

Air Force Citizenship

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Lesson Plan

Objective:

In being an Airman, there are rights, duties and privileges that come with that status. The objective of this lesson is for students to participate in discussions about the duties and responsibilities required of being an Airman and a good citizen to the communities.

Assessment Questions:

1. Do you feel you could provide examples of expectations levied on Airmen by the Air Force and the public? Y/N
2. Could you identify the different communities in which Airmen serve? Y/N

Instructional Aids: White board, Facilitator Course Note Taker, American Flag

Foundational Competencies: Accountability, Service Mindset, Self-Control, Leadership, Influence.

References: AFH 1; AFI 1-1; CJCSI 3405_01

“Responsible citizenship is the duty of every citizen, especially DoD employees, to exercise discretion. Public servants are expected to engage (employ) personal judgment in the performance of official duties within the limits of their authority so that the will of the people is respected according to democratic principles. Justice must be pursued and injustice must be challenged through accepted means.” AFH 1

Lesson Outline

Introduction a. Attention Step b. Motivation c. Overview	10 Minutes
MP 1. Part of Something Bigger Than Yourself a. Behaviors must meet group standards and expectations b. Individuals must choose to align behaviors to group expectations	15 Minutes
MP 2. What are expectations of Airmen outside of daily duties? a. Community involvement b. Ambassadorship	20 Minutes
Conclusion a. Summary	5 Minutes

Remotivation	
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MP1: Introduction

ATTENTION STEP: Have everyone stand and recite the pledge of allegiance.

LOQ: When was last time you said the pledge of allegiance?

Anticipated Responses:
High School
Boy Scouts
Never

FUQ: What part of the Pledge of Allegiance means the most to you? Why?

Anticipated Responses:
These should be focused on portions that mean more to them

For many, reciting the Pledge is an opportunity to show respect toward our country. In addition, this drives home the pride we feel as US citizens.

OVERVIEW: *This discussion is going to cover what it means to be a good citizen for the Air Force and the nation, and the behaviors expected of us no matter where we are.*

Transition: To get this discussion started, lets talk about what it means when we say “being a part of something bigger than ourselves”.

MP1: Part of Something Bigger Than Yourself

LOQ: Why did you join the Air Force?

Anticipated Responses:
Patriotism
Education
Money

FUQ: How did you feel on the day of the Coin Ceremony at Basic Training? Did you have pride in wearing the uniform?

Of course you did. You earned that right. We had just become something much bigger than ourselves. Many times, we may join for external reasons, but we still gain pride in our service because of the sacrifices we made and things we have accomplished.

As with any organization, there are expectations and standards for people to be a part the team.
We are Airmen no matter when or where we are.

LOQ: What are some of the expectations levied on us as Airmen?

Anticipated Responses:

PT
 Core Values
 Uniform guidance
 AFIs

FUQ: What are some expectations the public has of us?

Anticipated Responses:

Act honorably
 Not breaking laws
 Defend the country

Service to our nation is definitely something bigger than ourselves. In order to continue to serve in this capacity, we must meet the expectations of our Air Force and the public.

Transition: We've discussed expectations of behaviors in our daily service. However, lets discuss expectations outside of our daily duties.

MP3: What are expectations of Airmen outside of daily duties?

LOQ: Can someone tell me what a community is?

Definition: "A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common"

LOQ: What communities are you a part of?

Anticipated Responses:

Air Force
 Career Field
 Local Community
 Private Org or Club

FUQ: What characteristics are highlighted in the Air Force community?

Anticipated Responses:

Core Values
 Discipline
 Honor

FUQ: What behaviors do our communities, on and off base expect of Airmen?

Anticipated Responses:

Leaders
Law Abiding
Warriors

You will be given opportunities to serve your communities, sometimes being told to do it. The communities around us not only support our military members, but they are also tax payers. It's incumbent on us to give back every opportunity we can. Your willingness to serve your community is part of being a good citizen. The Air Force needs you to be a good citizen in whatever community you are a part of.

Additionally, we are considered ambassadors for the Air Force, our organizations and the Department of Defense as a whole when off installation in or out of uniform.

LOQ: What does it mean to be a good ambassador when on and off duty?

Anticipated Responses:

Set a positive example
AF's best Recruiter

FUQ: What behaviors would not be considered favorable in the community?

Anticipated Responses:

Getting Arrested
Bad attitude
Being a jerk!

FUQ: How could these behaviors reflect poorly on the Air Force or DoD as a whole?

Anticipated Responses:

Dissuade recruits
Public opinion
Money towards our missions

Conclusion

STATE: There are expectations levied on every one of us in uniform by not only the Air Force, but also by those in our communities. We are now part of something bigger than ourselves and there are behaviors expected of us to maintain our membership. Additionally, we should be cognizant that we are members of our communities and there are behaviors expected of us on

and off duty, in both our Air Force and local communities. I hope that you will continue to demonstrate good citizenship throughout your AF career and beyond.