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From the Prez -

Welcome to January 2022. If you're reading this, you managed to negotiate the end of 2021 and hopefully enjoyed the holiday season as much as I did. I hope that you continue to enjoy your daily activities and count the blessings you have as an American. I also encourage you to become as involved as you can with your local AFA Chapter 105.

For our October meeting we visited the 355th Explosive Ordnance Flight where we were treated to several presentations on what EOD does and demonstrations of some of their equipment. The flight members were enthusiastic about their jobs and their ability to support the mission of the 355th Wing and the Air Force.

DMAFB's 2021 Air Show "Thunder and Lightning Over Arizona" took center stage the weekend of November 6-7, and it was a total success. The weather was great, and the performers and ground displays were first class. Your chapter had an information booth that was manned both days by some great volunteers. See separate article for more information.

Although we didn't have a "normal" meeting in November due to Thanksgiving (which I hope you were able to enjoy and gorge yourselves on turkey like I did), your chapter did support the Thanksgiving Dorm Bash sponsored by the Tucson Military Affairs Committee. See separate article.

In December, we co-hosted the Annual Dacalians and AFA Christmas Dinner and Awards presentation. Unfortunately, since it was held on base at the Community Center, attendance was limited to 50 people. See separate article.

The 2021 Annual Arizona AFA Gathering (the 2020 event was cancelled due to COVID-19), which was planned for May 14-15, has been rescheduled to May 13-14, 2022. The event will still be hosted by Luke Chapter 151 and will be held at "The Wigwam" Resort in Litchfield, AZ. The Wigwam, which opened in 1929, will be the site of a dinner Friday night and State and Southwest Region meetings on Saturday. The featured speaker for Friday will be the Dean of the Mitchell Institute, Lt Gen David Deptula, USAF (Ret). This should be a great event so please consider putting it on your calendar.

One aspect of COVID-19 has been the use of distance learning for many courses and AFA has adapted to that for the CyberGenerations course. The CyberGenerations course is aimed at seniors and is intended to emphasize the need for cyber security both online and on your phone. You can access the course at: <https://www.uscyberpatriot.org/Pages/Special%20Initiatives/Virtual-Workshop.aspx>. If you haven't already experienced an email, web-based, or phone scam, you're lucky but I can almost guarantee that your time is coming. Take some time and be prepared.

While your chapter continues to be in good financial health, we need to continue raising funds to support chapter activities and fund the support we provide to our local airmen and their families; so please consider donating. If you are on Facebook, you can set up a fundraising event that directly supports YOUR chapter. If you use Amazon, consider making YOUR chapter the recipient of a donation every time you make a purchase by using Amazon Smile. You can get started at: <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?orig=%2F>. You'll need to designate Air Force Association Tucson Chapter as the recipient of your donation. It doesn't affect the price you pay and we receive 0.05% of all eligible purchases. Just making my Amazon purchases this way, I've generated \$22.51 for the chapter in 2021.

Air Force Association Chapter 105 is now part of the Fry's Community Rewards Program. This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. See separate article to see how to join the program.

We are always looking for members who want to be involved and everyone is invited to our Executive Committee meetings are usually on the first Monday of the month unless it falls on a federal holiday. (See calendar elsewhere for specific dates).

We have a full slate of activities for you to participate in over the coming year. In January, our meeting will be on Friday the 21st, at VFW Post 549, and our guest speaker will be Ben Buhler-Garcia, President of Tucson Community Cares Foundation and current broadcaster on American Warrior Radio where he tells the stories of the men and women who protect us at home and abroad.

For a list of all known events, see the events calendar later in this newsletter.

And remember, we are all: *Airmen for Life*

Wally Saeger, President



Chapter's October Program Visit to: Explosive Ordnance Disposal

On Friday October 29th, 20 chapter members gathered at one of the buildings housing the 355th Explosive Ordnance Flight of the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, 355th Mission Support Group. Led by SMSgt Rob Brown, members of the flight provided several briefings on the mission of EOD in general and the flight in particular. They then proceeded to demonstrate the Man Transportable Robotic System (MTRS) and the EOD 10 Bomb Suit. Probably the most dramatic demonstration was when A1C Ron Cataldo demonstrated the "emergency" quick doff of the suit and part of it impacted on the rolldown steel door behind him; creating a load bang that caught most people by surprise. See below for more information on Air Force EOD technicians and their vital mission.



