



SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
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To the Men and Women of the Department of the Air Force:

For more than 72 years, we have dominated in air, space, and cyberspace, used our talents and our tools to advance peace, and innovated to stay ahead of enemy threats. With the birth of the United States Space Force, we unleashed a revived pursuit of advanced space warfighting capabilities.

We are now a Department with two distinct services, yet we remain singularly focused on implementing the National Defense Strategy. Building on our past successes, the following priorities will guide our Air and Space Forces to increase readiness and lethality in *all* mission areas.

The Department of the Air Force will:

Build the United States Space Force

Prioritize and field the newest branch of the Armed Services to protect, defend, and fight in, through, and from the ultimate high ground.

Modernize the Air and Space Forces We Need

Build a lethal and ready force capable of competing, deterring, and if deterrence fails, fighting and winning in a war with a nuclear peer.

Grow Strong Leaders and Resilient Families

Create a culture of trust that values every individual and his or her family while responsibly developing and managing unique talents.

Strengthen our Allies and Partners

Deepen and develop all alliances and partnerships with a specific focus on the Indo-Pacific and European regions.

The men and women of the Department of the Air Force and the capabilities we bring to the Joint fight are in high demand around the globe. By focusing on these priorities, and by building on the solid foundation of innovation and selfless service of our predecessors, we will continue to safeguard the trust placed in us by our fellow Americans.

You and your families reflect the best of our Nation. Thank you for your service; we are proud to serve with you!


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