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FROM THE TOP

[AFMC Commander's Town Hall](#)

AFMC Commander, Gen. Arnold W. Bunch, Jr., was joined by Ms. Patricia Young, AFMC Executive Director, and Chief Master Sgt. Stan Cadell, AFMC Command Chief Master Sergeant, to answer questions from across the command during an AFMC Commander's Town Hall on Wednesday. To watch the video of the virtual town hall, click [here](#).

[Black History Month](#)

In recognition of Black History Month, which started Monday, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Commander Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox sat down with Karen McPeters, a teammate in the Air Force Services Center, to talk about the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., his "I Have a Dream" speech and their hopes for the future. Watch the video [here](#).

COVID-19 VACCINE TOWN HALL

Here's the video link to the one-hour COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall Maj. Gen. (Dr.) John DeGoes, 59th Medical Wing Commander and a panel of health experts held Jan. 15. While some of this information is specific to Joint Base San Antonio, the majority of the Q&A centered on the vaccine and vaccination process in general, so it's very beneficial, forthright and factual information for anyone who wants to know more about the vaccine program.

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AFIMSC NEWS & INFORMATION

[AFIMSC announces 2021 Innovation Rodeo finalists](#)

The AFIMSC leadership team and Ventures Innovation Office staff picked eight finalists out of more than 370 submissions to compete for a share of \$1 million in funding and resources to pursue their ideas for the third annual Innovation Rodeo, which takes place Feb. 5. The finalists are [Staff Sgt. Jordon Varnier](#) of the 30th SF Squadron at Vandenberg AFB, California; [Dan Gibson](#) of AFIMSC's Resources Directorate; [Joseph Suddarth](#) of the 96th CE Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida; [A1C Ricardo](#)

[Morales](#) of the 461st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Robins AFB, Georgia; [Daniel McDermott](#) of the AFIMSC Resources Directorate; [1st Lt. Tyler Moore](#), 366th SF Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; and the team of [Capt. Nathanael Kohl](#), [Scott McClure](#) and [Master Sgt. Luke Rogan](#).

DoD extends deadline for Tenant Satisfaction Survey

The Department of Defense is extending the deadline for Air Force housing residents to complete the annual Tenant Satisfaction Survey to Feb. 5, to ensure residents have an opportunity to voice their opinions.

Going the distance with AFCEC ultramarathoners

Capt. Kyle Imhoff, Air Force Civil Engineer Center Detachment 1 executive officer for the commander, and Lt. Col. Jeff Klein, deputy director for AFCEC's Operations Directorate, consider ultramarathoning – running races greater than 26.2 and up to 100 miles – a hobby and have no plans to stop. View a video story [HERE](#).

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AFCEC upgrades fuel capabilities at Andersen

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center is managing \$96 million worth of repairs at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, as part of continued Defense Logistics Agency – Energy support to enhance fuel storage capabilities Air Force-wide.

Air Force tests Wing Feedback App at JBSA

The Air Force is testing a new mobile app at Joint Base San Antonio that aims to give Airmen a convenient way to provide feedback or raise concerns about their experiences on the installation.

I-WEPTAC chairs to tackle combat support challenges

Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center officials announced the names of the four chairs Dec. 2. They are Lt. Col. Raymond Fortner, Capt. Jamela Satterfield, Capt. Zachary Kauth and CMSgt. Jeremiah Grisham. Each chair will lead a team whose members will take on one of the four topics previously selected by a panel of general officers and senior civilians.

AF environmental study greenlights Edwards solar project

A project to develop what could be one of the largest solar photovoltaic arrays in the country -- and the largest solar project ever for the Department of Defense at Edwards Air Force Base, California -- is moving forward after clearing a required environmental impact study.

New SUVs provide cooler, smoother ride for Defender canines

The Air Force Security Forces Center's Vehicle Program delivered the first of its new military working dog patrol vehicles to Robins Air Force Base, Georgia, recently as part of its initiative to modernize Defender equipment across the Air Force.

Tyndall gets first x-ray system for gate vehicle checks

Searching commercial vehicles just got a whole lot easier for members of the 325th Security Forces Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. The "Installation of the Future" received the Air Force's first Mobile Vehicle Access Control Inspection System, or VACIS M6500, at the Cleveland gate Dec. 21.

OTHER HQ/PSU/DETACHMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

Stories from around AFIMSC told first hand by its Airmen.

EOD team leaders travel in support of presidential inauguration

Three Explosive Ordnance Disposal team leaders from the Emergency Services Branch, Installation Protection Division, Installation Support Directorate, traveled to the National Capital Region to support the United States Secret Service and the Inauguration of the 46th President of the United States.

AFCEC team promotes flight safety across the Air Force

Thanks to the efforts of the Planning and Integration Directorate's Airfield Planning and Waiver Team, the Air Force now has a comprehensive process to address airfield development, process waivers and focus on investment strategies to identify projects that will ultimately reduce the number of high and medium risk temporary airfield waivers.

Air Force integrates Joint Construction Management System

The integration of JCMS into the Air Force's contingency planning and development workflow provides an additional tool that combines functional user requirements with the Red, Blue and Sand Book for Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadrons and RED HORSE squadrons in their area of responsibility.

