



MyAirForceLife Mobile App Content Management System Update

12 June, 2014 - A few months ago, many of you participated in a MyAirForceLife Mobile App Survey in which we asked for your input on how the app and Content Management System could be improved. While we have not tackled all of the items mentioned, we want you to know that we took your survey very seriously and are working towards solutions as quickly as possible.

In addition to these “fixes,” we are providing additional information on how to accomplish some of the actions that CMS users weren’t aware of, or were not sure how to accomplish with the existing CMS.

“Don’t Force Content Providers/Editors To Select Their Installation Every Time They Go To ‘Mobile App CMS Home’”

Now, when you log into USAFServices.com and go to the mobile app CMS home page, you are no longer forced to select your installation. We have improved the user experience by automatically selecting your installation, then automatically loading all activities you’ve entered so far.

For those of you who may have access to multiple installations, your experience has not changed - this is by design. We do not want to assume we know which installation you want to update. If you feel this could be done differently, please send your ideas to svs.webwork@us.af.mil.

“Cannot Save Events From The App To The Calendar” / “Multi-Day Events Do Not Appear Throughout That Period” / “Recurring Events Not Appearing In The Upcoming Events”

We believe that each of these have now been corrected in the mobile app. We generally test several combinations, but may not always match the way you’ve been using the CMS. If you find a situation where this is not the case, please let us know. It is best to provide us with as much detail as possible so that we may reproduce the issue here during internal testing.

If your App is not displaying Events properly, be sure that you’ve downloaded the latest version of the MyAirForceLife Mobile App.

“Be Able To Add ‘Every-Other-Day’ Events In The Calendar At One Time”

This can now be accomplished using the “Recurring Settings” when defining an event.

1. Go to your “Manage Mobile App Events - <<Installation>>” page.
2. Click either the green “+” (plus symbol) or click “Add New Event.”
3. Define your event as you normally would.
4. Expand the “Recurring Settings” section by clicking the “+” symbol next to “Recurring Settings.”

Recurring Settings

5. Select the “Periodic Event” radio button.

 Periodic Event: Repeated every

6. Change the number of days to “2”.

 Periodic Event: Repeated every

7. “Day(s)” should already be selected.

 Periodic Event: Repeated every

8. Then specify the “Repeat Until” date.

 Repeat Until: 

9. Click “Update” to complete the process.

“Show/Hide Columns Are Confusing”

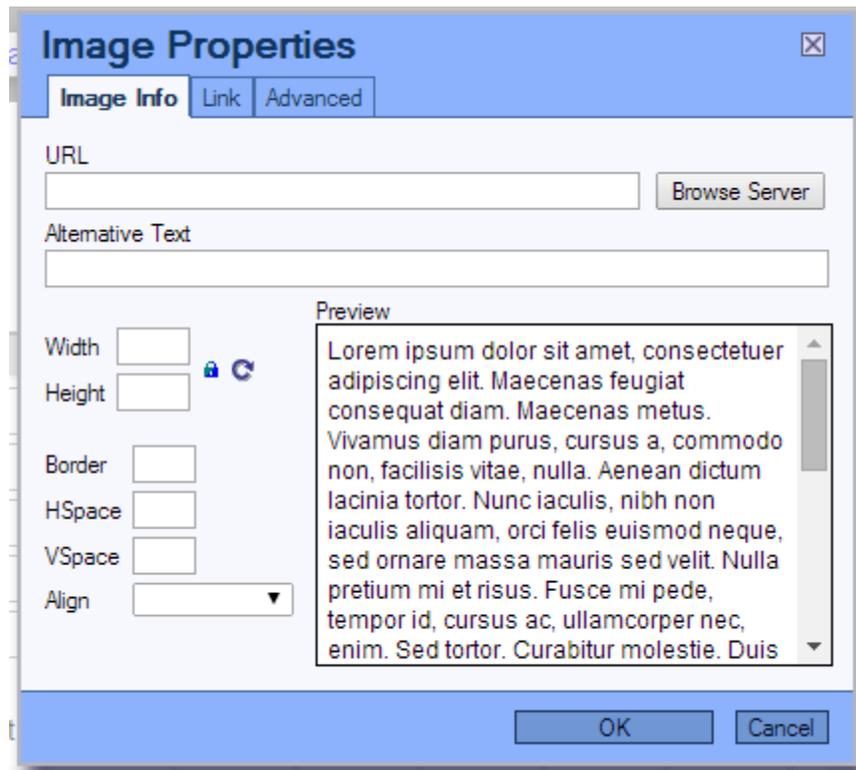
We have simplified the process to make an activity visible in the mobile app. “Show”/“Hide” columns have been replaced by a single “Visible” column. If the value is “True,” clicking it will turn it off in the app. If the value is “False,” clicking it will turn it on in the app.

“Ability To Upload Logos, Images Or PDFs” / “Add Coupons And Promotional Material Into The App”

This solution describes a scenario where we use images, PDFs, coupons and promotional material (also images) into the app. This can now be accomplished using the HTML editor and an image that exists on your current FSS website.

The HTML editor is a text box with Microsoft Word-like formatting/editing controls. Within any HTML editor in the CMS, you may click on the image icon, which looks like a mountain with a red sun above it.

 Clicking this icon brings up the following dialog box:



From here, you have a couple of options:

- Copy/paste a URL from an external website, such as your Facebook or FSS website.
- Find or upload an image onto USAFServices.com.

Click “Browse Server”

Click the “Uploads” folder



UPLOADS

Click the “Mobile App Content” folder



Mobile App Content

Click the folder for your Installation. From here you can either upload a file, then select it to include in your content, or you can select an image previously uploaded. If you so desire, you can also create new folders to store file in.

1. Enter the “Short Description”, which should provide 508 Compliance.
2. Specify a percentage **width only** (eg. 40%). Specifying a percentage will help to make the image scale correctly in the mobile app as well as on MyAirForceLife.com
3. Enter “0” for the “Border.”
4. Enter values for “HSpace” and “VSpace” if you want a buffer around the image.
5. Select an “Align” preference. The box to the right will show you how the selected value will appear.

So...What Are The New Features In the Mobile App Update?

Push Notifications

The new MyAirForceLife Mobile App update will include a “Push Notification” feature for the CMS and app. This feature will allow Content Editors to create time-sensitive, one-way messages sent to individuals who have opted-in for specific types of information. A Push Notification User’s Guide is being released in tandem with this CMS Update Guide. Please refer to that document to fully understand the capabilities and proper use of Push Notifications.

Sharing Events And Activities

App users will now be able to share Event and Activity information through other apps such as Facebook, Twitter and Google+. This will be dependent on the apps the user has installed on their smartphone and also those respective app’s capabilities.

New Appearance For The Home Screen

Updated imagery provides a more inviting and comfortable user experience.

The information found in the Event Rotator has been reformatted to color code Events by how soon they will occur.

Allow User To Select The Near Me Radius

This new feature will allow the mobile app user to set their distance preference for “Near Me” searches.

Faster Browsing Experience

The app now uses caching so the frequency of data requests is minimized. This results in the user receiving the information much more quickly.