

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE AIR UNIVERSITY (AETC)

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MEMORANDUM FOR RETIRING AIR FORCE OFFICERS AND NCOs

SUBJECT: Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) Instructor Opportunities

After a successful military career, many dedicated Air Force leaders find it difficult to hang up the uniform for good. Our military lifestyle of teamwork, discipline, dedication, hard work, and the experience of living our core values are ingrained into who we are. Those distinctive qualities of Air Force retirees are also needed in high school AFJROTC units.

As our society changes and the challenges facing our nation become more evident, the need to mentor our youth has never been greater. They truly are the future of our great nation. Often, negative influences on today's youth outweigh the positive. High school is where these young adults start to solidify the patterns, attitudes, and actions that carry forward into adulthood. We realize that one bad choice in the early stages of adulthood can be the difference between a successful and productive life and a life that fails to achieve all that is possible. Our youth need positive leaders, mentors, teachers, and role models to help prepare them to make good decisions in life and become productive citizens and leaders for our nation.

AFJROTC is a Title 10 USC citizenship program for students in grades 9 through 12. Our program has over 870 units operating in high school locations worldwide. There are more than 120,000 high school cadets in the program and over 1,900 retired USAF officer and enlisted professionals who lead, mentor, guide, and teach our cadets. AFJROTC enjoys overwhelming support from schools and communities because of its tremendous positive impact on cadets, schools, and communities. In hundreds of American communities with no nearby military bases, the cadets and instructors of AFJROTC are truly "the face of the Air Force."

If you want to continue to serve and make positive impacts in the lives of our nation's high school students, then please consider applying to be an AFJROTC instructor. We continue to seek highly motivated retirees (Majors – Colonels and TSgts – CMSgts with a 4-year degree) who have a passion for mentoring youth. We have vacancies across the nation and overseas for both retired officers and enlisted members.

If you are interested or want more information about the program, please visit our webpage at https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Holm-Center/AFJROTC/. Thank you for your service to our great nation and for considering Air Force Junior ROTC!

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