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1. Policy.

1.1. Service as an Airman in the United States Air Force is both an honor and a privilege. It often requires significant sacrifice which is rewarded by the high esteem, respect, and trust which the American public affords our service and the profession of arms. All Airmen have a sacred duty to preserve and protect this critical position within our society. To do so, service as an Airman must be much more than just a job; it should become a way of life. Ours is a demanding profession, rich in tradition and culture, and built on the foundation of our oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and values forged from the outset of our existence as a separate Service. The strength of our foundation, which is

reflected in the Air Force Core Values and the Airman's Creed, is reinforced daily by the professionalism and adherence to Air Force standards exhibited by every single Airman.

1.1.1. It is every Airman's duty and obligation to act professionally and meet all Air Force standards at all times. Only by doing so can the United States Air Force continue to be the world's greatest Air Force and retain its time-honored culture and the vital trust, respect, and confidence of the American public.

2. Roles and Responsibilities.

2.1. The Chief of Staff of the Air Force develops, coordinates, and executes policy and guidance for the management of Air Force standards.

2.2. Commanders and Senior Noncommissioned Officers of our Air Force are responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy and implementing guidance.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*