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To the Airmen of the United States Air Force,

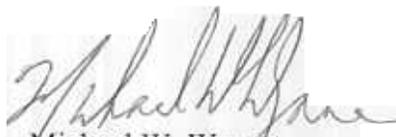
Almost 60 years ago the President and Congress created our Air Force. The world we live in today has changed dramatically over those six decades. Today, our world is fast paced, constantly shifting, and filled with a wide range of challenges. Our mission is our guiding compass, and now more than ever we need it to be clear and precise. Therefore, we have rewritten the Air Force's mission statement to define where and what we do...

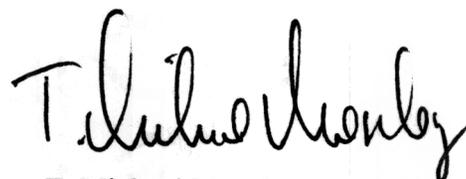
*The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options
for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests
– to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.*

Our task is to provide the National Command Authority, the Combatant Commanders, and our Nation with an array of options ... options that are not limited by the tyranny of distance, the urgency of time, or the strength of our enemy's defenses. With one hand the Air Force can deliver humanitarian assistance to the farthest reaches of the globe, while with the other hand we can destroy a target anywhere in the world. This is the meaning of sovereign options and the essence of being a superpower. We will be the best at what we do, and we will accomplish our mission as part of a joint, coalition team.

Our adversaries will contest us across all of the domains: Land, Sea, Air, Space, and Cyberspace. As Airmen, it is our calling to dominate Air, Space, and Cyberspace. If we can decisively and consistently control these commons, then we will deter countless conflicts. If our enemies underestimate our resolve; then we will fly, fight, and destroy them.

The pioneers of airpower – Billy Mitchell, Hap Arnold, Curtis LeMay, Bernie Schriever – knew what their mission was: to fly and fight wherever our Nation calls. The Air Force's mission statement has evolved over time, but it does not change the nature of who we are or what we do. Our heritage has given us a limitless horizon. Just as our predecessors did in the past, we will continue to fly, to fight, and to win wherever we are called. We are the greatest Air Force in the world, because of you ... because of your sacrifice, dedication, and skill. Keep up the great work!


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