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## **AFITC Update**

**MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE – GUNTER ANNEX, Ala.** -- Military and industry

leaders in information technology will convene in Montgomery Aug. 24-28 for the 2003

Air Force Information Technology Conference (AFITC) co-hosted by Headquarters

Standard Systems Group and the City of Montgomery.

Organizers estimate that 3,500 military and government employees and 1,500 vendors will attend.

"This is a power-packed week of superb military and industry keynote speakers," said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Josh Miller, AFITC chairman. "We'll have more than 165 in-depth technical seminars and workshops, and more than 170 vendors will showcase the latest technologies."

"Data disaster plans, protecting national security with a secure public network, hacker security and collaboration in the warfighting environment represent a minor sampling of the seminar topics to be discussed," Lieutenant Miller said.

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## ***AFITC Update***

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John Stenbit, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration and John Thompson, Symantec Corporation Chairman and CEO will lead off the opening day agenda. Steve Ballmer, CEO of Microsoft Corporation, is the keynote speaker for Industry Day.

The third day, known as Senior Communicator (SC) Day, is dedicated to Air Force communications and information, with presentations by Ted Waitt, Chairman and CEO of Gateway Inc., and a senior Air Force IT communicator.

“SC Day” emphasizes the importance of communications and information within the Air Force, Miller said. “It’s designed to emphasize the importance of SC activities by providing all communications and information personnel from base level to major command level an opportunity to meet and discuss current issues with their major command communications and information commanders.”

SC Day will conclude with the annual Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association banquet, featuring remarks from Lt. Gen. Michael Hayden, Director, National Security Agency and Chief, Central Security Service.

August 28<sup>th</sup> is reserved for local students. The Student Open House will introduce and educate students on the latest developments in information technology. The day’s events are designed to emphasize the importance of using information technology to enhance learning and provide an opportunity to discuss the growing use of IT in education with vendors who provide these products and services.

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## ***AFITC Update***

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The conference is open to all military and federal government employees. SSG and the City of Montgomery have hosted the conference since it began in 1983 as the Air Force Small Computer Conference. The year's event marks the 17<sup>th</sup> in a series of conferences since its inception.

The name change from Small Computer Conference to Information Technology Conference evolved with the broadening of the conference scope to incorporate the latest technology.

To register for AFITC, and to find more details about the conference, visit the AFITC website at <https://web1.ssg.gunter.af.mil/AFITC> or call DSN 596-4319; commercial 334-416-4319.

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