



# General Knowledge

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**Air Force Core Values:** 1. Integrity first  
2. Service before self  
3. Excellence in all we do

**Dept of Air Force Established:** 18 Sep 1947  
**Air Force Colors:** Ultramarine Blue and AF Yellow  
**Air Force Motto:** "Aim High...Fly-Fight-Win"

**Air Force JROTC Mission:** "Developing citizens of character."

**Air Force JROTC Goals:** Instill values of citizenship, service to the United States, personal responsibility and sense of accomplishment.

**Honor Code Pledge:** "I will not lie, cheat, or steal nor tolerate those among us who do."

## Air Force JROTC Chain of Command

Holm Center Commander: Brig Gen Joseph Sheffield  
Director of the AFJROTC: Lt Col Matthew E. Tipton  
Region 1 Director: Mr. Wayne Barron  
Region 1, Sub-Region 6 Director: Mrs. Tonia Howze  
Fort Bend ISD Superintendent: Dr. Mark Smith  
Lawrence E. Elkins Principal: Ms. Courtney Muceus  
Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, TX-932: Capt Hunter J. Channell  
Aerospace Science Instructor, TX-932: MSgt Rodney L. Whitaker  
TX-932 Cadet Squadron Commander C/Capt Keimonee Green

## Air Force Chain of Command:

Commander-in-Chief: President Donald Trump  
Secretary of Defense: Honorable Pete Hegseth  
Secretary of the Air Force: Honorable Troy Meink  
Chief of Staff of the Air Force: General David Allvin  
Commander, Air Education and Training Command: Lt Gen Brian S. Robinson  
Commander, Air Force Accessions Center: Brig Gen Christopher Amrhein

**Air Force Ranks:** General, Lieutenant General, Major General, Brigadier General, Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Chief Master Sergeant, Senior Master Sergeant, Master Sergeant, Technical Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Senior Airman, Airman First Class, Airman, Airman Basic.

**Department of Defense** is made up of: Department of the Air Force (includes the US Space Force), Department of the Army, and Department of the Navy (includes the US Marines Corps). The Coast Guard is in the Department of Homeland Security.

**Air Force Units:** Cadet/Airman, Element, Flight, Squadron (TX-932), Group, Wing, Numbered Air Force, Command (AETC), Air Staff (Pentagon), Secretary of AF

**The Phonetic Alphabet:** Alfa, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel, India, Juliet Kilo, Lima, Mike, November, Oscar, Papa, Quebec, Romeo, Sierra, Tango, Uniform, Victor, Whiskey, X-ray, Yankee, Zulu.

**Time in the Air Force** is expressed using the 24-hour clock. Noon is 1200 Hours, 6 P.M. is 1800 Hours and Midnight is 2400 Hours.

**Aircraft Designations:** B is bomber (B-2), F is fighter (F-15), A is attack, C is cargo/transport, K is tanker, R is Reconnaissance, Q is unmanned, E is command/control, H is helicopter, P is patrol, S is strategic, T is trainer, U is intelligence gathering, V is VIP, W is

weather, X is experimental. The number designator stands for the order in which the aircraft series was developed. The letter after the dash is the model number, the first starting with A.

**Who/What to Salute:** Officers of higher rank, American Flag outdoors, during National Anthem outdoors, reporting to an officer, when receiving an award, and always return a salute. Stand at attention: National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance indoors. When receiving an award, remember to “Shake, Take, Salute”

**Addressing Air Force Members:** Airman is “Airman”, Sergeant is “Sergeant”, Chief Master Sergeant is “Chief”, Officers Lieutenant through Colonel are “Sir”, “Ma’am” or their rank, General Officers are “General”, AF JROTC Cadets are “Mister” or “Miss” or “Cadet Last Name”

**Common Commands:**

*Fall In:* Form up at designated location,

*Attention (Ten-hut):* Stand erect facing forward,

*Parade Rest:* Stand feet apart hands crossed on back,

*At Ease:* Be quiet or relax,

*Rest:* Relax and talk,

*Fall Out:* Depart premises

*Open Ranks:* Open for inspection, dress-right-dress,

*Ready Front:* Arm to side, face forward,

*Dress-Right-Dress:* Left arm out head right,

*Close Ranks:* Close formation

*Right/Left Face:* Turn in place 90 degrees

*About Face:* Turn 180 degrees to right

*Left/Right Step:* Move sideways 20”,

*Forward March (Harch):* Left step forward 30”,

*Halt:* Stop,

*Right/Left Flank:* All turn at once 90 degrees,

*Present Arms:* Hold salute,

*Order Arms:* Arm to side,

*Fallout/Dismissed:* Free to go.

**Folding Flag:** Hold flat with union to left, fold together lengthwise with 1” blue overlap, fold again even, triangle fold starting with red/white end. Fold so flag is all blue w/stars, tuck in end, carry with hands over chest, and flag tip pointing up.

**Uniform Information:** Uniform day is Wednesday unless otherwise directed. The standard uniform is Combination 4 for all cadets. Cadets on staff, color guard or drill team may be required to wear other combinations. General knowledge and drill are also graded. If uniform is not worn from 0730 to 1450 hrs. grade is “0”.

Combination 1: (Standard UOD): Airman Battle Uniform (ABU) or Operational Camouflage Pattern (OCP), nametags, JROTC patch, ABU/OCP cover, rigger belt, green or coyote brown combat boots

Combination 2: Professional Civilian Attire (PCA) Unit polo, dress pants (khaki, navy or black), closed-toed dress shoes

Combination 3: Short sleeve shirt, open collar (lightweight jacket optional)

Combination 4: Short sleeve shirt with tie (lightweight jacket optional)

Combination 5: Blue service dress (service coat) with tie, nametag, and ribbons.

Combination 6: AFJROTC Physical training T-shirt & shorts, athletic shoes, (sweats optional)