773rd ESS consolidates \$10M in tactical medical coding contracts

The 773rd Enterprise Sourcing Squadron recently consolidated 33 tactical contracts for medical coding requirements into three strategic level contracts valued at \$10 million.

764th Enterprise Sourcing Squadron updates

The 764th ESS awarded a total of 14 contracts to AFIMSC Det 4 for USAFE installations.

Air Force Services Center update for January

The latest happenings going on around the Air Force Services Center.

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 by the 25th of the month.

AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS

AFMC Connect continues focus on resiliency, connectedness for 2021

Air Force Materiel Command will continue to focus on resiliency in 2021 through the AFMC Connect program. The initiative, launched in January 2020, provides monthly training topics for leaders to use for facilitating deliberate and meaningful discussions with teams in an effort to increase unit cohesion and connectedness.

AFWERX Agility Prime announces “flying car” military airworthiness, infrastructure milestones

AFWERX Agility Prime announced Dec. 10, during the Accelerate event, a series of milestones for the “flying car” program and discussed new initiatives for 2021, including six sectors for potential “Prime” programs.

Civilian Developmental Education key to leadership, growth

Ensuring civilian Airmen are prepared to fulfill and excel in leadership positions across the command is the driving force behind the dedicated effort by Air Force Materiel Command leaders to encourage employees to apply for upcoming Civilian Development Education opportunities.

AFMC reinforces value of mentoring, AFMC We Need

To ensure the command and the Air Force has a strong leadership base to fly, fight and win into the future, the Air Force Materiel Command continues to encourage personnel at all levels to participate in mentorship programs in 2021.

AIR FORCE NEWS

Air Force announces Airmen leadership qualities

The Air Force announced 10 Airman leadership qualities that are now being integrated into a new feedback tool, for officers in the grades of O-1 through O-6 and senior noncommissioned officers in the grades of E-7 through E-9, to facilitate discussion between rater and ratee.

Civilian Talent Acquisition essential to accelerate change for Air, Space Forces

The Department of the Air Force must educate, train, trust and empower a diverse group of Airmen at all levels to adapt, decide and act at the speed necessary for current competition and future combat.

Air Force Competencies now available on MyVector

Airmen curious about their level of proficiency in Air Force Foundational Competencies can now take an assessment on MyVector. The Air Force Competencies are foundational and applicable across all ranks, grades and career fields, and provide Total Force members a pathway to success in their respective careers.

Department of the Air Force moves Physical Fitness Assessments to April 2021, removes waist measurement from composite score permanently

The Department of the Air Force announced physical fitness assessments will now resume April 2021 and will no longer include the waist measurement component. Height and waist measurements will resume October 2021.

Roth to serve as acting Secretary of the Air Force

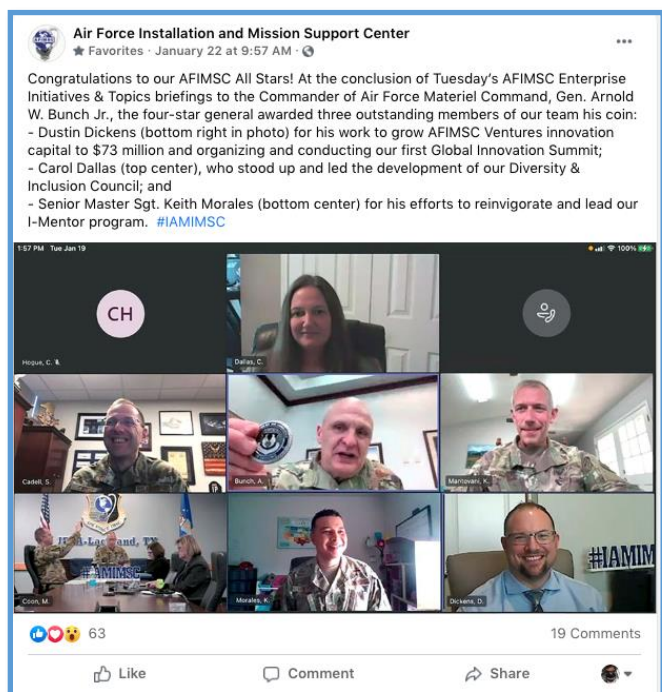
John P. Roth will serve as the Acting Secretary of the Air Force as of Jan. 20, until President Joe Biden nominates and the Senate confirms a permanent replacement.

[Military OneSource MilTax offers free tax services to service members, families](#)

The Department of Defense announced Jan. 19, the annual launch of Military OneSource's MilTax suite of 100% free tax services for the military community, including personalized support from tax consultants, easy-to-use tax preparation and e-filing software, and current information about filing taxes in the military.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out two of our most engaging social media posts for January! [AFMBC Commander Gen. Arnold W. Bunch honored](#) three AFIMSC teammates during the AFIMSC Enterprise Initiatives & Topics briefings, [and our military Defenders and civilian officers were honored](#) as part of National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.



IMSC SPOTLIGHT

Meet our recent #IAMIMSC Spotlight teammates, [Michael Braithwaite](#), [Robert Henkel](#), [Maj. Adrianna Perez](#), [Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Rogers](#) and [Coben Scott](#)



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