



ASSOCIATION OF AIR FORCE MISSILEERS

Advocates For Missileers

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A letter to the Airmen of the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile profession.

On behalf of the nearly 4,000 members, past and present, of the Association of Air Force Missileers, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your tireless work operating, maintaining, securing, sustaining, and modernizing this critical national capability. Your sustained professionalism is essential to the safety and security of our nation and those of our allies we protect under our umbrella of strategic deterrence.

We know that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, each of you has made tremendous sacrifices. The hardship of a drastically extended schedule, while confined to a small work area with minimal outside contact, is one that few could possibly begin to comprehend. The demands placed on you, the operators, maintainers, defenders, and support personnel are truly unprecedented.

We understand firsthand that the success of this mission extends well beyond the missile alert facility. The significant sacrifices made by your family members at home have not gone unnoticed. We are humbled by their selflessness as they embrace this challenge head on, ensuring you remain safe and healthy and ready to fulfill a mission they did not train for — but nevertheless understand its significance and importance across the globe.

As you carry the burden of this job, be reminded that you represent a rich legacy of ICBM professionals who have served during key events in our nation's history: the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Cold War, and as our nation's fundamental deterrent backbone in a challenging world. Your professional response to this pandemic is unsurpassed and defines what it means to serve as a silent sentinel ensuring our nation's ICBM capability is "Never Doubted — Always Feared."

Very Respectfully

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