USAF Special Operations

In the Seams

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Air Force
Special Operations
Command
America’s Specialized Airpower
• Special Tactics in Afghanistan
• Foreign Internal Defense in the Trans-Sahara
• Surgical teams in the Philippines
• Global flight operations in hostile or denied airspace
Special Tactics Mission: Plan, prepare, integrate, synchronize, and control air and space power to achieve assigned objectives
Combat Controllers

- Controlled 2,086 terminal air strikes = 2.81M lbs of bombs
- Controlled/enabled 8,982 sorties...including air ops at 15 austere airfields

Combat Weathermen

- Provided numerous high fidelity forecasts from forward locations ISO precision strike, CSAR, infill/exfil, refueling, and resupply operations
Pararescuemen

- Rescued/recovered teammates after MH-47 crash
- Conducted mass casualty ops after JDAM mishap Mazar-e-sharif
- Rescued MC-130P crew after crash landing at 10,500’
- Fought on Roberts Ridge… rescued and recovered ISO Operation Anaconda
Foreign Internal Defense Advisor Mission:
Assess, train, and advise Nigerien airmen in C-130 maintenance and flying operations
Capability
Effect: improve safety, availability, reliability and interoperability

**FID Advisors**

- Advised Nigerien maintenance refurbish efforts...returned C-130H to flight status
- Trained 46 operations personnel
  - Day tactical flying
  - Aerial re-supply operations
  - Search and Rescue
- Enhanced key relationship ISO EUCOM’s Theater Security Cooperation Plan
Republic of the Philippines

**Special Operations Surgical Team Mission:**
provide trauma care, CASEVAC, and surgical operations for U.S. forces while training Philippine armed forces in same
Capability
Effect: extend partner nation medical care to forward locations beyond reach

Surgical Teams

- Logged 9K encounters and 3K+ procedures including
  - AFP Clinic: 5,144
  - US Forces: 338
  - CASEVAC: 27
  - Major Surgery: 6
- Supported 30 MEDCAPS
Global flight ops in hostile or denied territory

Mission: ISR, infiltration, exfiltration, refuel, resupply, precision fire support, CSAR...Anytime, Anyplace
Effect: Penetrate, Disrupt, Deny, Destroy

- Found, fixed, finished terrorists & network nodes w/ coalition teammates via
  - Robust C2 network
  - Traditional and “NT” ISR
  - Infiltration/exfiltration
  - Resupply
  - Precision fires
  - Fixed and rotary wing refueling
AFSOC Way Ahead...in, above, & beyond the seams

• Fighting and winning the GWOT

• Developing Airmen into highly capable leaders at all levels

• Recapitalizing and modernizing the force
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