

Commander's Call Topics



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"Hopefully you've all had a chance to hear the new defense strategy. If you haven't, I would challenge you to go and read it." -- Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy addressed a capacity crowd of Airmen and civilians at the Langley AFB, Va., and covered a wide variety of [key Air Force issues](#).

► **CURRENT ISSUES**

[Air Force completes Kabul shooting investigation](#)

The Air Force completed its investigation into the April 27, 2011 shooting incident at the Afghanistan air force Headquarters located in Kabul, Afghanistan, in which eight U.S. Air Force Airmen and one civilian contractor were killed in the line of duty while serving in a combat zone.

[F-15E reaches flying-hour milestone](#)

In the early hours of the day, the aircraft parking ramp here was alive with activity. Checklists were run, hatches checked, bombs loaded and missions briefed, as the crew chiefs, support units, and flyers of F-15E Strike Eagle #89-0487 achieved a milestone 10,000 flying hours Jan. 13.

[New airframe adds strike capability to Afghan air force](#)

In the Afghanistan government's continued effort to independently battle counterinsurgency, a new tool will be added to their arsenal designed to allow versatility, reconnaissance and precision weapons placement to the growing Afghan air force.

► **PERSONNEL ISSUES**

[Air Force officials announce enlisted constrained jobs list](#)

Air Force officials announced the fiscal 2012 career job reservation program with 16 Air Force Specialty Codes placed on the constrained list.

► **FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY**

[AMC passenger travel to be more predictable](#)

Select passenger terminals across Air Mobility Command are establishing pages on Facebook to provide passengers more predictability when it comes to space-available and space-required passengers.

[Andersen takes aim: '90 at 90'](#)

To ensure no one is left behind, base leaders are seeking to implement a new program pushing service members to the pinnacle of physical fitness.

► **TECHNOLOGY**

[U.S., coalition nations form Wideband Global Satellite partnership](#)

Senior defense officials from six countries announced a multilateral partnership in wideband global satellite communication, which is valued at more than \$10 billion, Jan. 17 here.

► RESOURCES

AF.mil

<http://www.af.mil>

Airman magazine

<http://www.airmanonline.af.mil/>

Air Force Community

<http://www.afcommunity.af.mil/>

Air Force Outreach

<http://www.afoutreach.af.mil/>

Military OneSource

<http://www.militaryonesource.com/>

Military HOMEFRONT

<http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/>

Air Force Personnel Center

<https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil>

<http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/>

Air Reserve Personnel Center

<http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/>

Department of Defense

<http://www.defense.gov>

Department of Defense News

<http://www.defenselink.mil>

Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.va.gov>

TRICARE

<http://www.tricare.mil>

U.S. Government Website

<http://www.firstgov.gov/>

Employment Opportunities

www.usajobs.com

www.nafjobs.org

► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

Jan 20, 1960 - A Strategic Air Command crew launched its first Titan I (a J-model) from Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

Jan. 21, 1968 – Communists began a 77-day siege of the U.S. Marine Corps stronghold at Khe Sanh, South Vietnam, which resulted in a victory for U.S. airpower over enemy ground forces

Jan. 22, 1966 – Operation Blue Light, the largest airlift in history into a combat zone, is completed. More than 4,600 tons of equipment and 3,000 troops were airlifted from Hickam AFB, Hawaii, to Pleiku, South Vietnam. The operation began Dec. 27, 1965.

Jan. 24, 1946 – Gen. Carl Spaatz is named the first chief of staff of the Army Air Forces.

Jan 25, 1990 - A Titan II booster launched Clementine I, a space probe to the moon. This mission was the first American lunar effort since Apollo 17 in 1972.

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