

# Flashback

## Day of the Hound Dog



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A Strategic Air Command crew at Minot AFB, N.D., speeds toward a B-52 bomber in an early 1960s drill. Displayed prominently is the bomber's GAM-77 Hound Dog, USAF's first operational air-launched cruise missile. The huge 42-foot-long

Hound Dog, equipped with a W-28 thermonuclear warhead, could fly at Mach 2.1 for 700 miles at high altitude. At peak deployment in 1963, SAC had 600 of the more than five-ton missiles in active service.