

US AIR FORCE SONG



*Off we go into the wild blue yonder,  
Climbing high into the sun;  
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,  
At 'em now, Give 'em the gun!  
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,  
Off with one helluva roar!  
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey!  
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!*



*Retirement Ceremony  
in honor of*

*Col Jacob Sullivan*

*United States Air Force  
28 May 2003 – 1 July 2025*

*Friday, 27 June 2025, 1430  
South Dakota  
Air & Space Museum*

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

**Colonel Jacob P. Sullivan**



Colonel Jacob P. Sullivan is the Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command Maintenance Division Chief, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. In this role, he leads three diverse branches to establish maintenance policy and logistics support for AFMC aircraft, engines, aerospace ground equipment, munitions and test/measurement/diagnostic equipment (TMDE). His team also executes Lead Command duties for combat aviation support equipment, C-12 maintenance, munitions material management and sustainment, and TMDE. Additionally, the division provides functional direction and oversight for the command's maintenance, munitions and armament career fields and is the focal point for USSF aircraft, munitions, and Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory management. Colonel Sullivan graduated from Iowa State University and earned his commission through the AFROTC program. He has previously served at the squadron and group levels in multiple major commands and on the HQ Air Force Staff.



**Colonel Derek C. Oakley**



Colonel Derek Oakley is commander of the 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, the largest B-1 combat wing in the United States Air Force, with more than 8,500 active-duty military, civilian employees, and family members. He provides combat-ready aircraft, crews and associated combat support for global engagement taskings. Colonel Oakley received his commission from the United States Air Force Officer Training School in May 2000. He graduated from pilot training at Columbus AFB, Mississippi, and was operationally assigned to the B-1B. He has served in a variety of flying squadrons as an instructor and evaluator pilot in the B-1B, T-6, and T-38. He commanded a T-6 squadron at Columbus AFB and served on the Joint Staff as the Director of the Joint Targeting School, Dam Neck Naval Air Station, Virginia. He served as the director of the B-21 Integration and System Management Office where he liaised between Air Force Global Strike Command and the Department of the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office, supporting development of the B-21 Raider, the Air Force's Top 3 priority acquisition program.

Prior to his current assignment, he commanded the 28th Operations Group at Ellsworth, the largest operational B-1B group in the U.S. Air Force with one operations support squadron, two bomb squadrons and management of the Powder River Training Complex. Colonel Oakley is a command pilot with over 3,400 flight hours in the B-1B, T-38, T-6, and T-37, including 991 combat hours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**Sequence of Events**

*Opening Narration*

*Arrival of the Official Party*

*Presentation of the colors*

*National Anthem*

*Invocation*

*Remarks by  
Presiding Official*

*Medal Presentation*

*Retirement Order*

*Retirement Certificate*

*Letter of Appreciation*

*Retirement Pin*

*Spouse & children  
Certificate of Appreciation*

*Remarks by Honoree*

*Closing Narration*

*Air Force Song*

*Departure of Official Party*

*Reception*