# **Commander's Call Topics**



June 2, 2016

## **Blended Retirement System Training Now Available**

The Blended Retirement System (BRS) leader training course provides an overview of the new BRS. This 30-minute course will aid leaders, Airmen and family members as they inform their personnel on the upcoming implementation of the new system.

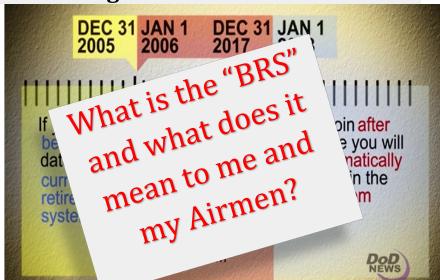
- The training is available via <u>Joint Knowledge On-line</u> (Course Number P-US1330). This site requires a Common Access Card.
- Interested family members may also take the course via MilitaryOneSource.mil. The <u>link</u> to the training is located on the Military OneSource home page rotating graphic.
- Education and information will be key to providing Airmen the information needed to make informed decisions about the BRS. More detailed education and information will be made available in 2017 for Airmen who may opt-in to the new BRS. The planned courses include:
  - Opt-in course: Targeted at those eligible to opt into the new system. This course will provide eligible active and reserve component members an understanding of both the current and new systems. Estimated availability date is January 2017.
  - o **'Train the Trainer' course:** Targeted at the experts who serve in an advisory role to commanders, Airmen and their families—primarily personal financial managers, counselors and retirement services officers. Planned release date is fall of 2016.
  - New Accessions course: Targeted at individuals who enter military service on or after Jan. 1, 2018. This course is intended to provide the newest members an understanding of their blended retirement benefit to include how their Thrift Savings Plan will work and benefit from both member and government contributions.

For more information on the BRS, take the JKO training or visit militarypay.defense.gov.

## **Pride Month**

During Pride Month we celebrate those in the <u>LGBT</u> community whose struggles, sacrifices and successes have and continue to shape the history of our nation and remind each of us to stand for inclusivity, justice and dignity.





### **▶ 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** 

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

Air Force Safety Center

<u>Civil Service Employment</u> <u>Opportunities</u>

**NAF Employment Opportunities** 

Air Force Bands/Outreach

### **▶ THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY**

**June 2, 1949** – Gen. Henry H. Arnold received the permanent rank of general of the Air Force.

June 3, 1961 – Air Force engineers test-fired the most powerful solid-fuel rocket engine known to Western scientists. In the test at Sacramento, California, some 94,000 pounds of propellant produced in excess of 500,000 pounds of thrust.

**June 4, 1907** – Cpl. Edward Ward, the first NCO in the Army's new balloon organization, detailed to learn balloon manufacturing. The unit later became the Signal Corps' Aeronautical Division.

**June 5, 1981** – The KC-10 Extender completed qualification testing at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

**June 6, 1975** – The last 16 B-52 Stratofortresses at U-Tapao Air Base, Thailand, began their redeployment to the United States.

**June 6, 1944** – American and Allied aircraft flew approximately 15,000 interdiction, close-air support, and airlift sorties in support of the D-Day invasion.

June 7, 1966 – The first successful launch of an Orbiting Geophysical Laboratory took place when Orbiting Geophysical Observatory III went into orbit to perform 21 experiments, a record number for a U.S. scientific spacecraft.

**June 8, 1911** – The Connecticut State Air Regulation passed and became the first state air law.



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