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Remember: safety comes first while here

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For a commander, no tragedy is more pointless than to lose one of his people in an accident. In addition to the tremendous costs in monetary terms, injuries and deaths from accidental causes hurt the 507th in another way: they deprive us of the best people in the Air Force Reserve.

The causes of accidents are rarely unique or simple. Usually a mishap is the result of a series of causes and effects. By breaking the chain at any link, the accident can be avoided.

Each of us must resolve to be acutely aware of how our actions and decisions affect safety for ourselves and co-workers. At all times, we must make the extra effort to stop accidents before they happen.

No one directive or person can create an effective accident prevention program alone. It depends on every man and woman in the 507th TFG doing his or her part to think and work safely. Our aim is to keep this unit a safe, healthy place to work. I challenge each of you to join me in achieving that goal.

The word from intel is:

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Exercise

On June 22, the Soviets continued to show signs of massive buildups of their military forces. In Bulgaria, the Soviets conducted an Air Defense Exercise which led to harassment of NATO and civilian air traffic.

The current Soviet actions have caused great concern among NATO countries and PACAF countries.

Exercise

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Some items to remember

BUDDY CARE!

ONLY green fatigue hats should be worn. No unit/squadron baseball caps.

ONLY long sleeve fatigues in mobility bags.

WEAR your seatbelt at all times and especially on the flightline.

DRIVE carefully while wearing your gas mask.

DRESS comfortably under the chem suit. Shorts and swimsuits are fine.

DRINK plenty of WATER and eat three meals a day.

DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOL.

GET plenty of sleep.

NO watches and rings around equipment.

KEEP water in your canteen.

REMEMBER AFR 35-10 and military courtesy.

ORI: no substitute for common sense

EDITOR'S NOTE: According to a 1984 TIG Brief article, the following tips could make or break the 507th TFG during the Operational Readiness Inspection. Although the TIG Brief article was basically geared towards a Management Effectiveness Inspection, some of the points mentioned also apply for the ORI.

Probably one of the first items noticed by inspectors is compliance with AFR 35-10. This means if you think you need a haircut, you probably need one. Don't take a chance. Get your hair cut.

Women should make sure their hair does not go beyond the bottom edge of the collar. To be safe, get it cut shorter. It will grow back.

Also, a clean and well-maintained uniform, along with polished boots projects a professional image.

Proper military courtesy is another point to remember during the inspection. Salute when appropriate. Proper use of rank when speaking to others is also necessary. Do not call your supervisor by his or her first name in front of others.

Along those same lines, do not forget to answer the phone using only "Unsecured line. (Your LAST name--NO RANK) speaking." For example: Unsecured line. Smith speaking.

Don't make excuses for deficiencies. Be positive and indicate corrective action where required. Along that same line, don't point fingers, either within or outside of the organization. Be a good listener. You can learn from the inspector.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AFTER NORMAL DUTY HOURS, THERE WILL BE A CQ ON DUTY IN BUILDING 1043, CBPO OFFICE, 734-7491.

On the other hand, if you dazzle the inspectors with the strong points of the organization, your ideas may help another unit become a more viable member of the Total Force. The inspectors are always looking for better ideas to get the job done.

Although the tips mentioned seem to reflect common sense and good manners, experience shows both are often lacking during inspection efforts. Remember, first impressions, whether good or bad, are lasting.

A good impression reflects a good working environment and pride in your unit. A sharp looking work force sets the tone for a proper attitude and connotes a professional approach to meeting the mission.



"Are you sure this line is secure, Smith?"

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