

# SMA VISITS 49TH MISSILE DEFENSE BATTALION

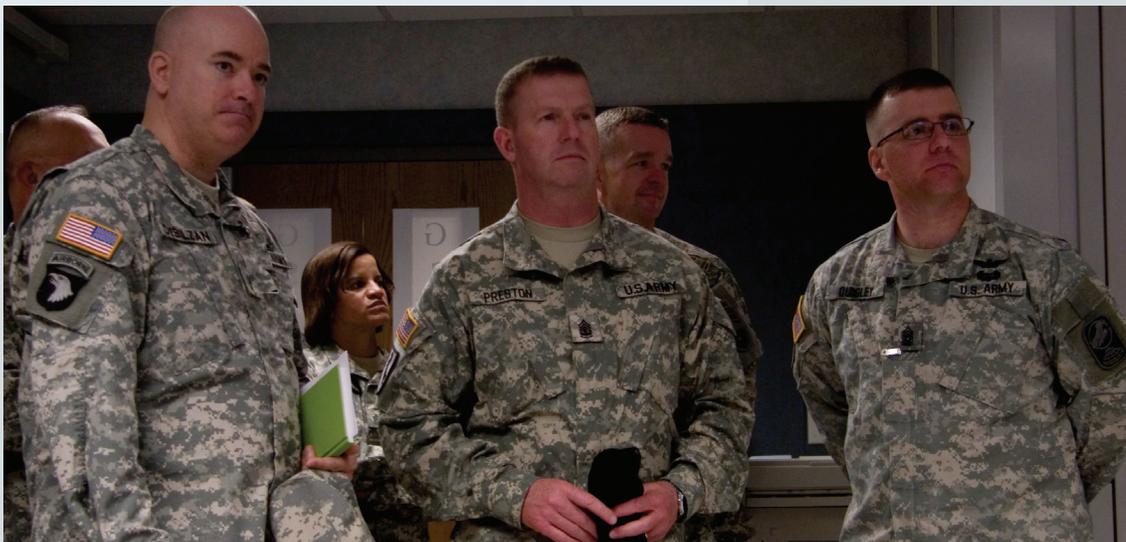
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SMA Kenneth Preston watches as SGT Michael Freeman, Military Police Officer, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, illustrates the complexities of the security systems used by military police officers in securing and defending the Missile Defense Complex at Fort Greely, Alaska.



SMA Kenneth Preston speaks with SGT Murray Harrison, Communications Operator Echo Crew, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, about his responsibilities in the defense of the nation from limited intercontinental ballistic missile threats. SMA Preston made his first visit to the Missile Defense Complex on July 7th during his tour of Army installations in Alaska.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT SFC Richard DeBilzan, Systems Integrator, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, SMA Kenneth Preston, and CSM Bradford Quigley, 49th Missile Defense Battalion Command Sergeant Major, watch as Missile Defenders from the 49th Missile Defense Battalion conduct training on the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Systems Trainer (GST). The simulation runs on the GST are designed to challenge the operators with a plethora of scenarios they may encounter during an engagement of an incoming threat missile.