

# Commander's Call Topics



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"Our senior leadership has gone to great lengths to ensure every Airman stays fit year round. We want all Airmen to take fitness seriously. We intend that the days of 'cramming' for the annual fitness test will be replaced by an emphasis on year-round fitness. We were the only military service who did not test at least twice a year, and it's a definite step in the right direction to change the Air Force fitness culture." – Chief Master Sgt. Mark Long, the Air Force's chief of enlisted promotions, evaluations and fitness policy, on the [new fitness program](#)

## FROM AIR FORCE SENIOR LEADERS

### [SECAF/CSAF memo on environment, safety and occupational health commitment](#)

"The mission of the U.S. Air Force is to fly, fight, and win...in air, space, and cyberspace. To continue the successful execution of our mission, we need each of you to understand the environment, safety, and occupational health aspects of your jobs, and to take action to minimize ESOH risks."

### [Air Force senior leaders take fiscal 2011 budget request to Capitol Hill](#)

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz recently addressed the service's fiscal year 2011 budget request before the Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee. The secretary said Air Force officials will continue to balance resources and risks as they invest in intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; space and space-related systems; and surge operations in Afghanistan.

### [Air Force chief of staff addresses CAF Airpower Symposium](#)

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz addressed the 2010 Combat Air Forces Airpower Symposium at Langley AFB, Va., stressing the importance of the CAF mission to national security and reinforcing Air Force officials' commitment to the CAF mission and people.

## ► CURRENT ISSUES

### [Air Force directs immediate inspection of advanced combat helmets](#)

Logistics officials said evidence indicates some helmets were produced using unauthorized manufacturing practices, defective materials and improper quality procedures that could potentially reduce ballistic and fragmentation protection.

### [Cybersecurity challenges](#)

Putting [cybersecurity](#) in place poses significant challenges for the Defense Department, the government as a whole and for critical infrastructure. U.S. government experts are working on a cybersecurity strategy and U.S. Cyber Command will stand up soon. The command will have three core missions: defense of the military networks; supporting on-going military operations and planning for future operations; and supporting civilian efforts

## ► PERSONNEL ISSUES

### [Air Force fitness program revisions begin July 1](#)

In less than two months, Airmen across the globe will begin testing against [new fitness assessment standards](#). Changes include bi-annual testing, minimum requirements within testing components and establishing fitness assessment cells to proctor tests.

### [AF seeks officers for defense research program](#)

Air Force officials are soliciting officer nominations through June 17 for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency Service Chiefs Program. The DARPA SCP will help increase awareness within key military commands of DARPA's technology development efforts. For more information on eligibility criteria and nomination procedures, visit the [AFPC personnel services Web site](#) or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

### **[AETC fields new management tool](#)**

Air Education and Training Command officials will field the Task Management Tool beginning in September. It is designed to support the task management process for AETC headquarters, Air University, 2nd Air Force, 19th Air Force and wing staff leadership.

### **[Program links troops with career resources](#)**

Staff members with the [Employer Partnership Office of the Armed Forces](#) are providing the resources needed to help enlisted servicemembers, veterans, retirees and spouses secure employment after their tours of duty end.

### **[Professional networking capability available on AF Portal](#)**

Air Force Portal now offers a professional networking capability, which draws on features of Facebook and LinkedIn. It is a secure way for Airmen to communicate, collaborate, leverage information, share knowledge, and find other Airmen.

## **GUARD AND RESERVE**

### **[Air Guard officials open access to social media sites](#)**

Air National Guard officials now allow access to popular social media networking sites at all bases and regions. A program is in place to educate Airmen about operational and informational security.

## **FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **[President Obama directs military family review](#)**

President Barack Obama has directed the national security staff to lead a 90-day review aimed at developing a federal-government-wide approach to supporting military families.

### **[Critical Days of Summer](#)**

*“The Critical Days of Summer begin the Friday before Memorial Day and run through Labor Day. For those 15 weeks, we Airmen will be exposed to more risk because we’re most active in the summer. As we enjoy the warmer weather, we can minimize the risk to ourselves, our fellow Airmen and our families if we avoid reckless behavior, use the proper clothing and protective equipment, and employ good risk management to identify and mitigate danger.”* – Maj. Gen. Frederick F. Roggero, Air Force Chief of Safety

## **FINANCES AND EDUCATION**

### **[Official equates financial, military readiness](#)**

Through outreach and a robust system of educating servicemembers, Defense Department officials are working to keep troops financially fit to fight and protected from predatory lenders. A DOD study showed financial issues are behind only career and mission issues as the top stressors among servicemembers.

## **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 25, 1927** – Lt. James H. Doolittle performed the first known successful outside loop.

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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