

710th briefs Miller

On a recent visit to the 710th Information Flight, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, Brig. Gen. James Miller, Air Intelligence Agency commander, (far left) gets briefed on telephone analysis by Master Sgt. John Almon, electronic systems security assessment technician, (far right).



Editor's Note: This is the final article of a three-part series on Internship Programs offered by the National Security Agency/Cryptologic Support Service Intern Programs for Air Force intelligence members.

Internship Programs Await

Take advantage of courses to broaden expertise

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In the last two issues, we looked at intern programs for both officers and enlisted linguists. In this final segment, we highlight internships geared for analysts and technicians throughout the intelligence community.

Career analysts may start their journey with the Military Communications Intelligence Signals Analysis Program. MCSAP is a three-year technical program established and de-

signed to prepare highly qualified, active duty, career military enlisted personnel to fill COMINT positions through advanced formal training and individually tailored operational assignments while stationed at the National Security Agency.

MCSAP's goal is to provide a formal development program for COMINT Signals Analysis through advanced training.

The program provides both a for-

mal academic curriculum provided by the National Cryptologic School and operational on-the-job training assignments performed within various signals analysis work centers throughout NSA/CSS.

The program will enhance the individual's capability to perform advanced COMINT signals analysis and specialized signals development duties worldwide.

Candidates are mid-level noncom-

missioned officer rank and come from all the Service Cryptologic Elements.

The Middle Enlisted Cryptologic Career Advancement Program is another program designed to further develop the technical and managerial skills of selected NCOs through advanced formal training and a series of individually tailored operational assignments.

MECCAP provides a work/study environment that develops highly skilled cryptologic technicians for future active duty supervisory and managerial positions requiring greater expertise and responsibility.

MECCAP participants develop the capabilities to become key players in the future of the cryptologic effort in support of warfighting commanders.

"The MECCAP affords our most highly skilled noncommissioned officers and petty officers the opportunity to receive the best cryptologic training available today. NCOs and POs, along with mid-level officers, are the leaders that the commander must rely upon to provide him with actionable signals intelligence," said Lt. Gen. Kenneth Minihan, director of NSA and chief of the CSS.

"MECCAP provides these NCOs and POs with an in-depth understanding of the capabilities of NSA/CSS. MECCAP graduates become the vital producers and demanding customers needed to drive the signals intelligence process in support of our warfighting commanders," said Minihan.

The Military Electronic Signals Analysis Program is tailored to give electronic intelligence analysts a formal technical ELINT development process that will provide advanced ELINT signals analysis.

MESAP combines both a formal academic curriculum at the NCS and on-the-job training assignments throughout NSA/CSS, which will enhance the individual's capability to perform ELINT signals analysis and ELINT specialist duties. The pro-

gram encompasses all facets of ELINT, Electronic Surveillance and electronic countermeasures applications.

Analysts who enjoy SIGINT will love the Military Intern SIGINT Analyst Program. MINSAP is designated as an integral part of the Intelligence Analysis Career Panel Intern Program. Participants gain increased cryptologic expertise and professionalism in the Intelligence Analysis career field.

MINSAP combines a rotation of on-the-job assignments with formal training to ensure interns will have a broad understanding of Intelligence Analysts disciplines.

Each program will be directly tailored to each intern's cryptologic background, training, and future assignments.

In addition, the IACP will work

with individual MINSAP participants to give them the opportunity to take other advanced level courses beyond those required for certification. Participants in MINSAP are also required to become adjunct faculty members of the NCS.

The Air Force Cryptologic Office at Fort Meade, Md., is charged with ensuring all intern programs meet Air Force needs and respond to AIA's strategic goal of promoting leadership and professional development.

Whether you are a linguist, officer or technician, there is a program to enhance your career and prepare you to meet future challenges in your intelligence profession.

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Valentines for vets

Air Intelligence Agency ambassadors took part in the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Feb. 13 during a visit to the Audie Murphy Memorial Veterans Hospital in San Antonio. Shown are, seated, Mark Castillo, physical therapy patient and from left, Senior Airman Kristina Anderson, Senior Airman Joshua McGee, Staff Sgt. Gino Moreno and Capt. Seanta Young. The ambassadors distributed Valentine cards to patients during their visit.