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STORY, PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO
STAFF SGT. DELIA MARCHICK

Airmen from Malmstrom recently received training from a Tactical Air Control Party team. The training was initiated to enhance the working relationship between the 40th Helicopter Squadron and the 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron. "We developed the training to advance the missile security forces and helicopter squadron's joint tactics and integration," said Capt. Nick Smith, 40th HS UH-N1 Iroquois pilot.





Airmen from the 741st MSFS, including tactical response force and contingency response force participated in the training. "There were six three-man teams from the security forces group that went through 107 different controls, or iterations," said Tech. Sgt. Daniel Marchick, 40th HS UH-N1 Iroquois flight engineer. While the training focused on security forces Airmen it was designed and coordinated by the helicopter squadron's exercises and inspections team while working closely with the 341st Security Forces Group.

"Marchick put this whole thing together. He did all of the work and deserves all of the credit," said Smith. Marchick has a background in special operations and knew the tactics that TACP members use would benefit and strengthen the security here. "We already have everything here we needed for this training so we just worked on getting the approval to receive training from the experts," said Marchick.



The four-day training started with two days of instruction followed by two days of ground training and night practical exercise. Malmstrom Airmen were taught how to identify their location and the location of the target using maps. Once those locations were identified, the ground team contacted the aircrew in the helicopter to initiate communication. "The ground team gets into contact with the (helicopter) and they receive a brief from the aircrew on the helicopter's capabilities and how much time they have," said Smith. "From there the ground team describes the location using the maps, surroundings and other location identifiers such as buildings or towers."



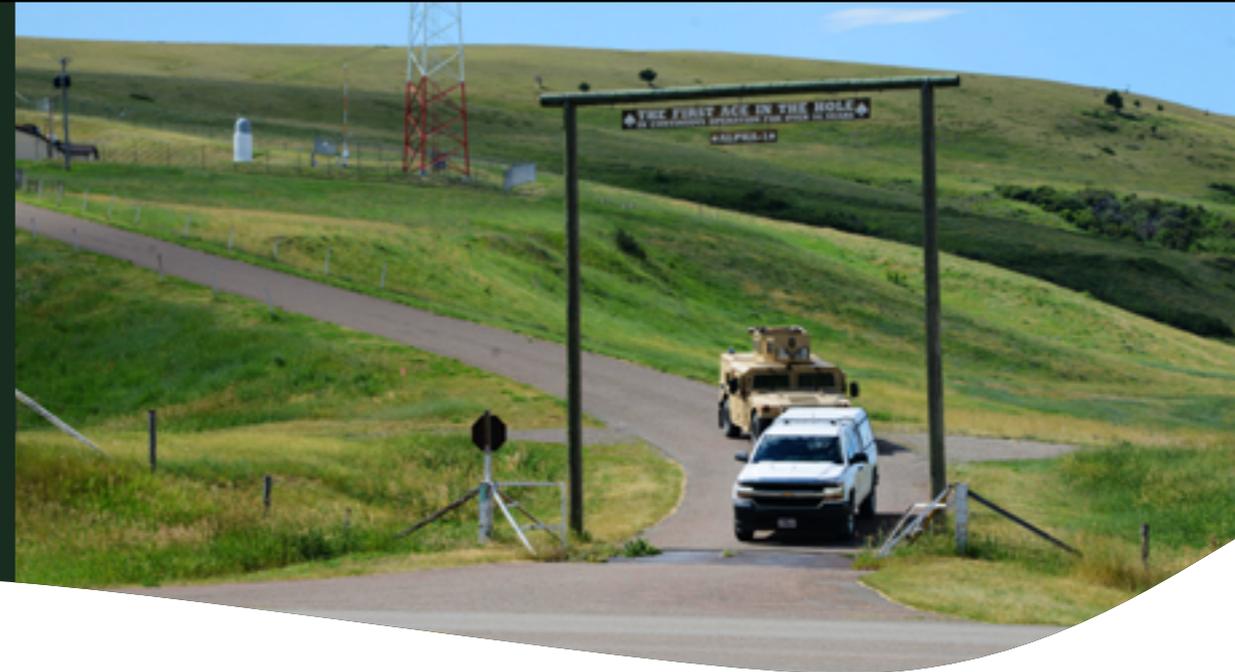
Airmen also learned night-friendly and target marking and got to practice the new skills with the TACP members at night. "The night training was similar to the ground training except at night we used night vision goggles, lasers and infrared lights," said Smith. According to Marchick, the joint training is necessary to enhance defender and aircrew capabilities to monitor the whole battlefield. The training updated current training standards to prepare for increasing capabilities of the helicopters.

