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Wing starts on road to ORI

Joy in your marriage

Chaplain offers marriage workshop

Commentary by
Chaplain (Maj.) James Buckman
442nd Fighter Wing Chaplain

Marriage is a gift given to us by God. Someone recently said that the very first couple, Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage because Adam did not have to hear about all the men Eve could have married. Likewise Eve did not have to hear about how his mother cooked. Recently I read Murphy's First Law for Wives, "If you ask your husband to pick up five items at the store and add one more as an afterthought. He will forget two of the first five items."

When a counselor wants to know how a couple is doing they often ask, "How often do you laugh?" Counselors hope to discover how often couples laugh together, rather than at each other. A healthy marriage is a joyful marriage and a joyful marriage helps keep a marriage healthy. There are many jokes about marriage. You may know some marriage-jokes that are funnier than the ones I shared. Hopefully you and your spouse can laugh together not only over jokes but about the good times and the bad. Such as when the children surprised you and when you surprised each other.

The success ratio of first-time marriages in this country is about 45 percent. Dr. James Dobson (Focus on the Family) did a controlled study to see if there were any patterns in the marriages of those which did make it and he found some powerful information. The study revealed that if husbands and wives did three things they would have a 98.5% chance of success.

Now that would bring joy to any spouses' heart if they knew there was a 98.5 percent chance of success in their marriage.

What were those three things? — #1. The couple prayed together daily. It didn't matter the amount of time



Chaplain (Maj.) James Buckman

spent in prayer, only that they prayed together daily. #2. The couple read Scripture together daily. Again it didn't matter how much, it just mattered that they read Scripture together daily. #3. The couple worshipped together weekly.

Why would those things make such a difference? Because of all the ways in which a couple can connect with each other. A Spiritual Connection is more powerful than an attraction based on finances, good looks, emotions or even children.

Why is a Spiritual connection so powerful? Because this is your core. Jesus once said that it was from out of our hearts that everything in our lives proceeded.

We are a family at the 442nd Fighter Wing. As a family, we care deeply about each other. This is why so many Airmen stay with our Wing for 10, 20, or 30 years. This is why we succeed at our mission.

Our Wing Commander has made the health of our marriages a priority. Because of this we are able to offer you a Marriage Retreat which is completely free. We are providing the lodging, meals, licensed civilian counselors and materials completely free to you.

Our next Marriage Retreat Weekend is Saturday, Oct. 25. Lodging will be at Whiteman Inn. You can come in on Friday night or come up Saturday morning. We will start at 9 a.m. and be done by 3 p.m.

To register all you have to do is email me at: james.buckman@whiteman.af.mil Space for this is limited to the first 50 couples but we still have plenty available. So please register if you are interested. Every marriage has ups-and-downs, we all go through these times. Our hope is to help you have Joy in Your Marriage. As Scripture says, "A cord of three strands is not easily broken." (*Ecclesiastes 4:12*)

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COVER PHOTO: Staff Sgt. Charvis Mills, 442nd Security Forces Squadron, looks steadfastly down range at an entry control point as a questionable vehicle approaches during September's Unit Training Assembly. For more on the September exercise see pages six and seven. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Kent Kagarise)

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T 442nd Fighter Wing Tip of the Spear

TECH. SGT. RICHARD JONES 442ND MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

Tech. Sgt. Richard Jones is a structural maintenance technician assigned to the 442nd Maintenance Squadron's Fabrication Flight. His unfailing diligence, strong job performance and total dedication to excellence make him the Tip of the Spear for the squadron.

While deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Sergeant Jones provided top-notch technical support for A-10, F-15 and C-130 flying operations. His premier guidance was vital to carefully supporting more than 1,500 combat sorties used during the Global War on Terrorism.

Sergeant Jones' expertise was also critical to repairs on aircraft 80-0237 and 79-0136 after it was discovered that both suffered from severe surface corrosion and substructure damage. His intricate work with the repairs to both these aircraft saved the unit months of downtime and more \$140,000 in traditional depot costs.

