

ORWG OEVALUATED SAREX - August 5th through the 9th

Our Air Force EVALUATED SAREX is just three weeks away. This evaluation occurs every other year to assess ORWG's readiness to perform our various ES missions. It will include simulated missions of all types: SAR, DR, HLS etc.. We should strive to achieve the highest grading possible, OUTSTANDING. However any significant weaknesses in our capability could result in a cessation of activities until corrective action can be performed. To be successful requires a high degree of professionalism, skill, commitment and participation across the wing.

The ICP (mission base) will be in Aurora with inbound message traffic beginning early in the week of August 3rd. This message traffic will set the stage for the tasks we will be asked to perform later in the week. The peak of the activity will occur on Saturday, August 8th, with a debrief to take place on Sunday. However we can expect requests for some tasks to be performed likely on Thursday and Friday. Therefore we will be setting up the ICP starting on Wednesday. Wednesday and Thursday will only require a minimal mission base staff which will then ramp up on Friday to full strength and maintain that level into Sunday.

It is most important to have a complete roster of personnel intending to participate in all areas of assignment, and to have the inputs to assemble that roster by Friday, July 24th. Squadron Commanders and ES Officers are expected to assist in assembling the roster from their particular squadron. The emphasis must be on providing complete air and ground crews along with qualified personnel for the staff positions. Trainees can also be used in selective positions. Personnel for many of the staff positions have been identified, but there are still many openings to be filled. Maj. Ira Rosenberg (iratax@verizon.net) will be the IC and should be contacted for information regarding mission base staff needs. Where you have a specific interest he will put you in contact with the appropriate section/branch chief.

We recognize that things can come up between July 24th and the exercise that might impact your planned participation. But it is much easier to make those last minute adjustments if we have assembled a complete roster in advance. Please do not wait until the last minute to sign up. And if something does come up notify the appropriate person ASAP.

Information regarding the makeup of aircrews and ground teams should be provided to Lt. Richard Ouellette (rouellette@msn.com). In the specific case of aircrews for photo missions you should also notify Capt. Nick Ham (capham@comcast.net) regarding your intent to participate. Likewise additionally notify Capt. Bill Rust (sarge61@gmail.com) if you are available for ground tasking. Finally please input your availability into the WMU by logging in to your member page and clicking on the AVAILABILITY button.

All participants will be provided further information during the week of July 27th as to when they will be expected to check in for duty. The intent is to minimize the waiting time before being given a task. Also in order to comply with duty day limitations it may require staggered check in times for various personnel to relieve one shift with another.