

# AF Life Cycle Management Center Transition News

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## AFLCMC Champion’s Corner



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Welcome to the last edition of the AFLCMC *Transition News*; next month we will drop “transition” and simply become the AFLCMC Newsletter. We are only days away from activating the new Centers and inactivating legacy Centers across AFMC. Lt Gen CD Moore takes command of the newly established AFLCMC on 9 July and over the next 11 days, specified units from across AFMC will stand-down and attach to the Center leading up to full activation on 20 July ( see article titled “AFMC ready to transition to 5-Center construct” on page 2 for details). Standup of the new Center culminates 16 months of planning which started with a core group of about a dozen people in March 2011 to over 1,000 people today. While activation is a significant milestone, the journey is no where near complete. Quite a bit of work remains as we build competencies, standard processes, and blend workforce cultures in our quest towards true integrated life cycle management.

When AFLCMC fully stands up on 20 July, we will operate as one cohesive Center (see below figure). This said, many financial and manpower-related systems we use will reflect legacy structures until the end of FY12. There’s really no practical way to change financial and derivative systems during the fiscal year. On 1 October, these systems will completely cut-over to our new structure. For military personnel, plans have been established to make sure they are not unfairly biased in terms of appraisals and promotion opportunities during this transition period. Civilian personnel, for the most part, are not affected during the transition period due to the standard rating cycle that occurs each spring. We’ve taken deliberate steps to ensure our people are cared for

across the board ... we can’t operate under any other premise.

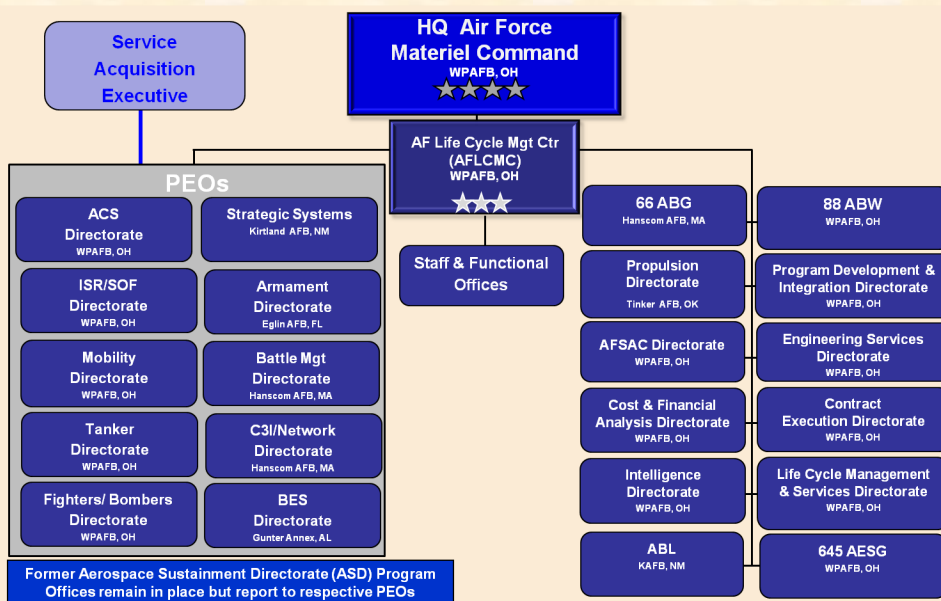
We’re developing some important tools that will assist you in better understanding the new organization and how we operate. Here are a couple:

- \* The “Team AFLCMC” SharePoint site will contain org charts, directories, links to guidance and policy, and more. This site will contain the essentials on day 1 and will expand based on user feedback, and as we learn more about our new Center.

- \* The “AFLCMC Process Guide Book (PGB)”. The PGB site will contain standardized processes to be used across the enterprise. The number of processes included in the PGB will grow over time, and as planning teams and process owners conclude their work. Be patient with this tool ... it will grow from a handful of processes on day 1 to dozens by the end of the summer.

I look forward to working with you in the coming months as we execute to the extensive plans we’ve laid out.

### AFLCMC Organization



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## News from Across the Enterprise

- ◇ Mr. Michael Gill has been named as the AFLCMC Executive Director. Mr. Gill is coming from Hill AFB where he serves as the OO-ALC Executive Director. Mr. Richard Lombardi, who was previously announced for the position, is moving to Washington DC to become the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition Integration. Mr. Gill’s bio may be viewed at <http://www.af.mil/information/bios/bio.asp?bioID=5538>
- ◇ The SecAF has appointed Mr. Steven Wert as the PEO for Battle Management. The new PEO BM portfolio is a combination of the previous PEO/BM and the PEO/TC2 portfolios. Read more about Mr. Wert at <http://www.af.mil/information/bios/bio.asp?bioID=11077>

## News from Across the Enterprise (continued)

### AFMC ready to transition to 5-Center construct (*Skywrighter, Vol. 53, No. 25, pg. A2, June 22, 2012*)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO – With three major milestones complete, Air Force Materiel Command officials are ready to consolidate the number of centers as part of its command-wide transition to the 5-Center construct.

