THE AIRMAN’S CREED

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.
I AM A WARRIOR
I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION’S CALL.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.
MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT AND WIN.
I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE,
A TRADITION OF HONOR,
AND A LEGACY OF VALOR.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,
GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE,
MY NATION’S SWORD AND SHIELD,
ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER.
I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN:
WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR.
I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND,
I WILL NEVER FALTER,
AND I WILL NOT FAIL.

The Air Force Song

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At ’em boys, give ’er the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!
Nothing’ll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Minds of men fashioned a crate of thunder,
Sent it high into the blue;
Hands of men blasted the world asunder;
How they lived God only knew!
Souls of men dreaming of skies to conquer
Gave us wings, ever to soar!
With scouts before and bombers galore. Hey!
Nothing’ll stop the U.S. Air Force!
Here’s a toast to the host
Of those who love the vastness of the sky,
To a friend we send a message of his brother men who fly.
We drink to those who gave their all of old,
Then down we roar to score the rainbow’s pot of gold.
A toast to the host of men we boast, the U.S. Air Force!

Off we go into the wild sky yonder,
Keep the wings level and true;
If you’d live to be a gray-haired wonder
Keep the nose out of the blue!
Flying men, guarding the nation’s border,
We’ll be there, followed by more!
In echelon we carry on. Hey!
Nothing’ll stop the U.S. Air Force!

**USAF Chain of Command:**

President: _____________________________

Sec. of Defense: _____________________________

Sec. of the Air Force: ____________________________

USAF Chief of Staff: _____________________________

AETC/CC: _____________________________

AU/CC: _____________________________

Holm Center/CC: _____________________________

AFROTC/CC: _____________________________

**USAF Major Commands:**

Air Mobility Command: Scott AFB, IL
Air Combat Command: Joint Base Langley-Eustis, VA
AETC: Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX
USAF Space Command: Peterson AFB, CO
USAF Special Operations Command: Hurlburt Field, FL
United States Air Forces in Europe: Ramstein Air Base, Germany
Pacific Air Forces: Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI
USAF Material Command: Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
USAF Reserve Command: Robins AFB, GA
USAF Global Strike Command: Barksdale AFB, LA
Mission Statements:

**AIR FORCE MISSION:**
TO FLY, FIGHT AND WIN...IN AIR, SPACE, AND CYBERSPACE

**HOLM CENTER MISSION:**
WE BUILD LEADERS

**AFROTC MISSION:**
DEVELOP QUALITY LEADERS FOR THE AIR FORCE.

**AFROTC FIELD TRAINING MISSION:**
TRAIN AND EVALUATE CADETS FOR POTENTIAL ENTRY INTO THE PROFESSIONAL OFFICER COURSE

The Air Force Code of Conduct

I.
I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense.

II.
I will never surrender of my own free will. If in command, I will never surrender the members of my command while they still have the means to resist.

III.
If I am captured, I will continue to resist by all means available. I will make every effort to escape and aid others to escape. I will accept neither parole nor special favors from the enemy.

IV.
If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith in my fellow prisoners. I will give no information nor take part in any action which might be harmful to my comrades. If I am senior I will take command. If not I will obey the lawful orders of those appointed over me and back them up in every way.

V.
When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am required to give name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.
VI.
I will never forget I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America.

**Important Quotes to Memorize:**

“Duty then is the sublimest word in the English language. You should do your duty in all things. You can never do more. You should never wish to do less.”

*General Robert E. Lee*

“The American people rightly look to their military leaders to be not only skilled in the technical aspects of the profession of arms, but to be men of integrity.”

*General Joseph L. Collins*

“Leadership is intangible; therefore no weapon ever designed can replace it.”

*General Omar Bradley*

“If our air forces are never used, they have achieved their finest goal.”

*General Nathan Twining*

“If I didn’t have air supremacy, I wouldn’t be here.”

*General Dwight D. Eisenhower*

“I don’t mind being called tough, because in this racket, it’s tough guys who lead the survivors.”

*General Curtis E. Lemay, Chief of Staff, USAF*

“In every battle, there comes a time when both sides consider themselves beaten; then he who continues the attack wins.”

*General Ulysses S. Grant*

“War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling, which thinks that nothing is worth war, is much worse. The person, who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.”

*John Stuart Mill*

“Integrity is the fundamental premise for military service in a free society. Without integrity, the moral pillars of our military strength, public trust, and self-respect are lost.”

*General Charles A. Gabriel, Chief of Staff, USAF*
“It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protestor to burn the flag.”

Father Denis Edward O’Brien, Sergeant, USMC

“War, once declared, must be waged offensively, aggressively. The enemy must not be fended off; but smitten down. You may then spare him every exaction, relinquish every gain, but ‘till then he must be struck incessantly and remorselessly.”

Alfred Thayer Mahan

“There is only one sort of discipline – PERFECT DISCIPLINE. Men cannot have good battle discipline and poor administrative discipline.”

General George S. Patton, Jr., USA

“The power of excellence is overwhelming. It is always in demand, and nobody cares about its color.”

General Daniel S. “Chappie” James, USAF

“Victory smiles upon those who anticipate the changes in the character of war, not upon those who wait to adapt themselves after the changes occur.”

Italian Air Marshall Guilio Douhet

“War makes extremely heavy demands on the soldier’s strength and nerves. For this reason, make heavy demands on your men in peacetime exercises.”

German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel