



September 10, 2015

"There are no secrets to success.
It is the result of preparation, hard work and
learning from failure."

*Colin Powell (b. 1937)
American statesman*

September is
[National Preparedness Month](#)
Honor the Patriots of 9/11
by being ready for
almost anything.

September 11 -- Air and Space Conference -- Air Force Birthday

Remember September 11

-Things to keep in mind:

- Stay vigilant
- Maintain a secure posture
- Don't get complacent
- Take care of others

"As we mark the 14th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 I reflect on the tragedy of that day and what it meant to our country. And in the years since that time I want to thank our Airmen, our veterans, their families, relatives and friends, for your service to the nation. This is just the latest chapter in a history of selfless service and excellence."

-Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James

Air and Space Conference

- The Air Force Association Air and Space Conference & Technology Exposition is Sep 14-16 at National Harbor, MD
 - For personnel inside the NCR, supervisors may approve attendance subject to workload and mission requirements
 - All personnel are encouraged to join the conversation at #ASC15
- Conference agenda includes:
 - Reinventing the Aerospace Nation – Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James
 - Air Force Update – Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III
 - Enlisted Force Update – Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody
 - Reinventing the Aerospace Nation: A Path to Offset 3.0 – Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter

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Air Force Birthday

- The Air Force is in its 68th year of existence.
- Following the National Security Act of 1947, under President Harry S. Truman, the Army Air Forces formally cut ties with the Army to become a separate and equal military branch.
- There are approximately 664,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the U.S. and overseas

"We didn't become the world's greatest Air Force by accident. We got here through 68 years of American Airmen breaking new terrain and lifting us to greater heights. We should celebrate that innovation this year, and we're counting [on] you to continue this legacy for years to come."

-Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force
James A. Cody

► RESOURCES

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

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[Airman magazine](#)

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[Air Force Personnel Center](#)

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THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

September 10, 1965 - The USAF launched the first Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) weather satellite, which enabled the Air Weather Service to gather global weather data.

September 11, 1953 - A Sidewinder N-7 (AIM-9) air-to-air missile made its first successful interception, sending a Grumman F6F-5K Hellcat drone down in flames at China Lake, California.

September 12, 1918 - Brig. Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell led 1,481 planes in the St. Mihiel offensive lasting through Sep. 15. This was the biggest air armada to date.

September 13, 1951 - The U.S. Air Force established its first pilotless bomber squadron at the Missile Test Center, Cocoa, Florida.

September 14, 1944 - Col. Floyd B. Wood, Maj. Harry Wexler, and Lt. Frank Recford made the first flight into a hurricane to collect scientific data in a Douglas A-20 Havoc.

September 15, 2001 - In the first five days after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, 35 Air National Guard fighter units supplied 603 sorties while the 18 ANG tanker wings flew 72 sorties to offload 3.2 million pounds of fuel during Operation Noble Eagle.

September 16, 1960 - During the Korean War, Fifth Air Force flew 110 B-26 sorties, the high figure for the month, mostly night armed reconnaissance and interdiction. Using the recently-developed roadblock tactics, the light bombers damaged or destroyed over 100 enemy vehicles.



The OPM data breach, massive in its identity theft implications, gives rise to other crimes, and often one crime can result in two more. For example, phishing scams can morph into credit card fraud and social security abuse. Learn how to protect yourself [here](#). To learn more about the Office of Personnel Management data breach, legitimate assistance being provided to impacted individuals, and to understand cybersecurity as it is grounded in the Air Force tradition, please go to the specially created [Air Force Cybersecurity](#) web page.

► CURRENT ISSUES

[AF emergency managers emphasize planning during National Preparedness Month](#)

"Don't wait. Communicate. Make your emergency plan today," is the focus of this year's emergency preparedness campaign promoting tools and information assuring that when people have the right information they generally do the right thing.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[2016 visionary leadership award nominees sought](#)

The 2016 Gen. Wilma Vaught Visionary Leadership Award recognizing service members and civilians who have shown innovation, commitment and a selfless spirit of service while inspiring others and significantly improving the integration of and opportunities for women in the Air Force is seeking nominations through Oct. 16.

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