

Examining the Creed

I am an American Airman: Air Force members are defenders of the nation. Consider the importance. This phrase is repeated throughout the creed.

I am a Warrior: Airmen employ the world's greatest airpower **and** go "outside the wire." Establishing air dominance or clearing roadside bombs, Airmen are there. Warriors.

I have answered my Nation's call: Many **enter** the military for various reasons, but most **join** when they discover the pride in serving their country.

My mission is to Fly, Fight, and Win: Everything we do is to ensure mission success. We as Airmen will fight for what is right, and fight to win.

I am faithful to a Proud Heritage, A Tradition of Honor, And a Legacy of Valor: History makes you smarter, and heritage makes you prouder. Heritage is a reflection of our past and shapes us today.

Guardian of Freedom and Justice: A call to the Constitution. Airmen swear an oath to support and defend against all enemies foreign and domestic.

My Nation's Sword and Shield, Its Sentry and Avenger: Airmen protect while taking the fight to those who threaten the American way of life. As avengers, they fight for those who have fallen.

I defend my Country with my Life: Airmen stand tall, and if necessary pay the ultimate price for their country and their countrymen.

Wingman, Leader, Warrior: As leaders and warriors, in time of war or peace, each Airman, to the best of their ability, is responsible for ensuring the safety and security of their fellow wingmen.

I will never leave an Airman behind, I will never falter, And I will not fail: As Airmen, no matter the situation, we all come home together. As Americans, we will not waiver in our decisions, and there is no way we accept failure.

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**Do you understand the
Airman's Creed and
what it means?**



Purpose

In the Airman's Creed, we have a promise to both country and colleagues. It sets the tone of life in the United States Air Force by providing a value structure by which to live and work. If you are a member of the Air Force, you need to learn its creed, not just memorize the words.



Your service puts you in an elite group of Americans—a group who stood tall and accepted the oath to serve their country. Military personnel make up less than one percent of the total United States population. That's something you will be able to hold to for the rest of your life.

The Airman's Creed reflects pride in the role of air, space, and cyber-space power and a commitment in supporting and defending the nation. It defines who we are, what we stand for, and the fact that if you mess with one of us, you mess with all of us!

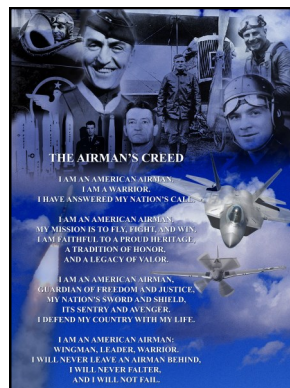
History of the Airman's Creed

creed

noun \ 'krēd \

**A set of fundamental beliefs;
also: a guiding principle.**

The word **creed** derives from the Latin **credo** which means 'I believe'. The earliest creeds were religious based, where a creed was a brief statement of faith, often drawn up at times of conflict to distinguish believers dedicated to a particular doctrine.



Ours is the *profession of arms*. We are Airmen Warriors dedicated to fly, fight and win for our Nation. We are heirs to a proud heritage built by heroic visionaries and practitioners such as Mitchell, Arnold, Chennault, Doolittle, LeMay, and Schriever.

These pioneers led by example, from the front, and assumed the full measure of risk and responsibility. They left a legacy of valor, honor, service and sacrifice and charged

us to believe in and advocate the value of air power. This heritage defined the Air Force ethos—our fundamental character—and set the stage for the Airman's Creed.

Following the terrorist attacks of 9/11, President George W. Bush issued a stirring speech that inspired the nation and would later inspire part of the Airman's Creed: "We will not waiver; we will not tire; we will not falter, and we will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail."



On 18 April 2007, General T. Michael Moseley, then Air Force Chief of Staff, introduced the Airman's Creed. In a letter, General Moseley wrote that one of his top priorities was to "reinvigorate the warrior ethos in every Airman of our Total Force." Thus, the creed provides Airmen a tangible statement of beliefs.

