

**BRAVE SHIELD 20**

**YAKIMA FIRING CENTER**





The 244th Combat Communications Squadron participated in JCS exercise "Brave Shield 20" conducted at the Yakima Firing Center 11-25 August 1979. Small contingents of personnel and equipment were deployed to Yakima Municipal Airport, Hog Ranch, North Fort Lewis and Coffin Ranch, Washington with the bulk of the unit deployed to Yakima Ridge. The mission was to manage and host a major relay function serving all Air Force and Army elements east of the Cascade Mountains.

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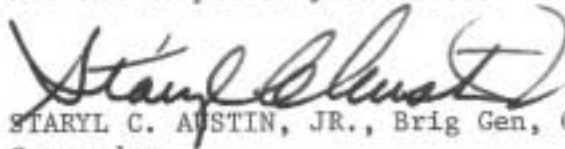
SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Commander, 244th CMBTCS

1. During the recent Brave Shield XX Exercise conducted at the Yakima Firing Center, several members of my staff visited your unit in the field and observed your combat capabilities. Due to a previous commitment, I regret I was not able to participate. However, I am grateful of the report brought back by the staff members.

2. In this regard, I will take this opportunity to compliment you on the reported high level of professional performance demonstrated by all members of your unit. It was particularly encouraging to hear of the special consideration given to the morale of the troops, their welfare and general care. It became obvious to my staff, from their observations and their conversations with members of your unit, that you have a highly motivated, extremely professional and dedicated cadre of personnel serving the 244 CMBTCS.

3. I wish to compliment you on an outstanding job; your highly successful contribution to the Brave Shield Exercise and extend my appreciation for the courtesy and care provided my staff. It was reported that their every need was provided, and the transportation arrangements were outstanding. This reflects a great deal of credit to you and the men and women of your command. Again, many thanks for the hospitality extended.



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Commander