In addition, Sergeant Jones deployed numerous times to Barksdale Air Force Base, La., to support aircraft mid-interval paint operations that saved the unit approximately \$800,000 per aircraft versus traditional costs. The effort contributed to our aircraft being recognized by the A-10 systems program office as the "best looking A-10s in the fleet." Sergeant Jones' stellar support of the 442nd MXS through both outstanding decisions and decisive actions represent why he is the tip of the spear.

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Med team augments Afghan doctors

By 1st Lt. Lory Stevens
Task Force Warrior
Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — With the assistance of Panjshir Provincial Reconstruction Team medics, doctors in Panjshir province treated 473 Afghan patients this week in two districts, Rohka and Shutol.

Crowds of people gathered at the clinics shortly after Air Force Capt. Glenn M. Little, medical team chief, Staff Sgt. Janine Duschka, medical technician, and Tech. Sgt. Dawn Tiemann, medical technician, arrived to support the medical engagements.

“The PRT coordinates medical engagements, or missions where members of the medical team go with local governors and Dr. Samad Karimi, the Director of Public Health, to local villages to help Afghans in need of medical care,” said Army Maj. Blake Bass, Panjshir PRT liaison officer at Task Force Warrior.

Medical engagements are a platform for the medical team to work closely with Afghan providers. This allows opportunities for learning from each other’s best practices and building up the medical community in Afghanistan. Delivering care to locals is always a secondary objective to showing the people of Afghanistan the



COURTESY PHOTO

Tech. Sgt. Dawn Tiemann, Panjshir Provincial Reconstruction Team medical technician, and Dr. Abdul Momin review medications in the Shotul Clinic Pharmacy, September 14, 2008. Doctors in Panjshir treated 473 Afghan patients in two districts, Rohka and Shutol, with the Panjshir PRT medical team

Coalition is interested in them and respects the expertise of their medical system.

“Capacity-building is the goal,” said Bass, as he explained the purpose of medical engagements is to allow local doctors to provide medical checkups as the PRT assists and supplements with items necessary for treatment.

According to Little, the sheer numbers of patients treated was astonishing.

“We assisted with 103 adult males, 196 pediatric males, 93 adult females and

81 pediatric females, totaling 473 patients within five hours,” said Little. “Common complaints were headaches, back pain and gastrointestinal issues including diarrhea, reflux disease and parasites.”

There was an opportunity for the PRT to supplement minor medicine stockage shortfalls with supplies they brought with them to the clinics. Pain control medications, such as Ibuprofen, Naprosyn and Tylenol, supplies of vitamins, Pedialyte and oral rehydration salts for dehydration were given out to patients during the medical engagements.

“We also treated a lot of cases of suspected parasites and provided education on hand-washing and proper drinking of water [boiling water as opposed to drinking it from the river],” said Little.

A cultural practice for Afghan women is to be seen only by female providers. The female provider at the clinic in Rohka District recently transferred to Kabul, leaving the community with only male providers.

“What was unique about this clinic is how Duschka and Tiemann really helped out as far as their female coverage, and our assistance was also appreciated in Shutol, a district with only one medical clinic,” said Little.

Runners honor fallen Special Operations warriors in Afghanistan

By Army Spc. Anna K. Perry
CJSOTF-A Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — The warriors of Special Operations Task Force-73 have endured the loss of three comrades during their tour in Afghanistan. The troops hit the pavement for an eight-mile Bagram Airfield perimeter run in remembrance of their fallen brothers.

Six warriors led the pack of 136 runners with streaming American flags and dog tags engraved with the names of Army Sgt. 1st Class David Nunez, Marine Staff Sgt. Eddie Heredia and Marine Capt. Garrett Lawton.

Fort Bragg, N.C.-based Nunez, a Special Forces senior engineer sergeant from Los Angeles, was killed in action May 29, 2008, in the Farah province. He left behind two young sons and a fiancée.

Heredia, a reconnaissance and sniper Marine, paid the ultimate sacrifice in Farah province on June 26, 2008. Heredia, a Houston, native, left behind his parents and siblings.

Lawton, an F-18 Hornet pilot from Charleston, W.V., lost his life on Aug. 4, 2008 in the Herat province, and left behind a wife and two small boys.

