

# Commander's Call Topics



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*"Ability is what you are capable of doing.  
Motivation determines what you do.  
Attitude determines how well you do it."*

Lou Holtz  
Football player, coach, sportscaster and author  
(b. 1937)

Thanksgiving  
is November 27.  
Try these  
[conversation starters.](#)

## "Wounded Warrior" Isn't a Career-ender

This year the Department of Defense's Warrior Care Month focuses on resources available to wounded, ill and injured service members, their family members and their caretakers. The theme is "Show of Strength," and it was chosen to showcase service members and their strengths as they reintegrate back to duty or transition into the civilian sector.

The road to recovery is never smooth, never easy and never particularly well-timed. What may spur one wounded or ill veteran to great strides in their recovery could be a stumbling block for another. That is why there is a variety of resources and activities that wounded, ill and injured service members may participate in along the way, pacing their recovery to their needs and abilities.

The mission of DOD's [Office of Warrior Care Policy](#) is to proactively support wounded, ill and injured service members in their recovery and reintegration or transition to civilian life. Services provided include:

[Disability Evaluation Program](#) makes certain that our nation's wounded, ill and injured service members receive timely, transparent, and consistent disability outcomes.

[Recovery Coordination Program](#) provides uniform guidelines and standards for the care management of wounded, ill and injured service members across the military departments. Within this section, there is special emphasis on each of the service's programs. For example, the [Air Force Wounded Warrior](#) program is focused on keeping highly skilled men and women on active duty in the Air Force, aligning the requirements of the Air Force with care management designed to produce patient outcomes that will meet those requirements.

[Military Adaptive Sports Program](#) empowers wounded, ill and injured service members through adaptive sports and activities.

[Operation Warfighter](#) matches qualified wounded, ill and injured service members with non-funded federal internships.

[Education and Employment Initiative](#) prepares wounded, ill and injured Service members for education and employment opportunities.

Finally, because almost no recovery would be complete without the selfless caregivers who often put their needs last, there is [Military Caregiver Support](#), identifying critical support services, compensation and programs for the nation's military caregivers.

"Show of Strength" is also the theme of this year's Reconditioning Expo at the Pentagon on November 20, where all of these programs and a sitting volleyball tournament will be showcased. For those not in the Washington, D.C. area, more information is available at the official site for [Warrior Care Month](#).

"Wounded Warrior" doesn't have to be a career-ending cliché or a label-for-life stigma. Often, it's an opportunity for a new beginning, a "Show of Strength."

Martha J. Lockwood  
Chief, Air Force Information Products

### ► TRENDING...

"The future of our Air Force starts with each of us ... and I am convinced we will continue to do what we have been doing best for 67 years – leading from the front with innovation," said [Gen. Larry O. Spencer, Vice Chief of Staff](#), in announcing the new [Airmen Powered by Innovation](#) website.

## ► RESOURCES

Website access to the following resources can be gained by clicking on the name.

[AF.mil](#)

[Airman magazine](#)

[Military OneSource/HomeFront](#)

[Air Force Personnel Center](#)

[Air Reserve Personnel Center](#)

[Department of Defense News](#)

[Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

[TRICARE](#)

[U.S. Government Website](#)

[Air Force Association  
Scholarships](#)

[Air Force Safety Center](#)

[Civil Service Employment  
Opportunities](#)

[NAF Employment Opportunities](#)

[Air Force Bands/Outreach](#)

## ► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

**Nov. 13, 1964** - The solid propellant rocket for Titan II Space Booster's first stage fired at the United Technology Center in Sunnyvale, Calif. It had more than a million pounds of thrust.

**Nov. 14, 1974** - McDonnell-Douglas delivered the first F-15 to Tactical Air Command at Luke AFB, Ariz.

**Nov. 15, 1942** – The first women entered US AAF flight training. The Army designated the Women's Flying Training Detachment at the Houston Municipal Airport as the 319<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force Flying Training Detachment.

**Nov. 16, 1944** – In the largest air and ground cooperation to date, over 4,000 allied planes, with 750 fighter escorts, dropped over 10,000 tons of bombs in front of the 1st and 9th Armies to prepare for a ground attack.

**Nov. 17, 1961** - The Air Force launched the first Minuteman missile from an underground silo at Cape Canaveral on a 3,000-mile flight down the Atlantic Missile Range.

**Nov. 18, 1950** – An Air Force fighter group moved to North Korea for the first time. The 35 FIG, the first fighter group based in South Korea, settled at Yonpo Airfield, near Hungnam.

**Nov. 19, 2007 - WAR ON TERRORISM.** Air Mobility Command passed a major milestone when one of its aircraft flew the command's one millionth sortie since Sept. 11, 2001. A C-17 mission flown from McChord AFB, Wash., to Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan, flew the landmark flight.

## ► CURRENT ISSUES

[Air Force updates AF instruction 1-1](#)

Guidance clarifying Airmen's religious rights and commanders' authority and responsibility to protect those rights have been codified as a result of a Religious Freedom "Focus Day."

[Senior leaders, Airmen gather to focus on mobility mission](#)

"Air Mobility: Accomplished by Professional — Skilled and Respected," was the theme for the symposium gathering total-force Airmen and civilians, community leaders, and industry experts to promote education, understanding and professional development in the mobility air force's mission.

## ► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[Health Benefits Program open season dates set](#)

Two significant options in health care for federal employees and retirees are part of this year's open season, which runs from Nov. 10 through Dec. 8.

## ► ENVIRONMENT, SPACE, TECHNOLOGY

[Air Force installations set standard in recycling industry year-round](#)

Nov. 15 is America Recycles Day, reminding Americans everywhere of the value of recycling and the importance of buying recycled products, while every day is Air Force Recycles Day, particularly at Joint Base San Antonio–Lackland, Texas, and Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

For more information on Air Force heritage, visit <http://www.airforcehistory.af.mil>

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