

Commander's Call Topics



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"Last summer we lost 21 Airmen. Eighteen of those died in private motor vehicle crashes, and 71 percent of summer related fatalities involved reckless behavior. This summer, please enjoy the warm weather with family, friends and fellow Airmen." – [Letter to Airmen](#) on the 2010 Critical Days of Summer

FROM AIR FORCE SENIOR LEADERS

[SecAF impressed with Airmen, B-2](#)

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley met with Airmen, and base and community leaders, and received a first-hand look at the B-2 Spirit mission at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo. *"It's been a great visit, seeing some great examples of total force collaboration between the active and the Air Guard personnel here, operating side-by-side to support this aircraft."*

► CURRENT ISSUES

[New cyber chief: People key in meeting cyberspace challenge](#)

Citing the explosion in use of the Internet, e-mail, social networking and instant messaging sites, Army Gen. Keith B. Alexander, the commander of U.S. Cyber Command, said that protecting the computer networks through which they pass is essential to U.S. national security. In the upcoming months, experts at Cyber Command will work on a more comprehensive department-wide approach to cyberspace and take on the task of centralizing the command.

[Air Force leaders maintain Community Action Information Boards](#)

Although the Year of the Air Force Family draws to a close July 2010, senior leaders will continue to provide avenues to care for Airmen and their families through a variety of methods including the Community Action Information Boards. CAIBs provide an important opportunity for senior-level commanders across the Air Force to meet and discuss a wide variety of individual, family and community.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[Officials announce plans for third DOS rollback](#)

Air Force officials announced plans for a third enlisted date of separation rollback with a mandatory DOS of Aug. 31, 2010. Under the third DOS rollback, Airmen with fewer than 14, or more than 20 years of service, must separate no later than Aug. 31, or retire no later than Sept. 1 if they possess a code preventing their re-enlistment. For more information, visit the Air Force Personnel Center personnel services [Web site](#) or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

[Air Force officials announce remotely piloted aircraft pilot training pipeline](#)

Air Staff officials will institutionalize the remotely piloted aircraft pilot career field by establishing undergraduate RPA training. The first opportunity for active-duty members to be selected for URT will be the January 2011 board. Air Force Personnel Center officials will announce the application window this summer.

[Fitness program revision rewards excellent Airmen](#)

A new revision to the Air Force Fitness Program, which kicks-off on July 1, allows those Airmen who receive an overall score of 90 or better in all four components of the test to test only once a year. The four components include a 1.5-mile timed run, abdominal circumference, push-ups and sit-ups. Prior to this revision, all Airmen were required to test twice a year.

[How the Air Force Uniform Board works](#)

Throughout the years, Air Force uniforms have evolved to meet modern day operational requirements, but few Airmen know the process involved or who is responsible for these changes. Contrary to what some believe, the board is not the source for uniform change ideas. It convenes to sort through ideas and recommendations submitted through the Air Force's IDEA Program Web page located on the AF Portal. Uniform boards typically convene every two to three years at the direction of the Air Force chief of staff.

FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Air Force Web site offers legal assistance](#)

Next time clients need a will, power of attorney or just have a legal question, they can visit the new Air Force [Legal Assistance Web site](#). The Web site is designed for active-duty and Reserve component members, retirees and dependents.

[MyAirForceLife.com photography competition](#)

Air Force Services Agency officials are accepting photograph entries on [MyAirForceLife.com](#), now through July 4, as part of the Year of the Air Force Family. This is an opportunity for Airmen and eligible patrons of Air Force morale, welfare and recreation programs to express through photos what Air Force life means to them. Contestants may submit up to three photos.

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

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

June 12, 1948 – Congress passed the Women’s Armed Service Integration Act, establishing Women in the Air Force.

June 16, 1966 – U.S. Air Force’s Titan IIIC boosts seven experimental communications satellites and one gravity gradient satellite into orbit 18,000 nautical miles above the equator. The satellites demonstrate the feasibility of a global military communications satellite system.

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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