Both Lawton and Heredia were assigned to the Marine Special Operations Command at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The winner of the race, an Army specialist, spoke of the pride inspired by running in tribute to his battle buddies.

“This was an excellent way for us to pay respects and let their families know they haven’t been forgotten,” the specialist said. “Our thoughts are always with our fallen brothers and their loved ones as we continue on with our combat operations.”

The effort raised several thousand dollars to give to the families of the fallen warriors.



Photo by Chief Master Sgt. Al Stovess

Reservists honored at Exercise Tiger event

Tech. Sgts. Elroy Ahlers and Geary Rose, 442nd Maintenance Squadron, were among several military members honored at the annual National Exercise Tiger Association awards banquet in Columbia, Mo. The association, formed to commemorate service members lost

in battle during a D-day rehearsal off the coast of England, annually recognizes military members for their service to the United States. Col. Eric VanderLinden, 442nd Maintenance Group commander, reads their award citations to those in attendance.

Retirement possible for O-5's and O-6's with two years time-in-grade

By Staff Sgt. Kent L. Kagarise

As of March 22, 2007, the secretary of the Air Force authorized reduction of the three-year-time-in-grade requirement for Reserve colonels and lieutenant colonels to retire in-grade to no less than two years.

This provision applies to lieutenant colonels who are affected by base realignment and closures, Presidential Budget Directive-720 and other force structure changes. All colonels and air reserve technicians are eligible as well.

Eligible O-5's and O-6's interested in retiring with two years time-in-grade may have questions about how to begin the process.

"The retirement application process must be approved through the virtual personnel-center for Guard and Reserve

(vPC-GR) no later than Sept 30, 2009," said Tech. Sgt. Nicole Willeford, 442nd Mission Support Flight. "The reduction of time in grade for O-5's and O-6's to retire was an option last year as well, and nobody came forward."

"This is a change, but the bottom line is this provides an opportunity for select O-5's or eligible O-6's who did not have three years time-in-grade and contemplated retirement, to now do so with two years time-in-grade," said Senior Master Sgt. Cesar Ortiz, 442nd MSF.

"If any O-5's or O-6's are interested in determining their eligibility for retirement the first step is to visit the folks in the military personnel flight," said Major Joe Walter, commander, 442nd mission support flight.

"We send the message out and if they have questions, we're here for them," Sergeant Willeford said.



Wing members complete *first step*

By Staff Sgt. Kent Kagarise

Citizen Airmen of the 442nd Fighter Wing took a big step Sept. 6 and 7 in preparation for next year's operational readiness inspection.

Laden with Mission Oriented Protection Posture gear and other field equipment, the wing's 1,200 reservists executed tasks associated with a combat environment, accomplishing a successful Operational Readiness Exercise during the September unit training assembly.

Reporting at 4 a.m. on Sept. 6, Airmen picked up their gear and went to the exercise "play area" where they trained in a simulated combat environment for two days.

An ORE is a tool for commanders to gauge the level of combat readiness in the wing and determine deficiencies that need to be corrected before an inspection.

Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Al Sturges explained senior leadership wanted everyone to get an idea of what an ORI "Phase II" is like, which includes reacting, "to MOPP levels, threat assessments, ground attacks and various other situations used as learning experiences."

"The average age of the 442nd Airman is 33, with the youngest being 17 and the oldest being 60," Chief Sturges said. "This experience coupled with the fact that we haven't had an ORI in 10 years makes this exercise extremely important. It's all about learning. We're all going to make mistakes. The goal of all this is to score an outstanding in October of 2009."

The day started for Airmen at the personnel center in building 705.

"Our mission is to send everybody out the back door properly dressed and informed into the play area," said Maj. Cathy Roberts, exercise personnel center officer-in-charge. "Our major obstacles have been communication and education. Folks didn't know what to expect, but it has gone well.

"Some of the improvements we made were to separate the water for the canteens from other areas," she said. "We moved the medical staff, which allowed us to guide everyone through easier. We have seen that in the future we need to make chemical gear

Dressed in Mission Oriented Protection Posture gear, Master Sgt. Bradley Fidler, 442nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Crew Chief, services an A-10 Thunderbolt II during the September Unit Training Assembly weekend.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Leo Brown

ome together during UTA to take ... eps to the ORI

corrections faster. I am especially encouraged by everyone's cooperative attitudes."

