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'Next up' strategy requires ready Airmen

'Hey John, when you get back from C-17 re-qual you'll be on G-series orders. The squadron is yours."

That completed my handover of squadron commander responsibilities to my operations officer on Nov. 9, 2016. I returned to the seat nearly five months later on April 3.

Needless to say, last fall was an exciting time for the 821st Contingency Response Group. The group rapidly deployed two air base opening teams to austere and hostile locations in Iraq and Syria. Both missions were enormously successful and directly contributed to the ongoing



Commentary by Lt. Col. Robert Rayner
921ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE SQUADRON

fight against the Islamic State in Mosul, Iraq and Raqqa, Syria. The missions employed over 100 CRG airmen spanning all three CRG squadrons. Although the mission of the group is to deploy as a squadron or as a group, theoretically "turning out the lights" on the home station squadron, that was not the case.

Despite deploying over 100 airmen including the group commander, the deputy group commander, two squadron commanders, one chief, numerous senior noncommissioned officers and officers, the home station squadrons definitely kept the lights on. The in-garrison

Commander's Commentary

mission of the CRG did not end. Air Mobility Command taskings continued; there were airmen to lead, reports to complete, training to accomplish, and most importantly, families of deployers to support. It was during this time that the CRG relied upon the "next up" strategy.

With very little if any handover, the one remaining squadron commander became the acting group commander, three operations officers became acting squadron commanders, assistant operations officers assumed operations officer responsibilities and so on down the line. Squadron chiefs, already in

leadership positions, were asked to do even more, and squadron first sergeants stepped up to provide much needed continuity. This was not a simple one or two week stand-in that is commonplace in every squadron – in this case both deployments spanned over three months. In my squadron, the 921st Contingency Response Squadron, Maj. John Berger, Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Whitley and Master Sgt. Brandon Gallant led boldly in my absence. They executed the mission, championed training and supported our Airmen and their families. Their willingness to lead and dedication to our squadron left a lasting impression on me and all the airmen of the 921st CRS.

In the CRG and the Air Force at large, our airmen must first

own their primary duty. It is the badge you wear on your uniform, it is your craft and area of expertise. However, we must also look to the future and deliberate in professional development, seizing leadership opportunities and challenging airmen to expand their horizons to take on the next role and the responsibilities that come along with it. Making time for professional development outside of required professional military education and training upgrades is difficult, and it is often the first item cut when the mission cranks up. However, as we witnessed this fall, it is essential to prepare the next airman up.

Ask yourself, Are you ready for the next role? Am I developing that next leader? Next Airman up.



Commentary by Senior Master Sgt. Ricky Smith
921ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE SQUADRON

Growing as person can require discomfort

A long time ago at a base far far away, my chief used to send out daily quotes and excerpts from John C. Maxwell and other famous leadership authors. One day the message really resonated with me.

Specifically, the message quoted Ronald E. Osborne: "Unless you do something beyond what you've already mastered, you will never grow."

Indeed, many years before I read that message I was a kid from Fort Wayne, Indiana, who had mastered

Enlisted Commentary

his high school job working at a small grocery store and sought a more promising career in the Air Force. That required me to leave the comforts of home to positively contribute to our society. There was more than a little uneasiness as I stepped off the bus at basic military training and met my military training instructor for the first time. Six weeks later, I was officially an Airman. Time and time again my adult life

has presented me with countless situations of discomfort, from my first duty station 7,000 miles away from home, to my first college paper, to almost every deployment in the Middle East. Yet, each situation allowed me to grow, as an Airman, a leader and a human being.

So what's the big deal with the quote? Up until that day I saw change, and the subsequent uneasiness that came with it, as a bad thing or at best, maybe a necessary evil to move up through the ranks. In my mind, change was an obstacle that got in the

way of mastering my craft. I was that Airman who didn't like starting over at a new duty section, felt unproductive and disliked being the new guy. My uneasiness increased as I entered into the noncommissioned officer tier, because "I was an NCO, I should know it already." I enjoyed being the "go-to" person in the shop and valued being the (self-proclaimed) expert. Luckily for me, my supervision and the Air Force knew better. They always pushed me outside

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On the cover

A red-tailed hawk takes flight, April 3. Red-tailed hawks can be seen across the United States with variations of color morphs, but all with the characteristic red tail once they reach maturity.

