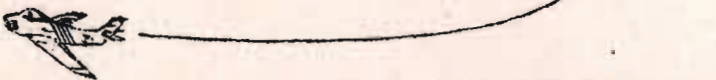


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## DESERT RATS COP 2ND PLACE COL FRANKLIN RECEIVES TOP TEAM CAPTAIN HONORS

NELLIS AFB, NV (Special) --- The 21st Fighter Bomber Wing's Special Weapons Team, representing United States Air Forces in Europe at the All-USAF Fighter Gunnery Weapons Meet held at Nellis AFB, Nevada last week, finished the meet holding Second Place honors with a grand total of 26,234 points. Pounding their way into the second place spot during the first day of competition, the "Desert Rats" maintained their lead throughout the six day meet over the Strategic Air Command, Air Training Command and Tactical Air Command teams.

The Far Eastern Air Force team jumped into the top spot in the Special Weapons division also in the first day of bombing and stayed ahead of the 21st Wing Team to the finish line. The Desert Rats almost overthrew the FEAF team in the final day's scoring, coming from behind a 3000 point deficit to climb almost into the number one spot but landing just 920 points short. This difference is composed of the points earned by approximately one and a half bombs on a target!

Colonel R. C. Franklin, 21st Fighter Group Commander and Team Captain, outscored all other participating team captains throughout the meet in the various phases of the Special Weapons delivery and was awarded the High Team Captain award. The Colonel established himself in the high team captain spot at the

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beginning of the meet and retained it throughout the remainder of the bombing competition.

FINAL SPECIAL WEAPONS STANDINGS

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| 1. Far Eastern Air Force              | 27,154 Points |
| 2. United States Air Forces in Europe | 26,234 Points |
| 3. Strategic Air Command              | 22,158 Points |
| 4. Air Training Command               | 21,920 Points |
| 5. Tactical Air Command               | 21,410 Points |

HIGH TEAM CAPTAIN: Colonel R. C. Franklin.