

AFSVC Input IMSC Connections eNewsletter June 2022

2021 Department of the Air Force Athletes of the Year

Each year the Air Force Services Center recognizes an outstanding Male and Female Military Athlete of the Year. Air Force installations nominated their top candidate in each category by submitting packages highlighting their athlete's sports-related achievements, military awards/honors, and civic recognition garnered throughout the past calendar year.

The 2021 DAF Athletes of the Year award recipients are:

- Male Athlete of the Year: SSgt Justin Southichack (Hill AFB) – Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
- Female Athlete of the Year: A1C Kelly Curtis (Aviano AB) – Women's Skeleton



Air Force Gaming wins the inaugural Armed Forces Esports Championship

The first federally sanctioned esports competition took place May 28 at Tech Port San Antonio, TX. Dubbed FORCECON 2022, the esports championship served as the culminating event in a weeklong innovation and technology symposium that included presenters and static displays from AETC, AFIMSC, AFWERX, as well as over 70 industry partners.

The DAF set a new standard in sports tournament play by field teams from all six services, a first since the creation/addition of the USSF in 2019. Matchups were broadcast on Twitch, YouTube, and Facebook resulting in 853,000 live stream views and 2.1M total users reached on the combined social media sites.

In a SOLD OUT venue, Air Force Gaming went undefeated playing Halo Infinite and was crowned the first Armed Forces Esports Champions. Armed Forces Sports and DAF Sports want to congratulate SSgt Shane Posey (Buckley SFB), SSgt Troy Christensen (123rd Airlift Wing, Kentucky ANG), SrA Cole Schlegel (JBSA Lackland), and A1C Allyson Stephenson (JB Charleston) for the benchmark win. All the Armed Forces team profiles and intros can be found at AirForceGaming.com



Air Force Gaming-- 2022 Summer Season

Air Force Gaming League's Summer Season mirrors Department of Air Force Gaming League's previous seasons with a multi-week competitive gaming program, consisting of leagues in five games. This season's games include Smash Bro, League of Legends, Rocket League, Apex Legends, and Teamfight Tactics. The season kicks off July 1. Eligible service members can find out about future gaming events at AirForceGaming.com (Click [here](#))

World Class Athlete Program (WCAP) – Class 2024!

Seven athletes were selected to join the WCAP Class 2024. Two athletes were selected in previous cycles bringing the current total for a 2024 Olympic run to nine athletes. Selection to WCAP is the start of a two-year journey that hopefully will culminate with an appearance at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris, for the athletes. Newly selected athletes will PCS to their primary training location during the summer cycle and will be ADCON to the AFSVC and WCAP operating location in Colorado Springs. Athlete profiles, biographies and sport fact sheets will be available soon at DAFSports.com/WCAP.

Name	Unit	Sport	Training Location
A1C Mitchell Brown	355 LRS	Greco-Roman Wrestling	Colorado Springs, CO
Maj Phalene French	USAFA/AD	Modern Pentathlon	Colorado Springs, CO
2Lt Sam Fuller	USAFA	Water Polo	Torrance, CA
SrA Michael Mannozi	88 BW/HC	Race Walking	San Diego, CA
Maj Daniel Rich	LeMay Center	Shooting	San Antonio, TX
1Lt Jaci Smith	AFNW/NTS	Track & Field	Colorado Springs, CO
Civ Delbert Taylor	N/A	Boxing	Pittsburg, PA



Community Center Central Program, Boards & Brew

Boards & Brews is a new centrally funded art program for adults (ages 18+), where participants design and color a skateboard deck (no wheels). A skilled and accomplished artist facilitates the art program. The concept is to get participants engaged in a positive and interactive program and to express themselves through art while socializing with their fellow Air Force and Space Force military community. Boards and Brews is a fun community program that promotes social engagement and includes an inspirational message from artist Mark Rivard. It's a paint and sip community program with a little grit and edge to it. This new program was recently offered at JBAB-Bolling, JBLE Ft Eustis, and Seymour Johnson with positive reviews from all who participated!



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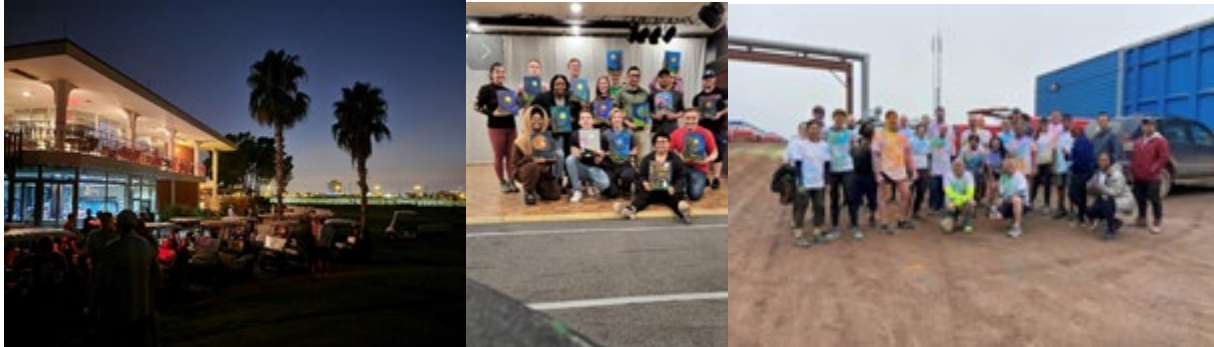
Legacy Recharge for Resiliency (R4R)

Legacy R4R is the capstone for resiliency programming across the Air Force. It allows individuals the opportunity to recharge, reintegrate, and reunite through MWR programs. Funds can be requested to provide Airmen, Guardians and their family opportunities to reduce stress by promoting educational fun, creating active social opportunities to build bonds, restoring esprit de corps, and promoting safe physical events. For calendar year 2021, the Air Force Services Center approved over 4,000 Legacy R4R funding submissions. We encourage service members, their families, and squadrons to participate in Force Support Squadron programs and activities. Legacy R4R focuses on three target audiences:

SAPI - Provides resources that foster a strong culture, mission, and sense of community among single Airmen.

RecOn - Provides resources for outdoor-centric, high adrenaline, pre/post deployment stress reduction.

DAP - Provides resources targeting deployed-affected service members and families.



Legacy R4R Glow Golf at Incirlik AB, Turkey, Paint Night, and Color Run at Thule, Greenland

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Air Force Photo Contest “Celebrating Traditions” Aug. 1-31

In honor of the 75th Air Force Birthday, the Air Force Photo Contest theme this year is “Celebrating Traditions.” Family, military and cultural traditions help create closeness and a sense of belonging and identity. Traditions bring meaning to celebrations and connect us through special bonds. Participants may submit two photos in their respective category.

Categories: Adult Accomplished, Adult Novice, Teens 13-17 yrs., Youth 9-12 yrs., and Youth 6-8 yrs.

Submissions will be accepted online at <https://forcesupport.awardsplatform.com> beginning at 12:01 a.m. CST, Aug. 1 and ending at 11:59 p.m. CST, Aug. 31. For more information, contact Ms. Susan Lear: susan.lear@us.af.mil

Travis AFB launched the first DAF Pedal Library in May

Pedal Libraries are self-contained, mobile units, complete with book display rack, desktop, USB-charged lights, and side-racks for brochures & flyers. The Pedal Library is a low-cost solution to extend library resources and services anywhere, and at any event. For more information, contact Ms. Ayako Mendoza: ayako.mendoza.1@us.af.mil

