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Proud Saber 83 has a touch of CLaSS



Transforming a broken, shell-racked aircraft back into a sleek fighting machine is no easy task, but that's the job assigned to the U.S. Air Force's Combat Logistics Support Squadrons: those men and women who provide "quick fixes" needed to ensure an aircraft can continue its combat mission.

To test those methods and operations practiced by the various CLSS units, an exercise was recently sponsored by the Joint Chiefs of Staff at Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona.

The exercise, called Proud Saber '83, provided a challenging scenario which tested mobilization, deployment and realistic operational procedures.

A total of 330 active and Reserve members participated in the exercise. Each Reserve unit worked side by side with their active duty counterpart from the same Air Logistics Command.

The teams were composed of 12 various AFSC's from aeronautical engineers, aircraft mechanics, sheet metal, avionics, to supply and transportation.

The "battleground" was located in the desert on the back of Davis-Monthan in the Military Aircraft Storage and Disposition Center (MASDC) or better known as the "bone yard or grave yard". It is here that all aircraft within the DOD inventory that are obsolete, damaged beyond repair, or, in general, no longer needed for an active role are kept.

At the back of MASDC was an area set aside for use by the CLSS units during Proud Saber '83. This little plot of desert had space for living quarters (shelter halves snapped together to make pup tents). The tent city was the only area where the CLSS personnel were exempt from the simulated attacks held frequently during the exercise.

The teams came equipped with ABDR (Aircraft Battle Damage Repair) kits and tool boxes, ready to go to work. They also brought with them full mobility gear, including helmets, canteens, webbed belts, tents, plus all of their chemical warfare gear.

During the next two weeks, the teams worked around the clock in shifts under the most realistic of simulated conditions.

The climate at the Arizona site posed the same type of problems that could be expected in a Mid-East environment: from hot sunny afternoons to temperatures dropping to the low 40s at night; from calm periods without a breath of air stirring to dust storms where vision and breathing were greatly impaired. During these times, the gas masks, bulky and cumbersome as they were, were a welcome and useful items.

Close by the site was a section set up to resemble a normal parking ramp area with 16 aircraft.

The only difference between these aircraft and others nearby was that each aircraft had received 5 to 10 hits, made by actual 23mm Russian high explosive ammunition.



TIGHT SQUEEZE- MSgt Gerald Harden, TSgt Buford Cleveland removing some hydraulic lines to allow them access to a pair of damaged accumulators.

No actual flying was conducted during the exercise. Instead, each plane was hoisted up with a crane while rounds were placed at the precise spot and angle as the historical data collection from Southeast Asia reflected.

The aircraft selected for the training were ones that were to be scrapped. This training exercise allowed them to serve and be a useful part of the Air Force again before their complete demise.

The battle damage was done by a team headed by Mr. Dave Gomez of the USAF Flight Dynamics Lab, using their Mobile Threat Simulator, basically a cannon mounted on a flatbed truck.

By comparing data and repair techniques from Southeast Asia with those techniques of the CLSS teams attending the exercise, the monitoring teams were able to identify areas needing specific emphasis during future CLSS training exercises Air Force wide.

The CLSS scenario for Proud Saber was developed around hypothetical missions; where the aircraft would be needed within "X" hours for a certain type of delivery and target.

The accessor teams were able to tell the control team members what components would be available in "X" hours and if they could have it for a couple more hours, the other systems that would be operational.

"The concept of this CLSS deployment exercise had been in the making for one and a half years," said Captain Jim Watkins, Proud Saber '83 project chief.

"The whole concept behind this is to make the best possible repair within the constraints of material and time that you have.

"We're trying to find out what we did right in running the exercise, and what went wrong so we can do better next time.

"Through the critiques and lessons learned here we hope that those who participated in the exercise will take the knowledge back to their CLSS units and incorporate it into their training, so we will be prepared to survive in a worse case scenario.

"The one thing we can count on is that every one who's been here will leave a better trained individual. Those of us who had an opportunity to observe the regular and Reserve CLSS units during Proud Saber '83 realize it was a job done professionally with a touch of CLaSS."

Reenlisting? Don't wait until it's too late



If you are one of those people who like to wait until the last minute to reenlist, you may be setting yourself up for a problem.

According to TSgt Dennis Pratt, Military Career Advisor for the 507th, signing at the last minute may prove to be too late.

Sergeant Pratt explained the current procedures for reenlistment saying that when a member has 12 months remaining in their present enlistment, they are scheduled for a career advising session with their unit career advisor.

If undecided or declining reenlistment at that time, the member is next counselled six months prior to enlistment termination by Sergeant Pratt.

At that time, Pratt said, he attempts to present all the information available pertaining to the members military career so a decision may be made. If, however, a member is still undecided or de-

clines reenlistment, no further counselling is scheduled.

