

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF WASHINGTON, DC

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## Letter to Airmen: Advanced Composite Force Training

To the Airmen of the United States Air Force,

The Air Force is reactivating the 65th Aggressor Squadron at Nellis AFB. The men and women who will make up this unit will inherit a proud heritage: USAF Aggressors. The squadron last flew F-5Es at Nellis from 1975 until 1989, where their blue and brown jets became legend as part of Red Flag. On 12 January 2006, F-15s of the 65th will fly alongside the F-16s of the 64th Aggressor Squadron as part of our Air Force's advanced composite force training team

The Global War on Terror has now lasted 5 months longer than US involvement in World War II, and your Air Force has been in continuous combat for the past 15 years. In that time, we have learned many hard-earned lessons ... bringing these lessons into our training will keep us the greatest Air Force the World has ever known. The 65th and other Aggressor units will provide realistic adversary training in air, space and information operations to make us even better. Aggressors directly contribute to the combat capability of our Airmen by helping us squeeze every ounce of performance from our systems and the Airmen who fly them. As our enemies' threats and tactics evolve, the Aggressors will keep us razor sharp as we fight this Global War on Terror and defend our great Nation.

Today, we have added Space and Information Warfare Aggressors to our advanced composite force training. Expect more of our career fields to follow. From our Airmen serving in convoy operations in Iraq to Information Warriors denying hacker attacks to Space Operators bringing new capabilities to Special Ops Airmen in the field to Aircrew protecting the skies of our Nation--all benefit from a better knowledge of enemy tactics and capabilities as well as the confidence and experience gained from "battling" Red Forces on real and virtual ranges.

Airmen will be sent into battles against both known enemy and the unknown. Regardless, we will be better prepared to fly, fight and win for our Nation thanks to advanced composite force training. Use these opportunities to innovate and improve our tactics, technologies and training. If we can continue to make ourselves more lethal and effective, then we will continue to dominate Air, Space and Cyberspace for the Joint Team.

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