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ORI team agrees: 'OKies are Tough'

"We in the 12th Air Force are really proud of the 507th," said Brig. Gen. John D. Logeman, 12th AF vice commander, at the Operational Readiness Inspection out-brief. "We are proud to be on the same team."

"You all did your jobs great! You people came through in spades," said Lt. Col. James L. Turner, 507th TFG commander.

The ORI Team Chief Col. Richard Johnson added that there was no doubt in the teams' mind that the 507th is ready to go to war.

Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer, 10th AF commander and the 507th's parent unit, added that the great inspection results were "a long time coming. There will never be any doubt that the label of the world's finest fits."

Maj. Gen. William P. Bowden, OC/ALC commander, said that the 507th has proven it has top professionals. "The teamwork was evident," said the general. "Everyone on this base proved we work together."

According to the team, internal packaging of mobility cargo was the best seen to date by the team. "The mobility work centers were not looked at since they were managed by the Air Force Logistics Command but a strong team effort was evident," said the ORI team chief.

Also mentioned at the out-brief as the 'best seen to date' was work/rest cycle that the 507th TFG used during the employment stage of the ORI. The 507th experienced less than 15 people falling out due to heat stress. Other units that had previously been inspected had many more people falling out due to heat stress.

Other areas the team mentioned as being the best ever seen were: generation and regeneration of aircraft, overall condition and cleanliness of cockpits, mission planning cell, command post/survival recovery center relocation, passive defense facilities, protective shelter program and NUDET reporting/fallout plotting.

"I wish we could list everyone and everything that made this unit do so well. Unfortunately, it would take reams of paper and that we do not have," said Colonel Turner.

"I am so proud of you! You have done yourselves, the unit, the reserves and the Air Force proud. My hat's off to all of you. Thank you for a job well done.

"And from out of the shadows, I say, 'OKies is TOUGH!'."



507th TFG DW improvises on use of "bird"

The 507th TFG Disaster Preparedness Specialized Teams, the 'elite' teams, impressed ORI observers by showing initiative during the inspection, not only once, but several times.

According to CMSgt. Jerry Elders, the 507th Disaster Preparedness Mobility Team chief, DP is supposed to have a canary or other small bird to help test for chemical agents. "Canaries can be expensive and hard to get in time of war. We used a chicken instead. You can find chickens everywhere."

In the early days of mining, animals were used to test for chemical contamination. Mine officials would send birds or other small animals down the mine to check for deadly gases such as methane.

"They had 'medical' tests available to confirm gas in the mine but sometimes the test were not accurate or quick enough," said Sergeant Elders.

The smaller animals have a quicker metabolism rate than humans. "If they died, miners knew they had a big problem in the mine shaft," said TSgt. Laird Brown, a member of the DP mobility team.

Another area that DW attacked was the decontamination of food provided to the people on the flightline.

"Having them come down to the CCA to eat could be time-consuming, especially when the aircraft had to be turned," said MSgt. Doug Stewart, the CCA team chief. "By providing 'box lunches' in plastic, sealable containers, maintenance folks could keep the food with them and if there was a chemical attack, so long as the bag was kept sealed, the food was still good."

They were still rotated through the CCA for rest breaks but since the health and safety was paramount, it helped to have food available on the line, according to DW officials.

Don't forget to file travel voucher

If you received advance travel/per diem from the Tinker finance office during the annual tour, you must file a final travel voucher with the Tinker finance office before July 11.

Failure to file will cause an indebtedness to be entered on your reserve pay record. 507th TFG pay section says: save yourself a financial hardship and file the final travel voucher on time.

Paychecks here after noon tomorrow

Paychecks for the annual tour are due in tomorrow at noon. Check with your unit orderly room for more information on pay and sign out procedures.

No July On-final

There will be no July On-final this year. Look for the next On-final before the August UTA. Any items of interest for that issue of the paper should be at the Public Affairs office before August 1.

Thanks for the help, perseverance

The pond crew, working after hours with the Sierra Hotel In Turkey, Helping Operational Teams extends its thanks to the Mature Pollywog, Kingfisher, Wild Drake, Dazzling Duck and Ditzzi Duck for keeping their heads above water and hanging tough.

Have a safe, happy July 4 holiday

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