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You'll learn everything you need to know about the Air Force during Basic Military Training, but it never hurts to get a head start on memorizing some of the basics. After all, the more training you can do now, the less you'll have to do later.

AIR FORCE RANKS

	AIRMAN E-2		SECOND LIEUTENANT O-1
	AIRMAN FIRST CLASS E-3		FIRST LIEUTENANT O-2
	SENIOR AIRMAN E-4		CAPTAIN O-3
	STAFF SERGEANT E-5		MAJOR O-4
	TECHNICAL SERGEANT E-6		LIEUTENANT COLONEL O-5
	MASTER SERGEANT E-7		COLONEL O-6
	FIRST SERGEANT E-7		BRIGADIER GENERAL O-7
	SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT E-8		MAJOR GENERAL O-8
	FIRST SERGEANT E-8		LIEUTENANT GENERAL O-9
	CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT E-9		GENERAL O-10
	FIRST SERGEANT E-9		MEDAL OF HONOR
	COMMAND CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT E-9		AIR FORCE CROSS
	CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE E-9		DEFENSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
			DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
			SILVER STAR



HOW TO REPORT

When reporting to a superior, say, "Sir/Ma'am, Trainee (your last name) reports as ordered."

HOW TO PERFORM THE MILITARY SALUTE

The purpose of saluting is a courteous exchange of greetings when outdoors. Saluting indoors is only required if formally reporting to an officer. As a junior member, you should always salute first. To salute, you must be either standing or marching attention. Turn your head and eyes toward the officer, salute and extend a verbal greeting "Good morning, Sir" or "Good afternoon, Ma'am."

To salute, raise the right hand up the center line of the body.
Form a straight line from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow.
Tilt palm slightly toward the face and keep it flat with the thumb along the forefinger.
Upper arm is slightly forward and parallel to the ground.
Tip of the middle finger touches the appropriate contact point.

THE BMT CHAIN OF COMMAND

President
Secretary of Defense
Secretary of the Air Force
Chief of Staff
Air Education and Training Command
Commander, 37 Training Wing
Vice Commander, 37 Training Wing
Commander, 737 Training Group
Vice Commander, 737 Training Group
Squadron Commander
First Sergeant
Training Superintendent
Team Chief (your head Military Training Instructor)
Instructor Team (your Military Training Instructor)





THE AIRMAN'S CREED

I am an American Airman.
I am a warrior.
I have answered my nation's call.

I am an American Airman.
My mission is to fly, fight and win.
I am faithful to a proud heritage,
A tradition of honor
And a legacy of valor.

I am an American Airman:
Guardian of freedom and justice,
My nation's sword and shield,
Its sentry and avenger.
I defend my country with my life.

I am an American Airman:
Wingman, leader, warrior.
I will never leave an Airman behind.
I will never falter,
And I will not fail.



THE AIR FORCE SONG (Memorize the first paragraph.)

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun.
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder.
At 'em boys, give 'er the gun!
Down we dive spouting our flame from under,
Off with one hell of a roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame.
Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!

Minds of men fashioned a crate of thunder,
Send it high into the blue.
Hands of men blasted the world asunder,
How they lived God only knew! (God only knew!)
Souls of men dreaming of skies to conquer
Gave us wings, ever to soar!
With scouts before and bombers galore,
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

Here's a toast to the host
Of those who love the vastness of the sky.
To a friend we send a message of his brother men who fly.
We drink to those who gave their all of old
Then down we roar to score the rainbow's pot of gold,
A toast to the host of men we boast, the U.S. Air Force!

Off we go into the wild sky yonder,
Keep the wings level and true.
If you'd live to be a gray-haired wonder,
Keep the nose out of the blue!
Flying men guarding the nation's border,
We'll be there followed by more!
In echelon we carry on.
Nothing will stop the U.S. Air Force!