

*Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2025*

**Message on the 78th Birthday of the United States Air Force**  
*September 18, 2025*

Since 1947, the men and women of the United States Air Force have been the fearless guardians of our skies, heroically maintaining order, stability, and peace among the clouds and across our horizons. On the 78th birthday of the United States Air Force, we celebrate this storied branch's enduring legacy as the most elite airpower force in the history of the world, and we commend the grit, dedication, and selfless service of the thousands of Airmen who live by the timeless motto: "Aim High . . . Fly-Fight-Win."

Over the decades, the Air Force has built a rich and proud heritage of air dominance, technical prowess, tactical capability, and unrivaled lethality. Every day, the warriors of the United States Air Force serve around the globe—whether engaged in combat operations, natural disaster response, nuclear deterrence, or homeland defense—keeping America safe, strong, and free.

As Commander in Chief, I am advancing an Air Force that promotes peace through strength and ensures America's unmatched dominance in the skies. In June, the world witnessed an unprecedented demonstration of firepower, precision, and professionalism when Air Force pilots and crewmembers obliterated Iran's nuclear capabilities in a highly complex and perfectly executed mission. The overwhelming success of Operation Midnight Hammer proved that our Air Force can complete any mission, defeat any foe, and inflict absolute devastation on our enemies from the sky, anywhere in the world and at the time of our choosing.

Operation Midnight Hammer was a testament to training, preparation, experience, and exceptional teamwork across the entire Air Force. The brave airmen tasked with this mission, and the servicemembers who supported their flights, made our Nation proud and the world a safer place. They represent the best of America and reflect the skill, bravery, loyalty, and unflinching resolve of every airman who swears the oath.

As we commemorate 78 years of the United States Air Force, Melania joins me in celebrating the incredible American patriots in the world's finest air force and the families who share the blessings and sacrifices of military service.

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