This Is Your Air Force

Roll Call! Airpower is not a solo effort. One leader does not win a war; one pilot does not bomb every target; one loadmaster does not supply the entire fight. Airpower has and always will be a team effort, and together we are the world’s greatest airpower team.

The global vigilance, global reach and global power we provide for our nation and partners around the world would not be possible if not for every single Airman in our Air Force. We simply cannot win the fight without you.

Perhaps nobody knew this better than our 9th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, James Binnicker. Chief Binnicker passed away this March, leaving behind a legacy of leadership that always encouraged and challenged Airmen to shape the future. He wasn’t OK with neglect, apathy, or simply passing the buck. He demanded action, ownership, innovation…and a commitment to professionalism in our chosen Profession of Arms.

This month he’ll be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, surrounded by family, friends and Airmen he knew would carry that commitment forward.

We must take on his challenge and commit to do our best. We must, and will, continue to hoist the torch.

Each and every Airman is critical to the projection of airpower and owns a stake in our future success. It is through your leadership that we create and strengthen partnerships to leverage increased wisdom and perspective. It is you who count on to effectively and efficiently strengthen our team and accomplish our mission. It is you who stand in the best position to discover innovative ways to deliver our core competencies: Rapid Global Mobility, Precision Engagement, Global Attack, Air and Space Superiority, Information Superiority, and Agile Combat Support.

This is your Air Force. As the emerging global environment continues to evolve, and as the pace of change continues to surge, it is you – our Airmen – who will shape our future.

Chief Binnicker was a powerful change agent, challenging us to be better and aim higher until the day cancer took him from us for good. You have the power to carry his legacy forward, the legacy of all those giants whose shoulders we stand upon today. Your combined intelligence, spirit of innovation and dedication to the mission has always been our greatest source of strength. I encourage you to take an active role in our future.

This is your Air Force. It’s our Air Force…and it’s up to us to do our best and continue forward.

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