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Zika Virus

Zika is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito (*Ae. aegypti* and *Ae. albopictus*), but can also be sexually transmitted. Infection during pregnancy can cause microcephaly and severe fetal brain defects, and has been associated with other adverse pregnancy outcomes. The most common symptoms of a Zika virus infection are fever, rash, headaches, joint and muscle aches, or conjunctivitis (red eyes).



- **DoD/AF response to the Zika Virus:**

- The health and safety of our personnel and their families, civil servants and DoD contractors are our top priority.
- We are closely monitoring the situation and collaborating with state and local health agencies with the advice and assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- The Air Force will continue to inform and educate our personnel of preventive measures, to maintain readiness, and to work with local officials in the community.
- The DoD's primary objective in Zika response is force health protection, and protection of DoD beneficiaries, particularly the health and well-being of pregnant service members.
- For more information, especially if you are traveling to an area potentially affected by Zika, visit the [CDC website](#) for the most current locations impacted, as well specific case counts, additional prevention measures, Zika symptoms, and additional resources.

- **Preventive measures:**

- Apply insect repellent
- Wear clothing treated with Premetherin
- Minimize exposed skin (long pants and sleeves)
- Remove standing water in trafficked areas
- Remain indoors in air conditioned or screened buildings, if possible

Women's Equality Day

- In 1971 the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as "Women's Equality Day."
- Women's Equality Day commemorates passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote.



► RESOURCES

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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

August 25, 1932 – Flying from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to complete a nonstop transcontinental flight.

August 26, 1943 – The U.S. Army Air Forces used a new type of perspective maps with targets drawn as seen from the air to improve high altitude precision bombing abilities.

August 27, 1970 – The Air Force canceled the AIM-82A short range missile for the F-15 Eagle.

August 28, 1972 – Capt. Richard S. "Steve" Ritchie, with his backseater Capt. Charles D. DeBellevue, shot down his fifth MiG-21 near Hanoi, Vietnam. He thus became the first Air Force ace of the Vietnam War, and the first since the Korean War. For this feat, Ritchie shared the 1972 Mackay Trophy with Capt. Jeffrey S. Feinstein and Charles B. DeBellevue.

August 29, 2005 – The Air Force Flight Test Center flew two sorties from Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, to test the WC-130J Hurricane Hunter's modified propeller under severe weather conditions. Testers flew repeatedly into Hurricane Katrina as it approached New Orleans. Katrina virtually destroyed Keesler AFB shortly afterwards.

August 30, 1945 – Special Mission 75 ferried 39,928 occupation troops and 8,202 tons of supplies from a staging area in Okinawa to the Japanese mainland. The mission used 259 C-54 Skymasters and 360 B-24 Liberators as cargo planes and associated aircraft.

August 31, 1932 – Air Corps pilots flew 5 miles above the earth's surface to photograph an eclipse of the sun.



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](#).

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