Centers will be activated at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio and Tinker AFB, Okla., in the coming weeks. At Edwards AFB, Calif., the Air Force Flight Test Center will be redesignated the Air Force Test Center to reflect an expanded mission to cover all test activities. At about the same time, AFMC will begin the process of consolidating the centers from 12 to five.

The 5-Center construct was announced in November 2011 as a major part of AFMC's response to a Department of Defense challenge to find efficiencies and save tax dollars. By reducing and consolidating overhead, the command will improve the way it accomplishes its diverse mission and will provide better support to the warfighter. This effort will save about \$109 million annually.

"We are transitioning the command in a way that will create opportunities for more efficient and responsive support to the warfighter while also saving the taxpayer money," said Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, AFMC Commander.

AFMC moves forward with the 5-Center construct having met three critical requirements. The Senate has confirmed AFMC's new general officers to lead the consolidated centers, two Congressionally mandated reports have been delivered to Congress, and Headquarters Air Force has formally approved the transition.

At Wright-Patterson AFB, the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center will activate on July 9; however, the activation ceremony will take place on July 20 in conjunction with Aeronautical Systems Center becoming part of AFLCMC and the retirement ceremony for Lt. Gen. Thomas Owen, commander of the ASC. Also on July 9, Air Force Security Assistance Center will become the Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Directorate. It will continue its foreign military sales mission as part of AFLCMC from its Wright-Patterson AFB location.

The Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom AFB, Mass., will become part of AFLCMC on July 16 and will continue its critical mission at Hanscom AFB as it does today. The dual mission of test and air armament development at the Air Armament Center at Eglin AFB, Fla, will become part of the Air Force Test Center at Edwards AFB and AFLCMC, respectively. The air armament development portion of AAC will become part of AFLCMC on July 18.

AFLCMC will be led by Lt. Gen. C.D. Moore II, presently the AFMC vice commander.

On July 10, the Air Force Sustainment Center will be activated at Tinker AFB and will be led by Lt. Gen. (sel) Bruce Litchfield. It will consolidate oversight of the command's sustainment mission now carried out by air logistics centers at Tinker AFB, Robins AFB, Ga., and Hill AFB, Utah, along with the Air Force Global Logistics Support Center at Scott AFB, Ill. The logistics centers will be redesignated as air logistics complexes.

The center at Tinker AFB will be redesignated on July 10. AFGLSC at Scott AFB will see its mission transition to AFSC on July 11. The Hill AFB center will transition to a complex on July 12, while Robins AFB's center will transition to a complex on July 17.

At Edwards AFB, the redesignated Air Force Test Center will begin operations on July 6, however a formal ceremony to mark the transition will be held July 13. Also on July 13, the 95<sup>th</sup> ABW at Edwards AFB will transition with its people and mission moving to the 412<sup>th</sup> Test Wing. The test center will be led by Brig. Gen. Arnold Bunch, Jr. The center will oversee the command's test mission maintained at Edwards AFB, Eglin AFB and Arnold AFB, Tenn.

On July 18 at Eglin AFB, the 96<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing will be redesignated the 96<sup>th</sup> TW. The people and mission of the current 46<sup>th</sup> TW will transition to the newly designated 96<sup>th</sup> TW. Both the Eglin and Edwards AFBs' test wings will then align to the AFTC.

On July 6, the Arnold Engineering and Development Center at Arnold AFB, Tenn., will be redesignated as a complex and align with the test center at Edwards AFB.

The life cycle management, sustainment and test centers will be joined by the present Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB and the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirtland AFB, N.M., to complete the five-center line-up.

When complete, the actions delineated above will lead up to initial operational capability on Oct. 1, and full operational capability by mid-2013.

Gen. Wolfenbarger took command of AFMC on June 5, replacing Gen. Donald Hoffman. Lt. Gen. Moore will be replaced as vice commander by Lt. Gen. (sel) Andrew Busch, presently the commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill AFB.

#### Transition Dates:

- 6 July 2012 - Air Force Flight Test Center re-designated as the Air Force Test Center (AFTC)
- 6 July 2012 - Arnold Engineering and Development Center re-designated a complex
- 9 July 2012 - Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC) activation (ceremony on 20 Jul)
- 9 July 2012 - Air Force Security Assistance Center becomes the Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Directorate
- 10 July 2012 - Air Force Sustainment Center (AFSC) activation
- 10 July 2012 - Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center re-designated as an air logistics complex
- 11 July 2012 - Air Force Global Logistics Support Center transitions to AFSC
- 12 July 2012 - Ogden Air Logistics Center re-designated as a complex
- 13 July 2012 - Air Force Flight Test Center re-designation ceremony
- 13 July 2012 - 95 ABW mission and people at Edwards transition to the 412 TW
- 16 July 2012 - Electronic Systems Center transitions to AFLCMC
- 17 July 2012 - Warner Robins Air Logistics Center re-designated as a complex
- 18 July 2012 - Air Armament Center transitions to AFLCMC
- 18 July 2012 - 96 ABW at Eglin re-designated as 96 TW; people and mission of 46 TW transition to 96 TW
- 20 July 2012 - Aeronautical Systems Center transitions to AFLCMC; AFLCMC activation ceremony