



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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Aviators!

Welcome to Altus Air Force Base! While you're here, you are Administratively Controlled (ADCON) by the 97th Training Squadron, the "Eagle Squadron." On this campus, you will find the most dedicated, experienced, and talented mobility aircrew faculty in our Air Force's history. Their sole mission—indeed the Wing's mission—is to Train Exceptional Mobility Airmen...that's you! Whether this is your first time at Mobility's Hometown or your eighth, I implore you to take advantage of your time here. Remember, you are here to train and become the aviators our Nation needs!

I have charged the faculty and staff to create an environment where our students can thrive. Life has a way of rearing its head when you're in training. Inevitably, the water heater will go out or the roof will leak back home while you're here. We get it! The Department of Student Affairs (TRA) is your go-to location for help when life happens. Within TRA, you have been assigned a Flight Commander specifically dedicated to your aircraft; however, all professionals in the office will help. They are your first line of communication for any question or concern, and they have no priority greater than your training and well-being.

Take advantage of your time here. Ask hard questions of your instructors and demand the best from us. If you see things that don't meet your standards, let us know. While you're here, you will encounter a talented cadre of instructors in both the simulator and aircraft who are passionate about training Air Mobility's next generation. Your instructors have been through what you've been through. They understand the churn. Don't miss an opportunity to extract wisdom from their experience. Please provide your feedback. Either directly, through email, text message, or through the end of course surveys. Remember, you could be a member of our team in months or a couple of years. You own your training experience as much as we do. That said, we strive to improve everyday amidst all training environment challenges.

On behalf of the Eagle Squadron, I challenge you to connect to our air mobility history while you're here. Look at those who've come before you on the walls and ceiling at Charlie's and heritage rooms across the FTUs. You stand among the ranks of our mobility legends! So, don't squander your time at Mobility's Hometown. Train hard, define your experience, and set the new standard. We are here to create air mobility capability, which delivers hope across the globe. Remember, there is nothing more powerful than the image of a gray tail with an American Flag parked on a tarmac or in the turn in front of a jet thirsty for fuel. You provide that hope to those in need and demonstrate the resolve of our American spirit.

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VICTORY BEGINS HERE!