The next three months are a crucial period for the reservist to make a decision, Pratt said.

"If a reservist still has not reenlisted and there are only three months left of his current enlistment, his slot is entered into the records as a projected opening," he said.

"It is entirely possible that if a reservist tries to reenlist at the last minute, one of several things may happen: He may find that the slot he was holding (which was listed as a projected opening) may now be filled and he has no slot to return to, resulting in a break in service or his pay may be stopped. Even if his slot was available and he reenlisted, there may be a much longer wait to receive his next check.

Of course, this would be the worst possible situation that could occur, but there is another side of the coin. In some cases, Sergeant Pratt said that he would advise a member to wait before reenlisting.

"My job is to advise a reservist and help him make the best possible decision concerning his career," he said.

For example, Pratt said that if he knew a bonus program was going to begin the last month of a reservist's enlistment, he could work with the system to make sure the records were retained, the slot was available and the member received his bonus.

"We will do everything possible to make sure the reservist gets what is best for his or her career," he said.

"All we need to know is what the reservist wants and we'll try our best to help."

Discrimination problems help available



The Civil Rights Act of 1964 contains 11 major sub-parts or titles. Three of these are of particular importance to members of the armed forces and their dependents. They are Titles II, III and IV.

Title II deals with public accommodations. Discrimination based on race, color, religion, or national origin is banned in such places which may include inns, hotels, restaurants, cafeterias, gasoline stations, movie houses or theaters.

Title III deals with publicly or governmentally owned facilities other than schools. It authorizes the attorney general to bring suit to end discrimination or segregation because of race, color, religion or national origin.

Title IV deals with discrimination or segregation in public education. The United States Commissioner of Education is charged with making appropriate surveys. The attorney general is authorized upon complaint from an individual to bring suit to end the prohibited discrimination or segregation.

All members of the Air Force have the right to present complaints without fear of retaliatory action. Members who believe that they have been discriminated against are encouraged to discuss it with their immediate supervisor or unit commanders and try to resolve it there, before filing a discrimination complaint.

Discrimination based on any of these factors will not be tolerated in the Air Force. Unit commanders have the primary responsibility for resolving the complaints of their personnel. Agencies available to assist the unit commander include the Chaplain, the Inspector General, the Equal Opportunity Staff and the legal office. Complaints submitted to the Equal Opportunity Office will be documented. The EOT personnel will then determine whether it pertains to discrimination. If it does not, the complainant must be referred to the appropriate agency.

Only through proper authorities and channels can action be taken to end discriminatory acts or practices.

Why am I in the uniform of my country?



By Lt Col Bernard Wray, USAFR

I am in the uniform of my country because I have been taught, both at home and in school, that I owe a debt to my country that I must repay by service.

In my profession (I am a lawyer) I have learned from long experience, that a man's word is far more important than all of the long, single spaced contract clauses ever devised. My word to my late dad was that come what may no matter how busy with my young family; no matter how tied up with professional commitments, I would continue to fulfill my obligation to my country. I am doing that in the most direct way that I can by serving in the Air Force Reserve.

As a native New Yorker, living in a strange "jet set" age, it is not easy to explain to many of my colleagues why I take my service to my country so seriously. Almost every day, I swim at a "Y" where many young school teachers work out. It may seem to be merely a coincidence, but somehow, not one of these young men has ever served a day in uniform. Many of them are

openly derisive of my service, and even supportive of enemies of our Nation.

Many of them have expressed to me their selfish view that they do not owe anything to anybody, be it to their family or to their country. And these are individuals who every day are entrusted with young and formative minds.

I am doing everything in my power to counteract this senseless, hedonistic philosophy, so widespread today, and especially in our urban centers, which says, "Take care of number one. --Do your own thing. Instant pleasure is what counts and to hell with everybody else." One way for me to confound these false prophets and their pathetic lifestyle is to wear my uniform publicly and with pride. Although my base of assignment is in a rural area, I take every opportunity to appear in uniform on the sidewalks of New York, and to walk tall and with pride.

This I know: Every asset I own, I owe to my country.

This I know: Many young people

in other nations, Israel for one, are serving their country with their backs to the wall, and without question.

This I know: All the young doubters who howl "Hell no--I won't go." would have nothing at all if they were not lucky, by birth, to have been delivered in the United States of America.

This I know: I will serve my country in uniform just as long as I can.

Finally, I pledge to bring up my children to love and to serve their country in the same way. So help me God.

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In and around the group



I LEVONDA SELPH DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR- SSgt Levonda Selph receiving the oath of enlistment, inducting her into the Air Force Reserve. Her husband Col James Selph, Commander of the 3rd Combat Communications Group, administered the oath. Levonda is assigned to the 72nd APS.



