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JIM SUESS SELECTED AS THE 1995 NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER FOR THE U.S. AIR FORCE SECURITY POLICE

Selected as the 1995 Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) for the U.S. Air Force Security Police, Technical Sergeant (TSgt) James F. Suess of the U.S. Department of Energy's Safeguards and Security Division in Richland, Washington was one of only 21 candidates from a force of 23,000 Air Force wide to receive top honors in Security Police award categories.

At ceremonies held at Offutt Air Force Base (AFB), Nebraska and Langley AFB, Virginia in late May, TSgt Suess was named Outstanding Security Police Individual Mobilization Augmentee for 1995 for both Air Combat Command and Air Force world-wide.

In his award citation, TSgt Suess was described as "...the driving force behind an outstanding rating during Air Combat Commander's Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI)."

An ORI is the Air Force's simulated wartime exercise testing a base's ability to launch aircraft, protect resources and personnel, and maintain overall security integrity.

Adding to the layers of endorsements on the nomination, Colonel James Doherty, Deputy Director of the Security Police, U.S. Air Force said, "once in awhile a special NCO arrives on the field of battle who can motivate otherwise average soldiers to do extraordinary things. This year, that NCO was TSgt Jim Suess."

Upon hearing of the award and selection, Jim Spracklen, Safeguards and Security Division Director, said "it comes as no surprise that Jim took top honors. We always knew we had `the best of the best.'"

Jim Suess currently has oversight of Law Enforcement and Hanford's Security Patrol with the Safeguards and Security Division. He graduated from the College of Great Falls in Montana with a Bachelors of Science degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice. He is assigned to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho in his Air Force Reserve capacity with the Security Police Squadron.

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