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Dear Fellow MACo Members,

The Cascade County Commissioners look forward to you joining us in Great Falls for the 110th Annual Conference of the Montana Association of Counties.

The host county commissioners, with the never-ending support of Karen Houston and the MACo staff, organize an extremely valuable and informative series of speakers, panels and seminars to keep County elected officials in the know on matters of local and national importance. Each year the host community gets a chance to display the progress made since MACo last visited.

Cascade County is no different, we have a newly revitalized downtown dining and entertainment district to enjoy including new brewpubs, specialty foods, and signature drinks. This summer, the county will be showcasing a brand-new Grandstand at Montana Expo Park as well as other notable projects such as a newly restored copper roof on our historic courthouse that we invite you to visit.

But we also have one thing here in Cascade County that no other county can boast, we are home to the 341st Missile wing. One of only three Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) bases in the nation. These ICBMs are part of the strategic defense triad protecting our nation and deterring attack from foreign nationals.

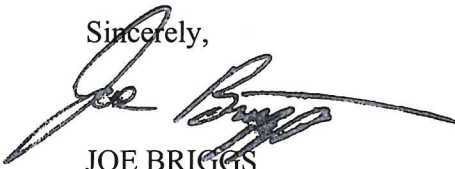
Ever wondered what the inside of the Missile silo looks like? Ever wondered about the two keys that have to be turned simultaneously to launch U.S. nuclear assets at an enemy?

The commander of the 341st Missile Wing, Colonel Jennifer Reeves has graciously offered a limited number of our attendees a tour of the base to learn the answers to these and other questions you may have regarding your nation's missile force.

Those taking advantage of this 3-hour tour on Thursday morning will get a behind the scenes look at the business of Nuclear Deterrence that most Americans will never see. You will attend a mission brief provided by senior leadership at Malmstrom and then visit both the Training Silo and the Launch Control Trainer at Malmstrom. As Malmstrom is a controlled access facility, those requesting to attend this tour will be required to provide personal information and will be subjected to a background check. To register for the tour contact Joe Briggs at 454-6915 or jbriggs@cascadecountymt.gov.

We hope you will join us in Great Falls this coming September for the 2019 MACo Annual Conference. Make plans to stay Thursday morning for a once-in-a-lifetime visit to the secured facilities on Malmstrom AFB.

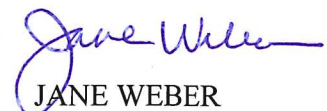
Sincerely,



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Cascade County Commission



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