



COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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Priority Topic of the Week Mentoring

Mentoring

The purpose of force development is to educate, train, and build experience in our innovative Airmen across the Total Force. Airmen serve as sentinels of dominant air and space power by displaying the highest standards of professionalism and excellence. Mentoring is one of the pillars for developing exceptional leaders to lead the world's most powerful teams.

The Air Force Mentoring Model as explained in AFMAN 36-2643, *Air Force Mentoring Program*, emphasizes the critical phases of effective mentoring. The manual also explains different relationship types, how to develop a Mentoring Plan and discussion topics, and provides mentor/mentee checklists. Mentors and mentees should understand the specific guidelines for mentoring, be fully engaged, and be actively involved in planning for mentoring sessions. Mentors and mentees should develop mutual respect, maintain trust and honest communication, and establish a collaborative partnership.

Why is Mentoring Important?

- Mentoring is transformational and facilitates the development of Airmen by sharing expertise, values, competencies, perspectives, and attitudes.
- It has the power to unlock the innovative potential that resides in all Airmen.
- It is a unique and satisfying experience for the mentor to be able to help a mentee achieve his or her goals.
- Mentoring is an essential ingredient in developing well-rounded and competent leaders for it helps prepare them for increased responsibilities.

MyVECTOR

MyVECTOR is a web-based mentoring network with resources that allow mentees to manage their career development with the input and guidance from a mentor. The platform supports individual Airmen, career field managers and development teams. Mentees are able to:

- Invite participants to serve as mentors
- Select mentors based on preferences
- Chat with their mentor online
- Complete a mentoring plan

For more information and resources, visit the [MyVECTOR](#) website.

Topics of Interest

- SECAF outlines Air Force Priorities during speech ([AF.MIL](#))
- Gen Goldfein delivers Air Force update ([AF.MIL](#))
- CMSAF discusses leadership, dedication, innovation at AFA ([AF.MIL](#))
- Spark Tank Competition announced ([AF.MIL](#))

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- 1) 1-2 sentence synopsis of the issue
- 2) hyperlink to further details
- 3) a POC name and contact information.

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