

# Security forces challenge any obstacle thrown their way



Photo by Senior Airman Karolina Gnyrek

Staff Sgt. Brian Johnson, 50th Space Wing, Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., dons a gas mask and helmet during the marksmanship competition Monday. During the competition, competitors fired the M-16 A2 semi-automatic rifle, the M-9 handgun and the M-203 grenade launcher.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Craig Cisek

2nd Lt. Jesse Goens, 90th Space Wing, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., takes cover behind wreckage after hearing shots fired during a security forces tactics competition Monday.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jennifer Wallis

Above: 91st Space Wing Security Forces members, Minot Air Force Base, N.D., buddy check their gear before their tactics event Monday.



Photo by Staff Sgt. James Williams

Below from left: Senior Airman Rickey Mathias and Airman First Class Joey Douthitt, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., take cover behind a tree during their tactics evaluation Monday.

## Enemy in the brush

Security Forces evaluators get put competitors to the test

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They sneak silently through the unforgiving underbrush, poised to stop an advancing security forces team while sharpening the skills needed to prepare fellow Airmen for world-wide combat deployments.

Staff Sgts. Travis Garrison, Daniel Almond and Sean Carr, all from Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Station, Nev., and Staff Sgt. William Crenshaw and Senior Airmen Luke Scown and Nayla Mosely, from Beale Air Force Base, Calif., play the role of enemy forces during the security forces tactics competition.

When they're not at Guardian Challenge, Sergeants Garrison, Almond and Carr train security forces Airmen preparing to deploy around the globe. Classes include specialized rifle courses and courses in convoy maneuvers, squad tactics and military operations in urban technology.

"During the competition, we want the com-

petitors to learn from the scenario," Sergeant Almond said. "If they don't, we're not doing our job."

The six "enemies," all from Air Combat Command, said they also expect to learn from the week at Guardian Challenge, Sgt. Almond said.

"[This environment is good deployment experience,] because when you're deployed you learn to be with other people who aren't necessarily going to be from your base," he said. "This competition also lets us see how the other commands work."

Although they're supposed to hinder the security forces teams from completing their objectives, Sergeant Carr said his team has mixed feelings.

"We want to defeat them, but at the same time we want them to succeed," he said. "It's a great feeling of pride going back to your base with the best wing trophy."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Craig R. Cisek

2nd Lt. Jesse Goens, 90th Space Wing, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., views the field ahead before advancing during a security forces tactics competition Monday while a course evaluator studies his every move.