

HERITAGE TODAY



The First Command

An Endless Legacy



EVERY AIRMAN BEARS A RESPONSIBILITY - NOT TO SELF, BUT TO OUR FELLOW AIRMEN. TO OUR COUNTRY.

TO ENSURE THAT WHEN WE HANG UP OUR UNIFORM AT THE END OF THE DAY, THE WORLD'S GREATEST AIR FORCE IS EVEN GREATER THAN BEFORE.

WE ACCOMPLISH THIS IN THE SKIES. AND IN HANGARS. SOME LEAVE THEIR MARK IN THE LABORATORY - OTHERS IN A COMMAND CENTER - OR PLACES NO ONE HEARS ABOUT.

BUT THE GREATEST LEGACIES ARE THOSE WHO FOLLOW IN OUR BOOT STEPS.

EVERY AIRMAN IS WHO THEY ARE BECAUSE SOMEONE SHOWED THEM.

WE ARE NOT BORN PILOTS OR MEDICS, MISSILEERS OR FIREFIGHTERS. WE BECOME THEM.

AND ONLY THE FINEST ARE CALLED TO RECRUIT, TRAIN AND DEDUCATE THESE AIRMEN OF TOMORROW ... AND IN DOING SO, BUILD THE AIR FORCE OF TOMORROW.

RIGHT NOW, A RECRUITER IS SITTING IN THE LIVING ROOM OF A FUTURE COMBAT CONTROLLER, OR CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT.

AN INSTRUCTOR IS INSTILLING INTO A CLASS OF CADETS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AIRMAN.

AND A TECH SERGEANT IS TAKING A FLIGHT OF TRAINEES AND BUILDING THEM UP INTO AIRMEN OF CHARACTER.

WHETHER IT'S ON AN OBSTACLE COURSE, IN A CLASSROOM OR OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWWHERE ...

FOR 75 YEARS, LEGIONS OF HANDPICKED AIRMEN AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE UNWAVERING DEFENSE OF THIS COUNTRY THROUGH AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND.

ALL OUR TRAINING, ALL OF OUR EXPERIENCES GO INTO DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF AIRMEN.

AND IN THE PROCESS, WE TOO ARE DEVEOPING - INTO MENTORS AND LEADERS.

[AIR POWER STARTS HERE IN AETC.](#)

EVERY DAY WE ARE CREATING A LEGACY THAT WILL ENDURE FOR GENERATIONS.

THERE ARE NO MONUMENTS TO INSTRUCTORS. NO STATUES DEDICATED TO RECRUITERS. BUT WE DO NOT PUT ON THIS UNIFORM FOR SUCH GLORIES.

WE DO SO BECAUSE WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE - TO SERVE OUR FELLOW AIRMEN -- AND TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY.