

FROM THE ENGINEER SCHOOL

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SGA: Good news © The last SGA proposal that was submitted has been approved!! Changes which should be coming include the deletion of E3 slots in TOE and the addition of five E8 (00B50) slots. Two E8 slots will be identified in the C&S Detachment TOEs as the NCOIC. The remaining three E8s will be identified in TDA as the Chief Diving Supervisor, the Supervisor of Diving Safety, and the Supervisor of Diving Training.

OOB PROPONENCY © ENGINEER OR TRANSPORTATION?: Actions are progressing to shift the proponency from ENGR to TC. If this occurs all of the actions that SFC Gibbs and I are working on will shift to FEVA. SSG Floro will probably stay in St. Louis and continue to work our diving equipment actions through Brian at FEVA.

FM 20©11©1: Efforts are being generated to add Army Specific Doctrine info to FM 20©11©1. It will probably show up as an appendix with a short preface.

SDASS: The special diver's air support system is moving along with only minor problems. A design meeting is scheduled for January to firm up the design and cover other anticipated problems. The plans are still in place to TDY key personnel from each unit to Panama City for new equipment training. These personnel should be selected senior first class divers because they will be expected to return to their units and pass the training along. This is the only training we will receive on the SDASS.

5000 PSI: Most new H.P. systems are coming into the inventory with a 5000 PSI capacity. You may have seen or heard some rumblings about it prior to this. To update you: the divers HP Air Storage System, which is a component of SDASS, will be a 5000 PSI system. The air control console and H.P. reducer for the recompression chamber will be capable of handling 5000 PSI input. Contracts are being awarded to H.P. compressor manufactures to supply the Army Divers with 5000 PSI compressors. The increase from 3200 to 5000 will give us more capabilities but at the same time it will give us more responsibilities for safety considerations and attention to detail.

OOB RECRUITMENT: FLW is jumping on the band wagon for OOB recruitment and is, seemingly, trying to help. We briefed 20 young soldiers and swim tested 29 in December. Time will tell.