

18th Air Force

Letter to Airmen



“We will always be there.”
— Lt. Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II
Commander, 18th Air Force



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Mobility Airmen,

It was just over a year ago I assumed command of 18th Air Force, and it has been a humbling and challenging, but also gratifying, experience. Looking back at this past year, I am thoroughly impressed and amazed by what you have been able to accomplish every day. Thank you for your continuing diligence and excellence as you carry out our vital worldwide mission.

Your dedication and professionalism during my tenure as 18th Air Force commander led to more than 87,000 sorties. I watched as you delivered supplies to refugees trapped on Mt. Sinjar in Iraq, fueled the air war over Syria, and delivered aid to the people of Nepal following the catastrophic earthquake that struck their country. No matter what job or position you hold, all of you have played an important role in the 18th Air Force mission and give it its ability to deliver hope, fuel the fight and bring our people home safe.

In my time as your commander, I never once heard anyone say, “We can’t do it.” You have always found a way to accomplish the mission. By doing so, every commander and warfighter we serve knows that, when needed, 18th Air Force will always be there.

You have proven consistently that bold, innovative Airmen are the Air Force’s number one resource. It is because of you that the question, “can we get it there?” never comes up.

Thank you for all you have done and all you continue to do every day. It has been my honor to serve with you as the 18th Air Force Commander, and I look forward to serving with you as Commander, Air Mobility Command.

EXPEDITE!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carlton D. Everhart II'.

CARLTON D. EVERHART II
Lieutenant General, USAF
Commander