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## **Col. Marc Packler Receives Association of Defense Communities Military Leadership Award**

June 10, 2019, Washington, D.C.—Col Marc Packler has been honored with the 2019 Military Leadership Award from the Association of Defense Communities (ADC). Dr. Ronda Sauget, CEO of Leadership Council Southwest Illinois, presented the award to Packler at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., during the 2019 Defense Communities National Summit.

Packler serves as the Commander of the 375th Communications Group at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He provides cybersecurity capabilities to three total force flying wings and 28 missions to assist in their global reach missions. Under his leadership, his personnel operate cyberspace hub supporting systems and infrastructure for the Department of Defense at more than 200 sites around the world.

Packler's work places a high focus on youth education. He has worked to provide more than 14,000 students with access to cyber and STEM education through local partnerships.

"Col. Packler's leadership has propelled the St. Clair region towards becoming a cyber, security and STEM education leader," said ADC President Bill Parry. "He has displayed a deep dedication to spearheading intelligent infrastructure projects at Scott AFB and ensuring strong community workforce development partnerships."

Another area of importance for Packler focuses on intelligent infrastructure improvement across the country. He has been an instrument in large projects to renew, harden, and fortify aging hardware. This has enabled certain contracts to be effected, allowing professionals to be contracted to put the improvements in place.

"Col. Packler's enthusiastic leadership has strengthened our cyber defense posture and educated the next generation of cyberspace warriors, all while developing the workforce at Scott Air Force Base through numerous community partnerships," said Col. Joseph Meyer, Installation Commander of the 375th Air Mobility Wing. "These efforts have had a huge positive impact both on and off the base."

ADC ([defensecommunities.org](http://defensecommunities.org)) builds resilient communities that support America's military. It is the nation's leading association representing communities and states with a significant military presence and their partner organizations. It unites the diverse interests of communities, states, the private sector and the military on issues such as protecting defense infrastructure, community-military partnerships, defense real estate, mission growth, base redevelopment, and support for military families and veterans.