



# COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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## Priority Topic of the Week

### Developmental Special Duties

- Developmental Special Duties (DSD) are unique leadership duties and provide Airmen the opportunity to mentor and mold junior Airmen.
- 1,175 DSD positions are opening in Spring 2017.
- The 10 DSDs are:
  - ◇ Career Assistance Advisor
  - ◇ Military Training Leader
  - ◇ Military Training Instructor
  - ◇ Air Force Academy Military Training Instructor
  - ◇ Airman and Family Readiness Center Noncommissioned Officer
  - ◇ First Sergeant
  - ◇ Recruiter
  - ◇ Professional Military Education Instructor
  - ◇ Specialty training instructors identified with a "T" prefix
  - ◇ Air Force Honor Guard NCO
- **Airmen nominated for DSD must demonstrate exceptional performance and a high capacity to lead. They will be AF ambassadors.**
- Commanders may nominate Airmen that meet the following criteria:
  - ◇ Exhibit excellence in their core career field with a skill level commensurate with their grade
  - ◇ Most recent performance assessment rating of either of the top two ratings
  - ◇ Airmen in the rank of staff, technical and master sergeant
  - ◇ Must have at least four years of service remaining before they reach their high year of tenure.
  - ◇ Must score 90+ on their last fitness test or 80+ on the last two tests.
- Full DSD qualifications are outlined in the [special duty catalog](#).
- For more information about AF personnel programs, go to [myPers](#).

### Personnel Topics of Interest

- Civilian Strategic Leadership Program Nominations due May 1 ([AFPC](#))
- 2017 Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs Grateful Nation Award Nominations due by May 26 ([AFPC](#))

### Other Topics of Interest

- Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Position 50th Anniversary ([AF.mil](#))
- 50th Anniversary of Vietnam—Air Force Commemoration website ([AFHM](#))
- LeMay on Vietnam—Part of the Vietnam Fiftieth Commemoration ([Defense.gov](#))

### April Observances

- Sexual Assault and Assault Prevention Month—find ways to be a good Wingman and what to do if you are a survivor of an assault. ([SAF/PA site](#))
- Month of the Military Child—find ways to recognize the resiliency and sacrifices made by military children. ([SAF/PA site](#))
- Medical Messaging—explore the various observances and ideas concerning the medical field. ([SAF/PA site](#))

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- 1) 1-2 sentence synopsis of the issue
- 2) hyperlink to further details
- 3) a POC name and contact information.

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