

# HERITAGE TODAY VIDEO SERIES

## "OATH OF SERVICE" Discussion Guide

### **PURPOSE**

Provide a guide for Air Force leaders at any level, to initiate critical thinking and group discussion/interaction before and/or after reviewing the Heritage Today video.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Heritage Today video series inspire and challenge Airmen with stories of Air Force heritage and emphasize the Core Values by using the enabler characteristics of character, judgment, and commitment as the building blocks of professionalism.

The oath video highlights the bond that brings all Airmen together. It speaks to the freedoms, rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities that you swore to defend. This video reminds us our duty is to our country and to be an Airman.

### **EMPLOY**

**BEFORE VIEWING** the "Oath" video, lead the following discussion:

- Even though it may have been years since you raised your right hand and took your Oath, how do/should those words impact your attitude toward and/or dedication to the Air Force today?
  - What do you remember about the first Oath of Service you took? What was going through your head when you took the Oath?
  - Throughout the discussion highlight commitment and how the Core Values tie into the Oath all service members take.
- Explain how the Oath of Service is related to Air Force Core Values with examples.
- What can you say about the history, importance, and significance of the words of this Oath?
- What does it mean to you to be sworn in?

NOTE: the voice on the video is MSgt Jason Seibel, a Security Forces defender.

**AFTER VIEWING** the "Oath of Service" video, lead the following discussion:

- Do you believe the Oath is the bond that brings all Airmen together? Why?
  - Do you think most people see it this way? What would you do to strengthen that perception?
- How would you describe the connection between the Oath of Service and the idea of commitment?
- What is special or unique about the Oath of Service?
- Over the years, the Air Force has seen significant changes however, for the most part, the Oath has remained unchanged. Why do think that is?
- How does the Oath of Service set you apart from your civilian counterparts and the general public you serve?
- When you swear to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, are you confident you know what it is you are defending?