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To the Men and Women of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center:

On behalf of the AF/A10 team, I congratulate you on the 15th Anniversary of the establishment of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center!

Your team of dedicated professionals have proven essential in ensuring our Air Force and the Nation maintains a safe, secure, effective, and credible deterrent. Over the past decade and a half, you have faced significant challenges including reduced advocacy for the nuclear enterprise, funding constraints of sequestration, and most recently a global pandemic. You have overcome every roadblock while sustaining the systems that are the backbone of our 100% no-fail nuclear deterrence mission.

While there is so much more to be done as we modernize the triad, your ingenuity, determination, and drive have already shined through as the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent is held as a model for Air Force acquisition programs, and the Long Range Standoff Weapon has been moving along at lightning speeds. I have no doubt the AFNWC Team will continue to deliver the capabilities our nation requires to backstop our conventional forces, underwrite our diplomatic actions, and assure our allies that the umbrella of extended deterrence remains soundly in place for years to come.

Thank you for your devotion to this critical mission. Congratulations, and here's to the next 15 years and beyond!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James C. Dawkins Jr.", written over a faint blue circular stamp.

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