

Opening Statement Confirmation Hearing
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Mr. Chairman, Senator Reed, Members of the Armed Services Committee. It's an honor to appear before the committee today.

I would like to thank President Obama for nominating me, and I appreciate the confidence and support of Secretary Carter and Secretary James for my nomination as Under Secretary of the Air Force.

The privilege of appearing before the committee today is only possible because of the love and support from my remarkable family. Joining me today is my husband Harry, who himself served 26 years in the United States Air Force as an F-15 pilot; our daughter Stefanie and son, who is also known as our beautiful grandson Parker; our son Derek; and my brother David, from Boston. Unfortunately, some family members couldn't make it---my step-daughters and their families in Phoenix, and my parents, who live in Fredericksburg.

I also want to mention the importance of many colleagues and mentors who have supported me from the very beginning when I graduated from Officer Training School, 30 years ago on July 4th, 1985 up to now. Thank you. Representing them today is our friend, Lynda Mallow, from Alexandria VA.

During my time, on active duty in the Air Force; the National Reconnaissance Office; the National Security Council; the Joint Staff and now Headquarters Air Force, it has been my privilege to serve with the men and women from all Services who have dedicated their lives to defending this great nation.

If confirmed, I will do my utmost in ensuring those who put their lives on the line for this country are supported in every way possible.

The Under Secretary of the Air Force is responsible for the efficient and effective management of the Air Force and for providing for the welfare of more than 674,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen and their families.

I work very hard every day to ensure they receive the resources and the support they need to keep this country safe.

Additionally, if I am confirmed I am committed to working closely with Congress to make certain our Air Force needs are clearly articulated and that you have all the information you need to exercise your roles as authorizers and appropriators.

Thank you again for considering my nomination, thank you for your service; and I look forward to your questions.