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News From Across Our Enterprise

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## FROM THE TOP

### **AFIMSC holds its next DEIA Senior Leadership Discussion Sept. 14**

Join us for the next AFIMSC Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Council Senior Leadership Discussion Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. CDT at the Air Force Security Forces Center and via Teams Live. Don't miss the opportunity to hear valuable perspectives from Col. (Ret.) Lisa Carrington Firmin, who will discuss her leadership experience in service to our nation and in the private sector.

#### **Event Details**

- This is an in-person event; however, we have a Teams Live link below for those outside San Antonio and others who can't make it in person:
  - MS TEAMS LIVE Link: [https://dod.teams.microsoft.us//meetup-join/19%3adod%3ameeting\\_c09ee263406448a6b2c92d2bb73701f9%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%228331b18d-2d87-48ef-a35f-ac8818ebf9b4%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22701147e7-3fec-421b-bd5c-412aba145b53%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atru%7d](https://dod.teams.microsoft.us//meetup-join/19%3adod%3ameeting_c09ee263406448a6b2c92d2bb73701f9%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%228331b18d-2d87-48ef-a35f-ac8818ebf9b4%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22701147e7-3fec-421b-bd5c-412aba145b53%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atru%7d)
  - The session will be recorded for viewing after the live session.
- In-person Attendance: HQ AFSFC, 1517 Billy Mitchell Blvd, Bldg. 954, JBSA-Lackland, TX 78236-0119
- Invitees: All AFIMSC Members and Spouses/Partners/Significant Others

## AFIMSC NEWS & INFORMATION

2022 AFIMSC  
**INNOVATION RODEO**  
**WINNER!**  
**CRAIG REDNOUR**  
375TH CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON  
SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS  
IDEA:  
AUTONOMOUS AIRFIELD OPERATIONS  
AFIMSC VENTURES

## **Innovation Rodeo**

The 2022 AFIMSC Innovation Rodeo finalists were in San Antonio for a week to learn from leading innovators, team up with industry partners and network with peers, senior leaders and innovation teams. The finals took place Aug. 19 and an idea for autonomous airfield operations won. See that story below and a summary of all the other competitors' ideas that landed them a spot in the Rodeo.

### **Autonomous multi-functional airfield tractors idea wins 2022 AFIMSC Innovation Rodeo**

An idea for autonomous airfield operations won the 2022 AFIMSC Innovation Rodeo Aug. 19 in San Antonio.

### **More information about the winning innovation**

Win-win solution for airfield maintenance: mitigate risk and increase productivity.

### **Procurement analyst's business intelligence acquisition tool simplifies data collection process**

Air Force contracting professionals know how tedious inputting data into a spreadsheet can be. Brandon Harris, a procurement analyst for the 50th Contracting Squadron at Schriever Space Force Base, Colorado, might have found a better way: a tool that consolidates data from seven systems into one.

### **New fitness center system could provide global 24/7 access**

Removing roadblocks from achieving fitness goals is at the heart of the idea submitted by Staff Sgt. Anthony Davis to the 2022 AFIMSC Innovation Rodeo.

### **Defender introduces device that consolidates and eases access to gear**

Security forces Airmen depend on their equipment to execute their mission to protect, defend and fight. Tech. Sgt. Bryan Trumet understands the mental and physical demands of the job and the importance of accessing gear quickly when needed.

### **Eglin team's project targets significant bandwidth increase**

Not many people enjoy traffic and, even less, sitting idly in a traffic jam. At Eglin AFB, Florida, it's congested data highways and digital traffic jams stunting optimal operations that is driving Lt. Col. Kyle Kremer and his team to action.

### **Officer's ideas could help preserve mission generation capabilities during contingencies**

While riding out Hurricane Michael at Tyndall AFB, Florida, in 2018, Lt. Col. Adam Wallace realized the Air Force had a problem. The commanders lacked a secure contingency communications network that enables the mission to keep going when infrastructure was degraded or non-existent.

## **AFIMSC Knowledge Management 101**

What is Knowledge Management and how can it enable us to work better together? Read more to find out and what you can do to help.

### **[ICYMI ... Department of the Air Force Gaming](#)**

DAF Gaming, founded in 2019, digitally connects Airmen and Guardians through their shared love of gaming. Managed by the AFSVC, it focuses on supporting resiliency and retention through a global esports effort that delivers community experiences and competitive leagues.

### **[AFSFC LOGDET enhances DAF force protection capabilities](#)**

The AFSFC's Logistics Detail continues to enhance lethality and readiness for Defenders by rapidly delivering the equipment they need to protect people and resources around the world.

