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Air War College Class of 2018

Congratulations on your selection to attend the United States Air Force Air War College! You are part of an elite group of senior leaders representing all branches of the United States military, government agencies and allied nations. We look forward to having you join us in a challenging and rewarding course of study. This academic year offers you time to reflect on the lessons drawn from 15 years at war as you prepare to lead at ever-higher levels of responsibility in today's complex security environment. Tomorrow's challenges require adaptive, critical thinking leaders and this College offers you the opportunity to hone those skills.

We believe the Air War College operates at the leading edge of officer development needs. You will study under the guidance of a truly exceptional and diverse faculty that includes internationally-recognized civilian scholars, seasoned military professionals and select representatives from government agencies and allied air forces. Our dynamic and innovative graduate-level program also allows you to tailor your education through a variety of electives, research opportunities and an advanced course of study. In addition to the superb professional military education you are about to undertake, the upcoming academic year offers you a unique opportunity to build and renew relationships lasting throughout your career and beyond.

I look forward to meeting you here at historic Maxwell Air Force Base, home of the *Air University*. Safe travels -- get ready for a great year!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "CA Coffelt".

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