

Defenders Discussion Guide

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Heritage Today video is to illustrate Airmen defending America in Air, Space and Cyber Space and to show how Security Force Airmen contribute to the mission. This discussion guide can be used to hold group conversations about the video as a tool to help educate non-Security Forces Airmen about the Security Forces mission and to build unit cohesion within Security Forces organizations.

DESCRIPTION

This video is part of the Heritage Today Identity Series. The voiceover in Defenders is Master Sgt. Mike Howard, Course Manager, 343rd Training Group, at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Master Sgt. Howard is a 19-year Security Forces veteran.

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BEFORE VIEWING:

Hold a group discussion about how Security Forces Airmen contribute to the Air Force mission. The following are examples of questions that could be asked to get the conversation going:

- How important do you think the Security Forces career field is to the Air Force?
- What is your perception of Security Forces? And why do you think these particular perceptions exist?
- What are your experiences serving with or as a Security Forces Airmen? What type of qualities do you think Airmen require to serve as a Security Forces Airmen?

AFTER VIEWING:

Lead a group discussion after viewing the “Defenders” video to discuss what Airmen thought about the video. Below are examples of questions that could be asked to continue the conversation:

- After having viewed the video, what is your initial reaction?
- The video mentions that “We’re the first line of defense.” What do you think this means and what role do you feel you have a role in accomplishing this?
- How do members of Security Forces embrace the Core Values?
- What impact do you think Security Forces Airmen make on the Air Force and why?
- If you’re not a Security Forces Airmen, does the video give you a better appreciation and understanding of the mission? If so, what specific areas of the video stood out that help you reach this understanding?