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8TH AIR FORCE COMMANDER

LET ME BRING INNOVATION DIRECTLY INTO THE FOREFRONT, THESE THREE GUYS ARE IN THE AUDITORIUM, I'M GOING TO HAVE THEM COME UP HERE, STAND UP HERE WHILE I TALK, SO IF YOU COULD START MARCHING YOUR WAY DOWN THIS WAY. IT'S MAJOR DAVE GOLDEN, THE GLO IS CAPTAIN JOSHUA PAYNE, AND THE FIRST LIEUTENANT FLEMING THOMPSON. THEY'RE FROM MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, 5TH BOMB WING, IMAGINE IF YOU WOULD, ITS KINDA LATE IN THE YEAR, FISCAL YEAR, IMAGINE IF YOU WOULD IF YOUR NUMBERED AIR FORCE COMMANDER THREW DOWN TO YOUR WING COMMANDER AND SAID DUDES I NEED YOU TO GIDDY UP ON THIS TARGETING POD AND I NEED YOU TO GET YOUR CREWS CHECKED OUT. AND THEN YOU HAVE THIS CHALLENGE IN FRONT OF YOU, THE CHALLENGE IS, YOUR WING IS WAY AHEAD IN FLYING HOURS AND THEYRE DOWN ON SORTIES, BUT WE'VE BEEN GETTING BEATEN UP ON HOW TO GET MORE SORTIES, BUT ON TOP OF THAT YOU ONLY HAVE FOUR TARGETING PODS BECAUSE THE REST OF THEM ARE IN GUAM DOING THE MISSION OUT THERE. BUT YOU GOTTA DO THE JOB. SO THESE THREE GUYS BEHIND ME SAY WELL LETS FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN DO THIS RATHER THAN US FLYING TO WHERE THE JTAC'S ARE WHY NOT BRING A COUPLE JTACS HERE. WHY DON'T WE TEAM UP WITH OUR ARMY COUNTERPARTS, GET THEM HERE TO MINOT, LETS BRING IN THE CANADIANS UP FROM SHILOH, BRING THEM IN HERE, LETS FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN DO CATS OVERHEAD OUR BASE, RIGHT WE CAN DO IT URBAN SETTING, WE CAN DO VEHICLES, WHICH VEHICLE IS THE BAD GUY IN, WE CAN PUT THEM IN A CONGESTED AREA, WE CAN SPIT OUT GUYS AND THEN HAVE THEM TRY AND FIND THE SPITTER, WE CAN DEVISE SOME GREAT TRAINING, AND IN THE MATTER OF TWO WEEKS THEY DOUBLED THE NUMBERS OF AIRCREWS TRAINED ON TARGETING PODS, AND ON TOP OF THAT THEY SAVED 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN FLYING HOURS. SO INNOVATION IS HAPPENING, ITS HAPPENING IN EVERY WING, AND HERE'S THREE GREAT OFFICERS, WHO SAID, I CAN FIGURE THIS OUT, I CAN DO IT BETTER, SMARTER, CHEAPER, AND BRING REALISTIC RELEVANT TRAINING TO THE AIR FORCE, SO I WANTED YOU ALL TO SEE THESE GUYS. THAT IS OUR FUTURE GUYS.