# Commander's Call Topics

May 26, 2016

## **Enlisted Professional Military Education Distance Learning**

The Air Force is temporarily deferring repercussions to promotion and re-enlistment until Jan. 1, 2017, for those Airmen who fail to enroll, complete and pass EPME DL (Courses 14 and 15) within one year of enrollment.



- The course timeline remains at 12 months. Airmen who go beyond 12 months in completing EPME DL must still request a course extension through Air University in accordance with enrollment instructions. Click here for more EPME DL information.
- The six-month deferment allows additional time to validate notification and acknowledgment procedures, as well as ensure test centers have the time and capacity to meet testing requirements.
- These adjustments alleviate potential impacts to a significant number of Airmen who may fail to complete Course 14 and 15 for reasons beyond their control.
- This policy deferment will only impact those Airmen whose 12 months' time for DL completion will expire on or before Dec. 31, 2016. Any Airman whose 12 month DL completion window expires Jan. 1, 2017, or later will be ineligible for promotion and reenlistment.

As Airmen serving in the Profession of Arms, Enlisted Professional Military Education is a critical component of our continued success and development.

## 2016 MEMORIAL DAY

- More than 4,800 Airmen have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we enjoy while supporting military operations and armed conflicts from the Korean War until today.
- On May 30, 1868, the first official Memorial Day observance was held at Arlington National Cemetery to honor and decorate the graves of those who died during the Civil War.
- Today, Memorial Day serves as an opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of more than one million Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who gave their lives to secure our freedoms.



#### **▶** 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

May 26, 1983 – General Dynamics delivered the 500th F-16A Fighting Falcon aircraft to Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

May 27, 1951 – Unit 4/SAM C-47 Skytrain flew leaflet drop/voice broadcast sorties encouraging the enemy to surrender to elements of the U.S. Army's IX Corps. Some 4,000 enemy soldiers surrendered, with many carrying leaflets. The captives reported morale problems among the enemy because of United Nations aerial attacks.

May 28, 1964 – A Saturn VI rocket carried the first Apollo command and service module mockups into orbit from Cape Kennedy, Florida.

May 29, 1940 – The Vought F4U Corsair first flew.

May 30, 2001 – An aircrew from Edwards Air Force Base, California, launched the first live joint air-to-surface standoff missile from a B-52H Stratofortress over the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. The weapon destroyed a concrete bunker from 195 miles.

May 31, 1908 – The Glenn H. Curtiss Manufacturing Company at Hammondsport, New York, announced that it would accept orders for and deliver flying machines in 60 days at \$5,000 a plane.

**June 1, 1912 –** Capt. Charles DeForest Chandler made the first night flight at College Park, Maryland.



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