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UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGE CERTIFICATES ABOLISHED

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld has announced that the military services will no longer issue the "Undesirable Discharge Certificate" (DD Form 258), to individuals being separated from the Armed Forces.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1977, members of the military services administratively separated for misconduct or security reasons (or who resign or request discharge for the good of the service when their conduct has made them subject to trial by court-martial) will be issued a "Discharge Under Other Than Honorable Conditions" certificate. This certificate (DD Form 794) has been used in the cases of officers since October, 1954.

The change was recommended in conjunction with the Department of Defense's continuing review of its administrative separation systems.

No change is being made in issuing "Honorable" or "General" discharge certificates to those who perform successfully in the service of their country. Also, no change is being made to "Dishonorable" and "Bad Conduct" discharge certificates, which may be issued as a result of court-martial proceedings.

Beginning in June, 1977, former military personnel with Undesireable Discharge Certificates (DD Form 258) will be issued DD Form 794, upon application to their former service, in a manner to be announced at a later date.

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NO OFFICER RIF IN FISCAL YEAR 1977

(Transmitted by message Dec. 27)

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force has announced that strength projections now indicate that an officer reduction-in-force (RIF) can be totally avoided in fiscal year 1977. A Reserve Officer Screening Board has not been planned.

Officials have been extremely concerned in the last three fiscal years over the requirement to involuntarily separate large numbers of officers. As a result, Air Force has aggressively pursued alternatives to minimize RIF.

Procurement during this fiscal year will continue to remain at levels which are well below normal. Additionally, many of the strength reduction programs employed in previous years have been extended into fiscal year 1977, including the recently announced rated and nonrated early release program.

The losses that are expected to occur from on-going strength reduction programs should be sufficient to reduce fiscal year 1977 officer strength to the current objective level.

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199th WSO WINS 'TOP GUN' AWARD FROM EUROPE

Capt. William A. Jelks, a recently-arrived Weapon System Officer in the 199th Tactical Fighter Squadron, gets a "Top Gun" award this UTA weekend. Jelks earned the prize for being a "perfect bombardier" during his last six months on active duty with the United States Air Force in Europe.

Jelks not only outscored 50 other F-4 aircrews in bombing reliability, he was the only man in his wing -- the 52nd TFW, Spangdahlem AB, Germany -- to achieve 100 per cent strike reliability between 1 January and 30 June 1976.

Flying F-4C's on Gunnery and Bombing ranges in Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium and Spain, Jelks out-bombed all of his squadron mates in the 81st TFS; and also bested crews of the 23rd TFS flying the F-4D, which has a newer, more sophisticated bombing system than the 'C' model.

The USAFE Top Gun Award is presented semi-annually to the WSO who achieves the highest training reliability on three types of bombing runs: 1) Radar Laydown, 2) Low Angle Drogue Delivery (a kind of pop-up and "lofting" of the weapon in a trajectory toward the target while the fighter recovers and scoots away), and 3) Radar Bomb Scoring (electronically-simulated attack).

Jelks did this while flying a variety of day/night attack training missions in both visual and instrument flight conditions at altitudes ranging from 6500 feet down to 100 feet, or "on the deck" across the ranges and scoring sites. (

In conjunction with the TOP GUN award, Capt. Jelks also received the COMMANDER'S RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE from Maj. Gen. Benjamin Bellis, Commander, 17th Air Force, Sembach, Germany. He received this also for his achievements as one of Europe's top Wing Strike/Attack WSO's for the same six month period.

Getting the award is sort of like having your Wing Commander slap you on the back, grip your hand, and say "Outstanding!" and "Well Done!" -- all at the same time. So now, one of USAFE's Best has become one of the Best of Hawaii's Best. Welcome and Congratulations, Bill Jelks!

FULL-SCALE DEVELOPMENT F-16 COMPLETES FIRST FLIGHT

The first full scale development version of the new F-16 fighter successfully completed its maiden flight at the General Dynamics plant at Ft. Worth, Texas. The first flight of the full size F-16 lasted about 80 minutes and consisted of checks on the aircraft's handling characteristics and major systems. It is a lightweight, low-cost, highly maneuverable fighter jointly being developed and reproduced for the tactical Air Forces of the United States, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands and Norway. Full-scale production of the Mach-2 fighter is scheduled to begin in October 1977.

FALLOUT SHELTERS FOR 154 TFG

Battery Selfridge (Bldg #3440) is the fallout shelter for all 154 TFG personnel except for the missile shop and weapon loading crew which shelter in Bldg. 3510. The sign directing personnel to the rooms which they should report to is on the north (Mauka) side of Battery Selfridge. In each assigned room is a shelter pack containing instructions which the senior ranking individual should open. It is requested that no one smoke.