Before heading out into the "play area" the last person most Airmen saw was Tech. Sgt. Ron Watkins the exercise equipment inspector and non-commissioned officer in charge of the personnel center on the day shift.

"My job is to check if Airmen have all the proper equipment and to ensure personnel are aware of dress codes and MOPP levels," he said. "My major obstacle is identifying any missing supplies by noting names, unit and deficiencies."

Once in the "play area" Airmen could encounter a number of scenarios and people such as the casualty collection and medical personnel.

"I'm working as security, but I'm a medical technician specializing in triage," said Tech. Sgt. Greg Stephens a medical technician, 442nd Medical Squadron. "My job today is to protect the doctors and everyone else here. You have to prioritize, figure out what you can do and be willing to be a jack of all trades."

"I can back an ambulance into a small box or stop an Airman from bleeding," he said.

Various situations could arise for anybody who entered the play area including the chaplains.

"Our mission is to provide spiritual and emotional care for Airmen of the wing and coalition forces," said Chaplain (Maj.) Jim Buckman. "Scenarios we may face could be wounded Airmen, killed in action casualties, counseling and religious plurality issues. I'm looking forward to our people doing what we're trained to do in a simulated combat environment."

Having concluded a "Phase II" exercise the Wing now looks forward to October's unit training assembly where Phase I will be executed in a fashion that will reflect the unit's readiness to out-process for a deployment.

"I am challenging the wing to hold themselves accountable in overcoming foreseen obstacles," said Col. Mark Clemons, Wing commander. "They need to be familiar with their Airman's manual and direct all questions to their unit and supervisor. They need to have patience and be a part of the solution – not the problem."



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KENT KAGARISE

Above: Senior Airman Joanna Bedgood, 442nd Medical Squadron, takes care of the bookwork while under Mission Oriented Protection Posture level 4 conditions during the September Unit Training Assembly.

Below: 442nd Fighter Wing Chaplain (Maj.) James Buckman (right) delivers last minute instruction to his staff, Chaplain (Capt.) Benjamin Hayden (left) and Tech. Sgt. Allen Haas (center) before they head out into the "play area" during September's unit training assembly.

PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. KENT KAGARISE



MOPP 4

Airmen endure, stay focused

By Staff Sgt. Kent Kagarise

EXERCISE! EXERCISE! EXERCISE! The 442nd Medical Squadron huddled around the hand-held radio like an old-time family would cling to a Zenith stratosphere floor-model radio as they hinged on every last word of a fire-side chat.

Moans and groans were heard as the voice distributed the “bad” news to the weary listeners. The base attack and recovery tracking system had been updated and the medical squadron was at mission oriented protective posture level four, also known as – MOPP 4.

One hour later, the squadron was still sitting in a bunker. Many of the Airmen lounged as if on a beach as they attempted to fool themselves into believing they were comfortable. Others stared intently forward like Buddhist priests in deep meditation, attempting to remove themselves from the moment. No matter the rank, the common denominator for all was the anticipation it might soon be over.

It seemed the charcoal prison doors of the MOPP suit would never open. The fogged-up lenses resembled the hazy September sky; sweat-filled gloves wrinkled fingers like raisins; something usually effortless like breathing became a chore and the confines of the mask were beginning to seem like bars separating the Airmen from the free world.

Eventually BARTS was updated and the expected freedom was granted. The bunker members came out of MOPP-level-4 much like a pearl diver would emerge from a deep sea dive – with a gasp.

No matter the branch of service, reacting to a chemical attack is some of the most mentally-challenging training.

Maj. Ed Cullumber, 442nd Medical Squadron, and a prior service Army Soldier said, “It was very good training. We were in MOPP 4 a little longer than I expected. Even in the Army I had never spent an hour and a half at MOPP 4.”

Airmen may understand the importance of training for chemical warfare but could possibly wonder about the extensive length of time spent in MOPP 4.

