

## **WELCOME TO SOS, CLASS 20F!**

Your virtual in residence-remote (VIR-R) class, 20F, is scheduled from 21 Sep – 23 Oct. We at SOS are excited to have you a part of this journey with us!

### **What is VIR-R?**

A blend of self-paced study and live engagements with your flight. Maximum flexibility + Maximum Learning!

### **What you need:**

1. Preferably a personal laptop or computer for writing and posting assignments.
  - a. Smartphones and tablets are optional tools and are able to access our learning platform.
2. A webcam or an embedded device camera and microphone
3. **ZoomGov.com** access to join in on various live sessions throughout the course.

### **What happens next:**

1. Click the QR code link below to complete some basic administrative tasks. After following the prompts, you will be able to view which squadron you will be a part of along with additional information such as your Squadron Commander, DO, and instructor/Flight Commander. Please reach out to them for further guidance.
  - a. **\*\*The QR code link for check-in to the school will NOT be open until 14 September CST.\*\***
  - b. QR code link: <https://forms.gle/yJ7BVmURNhy6D1tR9>
  - c. **\*\*Please use a personal device (laptop, tablet, or smartphone) when accessing the QR code link. The link does not work well on government issued devices.\*\***
2. Your instructor will be making contact with you in some form before Education Day 1. It is best to check your .mil email as this may be the only form of contact they have to reach out to you initially. If you do not receive an initial contact from your instructor and have attempted to contact them along with the other contacts you were provided through the QR code link to the respective student squadron you are in, please email Student Services at [soc.dps@us.af.mil](mailto:soc.dps@us.af.mil). In your email, please provide the squadron you are in along with your instructor's name (if able).
  - a. Your instructor is the best person to discuss the flow of the schedule, virtual classroom syncs, and other details pertaining to the curriculum/course. Please make them your first stop with any questions you may have.
3. CANVAS will be your place to access lessons, required readings, discussion posts, assignments, etc. You should receive login credentials for CANVAS through the QR code link that was provided above.

- a. In addition to using the QR code link for login credentials, your credentials may also be sent to the email address associated with your DEERS account. It is best to make sure you have access to that email otherwise you may miss out on CANVAS login information.
  - b. Once you are able, please login to CANVAS, open the course 20F, and head towards the **“Resources”** tab on the course homepage for further information.
  - c. If you are having issues with login credentials and CANVAS access, please reach out to Ms. Stephanie Taunton at [stephanie.taunton.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:stephanie.taunton.ctr@us.af.mil) or Mr. Shane Trego at [shane.trego.1.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:shane.trego.1.ctr@us.af.mil). Explain the issue you are having. CANVAS help questions are very popular and come in high volume during the start of a new class. Please be patient as our team works diligently through them to assist you
4. Education Day 1: Your first event will be a large-audience webinar via ZoomGov.com. Start times will be posted to CANVAS and a link to the webinar will be posted prominently on the SOS 20F CANVAS course homepage or **“Resources”** tab.
    - a. Log in 10 minutes prior and ops check your camera and speakers.
    - b. This webinar will cover administrative details, a course overview, critical times and events, as well as expectations and recommendations for success.
    - c. Following the mass briefing, you will meet your SOS flight via a link provided by your instructor.

### **What about electives?!**

#### THINK TANK (TT)

Select students join innovative teams and leverage design thinking methodology to personally present creative solutions to senior leaders. Students will work well beyond the SOS curriculum—with game-changing payoff for themselves and the US Air Force. Student innovators receive a bullet on their AF 475 Training Report.

Check out more on TT at our website: <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/SOS/Think-Tank/>.

#### AIR UNIVERSITY ADVANCED RESEARCH (AUAR)

Select students conduct independent research on exciting topics, network with communities of interest, and shape the Air Force's and Space Force's future. Participants are assigned mentor(s) who guide research efforts and define deliverables. This five-week elective requires approximately 20-40 total hours beyond SOS curriculum. Student researchers will receive a bullet on their AF 475 Training Report.

#### SPACE GRAY RHINOS

All core 13S/USSF officers will take part in the SOS space track, the Space Gray Rhinos. These students will complete space-focused classes (Theory, Doctrine, Law, Globalization) and complete a small-group research project that looks at a high-impact, highly probable, but under appreciated threat to the USSF. Select student groups will then brief a USSF General Officer on their work at the end of the class. The Space Gray Rhinos Welcome Meeting will be at 1615 on Day 1, 21 Sept. Contact Capt Dan Phillips at [Christopher.phillips.36@au.af.edu](mailto:Christopher.phillips.36@au.af.edu) if you have any questions.