

Establishment of Illegal Billets: All Air Police must reside on base. An illegal billet is one maintained off base while maintaining an on base residence in the barracks. This practice is prohibited. You are expected to be on base in your assigned billet during curfew hours, unless on official Air Police duty elsewhere.

LOCAL PITFALLS

Unsanitary Eating and Drinking Establishments: Intestinal parasites, dysentery, hepatitis and other serious diseases and maladies are prevalent in the Saigon area and in many of its establishments. The acceptable and unacceptable establishments are not marked; thus, it would be well to avoid any place where there may be some doubt in your mind as to the cleanliness of the establishment. There are clubs on base and in downtown Saigon operated by U.S. Forces and the USO which are acceptable. As for the others, use good judgement or ask someone who has been here longer than you which are the better places to go for eating or entertainment. In all cases, however, in any off base establishment not operated by a U.S. Agency, don't drink the local water or drinks containing ice as the water in the Saigon/Cholon area contains hepatitis.

Bargirls and Saigon Tea: In most large war-torn cities with a large number of GI's in the area, you will find "bargirls"; Saigon is no exception. The bargirls of Saigon drink "Saigon Tea", which is equivalent to a small glass of Coke, tea or colored water for which you pay on the average of 160P (\$1.50). The technique is universal. You go into a bar and order a drink; a girl comes up and starts a conversation. She may ask you to buy her some Saigon Tea then or wait until you've had more to drink to lower your sales resistance. If you are not careful you will blow a good bit of money in a short length of time. Be smart and careful!

Prostitution and VD: Saigon, as in most large cities, has prostitutes. Where you find prostitution you will find Venereal Disease. Both the Chaplain and the Flight Surgeon will tell you that the safest thing to do during your tour over here is to abstain from sexual intercourse. Morally and medically, abstinence is best. The following is extracted from a handout prepared by the 377th USAF Hospital, Subject: Venereal Diseases:

"There are five types of venereal diseases in Vietnam. The most common, of course, is Gonorrhoea. This disease has extremely serious complications if not immediately cured. Some of these complications are: (1) Inability to urinate through the penis. (2) Blood poisoning. (3) Going home on emergency leave. The gonorrhoea is easily prevented by taking the following precautions: (1) Consider all girls infected until proven otherwise. (2) Use a prophylactic, wash with soap and water and urinate afterwards, and (3) avoid getting so drunk that you forget the first two. Syphilis is the most serious venereal disease. Anyone who indulges should have a blood test one month prior to leaving for the States. The disease may not be discovered until the brain or heart is affected or until you have given it to your wife. The other venereal diseases are quite obvious to the patient and do not present as great a problem. It is not generally known that a blood test takes one month to become positive after exposure. It is therefore logical that one abstain at least five (5) weeks before DEROS. A microscopic examination of the urine will detect any remaining infection by gonorrhoea."

Marijuana and Narcotics: Unfortunately narcotics and drugs are readily available in this area at a fraction of the cost which the same or similar item would cost in the United States. Occasionally, someone wants to experiment, "just to see what it's like". Most drug addicts in the world today start this way. Should you become addicted and sent back to the States with an Undesirable Discharge, can you then afford your habit which may cost \$50.00 to \$100.00 or more per day? You should also be aware that use and/or possession of these drugs is punishable by the UCMJ.

Pickpockets and Hoodlums: Pickpockets and hoodlums (sometimes referred to as "Cowboys") operate in the local area. Their victims are sober persons as well as those who are intoxicated. A look at the Air Police blotter, especially after payday, will bear this out. The pickpockets usually work around the crowded downtown center of Saigon near the shops and bars both day and night. The hoodlums, usually in gangs, prefer to work at night and in dark alleys or streets and usually pick on the GI by himself -- especially if he has been drinking. They sometimes use guns and knives and operate in groups. Their aim is to "roll" you or get you into a state of submission to where they can take your valuables. Your best defense against these types is to use the "Buddy System", stay sober and stay out of dark streets or alleys or areas with which you are not familiar.

RULES OF CONDUCT

We are here to accomplish an important mission as representatives of our Country. Our personal conduct and professional character must reflect Honor upon ourselves, the USAF and the United States of America. Here are some rules of personal and professional conduct which we all must abide by:

I. CONCERNING THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE:

DO identify yourself with the goals and interests of the local people by following their customs, using their language and understanding their way of life.

DO make friends among the working people and assist them personally.

DO demonstrate to the people your knowledge of their government and your respect for its officials and laws.

DO show the Vietnamese soldier that you know and respect his rank and experience.

