90th GROUND COMBAT TRAINING SQUADRON

MISSION The 90th Ground Combat Training Squadron provides security, pre-deployment, and antiterrorism/force protection training for USAF personnel. LINEAGE 90th Ground Combat Training Squadron **STATIONS** Guernsey, WY **ASSIGNMENTS** 90th Security Forces Group **COMMANDERS** Cpt Joseph Jay Parsons, 12 Aug 2011 **HONORS Service Streamers Campaign Streamers Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers Decorations EMBLEM MOTTO NICKNAME OPERATIONS**

The 90th Ground Combat Training Squadron's Camp Guernsey training site has been designated a regional training center for airmen worldwide. The designation is part of an effort to better prepare deploying airmen for combat. Camp Guernsey, located near Wheatland in southeast Wyoming, provides airmen with pre-deployment training and also functions as a joint training center. Until now, airmen who had been trained at Camp Guernsey also had to receive additional training at Army centers before being deployed. Now, the camp will be designated a regional pre-deployment training center under an agreement with the Wyoming National Guard. Some similar sites nationwide have also been designated as regional pre-deployment training centers.

Almost 100 airmen from 29 bases started training at the newly designated center Thursday. Those airmen said the regional designation will bring more previously deployed airmen to the center to train with first-time deployments so they can help each other prepare.

The designation will also bring attention to Wyoming and F.E. Warren Air Force Base.

"The camp is getting better and is going to be one of the preferred training centers," said Maj. Troy Carlson, commander of the 90th Ground Combat Training Squadron. "The senior officers are learning about Camp Guernsey, and they are talking about it."

The 66,000-acre site will be used to test the airmen in convoy safety, forward operating base protection and possible combat scenarios. Carlson said the training lasts for 12 days and attempts to teach the airmen how to act and react without hesitation.2008

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