the case into our IG-NET system. That time can be better served by helping the command and community resolve more important issues. The more we are tied up with cases, the less we have time to assist, inspect, inquire, and teach and train.

What can you do to help? Good question! Based on a review of the 400+ cases we’ve resolved since FY 01, I can provide the following insight:

- Make sure you have a valid issue based on fact (either document or witnessed) and not based on rumors or personal assumptions. Know the standard
- Use your chain of command first to resolve issues. People should keep the command informed and have the personal courage to confront adversity.
- Be part of the solution now. Don’t wait one or two years to bring issues in the open. If you do, you might just be part of the problem.

So, how old do you want to be today or tomorrow? Is it 7 or 27?

“Truth is like elastic. You can stretch it a lot, but eventually it’s going to come back at you...”

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ASSISTANCE CORNER

Installation Access Control System

During the next 12 months the USAREUR Installation Access Control System (IACS) will undergo a major overhaul. The IACS is a personnel access verification system that will link key installation access control players, automate the installation pass production process, and enable guards to verify access authorization from a database.

All DOD ID card and installation pass holders must be registered in the system. Personnel requiring registration in the new system will be notified through their chain of command or supervisor. Specific information on the actual process will be provided by the BSB.

Registration Period:

a. GRAF:

- Dates: 19 MAY – 3 OCT 03.
- Time: 0800-1700, Monday thru Friday
- Location: Bldg 445 (Old Coulters BBQ near Gas Station)

b. VILSECK:

- Dates 6 MAY – 5 SEP 03
- Time: 0800-1700, Monday thru Friday
- Location: Bldg 273 (Old AAFES Shoppette near Powerzone)

c. HOHENFELS:

- Dates 19 MAY – 19 SEP 03
- Time: 0800-1600, Monday thru Friday
- Location: Bldg 10 (In-Processing Center)

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Registration Process:

- ID Card Holders: Consist of an ID Card Scan and a digital fingerprint. Each ID Card Holder must be present. Approx. time 3-5 minutes.
- Installation Pass Holder: Must have individual pass request signed by supervisor, current Installation Pass, digital fingerprint. Photo will be taken by Registration Personnel. Approx. time 12-15 minutes.

General Information:

- Personnel PCSing by 30 SEP 03 do not have to register
- **ID Card Holders do not get a new ID and don't need a CAC Card. Only register which consists of an ID Card scan and digital fingerprint.**
- Installation Pass Holders will receive a new Installation Pass.

References:

- a. AE REG 190-16, Installation Access Control, 5 December 2002.
- b. USAREUR MEMO 2 JAN 03 Subject: Fielding of the Installation Access Control System.
- c. 409th BSB Point of Contact:
Mr. Provence: 476-1580
- d. 282d BSB Point of Contact:
Mr. Mullen: 466-4925

ASSISTANCE CORNER

Individual Force Protection Measures

All personnel throughout the United States European Command area of responsibility should remain vigilant regarding individual security precautions. Adherence to the individual security measures provided below will deter and reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of terrorism or other criminal act.

- **Know the emergency numbers** for your local police, ambulance, and hospitals. Keep these readily available in your wallet or purse.
- **Know how to use the local phone system.** Carry telephone change, purchase a telephone card or keep your cell phone with you and turned on. Telephone booths may not be located in populated areas, and may either accept only phone cards or coins.
- **Wear inconspicuous clothing.** Do not wear your military uniforms outside of military installations. Don't wear Service Logos (U.S. Army, Marines, etc) on items such as hats, shirts, etc.
- **Avoid crowded areas**, especially in large cities during scheduled demonstrations.
- **Always use the buddy system** when traveling -- or inform a buddy, family or friends of your planned destination.
- **Don't be a loud American.** Be aware of who's listening to your conversations. Never reveal too much information about yourself to strangers or new friends.
- **Learn and practice a few key phrases** in your host country language, such as "I need a policeman", or "help".

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- **Shred or destroy personal papers** with sensitive information such as social security numbers or bank account numbers.
- **Never open suspicious packages** with stains, strange smells, protruding wires, incorrect spelling, or with no return or unknown address.
- **Report suspicious vehicles and personnel.** Take note of license plates, descriptions of persons and vehicles for local authorities.

Living in foreign countries can be a rich and rewarding experience for all DoD personnel and their family members. Awareness and a good individual protection posture are the keys to ensuring your time in the USEUCOM area of responsibility is safe.

