

EXHIBITOR SPOTLIGHT



Give us your 'elevator pitch' about your product/service.

The USAF Honor guard has embedded precise military marching units for parades, color teams for all events and different size drill teams that can perform for any size crowd. The mission of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard is to represent Airmen to the American public and the world. The vision of the USAF Honor Guard is to ensure a legacy of Airmen who: promote the mission; protect the standards; perfect the image; and preserve the heritage.

How has your company grown over the years?

The unit has increased from approximately 250 members to over 300 members today, only assigned to Joint base Anacostia-Bolling.

What areas do you serve with your product/service?

The USAF Honor Guard travels locally, nationally and internationally.

Organizationally, the USAF Honor Guard consists of four ceremonial flights, made up of Colors, Bearers, Firing Party and Parade Flight qualified personnel. Those flights serve in the following capacities:

Drill Team

The Drill Team is the traveling component of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard. Their mission is to promote the Air Force mission by showcasing drill performances at public and military venues to recruit, retain, and inspire Airmen.

The team performs drill movements with a fully-functional M-1 rifle in intricate, constantly changing formations. They support the Air Force Recruiting Service as the official Ambassadors in Blue.

The USAF Honor Guard originated in 1948 when Headquarters Command, U.S. Air Force, directed the creation of an elite ceremonial unit. The ceremonial unit was activated within the 1100th Air Police Squadron at Bolling AFB, Washington D.C., with the responsibility of maintaining an Air Force ceremonial capability in the National Capital Region. The Honor Guard officially became a separate squadron in 1972, and the unit remains at the base now known as Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C.

The Honor Guard has evolved into a selectively manned unit with more than 210 ceremonial guardsmen and support personnel.

The Honor Guard Drill Team is known around the world for their precision, discipline, and sheer ability to inspire awe.

Colors

The Colors Flight displays and guards the Nation's flag, U.S. Air Force flag and flags of the many visiting dignitaries' native countries. The flight presents the colors for both Air Force specific events and with other services' honor guards for joint service missions. These teams generally consist of four individuals.

Body Bearers

The Body Bearers Flight participates in U.S. Air Force, joint service, and state funerals by carrying the remains of deceased service members, their dependents, senior or national leaders to their final resting places at Arlington National Cemetery. Additionally, the bearers serve in the Awards Bearers and Wreath Bearers capacities for many ceremonies throughout the National Capital Region.

Firing Party

Firing Party performs the firing of three volleys (commonly, but incorrectly, referred to as the "21-gun salute") during a funeral service at Arlington National Cemetery. These seven-man teams fire their three rounds in perfect unison honoring the fallen.

Training Flight

The mission of the Training Flight is to provide comprehensive training support and standardization for the rendering of military honors for the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and base honor guards worldwide. The training flight also encompasses the Honor Guard Recruiting

and Force Development sections of the Honor Guard.

The Honor Guard also operates the USAF Drill Team. Together, the ceremonial flights perform an average of 10 ceremonies per day, and more than 2,500 ceremonies annually.

What sets your product/service apart from your competitors?

The USAF Honor Guard has the capability to travel worldwide, whereas the other branches of service presently don't have that capability.

How many festivals and events do you work with on an annual basis?

Over a dozen a year.

What advice would you offer to festivals and events searching for your type of product/service?

Give us a try!!!

What is your customer service philosophy?

Service before self and excellence in all we do!

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