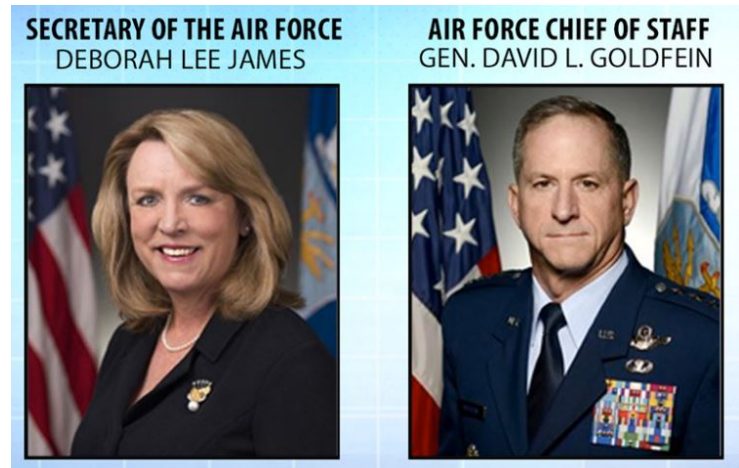




August 11, 2016

STATE OF THE AIR FORCE

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David Goldfein held a State of the Air Force address at the Pentagon Aug. 10. SECAF and CSAF discussed taking care of Airmen, balancing the readiness of today and modernization of tomorrow, and making every dollar count. Below are a few key points from SOTAF.



TAKING CARE OF AIRMEN:

- Finalizing a list of additional duties that will either eliminate or reduce duties for Airmen.
- Soon an implementation working group with SMEs and senior leaders across the Total Air Force will determine how to best implement these changes and ensure duties are performed by the appropriate section.
- Current end-strength is 317,000 but combatant CCs need 323,400. The Air Force is working to gain new authorizations, focused on critically undermanned units. Congressional support is needed to fund this effort.

CURRENT OPERATIONS:

- The Air Force is providing the full spectrum of airpower in the fight against ISIL through air interdiction, ISR, CAS, humanitarian assistance and global reach, averaging more than 148 sorties per day.
- The Afghan air force continues to increase in capability and capacity.
- Coalition airpower provides a vital contribution to the overall [campaign](#).

MAKING EVERY DOLLAR COUNT

- The Air Force strongly supports another round of base realignment and closure.
- BRAC provides the most objective and comprehensive process to eliminate excess infrastructure.

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August is Preventive Health Month

Preventive Health breaks down into three separate stages: primary, secondary and tertiary.

- *Primary stage:* is meant to keep people from getting sick in the first place.
- *Secondary stage:* includes things like the annual PHA, hearing tests, cancer screenings and blood tests.
- *Tertiary stage:* an individual already has a disease, but it's still in a stage that's early enough to treat. A good example of this is diabetes, which can be treated with a change in diet and nutrition long before it gets to the point where medicine is needed.
- For more information regarding your health care click [here](#)

► RESOURCES

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

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[Airman magazine](#)

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[Air Force Personnel Center](#)

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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

August 11, 1950 - C-119 Flying Boxcars began airlifting trucks from Tachikawa Air Base to Taegu during the Korean War.

August 12, 1972 – Lt. Col. Wendell Shawler became the first Air Force pilot to fly the F-15 Eagle.

Aug. 13, 1952 – Air Force officials ordered the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress, an eight-jet heavy bomber, into full-scale production.

Aug 14, 1992 - U.S. military transports began supporting the multinational UN relief effort Operation Provide Relief, which lasted through Feb. 28, 1993. U.S. airlifters moved more than 23,000 tons of food, water, medicine and other relief supplies to Somalia. The supplies helped thousands of starving refugees who suffered from a prolonged drought and civil war.

Aug. 15, 1929 – Lt.s Nicholas B. Mamer and Arthur Walker flew the Buhl Sesquiplane, named the Spokane Sun God, with a Wright Whirlwind engine, from Spokane, Washington, to the East Coast and back. They set a nonstop distance record of 7,200 miles by refueling 11 times during the flight.

Aug. 16, 2002 - Air Force officials extended the mobilization of more than 14,000 citizen Airmen (members of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve), mostly security forces, into a second year of the Global War on Terror.

Aug. 17, 1963 - A ferry from Okinawa, Japan, sank in the Ryukyu Islands with 261 people aboard. Pacific Air Forces rescue units from Naha Air Base, Japan, and other military units, responded and rescued 235 people from the sea.



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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