



# IMSC CONNECTIONS

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## TRUST & TRANSPARENCY

The theme for August is Trust and Transparency, one of our six [AFIMSC Values](#). Meeting the needs of our customers is Job Number 1! We embrace accessibility, partnerships and collaboration.

## FROM THE TOP

### Maj. Gen. Wilcox talks Strategic Lines of Effort

We launched an information campaign this month to help the AFIMSC team better understand our strategic Lines of Effort and the goals teams are working on to improve our ability to provide installation and mission support capabilities to customers in the Air Force and Space Force. As a reintroduction to the Lines of Effort, here are three videos using Maj. Gen. Wilcox's words from his last Commander's Call that describe what the LOEs are and what they're designed to accomplish:

- LOE 1: [Increase Lethality and Readiness](#)
- LOE 2: [Strengthen Airmen and Families](#)
- LOE 3: [Pursue Organizational Excellence](#)

Under those LOEs are a total of 16 goals. The goal leads recently began briefing Maj Gen Wilcox and the leadership team about their progress. Two goal leads briefed on July 29 and two others will brief the commander every two weeks at the Wednesday Enterprise Update meeting. In the spirit of our Trust and Transparency value, we're covering these updates and will provide an email summary of the discussion and give you further information about the goals briefed so you can learn more about what our AFIMSC team is working toward.

## AFIMSC NEWS & INFORMATION

### [AF technology could help fight virus, disease spread in buildings](#)

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An Air Force invention could be key to reducing the amount of airborne microbes — like viruses, bacteria and mold spores — inside buildings and homes.

### [Getting to know the new AFSVC commander](#)

Col. Christopher Parrish took command of the Air Force Services Center during a change of command ceremony July 20.

## **Getting to know the new AFIMSC Det 9 Commander**

Col. Robert Bearden took command of Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Detachment 9 at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, during a change of command ceremony July 24. Det 9 directly supports Air Mobility Command.

## **AFWERX event spotlights Tyndall as base of future**

By harnessing the innovation potential of AFWERX, the sky is the limit as AFIMSC rebuilds Tyndall as a base of the future.

## **AFCEC continues building on AFCAMP successes**



It's been six years since the Air Force Civil Engineer Center established a new, transparent process for strategically racking and stacking facility sustainment, restoration and modernization requirements across the Air Force.

## **\$2B Air Force savings goal surpassed with help from 374 CONS**

Talents across the Air Force have meticulously focused resources on reducing military spending and contracting squadrons globally have now surpassed a \$2 billion goal — six months ahead of schedule.

## **AFSFC launches software to monitor health of military working dogs**

The Air Force Security Forces Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland officially launched the Kennel Health Assessment 2.0 project July 8. The purpose of KHA 2.0 is to ascertain the holistic state of all of the kennels across the Air Force to ensure the well-being of all military working dogs.

## **Wildland Fire Branch battles fire season despite COVID-19**

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Wildland Fire Branch hasn't let the COVID-19 pandemic stop it from protecting Airmen and their families as well as wildlife during this year's severe fire season.

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

Stories from around AFIMSC told first hand by its Airmen. AFCEC [Lean In Circles](#) foster professional and personal growth; [AFCEC responds to PFOS/PFOA](#) near Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; new updates streamline the [Air Force's Utility Energy Service Contract program](#), and Toni Hansen takes over as [Technical Director of AFIMSC's Airman Family Services Division](#). To read these and previous IMSC Connections submissions, click [here](#).

*If you have stories and photos you'd like to submit, please send them to [AFIMSC.PA.Workflow@us.af.mil](mailto:AFIMSC.PA.Workflow@us.af.mil) by the 25th of the month.*

## **AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS**

### **AFMC virtual town hall addresses COVID-19, diversity, command future**

Diversity and inclusion, the coronavirus pandemic and the strategic direction of the Air Force Materiel Command were among the many topics covered during a virtual town hall July 29.

### **Virtual orientation prepares new leaders for success**

More than 50 first-time commanders and civilian materiel leaders were prepped for success during the first virtual Air Force Materiel Command Squadron Leader Orientation, July 7-17.

## [AFMC releases updated strategic plan](#)

The Air Force Materiel Command has released an updated strategic plan identifying four key focus areas as the organization continues to ensure the Air and Space Forces remain ready to fly, fight and win today and into the future.

## **AIR FORCE NEWS**

### [Brown formally installed as 22nd Air Force Chief of Staff](#)

Gen. Charles Q. Brown was sworn in Aug. 6 as the next Air Force Chief of Staff. He is the first African American in history to lead a military service.

### [Air Force improves assignment process for co-parents, considers custody agreements](#)

Assignment authorities will now be able to consider requests for an assignment or deferment to a location near their children, even if the co-parents are not married.

### [Air Force removes uniform barrier for women, authorizes pants option for mess dress](#)

Based on overwhelming feedback from the field, Department of Air Force officials announced Aug. 4 women may elect to wear pants or a skirt with their mess dress Uniform. The changes take effect immediately and are outlined in an exception-to-policy memorandum addressed to all Air Force personnel.

## **AFIMSC NEWS CLIPS**

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

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Check out two of our most engaging social media posts for July. AFIMSC is [building trust and transparency](#) by being accessible and communicating critical information to our workforce, stakeholders and customers, so they can make informed decisions. July 25 was [National Culinarian's Day](#), the perfect time to remind you that our Air Force Services Center is committed to fueling the Air and Space Forces and their families with tasty, nutritious food.



## I AM IMSC SPOTLIGHT

Meet our recent #IAMIMSC Spotlight teammates, [Aaron Gagnon](#) and [Capt. Will Mitchell](#).



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