A1C Ron Cataldo

Air Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians are experts who identify, render safe, and dispose of explosive threats around the world. AF EOD specializes in a wide variety of fields, ranging 9 total mission areas. They are the quintessential "enabler," ready to be attached to a variety of conventional military, Special Operations Forces (SOF), and Civilian Law Enforcement (LEO) teams, helping them accomplish their missions safely-domestically and abroad.

EOD is one of the only military specialties with this much joint infrastructure. All 4 branches contain EOD elements, and all technicians complete initial training at the Navy's School for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (NAVSCOLEOD). Over the last 19 years of conflict, we've repeatedly demonstrated our tactical expertise alongside the Army and Marine Corps. That reputation has carried on to present day, making AF EOD sought after by all ground combat elements. We specialize in Aircraft operations but are just as ready as any of our Army, Marine, or Navy EOD comrades to fill the role of joint combat enabler, whenever and wherever a unit needs us.



Transportable Robotic System

EOD is an inherently dangerous job, requiring a cool head under pressure. We need individuals who can critically think with minimal resources to resolve complex obstacles. Additionally, fitness is key. Our pipeline isn't a SOF selection; we don't need Olympic-level athletes. But we need people who prioritize fitness. Your fitness ties directly to your ability to: stay mentally sharp on mission, get your team and your equipment out of dangerous spots to safety, and maintain a professional image that the rest of the Air Force can look up to.

Resilience is a major key to success in the pipeline and beyond. EOD techs have some of the darkest humor in the DoD, and for good reason: humor allows you to process overwhelming situations. If you can laugh about it, you can compartmentalize bad things and keep your cool under pressure. That also means having thick skin during training and after. You will get razed as the new guy; it's not to haze you or "just because." We want to see if you're capable of handling that external pressure and still performing. Don't be nervous or angry about those experiences: 1) Everyone has gone through it before you, 2) It's a chance for you to strut your wit and your ability to laugh at yourself, 3) Those "trials" prepare you for joint taskings down the road, where the units you're supporting will do the exact same thing to "test the new Air Force EOD guy."

2021 Annual Daedalians/AFA Christmas Dinner and Awards Presentations

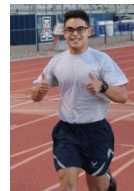
As noted in my newsletter introduction, your AFA Chapter co-hosted the Annual Daedalian/AFA Christmas Dinner and Awards Presentations, Friday December 3rd at the DMAFB Community Center. Attendance was again limited by DoD COVID guidance; this year it was 50 people. The dinner was catered by Sapphire Catering which did an outstanding job.

Lt Col Jerry Bryant, USAF (Ret), the Old Pueblo Flight 12 Commander, and Col Wally Saeger, USAF (Ret), your Chapter 105 president were the MCs for the evening.

During the awards presentation, the Daedalians recognized their Pilot of the Year candidates Captain Susan Collins, an EC-130H Compass Call Instructor Pilot in the 55th Electronic Combat Group; Captain Julian "Manbat" Rooks, an A-10 Instructor Pilot in the 357th Fighter Squadron; and Captain Joshua "Utah" Stanley, an Evaluator Pilot for the HH-60H helicopter in 55th Rescue Squadron. Captain Stanley was recognized as the 2021 Daedalians Old Pueblo Flight 12 Pilot of the Year.

The Daedalians presented their scholarships to the flying candidates from the University of Arizona ROTC cadets from the Air Force, Army, Navy & Marines. They also recognized their OPF 12 Volunteer of the Year, Lt Col Steve Austin, USAF (Ret).

Keeping with a tradition started several years ago, your chapter presented a \$750 scholarship to a non-flying AFROTC cadet, Vincent A. Garcia, who is majoring in Physiology and looking at either medicine or Cyber in the Air Force. Since Cadet Garcia is not on scholarship the money was greatly appreciated. His guest for the evening was his dad, CMSgt Vincent Garcia who had previously been assigned to DMAFB and is currently assigned to Langley AFB.



