

Air Force Heritage

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Maj. Gen. Orvil A. Anderson

A lighter-than-air pioneer and pilot of the record-setting Explorer II balloon ascent, he became a leading WWII strategic planner, Deputy Commander for Operations of Eighth Air Force, and head of the USSBS military advisory group.



Goldwater's Parting Shot

As he heads into retirement, Sen. Barry Goldwater blasts congressmen who vote for pork in the barrel rather than defense on the line.

Soldier for Airpower

Gen. George C. Marshall helped clear the path for development of a powerful US air arm.

The B-52 Gunners

Few know it now, but enlisted gunners protected B-52 bombers through the 1991 Gulf War.



2000 Is (Nearly) Now

By the turn of the century, USAF—building on work already in progress—may be testing powerplants that push a fighter straight up at speeds faster than Mach 1.

Dyna-Soar plus Titan III

The military space mission poses unique booster and vehicle requirements, not satisfied by any being developed for purely civilian purposes.



Valor: "The Bravest Man I Ever Knew"

Few men have fought and died as gallantly as fighter ace Jerry Johnson.

Valor: A Rather Special Award

As the crippled B-17 neared its end, 2d Lt. David Kingsley faced a decision that would be immutable..

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