



# FACT SHEET

## U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet GLOBAL STRIKE CHALLENGE

Global Strike Challenge is the world's premier bomber, intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) and security forces competition with units participating from Air Force Global Strike Command, Air Combat Command, Air Force Materiel Command, Air Force Reserve Command and the Air National Guard.

### Goals

- Showcase the world's premier bomber and ICBM force
- Foster esprit de corps through competition and teamwork
- Recognize outstanding global strike personnel and teams
- Improve combat capabilities through competition and community crosstalk

### People and Organization

Approximately 400 competitors take part in Global Strike Challenge events at various locations around the United States. Competition categories include bomber, ICBM and helicopter operations, bomber and ICBM maintenance and security forces. Global Strike Challenge provides the opportunity for teams to improve their knowledge, readiness, effectiveness and esprit de corps through intensive preparation and spirited competition. The following AFGSC wings participate in the competition:

- 2d Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, LA
- 5th Bomb Wing, Minot AFB, ND
- 90th Missile Wing, F.E. Warren AFB, WY
- 91st Missile Wing, Minot AFB, ND
- 341st Missile Wing, Malmstrom AFB, MT
- 509th Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, MO

Also competing in 2012 are Air Combat Command's 7th Bomb Wing, Dyess AFB, TX, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, SD, 49th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA, 337th Test and Evaluation Squadron, Dyess AFB, TX and 340th Weapons Squadron, Barksdale AFB, LA; Air Force Materiel Command's 377th Security Forces Squadron, Kirtland AFB, NM; Air Force Reserve Command's 307th Bomb Wing, Barksdale AFB, LA; and Missouri Air National Guard's 131st Bomb Wing, Whiteman AFB, MO.

### 2012 Competition Schedule

- June - September: Bomber Operations and Maintenance competitions
- September: ICBM Operations and Maintenance competitions
- September and November: Security Forces combat skills competitions
- October: Helicopter Operations competition

### Awards

- Bomb wings compete for the Fairchild Trophy
- Missile wings compete for the Blanchard Trophy

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