

The AFMS Pulse: AFMEDCOM, True North+ & iCOVER Updates

AFMEDCOM continues its inter-command transfers, TN+ holds a townhall, DHN awards champions

AFMEDCOM

- AFMEDCOM continues its phased, conditions-based inter-command transfer process to realign medical groups and personnel from major commands to medical wings under AFMEDCOM.
- Post-ICT actions and engagement with Air Force Manpower Analysis Agency will ensure AFMEDCOM is operationally effective and resourced by FOC in CY28.
- AFMEDCOM initiated its [fourth inter-command transfer](#) June 29, 2026.
 - Medical Airmen and units aligned under the Air Force Global Strike Command are transitioning to Medical Readiness Command-Alpha's 359th Medical Wing.
 - Approximately 1,500 medical Airmen from Barksdale, Dyess, Ellsworth, FE Warren, Kirtland, Malmstrom, Minot and Whiteman AFBs will transfer.
- AFSOC aims to transition in September 2026, and pre-ICT actions and working groups are in motion.
- PACAF ICT is scheduled to occur in November, with pre-ICT efforts ongoing.
- The AFMC ICT is scheduled for February 2027. AFMEDCOM – AFMC SMEs are partnering to host an ICT TTX in September.
- AFMEDCOM requested an additional AFMAA resourcing assessment to be completed in the coming months.

True North+ Town Hall

- On July 21, the AFMEDCOM True North+ Task Force hosted two DAF-wide virtual townhall meetings to discuss the execution of the merger into TN+. The townhall was aimed at DAF commanders, Chaplain Corps, TN and operational support team personnel.
- An article covering the information relayed during the townhall will be available on the [AFMS website](#) in the coming days.

Joint Services advance iCOVER training to address acute stress reactions

- Dr. Amy Adler, a clinical research psychologist with the Center for Military Psychiatry and Neuroscience at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, spoke with the AFMS for an [article about acute stress and iCOVER training](#).
- iCOVER is a peer-based intervention to mitigate the effect of acute stress reactions in combat environments
- A combat-related acute stress reaction can occur when exposure to a traumatic event prompts a warfighter to freeze and their ability to function temporarily stops. Operational impact has influenced acute stress reactions becoming an area of greater interest in military research.

Defense Health Network Central 2025 MHS Champions

- At the 2025 MHS Conference, [DHN Central individuals and teams were recognized](#) for their work in high-reliability care, stateside clinics and shaping the future of military medicine.
- Lt. Gen. John DeGoes, USAF Surgeon General, and Chief Master Sgt. James Woods, Chief, Medical Enlisted Force, both served as award presenters during the ceremony. Maj. Gen. Robert Bogart, DHN Central Director, also spoke at the event.

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