

# COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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## Priority Topic

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Week

## National Mentoring Month

“One of the greatest values of mentors is the ability to see ahead what others cannot see and to help them navigate a course to their destination.”

John C. Maxwell

### January Month of Mentoring

The Harvard School of Public Health and the Corporation for National and Community Service founded National Mentoring Month in 2002 to bring national attention to the value of mentoring. The goal is to stimulate organizations to integrate effective mentoring strategies and processes into their initiatives and to ultimately promote mentoring in the United States.

### How Does the Month of Mentoring Impact the Air Force?

Acknowledging the Month of Mentoring brings attention to the mentoring process and some of the tools the Air Force provides while also motivating all members to engage in quality mentoring as a mentor and/or mentee. The mentoring relationship is beneficial at all levels of one's career and can assist Airmen in their overall growth as a critical member of the Air Force.

### Why is Mentoring Important?

- Mentoring provides the opportunity for Airmen to maximize their full potential by encouraging their personal and professional development.
- Mentoring is transformational and facilitates the development of Airmen by sharing expertise, values, competencies, perspectives and attitudes.
- Mentoring is a unique and satisfying experience for a mentor to be able to help a mentee achieve his or her goals.
- Mentoring is an essential ingredient in developing well-rounded and competent leaders because it helps prepare them for increased responsibilities.

### What Tools Does the Air Force Offer in Support of Mentoring?

Airmen can access mentoring tools through MyVECTOR, an information technology platform offering a broad range of self enrichment tools. The platform supports individual Airmen by:

- Inviting participants to sign up as a mentee or serve as a mentor
- Allowing the selection of mentors based on preferences
- Providing a space for mentors/mentees to communicate online
- Offering a mentorship plan for developing goals and objectives

Airmen can also reference AFMAN 36-2643, *Air Force Mentoring Program*, which discusses mentorship guiding principles and also includes specific tools on how to find a mentor and build successful mentoring relationships.

### Additional Information

For more information and resources, visit the [MyVECTOR](#) website. “MyVECTOR 2.0” will expand the current MyVECTOR capabilities and transition the IT platform into a one-stop shop for all things officer, enlisted and civilian Force Development.

## Personnel Topics of Interest

- January enlisted in-system supplemental promotion list released ([AFPC](#))
- AF releases results of CY17A med, dental central selection boards ([AFPC](#))
- AF selects 1,648 in CY17B captains quarterly selection process ([AFPC](#))

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