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DIVERSITY

The theme for October is Diversity, one of our six [AFIMSC Values](#). We value diversity as a strength, respect all teammates, and embrace our differences.

FROM THE TOP

Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox held his Commander's Call Sept. 18. The general recognized our top performers and gave the team an update about our ongoing COVID-19 response, plans to begin returning some of the workforce to facilities, progress of diversity and inclusion initiatives, and a number of other timely topics. The Call ended with the cutting of a cake to celebrate the Air Force's 73rd birthday. More than 1,150 attended the virtual session — a new record! To view the general's Commander's Call, click <https://www.milsuite.mil/video/35746> and <https://www.milsuite.mil/video/35755>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Fest

AFIMSC will hold its next Families & Fun event with our second annual [Fall Fest](#) from Oct. 26-30. The weeklong event will feature a variety fall-themed activities, contests and games for the entire family to enjoy. While nearly all the events are virtual, we'll have on location trunk-or-treating on Oct. 30 in the Building 1 parking lot and other locations across the AFIMSC enterprise proper social distancing and COVID-19 protective measures. Get your costumes ready and join the fun. For all the details, see the [Fall Fest information paper](#).

AFIMSC NEWS & INFORMATION

DIVERSITY

AFIMSC council aims to improve diversity, inclusion

The Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center has established an all-volunteer force of 39 members whose focus is to seek solutions to existing diversity and inclusion issues across the organization.

AFCEC space optimization efforts key to rightsizing facilities at installations

With help from the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, the Air Force is leaning forward to consolidate and reduce the facility footprint at installations across the enterprise.

Tyndall PMO awards \$15 million in AFWERX Base of the Future contracts

The Tyndall Program Management Office recently awarded approximately \$15 million in contracts as part of AFWERX's Base of the Future initiative, capping a process started in April 2019 to help rebuild Tyndall after it was devastated by Hurricane Michael in October 2018.

Air Force awards contract for munitions storage facilities at Andersen AFB

The Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center's Detachment 2 successfully spearheaded the award of a \$65 million contract recently to construct new reinforced concrete munitions storage magazines known as "igloos" at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

AFCEC's APE team continues to certify essential evaluators despite COVID-19 restrictions

A virtual training partnership between the Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Airfield Pavement Evaluations team and the Air Force Institute of Technology continues to ensure mission critical certification of airfield pavement evaluators in the age of COVID-19.

Tinker completes construction for the Air Force's largest ESPC project

The \$243 million Energy Savings Performance Contract project at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, will improve energy efficiency and resiliency for the base

AFIMSC's digital dashboard drives AF-wide innovation

The Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center is taking on the challenge of integrating innovation efforts across the Air Force through the use of its own innovation to centralize great ideas into a single application accessible by all.

Partnerships strengthen Defender capabilities

Through an innovative acquisition model developed by the Air Force Installation Contracting Center, the Air Force Security Forces Center is now able to procure gear and resources for security forces Defenders much faster.

AFCEC helps Air Force transition to next generation KC-46A tanker

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Facilities Engineering Directorate is expanding global reach through a multi-phase construction effort to support the new KC-46A Pegasus refueling tanker.

Air Force awards multiple contracts for airfield construction at NAS Keflavik

The Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center's Detachment 4 successfully led the award of three contracts recently, totaling \$38 million to improve airfield infrastructure at Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland.

SAME honors Det. 6 director with national mentoring award

Randy Parker, director of the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center's Detachment 6 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was honored for his outstanding commitment to mentorship by the Society of American Military Engineers during a virtual ceremony on Sept. 16.

Tyndall PMO, AFCEC awards first-ever Other Transactional Authority as IROC prototype

The Installation Resilience Operations Center (IROC), a game-changing concept to enhance base security and facility operations, is one step closer to reality at Tyndall AFB. The Tyndall Program Management Office, in collaboration with AFCEC and Air Force Contracting at Robins AFB, Georgia, awarded the IROC prototype with a history-making Other Transactional Authority (OTA) Sept. 14.

Air Force partnership helps rare woodpecker thrive

The red cockaded woodpecker is making a comeback, thanks to partnership efforts between the Air Force and multiple public and private organizations.

OTHER HQ/PSU/DETACHMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

Stories from around AFIMSC told first hand by its Airmen.

AFCEC works throughout COVID-19 crisis at former Mather AFB

AFCEC and its contractors recently completed installation of a new submersible pump at an off-base private water well near the former Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, California, all while following safety protocols for the pandemic.

AFCEC GIO'S Operational Support Team for Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) capabilities

The AFCEC Geospatial Integration Office's sUAS Operations Support Team developed an enterprise framework for acquiring and standardizing processes to enable safe and effective employment of Small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS) with optical and thermal infrared cameras.

Catch up on the latest from AFSVC

A monthly update provided by AFSVC.

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'AFMC We Need' continues to drive change

One year later, the 'AFMC We Need' initiative continues to drive success across the mission, bringing positive change and improvements, moving the command closer to the ideal set in motion by the operation's pursuit.

AFMC begins phased COVID-19 surveillance testing

Air Force Materiel Command began a phased roll-out of COVID-19 surveillance testing Oct. 1, with surveillance testing done at four AFMC bases.

IT 'Backbone' Top Priority for AFMC's Digitization Drive: Bunch

AFMC commander Gen. Arnold Bunch intent on upgrading IT at AFMC facilities.

Air Force lab surpasses 130K COVID-19 tests in 6 months

Since early March, approximately 130,000 COVID-19 samples have been tested and processed at the Air Force's sole epidemiology reference laboratory housed in the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine here.

