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### TRAINING SQUADRON THIRTY-ONE INSTRUCTION 3710.8A

Subj: FLIGHT FOLLOWING OF SQUADRON AIRCRAFT

Encl: (1) LOW LEVEL/VNAV FLIGHT FOLLOWING FORMS

1. Purpose. To promulgate instructions concerning visual Meteorological Condition (VMC) flight following of VT-31 squadron aircraft in the local/non local flying area.

2. Scope. The provisions of this instruction apply to all Training Squadron THIRTY-ONE Instructor Pilots to ensure safe and accurate flight following procedures.

3. Actions.

a. Pilots

(1) VT-31 pilots shall ensure that takeoff time and alternate information are transmitted to and acknowledged by the Squadron Command Duty Officer (CDO) or Squadron Duty Officer (SDO), call sign "MONTANA BASE". The lack of acknowledgement due to unreliable communications does not relieve the Pilot in Command from transmitting flight guard reports in the blind. All pilots shall be alert to assist in providing a relay communication link between "MONTANA BASE" and aircraft attempting to pass flight guard reports.

(2) VT-31 Instructor Pilots shall transmit any deviations from the scheduled flight to the CDO utilizing one of the following:

(a) 140.325 MHz, Squadron Common Frequency.

(b) 348.0 MHz, (CH 3) Navy Corpus Ground Control for telephone relay to CDO.

(c) 299.6 MHz, (CH 15) Cabaniss tower for telephone relay to CDO.

(d) 320.4 MHz, (CH 19) Seagull Control Radar for telephone to CDO.

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(e) 344.4 MHz, Orange Grove tower for telephone relay to CDO.

(f) 138.775 MHz, PEG base for telephone relay to CDO.

(3) When requested to conduct a communications search for VT-31 aircraft, VT-31 pilots shall attempt contact on all available frequencies including the squadron's common frequency of 140.325MHz. (140.45MHz, 140.525MHz, 303.0MHz, 255.4MHz, 337.8MHz TAC FORM).

(4) All pilots are directed to report unusual or severe weather encountered or sighted to the CDO as soon as practicable. The report should include approximate areas of coverage, an estimate of its movement and a recommendation with regards to the safety of continued flight operations.

(5) All VT-31 TAC FORM/LOW LEVEL/VNAV pilots shall fill out a flight following tracking sheet located in the duty office, call VT-35 for any flight de-conflictions prior to takeoff and close out the flight following tracking sheet after landing.

b. COMMAND DUTY OFFICER

(1) The CDO shall ensure that a complete flight following log is maintained.

(a) The time of takeoff.

(b) Route of flight if not on a DD-175.( i.e. , BIG MAC LOU 1)

(c) The alternate landing field (CRP is considered the alternate unless stated otherwise).

(d) The time of landing.

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(2) If a VT-31 aircraft has not sent a "SAFE ON DECK" report within 15 minutes of its due reporting time, the CDO shall commence a communications search as per the following procedures:

(a) Attempt contact on 140.325MHz via relay with other aircraft. Advise them of the following frequencies if they apply 140.45MHz, 140.525MHz, 303.0MHz, 255.4MHz, and 337.8MHz.

(b) Call the NAS Corpus Christi radar supervisor at extension 2503 and ask him/her to conduct a communication search for the aircraft. If required they will check the outlying field towers and Corpus Christi Approach Control.

(3) The CDO shall ensure that the Commanding Officer, Operations Officer and Flight Officer are immediately notified if any squadron aircraft fails to return within 30 minutes of the due reporting time.

  
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