

## Useful Air Force Web Sites

### Air Force Portal

The **Air Force Portal** is a Web-based system developed to incorporate as many Air Force information applications as possible. The result of such an integration is that systems such as the Virtual Military Personnel Flight or functional area applications, such as a munitions ordering or parts tracking system, would all be accessible from one Web site.

Log on to: <https://www.my.af.mil> to register.

### Virtual MPF

In the **Virtual Military Personnel Flight**, users can access various online personnel applications. The most popular applications are: Assignment notification briefings; Out processing; Awards and Decorations review; Data Verification Brief; and a review and update of the Record of Emergency Data.

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### AMS

The **Assignment Management System** lets all Airmen view their personal information, lets commanders weigh in on officer assignment preferences and provides a platform for eVector, an online mentoring tool. Enlisted people can view and volunteer for quarterly assignments and officers can fill out and update their preference worksheets.

Log on to: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afas/> to register.

### AFSPC Feedback

Direct feedback on the chatroom to the AFSPC Internal Information organizational mailbox: [afspc.pai@peterson.af.mil](mailto:afspc.pai@peterson.af.mil).



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**Gen. Lance W. Lord, AFSPC commander, fields questions on force development and space professional issues in what is believed to be the first use of the Air Force Portal for a command-wide Internet chat.**

# AFSPC pioneers chatroom

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— Though challenged by a few technical difficulties, the first chatroom hosted by AFSPC Commander Gen. Lance W. Lord recently was a foreshadowing of a new communication venue between the commander and AFSPC personnel.

"I like it, and I think we should do it as often as we can," General Lord said. "Let's work on the technology and do it again."

For several hours, AFSPC personnel worldwide were invited to join in a virtual meeting with General Lord to ask him questions on force development and space professional issues. The chatroom was operated via the Air Force Portal, using the Bantu Instant Messenger program. Users began logging in around 10:15 a.m., and by the time General Lord logged in at 11:15 a.m. to begin the discussions, approximately 150 users were logged in.

Once the amount of users approached 200 in both the room where General Lord was answering

questions and the room where AFSPC personnel were posing questions, the server stopped responding, causing the program to freeze. From approximately 11:30 a.m. on, it was impossible for General Lord and most AFSPC users to communicate, limiting viewing and responding capabilities during that time.

AFSPC logistics and communications personnel are working with the Air Force Chief Information Officer, Air Force Portal officials from Headquarters Standard Systems Group and the Bantu team to determine the system problems.

Due to the program difficulties, General Lord was unable to officially conclude the chatroom session, leaving many participants wondering what happened. He said he appreciated all the interest in the first chatroom and looks forward to the next session.

"As soon as the technical glitches get worked out, this is going to be something great," said Master Sgt. Juan Rocha, an information technology implementation manager with AFSPC who assisted in the set-up and design of the chatroom.