



AIR FORCE KEY TALKING POINTS

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Personalize and localize these talking points as you speak to your audiences about the Air Force.
Link your message to big Air Force themes, but make it personal to you and relevant to your local audience.

THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IS TO FLY, FIGHT AND WIN...IN AIR, SPACE AND CYBERSPACE

VIEW FROM THE TOP

"The FY11 budget helps us achieve the right balance to meet today's commitments while shaping our Air Force for future challenges. We will continue to improve existing capabilities and pursue new technology while ensuring stewardship of national resources."

- Michael Donley, Secretary of the Air Force

PARTNER WITH THE JOINT AND COALITION TEAM TO WIN TODAY'S FIGHT

The AF is a trusted and reliable Joint partner for sister services, supporting the Joint mission first and foremost. We answer the nation's call with speed, range, and flexibility of air, space and cyberspace power. As an integral partner of the Joint team, the AF leverages the domains of air and space to uniquely contribute to the joint fight.

Key Messages, Facts, and Figures

- Over the past year, the Air Force flew almost 435,000 hours in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and since 2001, nearly 56,000 sorties to protect the American homeland
 - ✓ In order to continue the Joint fight, approximately 20% of the procurement appropriation in the Air Force's FY11 budget will go directly towards maintaining legacy aircraft critical to today's contingency operations
 - ✓ Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) upgrades to our F-15C/D fleet and Electronic Warfare upgrades to our EC-130H Compass Call aircraft will ensure the US maintains a decisive Air Superiority advantage
- The Air Force continues to press on all fronts to deliver high-demand ISR and other urgent capabilities for the CENTCOM AOR and all Combatant Commands. Airmen are currently flying 41 Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Combat Air Patrols (CAPs) in the AOR
 - ✓ The FY11 President's Budget supports growth in RPA CAPs from 41 today, to 50 in 2011 and 65 by the end of 2013
 - ✓ For every CAP, it takes approximately 140 Airmen in the loop to deliver actionable intelligence to those that need it. We are adding 1,390 additional professionals to meet the expanding requirements of our global net-centric intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance enterprise
 - ✓ Overall, RPA procurement accounts for approximately 35% of the total aircraft procurements in FY11 and 14% by cost (4 RQ-4, 48 MQ-9)
- Air refueling remains a critical enabler to today's fight. In 2009 more than 17,000 refueling sorties were flown, offloading almost 1.1 billion pounds of fuel into over 80K aircraft
 - ✓ Funding the KC-X program constitutes the bulk of tanker investment in our new budget with procurement of the first 7 aircraft expected in FY13

Quick Facts

More than half of the nearly 40,000 Airmen currently deployed are supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Air Force flew 52.9K airlift sorties in 2009 delivering ~265K short tons of cargo (equivalent to moving the world's population of Asian elephants: ~ 60K animals) while transporting ~1.3M passengers (the population of San Antonio, TX).

Since 2007 the Air Force has flown 105K close air support sorties in OEF and OIF (equivalent to the entire *Desert Storm* sortie count) while conducting more than 4,500 precision strikes.

AIR FORCE PRIORITIES

CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE AIR FORCE NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE
PARTNER WITH THE JOINT AND COALITION TEAM TO WIN TODAY'S FIGHT
DEVELOP AND CARE FOR AIRMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES
MODERNIZE OUR AIR AND SPACE INVENTORIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND TRAINING
RECAPTURE ACQUISITION EXCELLENCE