

Commander's Call Topics



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Never, in my short 23-year career, have I imagined or experienced the hollowness and pain in my heart I feel now. His loss rips through the core of my heart and soul as if he was my own flesh and blood." -- Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Schott, 466th EOD flight chief, speaking about [Senior Airman Bryan Bell](#), an explosive-ordnance disposal technician killed in action Jan. 5 in Afghanistan.

► CURRENT ISSUES

[Air Force leaders say strategy calls for F-22, F-35 capabilities](#)

Fifth-generation fighter aircraft are key to America maintaining domain dominance in the years ahead, Air Force officials said.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[Air Force announces selections to colonel and major](#)

The 2011B Colonel Line of Air Force and Nurses Corps Central Selection Boards selected 539 lieutenant colonels and 112 captains for promotion.

► FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

[National database helps protect military from financial fraud](#)

Their presence outside military bases has become all too familiar: businesses peddling cars, electronics and other items with undisclosed conditions or sky-high interest rates that quickly become a financial nightmare for service members.

[High-altitude fitness test rules reinstated](#)

Airmen undergoing their fitness tests at high-altitude bases can breathe easier during fitness testing thanks to the efforts of Air Force Academy leaders and the Human Performance Laboratory.

[Air Force Association scholarship deadlines draw near](#)

AFA scholarships are available for a range of students.

► TECHNOLOGY

[Software Development Forum to shape future of network capabilities](#)

The Air Force Network Integration Center will host its first Software Development Forum on Feb. 7 as part of an effort to standardize requirements for applications on the Air Force Network.

[Airmen launch fourth WGS satellite](#)

Airmen at Cape Canaveral AFS, Fla., launched a United Launch Alliance Delta IV-Medium rocket carrying the fourth Wideband Global SATCOM satellite.

► 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

Jan. 27, 1967 – Air Force lieutenant colonels Virgil I. “Gus” Grissom and Edward White, and Navy Lt. Cmdr. Roger B. Chaffee died when their Apollo spacecraft caught fire at Cape Kennedy, Fla. They were rehearsing for a 21 February flight.

Jan. 28, 2003 - The Air Staff waived the USAF General Flight Rules to allow Air Combat Command to deploy the RQ-4A *Global Hawk*. At the time, the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, Calif., still had the *Global Hawk* in developmental testing. (3)

Jan. 29, 1915 – The first 20 aviation mechanics received their designations after passing exams.

Jan. 30, 1992 - Air Force Space Command assumed control over Department of Defense satellites and the operation and management of Air Force Satellite Network Control.

Jan. 31, 1997 - An Air Force Flight Test Center crew from Edwards AFB, Calif., conducted the first live launch of an AGM-142 *Raptor* missile from a B-52 at the White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Feb. 1, 1950 - Continental Air Command was directed to set up a civil air raid warning system.

Feb. 2, 1983 - F-16 pilot training began at Luke AFB.

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