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Earth Day 2016

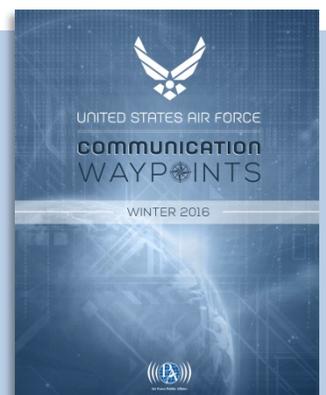
The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970 and more than 20 million Americans demonstrated for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Now celebrated by more than a billion people annually worldwide, Earth Day provides a high-visibility platform to inform America about Air Force environmental initiatives and successes, as well as highlight opportunities for Airmen to contribute to those efforts.



- **Resiliency is essential for the Air Force:**
 - By optimizing our energy demand and increasing our use of clean energy, we can improve our energy resiliency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the same time.
 - Applying smart and innovative energy and water resource management practices enables the Air Force to reduce our risks and drive innovation so we are better poised to “fly, fight and win” now and in the future.
- **Enhancing mission assurance through energy assurance:**
 - The Air Force is taking steps to monitor and decrease energy and water usage at facilities. By identifying how we use our resources, we can better manage those resources.
 - We have ensured we can use alternative fuels in our aircraft and ground vehicles. Once those fuels become cost competitive, we are ready and willing to use them.
- **We need to optimize and personalize how we use our resources:**
 - The Air Force is challenging Airmen to rethink their everyday actions and look for ways to save energy, water, and other resources.
 - Every effort counts – small changes in daily habits lead to substantial savings when multiplied across the Air Force.
 - Suggestions should be submitted through “[Airmen Powered by Innovation.](#)”

AF Questions? Waypoints has the answer.

Waypoints is a resource for communicators and leaders at all levels. It allows Airmen and Airpower advocates to draw upon current information and up-to-date talking points to put their communication efforts into context. What are senior leaders saying about [diversity and inclusion, for example?](#) “Across the force, diversity of background, experience, demographics, perspectives, thought and organization are essential to our ultimate success in an increasingly competitive and dynamic global environment.” For more information on Waypoints, click [here](#).



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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

April 21, 1972 -- The F-111 Aardvark Joint Test Force at Edwards Air Force Base, California, flew an F-111A on its longest flight to date – 5,400 nautical miles in 12 hours.

April 22, 1962 -- Jacqueline Cochran claimed 49 world records for her 5,120-mile, three-stop flight in a Lockheed JetStar from New Orleans to Hanover, Germany, via Gander, Newfoundland and Shannon, Ireland.

April 23, 1956 -- The Douglas C-133 Globemaster was flown for the first time.

April 24, 1943 -- First class of women pilots graduated from U.S. Army Air Forces (USAAF) flight training.

April 25, 1944 -- Flying a Sikorsky YR-4 Hoverfly helicopter, Lt. Carter Harman, of the 1st Air Commando Group, rescued four men from the jungle in Burma, the first combat rescue by helicopter in the U.S. Army Air Forces.

April 26, 1952 -- In air-to-air operations, Maj. William H. Wescott, of the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Group, destroyed his fifth MiG fighter jet in four weeks, becoming the Korean War's 12th ace.

April 27, 1963 -- A Titan II intercontinental ballistic missile, launched from an underground silo at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, made the first successful flight of intercontinental range.



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.



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