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## Diversity & Inclusion: An Operational Imperative



- Our people are the greatest, most valued part of our Air Force. We are wingmen, leaders and warriors with heritages and skills as diverse as our nation.
- Air Force decision-making and operational capabilities are enhanced by diversity and inclusion in our force, making us more agile, innovative and effective.
- With the challenges we face in today's dynamic environment, we cannot afford to do less than fully leverage the talents of every member of our team.
- We must identify, and recruit those who possess the character, critical thinking skills, education and aptitude to thrive in dynamic environments, and diversity of thought.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tuskegee Airmen



- The Tuskegee Airmen in World War II are a prime historical example of how leveraging the talents of our diverse citizenry increases our operational success.
- July 19<sup>th</sup> marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the first aviation class comprised of 13 cadets.
- The Tuskegee Airmen flew more than 1,200 missions for the 99<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, 301<sup>st</sup> and 302<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadrons under the Twelfth Air Force.
- The most famous African-American unit of World War II was the 332<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Group manned by the Tuskegee Airmen.
- The 99<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron had a total of 112 aerial victories during World War II.

## Fourth of July celebrations

As America celebrates its 240th birthday over the weekend, please take time to reflect, spend time with family and enjoy activities while celebrating America's independence. Stay safe!



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## ► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

**June 30, 1982** – Rockwell International rolled out the Space Shuttle Challenger.

**July 1, 1996** – An Air Force crew flew an EA-6B Prowler off the deck of the USS Constellation for the first time.

**July 2, 1943** – Lt. Charles Hall, 99th Fighter Squadron, became the first American black pilot to shoot down an Axis plane, a German Focke-Wulf 190, over Sicily.

**July 3, 1949** – The Air Force gave the B-29 Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, to the Smithsonian Institution.

**July 4, 1908** – Scientific American offered the first American air trophy for the first flight of one kilometer. Glenn H. Curtiss won this award at Hammondsport, New York, in the June Bug with a one minute, 42.5 second flight at 39 mph. A representative of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale timed and measured the event. It was the first official test of an airplane made in America.

**July 5, 1974** – The 555<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron moved without personnel or equipment from Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base to Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, to become the first F-15 Eagle squadron in the Air Force.

**July 6, 1951** – Maj. Henry H. “Hap” Arnold set a new speed record by flying 500 miles between Rockwell Field, California, and San Francisco in four hours, 25 minutes.



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