



COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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11—15 December 2017

Priority Topic

of the
Week

The Air National Guard

National Guard: Always Ready, Always There

The National Guard will observe its 381st birthday Dec. 13, 2017. On this date in 1636, the first militia regiments in North America were organized in Massachusetts. Based upon an order of the Massachusetts Bay Colony's General Court, the colony's militia was organized into three permanent regiments to better defend the colony.

Today, the descendants of these first regiments – the 181st Infantry, the 182nd Infantry, the 101st Field Artillery, and the 101st Engineer Battalion of the Massachusetts Army National Guard – share the distinction of being the oldest units in the U.S. military. The birth of the National Guard's oldest organized units is symbolic of the founding of all the state, territory, and District of Columbia militias that collectively make up today's National Guard.

One Air Force

- Active duty, Reserve and Guard Airmen have deployed and fought as one team for decades.
- Our Airmen work together in almost every mission across the Air Force.

The Air National Guard: Always on Mission

Following the National Security Act of 1947, National Guard Army Air Forces units transferred to the Air National Guard as a reserve component of the Air Force.

A Unique Element of the Total Force

- The Air National Guard is a unique element of the Total Force that serves both community and country or, both state and federal government.
- The Air National Guard responds to domestic emergencies, overseas combat missions, counterdrug efforts, reconstruction missions and more.
- State governors or the President of the United States can call on the Air National Guard in a moment's notice, however, Guard Airmen's primary area of operation is their home state.

Additional Resources

- National Guard Website: www.nationalguard.mil
- Air National Guard Website: www.ang.af.mil

Personnel Topics of Interest

- Chief Wright to Airmen: Know your retirement options ([AF.MIL](#))
- AF releases CMSgt promotion cycle statistics ([AF.MIL](#))
- Air Force travelers reminded of flat rate per diem policy ([AF.MIL](#))
- Nomination window open for 2018 AF innovation award ([AF.MIL](#))

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Submissions should include:

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

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