

# Commander's Call Topics



**May 13, 2011**

*"We're currently balancing a range of missions while looking forward to prepare for what the fights of tomorrow might be."*

– Undersecretary of the Air Force Erin Conaton on the [state of the Air Force and fiscal challenges](#)

## **FROM AIR FORCE SENIOR LEADERS**

### **[Chief of staff addresses issues, surveys tornado damage](#)**

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz visited Little Rock AFB, Ark., to meet with Airmen and see the damage caused by recent tornadoes. He also discussed several issues, including recent force management actions by Air Force officials, the repeal of the law commonly known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell, and Airman resiliency.

### **[CMSAF experiences "Brave Defender" training](#)**

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Roy received a hands-on tour of Air Force Materiel Command's "Brave Defender" training area at Eglin AFB, Fla. Brave Defender is a three-week deployment training course for security forces Airmen.

## **CURRENT ISSUES**

### **[Assistant secretary of defense talks nuclear deterrence, treaties](#)**

Andrew Weber, the assistant secretary of defense for nuclear, chemical and biological defense programs, visited Whiteman AFB, Mo., and discussed the new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty as well as the realignment of munitions squadrons from Air Force Materiel Command to Global Strike Command.

## **PERSONNEL ISSUES**

### **[AF lodging officials announce new payment procedures](#)**

As part of the Air Force's recent implementation of the new Citibank controlled spend account travel cards, funding for lodging costs will be pre-loaded on the card once authorization is approved in the Defense Travel System. For more information about lodging and other quality of life programs, visit [www.usafservices.com](http://www.usafservices.com).

## **GUARD AND RESERVE**

### **['Total Force 21' paper offers new force mix, DOD savings](#)**

Air Force Reserve officials announced new guidelines that may help combat planners better access reservists, make the Air Force more efficient and save money. Called "[Total Force 21](#)," this new approach refocuses planning efforts on how many reservists can be mobilized instead of traditional planning methods of trying to calculate how many reservists have historically stepped forward as volunteers.

## **FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **[Air Force officials urge motorcycle safety](#)**

During the summer, Airmen should remain vigilant in taking safety precautions in all activities, and particularly on motorcycles. In a [dual-signature memo to Airmen](#), the assistant secretary for installations, environment and logistics, Terry Yonkers, and the Air Force vice chief of staff, Gen. Philip Breedlove, stressed the special cautions riders must take on motorcycles, with specific attention to speed, reckless driving and alcohol use.

## **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/app/home>

<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>

**TRICARE**

<http://www.tricare.mil>

**U.S. Government Web site**

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

**Employment Opportunities**

[www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com)

[www.nafjobs.org](http://www.nafjobs.org)

## **AIR FORCE HERITAGE TO HORIZONS**

### **This Week in Air Force History**

**May 16, 1955** – The U.S. Air Force marking is approved for use on aircraft wings.

**May 17, 1919** – The War Department ordered use of national star insignia on all planes.

**May 18, 1918** – American day bombardment aviation began at Amenty Airdrome, France.

**May 20, 1951** – Capt. James Jabara became the first U.S. Air Force jet ace, shooting down his fifth and sixth MiG in Korea.

For more information on Air Force heritage, visit <http://www.airforcehistory.af.mil>.

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