

Commander's Call Topics



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6—10 February 2017

Blended Retirement System (BRS) Opt In Training

PRIORITY TOPIC OF THE WEEK

- BRS Opt In training is available on [JKO](#)—Course number J3OP-US1332.
 - ◊ The course takes a total of 2 hours to complete, but Airmen can leave and return as needed—it does not need to be completed all at once.
- Airmen with less than 12 years of service as of 31 Dec 17 are **required** to take BRS Opt In training.
 - ◊ **Individual notifications will be sent by AFPC at a later date.**
- Leaders at all levels should be knowledgeable on BRS and should take either the 30-min BRS Leader Training or the 2-hour BRS Opt In Training.
- BRS Opt In Training Information ([AFPC Article](#)).
- BRS Key Talking Points ([Tell the Air Force Story site](#)—CAC required)
- Blended Retirement System Information: [myPers](#) (CAC required) and [OSD](#)

FOR UNIT LEADERS

- The 2017 Air Force Communication Toolkit is available on the [Tell the Air Force Story site](#) (CAC-required).
- The Air Force narrative ensures an aligned and synchronized, overarching Air Force story while also allowing Airmen to add specific or localized messaging when you or your leadership engage with external audiences.
- The "Quick Facts" can be used to emphasize key missions outlined in the narrative.

PERSONNEL TOPICS

- Civilian hiring freeze information under development ([AFPC Article](#))
- Line of the Air Force Colonel list to be publicly released on Tuesday, 7 February. List will be available on myPers on 8 February.
- February Enlisted Supplemental Promotion Release on 9 February.
- Officer developmental education application window open ([AFPC Article](#))

FEBRUARY OBSERVANCES

- **February is National Black History Month.** Talking points stressing the importance of diversity and inclusion along with Airmen Breaking Barriers since 1947 are available on the [Tell the Air Force Story site](#). Public Affairs Offices also have Communication Toolkit available for use.
- **Medical Messaging:** February is [Heart Health Month](#) and [Dental Health Month](#)

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