

## **341 OPERATIONS GROUP**



### **MISSION**

The 341 Operations Group is made up of more than 600 operators, administrators, helicopter aircrews, chefs, facility managers and support personnel. Together, they ensure the readiness of 20 missile alert facilities and 200 Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missiles spread across a 23,500 square mile missile complex; the largest such complex in the western hemisphere. The group is composed of four missile squadrons, an operations support squadron, a helicopter squadron, and a standardization and evaluation division. Maintaining proficiency for the critical and sensitive mission is of the utmost importance. The ICBM combat crews spend more than 17 hours in training with more than 250 hours in the field each month.

Each of the operations group's four missile squadrons is responsible for five Missile Alert Facilities and 50 Minuteman III ICBMs. The 10th, 12th, 490th and 564th Missile Squadrons are each complete war-fighting units. Each squadron has five two-person missile combat crews on alert duty with the support of security forces, facility managers and chefs.

### **LINEAGE**

341 Operations Group constituted, 29 Aug 1991

Activated, 1 Sep 1991

### **STATIONS**

Malmstrom AFB, MT, 1 Sep 1991

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

341 Missile (later, 341 Space) Wing, 1 Sep 1991

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

Minuteman II, 1991-1995

Minuteman III, 1991  
UH-1, 1993

### **COMMANDERS**

Col John R. Phillip, 1 Sep 1991  
Col C. Robert Kehler, 12 Feb 1993  
Col Michael C. McMullin, 27 Jun 1994  
Col Richard E. Webber, 19 Jul 1995  
Col William J. Beck Jr., 30 Aug 1996  
Col Kimber L. McKenzie, 6 Jul 1998  
Col C. Donald Alston, Aug 1999  
Col Allen Kirkman Jr.  
Col Edwin T. Parks, 9 Jun 2003  
Col Mark Schuler  
Col Glenn Hillis II

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards  
1 Sep 1991-31 Aug 1993  
1 Sep 1993-14 Oct 1994  
1 Sep 1994-31 Aug 1995  
1 Oct 1995-30 Sep 1996  
1 Oct 1997-30 Sep 1999  
1 Oct 1998-30 Sep 1999  
1 Oct 2000-30 Sep 2002  
1 Oct 2002-1 Oct 2003

#### **EMBLEM**

Group will use the wing emblem with the group designation in the scroll.

#### **MOTTO**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James and Air Force Global Strike Command boss Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson released the results of a command-directed investigation into widespread cheating at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., Thursday afternoon. Ultimately, 100 officers were implicated in the cheating scandal, up from the 92 last reported . Nine of those allegations were "unsubstantiated"

and the officers will be recertified and returned to duty as soon as possible. The remaining officers—all lieutenants and captains—will face a range of punishments from letters of counseling to courts-martial, said Wilson. In addition, the Air Force has accepted the resignation of 341st Missile Wing Commander Col. Robert Stanley, who will be allowed to retire in the "coming weeks." Col. John Wilcox assumed command of the 341st MW on Thursday, said Wilson. Wilcox served as the wing's interim security forces commander when Col. David Lynch was relieved of command for a "loss of confidence" in his ability to lead in August 2013. Nine other Malmstrom leaders have been reassigned to staff positions at AFGSC or 20th Air Force, but they will be allowed to continue serving, said James and Wilson. They include the commander and deputy commander of the 341st Operations Group, all three missile squadron commanders, the commander of the 341st Operations Support Group, the directors of operation for the 341st Operational Support Squadron and the 10th Missile Squadron, and the 341st Operations Group's standardization and evaluation officer. These officers weren't "directly involved" in the cheating, but they "failed" to adequately oversee "the crew force," said Wilson. Each will receive nonjudicial punishment. 2014

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