2 NCOs Explain GI Bill Benefits

TAN SON NHUT AB, Vietnam (Special) — Two sergeants stationed here recently came up with a new concept to help their fellow airmen. They have developed an organization called Project People.

The project was originated and is spearheaded by S.Sgt. Hunter Beaubian and Sgt. Joe Garcia, both assigned to Hq. 7th Air Force.

"It is the hope of Project People," said Garcia, "to in-form as many military person-

nel as possible in the Tan Son Nhut area of their G.I. Bill benefits. We want to do this through a personal basis and not merely through handing out pamphlets.

However, the two sergeants don't want to limit themselves to merely helping people to understand their G.I. benefits. "We're here to assist a person with any problem he might have," Garcia said. "If we find out what the person is looking for, we can channel him through the agency that can be of most service in solving his particular problem."

"We hope to have a functioning organization here," added Heaubian, "and hope that it might eventually spread throughout the Air Force world-wide. The one thing about our project is that we cannot attach a production goal on it because it is a project dealing in human relations.'

The two sergeants consider themselves salesmen. They are trying to sell an idea, that of educational and vocational opportunities.

"We are trying to instill faith

and confidence in the people whom we talk to. We try to seek out with the individual the opportunities that exist in becoming a productive member of society, whether the particular individual is staying in the service or getting out," Garcia

"We don't profess to know all the answers," he commented, "but we can talk to the person, find out what he is looking for, and then direct him to the professional assistance he requires."

Pacific Stars & Stripes 7 Wednesday, June 24, 1970