Quotes about Air Force 2025

"Efforts like 2025 have forced us to face our changing environment in a systematic and broad-based way, with the major commands and the headquarters working to find a coherent, clear course. Our intent is not just to paint a picture of the future--interesting though such a picture might be--but to lay out the paths toward the most promising capabilities, and to then build this long-range planning focus into the staff on a permanent basis."

Dr. Sheila E. Widnall
Secretary of the Air Force

“Air Force 2025 demonstrates to the American people that the nation’s Air Force is thinking creatively and seriously about the future. We brought in a variety of outside advisors, including some of the world’s most highly regarded futurists, experts on a wide variety of topics, and forward looking thinkers, including Alvin Toffler, Admiral William Owens, and many others to build a picture of the future. As part of the comprehensive long-range planning effort, the alternate futures discussed in Air Force 2025 will help develop a strategic vision and prepare the United States Air Force for the challenges of the 21st century.”

Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman
Air Force Chief of Staff

“2025 is a great piece of work. It gave about 200 of our best officers an opportunity to consciously and deliberately think about the importance to our Air Force of air, space, and information systems and capabilities in the future. Whether or not the country ever builds the systems envisioned by the study, the Air Force will be better off for the critical thinking associated with coming up with the ideas in 2025.”

Lt. Gen. Jay W. Kelley
Air University Commander

“The Air Force is, once again, making Air University the home of its maverick thinking in the tradition of the Air Corps Tactical School. Air Force 2025, and its predecessor Spacecast 2020, demonstrate the power of focusing the best officers on a futuristic but scholarly research project. In the academic setting of Air University, these officers describe an Air Force with space planes and robot aircraft. As a senior external advisor to the Study, I can tell you that Air Force 2025 will make a mark in preparing today's men and women in blue for America's 21st Century Air Force.”

Dr. Anthony K. Hyder
University of Notre Dame

Return to Welcome page.