



# CONNECTIONS

News From Across Our Enterprise

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## FROM THE TOP

### [AFIMSC Change of Command Ceremony takes place Aug. 12](#)

The entire AFIMSC team is invited to attend the event on 12 Aug at 10 a.m. Gen. Duke Richardson, AFMC Commander, will preside over the ceremony during which Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. John Allen. If you missed your chance to RSVP or are outside the San Antonio area, here's the link to the [Teams Live stream](#).

### [Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox's final Commander's Call](#)

Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox's final Commander's Call was held July 12. If you missed it, here's the link to watch the [video](#).

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## AFIMSC NEWS & INFORMATION

### [AFIMSC announces 2022 Innovation Rodeo finalists](#)

AFIMSC announced its finalists for the 2022 AFIMSC Innovation Rodeo that takes place Aug. 19.

### [Defender's supply solution aims to save time for security forces squadrons](#)

#### **INNOVATION RODEO FINALIST**

For many, online shopping is a major timesaving convenience. The ability to order and have goods delivered without a trip to the store is a game-changer. A flight sergeant for the 422nd Security Forces Squadron at RAF Croughton, England, Staff Sgt. Dillan Whitehead noticed an immediate need and benefit for adopting a similar system for his squadron.

### [Chaplain proposes a virtual world that restores hope and healing](#)

Chaplain, Capt. Portmann Werner, believes providing Airmen and Guardians with tools that strengthen their mental health and improves overall wellness is an important step toward reducing suicide rates in the military.

### **Hill AFB captures first Air Force EOD national title**

Members of Hill's AFB EOD team earned the inaugural Air Force EOD National Team of the Year title this week in Indiana. The competition was a collaboration between AFIMSC's Emergency Services Branch and HAF to enhance readiness and force protection in the career field.

### **New technologies drive Tyndall's Installation of the Future rebuild**

Tyndall AFB, Florida, has been on a continuous innovation journey to become the Installation of the Future since Hurricane Michael devastated the installation in 2018.

### **AFIMSC prepares to conduct Red Hawk beddown at JBSA**

AFIMSC has the greenlight to move forward with major construction work to support the beddown of a new aircraft and training mission at JBSA-Randolph, Texas.

### **No place like home: Program improvements help AF deliver better housing**

In three years since launching a sweeping effort to improve housing for Airman, Guardians and their families, DAF has completed more than 90 percent of its initial improvement goals.

### **AFIMSC Chaplain shares 'True North' calling**

Finding your True North – your authentic self, your purpose, your beliefs – can be a struggle for many today. And, in an Air Force where there's been a large increase in suicides in recent years, helping people find and appreciate their own, unique selves is a calling for Chaplain, Capt. Portmann Werner, and the service's chaplain corps.

### **AFCEC awards contract for B-21 Stealth Bomber beddown at Ellsworth**

Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota, will receive a new mission facility to support the bed down of the B-21 Raider stealth bomber following the recent AFCEC-led contract award of the B-21 Formal Training Unit (FTU) project.

### **ICYMI – Department Air Force Gaming is HUGE!**

Managed by the Air Force Services Center, DAF Gaming is focused on supporting Air Force resiliency and retention through a global esports program that delivers community experiences and competitive leagues. More than 25,000 Total Force gamers are participating. Check it out!

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

### **Getting to know the new AFSFC commander**

Col. Phillip Born took command of the Air Force Security Forces Center July 20.

### **Getting to know the AFSVC commander**

Col. Carolyn Ammons took command of the AFSVC during a change of command ceremony June 30.

### **Getting to know the new AFICC commander**

Brig. Gen. Lance R. French assumed his new role as the AFICC commander July 8.

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

Col. James Clark 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 14.

### **#IMSCFamily: Meet Alexander Guizar**

Meet Alexander Guizar, spouse of Capt. Kennisa Rafanan-Reynolds of the Air Force Services Center in San Antonio. He's our #IMSCFamily spouse spotlight for August.

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

Stories from around AFIMSC told firsthand by its Airmen.

### **AFIMSC O2F Implementation Playbook**

The O2F team has created the resource for Air Force leaders looking to institute a hybrid work model with the [O2F Implementation Playbook](#). Check out all the tips, tricks, best practices and lessons learned on the [O2F SharePoint site](#)

### **AFSVC newsletter – July**

The latest from the Air Force Services Center covers 3-on-3 international championship hoops, the 2022 Arthur J. Myers award winners and the 2022 Air Force Photo Contest.

To read these and previous IMSC Connections submissions, click [here](#).

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## **AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS**

### **Richardson: Teamwork, collaboration key AFMC success**

AFMC change of command ceremony on June 13 was more than just an opportunity to welcome a new leader to the organizational helm; it was a homecoming for the new commander who has spent nearly half of his career as part of the enterprise.

### **Ask-Me-Anything sessions set to demystify Spark Tank success**

In an effort to demystify the Spark Tank process for AFMC innovators, the Commanders Accelerated Initiatives team will host a series of virtual "Ask-Me-Anything" events on Microsoft Teams throughout the month of July.

### **[AFMC celebrates 10th anniversary of successful reorganization](#)**

Location, location, location. That used to be a business mantra for many industries. While it's still true in some aspects, the rise in virtual meetings, ease of travel and improvements to communication have made function even more important than location. AFMC is proof.

### **[A look back at the early evolution of Air Force Materiel Command](#)**

At just 30 years old, AFMC has a long and distinguished heritage. On January 10, 1991, Secretary of the Air Force Donald B. Rice announced the inactivation of AFSC and AFLC, and the activation of AFMC at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

### **[Keeping civilians in fighting shape](#)**

"Excellence in all we do" is an Air Force core value. Excellence can encompass myriad things including work ethic, training and education, and even maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It's every Airman's duty to be the best they can be.

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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 July. AFIMSC Commander [Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox](#) had his retirement ceremony on July 22, and [Hill AFB's EOD team](#) won the Air Force's inaugural EOD National Team of the Year Grand Finale Competition. The competition was a collaboration between AFIMSC and HAF to enhance readiness and force protection in the career field.




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## LAUNCH - VIRTUAL SUPPORT CENTER

Find information and POCs for AFIMSC installation and mission support programs and services using our virtual capabilities library, [LAUNCH](#). LAUNCH now serves as the homepage for AFIMSC's SharePoint site.



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