

Commander's Call Topics



January 14, 2016

*"One cool judgment is worth
a thousand hasty councils."*

Woodrow Wilson
American politician and academic
28th President of the United States
1856-1924

"A day on, not a day off,"
is the theme
urging Americans to
volunteer their time to honor Martin
Luther King, Jr.
January 18, 2016

Operation Desert Storm 25th Anniversary



Coalition aircraft led the largest air campaign since the conflict in Southeast Asia on 16 January 1991 which drove Saddam Hussein and his leadership underground. On 28 February 1991, following six weeks of air attacks and only one hundred hours after beginning the ground campaign, President George HW Bush suspended combat operations and declared Kuwait liberated.

Facts

- Desert Storm marks the first conflict in history to make comprehensive use of stealth and space systems support capabilities against a modern, integrated air defense.
- More than 60,830 Total Force Airmen were deployed in support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm.
- U.S. Aircraft downed more than 39 Iraqi aircraft in air-to-air combat and damaged more than 375 (of 594) hardened aircraft shelters.
- Technology employment during Desert Storm revolutionized the way we fight our wars today — game-changing technology like 'autonomy, hypersonics, directed energy and nanoscience' will make and keep the fight unfair for future challenges our Nation may face.
- The entire world is integrating Space services, debuted during Desert Storm, into every aspect of modern society, including such diverse elements as agricultural applications, transportation, public safety, and entertainment
- The capability gap separating the Air Force from others (as noted during the conflict) is narrowing and requires modernization to maintain our asymmetric advantage.

Martin Luther King Jr. was an important voice of the American civil rights movement. Every third Monday in January, his legacy is honored on his birthday. Dr. King lives in each of us and we are responsible to promote, teach and live the American Dream.

For more information please visit the
Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) website:
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► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

Jan. 14, 1977 – The Department of Defense directed the Air Force to begin full-scale production of the air launched cruise missile.

Jan. 15, 1914 – The Signal Corps Aviation School issued the first Army aviation safety regulation. It required pilots to wear helmets and leather coats for overland flights, and unsinkable coats for overwater flights.

Jan. 16, 1981 – From Corpus Christi, Texas, and Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, Military Airlift Command C-130s moved 500 tons of arms, ammunition, helicopters and other material to San Salvador to support the Salvadoran government in its struggle against leftist guerrillas. This operation lasted through June.

Jan. 17, 1932 – After a severe snowstorm, seven aircraft from the 11th Bomb Squadron flew missions for four days to deliver supplies to snowbound Navajo and Hopi Indians near Winslow, Arizona. First Lt. Charles H. Howard received the Mackay Trophy for this effort.

Jan. 18, 1905 – Through their congressman, the Wright brothers opened negotiations with the U.S. government to build an aircraft. The government, however, refused the offer.

Jan. 19, 1976 – The 180th Tactical Fighter Group became the first Air National Guard unit to participate in a Red Flag exercise at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

Jan. 20, 1960 – In early January, the Soviet Union announced tests of more powerful rockets. Through Jan. 22, Pacific Air Forces employed KC-135, C-130, and RB-69 (P2V-7) aircraft to observe these tests.



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](#).

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To ensure that service members receive appropriate recognition of their actions, is at the core of a revamping of the criteria for tangible acknowledgement of valor and meritorious service.

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