

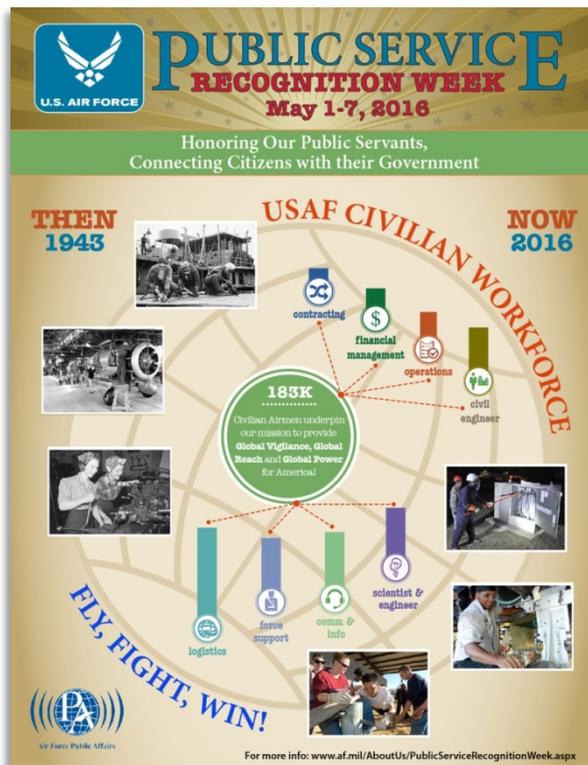
Commander's Call Topics

April 28, 2016

Honoring our public servants and connecting citizens with their government

Since 1985, the first week in May has been Public Service Recognition Week. During this period we honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. The Air Force is proud to observe Public Service Recognition Week and honor the 183,000 civilian Airmen who are the foundation of our ability to Fly, Fight and Win.

- Civilian Airmen are mission critical to providing effective and responsive Global Vigilance, Global Reach and Global Power for America.
- Grounded in our core values, superbly trained and equipped to execute our five core missions, civilian Airmen are an indispensable part of the Total Force team delivering airpower now and into the future.
- Our civilian Airmen epitomize the spirit of creativity and innovation as they serve their country both at home and abroad.
- Civilians are critical force multipliers and are imperative to national security.
- Every day Air Force civilians address incredible challenges in defense of our nation and deserve our gratitude as part of the Total Force team.
- The Air Force civilian workforce comprises an incredibly diverse number of Airmen in various missions located in all 50 states and multiple overseas locations.
- Civilian Airmen serve our country both on and off the job, providing countless hours in voluntary service to their local communities.
- The outstanding contributions of past Civilian Airmen laid the framework for today's Air Force, just as contributions of today's American Airmen—both military and civilian—build our future.



Fall protection in the Air Force

The Air Force recognizes "Fall Protection Focus Weeks" from May 2-13, to draw attention to fall hazards on and off duty, and to prevent fall-related mishaps. Between 2011-2015, there were 6,724 injuries due to falls that resulted in 42,539 lost workdays at a cost of \$64.5 million. The mishaps included Class A-D, military and civilian personnel, on and off duty. Sadly, those mishaps resulted in three fatalities. Fall Protection Focus draws attention to avoidable mishaps due to falls and reminds the entire Air Force family - active duty, civilian, Guard, Reserve and family members - what every Airman can do to avoid fall-related injuries. Click [here](#) for more info.



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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

April 28, 1993 – Secretary of Defense Les Aspin announced that women would be allowed to serve in combat roles. This change in policy meant that female pilots could fly Air Force combat aircraft.

April 29, 1918 – Lt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, the leading American ace of World War I, downed his first aircraft.

April 30, 1999 – The NASA Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base, California, unveiled the X-34, a technology demonstrator for a reusable space launch vehicle.

May 1, 2001 – The Space Shuttle Endeavour landed at Edwards Air Force Base, California, after a mission to the International Space Station to deliver a robotic arm, a multipurpose logistics module, and an UHF antenna.

May 2, 1977 – First Lt. Christine E. Schott became the first woman undergraduate pilot student to solo in the T-38 Talon.

May 3, 1930 – Laura Ingalls completed 344 consecutive loops. Afterwards, she tried again and accomplished 980 loops. In another flight later in the year, she successfully completed 714 barrel rolls, giving her a pair of records no one has cared to challenge.

May 4, 1979 – The A-10B Thunderbolt flew its first flight at Edwards Air Force Base, California.



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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