

# Commander's Call Topics



November 6, 2015

"In order to ensure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organization, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose."

*President Dwight D. Eisenhower  
in the first Veterans Day Proclamation  
October 8, 1954*

Why is Veterans Day  
*always*  
"the eleventh day of the eleventh month?"  
Read the history [here](#).

## November 11 is Veterans Day



On this Veterans Day we honor all who donned the uniform in service to our country and we thank those who continue to serve.

American veterans are men and women of uncommon valor and shared purpose. They are people who have selflessly devoted themselves to patriotism, love of country, and sacrifice for the common good. Veterans are fathers and mothers, daughters and sons, sisters and brothers—they are someone's family and they are members of the Profession of Arms. Whether serving at home or in harm's way no one puts more on the line to defend freedom than the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

This Veterans Day let's make a point to reach out, one person to another. We should use this Veterans Day as an opportunity to better link our local communities with our military members, and our veterans with each other.

To assist with engagement, a Veterans Day communication toolkit can be found by contacting the local Public Affairs Office.



## ► 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 Veteran Affairs](#)

[TRICARE](#)

[U.S. Government Website](#)

[Air Force Association  
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Opportunities](#)

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## ► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

**Nov. 4, 1985** – Air Force Rescue Coordination Center personnel saved 47 people during flood relief operations in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia.

**Nov. 5, 1950** – During the Korean War, 21 B-29s from the 19th Bomb Group began incendiary bomb attacks on North Korean cities and towns. They dropped 170 tons of fire bombs on Kanggye, near the Chinese border, and destroyed 65 percent of the town's center.

**Nov. 6, 1930** – [Edward V. Rickenbacker](#) received the Medal of Honor for his service in World War I. As a pilot with the 94th Aero Squadron, Capt. Rickenbacker became the leading American ace of the war with 24.33 aerial victories.

**Nov. 7, 1967** – The last Atlas D missile in the Air Force inventory launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

**Nov. 8, 1968** – Tactical Air Command received the first AC-119K, the latest in a series of multi-weapon attack aircraft.

**Nov. 9, 1944** – [1st Lt. Donald J. Gott](#) and [2nd Lt. William E. Metzger's](#) B-17 received several flak hits while flying in formation. With only one engine operable, the pilots jettisoned the bombs and headed for Allied territory. The rest of the crew parachuted, leaving the pilots and the radio operator, who was too injured to jump, to attempt a crash landing. As Gott banked into a landing approach at about 100 feet, the fire reached the fuel tank and the bomber exploded and crashed, killing all three occupants. For their action, Gott and Metzger each posthumously received the Medal of Honor.

**Nov. 10, 2001** – During Operation Enduring Freedom, Global Hawk AV- 5 deployed from Edwards Air Force Base to Southwest Asia to support this operation. The deployment included 85 military and contractor personnel, and 140 tons of equipment.

**Nov. 11, 1956** – The Convair B-58 Hustler, the first supersonic bomber and delta-winged aircraft capable of 1,000-mph speeds, completed its first flight at Fort Worth, Texas.



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

[F-35A successfully fires first airborne shots](#)

Testing, record-keeping, pilot opinion and raw data collection and review are all part of F-35A's development and demonstration phase that is scheduled to end in 2017.

## ► FAMILY HEALTH AND SAFETY

[MiCare provides faster care](#)

Appointments, prescriptions, test and lab results and many other health care services are taken care of without being put on hold.

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