



UNITED STATES READINESS COMMAND  
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA, 33608



24 February 1977

SUBJECT: Certificates - JACK FROST 77

The Adjutant General  
Oregon National Guard  
2150 Fairgrounds Road, NE  
Salem, OR 97303

1. The following units in your command participated in the United States Readiness Command-sponsored exercise JACK FROST 77 in Alaska during January 1977:

116th Tactical Control Squadron  
244th Combat Communications Squadron

2. Their professional performance and dedication contributed greatly to the success of JACK FROST 77. In recognition of the part they played, it is a pleasure to forward the inclosed certificates for presentation to the above units.

3. Please extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for a job well done, and the support they so ably provided. Their performance strengthens the Total Force Policy.

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Certificates

C. M. HALL  
Major General, USA  
Deputy Exercise Director  
JACK FROST 77

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Military Department, State of Oregon, Salem, OR 97303 9 March 1977

TO: Commander, OreANG, PIAP, Portland, Oregon 97218

1. It is with great pleasure that I forward this letter from Major General C. M. Hall.
2. I would like to commend all members of the 116th Tactical Control Squadron and the 244th Combat Communications Squadron for the professionalism and dedication they displayed during JACK FROST 77. It is by efforts such as this that do much to enhance the image of the Oregon National Guard.
3. Again, please extend my thanks to all concerned for a job well done.

*Richard A. Miller*

RICHARD A. MILLER  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

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12 March 1977

Hq OreANG/CC

TO: 244 CMBTCS/CC, 116 TCS/CC

1. I am pleased to forward the attached Joint Readiness Certificates to your unit.
2. Once again, members of the Oregon Air National Guard demonstrated their exceptional professional skills while working with the Active Forces. These men and women are a tribute to the high standards of your command.
3. Please extend my congratulations to all concerned for their outstanding contribution to an important mission.

*Gordon L. Doolittle*

GORDON L. DOOLITTLE, Maj Gen, OreANG  
Commander

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Office of the Director of  
Communications-Electronics, J6



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FEB 25 1977

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Commander  
252d Combat Communications Group  
Camp Murray  
Tacoma, WA 98430

TO: Major Gene A. Katke  
540-36-2377  
252d Combat Communications Group  
Camp Murray  
Tacoma, WA 98430

1. I wish to express my appreciation for your outstanding performance of duty during Joint Readiness Exercise JACK FROST 77.
2. As a communications staff officer, Exercise Director Headquarters, Director of Communications-Electronics, J6, you acted as a communications representative on the Joint Staff and other agencies above the Joint Task Force level. You monitored all aspects of C-E support provided during the exercise and issued timely and accurate instructions to subordinate C-E management agencies.
3. Your professionalism and positive "can do" attitude made a significant contribution to the success of the exercise. Please accept my thanks for a job well done.

DAVID E. RIPPETO, JR.  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director of C-E, J6


1st Ind to U. S. Readiness Command (RCJ6-0) Ltr, 25 Feb 77, Letter of Appreciation

Hq 252 Cmbt Comm Gp/CC

1 March 1977

TO: Major Gene Katke  
252 Cmbt Comm Gp

It is always a pleasure to indorse a letter which indicate a professional performance by a member of my group. I would like to extend my congratulations along with those of Brigadier General, David E. Rippetoe for a job well done



RAY H. WILSON, Colonel, WA ANG  
Commander

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COMMENTS: Our participation in JCS exercises over the past few years has caused us some heartburn and many problems as we became educated in the ways of the USAF. It is my belief, however, that we have received some of the finest training for our people that could be provided in preparing for our active duty mission.

The ultimate compliment in this program is recognition by the Air Force of the professional accomplishments of our airmen. I am quoting verbatim a letter we received from the Air Force in Alaska which illustrates my point. I am extremely proud of the outstanding job accomplished by our people in this exercise. You can be justly proud of yourselves.

TO: 252 CMBTCG/CC (Col Ray H. Wilson)

1. It is with great pleasure that I extend my sincere appreciation to you and the personnel of the entire 252nd Combat Communications Group for their totally superior support of the Joint Readiness Exercise JACK FROST 77.
2. When the JACK FROST 77 Planning Conference opened at Fort Lewis, Washington, 27-29 Jul 76, it looked like the high cost associated with providing active duty communications augmentation would likely force a cancellation of the exercise or severely limit the available comm support. Your decision, made during the conference, to provide 252nd support was critical to our overcoming this serious budgetary constraint. Your participation enabled us to reduce our required airlift cost alone by approximately half a million dollars.
3. My planning staff relied heavily upon the demonstrated excellence and experience your personnel have obtained during prior JACK FROST exercises. Members of the 252nd were instrumental in successfully integrating all facets of the communications deployment effort into one cohesive support system. The 252 comm equipment was vital in the establishment of the extensive tactical communications system which provided rapid, dependable communications under the demanding circumstances of the Alaskan environment. The performance of the operators and maintainers supporting the exercise throughout Alaska was of the highest professional caliber.
4. The personal involvement of the officers and men of your organization in the task of integrating Army and Air Force components, including active and Air National Guard elements, has helped to advance and support the total force concept on which our national defense is based. I can say without qualification that had it not been for the deep involvement of the 252nd in this exercise, the Joint Task Force Alaska would not have had the required quantity and quality of communications available for JACK FROST 77.