

Commander's Call Topics



April 7, 2016

Month of the Military Child

Military children make up a very special part of our nation's population. These sons and daughters stand in steadfast support of their military parents. To honor their unique contributions and sacrifices on behalf of our country, each April is designated the Month of the Military Child.



KIDS SERVE TOO

1.82 Million Military Children

1,126,326

ACTIVE DUTY
MILITARY CHILDREN

699,835

RESERVE-COMPONENT
MILITARY CHILDREN

• 0 - 5 yrs	471,834
• 6 - 11 yrs	354,327
• 12 - 18 yrs	249,885
• 19 - 22 yrs	50,280

• 0 - 5 yrs	210,951
• 6 - 11 yrs	213,600
• 12 - 18 yrs	195,653
• 19 - 22 yrs	79,631

- Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.
- The average child in a military family will move six to nine times during a school career. This is an average of three times more frequently than nonmilitary families.
- Contact local force support squadrons, Airmen and family readiness centers and chaplain's offices for information on available resources and programs.
- One of the simplest, but most profound ways to show military children we value them is by listening:

- * Listen to their stories and their worries.
- * Listen without correcting, diverting, minimizing or making light of their concerns.
- * Listen with your full attention.

APRIL 11 - 14, 2016
THE BROADMOOR HOTEL
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO USA

32ND SPACE SYMPOSIUM
SPACE FOUNDATION

Air Force leaders speak at 32nd Space Symposium

The 32nd Space Symposium is slated for April 11-14, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Widely known as the most significant global space industry conference, the symposium attracts thousands of participants from dozens of countries, including the world's leading decision makers from civil, military, government, commercial and academic institutions. The program includes discussion of emergent, space technology, international space panels and new generation space leader activities. There will be more than 160 displays of the world's latest space technology, products and services. To see what Air Force leaders are saying during this event, follow Twitter **#32SS**.

► 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 Veterans Affairs](#)

[TRICARE](#)

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[Air Force Bands/Outreach](#)

► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

April 7, 1999 -- The Air Force and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency selected the Boeing Company to build two unmanned combat air vehicles for testing at the Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

April 8, 1918 -- The 1st Aero Squadron, I Corps, was the first American squadron assigned to the front in World War I.

April 9, 1997 -- Lockheed Martin and the Boeing Company rolled out the F-22 Raptor at its Marietta, Georgia, plant.

April 10, 1974 -- C-130 Hercules aircraft, crews and communicators supported Operation Nimbus Star to sweep the Suez Canal free of mines and other obstacles to navigation.

April 11, 1918 -- The 1st Aero Squadron, I Corps Observation Group, equipped with bi-plane SPADS, made the first U.S. observation patrol over enemy lines in World War I.

April 12 1966 -- Strategic Air Command B-52 Stratofortresses hit targets in North Vietnam for the first time, when they attacked a supply route in the Mu Gia Pass, 85 miles north of the border.

April 13, 1925 -- Henry Ford started airplane freight operations between Detroit and Chicago. This was the first regularly scheduled commercial freight operation in the U.S.

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

[TRICARE waives referral requirement for family members departing from Turkey](#)

TRICARE is waiving the primary care manager referral requirement for all beneficiaries who have been evacuated from southern Turkey due to security concerns in the region.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[DOD announces pilot tutoring program for service members](#)

[Tutor.com](#) and [Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support \(DANTES\)](#) are the places to be for service members to get no-cost help with a homework assignment or a college course, anytime, anywhere.

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