



Ohio Adjutant General's Department

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Message from the Adjutant General on the U.S. Air Force's 75th birthday

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force. Born from the foundations laid by U.S. Army aviation, the Air Force and the Air National Guard — as its Reserve Component — were created Sept. 18, 1947.

For seven and a half decades, American Airmen have executed their mission to fly, fight and win in defense of our nation.

Today's Total Air Force includes the nearly 5,000 Airmen in the Ohio Air National Guard, who are trained and ready to deliver airpower anytime, anywhere.

The theme for this year's anniversary calls on Airmen to "Innovate, Accelerate and Thrive."

Innovation is not just employing the latest and greatest in technology, but also when we empower our members to improve our capabilities and create new efficiencies to be an effective force. That empowerment gives us a competitive edge over our adversaries and contributes to having the world's greatest Air Force.

Happy 75th anniversary, U.S. Air Force!

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