References:

Force Protection and Safety Measures (EUCOM)

[The United States European Command Organization Page - Frames Page](#)

USAREUR Force Protection Tips
[USAREUR Public Affairs News Release](#)

Anti-terrorism Personnel Protection Guide
[Joint Staff Deputy Directorate for Antiterrorism and Force Protection \(DDGO AT/FP\) \(UNCLASSIFIED\)](#)

ASSISTANCE CORNER

Army Emergency Relief (AER) Emergency Financial Assistance

AER emergency financial assistance is provided under many types of conditions or situations. Usually involved are obligations for everyday essentials that are beyond the individual to meet.

The sponsor must request assistance when family members are in the same area. When the sponsor is not available (TDY or deployed), then an eligible family member may apply for assistance using a Power of attorney.

Assistance normally will be an interest-free loan, a grant, if repayment of loan will cause undue hardship, or part loan and part grant.

When a family member is requesting assistance through AER, he/she must bring the following documents:

- 1) Completed DA Form 1103, "Application for Army Emergency Relief" signed by the sponsor's Commander or representative.
- 2) Power of Attorney
- 3) Military ID Card
- 4) Substantiating documents (car repair estimate, rental agreement, utility bill, etc.)

The AER officer will then approve/disapprove assistance based on validity of emergency need. When approved, applicant can be provided a check within 10-15 minutes. If disapproved, the applicant will be notified of the reason for disapproval.

For additional information, contact your local Army Emergency Relief office.

References:

AR 930-4

http://www.usapa.army.mil/pdffiles/r930_4.pdf

INSPECTION CORNER

7ATC/100ASG IG Inspections (FY03)

1st QTR: NCO Counseling - *Completed*

Units inspected:

7th ATC, 100th ASG, 409th BSB, and 282d BSB

2nd QTR: Force Protection - *Completed*

Units to be inspected:

100th ASG, 409th BSB, and 282d BSB

3rd QTR: Follow-Up: Drivers Training

Units to be inspected:

1-4 IN BN and CMTC Operations Group
(25 April and 27-28 May, respectively)

4th QTR: Follow-Up: COR Functions/Housing

Units to be inspected:

409th BSB and 282d BSB

USAREUR IG Inspections (FY03)

1st QTR:

Driver Training [Oct-Dec 02]

2^d QTR:

Readiness/Deployment [Feb-Mar 03]

3^d QTR:

Training Management (Follow-Up) [May-Jun 03]

4th QTR:

Housing / Intelligence Oversight [Aug-Sep 03]

DAIG / DODIG FY03 Inspections (FY03)

Voting Assistance - *completed*

Armed Force Recreation Centers

Army Readiness Reporting System

AAFES Triennial Inspection

Army's Homosexual Conduct Policy

IG WEB PAGE CORNER

Our IG Web Page will soon be operational again! You can access our web page from either the 7th ATC or 100th ASG command web pages.

USEFUL WEB SITES

AER: <http://www.aerhq.org/>

PCS INFO: <http://www.pcshousearmy.com>

AFLO: <http://www.aflo.org/home.asp>

TRAVEL: http://travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html

FINANCE: <http://www.dfas.mil/money/milpay/>

GOVERNMENT: <http://www.firstgov.com/>

TRICARE: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/>

COUNSELING: <http://www.counseling.army.mil/>

DENTAL: <http://www.ucci.com/was/uccweb/home.jsp>

TRAINING: <http://www.army.mil/usapa>

SGLI: <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/default.htm>

CHRMA: <http://www.chrma.hqusareur.army.mil/>

OSC: <http://www.osc.gov/>

SOCO: http://www.defenselink.mil/dodgc/defense_ethics/index.html

IMPORTANT

Commanders are reminded to become familiar with the provisions of DOD Instruction 6490.4, DOD Directive 6490.1 and USAREUR Regulation 40-6 dealing with "Referring Soldiers for Mental Health Evaluations". There are certain requirements that must be met prior to sending a soldier for a mental health evaluation. Paramount is that commander must inform the soldier, ***in writing***, of their rights pursuant to the referral. This is in addition to the USAREUR Form 40-6A-R (Unit Commanders Request for Mental Health Evaluation). Do not forget the memo. A verbal statement to the soldier of their rights is not enough. DOD Instruction 6490.1 has an example of a proper memorandum to a soldier explaining their rights.

Comments may be addressed to HQ 7ATC, Office of the Inspector General, ATTN: AETT-IG, APO AE 09114 or please call DSN 475-5555.

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