Commander's Call Topics

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What you need to know about voting

• Voting is one of our most fundamental rights as U.S. citizens. The <u>Federal Voting Assistance</u> <u>Program</u> assists all voting-age citizens with access to the installation voter assistance office with registering to vote either at the polls or by absentee ballot. Air Force specific voting information can be found <u>here</u>.

Absentee Ballot

- There are 55 different sets of rules for absentee voting by service members, their eligible family members and overseas citizens, but the basic steps are simple:
 - 1. Register to vote and request an absentee ballot by filling out the Federal Post Card Application, and send it to your election office in your state of legal residence.



- 2. The election office approves the FPCA, disapproves the FPCA or requests additional information.
- 3. Once the FPCA is approved, the election office sends an absentee ballot to you.
- 4. Complete and return the absentee ballot to your election office by your state's deadline.

To view the 2016 election season recommended absentee ballot mailing dates by APO/FPO click here

Campaigning Rules & Limitations

- Watch <u>this FYI video</u> discussing the Department of Defense regulations concerning politics and social media to learn more.
- Airmen are encouraged to read <u>Air Force Instruction</u> <u>36-3107</u> for more detailed information.



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Looking for additional resources for information? Try these:

- <u>Telling the Air Force Story</u> Air Force Public Affairs official resource for all things communications
- <u>CCT Archive</u> a weekly product that contains talking points and information for commanders
- <u>AF.mil</u> The official website of the U.S. Air Force

▶ RESOURCES

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

<u>AF.mil</u>

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

<u>Air Force Association</u> <u>Scholarships</u>

Air Force Safety Center

<u>Civil Service Employment Opportunities</u>

NAF Employment Opportunities

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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

July 28, 1943 – Second Lt. John C. Morgan earned the Medal of Honor for his actions during a bombing mission over Europe. Read more about Morgan <u>here</u>.

July 29 1995 – The 11th Reconnaissance Squadron activated at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, to fly the remotely piloted aircraft, the RQ-1 Predator. The 11th RS was the first RPA unit in the Air Force.

July 30, 1948 – North American Aviation delivered the first operational jet bomber, the B-45A Tornado, to the Air Force.

July 31, 1995 – The 351st Missile Wing, the last Minuteman II unit, inactivated at Whiteman AFB, Missouri.

August 1, 1943 – During a bombing raid on Ploesti, Romania, the lead aircraft flown by Lt. Col. Addison Baker, the 93rd Bombardment Group commander, received serious damage from a large caliber antiaircraft shell and caught fire. Baker, who was a mobilized guardsman from Ohio, continued to lead the formation and dropped his bombs before trying to gain enough altitude for the crew to parachute. The attempt failed and the B-24 Liberator crashed. For his gallant leadership and intrepidity, Baker was awarded the Medal of Honor.

August 2, 1909 – The Army accepted the first Wright Flyer, identified as "Airplane No. 1."

August 3, **1944** – Pacific Air Forces (originally established as Far East Air Forces) was activated.



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 <u>here</u>.

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 <u>Air Force Cybersecurity</u> web page.



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