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The inside scoop on Air Force conversations

I was a member of Flight B538. A flight is a group that airmen are assigned to upon

When talking to individuals in the Air Force there are certain forms of address that must be uugf 0Hqt gzco r ng, y g cny c{u j cf vq uc{ ukt o cœo dgecwug vj cvy cu c uki p qhtgur gevkpi authority. Also, a reporting statement was said with every remark or request, which is along the nkpgu qhõUkt o cœo vtckpgg (neuvpco g) tgr qt u cu qtf gtgf í @6 Vj g vqpg of voice must be loud enough for the instructor to hear otherwise they will yell at you until the statement is louder. Not to mention, we had to stand at the position of attention with our arms at our side when talking to an instructor. As far as interaction with each other, last names were the primary way to get cpqvj gt r gtuqpøu cwgpvkqp0Qpg vj kpi Khqwpf vq dg kpvgtguvkpi ku vj cvpqvcmdtcpej gu cr r tgekcvg dgkpi ecmgf ukt o cœo 0Cu cp gzco r ng, o { y kpi o cp cpf Ky gtg eqo kpi dcemhtqo c uo qqvj kg shop in qwt i {o wpkhqto y j gp cpf Cto { ugti gcpvcr r tqcej gf wu cpf cungf, õKu kvcwij qtk gf kp vj g Ckt Hqteg vq f tkpmy j kg y cmkpi kp wpkhqto Aö Nqqnkpi cvgcej qvj gt kp eqphwukqp o { y kpi o cp cpf Ktgur qpf gf d{ uc{kpi, õpq ukt cpf cu c tguwuvj g ugti gcpvuckf, õF qpøvecmo g ukt abilities were far from outstanding. To elaborate, most of us focused on getting the movements so perfect that sometimes we ended up looking ridiculous. I recall laughing with the other girls about how some of our movements mimicked penguins waddling. Another opportunity to joke and have fun was when we sang jodies during PT. A jody is a song or call that functions as a hqto qhgzr tguulqp0Cp gzco r ng qhc lqf { ku, õGxgt { y j gtg y g i q r gqr ng y cppc mpqy y j q y g ctg, uq y g vgmy go, y gøtg pqv j g Cto {, y g i tqvpf r qvpf kpøCto {, y g ctg y g Ckt Hqteg, y g j ki j hn{kpi Ckt Hqteg@ Whko cvgn{, y gtg y cu cny c { u c vko g vq dg ugtkqwu dw køu ko r qtvcpv vq balance that out with some laughs.

The television industry and media thrive on sharing the moments when soldiers are forced to deal with embarrassing punishments and intense training methods. The rarely depicted reality of basic military training is what happens behind the scenes when your wingman needs a shoulder to cry on or a tissue from laughing to the point of crying. I first hand can say that my most enjoyable moments were being able to laugh with the other girls about the crazy days we all had. The funny experiences enabled us to get through eight weeks of constant yelling, bumping heads, failures as a team, and the list goes on and on. We needed that type of interaction in order to fight the homesick thoughts, fear of the unexpected day ahead, and embrace the courageous choice that we made by joining the military.

The conversation of service members in general seems to reveal a comradery that distinguishes it from other professions. For example, when you disagree with an employee you o quv dogn{ f qpøvj cxg vq i q j qo g y kj vj cvr gtuqp=kp vj g o kdkct{ {qweqwf dg hqtegf vq rc{ kp a cot next to that same person. Tj gtg ctgpøvcp{ dtgcmu qt guecr gu htqo c r tqdrgo, qpn{ vj g constant opportunity to get a job done regardless of an@1602Tm0112 u10186, 10t4(v)ppef s to (da15(v15(v15(v15(v15)))) that Walker was lying and as a punishment our instructor made us do push ups until she