

The AFMS Pulse: December Momentum

AFMEDCOM Inter-Command Transfers Accelerate Across the Force

AFMEDCOM is making steady, deliberate progress realigning Air Force medics under a unified medical command structure. The largest inter-command transfer (ICT) is nearing completion and the ICT of the remaining medics from Air Education and Training Command (AETC) is now underway. These actions mark another major step toward strengthening medical readiness, clarifying command relationships, and ensuring uninterrupted support to installations and mission partners across the Department of the Air Force.

AFMEDCOM Update: ICT Progress

- Air Force District of Washington completed ICT in September 2025: First tranche to fully transition to AFMEDCOM.
- 59th Medical Wing (59 MDW) ICT is nearing completion.
- 359th MDW ICT is back on track: Progress for 359 MDW was delayed due to the lapse in appropriations but has resumed.
 - On Dec. 2, 2025, AFMEDCOM launched an ICT for the 359th MDW.
 - ICT realigns medics from 10 medical groups (MDGs) in AETC to Medical Readiness Command-Alpha's 359th MDW.
 - MDGs realigning: Altus, Columbus, Goodfellow, Holloman, Keesler, Laughlin, Luke, Maxwell, Sheppard, and Vance.
- Preparation for the ICT of Air Force Special Operations Command has also commenced.

Sustaining Installation Support

- MAJCOM MOAs: Memoranda of agreements (MOA) between AFMEDCOM and MAJCOMs ensure seamless headquarters-level support for medics. AFMEDCOM is growing its command-enabling functions and awarded its first Stripe for Exceptional Performers to now Staff Sgt. Jayden R. Mosley, Andrews MDG.
- Host-tenant support agreements (HTSA): All MDGs transitioning as mission partners have completed or are in the process of completing HTSA to maintain the same uninterrupted installation support and operational integration.

ICT Realignments at a Glance

- Total transferred to date: ~5,800 + authorizations
 - 79 MDW: ~900 authorizations including active-duty (AD) military, civilian personnel, and individual mobilization augmentees (IMAs).
 - 59 MDW: ~2,600 authorizations including AD, civilian personnel, and IMAs.
 - 359 MDW: ~2,300 authorizations including AD, civilian personnel, and IMAs.

Policy Update

- AF/SG released updated medical shaving profile guidance aligned with Secretary of War's Sept. 30, 2025, memorandum, "Grooming Standards for Facial Hair Implementation" policy.
 - A news release and frequently asked questions are available on the [Air Force Medical Service Website](#); they were also posted on the Air Force & Space Force websites.
 - Information was shared with line leaders via transmittal.
 - Direct link to the [Medical Guidance for Shaving Profile memorandum](#).
- Please socialize the guidance with medics and line leaders.

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