



City of **Montgomery**, *Alabama*

Greetings!

As the Mayor of Montgomery, it is my honor to welcome you to Alabama's Capital City – the Birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement – for the Air Force Information Technology and Cyberpower Conference, or AFITC. The City of Montgomery is especially proud to host this renowned meeting that annually brings together the global experts in information technology.

The conference is sponsored by Air University, the Air Force's accredited education system that provides military and professional continuing education. Moreover, it is one of the primary tools to keep Air Force and private industry cyber leaders informed on the latest concepts, strategies, technologies and capabilities in both the military and civilian sectors.

Montgomery relishes the opportunity to host each of you. Our city continues positioning itself as one of the premier business, technology and tourism hubs in the South. Additionally, we strive to live up to our "Best Hometown in the Air Force" mantra.

A quick tour of Montgomery will reveal numerous redevelopment projects as well as a myriad of cultural and historic touchstones tied to the Civil Rights Movement. Public-private partnerships continue to fuel our riverfront and downtown development, especially after the groundbreaking for Montgomery Whitewater, a World-Class Whitewater and Outdoor Lifestyle center being planned at the gateway to Montgomery. From historical landmarks and museums to sports venues, the Capital City has something for everyone. In fact, the Equal Justice Initiative's National Memorial for Peace and Justice and Legacy Museum rank as Alabama's top visitor destination. We are proud to live in a city with such rich cultural heritage.

I am confident this conference will be another success due to the leadership of the following key organizations: Air University, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center unit on Maxwell's Gunter Annex; and, members of the Montgomery Chapter of Armed Forces Communication Electronics Association, elements of the City of Montgomery, and the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce in significant supporting roles.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talents, and energy to elevating the AFITC. Please also accept my sincere appreciation for your service to our great nation in building and operating increasingly more powerful IT capabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven L. Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Steven L. Reed  
Mayor