AFMC operationalizes history: Lessons from the past guide the Air Force future

The Air Force Materiel Command's History and Heritage Program office plays a vital role in guiding leaders as they work toward the future.

Roper joins first Digital Campaign virtual industry day

The Air Force Digital Campaign kicked off the first Air Force Materiel Command Virtual Industry Exchange Sept. 21, hosting industry and academia to share the Digital Campaign strategy, invite input from the commercial and private sector, and to prepare participants for how the Department of the Air Force will conduct business in the digital age.

AIR FORCE NEWS

DIVERSITY

Air Force will set new diversity recruiting targets in 2021

The Air Force is setting targets for improving the diversity of the airmen it recruits in fiscal 2021 — and it particularly wants to improve the representation of minorities in the ranks of rated officers it brings in.

CMSAF visits First Sergeant Academy

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force JoAnne S. Bass spoke with Air Force First Sergeant Academy students Sept. 23 at Maxwell Air Force Base Gunter Annex.

Brown readies the Air Force, wants to 'go fast'

In his first major address since becoming Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., outlined in remarks Sept. 14 to the Air Force Association (AFA) an ambitious campaign to "reshape" the service's culture, hardware and practices while bluntly warning, "If we do not change today, we will lose tomorrow."

Air Force makes additional updates to dress and appearance regulations

As part of the ongoing effort to build a more inclusive Air and Space Force, additional revisions were approved Sept. 15 to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, "Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel," which are effective immediately.

Department of the Air Force pushes fitness testing to Jan. 1

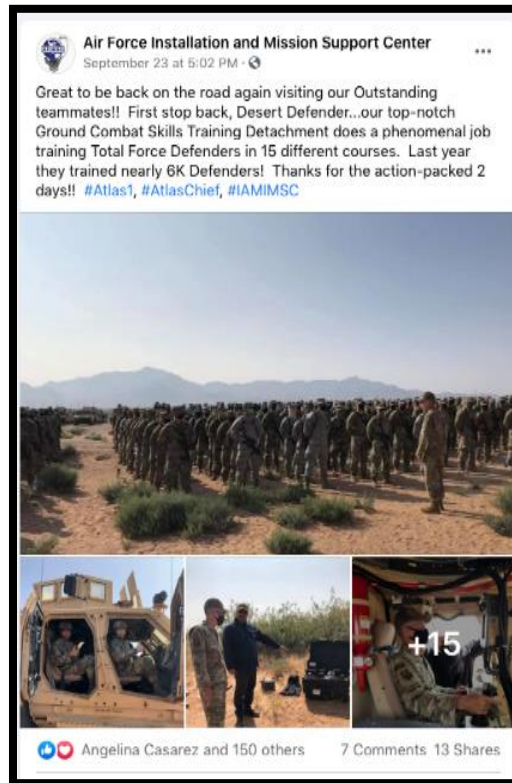
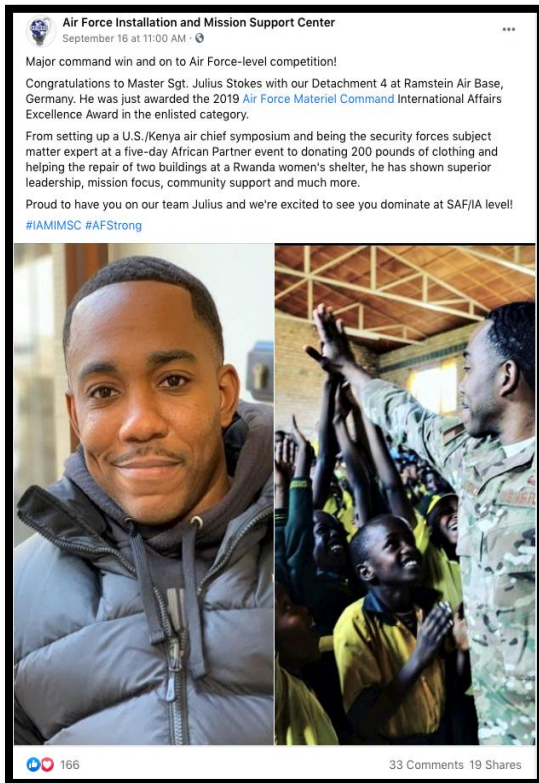
To continue minimizing close contact among personnel during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and ensure units and personnel are fully ready to resume, testing has been delayed from October to Jan. 1, and testing in January will move forward without obtaining waist, height and weight measurements, according to the Department of the Air Force.

Department of the Air Force releases new military tuition assistance approach for FY21

Department of the Air Force officials announced a \$3,750 military tuition assistance cap per fiscal year that will go into effect for college courses beginning Oct. 1.

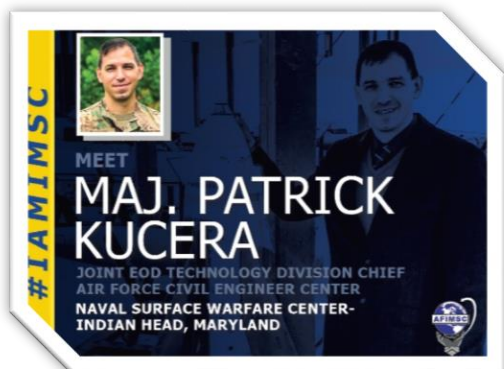
SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out two of our most engaging social media posts for September! Master Sgt. Julius Stokes with Detachment 4 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, wins a [Major Command award](#); and Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox visits [Desert Defender](#) at Fort Bliss, Texas.



IMSC SPOTLIGHT

Meet our recent #IAMIMSC Spotlight teammates, [Maj. Patrick Kucera](#) and [Maj. Vuong Tran](#).



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