



TRAINING AND DEPLOYING READY RESERVISTS AROUND THE WORLD IN AUGUST 2012

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INSPECTION

Preparing for October

Commentary by Brig. Gen. Eric S. Overturf
442nd Fighter Wing commander

Summer is only halfway over, but 442nd Fighter Wing warriors have already completed several great annual training deployments. We sunk boats in Hawaii, dropped live bombs in Alaska, honed support skills in England and applied medical expertise in Honduras. Thanks for all your hard work on these trips. I got a lot of positive reports from deployed base leadership about the performance of our reservists.

Many of you also did your annual training at home station to accomplish crucial tasks like preparing for our upcoming Consolidated Unit Inspection (CUI) at Whiteman. Thanks to your hard work, we are well on our way to a successful inspection, but there's still a lot of work to do in the next two months before the inspectors arrive.

I asked Maj. Cathy Roberts, our wing's CUI project officer, to put together a top 10 list to help us prepare. Although the following list specifically addresses the compliance inspection, the same process applies to the other CUI events – like the *LCAP,

HSI, ASEV and Safety PE (that may set a new record for acronyms in one Mohawk line!)

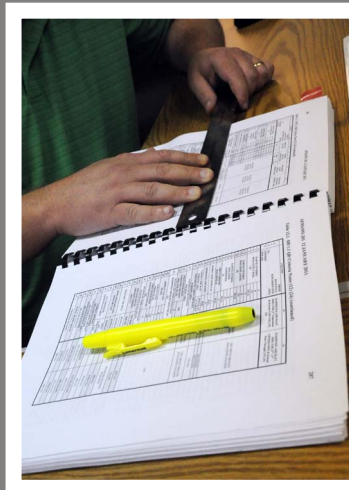
10. Complete any unfinished self-inspection checklists.

9. Review the staff assistance visit results. Assess your deficiencies and talk to your counterparts in other units who have been recently inspected. Use that information to ask others for help, whether another office in the unit, or your equivalent at another unit.

8. Prioritize Tier 1 (mission-critical impact) deficiencies and “fix/improve” programs as required; then work on Tier 2, and finally, Tier 3.

7. Review the most recent 442nd FW inspection report (2007 for the then-called Unit Compliance Inspection) to review the potential write-ups your office could be susceptible to, and to make sure you've corrected any previously reported deficiencies.

6. Continue (or begin) to load Virtually Inspectable Items into your checklists. The Management Internal Control Toolset (MICT) now flags



items that are Virtually Inspectable. If you are unsure what you should load for a particular checklist question, contact your FAM or a counterpart at another unit.

5. Talk to your counterparts at recently inspected units. Find out what they did well and what they would do differently.

4. Program managers – meet with your process owners in the units, like Maxwell AFB, Ala., Patrick AFB and Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. Standardize binders and review program requirements. Process owners – share your strong programs with others. Benchmarking is great!

3. Not later than Oct. 1, inform your commander of deficiencies in your areas. I know all of our programs aren't perfect, but the important thing is to acknowledge the deficiencies and make sure we have corrective action

plans loaded in MICT. There should be no surprises during the out brief.

2. On Oct. 11, put on your game face and enter inspection mode- the inspectors will arrive that day, and positive first impressions will go a long way toward a successful inspection.

1. Oct. 11-16, seek out your inspectors and show them what you've got! Be honest and enthusiastic about your job and your unit. You have a lot to be proud of!

To summarize, here's what we need to focus on at Whiteman over the next couple months:

August – Focus on the Tier 1 deficiencies in your checklists. Program managers should meet with their process owners to take an honest, hard look at how you do what you do. This inspection is about the process. It's

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Launch, fly, recover

By Staff Sgt. Danielle Johnston

Just three short years ago, Lt. Aaron Berry was maintaining A-10 Thunderbolt IIs.

Today, he's flying them.

In April 2009, then-Tech. Sgt. Aaron Berry was selected by the Deserving Airman Commissioning board to attend Officer Training School, and then attend a pilot-training program.

An assistant crew chief at the time, Berry, and his supervisor, were single-handedly responsible for maintaining the A-10s assigned to them. Berry not only launched and recovered the aircraft before and after flight, but he also was responsible for correcting maintenance issues that arose during missions.

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Wing supports special needs

By Staff Sgt. Danielle Johnston

Michael Gracey, a fourth-grade student with attention deficit hyperactive disorder and Asperger's syndrome, and son of a 509th Airman, toured the 303rd Fighter Squadron July 26.

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Heart of a reservist

By Staff Sgt. Ted Daigle

A bright Hawaiian sun rises over the Oahu into a clear blue sky, but Staff Sgt. Justin Browning, 917th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, has no time to enjoy the site as he is already hard at work.

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CE captain is an iron man

By Tech. Sgt. Kent Kagarise

Within seconds of the iron man triathlon's first leg, his goggles were kicked off his face by one of the 1,800 other swimmers. Water splashed all around him making it impossible to see.

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