

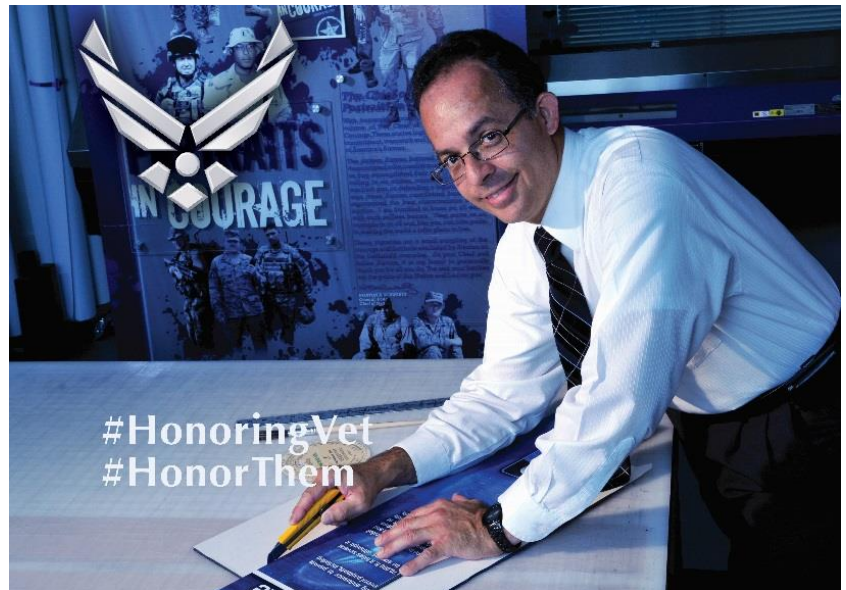


Nov. 11, 2016

VETERANS DAY

To commemorate World War I ending at 11 a.m. of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11, 1919 as Armistice Day. Nov. 11 became a national holiday in 1938, and President Eisenhower changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954.

Veterans Day is the day America recognizes all veterans: Airmen, Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Coast Guardsmen. Our veterans selflessly laid the foundation of our nation and served with honor, a shared purpose and sacrifice for the common good.



The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates there are approximately 3.5 million Air Force veterans living in the United States and abroad.

RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS' SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS

- On Oct. 14, 1947, less than one month after the Air Force was established as a separate service, Capt. Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier.
- This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Tuskegee Airmen. These Airmen set the tone and pace of racial integration across the armed forces and proved diversity and inclusion are force multipliers.
- On March 2, 1949, Capt. James G. Gallagher and his crew completed the first nonstop flight around the world. It took the crew about 94 hours to fly more than 23,450 miles in their B-50 Superfortress.

Veterans In Blue



Veterans old and new have shaped our Air Force. We proudly honor the devotion and service given by these brave men and women through "Veterans In Blue." VIB is a series of stories, photos and videos showcasing our veterans and our Airmen who support today's Air Force. Through the VIB project, Airmen share their personal stories of how the Air Force made a difference in their lives along with re-telling stories from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom. To view this year's featured veterans, click [here](#).

► RESOURCES

Website access to the following resources can be gained by clicking on the name.

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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

Nov. 10, 1950 – MiG-15s shot down their first B-29 near the Yalu River. The 307th Bomb Group crew parachuted behind enemy lines to become POWs. About 36 hours after arriving in Japan, the 437th Troop Carrier Wing began airlifting cargo on C-46s to Korea.

Nov. 11, 1956 – The Convair B-58 Hustler, the first supersonic bomber and delta-winged aircraft capable of 1,000-MPH speeds, completed its first flight at Fort Worth, Texas.

Nov. 12, 1921 – Wesley May, with a 5-gallon can of gasoline strapped to his back, stepped from the wing of a Lincoln Standard, a bi-plane, to the wing skid of a Curtiss JN-4, also a bi-plane, and climbed to the engine to pour gas into the tank. Frank Hawks piloted the Lincoln, and Earl S. Daugherty piloted the JN-4. This was the first known air-to-air refueling.

Nov. 13, 1964 – The solid propellant rocket for Titan II Space Booster's first stage was test-fired at the United Technology Center in Sunnyvale, California, producing more than a million pounds of thrust.

Nov. 14, 1974 – McDonnell-Douglas delivered the first F-15 Eagle to the Tactical Air Command at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona.

Nov. 15, 1942 – The first women entered U.S. Army Air Force flight training. The Army designated the Women's Flying Training Detachment at the Houston Municipal Airport as the 319th Army Air Force Flying Training Detachment.

Nov. 16, 1944 – In the largest air and ground cooperation to date, over 4,000 allied planes, with 750 fighter escorts, dropped more than 10,000 tons of bombs in front of the 1st and 9th Armies to prepare for a ground attack.

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