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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAREUR Aviation Leadership Committee, 14 May 2004

1. The USAREUR Aviation Leadership Committee convened at 0830 hours, 14 May 2004.
2. COL Briggs, USAREUR G3 Aviation Division Chief, provided opening comments. The functions of the committee are to recommend and review directives, provide guidance, and respond to specific inquiries or requests, coordinate requests for support from subordinate aviation units, and to prepare and review recommended changes to aviation standardization literature and forward to proponents. It serves as the MACOM Standardization Committee per AR 95-1.
3. The meeting proceeded with discussion on agenda items presented for the councils consideration. The discussions are summarized as follows:

ISSUE 1: There is a lack of defined safety responsibilities for all USAREUR airfields, heliports, and helipads.

Discussion: The transfer of installation management from USAREUR to IMA has resulted in some ambiguity in terms of safety oversight of airfields, heliports, and helipads within the USAREUR footprint. As units deploy to and from OIF/OEF many areas are left unmonitored and pose potential risk.

Action: USAREUR form a process action team that include IMA and other pertinent members to determine the best course of action for continued monitoring for all USAREUR airfields, heliports, and helipads safety programs in the USAREUR footprint. Develop a short-term course of action to ensure all areas are monitored and managed. Long term develop a course of action to boost manning to maintain airfield safety programs through added military or civilianization of positions. Brief USAREUR G-3 on recommendation NLT 15 August 2003.

POC: CW5 Larry Bugg, USAREUR Safety Officer
Suspense: 15 August 2004

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ISSUE 2: Aviation aircrew training in a combat environment

Discussion: Training Circulars for Army crewmembers are tailored to non-combat theatres. Commanders face difficulty in implementing ATP regulatory requirements in hostile fire areas.

Action: Commanders gather information to forward to USAAVNC for proposed change to Training Circulars. Lay out issues of current training problems and how to resolve them. Recommendations will be reviewed and forward to USAAVNC.

POC: 12TH AVN BDE
Suspense: 15 August 2004

ISSUE 3: AE 95-1 Orientation Training Requirements

Discussion: The orientation training listed in AE 95-1 para 4-2(b)2(a&b), 50 kilometer navigation and instrument orientation flight, under some circumstances may not apply to all FAC1 and FAC 2 crewmembers. Some crewmembers in USAREUR may be short tour returnees and the requirements may not apply. Additionally, unit deployments do not allow for all crewmembers to receive the training prior to RL1, thereby restricting port to home station, or home station to port aircraft ferry. The waiver authority for the orientation training currently resides at the Deputy Commanding General, USAREUR /7A.

Action: Draft a waiver for Deputy Commanding General, USAREUR /7A, to allow the first O6 to individually waive the orientation requirements in AE 95-1 para 4-2(b)2(a&b), 50 kilometer navigation and instrument orientation flight.

POC: UASSD
Suspense: 15 August 2004

ISSUE 4: Extended Night Flying Hours

Discussion: With the current "compensation day" system a unit can only fly two nights a week for a maximum of 3.5 hours a night from the beginning of May until the end of August. While in some cases this may be enough time to keep individual aircrews current it is certainly not enough time to maintain unit level proficiency while continuing RL Progressions. USAREUR units that are returning from combat operations are already preparing for the next deployment. There is a very real surface to air missile threat to helicopters in the areas that USAREUR aircrews operate in. Therefore, commanders can only effectively combat this threat by flying at night with the use of NVD's. In order to do that their aircrews must be proficient in NVD flight and must therefore be afforded more training time for individual and collective training.

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Action: Unit Commanders outline problem with current compensation system and forward to USAREUR G3 Aviation Division for action.

POC: USAREUR G3, Aviation Division

Suspense: ASAP

ISSUE 5: Aviation Training Flight School

Discussion: Aviation training is mostly centered on a peacetime environment. Training at USAAVNC does not prepare a new aviator to operate in a combat environment. A newly trained aviator would be better served in today's Army with more combat focused training. Aviators currently graduating from flight school still require between 25 - 30 hours of training in order to progress them to D/N/NVD RL1.

Action: Until USAAVNC can accept or change current POI; unit commanders must define tasks to accomplish to certify an aviator prior to deployment. Unit commanders define what specific requirements USAAVNC can change to adapt the program of instruction at Fort Rucker to better prepare graduates for a combat theatre.

POC: Unit Commanders

Suspense: None

4. BG Williams provided closing comments

a. This forum is relevant; our force is under great stress. Units have to guard our standards, not just in aviation, but also in all facets. An Army under stress can find itself loosening its standards. We do not want to head down that path. This is a great Army.

b. We cannot foresee all the resource requirements for our upcoming deployments. Try to take on issues, but do not alter standards to ensure our soldiers are safe. Leaders need to ensure, with limited resources, we get crewmembers ready for combat operations. Train safely thru procedures and regulations.

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5. USAREUR Aviation Leadership Committee, 14 May 2004 Attendance Roster

ATTENDEES:

BG Williams	Deputy Chief of Staff, G3
COL Briggs	USAREUR G3 Chief, AVN DIV
CW5 Sargent	UASSD Commander
COL Bilafer	11 th AVN REGT Commander
COL Palumbo	12 th AVN BDE Commander
LTC Sargent	421 st MED BN Commander
LTC Evans	2-502ND Commander
LTC Braley	7-159TH AVN REGT Commander
LTC Goad	3-58 ATS Commander
LTC Linderman	V Corps, G3 AVN DIV
LTC Long	USAASD-E Commander
LTC Diaz	1-214TH AVN REGT Commander
MAJ Bone	CMTC FLT DET
CPT Anderle	DOT, Aviation Plans
CW5 Bugg	USAREUR Safety Officer
Mr. Sanders	Chief, AVN LOG, 200, TSCMMC
DAC Kopp	FW SP, UASSD
CW4 Gulker	RW SP, UASSD
CW3 Wriston	RW IE, UASSD
CW4 Phillips	RW ME, UASSD
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CW4 Swisher	12TH AVN BDE Standards Officer
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