United States Air Force

Symbolism of the Air Force flag, Symbols, and Insignia

The flag consists of a dark blue and the Air Force coat of arms in the middle, surrounded by 13 white stars which represent the original 13 colonies. The three stars grouped together above the eagle portray the departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

An eagle sits at the top of the seal in front of a cloud formation. A wreath which is part of the emblem and has six folds of silver and blue. Similar to other military flags the Air Force has two flags as well. For indoor purposes is outlined with a gold fringe and the outside version is not. President Harry Truman declared this version of the flag the official version on March 26, 1951.

Below the seal are the words, “United States Air Force” with the roman numeral for 1947 for the year the Air Force was established. The national Security Act passed on July 28, 1947

“Aim High... Fly-Fight-Win”

History

The Air Force is the youngest of the five military services. President Harry Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947, on September 18, 1947, declaring the Air Force a separate service. The Act created the National Military Establishment, commonly known as the U.S. Department of Defense. Composed of three branches, Army, Navy, and newly created Air Force. Before the establishment of the Air Force the responsibility of military aviation was split between the Army and the Navy. In 1907, the Army created the first antecedent of the Air Force.

The U.S. Air Force has two Presidents to its credit

In 1937, Ronald Reagan enlisted as a reservist the United States Army. He then earned commission as second lieutenant. In 1942, he transferred to the 18th Army Air Force Base Unit at which time was still part of the Army Air Forces. Reagan left active duty under the rank of captain on December 9, 1945.

In 1968, George W. Bush joined the Texas Air National Guard of the United States Air Force. Bush was commissioned as a second lieutenant. In 1973, he transferred to the Air Force Reserve before honorably discharged under the rank of first lieutenant.

Chuck Norris Didn’t join the Air Force. The Air Force joined Chuck Norris.

Carols Ray Norris enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1958. Norris served in South Korea as an Air Policeman. During his time overseas, Norris developed a strong interest in martial arts, thus earning him the nickname Chuck.