

Commander's Call Topics



July 23, 2015

"I don't know what's hipper:
to Facebook or to Twitter. I just know for me, personally
discretion never went out of style."

*John Ridley (b. 1965)
American screenwriter*

*Editor's Note: On July 22, 2015, a communications
guidance card was distributed to MAJCOM Public
Affairs directors to provide an at-a-glance
reference tool for Air Force leaders talking to
Airmen about the Office of Personnel Management
data Breach. Excerpts from text follows.*

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Communication Guidance Update: Office of Personnel Management Data Breach

"We sincerely regret this has happened and that so many people were impacted by having their key information at risk. Cybersecurity and protecting personal information of our personnel will always be a top priority for the Air Force. We will continue to support the DOD and OPM to ensure our personnel are protected."

[Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James](#)

BACKGROUND

- Since the end of 2013, OPM has undertaken an aggressive effort to upgrade the agency's cybersecurity posture, adding numerous tools and capabilities to its various legacy networks. As a direct result of these steps, OPM was able to identify two separate but related cybersecurity incidents on its systems.
 - April 2015 – OPM discovered that **personnel data** for 4.2 million individuals had been stolen.
 - May 2015 – OPM discovered an incident affecting **background investigation records** of current, former, and prospective Federal employees and contractors. The team has now concluded with high confidence that sensitive information of 21.5 million individuals was stolen from the background investigation databases.
- Sensitive information includes: Social Security Numbers; residency and educational history; employment history; information about immediate family and other personal and business acquaintances; health, criminal and financial history; and other details.
- If an individual underwent a background investigation through OPM in 2000 or afterwards (which occurs through the submission of forms SF 86, SF 85, or SF 85P for a new investigation or periodic reinvestigation), it is highly likely that the individual is impacted by this cyber breach.

TALKING POINTS

- OPM is dedicated to protecting the safety and security of the information of Federal employees and contractors.
- OPM is committed to helping those that have been impacted by this incident, safeguarding its systems and data, and fulfilling its mission to serve Federal workers.
- In the coming weeks, OPM will notify affected individuals, providing details on the incident and information on how to access protection services.
- OPM and the DOD will work with a private-sector credit and identity theft monitoring firm to provide free assistance including identity restoration support, identity theft insurance, and other services.
- The AF Privacy and Information Assurance Officer is working directly with Program Managers or System Owners to ensure those systems which contain PII have the proper security controls in place to prevent unauthorized access. Security controls are based on the sensitivity of the information within the system which is captured in the Privacy Impact Assessment IAW the E-Government Act of 2002.

RESOURCES

- Airmen and families impacted by the data breach can find additional information at the following locations:
 - Air Force Resources: <http://www.af.mil/cybersecurity.aspx>
 - OPM Resources: <https://www.opm.gov/cybersecurity/>
 - Questions can be directed to dod.data.breach.questions@mail.mil



► RESOURCES

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

[AF.mil](#)

[Airman magazine](#)

[Military OneSource/HomeFront](#)

[Air Force Personnel Center](#)

[Air Reserve Personnel Center](#)

[Department of Defense News](#)

[Department of Veteran Affairs](#)

[TRICARE](#)

[U.S. Government Website](#)

[Air Force Association](#)

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[Air Force Safety Center](#)

[Civil Service Employment Opportunities](#)

[NAF Employment Opportunities](#)

[Air Force Bands/Outreach](#)

► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

July 23, 1995 - To ease economic suffering in Byelorussia (one of fifteen constituent republics of the Soviet Union), a 433rd Air Wing C-5 Galaxy airlifted in 28 pallets of medical supplies, blankets, clothes, furniture and a military ambulance.

July 24, 1917 - An appropriation of \$640 million was approved by Congress and allowed the Aviation Section of the U.S. Army Signal Corps to expand to 9,989 officers and 87,083 enlisted personnel.

July 25, 2000 – A pilot flying the F-22 Raptor No. 02 successfully launched an AIM-9 Sidewinder missile directed at the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Center test range in California, confirming the aircraft's ability to launch an air-to-air missile from an internal weapons bay.

July 26, 1915 - For four days, U.S. Army Capt. Benjamin D. Foulois and his 1st Aero Squadron traveled by train from San Diego, California, to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with eight JN-2 airplanes. The soldiers participated in observation and fire control experiments with the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill.

July 27, 1953 – Capt. Ralph S. Parr, Jr. shot down an Ilyushin Il-12, a Soviet twin-engine cargo aircraft, for the last aerial victory of the Korean War.

July 28, 1943 – Second Lt. John C. Morgan earned the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during a bombing mission over Kiel, Germany. Read more about 2nd Lt. Morgan [here](#).

July 29 1995 - The 11th Reconnaissance Squadron activated at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, to fly remotely piloted aircraft, the RQ-1 Predator. The 11th RS was the first RPA unit in the Air Force.

As the result of an interagency forensics investigation by the Office of Personnel Management into the cybersecurity breach, OPM has announced it will continue to provide assistance for impacted individuals. To learn more about this breach and to understand cybersecurity as it is grounded in the Air Force tradition, a special [Air Force Cybersecurity](#) web page has been created.

► CURRENT ISSUES

[AF generals testify for their future positions](#)

"Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen truly are the heart and soul of our competitive advantage..." said [Gen. Paul J. Selva](#), a nominee for vice chairman to the Joint Chiefs. Selva is one of two Air Force generals who testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee during a nomination hearing on July 14.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[AF releases first term Airman retraining quotas](#)

Dozens of Air Force career fields are now open for retraining. All interested and eligible first term enlisted Airmen can review the fiscal year 2016 online retraining advisory on myPers.

[PT exemptions, dwell time for new AF mothers increases to one year](#)

As part of the Air Force's 2015 Diversity and Inclusion initiatives, the deployment deferment and physical training exemption for female Airmen following childbirth is increased from six months to 12.

► FAMILY HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Comprehensive Airman Fitness on the go](#)

Airmen can now download, The Wingman Toolkit, a mobile app that will give Air Force members easier access to the latest Comprehensive Airmen Fitness programs.

► ENVIRONMENT, SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY

[Global Positioning System: A generation of service to the world](#)

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Global Positioning System Full Operational Capability, the Air Force looks back on all that GPS touches.

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