



# Letter to Airmen

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## **New MAJCOM for the Cyberspace Mission**

Our role as an Air Force is to provide an array of capabilities for the Combatant Commanders to use as directed by the President. I'm proud to say that [our new cyberspace mission](#) has grown by leaps & bounds since we adopted it. We've said for years that "every computer is a weapon system," and the U.S. is the only nation that can fly and fight in cyberspace.

General Moseley and I recently sat down with other Air Force leaders to discuss a new major command for cyberspace operations. Our original idea was to expand AFSPC's role to include both outer- and cyber-space. But we soon discovered AFSPC doesn't "get" the cyberspace mission. They know how to fly satellites but they don't know how to fly data. That's why we need a new major command that can truly "fly and fight" in cyberspace.

I've decided to return the Air Force Communications Agency to its roots as a MAJCOM, to be called "Air Force Cyberspace Command." AFCC's new headquarters will be at "Microsoft Air Force Base," formerly McChord AFB.

If you know what it means to fly and fight in cyberspace — and if you'd like to ETS or retire at Microsoft AFB — then please complete an [AF Form 1261](#) and email it to your commander. It doesn't matter if you're in Security Forces or if you're in EOD. The Air Force desperately needs your cyberspace skills.

If you watch CNN during duty hours, you know North Korea threatened to wage war against the United Nations. The specter of a global cyber conflict is upon us. I've directed the new AFCC to reach initial operating capability ASAP so Combatant Commanders can fly and fight in North Korea's cyberspace.

No one wants to die in a war. But I know every blue-suiter is ready and willing to defend America's sovereign cyberspace. I recently assured Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld that, "our Airmen will put their lives on the line to defend U.S. computers." I meant every word of it, too.

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