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Air Force leaders look to the future, honor the past at the AFA

Air Force senior leaders spoke to Airmen, retirees and civilians at the Air Force Association's Air Warfare Symposium Feb. 25-26 in Orland, Fla. Their topics ranged from the state of the Air Force, announcing the LRS-B designation, highlighting the Third Offset Strategy, and the important role Airmen have as the force's greatest asset.



• SecAF: State of the Air Force

- Air Force requested top-line budget of \$120.4 billion for fiscal year 2017.
- Strategic investment in innovative and advanced concepts leverages “leap ahead” technologies to maintain our competitive edge over adversaries.
- Investment in multi-role platforms for today's fight and future high threat environments.
- Airmen represent our legacy and our future. Airmen are our secret weapon -- They always were, and always will be.
- **Click [here](#) for the story. Click [here](#) to watch the video.**

• CSAF: Air Force update

- Air Force flew about 1.7 million hours last year, which is 195 years of flying, 300,000 of those being combat hours.
- Nearly 22,000 Airmen deployed around the globe every day.
- The Air Force needs to go “back to the basics” with these 10 fundamentals for Airmen.
- Airmen are key – We need to fix where we know we are broken, stabilize, then figure out how to start filling in the holes in our Air Force that have been created by standing up new enterprises while we drew down the Air Force as a whole.
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• CMSAF: “Why we Serve”

- The Air Force has seen continuous combat for the past 25 years.
- Since 1991 the Air Force has gone from 134 combat-coded fighter squadrons to 55 and 946,000 active, Guard, Reserve, civilian Airmen down to about 664,000.
- The Air Force's operational tempo has increased since 1991.
- Without Airmen, there is no Air Power.
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Air Force asks Airmen to name B-21 LRS-B

Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James announced the Air Force will be taking suggestions from Airmen to help decide the name of the bomber. Airmen -- Active, Guard, Reserve and civilian -- should stay tuned to AF.mil, Commander's Call Topics and Air Force social media accounts for more information on how to submit their ideas.

► RESOURCES

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

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[Airman magazine](#)

[Military OneSource/HomeFront](#)

[Air Force Personnel Center](#)

[Air Reserve Personnel Center](#)

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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

March 3, 1986 – Tactical Air Command's first OT-37 Tweet replaced the Cessna O-2 aircraft at Shaw Air Force Base.

March 4, 2002 - During Operation Anaconda, the Air Force experienced its first combat deaths since the 1991 Gulf War. Two airmen died in helicopter assaults near Gardez, Afghanistan.

March 5, 1985 - Through March 9, airlift crews flew 123 tons of food and medicine as part of four famine relief missions to Sudan, Niger, and Mali.

March 6, 1942 - The US Army Air School at Tuskegee, Alabama, for black aviators graduated its first class. The five black military pilots included Capt. Benjamin O. Davis.

March 7, 2003 - President George W. Bush issued an ultimatum giving Saddam Hussein and his sons 48 hours to leave Iraq.

March 8, 1944 - Eighth Air Force attacked Berlin with 623 bombers, escorted by 891 fighters.

March 9, 1955 - In an F-84F Thunderstreak, Lt Col Robert R. Scott set a three-hour, 44-minute, 53-second record for the 2,446-mile flight from Los Angeles to New York.



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

[First lady to women veterans: "Tell your story"](#)

Urging women to spotlight their accomplishments self-identify as veterans, the First Lady also encouraged them take advantage of the benefits they have earned. Only one in 10 take advantage of GI Bill benefits.

► TRENDING QUOTE

"I think first of all that for the Department of Defense, data security including encryption is absolutely essential to us. We are for strong encryption. I'm not a believer in backdoors or a single technical approach. I don't think it's realistic," said Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter during his talk on the Apple vs. FBI case in San Francisco on Wednesday.

For more information on Air Force heritage, visit <http://www.airforcehistory.af.mil>

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