



Former commander pays visit to AFTAC

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11/6/2012 - **PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.** -- A former commander of the Air Force Technical Applications Center paid a visit to his old stomping grounds to get a fresh look at how the unit has grown since his tenure.

Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper stopped by the nuclear treaty monitoring center Nov. 2 prior to his guest speaking engagement at the 45th Space Wing's Air Force Ball. Clapper, who served as AFTAC's commander from June 1984 to May 1985, is currently serving as the Director of National Intelligence, the principal intelligence advisor to the president.

He took time out of his schedule to tour the AFTAC Operations Center, receive a quick mission briefing, observe the ongoing construction for AFTAC's new headquarters building, and conduct a Town Hall meeting with AFTAC personnel.

"AFTAC has always been an impressive organization, but to see how much the organization has grown since I was here is even more impressive," said Clapper during the town hall meeting. "Your capabilities are more robust, you've automated and streamlined so much of your mission, and your scope of responsibility has expanded far greater than when I was here a quarter century ago."

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