

# 51st Fighter Wing Commander's Talking Points

## We Guard Freedom to Secure the Future

Our purpose here is rooted in history. We started this partnership more than 60 years ago and although our purpose has since evolved, the roots still hold: Guard and protect those who wish to remain free. With that mindset, we remain steadfast to deter unprovoked aggression with the help of our partners and our joint team. This commitment, along with an ever-strengthening partnership, helps to secure the future of our allies in the Pacific. This rang true when we had Army helicopter pilots here at the 25th Fighter Squadron to enhance their understanding of our unparalleled A-10 Thunderbolt II capabilities.

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## This is our Home Away From Home--Own it, Improve it

We all know why we are here--to guard freedom. To accomplish this, readiness plays an important part. We must remain committed to the fight-tonight mentality. Our focus remains on deterring, but our ability to execute operations in the defense of our home away from home must remain sharp. I need everyone's help to find and implement process improvements and help remove non-value added tasks. This is our Air Force, this is our generation of Airmen, and we have an amazing opportunity to make history. Seize your chance and don't let these opportunities pass you up. Our ability to fight tonight depends on every Airman doing their part.

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## Fight Tonight Readiness = Continued Deterrence

Every Airman has a part in ensuring we remain a consistent deterrent force that makes the enemy pause. From our Civil Engineer Dirt Boys to Force Support Airmen who keep our records straight and stomachs full, none of this is possible without everyone working seamlessly in concert with one another. The more seamless our efforts, the stronger our deterrence factor. As we continue into the month of August, we will test and prove to ourselves that we are a force worth avoiding and we will always be ready to fight tonight. Be Ready!

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*“Never be afraid to fail! Exercises are difficult and for good reason. But, when it is all said and done and you finish exhausted, you are now that much more prepared for future endeavors. The whole idea is to get better every time we do this by capitalizing on victories and learning from the failures.”*

- Col. A. Hansen  
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# LEADING THE CHARGE