

The AFMS Pulse: AFMEDCOM ICT and Honoring Former Leader

AFMEDCOM transfers Global Strike medics and AF's 15th Surgeon General passes away

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- 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.

All-Medic Call

- Lt. Gen. John DeGoes and Chief Master Sgt. James Woods hosted an All-Medic Call June 9, 2026
 - Among the topics discussed: C-STARS Omaha efforts on high-consequence biological crises; readiness lessons learned during Operation Epic Fury; and the impact of Comprehensive Medical Readiness Program on AFMS' readiness posture.
- [The All-Medic Call Newsletter](#) recaps the discussion and includes additional updates.
- [Access the All-Medic Call Questions & Answers.](#)

AFMS Leadership Notifications

- [Brig. Gen. Jason Lennen](#), AF/SG Medical Policy and Resources (SGMED) director, was announced as the next chief of staff for the Defense Health Agency.
- [Brig. Gen. Eveline Yao](#), AFMEDCOM special assistant to the commander, was announced as the next SGMED director.

DAF Exception to Secretary of War Influenza Vaccination Guidance

- April 20, 2026, Secretary of War guidance ([Tab 1](#)) established that annual influenza vaccine is voluntary for all Active, Guard, Reserve, and Civilian Department of War personnel.
- June 11, 2026, the Office of the Undersecretary of War for Personnel and Readiness approved the DAF's exception to policy ([Tab 2](#)) to reinstate the influenza vaccination requirement for high-risk populations essential to preserving force readiness.
- The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs issued implementation guidance for basic military training, technical training, child and youth programs, and U.S. Air Force Academy populations (Tabs 3-6 | [All memorandums](#)).

True North+ Town Hall

- On July 21, the AFMEDCOM True North+ Task Force is hosting two DAF-wide virtual townhall meetings to discuss the execution of the merger into TN+. Townhalls will occur 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. EDT.
- Audience: DAF commanders, Chaplain Corps, TN and operational support team personnel.
- [Microsoft Teams link](#).

Remembering Lt. Gen. Edgar Anderson

Retired Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Edgar R. Anderson Jr., the 15th U.S. Air Force Surgeon General, passed away January 2026 at the age of 86. He was AF/SG from 1994 to 1996 and retired in 1997 with 30+ years of service. He was board certified in family practice, dermatology and aerospace medicine, and worked as a command pilot, medical test pilot, chief flight surgeon and parachutist. We thank him for his commitment to the Air Force and his incredible work as a medical leader.