Annual Thanksgiving DMAFB Dorm Bash

The Military Affairs Committee of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce coordinated and hosted the Annual Thanksgiving Dorm Bash held on Monday, November 22nd. As usual, the weather was chilly and windy which made keeping table clothes in place problematic, but the young troops didn't seem to be bothered. David Ifflander, chairman of the MAC led the effort to organize the event.



BrushFire BBQ again supplied the food which was delicious and was consumed by over 250 dorm residents and then at least 100+ take-away meals were prepared for DMAFB airmen such as fire department and security forces that couldn't attend in person.



2021 DMAFB Airshow a Success

Originally scheduled for April, the 2021 DMAFB Airshow was rescheduled to November 6-7 due to COVID-19 concerns. The move proved to be good, and the show was well attended. The weather was great although a little warm for November. The aerial demonstrations were viewed with awe and the static displays drew plenty of people eager to walk around; numerous aircraft were open for people to climb in or walk through.

The Air Force Thunderbirds wrapped up both days of flying with a new show meant to be tighter and more entertaining. When most of the 2020 airshow season was cancelled, the Thunderbirds revamped their ground and air shows to be more concise and keep the crowd engaged. To learn more about how this was done go to: <https://www.airforce.com/content/airforce/en/news/thunderbirds-set-to-debut-new-aerial-demonstration--ground-show.html#content-anchor>



AFA Booth: L-R: Wally Saeger, Dick Roberts, Jack Carter

Your Chapter again had an information booth that was manned both days by numerous volunteers (Jack Carter, Bryan Foulk, Ron Furtak, Bill Goodall, Tom Johnson, Marie Lankford, Dick Roberts, Bob Robuck, Vickie Jo Ryder, Marilyn Zabowsky, and Wally

Saeger). Although the booth was located near the general public entrance, that meant a LONG walk for the booth volunteers from their designated parking area and entrance to the flightline. Thank you booth volunteers

Presentation to New Community Partners



Peter Wagle, Owner & CEO of
Brushfire BBQ



Dick Roberts, Aero Club of
Arizona

"A Little Bit of History"

Douglas Aircraft XB-42 Mixmaster



The Douglas Aircraft XB-42 Mixmaster was an experimental bomber aircraft, designed for high top speed. The unconventional approach was to mount the two engines within the fuselage driving a pair of contra-rotating propellers mounted at the tail, leaving the wing and fuselage clean and free of drag-inducing protrusions. Two prototype aircraft were built, but the end of World War II changed priorities and the advent of the jet engine gave an alternative way toward achieving high speed.

The aircraft mounted a pair of Allison V-1710-125 liquid-cooled V-12 engines behind the crew's cabin, each driving one of the twin propellers. Air intakes were in the wing leading edge. The undercarriage was tricycle and a full, four surface cruciform tail was fitted, whose ventral fin/rudder unit prevented the coaxial propellers from striking the ground. The pilot and co-pilot sat under twin bubble canopies, and the bombardier sat in the extreme front behind a plexi-glass nose.

Defensive armament was two 0.50 in (12.7 mm) machine guns each side in the trailing edge of the wing, which retracted into the wing when not in use. These guns were aimed by the copilot through a sighting station at the rear of his cockpit. The guns had a limited field of fire and could only cover the rear, but with the aircraft's high speed it was thought unlikely that intercepting fighters would be attacking from any other angle.

Two more guns were fitted to fire directly forward. Initially ordered as attack aircraft (XA-42) in the summer of 1943, this variant would have been armed with 16 machine guns or a 75 mm cannon and two machine guns.

The first XB-42 was delivered to the Army Air Force and flew at Palm Springs, California on 6 May 1944. Performance was excellent, being basically as described in the original proposal; as fast or faster than the de Havilland Mosquito but with defensive armament and twice the bombload. The twin bubble canopies proved a bad idea as communications were adversely affected and a single bubble canopy was substituted after the first flight.

Testing revealed the XB-42 suffered from some instability as excessive yaw was encountered, vibrations, and poor engine cooling - all problems that could probably have been dealt with. Due to the vertical stabilizer and rudder located underneath the fuselage, careful handling during taxiing, takeoff and landing was required because of limited ground clearance.

