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GC's victors take '04 glory

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The scores are in — teams from 21st Space Wing, 45th SW, and 91st garnered top honors at Air Force Space Command's Guardian Challenge 2004. The Blanchard, Aldridge and Schriever trophies were presented during a ceremony Thursday at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

The 91st Space Wing at Minot AFB, N.D., took home the Blanchard Trophy for best Intercontinental Ballistic Missile space wing. The 45th Space Wing at Patrick AFB, Fla., captured the Schriever Trophy for best space launch wing. The 21st SW at Peterson AFB, Colo., won the Aldridge Trophy for the best space operations wing.

"Tonight, we honor you — the finest space and missile professionals in the world," said Brig. Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, director of Air and Space Operations at Headquarters AFSPC.

Functional area winners were: code controllers, 341st SW, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; chefs, 90th SW, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; helicopters, 341st SW; space communications, 460th Air Base Wing, Buckley AFB, Colo.; missile communications, 91st SW; security forces, 91st SW; space launch maintenance team, 30th SW, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; missile



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The 91st SW earns the Blanchard Trophy.



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The 45th SW claims the Schriever Trophy.



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The 21st SW takes home the Aldridge Trophy.

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maintenance team, 341st SW; space launch operations crew, 45th SW; space operations crew, 20 SPCS; missile operations crew, S-261, 91st SW; missile operations, 91st SW; space operations, 21st SW.

The one-week competition assesses Air Force Space Command’s mission readiness as teams from throughout the command challenge each other to determine which unit is the best of the best in their respective fields.

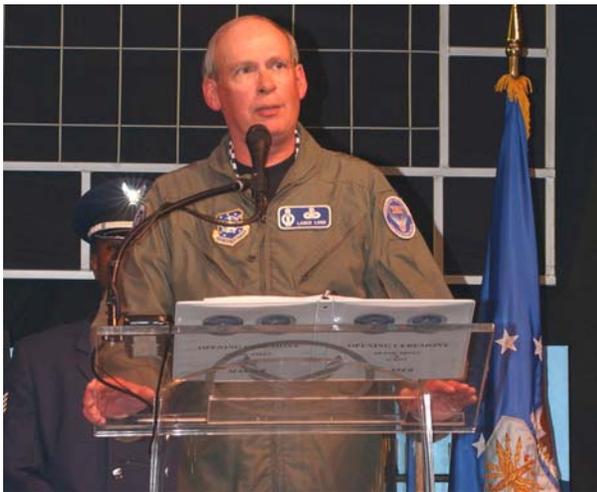
This year’s competing units included the 21st SW, Peterson AFB, Colo., with the Royal Air Force Fylingdales, United Kingdom, and the 137th Air National Guard Security Forces Flight, Greeley, Colo.; the 30th SW, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; the 45th SW, Patrick AFB, Fla.; the 50th SW and 310th Space Group, Schriever AFB, Colo.; the 90th SW, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; the 91st SW, Minot, N.D.; the 341st SW, Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; the 460th



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Air Base Wing, Buckley AFB, Colo.; and the Space and Missile Systems Center at Los Angeles AFB, Calif.



From the top

“What do I think of Guardian Challenge 2004? It’s the best competition I’ve ever been a part of.”

-- General Lance W. Lord
Commander, Air Force Space Command

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