

Commander's Call Topics



March 29, 2012

"The [CSA to GTC transition plan](#) is already in motion." -- Mrs. Joan Causey, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Financial Operations, speaking the transition from Controlled Spend Account travel cards to an enhanced Government Travel Card by the end of fiscal 2012.

[Video](#)

► CURRENT ISSUES

[Air Force officials announce third round of VERA/VSIP](#)

In its continuing effort to meet the Defense Department requirement to maintain civilian manning at fiscal 2010 levels, the Air Force is offering a third round of Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment beginning May 1.

[Senior leaders discuss future of Air Force Reserve](#)

Senior leaders from Air Force Reserve Command assembled March 26-27 during the 2012 Senior Leader Conference to discuss the future of the command.

[First Air Force female four-star general confirmed](#)

The Senate confirmed Air Force Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger for promotion March 26, making her the first female four-star general in Air Force history.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[AF announces 2012 aviator continuation pay program](#)

Air Force officials released the details of fiscal 2012 Aviator Continuation Pay program this week, with continuing focus on retaining highly-qualified manned and remotely piloted aircraft rated crew members.

[Exceptional performer promotion nominations due by April 6](#)

Stripes for Exceptional Performers nomination packages meeting the Central STEP Board and the Combatant Command Board are due to the Air Force Personnel Center enlisted promotions section by April 6, AFPC officials said.

► FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Florida high school student named Military Child of the Year for AF](#)

Operation Homefront's 2012 Military Child of the Year for the Air Force was recently awarded

► SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY

[Space capability integral to all military operations](#)

Space capabilities have become integral to all military operations, the commander of Air Force Space Command told reporters here during a Defense Writers Group breakfast March 22.

[SecAF: Cyberspace is an Air Force priority](#)

Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley highlighted cyberspace as an important Air Force priority and joint force enabler during remarks to Airmen, industry officials and Air Force Association members March 23 at the Air Force Association's 2012 CyberFutures Conference and Technology Exposition.

► 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

Air Force Association Scholarships

<http://www.afa.org/aef/aid/scholars.asp>

► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

March 29, 1975 - The Air Force began an emergency airlift of supplies and equipment to Saigon, Vietnam.

March 30, 1963 – Strategic Air Command accepted its first Titan II launch facility, which was at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

March 31, 1975 - The Air Force's overseas tactical airlift resources in PACAF, USAFE, and the Alaskan Air Command were transferred to Mobility Air Command to consolidate military airlift into one command.

April 1, 1952 - During the Korean War, Fifth Air Force Sabre pilots destroyed ten MiGs while losing one F-86. In the battle, Col Francis S. Gabreski, the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing Commander, destroyed a MiG to become the eighth jet ace of the war.

April 2, 1954 - To 6 April, the 59 ARS and its H-19 helicopters helped refugees in Iraq's flooded Tigris River Valley. In 66 sorties, the H-19s dropped 30,000 pounds of food to 4,000 victims.

April 3, 1939 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Public Law 18, or the National Defense Act of 1940. In that act, Congress authorized the Air Corps to expand to 48,000 personnel and 6,000 airplanes with a \$300 million budget. It also authorized the training of black pilots.

April 4, 2003 - At Edwards AFB, the CV-22 Osprey completed a milestone by successfully flying a terrain-following radar sortie.

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