

Commander's Call Topics



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"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.
We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream.
It must be fought for, protected,
and handed on for them to do the same."

Ronald Reagan
40th President of the United States
(1911-2004)

Identity theft is the number one
crime affecting service members
and their families

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One Air Force. One Team.

Roll Call! We have nearly 690,000 Airmen in our Air Force, from four distinct components: Active Duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Civilian Airmen—without question the Strength of our Team. The components have different backgrounds and cultures, with varying capability and capacity, but only when we join forces do we become the United States Air Force—the world's greatest Air Force. If we're missing one piece of the team, the picture is not complete; the team is not as strong.

The U.S. Soccer team had a similar dynamic at this summer's World Cup, which captured the psyche of the American public. Televisions across the country were tuned to witness an underdog team of 23 Americans valiantly compete for the sport's top prize. Throughout the tournament—in print, on social media, television and radio—a slogan emerged that captured the team's spirit: One Nation. One Team. The players may be from different backgrounds and cultures, with varying strengths and skills, but together they represent one nation, and they compete as one team. It's a simple slogan, synonymous with our Air Force: One Air Force. One Team.

The dynamic between components has changed over the years, each shifting in size and taking on different missions to ensure we Win the Fight. Over the last 20-plus years, Civilian Airmen have taken on greater roles, the Reserve Components have thrown off the ready-reserve shroud to become a fully operational reserve force, and Active Duty has become the leanest in our history. As a team we are the most efficient fighting force we have ever been, and we'll continue to adapt as we Shape our Future.

In the coming years, the Air Force will take deliberate action to further integrate the components, where it makes fiscal and operational sense, in order to provide the most efficient source of airpower for our nation. The dynamic may seem different. It may look different and in some cases feel different, but one thing that will and must never change is our ability to accomplish the mission as a team. One Air Force. One Team.

As Airmen, we must internalize that sentiment and appreciate the strength each component brings to the fight. We cannot hinder our effort based on preconceived notions that one component is stronger or better than another. When we bring airpower to bear around the world, no ally or adversary can tell whether that power came from Active Duty, Guard, Reserve or Civilian Airmen—they just know it was powerful, and effective.

Each component has a proud history and culture that has shaped who we are today. Airmen feel connected to their history; they are proud of their culture. And they should be—as all Americans are, but in the end we'll always represent the name taped across the heart of our ABUs.

We are the U.S. Air Force. One Air Force. One Team.

[Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Cody](#)

► TRENDING...

"I will work to ensure the world's best Air Force is the most capable at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer," said [Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James](#) in announcing [changes to headquarters staff manning and organization](#) that will result in an estimated \$1.6 billion savings across the AF in the next five years.

► RESOURCES

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

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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

July 17, 1929: Dr. Robert H. Goddard fired a liquid-fueled, 11-foot rocket at Auburn, Massachusetts. It carried a small camera and a barometer. Both were recovered intact after the flight.

July 18, 1967 - For the first time, an HH-3E Jolly Green Giant helicopter was refueled during a rescue mission. The helicopter was refueled by an HC-130 Hercules.

July 19, 1957 - An F-89J fired the Air Force's first air-to-air nuclear defense rocket, the Douglas-built MB-1 Genie, over Yucca Flat, Nevada.

July 20, 1969 - Astronauts Neil A. Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., flew the lunar module Eagle to the Sea of Tranquility, where Armstrong took the first step on the moon.

July 21, 1994 - The last F-16 Fighting Falcon left the 86 FW at Ramstein AB, Germany for Aviano AB, Italy. This action ended USAFE fighter operations at Ramstein.

July 22, 1950 - The USN aircraft carrier, the USS Boxer, arrived in Japan with 145 USAF F-51s on board. The 3 ARSqs deployed the first H-5 helicopter in Korea to Taegu.

July 23, 1995 - To ease economic suffering in Byelorussia, a 433 AW C-5 Galaxy airlifted in 28 pallets of medical supplies, blankets, clothes, furniture, and a military ambulance.

► CURRENT ISSUES

[Air Force announces changes to headquarters organization](#)

A comprehensive effort to reduce overhead costs, increase efficiencies, eliminate redundant activities and improve effectiveness and business processes will eliminate 3,459 positions at headquarters across the Air Force, both in country and at overseas locations. [Authorization Reductions by Base/Location \(Map\)](#)

[Air Force creates Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center](#)

The newly created Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center (AFIMSC), recently announced as a means to reduce overhead costs, increase efficiencies, eliminate redundant activities, and improve effectiveness and business processes, will report to Air Force Materiel Command.

[ISR Agency becomes part of newest Numbered Air Force](#)

The Air Force Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency (ISR) is being realigned from Headquarters Air Force and will become part of a new operational Numbered Air Force (NAF) under Air Combat Command (ACC) to put collection, exploitation, analysis and targeting together under a single organization.

► FAMILY HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Existing tools help users reduce PII breaches](#)

A refurbished email tool, reconfigured to scan emails and attachments for personally identifiable information (PII), will help users maintain privacy on the internet.

► ENVIRONMENT, SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY

[Air Force to highlight S&T priorities at industry event](#)

The science, technology and creativity that will meet the needs of tomorrow's Air Force are the focus of the industry-hosted collaboration event, The Wright Dialogue with Industry, July 22-24 on Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

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