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Ongoing/Planned Activities

- International training mission w/ Mexican COMCAM capability
- Exercise and contingency participation/support EUCOM, NTC, CJTF-HOA, AFMAO, PACOM, AFGSC, & NORTHCOM

Successes

- Aided standup Afghan Nat'l Police I/O capability
- Disaster Response State/local gov'ts
- Support AF Mortuary Affairs msn
- Documented PACOM msns supporting Nat'l Strategy for region
- Developed Internship pgm w/local academia

Significant Issues

- Aerial documentation program approval to support requirements described in DoD 5040.2
- CJTF-HOA assets restricted to base – not allowed to support 13-country COMCAM msn

Issues for Community

- Informing/training Senior Leaders
- COMCAM support for Info Ops & Strategic Communication
- Lack of standardization of COMCAM equipment, organization & training



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Ongoing/Planned Activities

- **Mexico COMCAM Urban Ops SME Exchange**
 - Mexico will send one officer and three enlisted to San Antonio, Texas to train with NORTHCOM
 - Air Force Public Affairs Agency, through its 3d Combat Camera Squadron, will provide training to include:
 - Combat Documentation
 - Forensic Documentation
 - Information Operations (supporting Strategic Communication)
 - Team will be used to document “war on drugs” in Mexico and to influence local population support



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Ongoing/Planned Activities

- **Exercise Participation**

- Planned events include:
 - EUCOM rotation, seven-man team (one officer and six enlisted) replacing 982nd COMCAM tm
 - Multi-missions to document Jt-Readiness exer's at Nat'l Training Center; support Army/Marine units
 - Continue supporting CJTF-HOA Security/Capacity msn with Active-Duty & Reserve COMCAM forces
 - Continue supporting AF Mortuary-Affairs msn at Dover AFB, DL



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Ongoing/Planned Activities

• **Exercise Participation**

- Planned events include:
 - Continue using Reserve/Active COMCAM tms to document PACOM msns in the AOR
 - Continue support AF Global Strike Command; document Continuous Bomber Presence msn
 - Expand support of Nat'l Security Strategy for Pacific region
 - Support of NORTHCOM via Nat'l, State & Regional disaster/security exercises & crisis response msns



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Successes

- **Aided standup Afghan Nat'l Police Info/Ops capability**
 - Worked closely w/ISAF/CC to introduce Info/Ops program; educated Afghans how images support comm
 - Enhanced ISAF's Non-kinetic Strategic Comm program w/Afghan people



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Successes

- **Training with state & local agencies on disaster response**
 - Documented DoD response teams on hurricane and tornado recovery, flood response, and combating forest fire operations
 - Highlighted DoD's support at local level for Congressional leadership



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Successes

- **Partnered with local universities/art institutes**
 - Created Internship Program; brought in university students to help develop Airmen & exchange ideas
 - Networked w/art institute; secured senior mentor for sq
 - Volunteered 180 hrs educating Amn on still & video techniques; resulted in multiple award-winning images for AF & enhanced communication program



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Significant Issues

- **Status of Aerial Documentation; Flying Pgm**
 - AF Instruction 11-2AP at Hq Air Force for endorsement
 - Currently flying on a 9C Operational Support status
 - Requires local & aircraft commander's approval
 - Limits ability to document AOR air ops
 - Unable to perform training/certification flights
 - Program could benefit from support at DoD-level to meet mandated AF-function laid out on DoD 5040.2



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Significant Issues

- **Status of CJTF-HOA COMCAM Mission**
 - CJTF-HOA assets restricted to base – not allowed to support 13-country COMCAM msn
 - Local commander retains assets to Djibouti
 - Lacks understanding how COMCAM imagery can support Info/Ops program
 - Primary mission, “Africans Helping Africa” being missed
 - Mission could benefit from support at DoD-level to communicate w/AFRICOM/PA to restart program



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Issues for Community

- **Informing/training Senior Leaders**
 - How best to use COMCAM imagery to support non-kinetic ops
 - Develop brief for PAO's to educate Senior Leaders on COMCAM capabilities
- **COMCAM support Info Ops & Strategic Comm**
 - Need to bring COMCAM into the Info Ops mission
- **Network with PACOM & SOUTHCOM PA Planners**
 - Exercises/missions taking place in AOR w/o COMCAM being used to document



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Issues for Community

- **Lack of standardization of COMCAM equipment, organization & training**
 - Services use different camera systems; Canon vs. Nikon, Sony vs. Panasonic
 - Use different editing systems/software; Mac vs. PC, AVID vs. Premier
 - Different Training Stds; Mass Communicator in Navy & Photo-Journalist in AF vs. Specialists in Still/Video
 - Create a Jt-COMCAM Training Exercise/Course?



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Questions