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... Words From IGQ

Col Tom Stark

Again, thanks to all SAF/AMC IG personnel who attended the 2001 AMC Installation IG Conference. Your feedback indicated that the conference was a positive experience and a big value added effort. We'll apply your inputs and lessons we learned and plan to do it again in Oct 2002.

We need to welcome Capt Robb Reynolds as a newest member to SAF/IGQ's Team 2. Robb has a CE and personnel background. Robb—best wishes to you in your new duties. Robb replaces Capt Jeff Hurlbert who has moved to SAF/IGQ training. Jeff—thanks for the great support and good luck in your new training role.

INSTALLATION IG TRAINING COURSE (IIGTC)

The next IIGTC course is scheduled for 14-18 Jan 02. Priority selection for the 4 AMC slots is as follows: Maj Kevin Greenfield, HQ AMC/JA, Lt Col Richard Pues, 436 AW/IGD, SMSgt Jeffrey Williams, 15 AF/JA, and MSgt Dennis C. Nolf, 43 AW/IG. Expect details to follow in late Nov/early Dec.

Slots for the 305 AMW, 319 ARW, and 89 AW

are pushed to Feb/Mar 02. Forward your IIGTC nominees to AMC/IGQ. See SAF/IG's website (www.ig.hq.af.mil) for the complete FY02 IIGTC schedule.

2001 ACTS DATA CALL

Recently SMSgt Tom Price emailed your offices with a notice for our end-of-year ACTS Data Call. We are asking for the data early in order to build several IGQ briefs for presentation to AMC's senior leadership in Jan. This initial data call will capture the period of 1 Jan 01 – 30 Nov 01. We'll ask for the entire calendar year in Jan 02, but for now, we need your inputs by COB 4 Dec 01. We sincerely appreciate your support in this effort.

Please ensure you check your data for errors (and correct the errors) before submitting the information to us. Attached are lessons learned from ACC's July 01 Data Call—compliments of Lt Col Kyler, SAF/IGQ.

COMMAND ACTION

I believe we would all agree that military discipline and/or command action should be administered consistently and in a timely manner.

Recently, we've had a few cases where command action was not taken in a timely fashion on substantiated allegations. In one case, the subject PCS'd twice since the incident and the notified commander is no longer in the chain. In this

case, the commander had initiated command action but granted an extension for the subject to reply and during the delay, the commander PCS'd and was no longer on G-series orders or authorized to complete the action.

When command action is delayed (for whatever reason), our ability to efficiently and effectively complete AFI 90-301 post investigation requirements is challenged.

In the event of either a subject or commander PCS prior to completed command action, the new commander will need time to be brought up to speed on the entire case to include reading the ROI and consulting with base legal. The new commander will want to feel comfortable in determining an appropriate level of command action.

As Installation IGs, we are asking you to do your best to help facilitate timely command action. This is best accomplished by maintaining an effective relationship with commanders and base legal/SJA.

AMC/CV MSG: AMC FY01 Safety Wrap-Up. Not a Good Year for AMC

On 6 Nov, Lt Gen Marcotte released an AMC message highlighting his concern for the unfavorable trend in command mishaps. Too many mishaps were the result of failure to comply with basic AF guidance and common sense.

In flight safety, AMC experienced a 250% increase in Class A mishaps over FY00. Class B and C mishaps nearly doubled with a total mishap damage cost of \$20M plus. In ground safety, AMC had 9 Class A mishaps with 10 individuals lost (8 PMV fatalities). On a bright note, nuclear and weapons safety earned "Well Done" honors.

According to the CV, "...the discouraging common denominators in the preventable mishaps were inattention to detail, lack of discipline, failure to comply with technical data, and incomplete risk analysis." He cautioned, "With our ops tempo so high, it's even more critical that commanders and supervisors pull out all the stops to protect our people and equipment."

