

HERITAGE TODAY POSTER SERIES

"SELFLESSNESS" 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 North Vietnam, 100 missions, F-105 patch was originally designed by Capt Bruce Holmes and Capt Will Koenitzer, two pilots in the 469th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, while they were on leave in Bangkok, Thailand, in 1965. Although unofficial, this patch became a powerful symbol of a proud tradition. A badge of honor, it showed that one had faced mortal danger 100 times and survived where so many others had been lost. 100 missions typically meant rotation from the combat zone and was a significant milestone for all F-105 "Thud" pilots and weapon officers.