The end of World War II, though, allowed the Air Force to consider possibilities with a little more leisure and it was decided to wait for the development of better jet bombers rather than continue with the B-42 program.

In December 1945, Captain Glen Edwards and Lt. Col. Henry E. Warden set a new transcontinental speed record when they flew the XB-42 from Long Beach, California to Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., a distance of 2,300 miles, in just 5 hours, 17 minutes, the XB-42 set a speed record of 433.6 mph.

The record-breaking XB-42 prototype had been destroyed in a crash at Bolling Field attributed to a failure of the landing gear, but the other was used in flight test programs, including fulfilling a December 1943 proposal by Douglas to fit uprated engines and underwing Westinghouse 19XB-2A axial-flow turbojets of 1,600 lbf (7.1 kN) thrust each, making it the XB-42A. In this configuration, it first flew at Muroc on 27 May 1947. In testing, it reached 488 mph (785 km/h). After 22 flights, the lower vertical stabilizer and rudder were damaged in a hard landing in 1947. The XB-42A was repaired but never flew again, and was taken off the AAF inventory on 30 June 1949.

THUNDER & LIGHTNING OVER
ARIZONA
DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE
NOVEMBER 6-7, 2021



Photo Credit: Rick
 McCallum/Green
 Valley News

The Department of Veteran Affairs has extended the presumptive period for qualifying chronic disabilities resulting from undiagnosed illnesses in Persian Gulf War Veterans to Dec. 31, 2026.



Dear Veteran,

The Department of Veteran Affairs has extended the presumptive period for qualifying chronic disabilities resulting from undiagnosed illnesses in Persian Gulf War Veterans to December 31, 2026.

Prior to the extension, Persian Gulf War Veterans had to file a claim for disability compensation before the end of the 2021 calendar year. VA is extending the presumptive period for qualifying chronic disabilities of 10% or more to ensure benefits established by Congress are fairly administered.

With scientific uncertainty remaining as to the cause and time of onset of illnesses suffered by Persian Gulf War Veterans and current research studies are inconclusive, limiting entitlement to benefits due to the expiration of the presumptive period would be premature. If an extension of the current presumptive period was not implemented, Service members whose conditions arise after December 31, 2021, would be substantially disadvantaged compared to Service members whose conditions manifested at an earlier date.

VA presumes certain medically unexplained illnesses are related to Gulf War service without regard to cause. These include: chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, functional gastrointestinal disorders, and undiagnosed illnesses with symptoms that may include but are not limited to: abnormal weight loss, cardiovascular disease, muscle and joint pain, headache, menstrual disorders, neurological and psychological problems, skin conditions, respiratory disorders, and sleep disturbances.

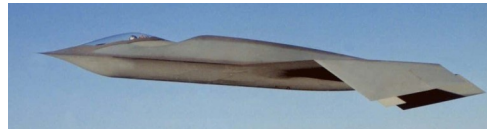
A wide variety of symptoms can qualify a Gulf War Veteran for presumptive service-connection, Veterans who are experiencing unexplained medical issues are encouraged to file a claim.



Do you notice anything peculiar with this photo of an A-10 refueling? (see page 6)

Boeing Bird of Prey

The Boeing Bird of Prey was a black project aircraft, intended to demonstrate stealth technology. It was developed by McDonnell Douglas and Boeing in the 1990s. The company provided \$67 million of funding for the project; it was a low-cost program compared to



many other programs of similar scale. It developed technology and materials which would later be

used on Boeing's X-45 unmanned combat air vehicle. As an internal project, this aircraft was not given an X-plane designation. There are no public plans to make this a production aircraft. It is characterized as a technology demonstrator.

Development of the Bird of Prey began in 1992 by McDonnell Douglas's Phantom Works division for special projects, at Area 51. The aircraft's name is a reference to the Klingon Bird of Prey warship from the *Star Trek* television series. Phantom Works later became part of Boeing Integrated Defense Systems after the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger in 1997.

The first flight was in 1996, and 39 more flights were performed through the program's conclusion in 1999. The Bird of Prey was designed to prevent shadows and is believed to have been used to test active camouflage, which would involve its surfaces changing color or luminosity to match the surroundings.



