

Commander's Call Topics



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"It's not the winning that teaches you how to be resilient.
It's the setback.
It's the loss."

*Beth Brooke (b. 1959)
American businesswoman*

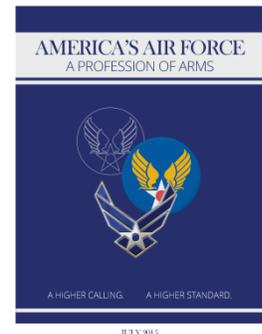
New Orleans commemorates the
10th Anniversary of
[Hurricane Katrina](#)
by celebrating the city's decade
of resurgence.

What is the NEW 'Little Blue Book'?

"As Airmen, we are charged with upholding a culture founded on professionalism, dignity and respect – that's what our core values are about."

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

- The original 1997 "United States Air Force Core Values" handbook (aka the "Little Blue Book") was published to introduce the Air Force core values to the Air Force.
- The next evolution of the "Little Blue Book" moves beyond the Core Values to provide Airmen with instant access to the Core Values, codes and oaths that guide Airmen in their service in the Profession of Arms.
- Highlighted and defined in the new "Little Blue Book" are the Profession of Arms and Respect. All Airmen belong to the Profession of Arms; we are all accountable for meeting ethical and performance standards in our actions. Airmen must have the strength of character to do the right thing, the right way, for the right reasons.
- **How can Airmen get a copy of the Little Blue Book?**
 - Download the PDF from the Profession of Arms Center of Excellence website at www.airman.af.mil
 - Download at www.e-publishing.af.mil
 - Also available as a free mobile application on both Android and Apple devices. Search for "Little Blue Book" in the application stores. The Android app is currently available for download and the Apple app will be available soon.
 - Airmen will soon see a shortcut icon on their desktops that will link to a web application.
 - The PACE website also includes instructions on how units can order hard copies of the "Little Blue Book" through local printing services.



Previous versions of the "Little Blue Book"

- First started in 1983 as Air Force Regulation 30-1, Air Force Standards
- The 1990s version had in-depth definitions of the Air Force Core Values
- A revised version in 2012 included content from Air Force instructions and standards such as military ethics, professional relationships, use of social media and more

*"What's in this document is nothing new to Airmen, but is a reminder
that service to one's country is no ordinary calling."*

–[Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III](#)

*"Service in our Air Force is a higher calling and we carry this legacy forward for future generations of
Airmen. This book is a guide to the meaning of service and the principles that make us so strong."*

–[Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody](#)

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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

August 27, 1970 – The Air Force canceled the AIM-82A Short Range Missile for the F-15 Eagle.

August 28, 1972 – Capt. Richard S. "Steve" Ritchie, with his backseater Capt. Charles D. DeBellevue, shot down his fifth MiG-21 near Hanoi. He thus became the first Air Force ace of the Vietnam War, and the first since the Korean War. For this feat, Ritchie shared the 1972 Mackay Trophy with Captains Jeffrey S. Feinstein and Charles B. DeBellevue.

August 29, 2005 – The Air Force Flight Test Center flew two sorties from Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, to test the WC-130J Hurricane Hunters modified propeller under severe weather conditions. Testers flew repeatedly into Hurricane Katrina as it approached New Orleans. Katrina virtually destroyed Keesler AFB shortly afterwards.

August 30, 1945 – Special Mission 75 ferried 39,928 occupation troops and 8,202 tons of supplies from a staging area in Okinawa to the Japanese mainland. The mission used 259 C-54 Skymasters and 360 B-24 Liberators as cargo planes and associated aircraft.

August 31, 1932 – Air Corps pilots flew five miles above the earth's surface to photograph an eclipse of the sun.

September 1, 1995 – The SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest aircraft in the world, returned to active service. It was removed from the Air Force inventory in 1990, when planners assumed that satellites could perform strategic reconnaissance missions.

September 2, 1982 – After an 11.4-hour nonstop flight from Edwards Air Force Base, California, a B-1B Lancer prototype landed at Farnborough, England, for static display. This was the aircraft's first landing at a site other than Edwards AFB, California.



The OPM data breach, massive in its identity theft implications, gives rise to other crimes, and often one crime can result in two more. For example, phishing scams can morph into credit card fraud and social security abuse. Learn how to protect yourself [here](#). To learn more about the Office of Personnel Management data breach, legitimate assistance being provided to impacted individuals, and to understand cybersecurity as it is grounded in the Air Force tradition, please go to the specially created [Air Force Cybersecurity](#) web page.

► CURRENT ISSUES

[AF Senior Leaders give State of the Air Force address](#)

"American Airmen bind themselves to a set of core values: integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do," said [Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee Jones](#) in the opening remarks of her State of the Air Force address of which the first topic of discussion was Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone's heroic actions aboard a train in France.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[Air Force extends SAPR services to AF civilians](#)

Air Force civilians who are victims of sexual assault may now file restricted and unrestricted reports with their installation's sexual assault response coordinator (SARC).

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