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1. Why did you join?

The people. In high school when I first met Airmen, I was impressed with how much Airmen were motivated about their profession and how they all worked together with the common goal of service to others. It was infectious and I wanted to be a part of the team any way that I could.

2. What does Women's History Month mean to you?

This month, as with other remembrances, is about recognizing and embracing what makes us all individually unique. It serves as a reminder to reflect on the past so we never forget where we came from as we look to the future and all that can still be. When everyone embraces their unique gifts and capabilities, bringing their whole selves to the team, we lift the individual and the team to a higher level. It makes us all better.

3. What inspires you to wear the uniform every day?

My two daughters and all the Airmen I work for. Every morning when I see my daughters' smiling faces I am reminded that I have a responsibility to make the world better for them. As they roll out to school and I roll into the squadron, I see all the hardworking Airmen making Combat Airlift happen and that inspires me to be the best commander I can be for them.

4. Name a female who has inspired you and why?

My mom, Mary Feldmann. She is a woman of numerous talents and has "re-made" herself many times in order to serve her family and others. She leads by example, challenges others to the best they can be, and instilled in me a service-oriented heart. I'm proud to call her my mom!