

Commander's Call Topics



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"Across the service, we represent a broad range of diverse missions, family situations, ethnicities, faiths, races and educational backgrounds. Yet, together, this rich tapestry forms the world's finest Air Force, drawn from the best talent that America has to offer."

– Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley on the release of the [Air Force Diversity Strategic Roadmap](#)

FROM AIR FORCE SENIOR LEADERS

[Leaders provide update, vector on Air Force space efforts at symposium](#)

This year's Global Warfare Symposium focused on innovation, operating under financial constraints, building partnerships and managing space acquisition.

[Schwartz discusses Korea, other issues](#)

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz said it is "significant" that the South Korean air force, rather than the U.S., is leading its country's air defenses at a time when North Korea has become increasingly provocative. General Schwartz made the comments during a wide-ranging discussion with reporters that included the ongoing Air Force tanker bid, the budget, and the lifespan of the C-17 Globemaster cargo plane.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[Officials unveil new government travel cards](#)

The new Citibank controlled spend account government travel cards will be distributed servicewide from now through spring 2011. The CSA card differs from the traditional travel card in that approved travel authorizations and amendments automatically adjust the CSA's spend limits to reflect the estimated cost of the mission. For more information, visit www.airforcetravelcard.transactionservices.citi.com.

[Survey addresses quality-of-life needs](#)

The 2010 Caring for People Survey gives total force Airmen, civilians, retirees and dependents an opportunity to voice their concerns on how the Air Force can better address their quality-of-life needs. Beginning Dec. 1, the survey will be sent via e-mail in stages. Major command and base officials will reach out to families and retirees.

[Air Force implements new transition program](#)

The Air Force's new technical training transition program will better help Airmen ease into the Air Force lifestyle. A few noticeable differences between the old program and the new are the number of phases, phase backs, Military Training Leader workload, physical training testing and tobacco use.

[Civil Air Patrol asks for help with 'Section 60 Project'](#)

As part of its holiday tradition of partnering with Wreaths Across America, a nonprofit organization that recognizes the courage and sacrifices of U.S. veterans, the Civil Air Patrol is calling on its partners and its parent organization, the Air Force, to help with this year's "Section 60 Project" at Arlington National Cemetery, Va. Section 60 is the final resting place for about 9,000 men and women, many of whom were killed in Afghanistan and Iraq. For more information, visit www.wreathsassamerica.org/how-would-you-wish-upon-a-heroq.html.

GUARD AND RESERVE

[Director asks Air Guard leaders to look ahead](#)

Times are tough for the Air National Guard, but Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III, director of the Air Guard, sees many "great" opportunities for his 106,700-member force to excel in the future. *"I bring you a message of hope and courage because I see great opportunity, because we are the most efficient force, the most capable force that we have ever been. The country can afford us before it can afford some other things that (it) is looking at."*

FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

[TRICARE benefits follow students on winter break](#)

With winter break approaching, many college students will visit family or friends. Making sure TRICARE benefits follow them during holiday travel is a simple process. Go to www.tricare.mil/collegestudents for detailed information on temporarily transferring enrollment and updating addresses to keep coverage current.

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

This Week in Air Force History

Dec. 5, 1949 – As a result of detection of a Soviet atomic explosion in August 1949, the Air Force diverted \$50 million from other projects to begin construction of radar sites in Alaska and other areas of the United States.

Dec. 6, 1995 – The first Airmen arrived in Tuzla, Bosnia, to prepare the airfield for some of the 20,000 U.S. and 40,000 NATO troops enforcing the peace accord reached at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Dec. 7, 1954 – The U.S. Air Force made the first successful recovery of a missile, a Navaho X-10, using a fully automatic approach and landing system at Edwards AFB, Calif.

Dec. 9, 1956 – The 463rd Troop Carrier Wing received the Air Force's first C-130 Hercules tactical cargo and troop carrier.

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

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