

# *The Driving Force - Maintainers*

## *Discussion Guide*

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**PURPOSE**

To provide Air Force leaders, at any level, a guide to initiate critical thinking, group discussion, and team interaction before and after reviewing the Heritage Today video.

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**DESCRIPTION**

Heritage Today video series inspire and challenge Airmen with stories of Air Force heritage. This video emphasizes the Core Value of Excellence and its Virtues: Mission, Discipline, and Teamwork. Additionally, Duty and Loyalty are described as Virtues of Service Before Self.

The voice over in “The Driving Force” video is provided by Master Sergeant James Weeks, an Air Force Crew Chief. Master Sergeant Weeks entered the Air Force in 1998 and has crewed B-2s, C-130s, and worked Special Air Missions for C-32s, C-40s, C-20s and C-37s. He currently works at Headquarters Air Education and Training Command.

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**EMPLOY**

**BEFORE VIEWING** “The Driving Force” video, lead the following discussion:

- All Airmen are instructed on the Core Values upon their initial entry into military training. Why do you think we are constantly reminded of our Core Values and what they represent throughout our career?
- What Excellence Virtue applies to Maintainers when they are working on a broken aircraft and Aircrew members are performing their preflight duties at the same time? Are there any lessons to be learned here?
- Do you think Air Force Core Values are for military use exclusively, or can the Core Values apply in our personal lives?
- Respect is a Virtue for Service Before Self. It includes treating others with dignity and valuing them as individuals. Please give an example of when you saw someone being treated with respect. Give an example of when you saw someone not treated with respect, and what did you do?

**AFTER VIEWING** “The Driving Force” video, lead the following discussion:

- Which part of the video best portrayed our Core Values? Explain your reasoning.
- In the video we heard: “We love making things right.” Which Core Value is this statement most closely tied to? Why?
- How does the Maintenance environment (culture) embrace our Air Force Core Values?
- How would you weave Core Values into the daily operations of a Maintenance unit?
- What is meant by the title, “The Driving Force?”
- Which part of the video had the biggest impact on you? Why?