

HERITAGE TODAY



# COMMITMENT

When we finished basic training, we felt like we'd made it through something. We did it, we're done, we made it. You know why they call it basic training? Because that was the easy stuff. We thought we were going to change the world. We thought we'd all live to be heroes. But we learned two things after basic. The world wasn't going to come to us. And just because you put on a uniform doesn't mean you deserve to be a hero. You have to be committed. This wasn't the end of our training; it was the beginning of our new lives. We were Airmen now. You hear about the guys who flew the first missions, the men and women who set records, who broke records, who gutted up and did what they had to do. Let me tell you, everybody wants to be one of them. There's a big difference between wanting and doing. You may never be one of them. But you *will* be an Airman. You *will* serve your country and do your duty every single second of every single day until you separate, die or retire and when your moment comes—and there *will* come a moment—you'll be ready and you *will* change the world. We did. You *will* be ready. That's what commitment is about in the Air Force. Keep your eyes open and keep your wings sharp. Always. If in that moment you're undecided, you'll fail. You are allowed to make mistakes, but you are not allowed to do halfway. Stay focused. Commitment. Every Airman who has ever worn the uniform...who has fought and lived, or fought and died, is lifting you up. You're one of us. And you will go higher than we ever could. If there ever comes a time when you question your commitment, we want you to remember something. You're not doing this for us. We did this for you. Aim high, Airman.