

# Commander's Call Topics



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*"The Air Force made some very difficult choices, but it was our priority to tightly align with the new strategy and also stay within the fiscal environment as a result of the realities we are facing economically."* - Maj. Gen. Edward L. Bolton Jr., the deputy assistant secretary for budget, speaking about the [Air Force's fiscal 2013 budget](#).

## ► CURRENT ISSUES

[Enrollment for free culture course ends Feb. 29](#)

Registration for the spring "Introduction to Culture" course ends Feb. 29.

[Air Force kicks off ESOH Symposium](#)

The Air Force kicked off its 20th annual Environment, Safety and Occupational Health Symposium at the Colorado Convention Center.

## ► PERSONNEL ISSUES

[Mobile Web app makes personnel accountability easier](#)

Software developers have created a new mobile Web application that allows total force Airmen the ability to account for themselves and family members from their smartphone during a crisis or natural disaster.

[Officials announce Flemming award nominees](#)

Air Force officials announced the nominees of the 63rd Annual Arthur S. Flemming Award recently. The Flemming award annually recognizes outstanding federal employees who made significant and extraordinary contributions to the federal government.

## ► FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Air Force Medical Service turns to secure messaging](#)

Patients at Air Force-wide medical treatment facilities will soon be able to communicate securely and privately with their health care teams anywhere and anytime thanks to the expansion of secure messaging.

[AFAF names winners of video contest](#)

Air Force Assistance Fund officials named the AFAF 2012 fundraising campaign online video contest winners Feb. 15.

## ► TECHNOLOGY

[AFSPC commander addresses maturing cyberspace domain](#)

The Air Force Space Command commander highlighted space and cyberspace superiority, acquisition strategies and industry partnerships, and the need for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education during a speech Feb. 7 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

[Phishing scams threat to network security](#)

Phishing scams attempt to fool web users into visiting a bogus website to either download malware - viruses and other software intended to compromise your computer - or reveal sensitive, personal information.

## ► 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](http://www.usajobs.com)

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

### **Air Force Association Scholarships**

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

## ► THIS WEEK IN AIR FORCE HISTORY

**Feb. 17, 2007** - The 45th Space Wing supported the launch of a Delta II booster from Cape Canaveral AFS, Fla., carrying five NASA 'THEMIS' probes to study auroral substorms, an avalanche of solar wind powered magnetic energy that intensifies the northern and southern lights. This was the largest number of NASA scientific satellites launched on a single booster. THEMIS stands for Time History of Events and Macroscale Interactions in Substorms.

**Feb. 18, 1943** - The first class of 39 flight nurses graduated from the U. S. Army Air Forces School of Air Evacuations at Bowman Field, Ky.

**Feb. 19, 1934** - Following President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 6591, Secretary of War George Dern ordered the Army Air Corps to start flying domestic airmail.

**Feb. 20, 1944** - On a mission to Leipzig, Germany, Sgt Archibald Mathies serve as the engineer and ball turret gunner on a B-17, when enemy aircraft attacked. Although the copilot died and the pilot and radio operator were wounded, Mathies and other crewmen still managed to fly to their home base at Glatton, England. Mathies and the navigator volunteered to attempt a landing after the other crewmen jumped to safety. The commanding officer ordered them to parachute, but both men refused to desert the badly wounded pilot, who could not jump. They crashed on their third attempted landing, and all died. Besides Mathies, two other Eighth Air Force officers, 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt William R. Lawley and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Walter E. Truemper, received the Medal of Honor for separate actions.

**Feb. 21, 1921** - Lt. William D. Coney, Air Service, completed a solo flight from Rockwell Field, San Diego, Calif., to Jacksonville, Fla. He covered 2,180 miles in 22 hours 27 minutes.

**Feb. 22, 1945** - Aircraft from Eighth, Ninth, and Fifteenth Air Forces began an all-out assault on Nazi Germany communications and other transportation targets as a part of Operation Clarion.

**Feb. 23, 1956** - Secretary of the Air Force Donald A. Quarles sped up the Navaho missile program, using a high national priority, second only to the ICBM and IRBM programs.

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