



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

21<sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY BRIGADE (AIR COMBAT)  
III CORPS AND FORT HOOD  
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

AFVU-CAV

13 August 2012

### MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Fort Hood Flight Safety and Standardization Committee (FHFSSC)/Garrison Airfield Operations Board (AOB) Minutes for the 4th Quarter, FY 12

1. **OPENING COMMENTS:** The meeting was opened at 1000 by COL Hersey.

#### 2. OLD BUSINESS:

##### a. **ISSUE:** Sling Load Weights

**DISCUSSION: HISTORY:** Ron Deshotel gave a final estimate to build the four weights at \$20,000+10% with a build completion time somewhere in February 2011. The UH-60 community requested another weight be added for hoist operations training. Ron Deshotel agreed to get another estimate for this weight and contact CW5 Green with the new numbers. COL Lamb reviewed and determined that besides yet another delay in construction, the final estimate is already several thousand dollars over the initial estimates and is at the limit of the funds that the 21<sup>st</sup> CAV Brigade has made available for the project. Ron Deshotel has been given the green light to engage the contract. As carried over from the last meeting, Ron Deshotel reported that there have been issues with 2 stainless steel suppliers and he can find no one in the state that can build the hardware to spec. He is currently attempting to find out how Ft. Rucker, Ft. Bragg, and Ft. Campbell obtained their weights and whether or not the weights at these installations actually meet spec. After over two years of research, Ron Deshotel was unable resolve the contract issues with the Sling Load Weights. It was suggested that it was time for this issue be presented to G-3 Air for resolution.

CPT Payne from the G-3 Air Office was in attendance and agreed to contact Ron Deshotel directly for all historical data and then present that data to the G-3 Air for guidance/resolution.

**STATUS: OPEN.** CW5 Green will contact COL Arey to see if G3 Air can lend assistance.

##### b. **ISSUE:** Permanent Ammo Holding Area (AHA)

**DISCUSSION:** Range Control has proposed a permanent No-Fly area adjacent to the Red Line Air Corridor in Training Area 50. As proposed, this No-Fly area would stop traffic along the Red Line air corridor route. Since the recent major overhaul of the Corps Air Route system, the Red Line air corridor became a significant air route. This No-Fly area would cause a noticeable disruption in air traffic in the training areas. Since the center of the AHA is not a prepared surface, Range Control has been asked to see if it can be moved further west to preclude interrupting air traffic along the Red Line.

**STATUS:** Range control was able to move their AHA so that the danger safety zone no longer effects the west redline air route corridor: **CLOSED**

##### c. **ISSUE:** Hangar priority for Aircraft

**DISCUSSION:** FH 95-1 lists a priority to hangar aircraft in severe weather. Ft. Hood now has UH-72s and UAS and hosts nontenant aircraft here at Ft. Hood for training (i.e., 21<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade and Division West) none of which is currently addressed in the FH 95-1 as part of the severe weather plan.

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**STATUS:** It was suggested by COL Hersey that FH 95-1 be changed to have Commanders determine the priority for hangaring their aircraft in case of inclement weather. It was unanimously accepted. Individual units are now responsible to have/establish a hangaring plan which includes aircraft priority. **CLOSED.**

### 3. NEW BUSINESS:

#### a. **ISSUE:** Local Area Orientation Flights

**DISCUSSION:** Aircrews in units that deploy from and return to Fort Hood are typically unable to fly on this reservation for just over 12 months. Fort Hood 95-1 states in para 4-8. D. "PICs previously assigned to Fort Hood and/or deployed Fort Hood unit PICs returning to Fort Hood who have conducted flight operations as a PIC on the Fort Hood Reservation training area and WTA in the previous 12 months only require an oral procedural and airspace update from a III Corps IP, SP or IE." It was suggested that, considering the simplification of the Corps Air Route Structure, the 12 months requirement could be changed to an 18 month requirement.

**STATUS:** Accepted and presented. FH 95-1 will be changed to reflect 18 months. **CLOSED**

#### b. **ISSUE:** Use of UTs in the LCT and phone number corrections for FH 95-1.

**DISCUSSION:** It was suggested that UTs should not be considered for LCT instructors and, as such, should be removed from FH 95. It was also pointed out that the phone numbers for the LCT Chief needed to be updated. It was determined that UTs should be allowed to train in the LCT for a number of reasons so there will be no change to FH 95-1 for that reason. The phone numbers will be updated to reflect the Branch Chief at (254) 288-6936 and contact phone number for LCT be (254) 288-4223.

**STATUS:** Information Only – **CLOSED**

### 4. OPEN FORUM: - No new issues were tabled – Information only

1. New Cell Phone at RGAAF Weather – (254) 289-9036 to be used when land lines go down.
2. Please cancel flight plans if your flight gets cancelled.
3. Please check NOTAMS for last minute changes!
4. Be up and monitor the East side and West side frequencies when operation in R-6302!
5. PPRs are not required at RGAAF or HAAF for tenant aircraft at Fort Hood who are simply at those airfields for training. PPRs are required for parking and service.

5. With regard to the Airfield Operations Board portion of this meeting, Al Koch briefed the following for HAAF.

a. 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cav Brigade has opened the Rapid Re-Fuel Facility on HAAF and will service any Army Aircraft. Hours are 0800 to 2400 Monday thru Friday.

b. At this time, there are no construction projects being conducted on the Airfield. There is a major project being done at the intersection of Martin Dr and Murphy Rd outside ECP5B. This construction has traffic backed up during peak hours. The DPW Traffic Engineer has been out to the Airfield several times to try to find ways to expedite the traffic.

c. During severe weather events, HAAF Base Operations is often contacted by North Fort Hood Aviation units to see if Hangar space is available. Any available space on the Airfield is now owned by the 1ACB. Al Koch will try to get 1ACB and 166<sup>th</sup> Avn Bde to contact each other direct for this coordination. Hopefully a system can be put in place to expedite the communications between the two

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Brigades as to the availability of hangar space on HAAF to transient aircraft. Note that there will probably be very little if any space available for this.

