

If You've a Question On Civilian Pay Bill Maybe Answer's Here

Many inquiries are being received about the effects of the Federal Employees Salary Increase Act of 1956. The following questions and answers, which have been prepared by the Civil Service Commission, cover the points on which questions are most frequently received:

Q. To what date is the pay raise retroactive?

A. To the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 1956. At APC that date is the 5th of January.

Q. Who is entitled to the retroactive pay raise?

A. There are four groups of employees (or former employees) who are entitled to retroactive pay. They are:

(1) Employees on the rolls on the date of enactment.
(2) Employees who left the civilian service during the period of retroactivity to enter military service and were in military service on the date of enactment.

(3) Employees who retired during the period of retroactivity.

(4) Employees who died during the period of retroactivity, in which event their beneficiaries will receive the pay adjustment.

How Much?

Q. How much retroactive pay will I get?

A. You will get the difference between your old pay rate and the new pay rate computed for 12 pay periods, minus deductions for income tax and retirement (for social security). Generally speaking, deductions will take out about 1/4 of the amount due you.

Q. I have heard that retroactive deductions will be made for group life insurance for the period January 1, 1956, to the date of enactment. Is this true?

A. No. However, beginning on the date of enactment of the pay bill, your deductions for income tax will be slightly higher if the raise entitles you to an additional thousand dollars of insurance.

Q. I put in some overtime between January 1, 1956, and the date of enactment of the new pay increase. Am I entitled to more pay for this overtime?

A. Yes, you will be paid the difference between your old and new hourly overtime rates for the number of hours of overtime you worked since January 1, minus deductions.

Q. I have heard that the periodic within-grade pay increases are now larger than before. Is this true?

A. Yes. The periodic step increases, old and new, are as follows:

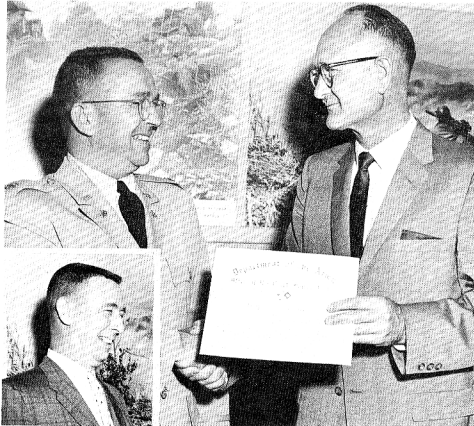
Grade	Old	New
GS-1 thru GS-4	\$65	\$95
GS-5 thru GS-10	150	150
GS-11 thru GS-14	215	240
GS-15	270	300
GS-16 thru GS-17	215	240

General Officers in Shift As Dreyfus Moves to JCS

Major Gen James Dreyfus, chief, Army Signal Corps Procurement and Distribution Division, will become Deputy Director for Communications and Electronics, Joint Staff, JCS on August 16, it has been announced. He will be succeeded by Brig Gen Herbert Sofield.

In another move of Army Signal Corps general officers it was announced that Brig Gen Ralph T. Nelson, presently Commander of the U. S. Army Electronic Proving Grounds at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., will become the Deputy Chief Signal Officer of the Army on August 1.

APSD News Letter



Goodbye Gesture. Lt Col H. L. Patteson and Major Richard A. Wood (inset) receive Certificates of Achievement upon their departure from APSD, presented by Col W.W. Lindsay, APSD Chief, who retires the end of next month. Maj Wood went to Ft Huachuca while Col Patteson went to Ft Hood, Texas.

Use of TV on Increase Among Army's Schools

The Ordnance Guided Missile School, ABMA, Huntsville, Ala., is acquiring an image-orthicon television training facility for use in its guided missile instruction, following the recommendation of a survey team from the Television Division of APC and APSD.

The Guided Missile School, Ft Bliss, Texas, has been using television for trouble shooting instruction in the Nike-Ajax courses. A unique application of TV has been developed to give trainees instruction in trouble shooting, thereby increasing the skill of these personnel and reducing the amount of time spent on scarce Nike-Ajax equipment. Plans for a new studio and use of TV in other missile courses are now in progress.

The Transportation School, Ft Rucker, Va., is adding TV equipment to permit televising of ship loading operations and similar, remote demonstrations, to classroom sites.

At Ft Monmouth, N. J., a new, glass enclosed TV studio is being constructed in Meyer Hall. In addition, new personnel and similar, remote demonstrations, to classroom sites. Complete replacement and expansion of facilities was recently completed and the utilization of television extended into more electronics training courses.

Every enlisted man, Army-wide, must own at least one Army Green uniform by October 1st of this year. (ANS)

PEOPLE...

Since the departure of Maj Richard A. Wood from APSD for assignment at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Maj Stamford Roberts has been designated as Chief, Plans & Requirements Branch. The staff of this branch has also been augmented with the assignment of Maj Arthur A. Jones from the Army Pictorial Center.

Lt Col John A. Herod arrived from APC and has been assigned as Chief, Still Picture Branch, replacing Lt Col H. L. Patteson.

Lt Col Norman Gray, one time Chief of APC's Television Division and more recently Chief of the APSD Television Branch, has been transferred to the U. S. Army Combat Surveillance Agency. Maj Richard I. Taylor is now Chief of the Television Branch.

Randle to APC

Lt Col Robert P. Randle left his job as Chief of the APSD Motion Picture Branch for assignment at the Army Pictorial Center as Executive for Operations.

Lt Col Bevelle T. Brown, formerly Chief, Production Division, APC, has been assigned to the slot vacated by Col Randle. New Chief of the Budget and Management Office at APSD is Cyril P. McCourt, replacing Francis I. Hartman who has been transferred to Management Branch of the Army Communication Service Division.

Col Arthur L. Gaskill, Maj William Brown and Maj James Dickson, Reserve Officers, recently completed two weeks of active duty training at APSD.