



# CONNECTIONS

News From Across Our Enterprise

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## FROM THE TOP

### [Save the Date: Commander's Call July 12](#)

Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox's final Commander's Call will be held July 12 at 2 p.m. in the Gateway Club on JBSA-Lackland with social hour to follow. More details to follow, to include the Teams Live link. This is a mandatory in-person attendance event for military members at JBSA (unless on leave/TDY) and is highly encouraged for civilian and contractor in-person attendance.

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## AFIMSC NEWS & INFORMATION

### [DAF Gaming delivers Gaming Expo, Esports Championship at FORCECON 2022](#)

AFSVC and the DAF Gaming achieved two major firsts Memorial Day weekend in San Antonio: the first DOD Armed Forces Esports Championship and the inaugural Air Force Gaming Minor League Championships.

### ['FORCECON 2022' spurs collaboration, innovation for Air Force, industry, academia](#)

The inaugural FORCECON 2022: Innovation – Technology – Gaming convention kicked off at Port San Antonio with a collider event May 24-25, to spur collaboration between the military, industry and academia, with a goal of tackling some of the military's toughest challenges in the areas of force development, and installation and mission support.

### [Air Force Gaming season 3 launches with new competition format](#)

DAF Gaming League is back with a new format and a new league for family members and retirees, said Capt. Oliver Parsons, AFSVC Deputy Chief of DAF Fitness and Sports.

### [DAF youth programs gear up for summer](#)

As COVID-19 rates drop around the country, youth centers across the Air Force are looking forward to reopening their doors to youth and teens, said Col. Christopher Parrish, AFSVC commander.

### **[Call for 2022 Innovation Rodeo ideas nears June 6 deadline](#)**

AFIMSC is still accepting innovative ideas with the potential to change the Air Force. This year's campaign theme is Accelerate Change through Innovation.

### **[Air Force begins third-party inspections on privatized and government owned housing](#)**

The Department of the Air Force is preparing to launch a new third-party inspection initiative to gather information on the current state of the service's privatized and government-owned housing inventory. The inspections will touch all DAF privatized family housing, approximately 55,000 units, with the exception of homes scheduled for demolition and the approximately 15,000 government-owned housing.

### **[Record \\$532M contract awarded for F-35 facilities at Tyndall AFB](#)**

AFCEC's Natural Disaster Recovery Division is leading the rebuild, partnering with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to support the 325th Fighter Wing and its F-35 Program Integration Office to deliver the strategic vision of Tyndall, AFB as the Installation of the Future.

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## **GET TO KNOW YOUR AMAZING TEAMMATES!**

### **[Atypical deployment delivers atypical rewards](#)**

Maj. Victoria Villa, a logistics readiness officer by trade in AFIMSC's Expeditionary Support Directorate, recently returned from a very different, four-month deployment in support of Operation Allies Welcome at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.

### **[AFIMSC engineer helps put young men on path to success](#)**

John Piper, design and construction manager for AFCEC's Facility Engineering Directorate, volunteers his time as a mentor and role model to shape and inspire more than 40 of San Antonio's Black youth toward a positive future.

### **[Pride Month -- Muhammad Zubair](#)**

June is Pride Month. At AFIMSC, we celebrate the heritage, culture and diversity of our teammates. Muhammad Zubair with Detachment 4 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, opens up about his experiences growing up as a gay man in Pakistan.

### **[Spotlighting AFIMSC's Asian American and Pacific Islander teammates](#)**

May was Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month and we celebrated by recognizing several of our teammates across the AFIMSC enterprise. [Chief Master Sgt. Hope Skibitsky](#), [Master Sgt. Nicole Adriano Cabrera](#), [Tech. Sgt. Genevieve Margaret Kuulei Villela](#), [Gunoy J. Fortune](#)

### **[Spotlighting our Security Forces teammates](#)**

May 15-21 was National Police Week, an occasion to honor and celebrate the service and sacrifice of security and law enforcement officers including Air Force Defenders who've made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. At AFIMSC, we recognized several Security Forces teammates across the enterprise. [Master Sgt. Jeremy Smith](#), [Tech. Sgt. Yessiell Perez](#), [Staff Sgt. Caleb Losek](#)

### **[#IMSC Family: Antonio Rodriguez](#)**

Antonio Rodriguez, spouse of Airman 1st Class Sophia Rodriguez of AFIMSC's Personnel Office and a Senior Airman in the Texas Air National Guard, has been around the military his entire life.

### **[AFIMSC Warfighter Portrait: Christine Rodriguez](#)**

Service is in Christine Rodriguez's blood, an AFCEC biological scientist. She's the daughter of a career Air Force flight medic, her grandfather spent time in the Marines and Coast Guard, and her siblings dedicated much of their early lives to the Army.

### **[AFIMSC Warfighter Portrait: Capt. Chau Tran](#)**

Captain Chau is the deputy chief of the Security Forces branch within the Installation Support Directorate, supporting and advocating for security forces squadrons and detachments across the Air Force.

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## **OTHER HQ/PSU/DETACHMENT NEWS & INFORMATION**

Stories from around AFIMSC told firsthand by its Airmen.

### **[Expeditionary Support & Innovation Directorate leadership retirements](#)**

Expeditionary Support & Innovation Directorate recognizes newly retired leaders, Col. Lance Clark and Col. Andrew Pate.

### **[Compass 2022: Enabling Excellence through Connections](#)**

After a three-year absence, Compass 2022 successfully reunited the U.S. Air Force GeoBase community with a four-day workshop in San Antonio, providing an invaluable and timely information exchange for all participants.

### **[AFSVC newsletter – May](#)**

The latest from the Air Force Services Center.

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## **AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS**

### **[History, telework, life advice and more featured at AFMC Town Hall](#)**

AFMC leadership hosted a virtual town hall, May 3, providing insights on current command issues alongside a dose of trivia and career advice to an online audience exceeding 3,000.

## **Bunch inducted into Order of the Sword**

Gen. Arnold Bunch Jr. was inducted into the AFMC of the Sword at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, May 13.

## **37-year career end “bittersweet” for AFMC Executive Director**

AFMC Executive Director Patricia Young is retiring following nearly 37 years of civil service.

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## **AFIMSC NEWS CLIPS**

The [Public Affairs News Clips](#) provide our AFIMSC team at large daily\* situational awareness about the coverage in the media of our direct or related missions and Department of Air Force items of interest.

(\* Except weekends, holidays and family days)

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## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Check out two of our most engaging social media posts for May. Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox visited [Minot AFB, North Dakota](#), and May 1, 1985, marked [the 37th anniversary](#) that 12 active-duty women became the first all-female flight in security specialist training, following the Secretary of the Air Force’s revised combat exclusion policy. Follow us on [Facebook](#) to stay up to date with AFIMSC news, information and events!



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