

## **Air Force Vision 2020**

Global Vigilance, Reach and Power.

## **Air Force Mission**

To defend the US and protect its interests through aerospace power.

## **AFOATS/ROTC Mission**

To produce leaders for the Air Force and build better citizens for America.

## **OTS Mission**

Building today's leaders for tomorrow's Air Force.

## **Oath of Office**

I, (Full Name) having been appointed a (Rank), in the United States Air Force, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, SO HELP ME GOD.

## **The Honor Code**

"We will not lie, steal, or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does."

## **Air Force Core Values**

Integrity First

Service Before Self

Excellence in All We Do

## **Tenets of Aerospace Power**

Centralized Control/Decentralized Execution

Flexibility/Versatility

Priority

Synergy

Balance

Concentration

Persistence

## **10 Propositions Regarding Air Power**

1. Whoever controls the air generally controls the surface.
2. Air Power is an inherently strategic force.
3. Air Power is primarily an offensive weapon.
4. In essence, Air Power is targeting, targeting is intelligence, and intelligence is analyzing the effects of air operations.
5. Air Power produces physical and psychological shock by dominating the fourth dimension, time.
6. Air Power can conduct parallel operations at all levels of war, simultaneously.

7. Precision air weapons have redefined the meaning of mass.
8. Air Power's unique characteristics necessitate that it be centrally controlled by airmen.
9. Technology and air power are integrally and synergistically related.
10. Air Power includes not only military assets, but an aerospace industry and commercial aviation.

### **Air Force Core Competencies**

Air and Space Superiority

Global Attack

Rapid Global Mobility

Precision Engagement

Information Superiority

Agile Combat Support

### **3 Levels of Warfare**

Strategic

Operational

Tactical

### **The Code of Conduct**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with 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 will back them up in every way.
5. 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.
6. I will never forget that 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.

### **Principles of War**

Objective

Offensive

Mass

Economy of Force

Maneuver

Unity of Command  
Security  
Surprise  
Simplicity

### **Air and Space Power Functions**

Counterair  
Counterspace  
Counterland  
Countersea  
Strategic Attack  
Counterinformation  
Command and Control  
Airlift  
Air Refueling  
Spacelift  
Special Operations Employment  
Intelligence  
Surveillance  
Reconnaissance  
Combat Search and Rescue  
Navigation and Positioning  
Weather Services

### **High Flight**

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings.  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence.  
Hov'ring there, I've chased the shouting wind along and  
Flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wing-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

### **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, giv'er the gun!  
Down we dive spouting our flame from under

Off with one hell-uv-a roar!  
We live in fame or go down in flame  
Nothing'll stop the US 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,  
Nothing can stop the US Air Force!

### **Military Phonetic Alphabet**

A - ALPHA  
B - BRAVO  
C - CHARLIE  
D - DELTA  
E - ECHO  
F - FOXTROT  
G - GOLF  
H - HOTEL  
I - INDIA  
J - JULIETT  
K - KILO  
L - LIMA  
M - MIKE  
N - NOVEMBER  
O - OSCAR  
P - PAPA  
Q - QUEBEC  
R - ROMEO  
S - SIERRA  
T - TANGO  
U - UNIFORM  
V - VICTOR  
W - WHISKEY  
X - XRAY  
Y - YANKEE  
Z - ZULU