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The Adjutant General's message on the U.S. Air Force birthday

This Saturday will mark 74 years since the U.S. Air Force became a separate branch of the military.

Since Sept. 18, 1947, the Air Force has answered the nation's call.

Recently, the Air Force unveiled a new mission statement: "To fly, fight, and win...airpower anytime, anywhere."

The statement emphasizes the ability to fight and win with airpower is key to having the advantage over our adversaries.

Most importantly, it takes the Total Force working as a team in order to fly, fight, and win. That includes the more than 5,000 Ohio Air National Guard members, spanning an array of Air Force specialty codes, who are operating as part of that Total Force. Our Ohio units are ready to deploy at a moment's notice. In fact, many are deployed as I write to you today.

Join me in wishing the U.S. Air Force a happy birthday and thanking the Airmen in Ohio, across the country, and around the world who fly, fight, and win...airpower anytime, anywhere.

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