



The Tuskegee Airmen were notorious in their role of protecting bombers during World War II and as an Air Force Global Strike Command Airman, cadets can continue that legacy. Platforms include the B-52 Stratofortress, the B-2 Spirit, the B-1 Lancer, and *Coming soon* the B-21 Raider.

The 21st Century Striker honors the Tuskegee Airmen legacy by providing indefinite **strategic deterrence anytime, anywhere.**

Upon graduation, Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets will have the opportunity to train and compete to fly bomber aircraft during Undergraduate Pilot Training. Project Tuskegee's mission is not only to provide opportunities to cadets in Air Force Global Strike Command mission early, but to connect them with personnel and resources that will assist them in joining the Mighty **Eighth Air Force** after graduation.



Following its activation on 4 April 1944, Twentieth Air Force led the strategic air offensive against Japan. This culminated in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki which led to the end of WWII. Following service in the Korean War, 20 AF was inactivated on 1 Mar. 1955. Activated once more on 1 Sep. 1991, 20 AF gained responsibility for operating, maintaining, securing, and supporting the United States of America's Intercontinental Ballistic Missile force. Today the Airmen of Air Force Global Strike Command continue to provide **24/7, 365 day a year, alert and combat ready** ICBMs to the President.

The 21st Century Striker takes pride in their ability to:

- Build integrated lethality to defend our nation and allies
- Develop and care for Airmen and families
- Lead nuclear surety and weapon system safety

Operating the Minuteman III ICBM weapon system, soon to be replaced by LGM-35A Sentinel, Strikers of 20 AF provide an integral strategic deterrence mission set that protects the United States, as well as our allies and partners around the globe. Project Tuskegee's mission is not only to promote opportunities to cadets in Air Force Global Strike Command mission early in their AFROTC careers, but to connect them with the personnel and resources that will assist them in becoming Missileers after graduation.

HONORING THE PAST BY SECURING OUR FUTURE



**TUSKEGEE**  
UNIVERSITY





# PROJECT TUSKEGEE



Introducing the new partnership between **Air Force Global Strike Command** and **Tuskegee University**. This initiative allows for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from the university to be presented with the opportunities available as an Air Force Global Strike Command **Striker**.

With Project Tuskegee, Air Force Global Strike Command hopes to increase opportunities for various underrepresented groups within local communities and AFROTC cadets in order to be exposed to opportunities available as an Air Force Global Strike Command Striker.

## MISSION

- Present the many opportunities within Air Force Global Strike Command, such as an Eighth Air Force aircrew member or Twentieth Air Force Missileer
- Reinforce the historical connection between Tuskegee Airmen and Air Force Global Strike Command
- Create a culture of unity that welcomes talent from all walks of life to Striker Nation

## OPPORTUNITY

Striker Airmen will collaborate and coordinate with AFROTC cadets from Tuskegee University.

Strikers will:

- Visit Tuskegee University's AFROTC Detachment
- Engage on a national level or other large events
- Increase opportunities for underrepresented groups to take advantage of opportunities available to become a Striker
- Participate in observances that highlight diversity
- Educate students in Science, Technology, Engineering, Aircraft, and Mathematics related expos, conferences, camps, and air shows that engage with underrepresented youth and diverse audiences

## HISTORY

*"All Airmen stand on the shoulders of the Tuskegee Airmen. The Tuskegee Airmen were critical to the success of bomber forces during World War II, proving that we are better when everyone has an opportunity to contribute."*

- General Anthony Cotton  
Commander, AFGSC



**Air Force Global Strike Command** was activated in 2009 and is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and security of two legs of the nuclear triad.

1941



The U.S. War Department established the 99th Pursuit Squadron, among others, one of which became known as the **Tuskegee Airmen**.

2009

1945



While escorting B-17 bombers on a mission to Berlin, Germany, the **332nd Fighter Group** took part in the longest raid of Fifteenth Air Force, the parent unit of the 2nd Bombardment Group, now AFGSC's 2nd Bomb Wing.

Dr. Charlotte Morris, president of Tuskegee University, and General Anthony Cotton, commander of AFGSC, establish **Project Tuskegee**.



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