



MEET YOUR LIT

The Department of the Air Force's LGBTQ+ Initiatives Team



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What's the importance of your work on the LIT?

While we've made strides in inclusion, especially over the last decade, there is still work to do. My first supervisor as an Air Force civilian taught me to not walk past a problem. That lesson was a catalyst for action in the Diversity and Inclusion space. Working to connect Airmen from every walk of life helps to build a strong, diverse, and cohesive workforce.

"For me, being an ally is important because so many LGBTQ+ people in my life have been formative to me. There is clearly a need to remove barriers for LGBTQ+ Airmen and Guardians and this is my way of paying the community back."

What advice would you pass on?

Working with LIT has helped me grow personally and professionally. It's helped me look for my own blind spots in everything I do. It's given me more confidence to ask questions and speak up in meetings.

-Ms. Lindsay McNeely

It's also reinforced the need for respecting other people's perspectives. Until we understand where other people are coming from, we really can't find common ground.