“This will also increase ability to establish friendly and enemy locations, providing the ability to neutralize threats safely and expeditiously,” said Marchick. “In order to achieve efficient engagement of any threats, instruction included deconfliction and integration of both air and ground assets.” The Airmen who received the training will be responsible for training fellow Airmen which could lay the foundation for effective contingency response. After the four-day training, the TACP team and 40th HS representatives briefed 341st SFS leadership on the success of the training and proposed future joint training sessions.



Malmstrom Airmen Aid Off-Base Accident Response

STORY - 1ST LT. ANNABEL MONROE
PHOTOGRAPHY - STAFF SGT. DELIA MARCHICK
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A group of Malmstrom Airmen aided a family after their vehicle rolled over July 23 near Belt, Montana.

Due to the proximity of the crash to a missile alert facility and the lack of cellphone reception in the area, they used their Air Force first responder, self-aid and buddy care training to render aid until an ambulance arrived. The missile crews, missile alert facility manager and security forces Airmen came together to exercise their expertise to respond.

“They quickly assessed the situation and realized they needed to set

“**Airmen cordoned off the surrounding area, ensuring the safety of the injured and nearby witnesses**”

up a safety perimeter around the accident,” said 1st Lt. Mark Caiazza, 10th Missile Squadron assistant flight commander.

The vehicle that crashed included a man, small child and service dog. No one sustained serious injuries. The family received first aid and was transferred by ambulance to a local hospital for evaluation.

Capt. Dustin Crowe, 10th Missile Squadron missile crew commander, and 1st Lt. Justin Happ, 10th Missile



Squadron deputy missile crew commander, were driving near the civilian vehicle that crashed and assessed victims for shock and injuries until emergency responders could take over. "Lt. Happ and I were able to get emergency services there immediately through the use of our vehicle radio, because it was in an area with no cellphone coverage," Crowe said.

The initial response team belonged to the 341st Missile Security Force Squadron's Alpha and Golf flights. Airmen directed traffic around the area to enable police, firefighters and paramedics to arrive on scene as quickly possible. "I haven't encountered a situation like this before, but I was ready" said Airman 1st Class Tristan Banks, 341st Missile Security Forces Squadron security forces member. "It felt amazing to support everyone responding and to help the family get back on their feet."

Their combined efforts ensured pedestrian safety, timely emergency response and traffic management. Jumping in to help a neighbor in need, whether it's at an accident like this or volunteering in the community, the men and women of Team Malmstrom have been an integral part of the Great Falls community for over 70 years and are dedicated to continue being good neighbors. "We are grateful that no one was seriously injured, proud of our Airmen and their ability to get the mission done no matter what," said Col. Jay Folds, 341st Missile Wing vice commander. "With a unique mission and a 13,800 square mile missile complex, we've got to be prepared for anything and Team Malmstrom always delivers."





STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHY

SENIOR AIRMAN JAEDA TOOKES

Helping Veterans

The 341st Missile Maintenance Squadron volunteer at the Grace Home Veterans Center in Great Falls

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Grace Home is the first transitional living center for homeless male veterans in North Central Montana. The facility has 10 bedrooms, a library, entertainment room, a large kitchen, a dining room and a laundry room.





“Members from the base began assisting with renovations eight months ago under the leadership of myself and Staff Sgt. Herbert Hall,” said Senior Master Sgt. Jason Berger, 341st MMXS chief of facility flight. “Under the leadership of Maj. James Spoo, 741st Maintenance Squadron commander and Maj. Naomi Franchetti, 341st MMXS commander, (we were able to get volunteers from the 341st Maintenance Group).” According to Hall, 741st MXS vehicle equipment section instructor, MXG Airmen were able to add the final touches to finish Grace Home. “Seeing us enter the final stages of renovating the home is amazing,” said Hall. “From starting off with holes in the walls, to being a place where someone can live is exciting.”

Veterans who stay at Grace Home receive room and board in exchange for community service, and are able to stay in the home up to two years. According to Maj. Daniel Brady, 341st MMXS maintenance operations officer, volunteering can feel like an unspoken bond between veterans who are helping veterans. “Grace Home is not just a shelter that will eventually have the veterans back on the street,” said Hall. “It’s a place where Veterans can get the help and treatment they need.”



Veterans also receive off site access to a variety of services including mental health assistance, addiction recovery services and life coaching to combat issues including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. As part of their recovery, veterans are afforded opportunities to continue their education and participate in employment training services. "Grace Home will officially open September 24," said Shawn Doney, Grace Home manager. "The opening ceremony will consist of a walk from the University of Great Falls to Grace Home." According to Doney, without the support of the military members coming in on weekends and off-days, Grace Home would not have been able to make opening a success. Doney says Grace Home members and staff truly appreciate those who volunteered and are thankful.



