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**62 AW/CC Roll Call**

**15 Sep 2015**

**Team McChord,**

The National Security Act of 1947 established the Air Force as a separate branch of the military, and on Friday, we will celebrate **68 years of rich Air Force heritage!** From our roots in the Army Air Corps, we have grown into the most formidable air force the world has seen. Take a moment to reflect on all we've accomplished over the past 68 years...from the Berlin Airlift to the days of Strategic Air Command and the Cold War, to the Gulf War, to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, to our worldwide impact today—**our Air Force has played a vital role in world history.** Our heritage includes people like Lieutenant General Jimmy Doolittle, Brigadier General Chuck Yeager, General Curtis Lemay, Captain Lance Sijan, Lieutenant Colonel Buzz Aldrin, Airman First Class John Levitow, and Colonel Joe Jackson. Some of those names we remember every day as we drive on the streets that are named after them. You should be proud to be a part of the same legacy as those Air Force heroes! The Air Force Association 2015 Air Force Ball this Friday will be a fantastic way to celebrate our history and heritage. As we spend "A Night Among Heroes" we will remember our humble beginnings, celebrate our history, and take part in a proud tradition! I am honored to serve with you in our great Air Force, and proud of the legacy we are leaving. **Thank you** for all you have done and will continue to do. **Happy Birthday!**

**The United States Air Force**

*The National Security Act of 1947 created the Department of the Air Force. The Air Force began officially operating as a separate service on September 18, 1947, and the Army Air Forces were abolished. On September 26, President Harry Truman appointed General Carl Spaatz as the first chief of staff of the United States Air Force.*

**On the Horizon...**

**Air Force Association Ball [18 Sep]**

The 2015 Air Force Ball will be this Friday, from 1800-2300 at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma. The theme of this year's ball is "A Night Among Heroes." RSVP by 15 Sep (today!) [here](#).

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