DO always give the people the right of way when you drive.

DON'T attract attention by loud or rude behavior.

DON'T lose your temper or argue unnecessarily.

DON'T separate yourself from the people by an open display of wealth or privilege.

II. CONCERNING YOUR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:

DO remember security, remain alert and be ready to react with your military skill.

DO give help and cooperation to the other Americans and Allies who are here assisting the Vietnamese people.

DO consider carefully the VC tactics before making decisions which affect the lives and property of the Vietnamese people.

DO treat VC captives according to the Geneva Convention.

DON'T forget where you are and why you are here. Always use self-restraint and consciously avoid any actions which would discredit our motives and weaken our standing with the Vietnamese people.

DON'T use unnecessary force.

III. CONCERNING YOUR PERSONAL CONDUCT:

DO keep your appearance up to proper standards.

DO know and obey Vietnamese and U.S. regulations dealing with purchases from the BM and commissary and conversion of currency.

DO call the Military Police when involved in an accident in which someone is injured or the property damage exceeds 1000 piasters (\$9.00).

DO remember security and remain alert.

DO cooperate with the Vietnamese National Police -- they are responsible for your security.

DON'T let yourself become irritated by inconveniences or differences from your usual pattern of life.

DON'T walk in large groups in the city.

DON'T travel alone at night.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Local transportation service in the Tan Son Nhut - Saigon area presents many inconveniences and delays.

a. Commercial taxi's are plentiful except during rush hours and rain storms. Vietnamese drivers usually speak French and broken English. Therefore, it is advisable to retain a map of Saigon with you at all times. Vietnamese cabs cost approximately 50 - 100 piasters for the ride into Saigon/Cholon. Recommended price is 50 piasters. At night, the cabs are authorized to charge double after 2200 hours. You should pay no more than 100 piasters. Most taxi drivers will not use or do not have meters, so be sure to agree upon a price before hand. Should the driver try to charge you more after reaching the destination, request assistance from a Vietnamese National Policeman. Always maintain proper courtesies in dealing with the Vietnamese. The following Vietnamese phrases will help you communicate with the drivers:

ENGLISH

Go straight ahead
 Turn left
 Turn right
 Slow down
 Stop
 Thank you

VIETNAMESE

Di Thang
 Tay Trai
 Tay Mat
 Cham Cham
 Thoi
 Cam On

PRONOUNCED

Dee tahnng
 Tai-ee Chai-ee
 Tai-ee Maht
 Cham Cham
 Toe-ee
 Cahn un

b. Pedicabs may be hired by the hour. With these, as with motorized cycles, agree in advance on the fare. Local Vietnamese bus service is not recommended.

SQUADRON POLICIES

LIQUOR: Personnel under 21 years of age are not authorized to purchase liquor through BX outlets or from Airman and NCO Clubs. (Beer with an alcoholic content not exceeding 3.2 percent is considered non-intoxicating and can be purchased by personnel under 21 years of age)

PASSES: Liberty Passes (AF Form 345) will be issued for all enlisted grades. Issue of passes will be controlled by Section Supervisors and Flight Commanders with only 1/3 of Squadron personnel authorized pass privileges at any one time. Passes are accountable and will be issued by number to each individual.

BULLETIN BOARD: Read the Squadron Bulletin Board daily. You are responsible for complying with whatever is posted there.

BARRACKS INSPECTIONS: Barracks are subject to inspection at any time. Barracks will be inspected each Saturday by the Squadron Commander/1st Sergeant and once each month by the Base Commander or his representative.

HOUSEGIRLS: Housegirl duties encompass light housekeeping duties, change of linen, polishing shoes and making beds. Complete reliance on housegirls for cleanliness of individual areas should not be expected. Fees for housegirls are collected each month at the Squadron Pay Call at the rate of 250 piasters per man. Individuals not desiring to participate will notify the 1st Sergeant upon assignment to the unit and they will be required to do their own housekeeping functions normally performed by the housegirls. This is a volunteer program and no one is required to participate.

R & R AND LEAVE: Personnel serving a one year tour in South Vietnam are authorized one out-of-country R & R and no more than a total of 15 days ordinary leave. One 3-day pass for the Saigon/Cholon area only is also authorized.

DAYROOM: The Squadron Dayroom is located in the Jamesway Hut located at the rear of the Orderly Room (Bldg 123) in Cantonment #2 Area. It is an airconditioned facility with television and games such as chess, checkers, cards, etc., provided for your entertainment. Writing tables, lounge chairs and reading material are also provided. You are asked to keep your dayroom orderly and in respectable appearance.