



## **THE AIRMAN'S CREED**

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On 18 April 2007, General T. Michael Moseley, CSAF, introduced the Airman's Creed to the Air Force.<sup>1</sup> At that time, the Air Force had been involved in continuous combat operations for over 16 years. During that period, Airmen became highly specialized and technically capable across a broad spectrum of operations, which resulted in a drift toward an emphasis on technical proficiency and away from a warfighting orientation. As a result, General Moseley created the Airman's Creed in an effort to reinvigorate the warrior spirit and articulate the fundamental beliefs that capture the essence of the Airman warrior. The Airman's Creed is intended to remind all Airmen that they are not just a "conglomeration of diverse specialties, skill sets, or jobs," but theirs is the profession of arms. It allows Airmen to think and act with one mind, and with a commitment to fundamental warfighting beliefs. Airmen are warriors, and are dedicated to flying, fighting, and winning. Following its release, it replaced all existing Air Force-related creeds.

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**I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.  
I AM A WARRIOR.  
I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION'S CALL.**

**I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN.  
MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT, AND WIN.  
I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE,  
A TRADITION OF HONOR,  
AND A LEGACY OF VALOR.**

**I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN,  
GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE,  
MY NATION'S SWORD AND SHIELD,  
ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER.  
I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE.**

**I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN:  
WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR.  
I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND,  
I WILL NEVER FALTER,  
AND I WILL NOT FAIL.**

<sup>1</sup> "Airman's Creed Exemplifies Warfighting Ethos," <http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123049390>, accessed 10 Jun 09.