Day 3 – JTAC Training

BACKGROUND

Close Air Support (CAS) missions are very common for multi-role fighter like the F/A-18C.

Usually a ground forward observer is necessary to achieve the best possible outcome, so Joint Terminal Attack Controllers (JTAC), a military occupational speciality within USAF branch, are attached to ground units to coordinates attacks on the ground, confirm battle damage, etc.

All this infos are shared with on station aircrafts with a standard 9-line communication that provide basic instruction to pilots like:

- 1) Ingress Point (IP)
- 2) Heading and Offset
- 3) Distance from IP
- 4) Target elevation
- 5) Target description
- 6) Target location
- 7) Mark type (IR pointer, WP, Laser CODE, etc.)
- 8) Friendlies position
- 9) Egress point

In this mission you are tasked to support Bravo unit attack on a Logistic outpost defended by enemy Red armor units on FEBA.

Axeman will be your assigned JTAC.

BRIEFING

Bravo is tasked to attack a Red Logistic Outpost defended by:

- 1 ZSU-23 Shilka AAA
- 8 BMP-1
- 4 T72s
- 1 Infantry platoon.

After fencing in (WP 2) contact JTAC AXEMAN (COMM 2 CH 9) and prioritize T72s splashing.

Once done give Bravo order for attack (F10 Menu).

Remain on station until objective is conquered.

Enemy doesn't have air support but an SA-2 is 16nm EAST from the objective, dont push too far in that direction.

Sorry, no SEAD support, but it's too far to be too dangerous.

Tanker Shell is available if you need refuel (TACAN AA 26Y).



