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## Air Force enables the Joint Warfight in Mosul

The U.S. Air Force, as part of the Operation Inherent Resolve Air Coalition, continues to provide a full spectrum of air assets to include intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, aerial refueling, strike capabilities as well as air and ground-based command and control to support Iraqi Security Forces in the offensive to recapture Mosul, Iraq, contributing to the ultimate destruction of Da'esh's hold on the country's second largest city. Below are some highlights of the coalition's efforts.



- [Coalition Shapes Mosul Fight by Removing ISIL Leaders From Battlefield](#)
- [Coalition airstrike video destroying a Da'esh staging area near Mosul, Iraq.](#)
- [C-130 to Q-west in Iraq delivers cargo in support of Operation Inherent Resolve](#)
- [Air Force engineers restore Q-West to support Mosul offensive](#)
- [Coalition air operations critical to Mosul offensive](#)

## ENERGY ACTION EVERY DAY

As October draws to an end so does the President's 2016 Energy Action Month observance. However, the goals of Energy Action Month: increase awareness

about energy consumption and encourage energy-saving actions in Airmen, civilians, and their families are ones we hope energy efficient actions highlighted during Energy Action Month will become good habits everyday leading to increased mission effectiveness and reduced costs throughout the year



## ► RESOURCES

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

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## ► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

**Oct. 27, 2006** - The 49th Fight Wing flew 25 F-117 Nighthawks in formation over Holloman AFB, New Mexico, as part of the aircraft's 25th anniversary and 250,000-flying-hour celebration. The formation consisted of 25 planes staggered into five separate groups.

**Oct. 28, 1985** - The first six female officers started initial qualification training for Minuteman crew duty. All six women previously worked with the Titan II system. They finished the class on February 7, 1986.

**Oct 29, 1950** - C-47s made aeromedical flights from Sinanju Airfield, North Korea, the northernmost Korean airfield ever used by Far East Air Forces aircraft, some 40 miles north of Pyongyang.

**Oct 30, 1940** - The 71st Squadron Royal Air Force (1st Eagle Squadron with American volunteers) became operational.

**Oct. 31, 1972** - The Air Force inactivated the last BOMARC surface-to-air missile squadron, the 22d Air Defense Missile Squadron, at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

**Nov. 1, 1954** - The Air Force retired its last [B-29 Superfortress](#) from service. Flown primarily by the United States during World War II and the Korean War, the aircraft had fewer than 12 years in active inventory.

**Nov. 2, 1944** - While on a mission over Merseberg, Germany, a bomber sustained three hits from anti-aircraft shells. Severely wounded navigator [Lt. Robert E. Femoyer](#) refused morphine so that he could keep his head clear and direct his plane out of danger. For more than two hours, he navigated his lone bomber away from flak. Only when he reached the English Channel did he agree to take a sedative. He died after the plane landed in England. For his sacrifice, Femoyer received the Medal of Honor.

## ► CURRENT ISSUES

During [a panel](#) hosted by the Center for a New American Security, Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James joined the secretaries of the Army and Navy and emphasized the Air Force's continued focus on diversity and inclusion.

## ► PERSONNEL ISSUES

The Air Force's program to develop multiskilled civilian leaders, the [2017 Air Force Civilian Strategic Leader Program](#), has selected 21 senior civilians for this year's program.

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