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There's a rule we live by in Global Strike. The two-man rule. The two-man rule was born in 1962 in the days of the Cuban Missile Crisis. No one person will ever launch a nuke or drop a Bomb by themselves. That protocol is proof of just how important our mission is. And reminds us that everything we do, we do as a team. It's not one person. It's never one person. It's nurses and med techs, it's maintenance, communications, personnel, housing... We are pharmacists and firefighters, finance and contracting; we're the engineers and we're the JAGs, and we are proud to be the ones you turn to hold things together and keep Airmen and their families safe and doing their best. Every meal that is cooked, every truck that's fueled, every safety inspection, and every flight. From the silos at Malmstrom to the bombers at Barksdale, we are a family devoted to the mission. Every link in the chain is critical. Failure is not an option. And the more we operate as a team, the closer we get to perfection. That's what drives the Global Strike support mission. Trust us when we say there is very little tolerance for mistakes when you work around bombs and nuclear weapons—no matter what your job. This is not about how important we are. It's about selflessness. Whether we're in a silo, in a cockpit, or in a kitchen, we each do what we do. For each other, for our country... Everybody has a hand in the mission. But when our goal is to instill fear in our enemies, where does a chaplain fit in? Or a childcare provider? It's because the other half of our job is to provide peace of mind. We are not just our nation's sword, we are our nation's sword *and shield*. We protect, we support...the things we love. Our country. Our fellow Airmen. It takes every

piece to complete a puzzle. And it's the differences in those pieces that allow them to join together. We're a team. And should the two-man rule ever have to be put to the test, know this: It's never two men. It's thousands of men and women. Ready. Always. Your nation's sword and shield. Aim high, Airman.