

NATURAL SOUND

SB: 00:08

CMSGT TAYLOR

SUPERINTENDENT

THIS YEAR WE WANTED TO PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER REAL SPECIAL TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE GLOBAL STRIKE CHALLENGE COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER.

BROADCASTER:

THAT SOMETHING SPECIAL WAS A LOAD COMPETITION BETWEEN COLONELS AND LIEUTENANTS.

SB: 00:16

CMSGT TAYLOR

SUPERINTENDENT

AT FIRST WHEN IT STARTED IT WAS JUST A JOKE, LIEUTENANTS VS COLONELS IN A LOAD COMPETITION. AND THEY AFTER SOME TIME REALLY PUT THIS TOGETHER, AND ACTUALLY CAME UP TO THE DOCK AND PRACTICED FOR TWO STRAIGHT DAYS TO BE CERTIFIED TO LOAD.

BROADCASTER:

ONE ENLISTED MEMBER MANAGED TO FIND HIMSELF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COMPETITION.

SB: 00:14

CMSGT JURGELLA

COMMAND CHIEF 5TH BOMB WING

WELL I WAS ASKED, GENERALLY IT'S THE COLONELS VS THE LIEUTENANTS BUT THE OPS GROUP COMMANDER, COLONEL VAN BEMILIN JUST PCS'ED, SO AT THE LAST MINUTE I WAS A FILL AND I WAS PROUD TO DO IT.

BROADCASTER:

IT WAS A FRIENDLY COMPETITION BUT THE STAKES FOR BOTH TEAMS WERE HIGH.

SB: 00:06

LT. LACEY RICHARDSON

5TH MXS COMMANDER

WE WANTED IT REAL BAD, WE TALKED A BIG GAME WITH THEM

SB: 00:04

COLONEL JAMES DAWKINS

5TH BOMB WING COMMANDER

I DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO SIT THERE AND ABSORB THEIR ABUSE IF THEY BEAT ME.

BROADCASTER:

THE COMPETITION GAVE BOTH TEAMS A FIRST HAND LOOK AT A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LOADER.

SB:00:20

LT. LACEY RICHARDSON

5TH MXS COMMANDER

I THINK IT'S DEFINITELY THAT AIRMEN WERE ABLE TO SEE THAT WE GET TO SEE WHAT THEY DO. IT'S GREAT FOR US TO SEE HOW THE WEATHER AFFECTS THEM AND HOW HARD IT IS TO ACTUALLY LOAD. IT MAKES ME APPRECIATE HOW LONG IT TAKES TO LOAD. WHY THEY'RE OUT THERE FOR HOURS TRYING TO LOAD BOMBS. I DEFINITELY LEARNED IT'S A LOT OF FUN OUT HERE, BUT IT'S ALSO A LOT OF HARD WORK AND THE AIRMEN DO A GREAT JOB.

SB: 00:15

CMSGT JURGELLA

5TH BOMB WING COMMAND CHIEF

I SEE THESE LOAD CREWS KNOCKING IT OUT DAY IN AND DAY OUT AND I WANTED TO REPRESENT. I GOT SOME SUPERIOR TRAINING FROM MY TRAINERS, JONESY HOOKING IT UP. SO I DIDN'T WANT TO LET THOSE GUYS DOWN BECAUSE THEY DON'T LET US DOWN.

BROADCASTER:

THE COMPETITION KICKED OFF THE FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES GIVING MANY AIRMEN A CHANGE OF PACE FOR THE DAY.