

# EIGHTEENTH AIR FORCE STRATEGY 2025



**EIGHTEENTH AIR FORCE STRATEGY** – The *18th Air Force Strategy* operationalizes Numbered Air Force (NAF) priorities in a document that is responsive to changing strategic and operational conditions while continuously assessing the current environment. Headquarters, 18th Air Force, integrates with HQ Air Mobility Command (AMC), and 18 AF Wings to amplify AMC priorities, advocate for warfighting readiness, and develop Airmen.

**COMMANDER'S INTENT** – 18th Air Force will provide agile capabilities that underpin Rapid Global Mobility (RGM), aggressively preparing 18th Air Force Wings to compete, deter, and win in war both today and in the future.

**MISSION** – Provide ready aircraft, Airmen, and equipment for contested global air mobility operations... anytime, anywhere.

**VISION** – Ready today, prepared for tomorrow...EXPEDITE!

**PURPOSE** – Ensure mission and power projection platform readiness, increase unit lethality, and strengthen our Airmen and family's resiliency.

**PRIORITIES** – Advance Force and Installation Warfighting Readiness – Develop Ready Airmen and Families – Prepare the Force to Win

**1 – Advance Force and Installation Warfighting Readiness** – 18th Air Force provides an integrated and agile approach to assist prioritization and decision making to support AMC and Air Force objectives in developing new cutting-edge warfighting capabilities. 18th Air Force will partner with AMC to target investment to sustain and advance warfighting capabilities across its mission areas: airlift, air refueling, airdrop, aeromedical evacuation, and mission support as well as advance the concept of AMC installations as weapons systems. Advancements across warfighting capabilities will increase the ability of AMC to project and maneuver the joint force in contested environments.

**2 – Develop Ready Airmen and Families** – 18th Air Force will develop a force of mission ready, expeditionary, and empowered mobility leaders ready to employ Rapid Global Mobility in contested environments utilizing cutting edge warfighting concepts across the continuum of conflict. 18th Air Force prepares its current and future leaders by focusing on professional development, mentorship, and standards of excellence, as well as advocating for enriched quality-of-life for Airmen and dependents. These Airmen will be skilled at leveraging advanced technologies and the newest warfighting capabilities in all domains to fully support AMC and Air Force objectives for the future.

**3 – Prepare the Force to Win** – 18th Air Force prepares mobility Airmen to project joint force lethality, ensuring strategic advantage through robust exercise, training, and assessment. 18th Air Force provides capabilities to reinforce diplomacy through the execution of presidential and senior leader airlift support missions and enhances the nation's ability to execute strategic deterrence and nuclear response missions in a contested environment. These capabilities support AMC's advancement of the Joint Warfighting Concept (JWC), Combined Joint All-Domain Command and Control (CJADC2), Joint Concept for Contested Logistics (JCCL), and Agile Combat Employment (ACE).



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