DRILL ATTENDANCE

HANG STANDARD IS 97%

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>1 OCT-31 DEC 76</u>	<u>(vs)</u>	<u>1 JUL-30 SEP 76</u>
HQ 154 TFG	99.6%		97.4%
199 TFS	100%		100%
154 CAMS	92.7%		93.3%
154 CEF	83.1%		76.7%
154 CLI	89.3%		98.7%
154 CSS	85.9%		85.7%
154 SUPS	97.0%		96.9%
GROUP OVERALL	91.8%		92.2%
TFG OVERALL MONTHLY ATTENDANCE RATES:			
OCT 76	92.6%	JUL 76	93.3%
NOV 76	92.2%	AUG 76	92.2%
DEC 76	90.8%	SEP 76	91.2%

HAIR WE GO AGAIN

There still seems to be some misunderstanding over certain male hair standards, so we thought we'd clarify a few points most frequently discussed.

Hair must not touch your ears when groomed and only the closely cut or shaved hair on the back of the neck may touch the collar. And, hair must present a tapered appearance on sides and back, both with and without headgear.

Hair must not exceed 1 and 1/4 inches in bulk, regardless of length and, naturally, must be well groomed. Further, hair must not touch the eyebrows when groomed, or protrude in front below the band of properly worn headgear.

If you sport sideburns, they must be neatly trimmed and tapered in the same manner as the haircut. The "burns" must be straight and of even width (not flared) and end in a clean-shaven horizontal line.

For you gentlemen who sport a mustache, it must not extend downward beyond the lipline of the upper lip and may not extend sideways beyond a vertical line drawn upward from the corner of the mouth.

And a note about wigs: It must be of quality and fit, present a natural appearance, not interfere with the proper performance of duty, and must conform to the hair standards mentioned above.

I have written so much about "hair" these past three years, I sincerely hope the "Yul Brenner look" will become the next "hair" fad!

The Editor.

LINO FERNANDEZ, JR.

Just in case you are the "Ten Percent" who never gets the word, its a sad one today. MSgt Lino Fernandez, a recently retired technician with the Hawaii Air National Guard, died January 12 at the age of 56. Lino, a member of the Supply Squadron, will be remembered for his "can do" attitude and his helpful and warm nature. He was with the HANG for 21 years. Aloha, Lino!

AIR FORCE REVITALIZES PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - - Air Force officials have announced changes to revitalize the Air Force Physical Fitness Program (aerobics). The changes are included in a revision of Air Force Regulation 50-49 due soon to the field.

Aerobics revisions include revised testing, possible administrative actions against those who continually fail to measure up to fitness standards and more recognition for members who excell. Another major revision is the increased command emphasis on fitness.

One change to testing raises the aerobics test-passing standard from Category 11 (Fair) to Category 111 (Average). This will require, for example, a 33-year-old member to run 1 1/2 miles in the 12:30 to 15:00 minute range instead of the current 15:01 to 17:00 minute range.

Another testing change provides three fitness-testing options. These options are fast walking, running and running in place.

Other changes require review of all current test excusal waivers, participation by all medically qualified members regardless of age, and testing all members regardless of location with absolute minimum exceptions.

The AFR 50-49 revision also modifies fitness testing for Air Force women. The revision eliminates the 10EX optional exercise program and adjusts aerobics and testing standards to accommodate participation in the program by women.

Possible administrative actions include a separation policy for repeated test failures.

In a letter to commanders of major commands, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David C. Jones noted that good physical condition is a vital ingredient in maintaining a well-disciplined, high-quality force.

AIR GUARDSMEN TO MARCH FOR PRESIDENT ELECT JIMMY CARTER

The 111th Army National Guard Band, and four members of Jimmy Carter's Hawaii Air National Guard sponsored Royal Guard, will perform in Washington D.C. Presidential Inaugural Parade on 20 January this year.

TSgt's Randall Lum, James Pahukula and Ronald Cozo of CAMRON and MSgt David Langsi of Hilo's 201st Combat Communications Squadron, have been selected Color Guards, and will be dressed in their Royal Guard uniforms. All members of the Band and the Color Guard will wear double, white carnation leis.

While in Washington, all will stay at the Arva Motel in Arlington, Virginia, just outside the North Fort Meyer Gate.

A NOTE ON MILITARY COURTESY

During our last inspection (4-5 December drill), our military courtesy left something to be desired. We have taken licence here to touch on those areas which need attention.

Air Force personnel in uniform will salute anyone they recognize who is entitled to the salute or to the return of a salute. We really fall short in this area and our observation is that the ladies are better than the guys in saluting officers. Remember: You're saluting the uniform not the man!

And a note about answering the phone: Give your organization, your name and end with "May I help you". That's professional! But, wow, you should hear what we get when we call various sections. "Hold the line" ...Yuk! "Hold on!" (To what?). The worst: You ask for someone and nothing is said. A moment later, the person you called is on the line. Absolutely unprofessional!

Military persons are addressed by their grade. Officers are addressed by their grade or the appellation "Sir/Ma'am", medical and dental officers as "Doctor" and Chaplains as "Chaplin." Enlisted men in the lower three grades will be addressed as "Airman" and the top six grades as "Sergeant."

