

Commander's Call Topics



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"People are watching us. Every time I meet with a partner nation, it just reminds me how important it is that we continue to develop ourselves. We need to always make sure we understand that the world is watching us, and because of this, we must be the best we can be." – Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy during a [three-country African engagement](#)

► CURRENT ISSUES

[AF starts migration of information, services to new total-force website](#)

The transfer aims to move the Air Force toward its goal of establishing a single, online knowledge base for active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, civilian members and retirees. The new knowledge base is designed to offer "one-stop-shopping" for personnel information and services for customers. Knowledge articles from all components continue to be phased into the new website, offering the most current and applicable information for customers.

[Cyberspace is the new domain of warfare](#)

With the creation of the U.S. Cyber Command in May and the cybersecurity agreement between the departments of Defense and Homeland Security, DOD officials are ready to add cyberspace to sea, land, air and space as the latest domain of warfare.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[AFPC officials conduct retirement webinars for Airmen](#)

Air Force Personnel Center officials are set to conduct a series of web-based seminars highlighting the retirement process for active-duty Airmen. These webinars are scheduled to be held every quarter to help Airmen successfully navigate through the retirement and separation processes. Visit the [AFPC personnel services website](#) or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

[Officials seek nominations for aerospace awards](#)

Air Force officials are soliciting nominations in a variety of fields for the 2011 Air Force Association Aerospace Awards for outstanding contributions to national defense. Completed nomination packages must be sent to the Air Force Personnel Center by Feb. 1, 2011. Visit the [AFPC personnel services website](#) or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

[Officials seek Vanguard Award nominees](#)

Air Force officials are soliciting nominations for the 2011 Noncommissioned Officers Association Vanguard Award. Nominees must be between the rank of senior airman and chief master sergeant who have performed a heroic act, on or off duty, which resulted in the saving of life or the prevention of a serious injury. Visit the [AFPC personnel services website](#) or call the Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102.

FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Family care plan change addresses custody questions](#)

DOD Instruction 1342.19, "Family Care Plans," was revised in May to require such plans from servicemembers and expeditionary civilians who have legal or joint custody of a minor child. The new policy requires these parents to attempt to obtain the consent of the noncustodial or adoptive parent to any family care plan that would leave the child in the custody of a third party.

[Proper nutrition, exercise is essential to mission success](#)

In today's military environment, with increased deployments and new physical testing requirements, it's even more imperative that Airmen know the importance nutrition can play in overall health, and its potential impact on mission success.

FINANCES AND EDUCATION

[Officials tout Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits](#)

Officials are continuing an active outreach effort to ensure current military members and veterans don't miss out on the new [Post-9/11 GI Bill](#) education benefits. Servicemembers are allowed to transfer benefits to family members, and the Yellow Ribbon program enables students to attend some of the country's most prestigious school. Students are challenged to follow through with their education and make the program count.

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

www.nafjobs.org

AIR FORCE HERITAGE TO HORIZONS

This Week in Air Force History

Oct. 22, 1970 – First attempted simultaneous launch of two Minuteman II ICBMs succeeded at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

Oct. 23, 1909 – Lt. Benjamin D. Foulois took his first flying lesson from Wilbur Wright.

Oct. 24, 1974 – The Space and Missile Systems Organization successfully launched a Minuteman I ICBM from a C-5A Galaxy cargo aircraft.

Oct. 27, 1962 – A U-2 reconnaissance aircraft from the 4080th Strategic Wing piloted by Maj. Rudolf Anderson Jr. is shot down over Cuba. Lost with his aircraft, Major Anderson posthumously received the first Air Force Cross for his sacrifice.

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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