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## **Air Force Personnel Recovery**

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# Overview – Personnel Recovery

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- Air Force “cultural” transformation in PR organization, training & education
  - Survival Evasion Resistance Escape (SERE) training & preparation
  - Commanders & Staffs organization & training
  - Future AF PR goals



# AF Personnel Recovery

- Historically, AF has maintained a dedicated, superb capability to perform the rescue mission
  - Legendary combat performance in Vietnam





# *AF Personnel Recovery Cultural Transformation*

- **The current WOT still requires these dedicated forces but also the threat of isolation to all airmen has been significantly increased**
  - **Airmen performing “outside the wire” activities**
    - **Transport**
    - **Security**
    - **Battlefield Airmen**
  - **Requirement to modify the traditional training and preparation to encompass the total AF force**
    - **Traditionally, only “high risk” personnel, such as aircrew, were trained in SERE**





# ***Cultural Transformation SERE Training & Preparation***

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- **Total force SERE training**
  - **Implementation of SERE 100 course in coordination**
  - **All airmen will receive training during accession to AF**
  
- **SERE Training improvements to Level C courses**
  - **Wartime, Peacetime, Governmental, and Hostage Detention training during S-V80-A course**
  - **Investigating addition of combatives**
  - **Breakout of aircrew vs ground operator groups**
  
- **Modularity of SERE training capability**
  - **MTTs to teach Peacetime, Governmental, and Hostage Detention training**
  - **Future MTT abilities**



# *SERE Training & Preparation*

## *ISOPREP*

- Total force accomplishment of Isolated Personnel Report (ISOPREP)
- Will ensure timely information availability for all AF personnel during isolation situation anywhere on the globe
- Entry via Personnel Recovery Mission Software (PRMS)
  - Electronic entry via both NIPR & SIPR terminals
- Currently in final staffing, expected implementation CY 07





# ***SERE Training & Preparation***

## ***SERE Specialist***

- **SERE Specialist**
  - **Recent publishing of new Program Instruction for SERE Specialist career field**
    - **Previously only documented SERE Specialist training requirements**
    - **New edition now documents SERE Specialist integration into AF operations**





# *Cultural Transformation Commanders & Staffs*

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- In addition to the individual airman, AF is enhancing the organizational abilities to prepare & execute for PR
- First-ever AF policy document on PR recently published
  - Air Force Policy Document (AFPD) 10-30 Personnel Recovery published in Dec 06
    - Establishes a PR staff at each AF MAJCOM
    - Ensures establishment of policies for PR training
    - Documents establishment of global AF PR capability w/ three components
      - **Dedicated PR forces**
      - **Commanders and staffs educated in PR**
      - **AF Personnel trained, prepared, and equipped for potential isolation & recovery**





# *Cultural Transformation Commanders & Staffs*

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- **PR incorporation into formal military education**
  - **Currently researching incorporation into Wing, Group, and Squadron commander courses**
  - **Pursuing research for future incorporation into other company/field grade & non-commissioned officer formal courses**
- **Will increase fundamental understanding of PR mission and reporting requirements outside traditional CSAR community**





# Cultural Transformation Commanders & Staffs

- Drafting first-ever AF Instruction (AFI) for PR
  - Will document processes for PR training & prep
  - Will ensure proper tracking and completion of PR prep & management





# Personnel Recovery Future Goals

- Continued transformation of AF PR
  - Continued enhancement of PR education and understanding at the individual, commander, & staff levels
    - Incorporation of isolation events in exercises
    - Implementation of necessary guidance and instructions





# Questions?