More on this subject later.

DIS-N-DOT By Maj. Eddie Anderson

Colonel James Ashford, said Saturday that he was "pleased with the performance of the unit during the PACAF inspection in December". Our overall rating was "Satisfactory". One disappointing result was a repeat of a prior inspection discrepancy: Some individuals did not meet Air Force hair grooming standards.... Don't forget: The all HANG camp is set 13-17 June 1977....

You will shortly see an F-102 on display in front of 15th ABW Base Operations building, donated by the HANG.... And while on the subject of F-102's, we kept one ourselves, for display here at the 154th. Any suggestions as to where we could stick it?....Starting with the February UTA, all personnel must present their military ID card to the messhall headcounter before entering the chow hall. You also have to sign, giving your name, grade and organization. No comment.....The HNG (Army and Air) will hold a reception for the Adjutant General, 27 February at the Cannon Club. Reason: To allow the Adjutant General (Maj. Gen. Valentine A. Siefertmann) to meet our officers, especially the younger officers. This is a good fun affair and I recommend that all officers attend....Major General John J. Pesch, Director of the Air National Guard (Washington D.C.) will retire from active duty effective 1 February 1977. Super Troop John Pesch, a good friend of Hawaii's, will be sorely missed!....

Congress has passed legislation to require mandatory withholding of state income taxes from all military pay; Starts this year....Combat has an opening for anIllustrator. If you like to draw, do lettering, charts, photo illustration, etc, Combat Support would like to talk to you. Imagine drawing pictures during drill and getting paid for it?....

Welcome back to Capt. Sasha Saromines, formerly with HQ HANG, now back with Combat Support....Expect to be tapped on the shoulder soon. The 199TFS will be spearheading a drive to raise funds to build a \$2,500 canoe. Lookout Outrigger Canoe Club, here we come!....Have you seen Lt. Steve Coonan's new toy? A 26-foot Columbia sail boat, riding at anchor at the Golden Anchor. Nice toy! Pau for now.

PLAIN TALK



Exchange Privileges for Reservists and Guardsmen

The Department of Defense announced a change to the regulations on the use of exchange facilities by Reservists and Guardsmen. The identification document to be presented when exercising exchange privilege is affected by this change. The current control and identification procedures are outlined as follows:

- **Unlimited exchange privileges** are authorized for all Reservists and Guardsmen who perform inactive duty training, in a pay or non-pay status, on the basis of **one day of exchange privilege for two inactive training duty drills performed.**
- Reservists and Guardsmen **may choose any day or days**, within the validity period, that they will exercise the exchange privilege.
- **Spouses may not enter the exchange alone but are allowed to accompany members. Other dependents are not authorized entry.** All cash register transactions must be completed by the member.
- The Reservists or Guardsmen may be asked to present an identification card, DD form 2, upon entering the exchange unless the individual is wearing a military uniform. When a purchase is made, either the **LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION (LA)** or **EARNINGS STATEMENT (ES)** is date stamped to indicate that a day of exchange privilege has been exercised. For the remainder of the date stamped, the LA or ES will be accepted as allowing the member unlimited exchange privileges.
- **LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION**
 - is issued by unit commander or his designated representative.
 - is to be used by Reservists and Guardsmen who perform inactive duty training in a **non-pay status.**
 - contains the following information:
 - validity period (12 months from date of issue)
 - number of days of exchange privilege

- name and social security number of member
- name and social security number of spouse authorized to accompany member
- two blocks with numbers 1 to 10 for use by exchange personnel
- signature of unit commander or representative

– will be date stamped opposite Number 1 on the first block by exchange personnel to indicate that the member has exercised one day of exchange privilege. For the remainder of that day, the letter will be accepted as allowing the member unlimited exchange privilege.

• EARNINGS STATEMENT

- is to be used by Reservists and Guardsmen who perform inactive duty training in a **pay-status.**
- is valid for 12 months from date of issue.
- contains the following information:
 - name of member
 - date issued
 - number of drills performed by member. (The member must calculate the number of days of exchange privilege by dividing 2 into the number of drills and then enter the number of days on the statement.)

The member may delete all other information on the ES.

- will be date stamped by exchange personnel when the member exercises a day of exchange privilege by making a purchase. For the remainder of that day, the ES will be accepted as allowing the member unlimited exchange privilege.
- does not provide for identification of the member's spouse. The spouse will be required to present appropriate identification (social security card or driver's license) when accompanying the member into an exchange.



- Reservists or Guardsmen who special order merchandise, purchase merchandise on a layaway basis or leave merchandise for repair will be permitted to complete the transaction on another day without having that day charged as another full day of exchange privilege. For the purpose of completing the transaction, they must produce the LA or ES as identification for the original transaction and a receipt which documents the original transaction.
- Please consult your exchange manager for further information.