

# Commander's Call Topics



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*"We cannot commit substantial financial investments to prepare for an infinite variety of contingencies. We must be more flexible across a wide, but far from infinite range of contingencies, and (be) more versatile and efficient in everything we undertake."*

---- Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz in a speech to the National Press Club

## FROM AIR FORCE SENIOR LEADERS

[CMSAF visits Botswana, shares view on deliberate development](#)

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy touched down in Botswana Oct. 11 to share his view on deliberate development with senior NCOs from the Botswana defense force. *It's not just about how we function today, but about what we will be doing in 15 years. To get there, you have to develop deliberately. Experience, education and training must happen together."*

## ► CURRENT ISSUES

[2010 Air Force Climate Survey under way](#)

Airmen and Department of Defense civilians have an opportunity to voice their concerns to Air Force leaders during the 2010 Air Force Climate Survey. The survey will assess the opinions and perceptions of Air Force active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian personnel on a wide range of issues, including overall job satisfaction, resources and unit performance.

[Air Force officials announce C-27J aircraft basing proposal](#)

Air Force officials announced Oct. 13 that Great Falls International Airport, Mont., is the preferred alternative to be the seventh operational location for bedding down four C-27J Spartan aircraft. Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. Norton Schwartz announced in July two candidate bases that included Boise Air Terminal Air Guard Station, Idaho, and Great Falls International Airport.

[Officials publish cyberspace operations doctrine](#)

The LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education published newly developed Air Force Doctrine Document 3-12, *Cyberspace Operations*. Maj. Gen. David S. Fadok, the LeMay Center's commander, said cyberspace operations are critical to effective operations across the range of military operations.

## ► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[Air Force officials reinstate captain central selection board](#)

Promotion opportunities for active-duty line of the Air Force first lieutenants competing for promotion to captain is being adjusted to 95 percent, Air Force officials announced in Washington. Since the promotion opportunity to captain will now be less than 100 percent, the Air Force officials will reinstate a captain central selection board for LAF officers.

[Air Force officials offer cross commissioning opportunities](#)

Air Force officials will begin offering alternative commissioning options for specified career fields. Air Force ROTC cadets slated to commission in fiscal 2011 may volunteer and compete for positions in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard.

## FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Early flu shots key to prevention](#)

With flu season already under way, the top TRICARE military health plan official encourages the system's almost 9.7 million beneficiaries to get their flu shots as early as possible at a military medical facility or network provider, or at any participating pharmacy. Military hospitals and clinics and TRICARE network providers are stocked with this year's flu vaccine, ready to administer them now.

[Postal Service sets holiday mail deadline](#)

The recommended mailing deadline for sending economy-priced holiday packages to servicemembers in Afghanistan, Iraq and other places around the world is Nov. 12.

## **FINANCES AND EDUCATION**

### [Don't 'bank' on COLA](#)

A cost-of-living allowance helps offset expenses incurred from living in a local economy. However, officials stress that Airmen should not view COLA as a reliable source of income, and they encourage them to save it where possible for times of spikes in the exchange rate or for emergency needs.

### [Spouse jobs program set to relaunch](#)

The Military Spouse Career Advancement Program Accounts program is set to resume Oct. 25, but with significant changes. These include limiting the availability of financial aid to spouses of active-duty servicemembers in pay grades airman basic to staff sergeant and first lieutenant to second lieutenant. Financial aid also will be limited to \$4,000 for up to three years from start of class to fund associate's degrees, licenses and certification programs, instead of the \$6,000 previously offered.

## **RESOURCES**

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

<http://www.af.mil>

### ***Airman magazine***

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

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

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

### ***Air Force Outreach***

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

### ***Military OneSource***

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

### ***Military HOMEFRONT***

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

### ***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/>

### ***Employment Opportunities***

[www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com)  
[www.nafjobs.org](http://www.nafjobs.org)

## AIR FORCE HERITAGE TO HORIZONS

### This Week in Air Force History

**Oct. 15, 1948** – The Combined Airlift Task Force created to increase efficiency during the Berlin Airlift.

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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