“The entire experience was trying,” Maj. Cullumber said. “The worst part was simply functioning at that level. It’s one thing to be knowledgeable on how to wear the protective gear but it’s a whole different thing to attain a comfort level that allows you to accomplish the mission.

“When you are under a real chemical attack, with a mission in front of you it is not the time to be seeking familiarization and comfort with MOPP 4,” he said.

While Americans were uniting around the opening week of college football on a Saturday afternoon, Airmen here were bonding through Nuclear Biological and Chemical training.

“Everybody was ready for the training,” Major Cullumber said. “We knew what was expected of us and became more adaptable throughout the weekend. Relationships were built through a difficult experience and it helped build esprit décor.”

Throughout September’s UTA Airmen may have thought of a plethora of places they would rather be than in MOPP 4. Sunday evening Whiteman Air Force Base would be in their rear view mirrors, a smile on their faces, The Airman’s Manual on their minds and the trail to mission readiness at MOPP 4 at their feet.





Master Sgt. Bob Shaffner, new senior recruiter and a native of Arlington Texas, joined active-duty in 1978 and the Air Force Reserve in 2000.



Senior Master Sgt. Jim Frizen, leaving to be a Recruiting Trainer, lead Team Whiteman to be the Best in AFRC two consecutive years.

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The 442nd Fighter Wing recruiters gave AFRC recruiting a boost toward reaching their 2008 goal of 8,000 accessions early by recruiting in excess of 200 percent of their own goal.



Tech. Sgt. Clark Gilleo, a Great Falls, Mont., native, joined the Air Force in 1991 and has been a Basic Military Training Instructor.



Joining the Air Force in 1988, Tech. Sgt. Brad Grimmitt, served in Security Forces prior to becoming a recruiter in February.



Ms. Jean Thornton has provided more than 27 years of outstanding service to the 442nd recruiting office and soon will be retiring.



Staff Sgt. Devin Willis, from Lithia Springs, Ga., and a former 'ammo' troop, joined the Air Force in 2003 and the Air Force Reserve in 2007.



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When called upon to assist ground troops engaging insurgents in Afghanistan, Major Todd Riddle, a 303rd

Fighter Squadron A-10 Thunderbolt II pilot, also had to face another potentially deadly enemy, the weather.

Fire and Ice

303rd pilot battles elements while battling enemy

By Maj. David Kurlle

In ground combat, the outcome usually hinges on how well individual soldiers cope with the “fog of war,” but in aerial combat it’s overcoming actual weather that often determines success or failure.

In May 2008, Maj. Todd Riddle, an A-10 pilot in the 303rd Fighter Squadron, was two weeks into a deployment to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, flying as a wingman in a two-ship formation on a daylight combat mission to a pre-designated objective.

As is common in close air support, he and his flight lead, Capt. Brian Hatch, were directed from their original course to assist an Army convoy, stuck at the bottom of a steep canyon in the mountains near the border with Pakistan.

“We were re-rolled to support an Army convoy that was crippled by an IED (improvised explosive device) and was taking fire,” said Major Riddle, recalling the events of that day. “Intel. reported a gathering of 100 Taliban preparing for an ambush.”

After arranging an air-refueling tanker via the radio so the pair of A-10 pilots could fill their gas tanks, Major Riddle topped off and flew back toward the convoy so the lead pilot could take on fuel. Pilots refer to this as “yo-yo” operations, with one aircraft refueling while the other provides cover for ground forces.

Major Riddle checked in with a joint-terminal-attack-controller, or JTAC, pushed the A-10’s throttles forward and flew toward the stranded vehicles and Soldiers at the bottom of a crescent-shaped canyon between two parallel mountain ranges. The JTAC’s job is to coordinate air attacks from positions on the ground so A-10s and other close-air-support aircraft can fire bullets or drop bombs where they are needed most and, more importantly, keep aircraft from hitting friendly forces or civilians.

“I came back single-ship to the assigned target and there was a very localized storm almost perfectly centered above the target,” Major Riddle said. “I began to encounter significant turbulence, as well as some light hail and precipitation.”

