

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE MILITARY TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 78236



Dear Air Force Parent

Enclosed is a picture of your son while in training at the School of Military Sciences, Airman, Lackland Air Force Base. By this time, he is approaching its completion, and will be leaving soon for either specialized job training at an Air Training Command technical school or for assignment to an Air Force unit for on-the-job training supervised by a skilled technician.

During your son's training here, we have emphasized the concepts of good citizenship as well as military skills. One of the intended outcomes of Air Force basic military training is a realistic appreciation of the responsibilities which Americans inherit along with the many privileges of our way of life. The Air Force, through its primary training organization, the Air Training Command, conducts some 3,750 courses in hundreds of skills. In the spring of 1972, we began a venture called "Community College of the Air Force" so that the special and highly technical training our men and women receive can be transcribed in a form acceptable to civilian colleges and employers. In this way, we believe the Air Force will make an even greater contribution to the national economy in the form of a continuing supply of responsible, mature and motivated students and employees.

We would like more of these young men and women to remain in the Air Force for a career, but those who return to civilian life take with them valuable experiences in group living and skills that are useful in future civilian occupations. Over the past 10 years, one million men and women returned to the civilian economy from the Air Force. This represents a taxpayer investment of almost \$9 billion.

We are pleased that your son has become a member of the Air Force, and we are sure that he will serve his country faithfully and well. He has lived up to your pride in him and we are proud to serve with him.

Sincerely

Robert W. Maloy
ROBERT W. MALOY, Major General, USAF
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