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# 502d Security Forces Group: Stepping Up to Train and Keep Our Communities Safe

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Following the tragedy in Uvalde, Texas law enforcement and security professionals have increased focus on their skill sets for responding to active threats. The 502 SFG joined this effort by sending five of their Defenders to the Controlled F.O.R.C.E. Critical Response to Active Threat Environments Course (CRATE).



The goal of the weeklong training class was to better prepare these Defenders to respond to an active threat at a school, place of worship, retail centers or anywhere else that they may unfortunately be needed. Everyone in the building had stepped up and shown up to better their skillsets should they be called upon to save lives.

Day one and two were filled with Defensive Tactics training. Controlled F.O.R.C.E. used both gyms at the school for MACH Control hold training. Days three and four were glass house training drills with training pistols and training long rifles. Day five was hallway, stairwell and classroom clearing drills inside of the school.

Seven local law enforcement/security agencies and a security company from Minnesota participated in the training alongside the Defenders from the 502 SFG. The attending student body ranged from the USAF Security Forces, USN Master at Arms, SISD School District Police officers, local Police Officers, and others. The 502 SFG kicked some serious tail, so

we decided to catch up with a few of them to discuss why they were there and how the class went.

**Security Forces Magazine:** Gentlemen, thank you for attending class this week. Please introduce yourself, your rank, and your current position (AFSFC) in the United States Air Force.

**Tim:** Tim Kane, Retired 20-year SF, 13-year GS 802 SFS Instructor.

**Joshua:** Technical Sergeant Joshua Terry, Security Forces Flight Sergeant.

**Trenton:** TSgt Trenton Winters, Flight Sergeant at 502d Security Forces Squadron Ft. Sam Houston, TX.

**Security Forces Magazine:** How did you hear about the Controlled FORCE Crate Course?

**Trenton:** Learned about it through our unit's training coordinator.

**Tim:** Chuck Loner reached out to my unit, a flyer for the class soon followed.

**Joshua:** Through the Air Force.

**Security Forces Magazine:** Why are training courses like this one important to you?

**Trenton:** To train us so we may add it to our toolbox in turn, applying it to our unit's training.

**Joshua:** Being a first responder, attaining new skills as threats evolve is crucial for us as we try to keep the public safe.



**Tim:** To keep” Active Threat skills sharp”.

**Security Forces Magazine:** What were highlights of the class for you?

**Tim:** Weapons handling, room entries.

**Joshua:** Clearing an actual school and seeing the challenges we could possibly face.

**Trenton:** Meeting a fantastic network of people and getting “coined” as top performer.

**Security Forces Magazine:** What tactics do you feel you took away from the class can help make a difference in an active shooter/threat scenario?

**Trenton:** The CQB tactics were top notch and completely changed building/room clearing procedures for me. I feel a lot more competent after this course than I ever did before.

**Tim:** The shield and sword concept.

**Joshua:** Moving by yourself or in small teams to the threat that way the first officer(s) on-scene can try to stop the situation from becoming worse.

**Security Forces Magazine:** What would you have like to see covered in class that wasn't?

**Trenton:** The use of Ballistic Shields would be ideal.

**Tim:** I like live fire drills.

**Joshua:** The implementation of breaching tools.

**Security Forces Magazine:** Any closing words for our readers about training to do and be better?

**Tim:** All Departments need to send a few officers to this course.



**Trenton:** I highly recommend this course for anyone who wants to be better prepared for an active shooter situation. We owe it to ourselves and to society to be better equipped and trained.

**Joshua:** Not currently. Thanks for having us.

**Security Forces Magazine:** Guys, thank you for your service and taking out the time to train to be better every day. Stay Safe out there.

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we received word of the passing of a yet another charter member, CMSgt (ret) Bob Egger following a brief illness. Bob celebrated his 90th birthday in June. The Chief served our nation for nearly 50 years in uniform and later as a civilian. Throughout the years he was a stalwart member of the Alamo Chapter where every four years, like clockwork, he and his bride Anna would operate the Hospitality Suite at the annual meetings. In addition to his Alamo volunteer service, Bob was a long-time board member and also served many years on the Security Forces Museum Foundation Board, and until his retirement was its treasurer. We wish him peace and well-deserved rest and send our thoughts and prayers to Anna and the Egger family.

Year 37 for our association will be a busy and exciting

time as we prepare for the change of Presidents and the election of three officers and three Directors. That is right members, six new opportunities to step up and serve this incredible organization. In addition to the election, we need a new Region Director for Region 4 which includes the upper mid-central states and Great Lakes Region. I ask that you to consider serving and to reach out to a serving Region Director, Board Member, or Officer hear from them directly the challenges and rewards that come with service to your AFSFA. New members beget new ideas, new ideas bring new life and excitement to our association and helps keep it relevant.

As we start our 37th year, I am excited for our future and thank each of you for your membership and support. ❖

# Defender Selected for Brigadier General

Defenders - please join me in congratulating our newest Defender BG (sel) Tom Sherman.

A huge congrats to Tom & Laurie on this amazing personal and professional milestone. I have known these two for some time and they are an AWESOME team. Tom it is with a joyful heart I say congrats and looking forward to the impact you will have across the DAF!

Defender Nation is stronger today with leaders like yourself being selected to yet again to lead at the next level. Wishing you and Laurie all the best from a Total Force of 43K Defenders!

VR - Brig Gen Collins  
Director of Security Forces ❖



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