



COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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3—7 April 2017

Priority Topic of the Week

Blended Retirement System (BRS) Opt-In Training Now on ADLS

- Airmen can now take the required BRS Opt-In training through the Advance Distributed Learning System ([ADLS](#) course number ZZ133146) instead of using Joint Knowledge Online (JKO).
 - ◊ Leaders at all levels should familiarize themselves with the BRS through either the BRS Leader Training (via JKO) or the BRS Opt In Training.
- Using ADLS instead of JKO helps commanders and Unit Training Managers more easily track this mandatory training for Opt In-eligible Airmen
 - ◊ Airmen who complete the JKO course should provide a copy of their JKO completion certificate to their Unit Training Manager to record the training in ADLS. There is no need to take the training again in ADLS.
- Eligible Airmen received, or will receive, a myPers message which requires an acknowledgement and directs them to take the mandatory Opt-In training.
 - ◊ Only those active Airmen who have served fewer than 12 years, or reservists who have accrued fewer than 4,320 retirement points, as of Dec. 31, 2017, may opt in to the BRS.
- The BRS Opt In training takes about two hours to complete and provides Airmen information to help make an educated decision about their future.
- BRS information is continuously updated on [myPers](#). Click "Retirement" from any military landing page.
- Full [AFPC](#) article

Topics of Interest

- Transgender Awareness Training for Airmen now available on [AF Portal](#), click on "T" (*select "read-only" when PowerPoint prompts for password—CAC-required*)
- New Civilian Appraisal System begins April 1 ([AFPC](#))
- Civilian Strategic Leadership Program accepting nominations ([AFPC](#))
- Flexible reserve opportunities available to support Air Force auxiliary ([ARPC](#))
- [AFI 35-107](#) Public Web and Social Communication updated on e-publishing
- Cybersecurity: Beware...digital-age technology hears everything ([AF.MIL](#))

April Observances

Sexual Assault and Assault Prevention Month (SAAPM)

Talking points regarding SAAPM and Waypoints — Violence Prevention and Comprehensive Airmen Fitness—are available on the [Tell the Air Force Story](#) site (*CAC required*)

Medical Messaging—This month includes many health-oriented observances: National Autism Awareness Month, National Public Health Week, National Alcohol Screening Day, Every Kid Healthy Week, and International Noise Awareness Day. See [Tell the Air Force Story](#) site for information.

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Submissions should include: **1-2 sentence synopsis of the issue; hyperlink to further details and a POC name with contact information.**

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