

Commander's Call Topics



September 24, 2015

"It ain't over 'til it's over."

Yogi Berra
Hall of Fame catcher, manager, coach
1925-2015

[National Women's Health
and Fitness Day](#)

is Wednesday,
September 30, 2015.

What does a "Continuing Resolution" mean to your Airmen?

Once again, we are about to enter a new fiscal year under a Continuing Resolution because the FY16 budget has not been passed by Congress. Here are several things to keep in mind if and when we fall under a Continuing Resolution for FY16 beginning on October 1st:

- 1.) **Short-term Continuing Resolutions** (less than 3 months) have become the norm each year. The Air Force has a process in place to ensure the most important priorities will be funded during this time. Less important priorities will be deferred to later in the year.
- 2.) An **Extended Continuing Resolution** (longer than 3 months but less than a year) causes many challenges for the Air Force.
 - New acquisition programs, such as B-2 communications capability upgrade and UH-1 replacement, will be delayed until a full budget is passed by Congress.
 - New military construction projects will be delayed until a full budget is passed.
 - For our major weapons programs with planned quantity increases for FY16, we will be limited to the lower FY15 quantities. This will affect our munitions, the KC-46, the F-35, and our C-130J programs—as well as other programs.
- 3.) A **Long-term Continuing Resolution** (full fiscal year) is also an option, but Air Force leadership does not anticipate this happening. However, if a Long-term Continuing Resolution is executed, the AF will receive approximately \$3.4 billion less for FY16 than what Congress has authorized under the Budget Control Act (BCA) limitations. A long-term Continuing Resolution causes significant problems for the Air Force at the strategic level.

No matter the scenario, Air Force leadership will work diligently to protect daily operations and combat readiness.

► TRENDING QUOTE

"The world is a very dangerous place. Not because of the people who wish to do evil but because there are so few of us that try to make a difference and do anything about it," said [Gen. Paul Selva](#), the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, quoting Albert Einstein, during an award ceremony honoring the heroism of Airman 1st Class Spencer Stone, Army Spc. Alek Skarlatos and Anthony Sadler for subduing a would-be assassin aboard a train in France in August.

► 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

Sept. 24, 1929 – Lt. James H. Doolittle made the first all-blind flight at Mitchel Field, Long Island, New York. Although a check pilot accompanied him, Doolittle took off in a Consolidated NY-2 airplane with a completely covered cockpit, flew a short distance and landed.

Sept. 25, 1918 - While on a voluntary patrol, Lt. Edward V. Rickenbacker attacked seven German aircraft near Billy, France. Despite the odds, he dived on them and shot one of the Fokkers out of control and then attacked one of the Halberstadts and also shot it down. For this action, he later received the Medal of Honor

Sept. 26, 2000 - An F-15 team from Edwards Air Force Base, California, successfully used the Joint Helmet-Mounted Cueing System (JHMCS) to fire an AIM-9X Sidewinder air-to-air missile over the Navy's China Lake range. The missile destroyed an unmanned Phantom II drone.

Sept. 27, 1951 – Operation Pelican, during the Korean War, saw a C-124 Globemaster II make its first flight from Japan to Korea, carrying 30,000 pounds of aircraft parts to Kimpo Airfield near Seoul. The flight demonstrated the potential use of a very large transport for operations in a combat theater.

Sept. 28, 1983 - The Air Force designated the new EF-111A tactical electronic jamming aircraft as the Raven.

Sept. 29, 1964 - The first of 36 Minuteman II launches occurred at Cape Kennedy, Florida. In this flight, the missile successfully delivered its payload nearly 5,000 miles downrange on target.

Sept. 30, 1965 – Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara directed the Air Force to develop and produce the C-5A transport. Early plans called for a gross weight of nearly 350 tons – twice that of any existing plane – to carry loads of 250,000 pounds for 3,200 miles or 100,000 pounds nonstop across the Pacific Ocean.



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

[Time with MAJCOM commanders at the four-star forum](#)

A lively Q-and-A session with Air Force Chief of Staff [Gen. Mark A. Welsh III](#), [Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody](#) and several major command commanders was a highlight during the Air Force Association Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition.

► FAMILY HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Things to know about voluntary dependent departure from Turkey](#)

FAQs about the Secretary of Defense's decision to authorize voluntary departures for family members in Adana, including Incirlik Air Base, Turkey provide insight into a still-evolving policy.

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