

Commander's Call Topics



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“Balance will serve as a hedge against the uncertainty we face: balance across the core functions which will enable us to remain prepared for the full spectrum of operations; balance in force structure, readiness, and modernization; and a balance across components, to find the right mix among active, reserve, and guard personnel that will maximize both effectiveness and efficiency.”

– Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley from [remarks](#) at the Air Force's National Security Forum

CURRENT ISSUES

[Officials launch U.S. International Cyber Strategy](#)

White House officials launched a strategy that the administration says unifies U.S. engagement with international partners on a range of cyber issues for the first time.

PERSONNEL ISSUES

[AFPC officials expedite personnel services for deployed members](#)

Air Force Personnel Center officials created a dedicated deployment cell in the Total Force Service Center-San Antonio to provide expedited personnel assistance and support to deployed active-duty members. Deployed members who need personnel assistance can call the TFSC at 800-525-0102, select active duty and press the pound key to reach the dedicated deployment cell. For more information on personnel services, visit the [Air Force personnel services](#) website.

[Nominations open for Grateful Nation award](#)

Air Force officials are seeking nominations for the 2011 Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs Grateful Nation Award. This award recognizes one member from each of the military branches and U.S. Special Operations Command for superior performance and service in the war on terrorism. Nominees must be in the grades of senior master sergeant and below for enlisted or major and below for officers. For more information on Air Force recognition programs, visit the [Air Force personnel services](#) website.

GUARD AND RESERVE

[National Guard leaders talk fiscal constraints, cost-effective solutions](#)

As part of the total force, the National Guard has successfully transformed into an operational force. This transformation would be impossible without the investments made in the Guard and Reserve, said Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley, the chief of the National Guard Bureau.

CIVILIAN

[Air Force officials announce civilian hiring controls](#)

Hiring controls will allow Air Force officials to take a targeted approach to meet the mandated manning levels. Effective immediately, one person will be hired for every two new vacancies in areas affected by hiring controls. This doesn't apply to current hiring actions when a job selection has already been made; however, all other hiring actions may only be filled at a 1:2 ratio as new vacancies occur.

FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Travel website helps determine risks when planning events](#)

The [Travel Risk Planning System](#) is an effective way for service members to plan the actual traveling portion of trips while taking any possible dangers into account. It is available for users with common-access cards on computers connected to government networks. It offers information about safe motorcycling, travel tips and maps.

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

www.nafjobs.org

AIR FORCE HERITAGE TO HORIZONS

This Week in Air Force History

May 25, 1927 – Lt. James H. Doolittle performed the first known successful outside loop.

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

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