



IMSC CONNECTIONS

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FROM THE TOP

[Send Questions for Spring CC Call](#)

AFIMSC will hold a Commander's Call this spring with the date and time to be announced soon. In order to best plan the Call and have the leadership team address your concerns or items of interest, we'd like your input. Please submit any questions you want addressed at the website [HERE](#). We've provided several topic categories for you to choose from, as well as a miscellaneous category if your questions don't fit in any of the listed categories. While you will still be able to ask questions during the live stream, if you send them in advance, we'll have the opportunity to gather information and the odds are better you'll get an answer during the CC Call. For questions we can't answer live, we'll provide a complete Q&A document after the event.

AFIMSC NEWS & INFORMATION

[AFIMSC units earn Air Force Gear of Government awards](#)

The Air Force Category Management Program, part of the Air Force Installation Contracting Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Joint Explosive Ordnance Technology Division at Indian Head, Maryland, were honored as Department of the Air Force winners for the Gears of Government awards.

[Smart locker idea wins AFIMSC Innovation Rodeo](#)

An idea for a smart locker mail system in base dorms, submitted by Airman First Class Ricardo "Noah" Morales of the 461st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Robins AFB, Georgia, won the 2021 Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Innovation Rodeo Feb. 5 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

[Working groups to present solutions at I-WEPTAC](#)

Members of four cross-functional teams tasked with tackling today's combat support challenges will present their solutions during the 2021 Installation and Mission Support Weapons and Tactics Conference April 19-21 at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

Charter lays out AFIMSC diversity, inclusion initiatives

Armed with a recently approved charter to affirm its direction, the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center's Diversity and Inclusion Council is working to create an organizational culture that fosters equality and equity throughout the enterprise.

AFSFC innovates to develop virtual visitor passes

The Air Force Security Forces Center is testing a virtual process to streamline visitor pass requests and reduce foot traffic at visitor control centers across the force. The DBIDS Defense Biometric Identification System Visitor Enrollment System uses smart devices and the current Defense Biometric Identification System's web-based functionality to link requestors, sponsors and VCCs in a virtual process to issues passes.

AFIMSC trains 600 finance Airmen at virtual worldwide workshop

Making sure Airmen and Guardians get the pay and compensation they need to concentrate on the mission is the focus of financial experts at every level of the Air Force. To make sure that continues to happen as smoothly as possible even in the COVID-19 environment, the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center's financial services team adjusted course this year and went virtual with its annual training workshop Feb. 8-10.

Revolutionizing the flightline of the future

The Tyndall Program Management Office hosted a Flightline of the Future Summit Feb. 3 to explore opportunities to turn the base's current flightline into a high-tech resource for the missions of tomorrow.

AFCEC targets rapid airfield repair solution

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center Laboratory at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, is on a mission to repair battle-damaged runways as quickly as possible, with minimal materials, manpower and equipment.

AFCEC helps feed the force at deployed location

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center is leading the \$2.5 million construction of a new dining facility to streamline mealtime for U.S. and coalition forces at an allied base in the Middle East.

AFICC awards large-scale architect and engineering services contract

The Air Force Installation Contracting Center awarded a suite of architect and engineering services contracts Feb. 19, to support the Air Force's sustainment,

restoration and modernization program. The contracts, awarded by the 772nd Enterprise Sourcing Squadron, are part of the \$2 billion Architect-Engineer Next program consisting of four contractor pools.

European home appliance contracts projected to save \$85,000 annually

The letting of nine European household appliance contracts by two Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center organizations at Ramstein AB, Germany, is expected to save the Air Force roughly \$85,000 annually.

2020 successes set stage for continued housing improvements

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center's housing programs branch set out to implement 51 housing improvement initiatives. To date, housing officials at AFCEC and across the Air and Space Forces have completed all but four of the initiatives, addressed more than 5,200 resident concerns and leveraged \$32 million to hire an additional 218 housing support staff.

OTHER HQ/PSU/DETACHMENT NEWS & INFORMATION

Stories from around AFIMSC told first hand by its Airmen.

Energy Directorate earns two awards

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Energy Directorate has been selected by the U.S. Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) to receive two FEMP awards for their outstanding achievements and contributions.

Air Force Services Center update for February

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

On-the-spot offers bring new talent to AFMC

Ten immediate intent-to-hire job offers were the result of the recent Air Force Materiel Command recruiting efforts during the Black Engineer of the Year Award virtual conference, Feb. 11-13.

AFMC town hall addresses vaccines, telework, command climate

Telework, the coronavirus vaccine, hiring, diversity and more were topics of focus during the Air Force Materiel Command virtual town hall Feb. 3.

Virtual visit to AFRL lab in New York impresses Gen. Bunch

Although weather conditions Feb. 22 scrapped a scheduled in-person appearance at Rome Lab by Gen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr., commander of Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC), lab officials successfully accommodated a last-minute change to a virtual visit. Bunch, who leads the AFMC which employs about 89,000 military and civilians and manages \$60 billion of budget authority, virtually interacted with lab personnel.

AIR FORCE NEWS

Department of the Air Force Leaders direct second IG Disparity Review

Acting Secretary of the Air Force John P. Roth, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr. and Chief of Space Operations Gen. John W. Raymond directed the Department of the Air Force Inspector General to conduct an additional independent review of racial, gender and ethnic disparity in the Department of the Air Force.

Reduction initiative axes 506 publications, aims to empower leaders

After four years of review, the Department of the Air Force publication reduction initiative introduced in 2017 by then Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein is nearing a close. As of February 2021, 506 publications have been rescinded, 854 have been updated and 66 are currently in formal coordination with only 23 publications awaiting review.

CSAF discusses Accelerating Change at 2021 Virtual Aerospace Warfare Symposium

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr., discussed his strategic approach called "Accelerate change or lose" for the Air Force's future during the Air Force Association's 2021 Virtual Aerospace Warfare Symposium, Feb. 24.

Inaugural Department of the Air Force Women's Air and Space Power Symposium announced

Airmen and Guardians (military and civilian; unfortunately no contractors) have the opportunity to participate in the inaugural Department of the Air Force Women's Air and Space Power Symposium virtual professional development series March 8-11 during Women's History Month.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Check out two of our most engaging social media posts for February! AFIMSC and [AFCEC celebrated Engineer's Week](#) with a weeklong recognition of our engineers, as well as live events to encourage children to pursue STEM careers; and the [winners of the 2021 AFIMSC Innovation Rodeo](#)!



IMSC SPOTLIGHT

Meet our recent #IAMIMSC Spotlight teammate, [Master Sgt. Alicia Clark](#)!



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