

# Roll Call

Airmen: Winning the Fight. Strengthening the Team. Shaping the Future.

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## Two Words, Two Syllables, Two Seconds

Thank You. Those two little words pack a powerful punch. When conveyed with sincerity, a small note of thanks can heighten an Airman's self-worth, increase the motivation they need to move forward, and ultimately ***Strengthen Our Team***.

Two little words, two syllables...less than two seconds. We should use them more often.

We've been through a lot this year; we've been challenged on all fronts. Today we are still at war and actively engaged around the world. The impacts of sequestration have been unprecedented and we continue to work through this new reality. Readiness has declined and unfortunately we've seen our civilian Airman furloughed, twice. Yet through every challenge our Airmen and their families push forward. You serve our nation proudly and are the reason we remain the most dominant airpower in the world. For that, we owe you our thanks.

As fellow Airmen, we - Secretary Fanning, General Welsh and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Cody - thank you for your loyalty and perseverance. We are remarkably proud to lead this team. Everything you do, from the sacrifices you make to the endless actions you take to accomplish the mission, contributes to our greatness. We are forever grateful for you and your families' service.

We also ask that each of you pass on the gratitude to the members of your team...not just from us, but from you.

When you gather as a group, look around the room. Consider the impact your fellow Airmen have on your team. Who goes above and beyond? Who does the little things that ease the stress of your day? Who does it all without expecting an ounce in return? Find those people - our bet is they make up your entire team - and say thank you. Pass on the gratitude they absolutely deserve...sometimes it's just that simple.

Every year we set a day aside to give thanks. That day, Thanksgiving, is soon upon us. We'll gather with family, friends and fellow Airmen and reflect on the many things we often take for granted. We go through a lot to serve our nation. We are focused, we are busy and we are often stressed, but know you can truly make a difference - you can ***Strengthen Our Team*** - with two little words, two syllables...less than two seconds...Thank You.

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