AC3

THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE

The 341st Security Forces Group hosted the 5th Annual Ace's Cop Combat Challenge Aug. 19, at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana

STORY / PHOTOGRAPHY - AIRMAN 1ST CLASS MAGEN REEVES



The Ace's Cop Combat Challenge is an opportunity for defenders to prove themselves by demonstrating their strengths, job-skill knowledge and motivation said Col. Chris Frederiksen, 341st SFG commander. Frederiksen also said that AC3 is the toughest security forces competition he has seen at a wing in his career. Competitors were tested both physically and mentally. "Airmen can't be just physically fit, they





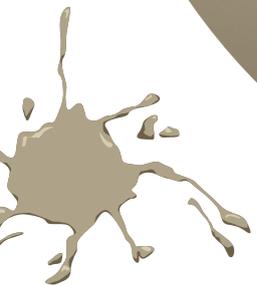
also have to be smart," said Frederiksen. "Defenders have to be proficient in on-the-job skills such as being able to use a map and compass and solve problems. It's all related to the job and the training defenders receive."

The challenge consisted of approximately 22 four-member teams from the group's four squadron and 90 cadre volunteers to organize the competition with a multitude of spectators.

"Having the opportunity to participate in the challenge increases security forces' morale," said Maj. Jeremy Sheppard, 341st Missile Security Forces Squadron commander. "The challenge is a form of fun training. Once training goes outside the norm, people retain more, learn more and want to get involved more."

According to Frederiksen, on a day-to-day basis the four squadrons don't necessarily get to interact with each other, so having a combined event to build relationships is essential training for real-world scenarios.

"The challenge builds morale and teamwork between Airmen," said Frederiksen. "Defenders need to have the ability to work with others from different squadrons for exercises, recalls and responses."





Competitors had to be a first or second lieutenant, or be a staff sergeant or below to be able to participate. Teams were allowed only one officer and one staff sergeant per team.

“The idea is to get more junior Airmen involved,” said Sheppard. “(The 341st Security Forces Group) is a 1,200 member group. Sometimes, it can be hard to get Airmen together outside of duty requirements.” Competitors had to complete multiple feats in order to place in various categories. Awards included best team, squadron, leader and outstanding performers. “The Ace’s Cop Combat Challenge is an event meant to display the physically and tactically fit Malmstrom defenders,” said Sheppard.

Airmen competed in events including ‘Team Pain’, which is an interlocked-four-man pushup. “AC3 is a combination of a mud run, obstacle race and tactical extravaganza,” said Sheppard. Airmen who competed also had to pull a Humvee. “I was most excited to pull the Humvee,” said Airman 1st Class Timothy Culp, 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron flight member and participant in the challenge. “The Humvees weigh about 16,000 pounds, so pulling one ought to be interesting.”

Winners received ultimate bragging rights within the group. “The challenge definitely contributes to camaraderie between the cops,” said Culp. “I also like that there is a competition part to it.” However, Airmen were advised to also be as safe as possible during



the competition. "Airmen were briefed on the importance of staying hydrated and actively being aware of safety concerns," said Frederiksen.

Frederiksen also said when competitors are out running around in the field they have to look out for possible dangers like snakes and holes so they don't hurt themselves. "Safety is a big concern, not only for the well-being of Airmen, but to ensure that when the competition is over the mission still

gets done. Security forces provide defenses for the base and security to nuclear resources 24/7." Frederiksen also said that while Airmen, himself included, went to the event to support each other and have fun, many defenders were deployed to the field carrying out the mission and their sacrifice is always appreciated.

"Our ultimate goal of AC3 is for Airmen to have fun and build camaraderie in an exciting way," said Frederiksen.

AC3 Awards:

Top Squadron: 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron
 Flight Team Leader: Staff Sgt. Cody Brazelton, 341st MSFS
 Flight Team Member: Senior Airman Christopher Baca, 341st Security Forces Support Squadron
 Outstanding Performance Leader: Staff Sgt. William Padin, 341st Security Forces Squadron
 Outstanding Performance Leader: Airman 1st Class Jordan Hrkach, 741st MSFS
 Outstanding Performance Member: Senior Airman Tyler Arevalo, 741st MSFS
 Outstanding Performance Member: Airman 1st Class Daniel Pierce, 741st MSFS
 Team Pain: 741st MSFS Tactical Response Force
 Top Shot: Senior Airman Christopher Baca, 341st SSPTS



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Protect National Level Conventions

STORY / PHOTOGRAPHY
AIRMAN 1ST CLASS DANIEL BROSAM



Three teams of Airmen and their K-9 counterparts from Malmstrom were selected to provide security at both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions July 16 – 28.