Because it was a demonstration aircraft, the Bird of Prey used a commercial off-the-shelf turbofan engine and manual hydraulic controls rather than fly-by-wire. This shortened the development time and greatly reduced its cost. (A production aircraft would have computerized controls.)

The shape is aerodynamically stable enough to be flown without computer correction. Its aerodynamic stability is in part due to lift provided by the chines, as used in other aircraft including the SR-71 Blackbird. This provided lift for the nose in flight. This configuration, which can be stable without a horizontal tailplane and a conventional vertical rudder, is now a standard in later stealth unmanned aerial vehicles such as the X-45 and X-47, tailless aircraft which use drag rudders (asymmetrically-used wingtip airbrakes) for rudder control.

The aircraft was made public on October 18, 2002.

VCoB-Field Visits Tucson

The Vice Chairman of the Board for Field Operations, Jim Simmons, visited Tucson AZ on December 21st to visit with AZ state and local chapter officers. Jim was on vacation in AZ and took the opportunity to journey to Tucson and have a lunch meeting at BrushFire BBQ, one of our newest community partners, to discuss what was happening in Arizona and specifically with Chapters 105 (Tucson) and 107 (Sierra Vista). There was a great exchange of ideas. Jim was accompanied by his wife Lana.

Following that meeting, Jim & Lana Simmons, Wally Saeger and Ross Lampert met with Colonel Joseph Turnham, 355th Wing Commander, Davis-Monthan AFB, for a short curtesy call.

To add a little fun to their visit, Jim & Lana went to the Titan Museum in Green Valley accompanied by Ross Lampert.

Tucson Community Cares Foundation

Tucson Community Cares Foundation (TCCF) was created in 2008 during the height of Iraqi War to address DoD funding gaps and the needs of Davis Monthan airmen and their families during deployments, while at the same time facilitating community support to the base.

Davis Monthan Airmen and their families have been impacted every year since the beginning of the war in the 1990s. Some squadrons at the base have been on continual deployment since that time. They will likely continue to be deployed to nations around the globe to combat the ongoing terrorism threat to our nation and the world. While troops may be drawing down in some nations, other nations have established a base for US troops and our presence will be in the region for decades to come.

Although TCCF's primary focus is on the military members and Department of Defense (DOD) employees and their families assigned to DMAFB, there are occasions when we are able to support military troops assigned to the base on temporary duty. TCCF was able to support several hundred Army troops deployed to the base who were supplementing support to US Customs and Border Patrol. We were able to provide these troops with refreshments and entertainment for a Christmas Eve activity.

Our trademark event, BAirmen, is conducted several times during the year. BAirmen is family event which gives children of deploying members at DMAFB the opportunity to select a bear skin of their choice. They build their bear and the deploying parent records a message on a chip which is placed in the bear. The bear is a tangible bond between the child and parent while they are separated. Refreshments and entertainment (Reid Park Zoo, Desert Museum, The Mini Time Machine Museum, indoor trampoline parks, etc.) are also provided.

TCCF also acts as a conduit for the community, both organizations and individuals, to support airmen and their families through monetary or in-kind donations. We rely on our Tucson community and your concern for DMAFB Airmen and their families. The Foundation relies on community support, and desire to assist in coordinating programs that meet the Airmen and their families' needs. We typically do not coordinate the event itself, but coordinate the items needed to make the event happen, which include support for programs: aiding family members while their active-duty member is deployed, helping single airmen, helping deployed members with programs upon their return, educating the whole family to learn skills to cope with family changing dynamics before, during and after deployment, and providing support to base wide morale boosting events.

Marriage Retreats	Meals at "the Loft" for single airmen
Squadron family day events	Cooking classes for singles
Squadron morale retreats	Junior Expeditionary Forces JEF
BAirmen	Operation COPE
Monthly Deployed Family Dining	Pilot for the Day for children
Quarterly Family Birthday Meals	Wing wide Team Competitions
Valentines Breakfast	Winterfest
Month of the Military Child	Baby Bonanza
Operation Junior Hero	Military Spouses Day
Spouse Resilience	Air Force Ball
Violence Prevention Support	Annual Awards

Support to squadrons at deployed locations, typically a picnic during a holiday when they miss it here. i.e., 4th of July, Thanksgiving, etc.

