

# THE ELEVATE EFFECT

November Novelties

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## Who Is Elevate?

Elevate is currently made up of a 6-person team from 4 different career fields that manages the 375th AMW Commander's Innovation program. We work to find creative ways to solve any type of challenge the Wing, Squadrons, or Scott's mission partners encounter. Our office space is located on the 2nd floor of the Warmer Fitness Center, which includes our lab made up of 3-D printers, laser engravers, and more! Contact us at: [375AMW.SAFB.Elevate@us.af.mil](mailto:375AMW.SAFB.Elevate@us.af.mil)

*Elevate offers some unique opportunities like 3-D printing classes. Check out our quick Links!*

*To request services from Elevate: [click here](#)  
To request a seat for a 3D printing class: [click here](#)*

## New Faces at the Spark Cell!

### 1st Lt Carolyn Spotts

#### Innovation Officer

Carolyn is currently a C21 pilot in the 458<sup>th</sup> AS. She arrived at Scott in December 2023 from pilot training at Laughlin AFB. Having just moved to Elevate, Lt. Spotts is hoping to utilize what she is learning in her additive manufacturing master's program on wing projects. She is excited to work and learn from the team at Elevate!



*Pictured here is the newest member of the Elevate office, 1st Lt Carolyn Spotts.*

# STEEL CARDINAL

Last month the Elevate office had the opportunity to deploy our RAVEN communications rover and mesh node with the 126th ARW to Gulfport, MS for their Steel Cardinal Combat Readiness Inspection. Upon arrival, members who had never worked with the RAVEN before were able to remove a partially assembled rover and, following written instructions, fully assemble it and start operating within thirty minutes. They then proceeded to run it through a series of tests, covering a range of parameters such as node connectivity at different ranges, battery life, network throughput, and the overall durability of the chassis and components. We appreciate their willingness to test our product and be innovative during their exercise!



## Mark Your Calendars: FY2026 Wing SIF Competition Is on the Horizon!

Get ready to spark innovation—planning for the FY2026 Wing Squadron Innovation Fund (SIF) competition is officially underway! Now's the time to start brainstorming bold, forward-thinking project ideas that could make a real impact. Have an idea that you think could streamline your workflow or fix an issue that has plagued you for years? We want to hear from you!

Based on last year's timeline, we anticipate receiving budget details any day now, with full competition guidance to follow shortly after.

Got questions or want to bounce around ideas? The Elevate team is here to help—don't hesitate to reach out!

If you want to see what kind of things people have already been put forward, check out the Vision website at: <https://vision.il4.afwerx.dso.mil/initiatives/explore>