

Commander's Call Topics



January 21, 2016

Don't forget your IRS Form 1095 for taxes this year!

With the tax season approaching this form will prove you have healthcare benefits.

In January 2016, DFAS is required to provide each employee with an IRS Form 1095 for employment during 2015 according to the Affordable Care Act. The act requires, as taxpayers, all Active Duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, Retiree and Civilian Airmen prove that they have obtained the minimum essential coverage.



What's important?

- The IRS 1095 series forms include information already provided to the Internal Revenue Service. These forms contain information you need to complete your individual federal income tax return.
- Military members will receive a notification letter from the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) if their SSN or a family members' SSN needs to be updated in DEERS. It is important to follow the instructions in the letter to ensure information is correctly reported to the IRS.
- You will receive an IRS Form 1095-B or 1095-C for all healthcare plans you are enrolled in. This includes Tricare and the Federal Employee Health Benefit plans (available via your myPay account), VA and other plans provided through a government agency or purchased by you for yourself and your family members.
- IRS Form 1095-B (for military retirees and annuitants): This form provides information you will need to report on your income tax return that you, your spouse and individuals you claim as dependents had qualifying health coverage (referred to as "minimum essential coverage") for some or all months during the year. Individuals who do not have minimum essential coverage and do not qualify for an exemption may be liable for the individual shared responsibility payment.
- IRS Form 1095-C (for military members and federal civilian employees): This form includes information about the health insurance coverage offered to you by your employer. Form 1095-C, Part II, includes information about the coverage, if any, your employer offered to you and your spouse and dependent(s).

Air Force adds additional force protection programs

The Air Force Security Forces Integrated Defense Team established the Unit Marshal and Security Forces Staff Arming programs and implemented the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act, which will enable commanders to increase force protection measures on their installations.

- The Unit Marshal Program is the newest of these initiatives designed to enable commanders at every level, when approved by the installation commander, permission to work with security forces to train Airmen and allow them to open carry an M9 pistol at their duty location.
- The second is the Security Forces Staff Arming Program that would, with the approval of the installation commander, enable more security forces members who work in staff billets at the squadron, group, wing or major command to carry a government-issued weapon while on duty.
- The third program supports the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act also applies to security forces members both past and present. LEOSA is a federal act that provides credentials for law enforcement members to carry a concealed weapon to any state for personal protection against people who may want to harm them, as long as they obey state and local laws pertaining to firearms.

- *"We increased the number of armed security forces on base through several arming programs, are enhancing force protection measures at off-installation facilities," said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. "Commanders remain fully empowered and are expected to make arming decisions for off-installation facilities consistent with existing authorities. They are also best positioned to balance the mission with the threat and determine the appropriate level of security required for a given facility."*

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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

Jan. 21, 1991 – During Operation Desert Storm, Capt. Paul T. Johnson in his A-10 Thunderbolt II found a downed Navy fighter pilot, who had ejected in Iraqi territory. Johnson destroyed a threatening Iraqi truck, which allowed an Air Force MH-53J Pave Low helicopter to rescue the pilot. For his efforts, Johnson was awarded the Air Force Cross.

Jan. 22, 1964 – First flight of the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird.

Jan. 23, 1961 – The last Atlas-D launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida, was a success. Altogether, there were 35 completely successful launches, eight partial successes, and six failures in the program.

Jan. 24, 1946 – Gen. Carl Spaatz was named the first chief of staff of the Army Air Forces.

Jan. 25, 1990 – A Titan II booster launched Clementine I, a space probe to the moon. This mission was the first American lunar effort since Apollo 17 in 1972.

Jan. 26, 2004 – The Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California, carried out the first mission with its new KC-135 "rain and ice" tanker. The aircraft could replicate rain, snow or icy conditions through a 4-foot shower head containing 100 air and water nozzles mounted at the end of its refueling boom. For this mission, the tanker produced a saturated cloud for an F-22 Raptor performance test.

Jan. 27, 1967 – Air Force Lt. Cols. Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom and Edward White and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee were killed when their Apollo spacecraft caught fire at Cape Kennedy while rehearsing for a flight scheduled for Feb. 21.



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

[Airman participation needed for health survey](#)

The triennial Health Related Behaviors Survey is seeking anonymous input from Airmen on the health, well-being and readiness of military members and families about diet, exercise, stress, substance use and alcohol.

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