

Commander's Call Topics



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"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army or in an office."

Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969)
34th President of the United States
American soldier and politician

Sunday, June 21st is
Father's Day.
In which year did it become
an official holiday?

Aaack! Hacked!

You fiercely protect your online identity — regularly change and safeguard your passwords, upgrade your security scan to keep your antivirus software and firewall secure, monitor your credit rating and your bank statement. However, your information still exists online, and it can be vulnerable even when safety measures are in place. Unfortunately, the vulnerability led to a compromise of the Office of Personnel Management website, and sensitive information was obtained by unauthorized sources.

[As reported on the Air Force website](#), OPM is [notifying](#) affected government employees and providing guidance to those involved:

- Monitor account statements and immediately report any suspicious or unusual activity to financial institutions.
- Request a free credit report at www.AnnualCreditReport.com or by calling 1-877-322-8228. Consumers are entitled by law to one free credit report per year from each of the three major credit bureaus.
- Review resources provided on the Federal Trade Commission [identity theft website](#). The FTC maintains a variety of consumer publications providing comprehensive information about computer intrusions and identity theft.
- If warranted, place a fraud alert on your credit file to let creditors know to contact you before opening a new account in your name. To do this, call TransUnion[®] at 1-800-680-7289 to place the alert. TransUnion[®] will then notify the other two credit bureaus on your behalf.

There is also straightforward advice on how to avoid being victimized by this attack and how to mitigate the risk of fraud and identity theft. In addition, OPM is offering credit report access, credit monitoring and identity theft insurance and recovery services to potentially affected individuals through CSID[®], a company that specializes in these services, for 18 months, at no cost to enrollees.

Living in the information age is exciting and convenient. We can sit at our computers and look up fact after fact without ever having to consult a print-version encyclopedia, shop without ever having to leave the comforts of our couch, and see who is at the front door without letting anyone know whether we are home or not. And just as cyber surfing has become part of our lives, so has hacking. It goes with the territory, and to expect otherwise is to sell the technology short.

So what do you do if you get that dreaded email saying that your information was compromised? First and most important, make sure that the email is the real thing. In a [Federal Trade Commission blog entry](#), the Division of Consumer & Business Education provides a solid place to start. This entry maps out how to ascertain if the email that claims to be from OPM is authentic and the best next steps. Taking action helps each of us feel less victimized.



TRENDING....

"If you can see others push through their pain and mobility issues and still get out here to play and come together as a team, it's very motivational," said Staff Sgt. August O'Niell as he trained for the Air Force Wounded Warriors Program, part of the [Department of Defense Warrior Games](#).

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Not just for summer reading, this list offers career-enhancing life lessons.

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Men's Health Month is a Congressional initiative encouraging men and boys to seek regular medical advice to avert preventable disease and injury.

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Quality government or commercial lodging for civilians or members of the military TDY for 30 days or less is available in select cities through the Defense Travel System.

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[Infographic: How to become an astronaut](#)

America's space program shows the requirements for becoming an astronaut in a picturesque way.

► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

June 18, 1968 - In three years of Vietnam operations, the Strategic Air Command's B-52 fleet accomplished more than 25,000 sorties and delivered more than 630,000 tons of conventional bombs.

June 19, 1962 - A superpressure balloon launched at Kindley Air Force Base, Bermuda, on May 31, 1962, and landed near the island of Iwo Jima after 19 days at a constant altitude of 68,000 feet.

June 20, 1930 - The Army Air Corps dedicated Randolph Field in San Antonio as its "West Point of the Air" for primary and basic pilot training.

June 21, 1972 - The McDonnell Douglas DC-10-30 first flew.

June 22, 1943 - Eighth Air Force bombed Germany's Ruhr industrial area for the first time, hitting the chemical works and the synthetic rubber factory at Huls so severely that it could not resume full production for six months.

June 23, 1952 (through June 24) - The combined air attacks by the Air Force, Navy and Marines nearly destroyed the electric power potential of North Korea.

June 24, 1963 - SAC's 66th Strategic Missile Squadron at Ellsworth AFB accepted the first flight of 10 Minuteman I (Model B) missiles.



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