

# Time Portal

Art program offers unique view of the Air Force — past and present



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Tour the building's fabled "E" ring, and F-15 fighters zoom from the canvas. B-17 bombers over German refineries whisk the observer back to an Air Force far removed from the high-tech, stealth world of today's airman. Round a corner and meet air aces from wars past and the senior leaders that shaped and molded today's service.

"It's like stepping into a time portal," said Senior Airman Sonia Moore, an

administrative executive specialist. She has been at the Pentagon almost a year, and the art still stops and captivates her when she walks by.

"Some pictures just grab you," she said. "Sometimes I'll stop and stare. I can look at the images, the uniforms and know how they felt, worked and lived."

The images that snare the imagination of a 25-year-old three-striper are but a handful in the vast Air Force art collection. The Pentagon is the largest showcase for the art, but paintings are spread around the globe at every base.

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