

Commander's Call Topics



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"Because force structure changes have a ripple effect on manpower needs, our budget proposal calls for a [reduction of 9,900 Air Force military personnel](#)." -- Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley during testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Defense, on proposed changes in the Air Force's structure as part of its fiscal 2013 budget request.

► CURRENT ISSUES

"No means no," used to be the cornerstone to a just-say-no approach to sexual assault. According to National Center for Victims of Crime, Sexual assault in any form is often a devastating crime. Assaultants can be strangers, acquaintances, friends, or family members. Assaultants commit sexual assault by way of violence, threats, coercion, manipulation, pressure or tricks. Whatever the circumstances, no one asks or deserves to be sexually assaulted.

[Wingmen key to reducing sexual violence](#)

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Wing Commanders' Guide was sent out to wing commanders recently and contains statistics, facts and talking points to help leaders encourage healthy conversations among their Airmen, which senior leaders say is paramount to eliminating sexual crimes in the Air Force.

► PERSONNEL ISSUES

Putting one's duty before self and doing so with distinguished valor and ability, is a good definition of a hero.

[Nominations accepted for Portraits in Courage](#)

Now through April 13, nominations will be accepted and reviewed for inclusion in Portraits in Courage, Vol. 7.

Much more than time in-grade, criteria for command positions vary by career field.

[Developmental teams to consider 2013 command candidates](#)

Developmental teams from 11 different Air Force specialties will convene between May and September to consider eligible officers for calendar year 2013 squadron command, deputy logistics commander and deputy mission support group commander positions.

Advantage favors the prepared was never more applicable to civilians and officers seeking wider leadership opportunities.

[Developmental education application deadlines set](#)

Applications for intermediate and senior developmental education for officers are due April 9, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

► FAMILY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

[Air Force achieves historic ground safety milestone](#)

Air Force safety officials announced that since Feb. 17, 2011, the Air Force has now gone for more than 12 months without an on-duty ground fatality.

► TECHNOLOGY

[Langley Airmen test new fuel delivery system](#)

Airmen at Langley Air Force Base, Va., are testing a new fuel delivery system that could revolutionize flightline operations and save the Air Force millions of dollars.

► RESOURCES

AF.mil

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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 15, 1916 - Capt Benjamin D. Foulois, and his 1st Aero Squadron, arrived at Columbus, N. Mex., for duty with General Pershing's punitive expedition against Mexican raiders.

March 16, 1966 - A U.S. Air Force Gemini launch vehicle (Titan II) took Neil Armstrong and David Scott into orbit. The astronauts accomplished the first docking maneuver in space by meeting up with an Agena Target Vehicle, developed by Space Systems Division, and launched on an Atlas booster. Air Force pararescuemen attached flotation gear to the Gemini VIII space capsule within 20 minutes of splash down 500 miles east of Okinawa. This was the first time pararescue forces participated in the recovery of a Gemini capsule.

March 17, 1947 - The U.S. Army Air Force's first multi-engine jet bomber, the North American XB-45 Tornado, powered by four General Electric J-35 engines, flew for the first time.

March 18, 1981 - The 18th TFW received 80 F-15 Eagles. This delivery completed PACAF's conversion to the new fighter. The 18th then transferred 79 F-4 Phantoms to other commands.

March 19, 1910 - Orville Wright opened the first Wright Flying School at Montgomery, Ala. This site became Maxwell AFB.

March 20, 2006 - The C-17 Globemaster III fleet surpassed its millionth flight hour during a mission to evacuate injured U.S. troops from Iraq to Germany for medical treatment.

March 21, 1962 - A black bear named "Yogi" became the first living creature ejected from a supersonic aircraft when the Air Force tested the B-58's escape capsule. Ejected at 35,000 feet from a B-58 flying at 870 MPH, the bear landed unharmed 7 minutes, 49 seconds later.

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