### **[AFCEC bolsters DAF energy assurance with merger](#)**

AFCEC recently merged two energy organizations under one directorate, forming a single, cohesive team focused on achieving DAF energy objectives.

### **[Air Force awards runway extension contract for JBER, Alaskan geostrategic hub](#)**

AFIMSC is leading the largest PACAF construction project awarded to date -- \$309 million to extend a runway at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska.

### **[School liaison managers guide academic transitions, overcome hurdles for military kids](#)**

Military kids around the world are going back to school after summer break with many experiencing not only new teachers but new surroundings, new schools and new friends as well.

### **[Armed Forces Esports Championship trophy finds its home](#)**

The Air Force Gaming team and the first-ever Armed Forces Esports Champions delivered the "Traveling Esports Cup" to the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, JoAnne Bass. Read about this and more in this month's AFSVC Update.

### **[O2F coming to Bay 6](#)**

Removal of over 200 individual cubicles is scheduled to begin this September to make way for the expansion of O2F. Read about this and more in this month's O2F Download.

### **[#IAMIMSC award winner: Tech. Sgt. Samantha Webber](#)**

Meet Tech. Sgt. Samantha Webber, the July #IAMIMSC award winner. Webber, the NCO in charge of intensive outpatient services for the clinical services department at the Naval Consolidated Brig Miramar, California, is part of the AFSFC's Detachment 2.

### **[#IAMIMSC award winner: Master Sgt. Morgan Rutland](#)**

Meet Master Sgt. Morgan Rutland, the June #IAMIMSC award winner. Rutland is a deployed augmentee supporting AFICC-Europe, at Ramstein AB, Germany.

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**MEET NEW AFIMSC LEADERS!**

### **Getting to know the new Air Force Civil Engineer Center commander**

Brig. Gen. William Kale took command of AFCEC during a change of command ceremony Aug. 8.

### **Getting to know the new AFIMSC Det 3 commander**

Col. Michael Borders took command of AFIMSC's Detachment 3 at Hurlburt Field, Florida, during a change of command ceremony Aug. 16.

### **Getting to know the new AFIMSC Detachment 4 commander**

Col. Richard Martin took command of AFIMSC's Detachment 4 at Ramstein AB, Germany, during an assumption of command ceremony Aug. 19.

### **Getting to know the new AFIMSC Detachment 7 commander**

Col. James Masoner took command of AFIMSC's Detachment 7 at Randolph AFB, Texas, during a change of command ceremony Sept. 1.

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

Stories from around AFIMSC told firsthand by its Airmen.

### **AFCEC's Commander's Note: Merging directorates and moving forward**

In the last edition of his Commanders' Note, now-AFIMSC Commander Maj. Gen. John Allen addressed the merger of AFCEC/OEA and AFCEC/CN, and how the new combination creates a unified team with the people and skills necessary to achieve the Air Force's goal of Mission Assurance through Energy Assurance.

### **Chief Ski's Tidbits**

Chief Ski focuses on embracing change on the road to growth and success and becoming a team that rises to everyday challenges.

### **From the Safety Office: Know the signs of heat illness**

With record-breaking temperatures escalating across the country in 2022, it is extremely important to remain alert and aware to the signs of heat illness in yourself and your co-workers.

### **Portfolio transition essential to AFCEC's design and construction mission**

The AFCEC's Facility Engineering directorate continues to advance design and construction capabilities and deliver critical Department of Defense infrastructure more efficiently.

### **AFSVC Update – August**

The latest from the AFSVC covers the awarding of the "Traveling Esports Cup" and the Master Chef Edition of the AFSVC Community Center Program's "What's Cooking?"

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

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## AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND NEWS

### [AFMC Connect focus: Accountable](#)

There is no "I" in team. This commonly heard phrase drives at the importance of teamwork to the success of an organization. It also parallels the importance of August's AFMC Connect focus on begin "accountable."

### [Ask-Me-Anything sessions set to demystify Spark Tank success](#)

The event was an opportunity for the leadership team, including newcomers Gen. Duke Z. Richardson, AFMC Commander, and Lorna B. Estep, AFMC Executive Director, to discuss their perspectives on the command and the future while also answering questions from across the enterprise. Chief Master Sgt. David A. Flosi, AFMC Command Chief, also participated on the panel.

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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 August. The [AFIMSC family bid farewell](#) to Maj. Gen. Tom Wilcox and welcomed Maj. Gen. John Allen to the helm, and the winners of this year's [Innovation Rodeo](#) are announced.



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