

# The AFMS Pulse: New Year, Always Ready

*Global Alignment and Leader Engagement Set the Course for 2026*

Welcome back, and Happy New Year to the Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) team. As 2026 begins, the AFMS and Air Force Medical Command (AFMEDCOM) enter a pivotal period focused on alignment, readiness, and the path ahead.

## National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Signed

President Trump signed NDAA for fiscal year 2026 into law Dec. 18, 2025. [More info.](#)

## Global Leadership Alignment

- Senior Leader Workshop & NOVA Senior Leader Strategy Day – Jan. 12-16.
  - *What:* Senior Air Force medical officer and enlisted leaders will align priorities, refine readiness objectives, and set the conditions for AFMS and AFMEDCOM's next phase of execution.
  - *Focus:* Operational readiness, medical force development, command integration, and AFMEDCOM's continued support for mission success across the Department of the Air Force.
- Stand Up Ceremony for Medical Readiness Commands Alpha & Bravo – Jan. 15 at 7:45 a.m.
  - *What:* Lt. Gen. John DeGoes will formally activate MRCs Alpha & Bravo at the National Conference Center, Leesburg, Va.
  - *Access:* Watch the ceremony via [Facebook Live](#).

## Engaging the Force

Virtual All-Medic Call – Jan. 20, 11 a.m. EST.

- *What:* Lt. Gen. DeGoes and Chief Master Sgt. James Woods are hosting a force-wide virtual All-Medic Call. The call will outline 2026 priorities, reinforce readiness expectations, and enable medics to hear directly from senior leadership.
- *Q&A:* Time will be set aside to answer questions submitted from across the force.
- *Access:* Join the conversation through [MS Teams](#).

## Integrated Operational Support (IOS) Update

AFMEDCOM IOS Townhall Meeting – Jan. 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST.

- *What:* The DAF aligned operational medicine under the new DAFMAN 10-201, *Integrated Operational Support*.
- *Focus:* Education and guidance for line-owned operational clinical services
- *Who:* Line leaders & IOS personnel
- *Access:* Join the meeting via [MS Teams](#).
- *More info:* [usaf.afms.mbx.afmedcom-ios@health.mil](mailto:usaf.afms.mbx.afmedcom-ios@health.mil)

## Invest in Professional Development

AFMS Professional Development Program Live Event – Jan. 29, 3 p.m. EST

- *What:* Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Thomas Harrell, MRC-A Commander, and CMSgt Luis Magana, MRC-A Command Chief, are the guest speakers at the Senior Leader Fireside Panel.
- *Access:* Join the meeting via [MS Teams](#).
- *More info:* [usaf.pentagon.af-sg.mbx.afms-professional-development-team@health.mil](mailto:usaf.pentagon.af-sg.mbx.afms-professional-development-team@health.mil)

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