

Commander's Call Topics

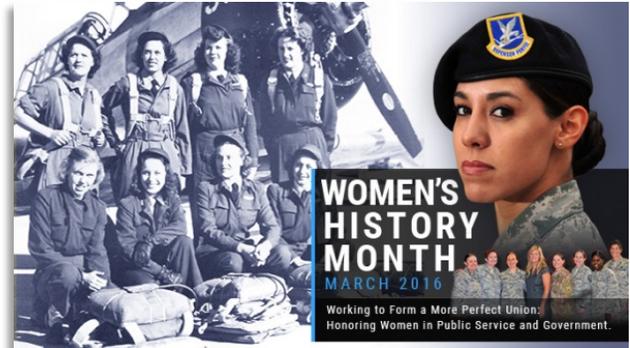


March 31, 2016

Month in Review

In March, we celebrated Women's History Month, recognized the contributions of the Tuskegee Airman on their 75th Anniversary and kicked off the #notjustApril campaign against sexual assault. Below are a couple of videos from this month's events.

- Women have been and are in the fight here are the [Air Force Top Five - Facts About Air Force Women](#)
- WASPs, the first women to fly American military aircraft, forever changed the role of women in aviation. Click [here](#) to see how.
- The contributions and heroism of past American Airmen laid the framework for today's Air Force, just as contributions of today's American Airmen build the nation's future. Click [here](#) to watch.



March 22 was the 75th anniversary of the activation of the U.S. Army Air Corps' 99th Pursuit Squadron, the Tuskegee Airmen. Click [here](#) to watch the trailer of a documentary that will be released on AF.mil this July. You can also check out CSAF Gen Mark A. Welsh III being made honorary member of the Tuskegee Airmen. Click [here](#) to watch the video.

- Eliminating sexual assault in the Air Force requires Airmen at all levels to be engaged all year—not just during April. Click [here](#) to see what the SecAF had to say at the kickoff of #notjustApril campaign.
- Airmen are the Air Force's best asset in preventing sexual assault. Professional, dedicated Airmen who take care of their Wingmen every day of the year will help eliminate sexual assault from our ranks. Click [here](#) to see what CMSAF had to say about #notjustApril campaign.



The Air Force has released a new [website](#) dedicated to more than 60 Airmen who have received the Medal of Honor for exemplary acts of courage. The Medal of Honor is the highest military award for valor that can be bestowed upon a service member. The first medal received by an Airman was awarded to Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker for aerial combat in 1918. The Air Force-designed Medal of Honor was created on April 14, 1965. President Lyndon B. Johnson first presented this medal on Jan. 19, 1967, to Maj. Bernard F. Fisher for actions in South Vietnam. To read more about other Air Force Medal of Honor recipients, click [here](#).



► RESOURCES

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

[AF.mil](#)

[Airman magazine](#)

[Military OneSource/HomeFront](#)

[Air Force Personnel Center](#)

[Air Reserve Personnel Center](#)

[Department of Defense News](#)

[Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

[TRICARE](#)

[U.S. Government Website](#)

[Air Force Association Scholarships](#)

[Air Force Safety Center](#)

[Civil Service Employment Opportunities](#)

[NAF Employment Opportunities](#)

[Air Force Bands/Outreach](#)

► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

March 31, 1951 -- The 3rd Air Rescue Squadron used the H-19 Chickasaw to retrieve 18 United Nations personnel from behind enemy lines. This was the first use of this type helicopter in a special operations mission.

April 1, 1942 -- Air Corps Proving Ground became Proving Ground Command with its main base at Eglin Field, Florida.

April 2, 1959 -- NASA selected Air Force Capt. L. Gordon Cooper Jr., Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, and Donald K. "Deke" Slayton; Navy Lt. Cmdrs. Walter M. Shirra Jr., and Alan B. Shepard, Jr., and Lt. M. Scott Carpenter; and Marine Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr., as the Project Mercury astronauts.

April 3, 1939 -- President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Public Law 18, or the National Defense Act of 1940. In that act, Congress authorized the Army Air Corps to expand to 48,000 personnel and 6,000 airplanes with a \$300 million budget. It also authorized the training of black pilots.

April 4, 1944 -- Fifteenth Air Force conducted the first American bombing raid on Bucharest, Romania.

April 5, 1958 -- An Atlas ICBM flew from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, to an impact area some 600 miles away.

April 6, 1980 -- The first air refueled C-141B Starlifter mission flew from Beale Air Force Base, California, to Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England. An aircrew assigned to the 443rd Military Airlift Wing made the flight in 11 hours 12 minutes with one refueling.



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

[MiCare updates process for personal health record](#)

Although automatic updates to MiCare personal health records will be discontinued, the process is being streamlined, and electronic health records will continue to be available through the Blue Button feature on TRICARE Online.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[Carter announces Operation Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal](#)

Airmen, sailors, soldiers and Marines serving or who have served in Iraq and Syria as part of Operation Inherent Resolve are eligible to receive the new medal.

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