Air Force Cyber Command is Virtually Ready to Stand Up

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Air Force Cyber Command announced yesterday that they will meet their staffing requirements by temporarily operating virtually across nine locations. The Air Force has made it clear with this and previous moves that Cyber Command intends to make the best use of already available resources. In the AFCC press release, General Lord states that a main benefit of a virtual command is that it will "minimize environmental impacts".

As operations get under way, we can expect to see how this interim set up will affect the final basing decision. The Air Force may decide to continue running Cyber Command virtually across more than one base or continue with plans to completely relocate staff to one base.

Announced Locations and proposed personnel positions:

- Barksdale AFB, LA: 36
- Scott AFB, IL: 69
- Langley AFB, VA: 58
- Lackland AFB, TX: 43
- Tinker AFB, OK: 5
- Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ: 20
- Wright-Patterson AFB, OH: 13
- Hanscom AFB, MA: 7
- Griffiss ANGB: 2
- Peterson AFB, CO: Tentative

Six of the announced locations (LA, VA, TX, OH, MA and CO) are among the bases that are under consideration as the **permanent headquarters for the Air Force Cyber Command**. If AFCC continues their conservative approach to establishing the new headquarters, we can expect that the permanent location will be one of these six bases.

Where do you think the Air Force will base Cyber Command?

According to the 202 people that took our online poll, Langley AFB (23%) and Barksdale AFB (22%) are the most likely choices followed by Hanscom AFB (14%) and Wright-Patterson AFB (13%). It will not be surprising to see these bases become the final four when the Air Force chooses the short-list this summer.