THESE ARE THE QUARTERS- 403rd CLSS personnel pitching their 2 man pup tents within one hour of arrival in Arizona.



HOME SWEET HOME- The 403rd CLSS Guidon flies over the units tents at Davis-Monthan AFB during Proud Saber 82.



SOON TO BE OURS- During a stop-over at Torrejon AB Spain, on the recent trip to Turkey, MSgt Rodney Osborne, Maj Ty Zerby, SMSgt Marvin Dorward, SNSgt Bob Brewer, SNSgt Mike Mitchell, TSgt Don Pursifull and MSgt Karrick Davis found time to look over F-4 number 507 which is projected to join the 507th TFG next year.

Retirees eligible for Survivor/Benefit Plan

Some reservists and former reservists are eligible to enroll in the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan during an open season that began Oct. 1, Reserve officials announced.

All those eligible to enroll in the plan are being notified by a letter from the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver.

The open season, established by Public Law, applies to those who were drawing retired pay--or were entitled to retired pay--on or before Aug. 13, 1981. Exceptions are those who retired at age 60.

The plan provides annuity after age 60 to the enrollee, or annuity to the specified survivor if the enrollee dies. The enrollment period will end Sept. 30, 1983, officials said. Enrollments are effective when received by the Air Reserve Personnel Center.



Organist needed

Chaplain (Lt Col) Robert Helmich is requesting help from anyone who can play the organ to assist the Chapel staff during Sunday services.

"We have an excellent organ in the Sooner room where we hold services and its music would add so much to our worship," he said.

Anyone who can play the organ who desires to help out is requested to call the Chapel staff at extension 7963.

Reserve surpasses recruiting goal

Surpassing its recruiting goal for the eighth consecutive year, the Air Force Reserve gained more than 12,000 new members in fiscal year 1982.

Among the new reservists are more than 3,000 volunteers with no previous military experience and 9,600 former military people. Those figures include 1,700 new officers and 11,000 airmen, said Reserve officials at Robins AFB, Georgia.

Medical recruiters signed up 148 new physicians, making the second consecutive year the Reserve has met its goal in the medical field.

Reserve officials said about 11,000 new reservists, including 3,200 without prior military experience are being sought for fiscal year 1983.

Taking time to say thanks



By Chaplain Robert Helmich

A little lad of six was invited out to lunch in a neighbor's home. As soon as all were seated at the table, the food was served. The little boy was puzzled. With the forthright frankness of a child he asked the host, "Don't you say any prayer before you eat?"

The host was uncomfortable over the boy's blunt inquiry, and mumbled, "No, we don't take time for that."

The lad thought silently for a while and then said, "You're just like my dog! You just start right in!"

More and more I am disturbed by the ungrateful attitude expressed by the vast majority of the people of our nation. Very few possess the sensitive awareness of God that this lad expressed. To take for granted the blessings of God without so much as a "Thank You" is indeed a heinous crime against Him.

Then there are the self-centered people who attempt to reduce God to an errand boy like Marie Bachkireseff, a young Rus-

sian girl who prayed: "May God, grant that I may never have the smallpox; that I may remain pretty; that I may have a beautiful voice, and that I may be happily married."

Prayer is the greatest source of power known to mankind, and yet it is relied upon as a last resort when it should be first. Nuclear power is not worthy to be compared with prayer power as humanity would only seek as diligently to master it. Tennyson said, "More things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of."

Ingratitude and self-centeredness were not in the mind of Christ when he said, "After this manner pray ye!" Would to God our great men--military, political and social--would acknowledge their own personal need for this power by using it and lead the people of our nation to do so. Abraham Lincoln said, "I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for the day."

Jesus said, "Whatsoever things ye ask, believing, ye shall receive."



A.F. studies new protective gloves

The Air Force is buying a new, lighter, chemical-warfare defense glove, announced Air Force officials.

Aircrews will wear a seven-mil version of the approved glove. Ground personnel will wear a 14-mil glove. The glove will also have a new cotton underliner, officials said.

Second Lieutenant Richard F. Hoag, program manager at the Chemical Defense Division at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, said the new glove will give Air Force personnel greater hand and finger dexterity while conducting operations in a chemical-warfare environment.

The new glove was tested against four other prototypes for effectiveness in chemical protection, durability, dexterity, and ability

to perform mission tasks. "Although personnel needed greater dexterity," he said, "the new glove had to maintain adequate chemical protection."

Tests were conducted at the 5th Combat Communications Group, Robins AFB, Ga. The glove is expected to be in Air Force use by 1983.

