

HERITAGE TODAY POSTER SERIES

"MUTUAL RESPECT" Photos/Memorabilia Descriptions

PURPOSE

Provide a description of the vintage photos and items depicted in the Heritage Today poster series.

DESCRIPTION

Heritage Today poster 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 accompanying vintage photos and items add to the human-connection and emotions of the time.

EMPLOY

When viewing the Heritage Today posters, think of the individuals depicted in the photos as well as the accompanying historic artifacts. Imagine how it must have been during those times of conflict and how our Air Force Core Values and the Profession of Arms allowed them to remain strong and honorable.

The first photo is from the Tuskegee Institute and the aircraft are Vultee BT-13 "Valiants. The four women pictured are Woman Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) assigned to ferrying command training, and they are walking in front of their B-17E Flying Fortress nicknamed "Pistol Packing Mama." The patch represents the 1st American Volunteer Group, better known as the "Flying Tigers" of WWII. This patch was originally designed for the 14 AF and is still used at Vandenberg AFB. The photo of the F-51D Mustang and pilot are from the Korean War and assigned to the 18 Fighter Bomber Group. The last photo is a Women's Air Force Recruit in Khaki Dress Uniform, ca. 1955.