

# Commander's Call Topics



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*"The world is changing quickly, and we as an Air Force must continue to refine the way we do things to keep up--to ensure we remain able to prevail in today's fights, to prevent and deter fights where able, but also prepare for what tomorrow might bring us. Most importantly, we must preserve our not-so-secret weapon in making all that happen...our people."*

– Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley from his [remarks to the 2010 Senior Enlisted Summit](#)

## FROM AIR FORCE SENIOR LEADERS

### [Senior Enlisted Leader Summit participants discuss Airmen's global influence](#)

More than 370 senior enlisted leaders from the Air Force, joint and coalition community recently gathered for the Senior Enlisted Leader Summit to focus on strategic enlisted issues. Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy said building partnerships with the international community, one of the main focuses of the summit, will benefit Airmen at all levels.

### [Air Force's senior enlisted leader experiences pre-deployment training](#)

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy visited the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center to gain first-hand knowledge of Air Force and Army expeditionary skills training that prepares deployers for a joint environment. *"These training courses, along with others, have been pivotal in the outstanding performance of our Airmen downrange. Our sister services' senior leaders see Airmen as engaged...and a big part of the solution set."*

## ► CURRENT ISSUES

### [Air Force officials announce FY 2011 force structure alignments](#)

The proposed force structure realignment for fiscal 2011 provides a summary of the civilian and military personnel changes and aircraft assignments at Air Force installations for the upcoming fiscal year. *"The Air Force continues to support new and emerging missions while making every effort to remedy the stress experienced by critically manned career fields,"* said Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff. *"This realignment emphasizes the strength and synergy of the total force -- active duty, Air National Guard and Reserve -- putting the right skills in the right place."*

For more details about the fiscal 2011 force structure realignment, read the [Fiscal 2011 Force Structure Announcement](#) or review the [Fiscal 2011 Force Structure Briefing](#).

### [DOD officials to study compensation, incentives](#)

Defense Department officials announced the start of the congressionally mandated 11th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation. The review's focus will be on combat pay, compensation for Reserve-component servicemembers, caregivers and survivors, and pay incentives for critical career fields.

## ► PERSONNEL ISSUES

### [Officials still seeking those impacted by stop-loss](#)

Current and former Airmen who were involuntarily held on active duty beyond an approved separation or retirement date as a result of stop-loss between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009, may be eligible for a retroactive stop-loss special pay compensation of \$500 for each whole or partial month they were affected. For more information on program eligibility and claims instructions, visit the [Air Force Personnel Center personal services](#) Web site or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

### [Defense officials authorize Humanitarian Service Medal for Haiti relief efforts](#)

Department of Defense officials have approved the Humanitarian Service Medal for personnel assigned to Operation Unified Response who directly participated in humanitarian relief assistance to the people of Haiti following the Jan. 12 earthquake. For more information on this and other Air Force recognition programs, visit the [Air Force Personnel Center personnel services](#) Web site or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

### [Nominations open for 2010 GEICO awards](#)

The annual GEICO Military Service Awards recognize enlisted servicemembers from all military service branches, active duty, Guard and Reserve, for their contributions to military and civilian communities. The three award categories are drug and alcohol abuse prevention, fire safety and fire prevention, and traffic safety and accident prevention.

## **CIVILIAN**

### [Deployment opportunities available for civilians](#)

Department of Defense officials are advertising more than 980 opportunities identified as noncombatant positions that can be filled by qualified DOD civilians. Volunteer opportunities can be found at the [Civilian Expeditionary Workforce Web site](#).

### [More bases to advertise vacancies on USAJOBS](#)

Eight additional locations will begin using USAJOBS.gov on May 24 to advertise vacancies to current Air Force employees. Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.; McGuire AFB, N.J.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Langley AFB, Va.; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Andersen AFB, Guam; and the Air Force District of Washington's Bolling AFB and the Pentagon make up Phase II of the Air Force's civilian initiative to use USAJOBS to announce jobs vacancies to internal and external candidates.

## **FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### [Chairman tells servicemembers it's okay to get help](#)

In a [new video](#) spotlighting Tricare's behavioral health care benefits, Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sends a strong message to servicemembers struggling with feelings of stress, anxiety or depression. *"If you feel as though you or a close family member needs help, please don't wait. Tell someone. Asking for help may very well be the bravest thing you can do."*

## **FINANCES AND EDUCATION**

### [Officials warn of 'phishing' scams targeting troops](#)

Officials are urging renewed vigilance against "phishing." Phishing is a term used to describe deceiving people into divulging personal information such as passwords or account numbers over the Internet. Numerous fraudulent e-mails were sent to financial customers of USAA and Navy Federal Credit Union. While these e-mails may appear to be legitimate, it's important to remember these companies will never ask for personal identification or to verify financial institution data via e-mail.

## **RESOURCES**

### ***AF.mil***

<http://www.af.mil>

### ***Airman magazine***

<http://www.airmanonline.af.mil/>

### ***Air Force Community***

<http://www.afcommunity.af.mil/>

### ***Air Force Highlights***

<http://www.afoutreach.af.mil/usafhighlights/index.asp>

**Military OneSource**

<http://www.militaryonesource.com/>

**Military HOMEFRONT**

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>

**Year of the Air Force Family**

<http://www.af.mil/yoaff/index.asp>

[www.MyAirForceLife.com](http://www.MyAirForceLife.com)

**Air Force Personnel Center**

<http://gum.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

**Air Reserve Personnel Center**

<http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/>

**Department of Defense**

<http://www.defense.gov>

**Department of Defense News**

<http://www.defenselink.mil>

**TRICARE**

<http://www.tricare.mil>

**U.S. Government Web site**

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

## **AIR FORCE HERITAGE TO HORIZONS**

### **This Week in Air Force History**

**May 16, 1955** – The U.S. Air Force marking is approved for use on aircraft wings.

**May 17, 1919** – The War Department ordered use of national star insignia on all planes.

**May 18, 1918** – American day bombardment aviation began at Amenty Airdrome, France.

**May 20, 1951** – Capt. James Jabara became the first U.S. Air Force jet ace, shooting down his fifth and sixth MiG in Korea.

For more information on Air Force heritage, visit the Air Force Link heritage section at

<http://www.af.mil/information/heritage>.

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