

Commander's Call Topics



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"There's a great threat to American security out there in the cyberspace domain, and it's real, it's significant, it's persistent, and we are under attack every day. The defense of our networks is essential for us to conduct all kinds of day-to-day activities -- in the commercial sector, in the public sector, in the military sector." – Maj. Gen. Michael J. Basla, Air Force Space Command vice commander, on [taking steps to defend cyber domain](#)

FROM AIR FORCE SENIOR LEADERS

"This Veterans Day, we express sincere gratitude to our servicemembers, and profound appreciation for selfless families who, through their unflagging support for their loved ones who wear the cloth of the United States, also sacrifice for our country. Through their selflessness, our military members and families uphold our nation's ideals, and honor the sacrifice of those who came before. We, as a nation, thank them all." From the [Veterans Day message](#) by Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James Roy.

► CURRENT ISSUES

[Officials use report's findings to prevent violence](#)

The tragic shooting of servicemembers at Fort Hood, Texas, in November 2009 underscored the need for the Department of Defense officials to review force protection policies and procedures. Following the release of the DOD independent report in January 2010, each of the military services was directed to conduct follow-on reviews. The Air Force follow-on review, [Protecting the Force: Lessons from Fort Hood](#), concluded that Airmen at all levels are key to preventing future tragedies.

[Air Force command brings focus to nuclear enterprise](#)

Over the past 15 months, Air Force officials have built from scratch a model new command that will sustain and modernize U.S. intercontinental ballistic missile wings and the nuclear-capable bomber fleet. Global Strike Command is the Air Force's first new major command in 27 years. It's also part of a larger strategy that Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz drafted to bring focus and attention back to the nuclear enterprise.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[Officials seek Spirit of Service Award nominees](#)

The award is sponsored by the National Headquarters of the American Legion and is presented annually to an enlisted member from each of the military branches for outstanding volunteer service performed off duty in the local community. Nominees must be in the grades of airman through staff sergeant. Completed nomination packages must be sent to the [Air Force Personnel Center](#) by May 1, 2011.

GUARD AND RESERVE

[Portal helps vets, reserves, guardsmen land jobs](#)

A new, state-of-the-art Web portal will help veterans -- as well as Reserve-component members, their families and wounded warriors -- land jobs with civilian employers who value their military experience.

[Air Guard adds psychological health directors to wings](#)

Air National Guard officials have created a new position at the wing level to provide mental health support to Airmen and their families before and after deployments. In addition to the mental health and non-medical support services, these wing directors of psychological health will be the point of contact for the Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics program, the Yellow Ribbon program, Air Force suicide prevention programs and the Air Force resiliency program when it is fielded.

CIVILIAN

[Nominations open for public administration award](#)

The David O. Cooke Excellence in Public Administration Award recognizes non-managerial career civilian employees who demonstrate great leadership potential as future federal executives. To be eligible, nominees must have three to 10 years of civilian federal service by Dec. 31, 2010. Completed nomination packages must be sent to the [Air Force Personnel Center](#) by May 1, 2011.

FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

Eat healthy – be active your way

The Defense Commissary Agency is a partner with [TRICARE](#) and DOD nutrition and medical professionals from all services in an effort to encourage military consumers to read labels and make healthier food choices to improve health and control weight. Through the "[Eat Healthy - Be Active Your Way!](#)" program, DeCA provides nutritional tips posted throughout its commissaries to help make healthy food choices.

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

[Air Force Medal of Honor recipients highlighted on AF.MIL](#)

A special Web section has been developed on AF.MIL to recognize U.S. Air Force recipients of the [Medal of Honor](#). In this spotlight tribute, they are listed both alphabetically and by the war in which they participated. Visitors to the page then can click on an individual to learn more about his achievements and what led to his receiving this highest military honor.

This Week in Air Force History

Nov. 17, 1961 – The first successful launch of a Minuteman ICBM missile from an underground silo took place at Cape Canaveral, Fla. The re-entry vehicle hit the target area 3,000 miles downrange.

For more information on Air Force history, go to <http://www.airforcehistory.af.mil/>

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