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## **AFGSC announces Global Strike Challenge winners** *Command's best of best recognized after premier competition*

**BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La.** – Global Strike Challenge 2019 concluded with Air Force Global Strike Command announcing the winners at a scoreposting event here, Nov. 20.

Global Strike Challenge is the world's premier bomber, intercontinental ballistic missile, helicopter operations, maintenance and security forces competition.

The 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, won the Fairchild Trophy for the best bomb wing for the second time in a row, while the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom AFB, Montana, won the Blanchard Trophy for the best ICBM wing for the second time in a row.

Other top honors included the Bourland Trophy for the best helicopter squadron, awarded to the 54th Helicopter Squadron, Minot AFB, North Dakota, the Charlie Fire Team Trophy for best security forces, 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, and the Ellis Giant Sword Trophy for the best bomber maintenance, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota.

Malmstrom AFB won the Spirit Bell Trophy for the best team spirit.

For the first time, the Doolittle Trophy for innovation excellence, formerly known as the Innovation Trophy, was presented to the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom AFB, Montana. This trophy recognizes the innovation efforts of the base and their dedication to staying competitive in the 21st century.

The community of Shreveport and Bossier presented the Barksdale Trophy to Minot, North Dakota which surrounds Minot AFB. The Barksdale Trophy is presented to the community that best supports an Air Force Global Strike Command wing.

This year's GSC focused on great power competition and AFGSC Commander Gen. Tim Ray's "fight the base" initiative from the command's 2020 strategic plan. Fight the base focuses on reinvigorating and revising wing exercise programs to strengthen preparedness for potential attacks and threats.

Participants in the 2019 Global Strike Challenge included AFGSC's nine wings plus units from Air Combat Command, Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard.

<b>GLOBAL STRIKE CHALLENGE</b>	
<b>Category</b>	<b>Winner</b>
Fairchild Trophy for Best Bomb Wing	2nd Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
Blanchard Trophy for Best ICBM Wing	341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
Klotz (Best ICBM and Helicopter Operations)	90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming
<b>Security Forces</b>	
Charlie Fire Team Trophy	341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
Best Security Forces Mental and Physical (MAP) Challenge Trophy.	341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
Best Security Forces Marksmanship Trophy	341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
Best Security Forces Tactics Trophy	341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
Best M4 Shooter	TSgt Scott Wildenhain, 2nd Security Forces Squadron, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
Best M9 Shooter	SSgt James Hillman, 153 CACS, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming
Best M24 Shooter	SSgt Jordan Valentine, 7th Security Forces Squadron, Dyess, AFB, Texas
Best M320 Shooter	SSgt Blake Barley, 5th Security Forces Squadron, Minot AFB, North Dakota
<b>ICBM Trophies</b>	
<b>Operations</b>	
Linhard Trophy (Best ICBM Ops Crew)	321st Missile Squadron, 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming
Neary (best EWO Crew)	321st Missile Squadron, 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming
McMahon (Best Weapons System Crew)	12th Missile Squadron, 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
<b>Maintenance</b>	
Blackburn	91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota
Best ICBM Missile Handling Team	91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota
Best ICBM Electro-Mechanical Team	90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming
Best ICBM Missile Communications Team	341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
Best Missile Wing Nuclear Weapons MUNS team	91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota
Best ICBM Facilities Maintenance Section Team	341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
<b>Helicopter Trophies</b>	
Bourland (Best Helicopter Squadron)	54th Helicopter Squadron, 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota
Best Aerial Interdiction	54th Helicopter Squadron, 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota
Best Convoy Response	54th Helicopter Squadron, 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota

Best Security Response	40th Helicopter Squadron, 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
Best Fires Observer	SrA Jacob Weaver, 90th SSPTS, 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyoming
<b>Bomber Trophies</b>	
<b>Operations</b>	
LeMay (Best Bomb Squadron)	343rd Bomb Squadron, 307th Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
Mitchell (Best Bomb)	343rd Bomb Squadron, 307th Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
Linebacker (B-52 Squadron)	343rd Bomb Squadron, 307th Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, Louisiana
Eaker (Best B-1 Squadron)	34th Bomb Squadron, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota
Tibbets (Best B-2 Squadron)	110th Bomb Squadron, 131st Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri
Bartsch (Best Electronic Countermeasures)	9th Bomb Squadron, 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas
<b>Maintenance</b>	
Ellis Giant Sword (Best Bomber Maintenance)	28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota
Best Conventional Munitions Maintenance Team	28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota
Best Conventional Aircraft Crew Chief Team	28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota
Best Conventional Weapons Load Team	7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas
Best Bomb Wing Nuclear Munitions Maintenance Team	5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, North Dakota
Best Nuclear Aircraft Crew Chief Team	509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri
Best Nuclear Weapons Load Team	509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, Missouri
<b>Other</b>	
Doolittle Trophy for Innovation Excellence	341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana
Barksdale Trophy (awarded to the best community support for an AFGSC base)	City of Minot, Minot AFB, North Dakota
Spirit Bell (awarded to the team who best represents Global Strike Challenge teamwork and esprit de corps)	341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana