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SQUADRON: *The beating heart of the Air Force*

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David Goldfein delivered his inaugural letter to Airmen, civilian and contractors featuring the first of his key focus areas Aug. 9. CSAF put it simply: the heart of the Air Force is the squadron, and the squadron level is where we as an Air Force need to have a solid foundation organizationally.



OUR MOST ESSENTIAL TEAM:

- We succeed or fail in our missions at the squadron level because that is where we develop, train and build Airmen.
- Airmen identify with their core fighting unit which is where our service's culture and traditions manifest themselves.
- Squadrons are the engines of innovation and esprit de corps.
- Squadrons are the first line of defense against behaviors that are unacceptable.

REVITALIZE THE SQUADRON:

- Readiness and morale are inextricably linked.
- For 15 years, squadrons have been asked to bear the brunt of an incredible deployment tempo and manpower shortages which have a direct impact on readiness in our warfighting missions.
- *General Goldfein's primary focus for his first year as the Chief of Staff of the Air Force will be to revitalize squadrons as the core fighting unit in our Air Force.*

IF YOU MISSED GEN. GOLDFEIN'S MESSAGE ON HIS FOCUS AREA. CLICK [HERE](#) TO WATCH OR READ.

Air Force celebrates Preventive Health Month

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- [Living Your Ideal Lifestyle is at the Core of Free Smoking Cessation Program](#)
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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

August 18, 1910 – Army Cpl. Glen Madole and Oliver G. Simmons, the Army's first civilian aircraft mechanic, added wheels to Signal Corps Airplane No. 1 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This effort produced tricycle landing gear that eliminated the need for launching rails and catapults.

August 19, 1940 – The North American B-25 Mitchell bomber, named for famed airpower pioneer Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell, first flew.

August 20, 1990 – More than 15,300 reservists, roughly 22 percent of the Reserve force, volunteered to serve in Operation Desert Shield.

August 21, 1923 – The Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base, California, received a Czech L-39 Albatross for a six-month trial of its flight capabilities, studying it as a possible partial replacement for the retired T-39 Sabreliner fleet.

August 22, 1917 – Air-to-ground radiotelephones went into production.

August 23, 1990 – The 89th Military Airlift Wing received the first of two Boeing VC-25A presidential transport aircraft at Andrews AFB, Maryland. The VC-25A is a modified 747-200B commercial transport that replaces the VC-137 Stratoliner.

August 24, 2001 – An EC-18B Advanced Range Instrumentation Aircraft made its final Air Force Flight Test Center flight, ending that mission at Edwards AFB. For 30 years, the aircraft recorded and relayed telemetry information from intercontinental ballistic missiles and manned spacecraft, both U.S. and foreign. The Air Force intended to use the two EC-18Bs in the Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System program.



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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