

HERITAGE TODAY VIDEO SERIES

"Core Values" Discussion Guide

PURPOSE

Provide a guide for Air Force leaders at any level, to initiate critical thinking and group discussion/interaction before and 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.

You never stop being an Airman. You know what it means to be an Airman – you feel it and live the Core Values. This video is a reminder of what a privilege it is to be an Airman in the United States Air Force.

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BEFORE VIEWING the Core Values video, lead the following discussion:

- When you hear someone mention our Core Values, what are they referring to?
- All Airmen are instructed on the Core Values upon their initial entry into military training. Why do you think we are constantly reinstructed on the Core Values and what they represent throughout our career?
- Can you think of a situation where as Airman, living up to the Core Values can be difficult or even impossible to do? Explain your reasoning.
- Do you think Air Force Core Values are for military use exclusively, or can the Core Values play a role in our personal lives?

NOTE: the voice on the video is Master Sergeant Jason Davis, an Air Force Aerial Gunner.

AFTER VIEWING the Core Value video, lead the following discussion:

- Which part of the video best portrayed our Core Values? Explain your reasoning.
 - In the video we heard: "We were told what it means to be Airmen...but they were just words." What does this mean?
 - In what ways does the environment (culture) we live and work in affect the acceptance of the Core Values?
 - Which method of weaving the Core Values into a unit do you think is most successful; top-down or bottom-up? Explain your reasoning.
 - Because the Air Force exists solely to provide for national defense through the application of aerospace power and not to provide us employment, how do our Core Values tie in with this statement?
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