

Portraits in Courage – William Pitsenbarger

Discussion Guide

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.

DESCRIPTION

Heritage Today video series inspire and challenge Airmen with stories of Air Force heritage. This video emphasizes the our Core Values..

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BEFORE VIEWING the “Portraits in Courage – William Pitsenbarger” 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?
- Do you think Air Force Core Values are for military use exclusively, or can the Core Values apply in our personal lives?

AFTER VIEWING the “Portraits in Courage – William Pitsenbarger” video, lead the following discussion:

- Which part of the video best portrayed our Core Values? Explain your reasoning.
- In the video we heard: “We lead the way by *showing* the way.” How is this related to our Core Values?
- What is meant by the words, “This was not a man who died the right way; this was a man who lived the right way.”?
- Which part of the video had the biggest impact on you? Why?