



AIR COMBAT COMMAND KEY TALKING POINTS

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AIR COMBAT COMMAND IS THE PRIMARY FORCE PROVIDER OF COMBAT AIRPOWER TO AMERICA'S WARFIGHTING COMMANDS

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"Our Air Force has always been known for innovation. During World War II Tuskegee Airmen exemplified the way our Airmen persevere in the face of complex problems as well as highlighted the importance of the contributions from all Airmen. Diversity enhances our ability to prevail in today's changing operational environment. We must build an Air Force that reflects the broadest talent from across this great Nation we serve. We must continue to promote an environment that embraces each Airman's strengths and perspectives."

-- Gen. Mike Hostage, ACC Commander

QUICK FACTS

PEOPLE

ACC Total: 133,013

Deployed: 7,053

Active-duty: 5,386

Guard: 1,134

Reserve: 509

Civilian: 24

75% of total deployed are in 6-12 month rotations

POWER

ACC has 262 deployed aircraft at 22 locations

FY11: 54,169 OEF/OND sorties

Since 9/11: 752,428 OEF/OIF/OND sorties

PLACES

22 Wings

13 Bases

More than 500 organizations operating at more than 50 locations worldwide

Current as of 23 Jan 2012

AIR COMBAT COMMAND PRIORITIES

DEVELOPING AND CARING FOR AIRMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

- **We're committed to helping Airmen and their families build resiliency to withstand stressors**
 - Despite prevention efforts, the Air Force has recently lost several Airmen to suicides; leaders should continue to encourage Airmen to seek help early and emphasize the effectiveness of a support system and the Wingman concept
 - Visit ACC's [CAF website](#) for a list of available resources, agencies and how they can assist
- **AF leadership remains committed to providing tools for [sexual assault prevention, response](#)**
 - The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program is designed to provide education, advocacy and accountability to promote respect and dignity throughout the force
 - The AF employs full-time coordinators at installations & more than 2,000 victim advocates
- **As election activities pick up momentum, military members must know the [rules](#)**
 - Specifically engaging in political activities while in uniform is prohibited
 - Officials recommend refraining from political activities that may be "viewed as directly or indirectly associating DoD, military with a partisan political activity"

WINNING TODAY'S FIGHT AND IDENTIFYING WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR JOINT AND COALITION EFFECTIVENESS

- **Enhancing capability of warfighter, lessons learned lead to vital changes in training methods**
 - ACC's Surgeon General team implemented a training regimen to strengthen Provincial Reconstruction Team efforts; regimen provides PRT members with specific instruction and exercise scenario injections about building partnerships and medical stability operations
- **The AF's ISR enterprise continues to be an indispensable part of our operational culture**
 - [New Remotely Piloted Aircraft \(RPA\) career field graduates first RQ-4 pilots](#); pilots will begin flying operational, humanitarian missions in support of combatant commanders worldwide
- **Hill AFB active-duty, Reserve Airmen show power of partnership during deployment**
 - F-16 pilots, maintainers deployed to Kunsan AB, Korea, as part of theater security package
 - During the first 70 days, they flew 492 sorties, participated in two readiness inspections

PREPARING FOR TOMORROW BY BALANCING RECAPITALIZATION AND MODERNIZATION WITHIN OUR GIVEN RESOURCES

- **ACC continues to monitor the F-22 fleet's return to flight following lifting of stand-down**
 - Since the lifting of the stand-down in Sep2011, F-22s have flown more than 6,000 sorties
 - The return-to-flight plan consists of rigorous maintenance inspections, enhanced safety procedures, updated life support system training, improved physiological monitoring and continued data collection

Communicators – be sure to personalize and localize these talking points as you speak to your audiences. Tie your message to Air Force and ACC themes, but make it personal to you and relevant to your local audience.