A-10 Refueling

The picture is of an A-10 refueling behind a KC-135 with a KC-10 refueling boom. The KC-10 boom was flown on a KC-135 during the test program for the boom in 1977-78 and flown to refuel all refuelable aircraft in the Air Force inventory. At that time, the boom was designated as the Advanced Aerial Refueling Boom (AARB).



Flying 101



Community Partner Program

For more than 40 years, businesses have been joining the Air Force Association to support both AFA National and local AFA chapters. Becoming a Community Partner is a great way to get your business involved with your local Air Force Community. Community Partners are partnership businesses that want to assist both AFA National and the local AFA chapters by becoming involved in Community efforts to support the United States Air Force.

By forming a partnership with your local AFA chapter, your business will help AFA fulfill their mission to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense. Any business or organization can become a CP and have two options for membership:

Category One (CP I) \$90.00 annually- Business can designate one person to receive AFA Membership and enjoy all benefits thereof.

Category Two (CP II) \$180.00 annually- Business can designate two people to receive AFA Membership and enjoy all benefits thereof.

Not only does a Community Partner receive all the benefits of an AFA membership, such as a variety of product and service discounts, insurance programs, and much more, but the partner will also receive the following upon joining AFA:

— Date Medallion

Wooden Plaque

8"x5" "Our Business Supports Our Troops" Window Decal

If your business is interested in becoming a Community Partner, you should first contact your local chapter.

For questions or for more information on the program, please contact: **Dave Carrell, carrelldav@aol.com, (520) 305-4407**

Have your business become a part of a great cause and show your patrons that you support our Air Force!

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Upcoming Events

As we continue to adjust to the “New Norm”, we look to schedule future “field trips” to different organization on base. If you have something specific you want to see please let us know! There are MANY events supporting our local Airmen listed below and more to come! As a Chapter, we try to attend all that we can. If you are interested in representing our AFA Chapter at any of these, please inform Wally Saeger (wsaeger@afatucson105.org) and he will coordinate it. You just have to show up and enjoy these traditional military ceremonies and gatherings. First come, first served!!

January 2022

- 3rd: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 12:00 Noon, 355th Operations Group Conference Room (all welcome!)
- 21st: Chapter Meeting, Ben Buhler-Garcia, 11:30 AM, VFW Post 549, 8424 E Old Spanish Trail

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- 7th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, 355th Operations Group Conference Room (all welcome!)
- 25th: NO Chapter Meeting Heritage Flight is March 4-6

March 2022

- 4th: Heritage Flight, DMAFB Flightline, More Details to follow
- 7th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, Location TBD
- 19-20: Luke AFB Airshow
- 24th: Chapter Meeting, Subject and Location TBD

SAVE THESE DATES:

- Apr 4th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, 355th Operations Group Conference Room (all welcome!)
- Apr 22nd: Chapter Meeting, TBD
- May 2nd: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, Location TBD (all welcome!)
- May 13-14, 2022: AFA AZ Annual Gathering, Phoenix AZ Hosted by Luke Chapter 151
- May 27th: NO Chapter Meeting, Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Weekend
- Jun 6th: Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 1200, 355th Operations Group Conference Room (all welcome!)
- Jun 24th: Chapter Meeting TBD

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Air Force Association Means Americans for Air Power

JOIN AFA

AFA's Mission

Our Mission is to promote dominant U. S. Air and Space Forces as the foundation of a strong National Defense; to honor and support our Airmen, Guardians, and their Families; and to remember and respect our enduring Heritage.

To accomplish this, we:

- **EDUCATE** the public on the critical need for unrivaled aerospace power and promote aerospace and STEM education for a technically superior and professional workforce to ensure national security;
- **ADVOCATE** and promote aerospace power to favorably shape policy and resourcing decisions to guarantee the strongest aerospace forces in the world;
- **SUPPORT** Airmen, Guardians, and the families of the Total Air Force and Space Force, including Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, civilians, families, and members of the Civil Air Patrol.