

NCO corner

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There are several subjects I would like to address in this issue. First is the problem of missed port calls. Soldiers who do not get on the flight specified in their port call instructions cost the US tax payer a lot of money. Every seat on every aircraft is paid for, whether it is filled or not. For the month of December, alone, the bill for empty seats was \$250,000. The bottom line is that it is the responsibility of every soldier departing USAREUR to clear properly and make their flight on time. And, it is the responsibility of every leader to insure that they do.

Unlicensed vehicles

Next subject. Unlicensed vehicles in the McNair/Michael area. There is an old saying that if you park two unlicensed Mercedes next to each other over night they will give birth to an unlicensed Volkswagen by morning. Giving birth is not illegal but having an unlicensed vehicle parked in the area is. A great many of these vehicles are abandoned and with parking as tight as it is here, we just can't put up with them. If you own a junk car and want to get rid of it there is a simple solution. Just see the folks in the DSCC office and either sign the car over to the US Government for disposal or donate it to the Morale Support Fund for spare parts, and avoid the hassel of being caught with an unlicensed vehicle.



Final subject. If you are a sergeant or above you must have an Annual Efficiency Report. If either you or your immediate supervisor are transferred you must have a change of rater. There are some exceptions. If you receive one of the reports within 90 days of the due date of the other report, the second report is not needed. In any event, the basic premise is that every soldier will receive some type of efficiency report once a year. Very simple, yes? No! Would you believe that DA MILPERCEN just identified a 22nd Signal Brigade soldier who qualified for, but had not received, any efficiency reports in the last five years. If you think you might have a problem in this area check it out with your first sergeant.

22nd Brigade cooks excel

The 440th Signal Battalion's Dining Facility was recently judged the best in the brigade during the first quarter, FY 82. The most improved facility honors, for the first and second quarter, went to the 32nd Signal's Consolidated Dining Facility.

During the Crested Eagle exercise, the 17th Signal Battalion's food service members were commended for their fine support providing meals for brigade soldiers.

Junk food junkies?

Is the 22nd Signal Brigade filled with junk food junkies? You decide. Last month, according to Ms. Rosa J. Carroll, McNair PX Manager, and Mr. Gregg Morrisette, PX vending machine operator, Brigade soldiers bought 2044 packages of cookies, 9812 candy bars and 19,700 sodas. These figures do not include junk foods purchased at Cambrai-Fritsch, the Commissary or other places. Think about it!