

# 99<sup>th</sup> GROUND COMBAT TRAINING SQUADRON



## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

99<sup>th</sup> Ground Combat Training Squadron  
Constituted  
Activated  
Inactivated

## **STATIONS**

Creech AFB, NV

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

799<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Jesse Goens

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc Azure, two bayonets in saltire points up Proper between in chief a staff tilted bendwise

Sable, bearing a banner floutant to sinister Argent, and in base a bullseye of three concentric rings Gules voided of the field, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "SILVER FLAG ALPHA" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "99TH GROUND COMBAT TRAINING SQ" in Yellow letters. Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The silver flag represents the Squadron's name given during its inception in 1981. The crossed bayonets represent the ground combat role of Air Force Security Force personnel and are the guardians of two flags, both silver and the American flag. The bullseye represents the combat arms function responsible for training personnel on Security Forces weapons systems and represents the genesis of the unit's original mission. It further represents their tie to the Air Warfare Center's mission of providing advanced tactics training to Air Force combat warriors.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Security forces at Nellis AFB, Nev., have launched a new 45-day course to provide advance ground combat weapons and tactics instruction for active, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve security forces and chaplains who will take over Army operations at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, often working outside the wire to conduct area security operations. The 99th Ground Combat Training Squadron developed the course, dubbed Joint Base Balad training, and will conduct most of the training at Creech AFB, Nev., and the National Training Center at Ft. Irwin, Calif. SMSgt. Lee Beausoleil, 99th GCTS operations superintendent, said that for the security forces career field, "this is the first doctrinal shift in 40 years since Operation Safe Side in Vietnam." He noted that the course employs the "lessons from the latest enemy training tactics and procedures." The 99th GCTS is the largest of Air Combat Command's seven regional training centers for security forces and chaplains. Capt. Garland Wilmoth, squadron command, said, "What makes us unique from other regional training centers is that we are the equivalent to a ground dimension of Red Flag."

Air Combat Command unveiled a new unit award—the Security Forces Order of the Shield—bestowing the inaugural award to the 99th Ground Combat Training Squadron at Creech AFB, Nev., on Feb. 6. The award recognizes individuals or ACC units who have made significant contributions to security operations, training, and ground defense of ACC installations, missions, personnel, and resources. The initial award to the 99th GCTS comes as it draws down and inactivates next month. The squadron has an amazing history, said Maj. Jesse Goens, the 99th GCTS commander, and has contributed to the development and training of security forces airmen for three decades. Cadre assigned to the 99th GCTS have prepared thousands of security forces airmen through the Silver Flag Alpha training range, south of Creech, since 1981, training around 3,000 airmen every year in 23 expeditionary combat skills, base operations, and security missions. The 99th GCTS Silver Flag Alpha is one of four training locations that will close as part of a

consolidation of security forces training with the US Army. SF-A will relocate to Fort Bliss, Texas, under the 204th Security Forces Squadron. 2015

The Base Security Operations course at Nellis AFB, Nev., graduated its last class before the Air Force integrates security forces' predeployment training with the Army, officials announced. The 99th Ground Combat Training Squadron taught approximately 3,000 security forces airmen a year to defend airbases downrange since 1983, according to a Jan. 5 release. The Silver Flag Alpha Range Complex, where the course was taught, included a mock village to hone urban combat skills, 12 small arms ranges, a tent city, and an exercise range at Nellis. The site was one of eight Security Forces Regional Training Centers which are consolidating to the joint Desert Defender Ground Combat Readiness Training Center at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and two other locations. The final 17-day BSO class at Nellis graduated Dec. 20, according to officials. 2015

Col. Richard Neal, 799th Air Base Group commander, and Maj. Jesse Goens, 99th Ground Combat Training Squadron commander placed a cover over the 99th GCTS guidon, officially inactivating the 99th GCTS, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 1, 2015. The 99th GCTS was responsible for conducting training on Silver Flag Alpha, where Airmen taught and evaluated security forces members on air base defense skills.

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