Recommend IGs be sensitive to this trend and help senior leadership in setting and enforcing safety standards. A known safety issue may not be an IG matter, but as a member of the CC's senior staff, IGs can do their part to help ensure appropriate action is taken for unacceptable practices or exposure to risk.

AMC/IGQ SUSPENSES

When dealing with an AMC/IGQ tasking, we ask that you pay close attention and be responsive to our suspense date. Typically, a suspense is driven by a higher level SAF and/or AMC IG suspense. We must all

respond in an effective manner. In cases where your office needs an extension, contact us prior to the due date and we'll try and work with you. THANKS!

A Month In the Life of an IG

Recently, one of our AMC bases and Installation IGs experienced the following.

First, allegations were made against one of the unit's O-6s regarding leave and travel fraud to the WG CC. In this case, the WG CC elected to do a CDI and appointed the CV as the IO. A young captain was appointed to assist the CV. While the IO ruled that the allegations were not substantiated, he concluded that several standards were violated. The IG's involvement included making an O-6 notification and forwarding copies of the CDI, legal review, and command action to SAF/IGQ through AMC/IGQ IAW AFI 90-301 paras 3.10, 3.13, and 1.28.

Next, allegations of sexual harassment were made against another of the unit's O-6s to the WG/DS. Again, the WG CC elected to do a CDI and appointed a 15 AF O-6 as the IO. This required close coordination with the 15 AF/CC/SJA. The IO substantiated the allegations. Again, IG involvement included the O-6 notification and forwarding documents to SAF/IGQ.

Finally, an allegation of reprisal was made against an

acting squadron commander. After close discussion with AMC/IGQ, it was determined that the elements of reprisal were not in place. However, this case is still under investigation as a possible abuse of authority or violation of AFI 90-301.

The point of this brief article is to highlight the fact that in any given day, week, or month, you may be faced with several significant IG or non-IG related issues that will demand your expertise, knowledge, and leadership. It's difficult to predict when you'll be on the hot plate, but it's prudent to prepare, train, and be ready.

WEB SITE UPDATE

The staff has added some USEFUL LINKS to our organizational web site. Visit <https://amc.scott.af.mil/ig/html/index.htm> and select ORGANIZATION, then IGQ. We've included the conference briefings, some links to sites you should find useful, and the Travis AFB FTAC briefing. We'll keep updating the site with info, so please check it out periodically.

2001 FLYNN AWARD

With the end of the year quickly approaching, it's time to consider competing for the John P. Flynn Inspector General Award. This prestigious award is used to recognize the best IG Complaints and Investigation Program Office at Wing, Installation, NAF, and MAJCOM levels. We are looking at early Jan 02 as an

estimated target date for your nominations.

Also, this year we are adding a new award category exclusively for our enlisted installation IGQ staff members—the **AMC Installation IGQ Outstanding Superintendent of the Year Award**.

Recommend you start gathering your thoughts and organizing significant program and individual accomplishments achieved for the year. Refer to AFI 36-2816 for general info on the Flynn Award. We'll send out more info on the Flynn as well as specific guidance on the AMC IGQ Superintendent of the Year in the near future. More to follow...

SAF/AMC FEEDBACK From 2001 IG CONFERENCE

In addition to my email "AMC IG Conference Wrap-up" (action items from the conference), dated 2 Nov 2001, 10:18 AM, SAF has provided the following feedback.

Col Walsh has talked with SAF/IGI and all parties agree that the Gatekeeper is a WG CC program. It's the CC's call who he/she wants as Gatekeeper. The process and type of notifications made is between the MAJCOM Gatekeeper, WG CC, and the IG.

There's no requirement for SAF/LLI to chop on WG CC responses to congressional inquiries.

There's no requirement that SAF/IGQ see complaint

analysis on cases that do not meet the SAF threshold. In other words, SAF/IGQ needs to see them in reprisal cases, or in any case where the MAJCOM asks for a recommendation.

**ENJOY a HAPPY and SAFE
THANKSGIVING!**