Staff Sgts. Antonio Gallegos and Jordan Caldwell, and Senior Airman Glenn Holden, 341st Security Forces Squadron military working dog handlers, and their K-9s Eric, Lady and Gina, traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to serve as detection teams during the two events.

According to Gallegos, the secret service requested multiple dog and handler pairs from across different branches of the military due to the size of the event. He said he saw individual teams from the Navy, Army and the Air Force, totaling approximately 120 teams.

“We were able to meet local law enforcement,” Gallegos said. “I even got to work with Navy and Army dog handlers.”

The teams flew from Great Falls, Montana, to Philadelphia and then drove to Cleveland for the RNC. The seven hour drive turned into a near 10-hour drive in order to keep their furry K-9s comfortable.

“We would stop every 100 miles or so to let the dogs have a break and stretch out,” Gallegos said.



Their first day in Cleveland started with a morning briefing on sets of teams, where the teams would be located and their duties for the day.

The duties consisted of searching every square inch of the convention building looking for unauthorized items such as suspicious packages and contraband.

The teams provided interior support to sanitize the facility from any items that should not have been in the facility.

After spending nearly a week in Cleveland, the Airmen drove back to Philadelphia to attend the DNC. There they provided exterior support by setting up entry control points, searching vehicles that were accessing the hotel where distinguished guests were staying, as well as ensuring parking lots, fields and the convention were free of any danger.

Caldwell said him and his K-9 Lady, a 3.5 year-old Belgian Malinois, had duties that consisted of searching hotel rooms, to include the president's room and motorcades.

However, at one point his entire day consisted of solely inspecting a 12-story parking garage.

“We didn't have enough dog teams so I had to search the whole 12-story garage full of cars by myself,” Caldwell said. “Eight hours later, I was done.”



SSgt Antonio Gallegos & Eric



SSgt Jordan Caldwell & Lady





Though some of the days were long and strenuous, Caldwell said the training they receive at Malmstrom absolutely correlated with real-world scenarios like aiding security at the high-profile conventions.

"The (training) with the dogs here is exactly what we train for down range," Caldwell said. "Whether it's a contingency operation down range or training around warehouses and vehicles, the training here is a direct reflection of the real world."

The impact opportunities like these have on man and dog is immeasurable. Gallegos said the bond between him and his 2-year-old K-9 Eric, grew because of the time spent completing a real-world mission together.

"My dog was great throughout the entire event," Gallegos said. "We've only been together about four months and seeing each other 24 hours a day for those two weeks brought us a lot closer together and helped us bond."

This was the largest mission these Malmstrom Airmen and dogs participated in together and the Airmen said they look forward to completing more in the future.



PHOTOGRAPHY

MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE





Airman 1st Class Tim Jones, assigned to the 341st Force Support Squadron missile feeding section, cuts an apple for a meal during the quarterly Warrior Chef Competition June 22, 2016, at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. Airmen were given 60 minutes to prepare a main entrée from scratch using cranberry sauce as a secret ingredient. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Magen M. Reeves)



Senior Airman Brennan Popp, 341st Logistics Readiness Squadron mission generating vehicular equipment maintenance technician, lubricates the inside of a tire July 7, 2016, at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. The lubrication helps the tire fit over a rim when a new tire is mounted. (U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Daniel Brosam)



Families of Airmen from the 341st Maintenance Group attend an open house in the 3-Bay Hangar June 27, 2016, at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. The open house allowed families to learn more about the jobs their Airmen perform every day. (U.S. Air Force photo/ Airman 1st Class Daniel Brosam)



Senior Airman Jonathan James, 341st Security Forces Squadron installation patrolman, writes a citation May 23, 2016, at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. James has been in the Air Force for five years, and joined because of the stories his grandfather, one of the first pararescumen, would tell him. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jaeda Tookes)



Retired Lt. Col. Richard Cole, the last surviving Doolittle Raider, center, salutes as members of the Malmstrom Air Force Base Honor Guard render military honors during a funeral service in honor of Staff Sgt. David J. Thatcher June 27, 2016, in Missoula, Mont. Thatcher was the second to last remaining Doolittle Raider and is a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal and Air Force Silver Star. His other decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, and the Chinese Army, Navy and Air Corps Medal. (U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Annabel Monroe)



2nd Lt. Scott McGillivray, 341st Comptroller Squadron financial services officer, poses with a soccer ball June 21, 2016, at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. McGillivray tried out and made the Men's Air Force Soccer Team, and helped his team win the 2016 Armed Forces Championship tournament at Ft. Benning, Ga., in May. (U.S. Air Force illustration/ Senior Airman Jaeda Tookes)

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