

Commander's Call Topics



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New changes for enlisted Airmen

Over the course of the last week there have been several Air Force announcements impacting the enlisted force. These include additional specialties being added to the SRB program, changes to evaluations and promotions, and high year tenure extensions. A brief outline can be found below, followed by links to the official announcements on af.mil.



- **Selective Re-enlistment Bonus (SRB) program triples**
 - From 44 AFSCs in FY15 to 117 in FY16
 - For full SRB article, click [here](#).
- **AF announces adjustments to enlisted evaluations, promotions in 2016**
 - EPRs available for review by senior NCO evaluation boards will decrease from 10 to five years.
 - Starting with the 2016 promotion cycle, the master sergeant evaluation board will be condensed into a single-phase process in which all weighted factors and board scores are combined into one score for each Airman.
 - For 2016, the multipliers for calculating total time-in-service and time-in-grade points will be reduced again by an additional one-third.
 - Beginning in CY16, EPR point calculations for promotion to grades E-5 and E-6 will be based solely on an Airman's last three Forced Distributed reports in their current grade.
 - For full article, click [here](#).
- **High year of tenure (HYT) extension for 122 specialties**
 - If approved, Airmen in one of 122 eligible AFSCs will be able to extend between 12 and 24 months past their current HYT.
 - For full HYT article, click [here](#).



What you need to know about politics and social media

Things are starting to heat up on the political scene and most Airmen know they can't campaign for a political candidate while on active-duty, to include handing out brochures or other information to your co-workers. What many don't know is that according to Department of Defense regulations, posting political candidate information on your social media pages is considered the same thing.

[Tech. Sgt. Holly Roberts-Davis explains this and more in the latest edition of FYI.](#)

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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

Feb. 4, 1985 - After studying the abilities of women in missile crews, the Strategic Air Command decided to employ gender-specific (all-female) crews in Minuteman units.

Feb. 5, 1905 - Thomas S. Baldwin took part in a 10-mile race between his dirigible and an automobile. The dirigible and its pilot won by three minutes.

Feb. 6, 1967 - Airman 2nd Class Duane Hackney, the most decorated Airman in Vietnam, received an Air Force Cross for rescuing a downed pilot near Mu Gia Pass, North Vietnam.

Feb. 7, 1999 - From Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, a Delta II rocket launched carrying the first spacecraft designed to intercept a comet and bring samples back to earth. The spacecraft was named Stardust.

Feb. 8, 1908 - The Secretary of War approved bids by the Wright brothers, Augustus M. Herring, and James F. Scott to build the U.S. Army's first plane.

Feb. 9, 1972 - The Boeing EC-137D test-bed aircraft for the Air Force's Airborne Warning and Control System made its first flight.

Feb. 10, 1939 - The North American NA-40 first flew. This was the prototype for the B-25 Mitchell bomber.



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.



► FAMILY HEALTH AND SAFETY

[OPM offers limited enrollment period for new self-plus-one option](#)

For families of only two people, there is a Federal Employees Health Benefits program that allows enrollees to opt into the new self-plus-one program during the limited enrollment period through February 29.

► CURRENT ISSUES

[Airman Magazine February issue is now available](#)

The latest edition of Airman Magazine features a group of former service members who walk the streets of Los Angeles searching to homeless veterans in need of help.

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