

The AFMS Pulse: True North+, BH Gear & AFMEDCOM

TN+ holds a townhall, BH Gear training efforts expand, AFMEDCOM continues ICT processes

True North+ Town Hall

- Air Force Medical Command leaders offered an update July 21, 2026, on the ongoing effort to realign Operational Support Teams and True North into the [consolidated TN+ program](#).
- TN+ PPlan's current phase:
 - Installation OST and TN personnel are being realigned under a single unit manning document.
 - OST and TN will continue to operate independently until the TN+ program is fully implemented.
- TN+ will reach full operational capability October 2026.
 - When FOC occurs the program management office will provide additional operation guidance.
 - The chief of TN+ will be the highest-ranking officer — holding either a medical or chaplain Air Force Specialty Code - who realigns to the TN+ program from the transitioning TN or OST billets.
 - OST and TN personnel should not expect changes to their current physical work locations until the TN+ PMO provides guidance after FOC

Joint force efforts expand BH GEAR training for front-line support

- The AFMS, in coordination with the Department of War's Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, is [developing front-line behavioral health support training](#) called Battlefield Health Guidelines for mEdic Assessment and Response, or [BH GEAR](#).
- Training is offered to Air Force medics, mental health technicians, chaplains and other non-mental health personnel who adhere to clinical practice guidelines in forward and austere environments.
- For the DAF, BH GEAR training adapts information from the service's clinical practice guidelines for practical application.

AFMEDCOM Progress

- AFMEDCOM continues its phased, conditions-based inter-command transfer process to realign medical groups and personnel from major commands to medical wings under AFMEDCOM.
 - AFMEDCOM initiated its [fourth inter-command transfer](#) June 29, 2026, moving medical Airmen and units aligned under the Air Force Global Strike Command to Medical Readiness Command-Alpha's 359th Medical Wing.
 - Pre-ICT actions are in motion to start the fifth ICT, Sept. 4, 2026, transitioning medical Airmen from Air Force Special Operations Command to the 73rd Medical Wing, MRC-Bravo.
- AFMEDCOM requested an additional Air Force Manpower Analysis Agency resourcing assessment to be completed in the coming months.

AFMS health professionals and facilities earn coveted awards

- The 2026 Military Health System Conference recognized outstanding military medicine professionals who are "excelling at their craft, rising stars, and innovators, but most of all - they are patriots; they are warriors," said Dr. Stephen Ferrara, principal deputy assistant secretary of war for health affairs.
- See the full list of recipients [here](#).

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