



U.S. Air Force AIM POINTS

A daily summary of news, messages and communication tactics to help AF people tell the AF story.

6 May 02

NEWS ABOUT THE MILITARY

- **USAFA freshman cadet died Sat** after collapsing in his dorm room. ([Colorado Springs Gazette](#))
- **Opponents label AF 767 tanker lease deal w/ Boeing** as war profiteering. ([US News & World Rpt](#))
- **AF may open Global Hawk UAV to competition** to lower price. ([Defense News](#))
- **Dual-tasking by some fighter squadrons could benefit AF**, GAO says. ([Aerospace Daily](#))
- **Stages of last Titan IV-B rocket** arrived at Cape Canaveral last wk; final mission to fly in '03. ([AFPN](#))
- **House bill proposes "Secretary of the Navy and Marine Corps"** as new name for civilian head of Dep't of Navy. ([Wash Times](#))

WAR ON TERRORISM NEWS

- **US, British attacked by rockets Sun** at Khost airport in E Afghanistan. ([AFP](#))
- **Border raids by US, allies in Afghan-Pakistan mountains** to last beyond summer. ([NYT](#))
- **Rough conditions in E Afghan mountains** take toll on coalition troops. ([CBS News](#))
- **Aging, diminished AF cargo fleet** stressed by war efforts. ([LA Times](#))
- **Mullah Omar safe in Afghanistan**, Taliban hiding in mountains waiting for Afghan gov't to weaken, a top Taliban intel officer said. ([Wash Times](#))
- **Loya jirga nat'l assembly faces boycott** by S Afghan tribal leaders in June. ([CSM](#))
- **GITMO detainee was flown back to Afghanistan** because he was mentally ill. ([Baltimore Sun](#))
- **US slowly demobilizing Guardsmen, reservists** activated after 11 Sep. ([San Diego Union-Tribune](#))
- **Canada to say soon if it will pull out of Afghanistan** this summer or replace troops. ([Toronto Star](#))
- **Germany took over command of sea patrols** off E African coast Sun. ([Reuters](#))

OF INTEREST

- **14 rural mailbox pipe bombs found since Fri in Midwest.** 6 hurt. Mail delivery to continue today. ([AP](#))
- **Deal to end 5-wk standoff in Bethlehem church** between Israel, Palestinians near. ([BBC News](#))
- **Arafat not type of leader to create Palestinian state**, Nat'l Security Advisor Rice said. ([BBC NEWS](#))
- **US, Russia closer to deal to on nuclear weapons;** may be ready to sign at summit in 3 weeks. ([NYT](#))
- **Bush admin wants new leader for Iraq** even if Saddam Hussein admits UN weapons inspectors, SECSTATE said Sun. ([Newsday](#))
- **US to withdraw from war crimes court.** ([WSJ](#))
- **US gov't links guerilla war in Colombia to war on terrorism** to boost US military aid. ([Boston Globe](#))
- **Marxist rebels in Colombia have met w/ IRA leaders** in past 3 years. ([Wash Times](#))

TODAY'S MESSAGE

This is **Nat'l Suicide Awareness Week**. Suicide

- **Is the 2nd leading cause of death** for active-duty AF people
- **In the AF is most often associated w/ problems in intimate relationships.** Other risk factors may be alcohol/other substance abuse, financial/legal problems, few social ties/loneliness, prolonged/unmanageable stress, feelings of depression/worthlessness
- **May be indicated** by obsessing about death/dying/violence, withdrawing from friends and family, suddenly making amends with others, sudden changes in behavior, loss of interest in work/usual activities, giving away possessions
- **May be prevented** with early intervention: talking with the person about suicide, encouraging him/her to get help to cope with problems, calling emergency services if the person threatens or shows signs of a plan for suicide
- **Prevention efforts in the AF** emphasize involving & training leadership, annual suicide prevention training for all military people & civilians, & a database that tracks suicides & suicide attempts

SENIOR LEADERS ARE SAYING...

- **Suicide is our most preventable cause of death.** Leadership and mentorship are our 2 most important tools in preventing these tragic losses. (AF/SG, Apr 02)

AMERICANS ARE SAYING...

- 47% (lowest level since Oct 2001) believe the **US, allies are winning the war on terrorism**; 39% feel neither side is winning. (Gallup poll, 22-24 Apr)
- 48% favor, 42% oppose **sending US troops to the Middle East** to keep the peace after a treaty has been signed. (FOX News/Opinion Dynamics, 16-17 Apr)

TODAY'S INTERVIEWS

- **FOX News Nat'l w/ SAF/AQIJ** on UAVs

CALENDAR

- 6-12 May [Public Service Recognition Week](#)
- 6-12 May [Berlin Int'l Air Show](#)
- 1856 **Sigmund Freud, founder of psychoanalysis, born** in Moravia (now Czech Republic)
- 1941 **Bob Hope gave his 1st USO show** at March Field CA
- 1962 **1st nuclear warhead fired from Polaris sub**

IDEAS THAT WORK

- Learn more about **Nat'l Suicide Awareness Week** at this US Dep't of Health & Human Services site www.mentalhealth.org/highlights/may2002/suicide
Send **your ideas that work** to rss.paoc@pentagon.af.mil