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Air Force Combat Camera



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Ongoing/Planned Activities

- International training mission w/ Mexican COMCAM capability
- Exercise, contingency participation, support throughout AORs
- Change of AF ComCam UTC structure
- Update equipment LOGDET

Successes

- Disaster Response in support of other government agencies
- Developed Internship pgm w/local university
- Documentation of first 700+ member AEG for fighters stood up on the African continent for JTF HOA

Significant Issues

- Aerial qualification program approval to support requirements described in DoD 5040.2
- Air Force new force presentation method increases dwell rate to 1:2
- AEF Next and demand force team
- Budget restraints, cut in OCO funding

Issues for Community

- Lack of full time planner at Cocoms
- Issuance of new TTPs
- Lack of standardization of COMCAM equipment, organization & training across services
- Cocoms need to follow chain of command for tasking, not going directly to units



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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, other support**
 - Planned events include:
 - Multi-missions to document Jt-Readiness exer's at Nat'l Training Center; support Army/Marine units
 - Vibrant Response (NORTHCOM)
 - Vigilant Eagle (NORAD)
 - Terminal Fury (PACOM)
 - AF Internal
 - AFGSC
 - AMC



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Ongoing/Planned Activities

- **Contingency, steady state operations:**
 - **SOUTHCOM**
 - Anti drug operations
 - Humanitarian missions
 - **CENTCOM**
 - CAOC, throughout AOR
 - **NORTHCOM**
 - AFIC support, DSCA, CBRN
 - **EUCOM**
 - VDOC of TSC, other EUCOM missions
- **We expect more taskings as we work with planners since CENCTOM requirements have gone down**



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Successes

- **Training with state & local agencies on disaster response**
 - DSCA/CBRN through NORTHCOM
 - 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
 - MAFF



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Successes

- **Partnered with local universities/art institutes**
 - Created Internship Program; brought in university students to help develop Airmen & exchange ideas
 - Two universities: Texas State and UTSA
 - 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 11-2 ComCam, AF Flying Requirements in coordination. Currently flying on a 9C Operational Support status
 - Requires local & aircraft commander's approval
 - Unable to perform training/certification flights
 - For CAOC, COMMAFOR has given authority to fly
- **New AF force presentation construct for all forces**
 - 1:2 dwell, force gen model
 - Demand Force Team
 - Individual UTC structure
- **CCDR Planners going directly to units**
 - By passing chain of command
 - Causes confusion, commits unauthorized forces outside of GFMAP
 - GFM not being followed



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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
 - Create a Jt-COMCAM Training Exercise/Course?
 - Several different MOS/AFSC structures with different pipeline training
 - Officer AFSC/MOS is PA in 3 of 4 services
- Transmission via internet is easier, faster than other means

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	Air Force	Army	Navy	Marine
AFSC PA Officer	35P, PAO	46x, PAO	165x, PAO	4302, PAO 4330, Historian 4602 ComCam
AFSC PA Enlisted	3N0X1, PA Specialist 3N0X2, Broadcaster 3N0X4, Photographer 3N090, PA Super 3N000, CMSgt	46Q, PA 46R, Broadcast 46Z, PA Chief NCO	Mass Communicator (Merged from 4 ratings July 2006)	4313, Broadcaster 4341, Combat Correspondent
Civilian OCC series	1020, 1035, 1060, 1071, 1084	1020, 1035, 1060, 1071, 1084	1020, 1035, 1060, 1071, 1084	1020, 1035, 1060, 1071, 1084
VI/Combat Camera	35P, ComCam Officer 3N0X2 Broadcaster 3N0X4 Photographer 3D1X1, VI maintenance	25A, Signal Officer 25M Illustrator 25R VI Maintenance 25V Combat Camera (photo/video) 25Z Combat Cam Chief	165x, PAO Mass Communicator (Merged from 4 ratings July 2006)	461x Reproduction 4641 Combat Photo 4671 Combat Video 4691 Combat Cam Chief

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Questions