All Air Force aviators are trained, very strenuously, to keep aircraft out of severe weather, such as thunderstorms. Aircrews also learn the signs to look for in clouds that indicate severe weather inside.

"This didn't have the appearance of a thunderstorm with the usual indicators," Major Riddle said.

Inside the clouds the light faded and it started to get dark. Major Riddle turned his A-10 around and flew back to sunny weather and made contact with a different JTAC positioned closer to the convoy.

"He reiterated the scenario," he said. "A crippled, vulnerable convoy, facing an ambush by 100 of the enemy and he requested an immediate show of force."

The "show of force" is a common mission in Afghanistan, where an A-10 pilot flies low at high speed over a target and may drop flares in an effort to dissuade enemy forces from attack. The goal is to announce the presence of airpower to make insurgents think twice before attacking.

"You also want to reassure the convoy you're there to help," Major Riddle said.

As he consulted the A-10's "moving map" display, a recent upgrade to the squadron's aircraft, and planned his avenue of attack, Major Riddle assessed the situation.

"At that point, you're juggling the information trying to determine the urgency of the situation," he said. "You know the posture of the enemy – they've already attacked. You know the condition of the convoy – crippled and vulnerable. And, you know the credible intel. that's been passed about an impending ambush by 100 Taliban forces."

He then re-entered the clouds on his way to the target.

"The strongest portion of the storm was centered over the target and that's where I am," Major Riddle said. "I flew North, and looking back, I could see the green ribbon of vegetation at the bottom of the canyon leading back toward the convoy."

The A-10 pilot then banked his aircraft on its side, sliced downward to lose altitude, turned South and headed into the canyon for the show of force.

"When I first initiated the descent into the valley, the canopy cracked and the hail storm intensified," Major Riddle said.

Flying through the canyon 500 feet above the ground, the major released some flares over the target area then started looking for a way out of the canyon and the storm.

He gained altitude and the A-10 exited the canyon to the Southwest where it opened up into a broader valley.

"It's at this point I had another canopy crack and the plane is shuddering from the turbulence," Major Riddle said. "The engines never hiccupped and the plane flew like a silver bullet through the turbulence."

"It's a great testament to our maintenance troops and the combat capability of the A-10," he said.

It wasn't until he had time to look over his airplane and rejoin with Captain Hatch, that Major Riddle noticed toll the hail-stones had exacted on the A-10. After an emergency landing back at Bagram, he was met by several people who wanted to see the airplane for themselves.

"It was pretty beat up," said Master Sgt. Rich Kengor,

442nd Maintenance Squadron structures specialist. "I've never seen anything like that in all the years I've been working on A-10s."

Sergeant Kengor and his five-person team from the 442nd Structures Flight were tasked with repairing the damaged aircraft while deployed to Afghanistan.

"It's the first time I've seen hail damage like that," he said. "There were a lot of dents."

"I had absolutely fabulous support from the maintenance community," Major Riddle said. "They were very supportive of what I had done. They realized that fixing the damage was the contribution they were making to the war at the time."

Sergeant Kengor and his team worked around-the-clock for a week to get the A-10 back in flying order.

"It was a team effort," he said. "We've still got work to do when it gets back from Afghanistan, but the A-10 is pretty tough."

As for Major Riddle, he said he would probably make the same decision if he had it to do again.

"I was trying to determine the situation of a convoy from a JTAC who was 10 km away," he said.

"Should I wait 15 minutes for the storm to clear? At the same time, (the Soldiers in that convoy) could have been shot in those 15 minutes."

"The A-10s who checked in behind us weren't required to support any more shows of force or employ weapons to help that convoy," Major Riddle said. "As far as I know they were never attacked."

The leading edges of the aircraft's surfaces were peppered by hail stones as Maj. Riddle flew his A-10 Thunderbolt II through a storm to provide assistance for the Army troops on the ground.. (Courtesy photo)

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Two 442nd Fighter Wing Airmen watch Col. Mark Clemons' briefing of the day prior to suiting up in Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear and heading to the Operational Readiness Exercise play area during the September Unit Training Assembly. (US Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Kent Kagarise)

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