

The First Command – An Endless Legacy

Discussion Guide

PURPOSE

To provide Air Force leaders a starting point to talk with Airmen (particularly Developmental Special Duty candidates) about the importance and value of serving in Air Education and Training Command.

DESCRIPTION

This video is part of the Heritage Today series and exemplifies the importance of serving in The First Command. The voice over in “The First Command – An Endless Legacy” video is Tech. Sgt. Raymond Santiago, a Basic Military Training Instructor at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

DSD

The Air Force has identified ten special duties as enlisted developmental positions due to their unique leadership roles and the Airman’s responsibility to mentor and mold future leaders. To ensure the highest quality Airmen are assigned to these positions, the Air Force implemented a nomination process in 2014, which provides commanders, through their respective MAJCOM, an opportunity to nominate their best Airmen to fill these critical positions while providing a developmental career path. Airmen selected for these positions must be the best in the Air Force and need to be an ambassador and role model for Air Force values and disciplines.

EMPLOY**BEFORE VIEWING:**

All Airmen, at some point in their careers will be a part of AETC. Hold a discussion about the value of training and education in the Air Force and discuss the following questions:

- How important do you think becoming an instructor, recruiter, or other DSD position is?
- What is your perception of AETC? And why do you think these particular perceptions exist?
- What was your experience while serving in AETC? What type of qualities do you think Airmen require to serve in the First Command?

AFTER VIEWING lead the following discussion:

- The video mentions that “the greatest legacies are those who follow in our boot steps.” What do you think this means and do you feel you have a role in accomplishing this?
- In the video we heard: “Every Airman is who they are because someone showed them.” Do you recall a specific mentor or leader that helped you along your career path? Why do they stick out in your mind?
- How do members of AETC embrace the Core Values?
- Why is it important to send the very best to AETC? What impact do you think AETC makes on the Air Force and why?
- As an Airman who has been selected to serve in AETC through DSD, do you think you will make an impact on future generations? If so, what legacy do you want to leave behind?