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Forum focuses on AF role in national security

More than 100 civilian business leaders, educators, and prominent civic leaders from across the nation attended the 54th National Security Forum at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala., May 14-18. **Brent C. Brown, Chairman and CEO of security management firm Chesley Brown Companies**, participated in the forum as a guest of Lt.Col. Kurt Wilson. Mr. Brown was nominated for this prestigious honor by Col. Heath Nuckles, Commanding Officer of Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Marietta, GA. Mr. Brown said, “This was a truly incredible opportunity to not only see what the Air Force is doing but to participate in a no-holds barred discussion with the Air Force leaders of today as well as tomorrow”

The annual forum was hosted by Air University’s Air War College and sponsored by Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne. The primary objective of the NSF is to provide a forum for a candid exchange of views on national security matters among the invited guests, Air War College students, and senior military and civilian leaders. The forum allows American civilians from all over the U.S. an in-depth look at the United States Armed Forces and provides AWC students the opportunity to interact and understand how citizens view the operations of the Armed Forces. It provides the opportunity for future military leaders to interact with a broad cross-section of civilian leaders from businesses, academia, industry, media, law, the clergy, and state and local governments.

This year's NSF included an Air Force F-15 and F-16 aerial demonstration as well as an F-86 Heritage Flight. Forum participants also saw a portion of the Air Force's arsenal on display including the following aircraft: KC-135, C-17, HH-60, A-10, C-21, C-130, WC-130, F-15, F-16, F-117, GA-8, KC-135, T-1, T-6, and the T-38.