## 2020 Air Force Information, Technology, & Cyberpower Conference (AFITC)

## **CALL FOR PRESENTERS**

The Air Force Information Technology & Cyberpower (AFITC) Conference has been held annually in Montgomery, AL for 32 years since 1983. The conference was canceled in 2012 due to Sequestration and resumed in 2016. The 2020 AFITC will be held on 24-26 August 2020 at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa in the Convention Center.

AFITC historically served as one of the primary tools for keeping Air Force IT users, developers, and managers current on the latest technologies. Attendees also received a "vector check" from leading Government and industry experts on where the Air Force is heading with its IT strategy and applications. AFITC also allowed attendees to learn how to best apply the latest, cutting-edge technology to help the Air Force accomplish its air, space, and cyberspace missions.

The 2020 AFITC will bring together information technology professionals, cyber professionals, Air War College/Air Command and Staff College students and academicians, decision makers, users, providers, program managers, requirements generators, contracting officers, acquisition managers, and finance managers for two and a half days. The overarching focus will be advancing the effectiveness, thought, and dialog of the Nation's and Air Force's approach to cyber and the use of IT. It will address how to partner with industry in solving significant issues of freedom of operation within cyberspace, while simultaneously securing vital data in a medium that was never designed with security in mind. A major goal will be to help forge a path for future cyber strategies and initiatives to help maintain America's leadership in this critical domain. This year's theme is "Multi-Domain Effects...Integrating Data & Digital". To support this year's theme, seven (7) major topic areas for the break-out sessions have been established:

- Cyber Acquisitions
- Cyber Operations
- Cyber Policy & Strategy
- Data and Artificial Intelligence
- Cyber Doctrine
- Joint All-Domain Command and Control and Advanced Battle Management System
- Multi-domain effects

The AFITC Team is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation. There is a possibility that this year's event may be entirely virtual. If it is, we will work with the presenter to set up a video presentation—either live or pre-recorded. The AFITC Team will continue to work through the details and make a formal decision on the event format in the mid-June timeframe or earlier.

## Schedule for Topic Selection:

24 April	Release Call for Presenters
22 May	Abstracts Due
19 June	Complete Paper Review and Selection
26 June	Review Topics with SAF CN
10 July	Notify Presenters

7 August Final Briefing Submission (including organizations Public Affairs review)
14 August Final Breakout schedule notification

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If your organization would like to present at one of the 2020 AFITC breakout sessions, please complete the information below and include a 250-word (or less) abstract of the presentation <u>no later than</u> 15 May 2020. Please send your input to: <u>tiffany.crick.3@us.af.mil</u>. Members of the AFITC Committee will select presentations and notify presenters of the details at least 30 days prior to the conference.

Organization	Date submitted
Presenter	Topic
Topic Area (one of the 7 above)	
Address	
Phone	