



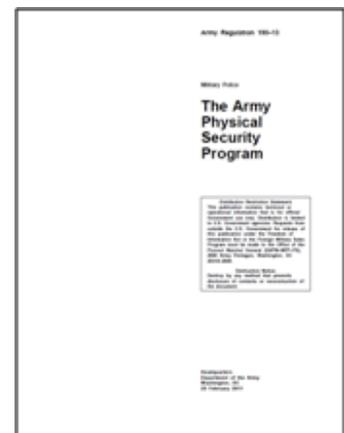
DES Newsletter – March 2011

Greetings Everyone,

A hot topic on the mind of many people right now is the status of the Federal budget and how it will impact each and every one of us. I'm here to provide you with accurate information and I'll try to shed some light for you, but as my old boss Colonel Herb Tillery used to say about the way things go in the Army..."The truth changes" (meaning what's true today may not necessarily be true tomorrow). When the President sent the proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Defense Budget to Congress, it was noted that the highest priority went towards funding to, "Take care of our people." That said, most people understand that given the state of the economy and the challenges faced at all levels of government, that's it's impossible for anyone to make any promises with the exception that life will go on here at Picatinny.

Many of you have expressed concern about a possible Government shutdown, but the word we have right now from the IMCOM Commander is that if it ever happens, "We'll work it." Understand too that a majority of our personnel are considered to be, "Emergency Essential," which means that the base cannot operate without your services. Again, that being said, by now, you should have heard that a hiring freeze is in effect. We're still waiting on further guidance, but know that the Chiefs and I are working the budgetary and strength issues with Resource Management, Human Resources and higher headquarters and we'll keep you informed as we progress.

There are also changes being made with different Army Regulations (AR) which will affect the way we do business here at Picatinny Arsenal. Major changes were made to AR 190-13, The Army Physical Security Program. This includes the responsibility for the Army Access Control Program and the Army Security Guard Program being transferred to the Provost Marshal General and under the realm of Physical Security. This will require a transition plan to for us to emplace, but you know that we will keep you informed. In addition, you'll also find changes to AR 190-56, The Army Civilian Police and Security Guard Program. These and other AR's are available for downloading by going to: <http://armypubs.army.mil> .



For those of you providing access control, you'll soon start to see the sticker on the right posted on some vehicles attempting to enter the post. The Army wants to recognize family members who lost their loved ones who were fighting in combat for our country and make them feel welcomed on our installations. It's all a part of the Army's Survivor Outreach Services and you'll be getting additional information in the near future.

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The caption for these photos should be, "There I was...a fun-loving bobcat...having a good time...running around Picatinny, when the law got me...and look at me now" (okay...for you comedians out there...like Al Foster...I challenge you to come up with something better). Some of you may not know this, but we have three personnel who have the additional duty of serving as our Game Wardens: LT James Opalecky, SGT Aaron Westra, and CI Don Meyer. Our Game Wardens play an important role in enforcing the laws applicable to fish and game as well as managing the wildlife in our area and it's important to recognize the contributions that they make to our community.



As a friendly reminder about the importance of combating complacency in our profession, I'd like to highlight the recent terrorist incident that happened at the Frankfurt International Airport in Germany. Once again, there was an unanticipated attack on American service

members who were simply traveling from one place to another. We live in different times and it's incumbent upon all of us to remain vigilant, alert to danger, and ready to respond at a moment's notice.

As we were going to print with the Newsletter, we were monitoring the flooding that was taking place on our installation as well as the 8.9 magnitude earthquake and the resulting tsunami that struck Japan. While we faced some challenges dealing with the flooding on-post, there is obviously no comparison that can be made with the catastrophic effects that the Japanese people are facing. The Japanese conduct extensive training on emergency operations, but it is extremely difficult to train to the level that they have to endure right now. For those of who are getting ready to participate in Emergency Operation Center exercises, I hope this give you a different perspective on the importance of what you are doing. I do want to thank all of our personnel who helped to mitigate the flooding on our post as well as those who provided mutual aid support to local communities within Morris County. The services that you provided are critical, essential and truly appreciated.

Hang in there.

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