6. With regard to the Airfield Operations Board portion of this meeting, Tracy Crawford briefed the following for GRAAF.

a. All Airfield Construction projects have been completed. At the present time there are no limitations on the airfield due to construction.

b. A reminder remind to all Fort Hood Aviation units that Robert Gray AAF Base Ops now has the ability to accept digitally signed Flight Plans via a common email account at [usarmy.hood.usag.mbx.rgaaf-base-ops-center@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.hood.usag.mbx.rgaaf-base-ops-center@mail.mil). Aviators are reminded to call Base Ops at (254) 288-9200/9209 to confirm receipt of the email and Flight Plan.

c. Gray Eagle UAS Hangar work is in progress. Project is estimated to take 18-24 months to complete. Airfield Management is working with the Corps of Engineers and the Contractor to limit the amount of dust in the vicinity.

d. The Robert Gray AAF Obstruction Survey is in progress through EOM Sep 12. Expect survey personnel to be moving about the airfield in the performance of their duties. Survey crews are in radio contact with Gray Tower. General Exercise Extreme Caution NOTAMS have been submitted.

e. A reminder to check Local NOTAMs for last minute movement area closures, construction limitations, and Hunter UAS ops.

7. In closing, CW5 Green thanked everyone who attended. The meeting was adjourned at approx 1130 with the next meeting scheduled for 8 November 2012 at 1000 in the 21<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade classroom (Resh Hall) adjacent to 21<sup>st</sup> CAV Headquarters on Cobra Street, RGAAF. A summary of changes to FH 95-1 to date is attached to this document. A current change sheet will be a permanent part of these minutes.

/////Original Signed/////

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Summary of Chgs to FH 95-1

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COL, AV  
Chairman, FHSSC/AOB

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Attendees:

Hersey, Neil S. COL	Chairman, FHSSC	21 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade
Green, Jimmy A. CW5	Installation Standards	21 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade
Woods, Kenneth, L CW4	Brigade Safety Officer	21 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade
Dumond, Jeffrey, CW4	Brigade SP	21 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade
Neimi, Michael, CW4	Master Gunner/Tac Ops	21 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade
Burke, Megan	Asst S-3	21 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade
Jellema, Emco	JNTD Commander	21 <sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade
Saari, TJ, CW3	ASO	166 <sup>th</sup> Aviation Brigade
Chadwick, David, CW2	Platoon Leader	66 MI 3/3CR
Scott, Gary	1 CD Tac Ops	HQ 1 CD
Harris, Ken	TUAS Ops Tech	A Co 3B STB 1CD
Achselrod, Steve CW3	Safety Officer	206 <sup>th</sup> MI
Benfit, Joseph CW2	TUAS Ops Tech	66 <sup>th</sup> MI, 3/3CR
Kinzel, Trevor, WO1	TUAS PL/OPS Tech	A Co, 2 BSTB, 1CD
Haake, Karsten,	G3 Air	1 CD
Wagoner, Jeff DAC	UAS Ops Chief	15 <sup>th</sup> MI
Larson, Todd CW5	Bn Standards	15 <sup>th</sup> MI
Gerbozy, Brian CW4	ASO	15 <sup>th</sup> MI
Mitchell, Sheppard	Range Scheduling	Range Control
Greg Simpson CIV	Range Ops	Range Control
Wise, Randall CW3	UAS Tech	4-1 Cavalry
Gerner, Ron CIV	Director	DAO
Williams, Malcolm CIV	ATC	DAO
Silva, Pam, CIV	Deputy	DAO
Ulrigg, Robert, CIV	AT&A	DAO
Vick, Mark, CIV	ATC	DAO
Koch, Al CIV	Airfield Mgr. HAAF	DAO
Crawford, Tracy	Airfield Mgr. RGAAF	DAO
Rogers, Rich	HAAF Ops Officer	DAO
Garrett, Mike, CIV	RGAAF Ops Officer	DAO
Morgan, Matthew, CPT	3WS Flight CC	DAO
Oates, Bill	GFR RASM-W & AFMA	3WS
		FH AFMA

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The following is a complete list of changes to the Draft Fort Hood Regulation 95-1 dated May 2012 as of 13 August 2012 as approved by the Fort Hood Safety and Standardization Council. You may find and **use** the Draft copy on the Fort Hood Pilot Tools Web site at:

<http://www.hood.army.mil/21cav/html%20files/pilotstools.htm>

1. Change Para 6-3. b. to read: "Priority for hangaring aircraft will be determined by the Commander. Individual units are responsible to establish a hangaring plan which includes aircraft priorities." (delete bowlegs 1 and 2).

2. Change Para 4-8. d. to read: "PICs previously assigned to Fort Hood and/or deployed Fort Hood unit PICs returning to Fort Hood who have conducted flight operations as a PIC on the Fort Hood Reservation training area and WTA in the previous **18** months require an oral procedural and airspace update from an IP, SP or IE."

3. Change Para 4-8. e. to read: "Aviators who have not conducted flight operations in the previous **18** months will complete the Fort Hood POC and LAO."

End of changes.