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## COMMANDER'S ACTION LINE

### *Social Media Security*

Some of you may have seen the recent news regarding ISIS specifically targeting military members and their families by releasing personal information they got off social media accounts. In light of these events Airmen and family members are encouraged to take a look at their social media accounts. There are very simple steps individuals can take to secure their online presence.

Here is a great link that with tips on making social media accounts

more secure.

[http://www.defense.gov/documents/WEB\\_Guide\\_to\\_Keeping\\_Your\\_Social\\_Media\\_Accounts\\_Secure\\_2015.pdf](http://www.defense.gov/documents/WEB_Guide_to_Keeping_Your_Social_Media_Accounts_Secure_2015.pdf)

### *Youth Center Playground*

The Youth Center Playground will be open 24/7 starting this week and can be accessed through the Nascer do Sol personnel gate at the back of the playground. The personnel gate will be closed during Yard Sale days (3rd weekend of every month) however housing members can still access the playground via the front of the building. As a reminder, the playground is intended for children ages 5-12.

## Sequestration threatens America's airpower advantage

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Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Command Information

Air Force senior leaders testified to the Senate Armed Services Committee Subcommittee on Airland March 19, and said with the return of sequestration-level funding, America's airpower advantage is increasingly at risk.

"We are the greatest Air Force in the world and remain so," said Dr. William LaPlante, the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition. "But, to be honest, many of us are growing concerned that we are losing our margin. The enemies, and potential adversaries, have been watching us very carefully. They understand where our seams are. They understand how to apply asymmetries against us and it's very concerning."

The written testimony stated a return to sequestration-level funding would result in a less ready, less capable, less viable Air Force that is

unable to fully execute the defense strategy.

"Less than half of our combat career squadrons are sufficiently ready for a high-end fight," said Lt. Gen. Tod D. Wolters, the deputy chief of staff for operations, plans and requirements for Headquarters Air Force. "There is no excess. There is no bench. Everything is committed. America needs a force ready for a full spectrum of operations." Wolters cited all efforts by the Air Force within the last year, from humanitarian aid to support in the Middle East, "All of that has showed just how unpredictable world conditions can be."

With an unforeseen future, the Air Force will need to win in complex battlespaces such as: rapidly changing technological breakthroughs, geopolitical instability, a wide range of operating environments, and an increasingly important and vulnerable global commons, the ser-

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## Navy, Air Force Advocate for Modernizing Combat Aviation

By: Terri Moon Cronk  
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Top Navy and Air Force officials today told the House Armed Services subcommittee on tactical air and land forces the president's budget request for fiscal year 2016 will support modernizing combat aviation programs. Navy Vice Adm. Paul A. Grosklags, principal military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisitions; Air Force Lt. Gen. James M. "Mike" Holmes, deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and requirements, Air Force headquarters; and Air Force Maj. Gen. Timo-

thy M. Ray, director, global power programs, office of the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, all testified on the need for a modern force.

Navy and Marine Corps aviation allows "sea-based and expeditionary naval forces to bring simultaneous influence over vast stretches of the maritime environment across the shoreline and deep inland," Grosklags said.

### **Aviation Must Stay Ready, Poised**

It is therefore critical that U.S. aviation forces remain "always ready and poised to engage at a moment's notice with required capacity and capability to influence events, and if neces-

sary, to fight and win," he said.

As global threats and demands increase, the Navy's budget grows more challenging, Grosklags said, adding that the Navy and Marine Corps depend on today's modernization and readiness efforts.

"Across the department, the strategies for our development, procurement and sustainment of [existing] and future weapons systems are critically dependent upon stable, and predictable funding at a level commensurate with [the president's 2016 budget request]," he said.

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## Photo Perspective



Airman 1st Class Craig Marks, 65th Security Forces Squadron base defense operations center controller, pins Airman 1st Class Tyler Fulghum, 65th SFS patrolman to the ground as part of a combatives class at the Chace Fitness Center on Lajes Field, Azores Portugal, March 24, 2015. This training helps hone members' close-quarters combat techniques and this class will certify them in security forces combatives. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Zachary Wolf)



Members of the 729th Air Mobility Squadron unload a KC-10 on Lajes Field, Azores, March 25, 2015. The 729th AMS processes cargo, such as household goods, mail, general cargo, base supplies, commissary rations and medical items and ensures they are loaded or unloaded onto the aircraft. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Zachary Wolf)

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"The alternative has been made clear by our secretaries and service chiefs," the admiral emphasized. "A smaller force, a force less forward deployed; a force slower to respond in a crisis, is a force, which, when it does respond, will be less capable and more vulnerable."

#### Budget Would Help Balance Air Force Needs

The National Defense Strategy is increasingly at risk, Holmes said, and the proposed budget takes steps to balance the many challenges the Air Force faces.

"The Air Force continues every day to deliver global vigilance," he said. "However, [after] more than 25 years of sustained combat operations and years of constrained budgets, it is becoming more difficult to achieve our mission."

The first of many difficult capacity decisions before the Air Force is whether to divest itself of the A-10 fighter jet, he said.

"There's no question the A-10 has been a steady and stellar performer in recent conflicts," Holmes told the panel. "Nevertheless, our force structure is simply unaffordable in today's fiscal environment."

Divesting the entire A-10 fleet would free up \$4.7 billion for the Air Force's future defense program, which would pay for priority capacity, capability and readiness needs, he said. But overall, the Air Force fighter jet fleet is facing an average age of 30 years, the oldest in the service's history, Holmes said.

"The fourth-generation F-15s and F-16s, that are the majority of our fighter fleet, require upgrades to extend their life span and provide the combat capability required to prevail in today's increasingly contested environments,"

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## Base Announcements

2015 Total Force Climate Survey 13 March - 27 Apr 15

The Air Force Credentialing Opportunities Online (AF COOL) Program:

Base Honor Guard

Eagle Eyes

GTC Payment Options

Expanded Influenza Vaccine Available

New housing website

All members PCS'ing from Lajes Field with Privately Owned

Vehicle (POV)

TMO Information

Civilian Personnel Newsletter

Non-command sponsored dependents memorandum

BAH Revalidation Required for All Airmen

65th Medical Group Closed for Training 2nd Tuesday of Each Month

JA Tax Center Opens

Protestant Service combined into one service at 1100

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## Community Events

AFAF Kick-off Bowling Tournament March 27

Women's History Month Luncheon March 27

Wing Promotion Ceremony March 31

USAFE Family Day 3 April

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## Island Events

Rally Car Races March 27 & 28

Concerts

Movies:

Angra Theater (Located at Angra Cultural Center)

Praia Theater

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