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Master Sgt. Cliff Ziggins briefs the Infrastructure and Integration Branch's mission to tour members.

497th IG Intelligence Systems Directorate hosts first Open House

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The 497th Intelligence Group, Intelligence Systems Directorate held its first directorate Open House Dec. 19.

Members of HQ U.S. Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance directorate, other 497th IG directorates, the 11th Wing, family members, and friends all joined together to learn more about the missions and functions IND performs.

Maj. Gen. John Casciano, Air Force director of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, was one of the distinguished guests in attendance. Tours were arranged to show off the inside of the Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility so visitors would have a chance to get a better idea of the daily work environment and office structures of IND.

Eight tours were conducted as each division organized a short overview briefing outlining their mission, their customers and their area of responsibility.

The event was well attended and all visitors came away with a better understanding of what the 497th IG/IND does and how they fit into the grand mission scheme of Joint Vision 2010.

IND is a diverse organization made up of many different functional areas. It provides advocacy and acquisition support of combat systems, reviews Air Force Information Operations mission and budget plans, and manages and staffs Department of Defense (Joint) Intelligence systems and infrastructure activities.

Several key projects underway include Year 2000 computer resolution, Joint Mapping Tool Kit requirements development, and implementing the Defense Information Infrastructure Common Operating Environment and Defense Message System.

Take advantage of the CCAF



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While in a professional development course, it was brought to my attention that some airmen are under the impression that they can't enroll in the Community College of the Air Force until they complete their five-level training. This is not true.

Personnel must take a copy of their certificate of training to the education office and fill out a request for a transcript review.

Most of us receive many credits for completion of technical school, but only the Air Force technical schools will update CCAF with the information.

In order for enrollment to reflect one's records, there must be at least 12 to 15 credits reflected on their transcript. Hence, many of our airmen going Below the Zone will reflect only a high school diploma on their records if they do not update it immediately upon arrival.

Career development courses and professional military education courses count as credit toward your CCAF degree.

Please don't hesitate to call your base's education office to get more information.

Short duty now counts for overseas credit

More and more of today's Air Force members are feeling the increased pace of overseas temporary duty. Now, there is a positive side to those all-too-frequent overseas trips.

The Air Force Personnel and Finance communities, working together, are giving members credit for overseas TDYs of as few as two consecutive days. They are adjusting the key dates that determine non-volunteer vulnerability for an overseas assignment. This process, in place since January 1997, ensures people receive appropriate credit for their overseas TDY experience.

When a person files a TDY travel voucher, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service office automatically sends the information to the Air Force Personnel Center to adjust the airman's overseas duty service dates.

People serving an extended number of days TDY overseas may even earn short- or long-tour credit. While overseas TDYs, particularly deployments, will continue to be part of military service, there is one positive aspect: credit for the TDY time served can help to avoid non-volunteer selection for overseas assignment.

For details on overseas TDY credit, contact your local financial services office or military personnel flight.