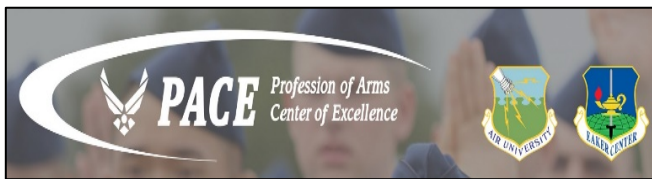


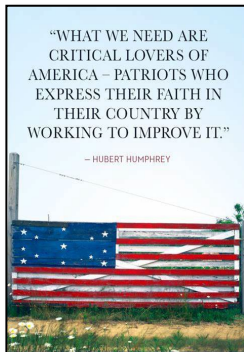


ACC Bridge Chats – Patriotic Professionals

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_DdL2covOc
(run time: 2:44 mins)



Videos developed by PACE bring our Air Force history to life through stories rooted in our Core Values--the foundation of our service and each member's professional development. This Bridge Chat is another way to sharpen our skills for the Profession of Arms. Developing character and improving judgment requires everyone's commitment.



Notes for Leaders/Facilitators:

To be patriotic is to feel love for and devotion to our country. Acts of patriotism inspire us, fill our hearts with pride, give us hope for a better tomorrow and ultimately, bring us together. Sometimes patriotism bring us to tears.

Events that hurt our country, such as the attacks on 9/11/01, Hurricane Michael, California wildfires, and the coronavirus, show us that our love of the U.S.A. unites us in times of crisis. During these trying times, we put our differences aside to help our brothers and sisters in need.

All Airmen--officers, enlisted, and civilians--take an oath to support and defend our Constitution. This oath signifies a commitment to the Profession of Arms anchored by our Core Values: Integrity first. Service Before Self. Excellence In All We Do. We are bound by our oath – to the U.S.A., the Air Force, and each other.

"I solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter..."

United We Stand.



Team Questions:

1. In the video, the narrator says that he and his teammates would bellyache about this or that, but they loved the Air Force and would defend it against anyone. What do you love about being in the Air Force?
2. "We do not make sacrifices out of obligation but out of loyalty." Ask members to share what sacrifices they've made out of loyalty to the Air Force or their nation, and the positive outcomes that resulted.
3. Ask team members to share what makes them feel proud to be an American.
4. Apart from being a loyal member of the Air Force, how do you demonstrate your love for the U.S.A?
5. What other patriotic acts do you see taking place across our country by people not associated with the Armed Services?

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Rules of Engagement: (1) Keep discussions professional and on topic. (2) Remember we're all on the same team. The goal of the conversation isn't for one person to be proven right or to "win" the argument. We're here to have conversations and learn from one another. (3) Avoid making it personal. Avoid name-calling, personal attacks, or questions like "How could you believe that?" Assume that everyone's intentions are good. (4) Practice intellectual humility. Respect everyone's viewpoints, and be open to changing your mind when necessary. (5) Above all else... Demonstrate respect for human dignity!