UTA schedule

15-16 Jan: 12-13 Feb:
12-13 Mar: 16-17 Apr:
14-15 May: 25-26 Jun:
23-24 Jul: 20-21 Aug:



*RESERVE MONTHLY DRILL PAY RATES

Pay Grade	Under 2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS														
O-8	\$501.64	\$516.66	\$528.96	\$528.96	\$528.96	\$566.40	\$566.40	\$595.24	\$595.24	\$620.00	\$646.92	\$671.72	\$686.64	\$696.44
O-7	416.84	445.20	445.20	445.20	465.12	465.12	492.12	516.68	548.40	607.44	607.44	607.44	607.44	607.44
O-6	308.96	339.48	361.68	361.68	361.68	361.68	361.68	373.96	431.12	455.28	455.28	455.28	455.28	455.28
O-5	247.12	290.20	310.20	310.20	310.20	310.20	310.20	310.20	310.20	310.20	310.20	310.20	310.20	310.20
O-4	208.76	253.60	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56
O-3	193.56	216.40	231.32	231.32	231.32	231.32	231.32	231.32	231.32	231.32	231.32	231.32	231.32	231.32
O-2	168.76	184.32	201.44	201.44	201.44	201.44	201.44	201.44	201.44	201.44	201.44	201.44	201.44	201.44
O-1	146.52	152.52	164.32	164.32	164.32	164.32	164.32	164.32	164.32	164.32	164.32	164.32	164.32	164.32
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH MORE THAN 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER														
O-3	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$255.96	\$268.20	\$277.88	\$292.84	\$307.36	\$319.64	\$319.64	\$319.64	\$319.64	\$319.64	\$319.64
O-2	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.88	233.68	241.08	253.60	263.32	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56	270.56
O-1	0.00	0.00	0.00	184.32	196.88	204.16	211.52	218.88	228.88	228.88	228.88	228.88	228.88	228.88
ENLISTED MEMBERS														
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$229.36	\$234.56	\$239.88	\$245.40	\$250.84	\$255.72	\$269.20	\$295.36
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$192.40	\$197.84	\$203.04	\$208.36	\$213.84	\$218.76	\$224.16	\$237.32
E-7	\$134.32	\$144.96	\$150.40	\$155.60	\$160.96	\$166.04	\$171.40	\$176.68	\$181.92	\$187.28	\$192.64	\$197.92	\$203.28	\$208.64
E-6	\$115.52	\$125.96	\$131.24	\$136.60	\$141.84	\$147.04	\$152.44	\$157.68	\$162.88	\$168.16	\$173.36	\$178.56	\$183.76	\$188.96
E-5	\$101.44	\$110.40	\$115.72	\$120.76	\$125.68	\$130.92	\$135.28	\$140.40	\$145.52	\$150.64	\$155.76	\$160.88	\$165.96	\$171.04
E-4	\$94.60	\$99.88	\$105.72	\$110.96	\$116.48	\$121.44	\$126.48	\$131.44	\$136.48	\$141.44	\$146.48	\$151.44	\$156.48	\$161.44
E-3	\$89.12	\$93.96	\$97.76	\$101.64	\$105.64	\$109.64	\$113.64	\$117.64	\$121.64	\$125.64	\$129.64	\$133.64	\$137.64	\$141.64
E-2	\$85.72	\$89.72	\$93.72	\$97.72	\$101.72	\$105.72	\$109.72	\$113.72	\$117.72	\$121.72	\$125.72	\$129.72	\$133.72	\$137.72
E-1	\$76.48	\$79.48	\$82.48	\$85.48	\$88.48	\$91.48	\$94.48	\$97.48	\$100.48	\$103.48	\$106.48	\$109.48	\$112.48	\$115.48

Military pay added to divorce settlement

By Maj. Michael Minnis
Staff Judge Advocate

We duly reported *Opinions Issued* in June (McCarty vs McCarty) and November (Ridgeway vs Ridgeway) of last year that made clear the U.S. Supreme Court would not allow state divorce or community property laws to interfere with or control military pension, retirement, or insurance plans.

These opinions have been effectively reversed by legislation introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Patricia Schroeder (Dem-Colo) and signed into law September 8th by President Reagan.

The Military Spouse Retirement Equity Act (HR3039) amends Chapter 73 of title 10, United States Code by statutorily creating rights for those married for 10 years or more to persons entitled to military pay. Among other things, the law would:

1. Permit courts to consider military retired pay when dividing property in a divorce;
2. Allow DOD to issue two checks (one to retiree and one consistent with court order dividing property);
3. Limit amount subject to division to 50 percent;
4. Allow garnishment of retired pay where divorce order not followed;
5. Extend medical benefits and commissary privileges to ex-spouse where married 20 years or longer, effective February 1, 1983.

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