U.S. Air Force photo/Heide Couch



Airman 1st Class Cristine Barcellos Toffano, 60th Comptroller Squadron, poses for photos June 9 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Barcellos Toffano grew up in Brazil and joined the U.S. Air Force in September 2016. As a member of the 60th CPTS, she is part of a diverse unit joining Airmen from seven different countries.

U.S. Air Force photo and photo illustration by Heide Couch

Adventurous spirit leads Brazilian to Air Force

Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Editor's note: This article is the first in a three-part series on diversity.

At the age of 5 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, she told her family she would live abroad. She focused on making that dream a reality and did just that in March 2011.

"I wanted to live abroad ever since I was very young.

I wanted to see the world and told my parents that I would," said Airman 1st Class Cristine Barcellos Toffano, 60th Comptroller Squadron budget analyst. "I had the opportunity to go to Canada for about 40 days to study English in Quebec. I really enjoyed that experience. It was a challenge."

While studying in Canada, Barcellos Toffano, who also speaks Portuguese and understands Spanish, traveled to New York City with friends.

The visit to one of America's biggest cities was a thrilling experience, she said.

"It's hard to explain, but I felt like this is where I want to live," she said. "I was amazed after visiting New York. All the lights, the structures, movement of people and the quality of life."

Those 40 days in Canada quickly flew by and the young scholar found herself back in Brazil researching how she could live and work in the

United States. She said she saved approximately \$40,000 before deciding to make the move, a decision she said was the best of her life.

"Here you have so many opportunities, if you work hard," said Barcellos Toffano. "In Brazil, you may not see the money you've earned for all that hard work. It can be very dangerous. While the country is beautiful and there's much to do, the country doesn't have good schools,

security and lacks good hospitals."

"In the U.S. there's more opportunity, greater security and good schools. I feel like (in the United States) no matter what you do, you can still manage to have a decent life," she said.

Barcellos Toffano traveled to the United States in March 2011 and settled in Mountain View, California. She studied business administration at

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60th AMW vice commander set to depart



U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Briscese

Col. Corwin Pauly, third from right, 60th Air Mobility Wing vice commander, takes his last flight June 13 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., before heading to Scott Air Force Base, Ill. Pauly took his fini-flight with the 22nd Airlift Squadron on a C-5M Super Galaxy.

Airmen asked to comment on safety

John Wooden
AIR FORCE SAFETY CENTER

KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. — To gain insight and perspective from all Air Force stakeholders, the Air Force Safety Center requests informal comments on the draft revision of Air Force Instruction 91-203, Air Force Consolidated Occupational Safety Instruction.

The AFI is the Air Force's Occupational Safety and Health instruction and defines the Air Force's minimum safety, fire prevention and occupational health standards. The current version, published in 2012, is among the top five publications viewed every week on the Air Force e-Publishing website.

The solicitation of comments from active-duty Airmen and civilian employees is similar to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration practice of public announcement on safety standards.

"Openness is very important to the Air Force Chief of Safety," said Bill Parsons, the chief

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Travis father, daughter face different stages of career

Nick DeCicco
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Just before she was about to leave for basic military training, Gabrielle Honeycutt started freaking out.

"I was really scared," she said. "I was shaking and crying and everything."

Gabrielle was a shy and timid teenager, saying she was "scared to even just change in general," so the move of going to basic training weighed heavy on her.

Comfort came from a familiar voice: Her father, Jerry Honeycutt, a senior master sergeant and the 60th Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment superintendent at Travis Air Force Base, California.

"He was like, 'It's going to be OK. I was in the same position as you. You're going to be OK. I made it. You'll make it,'" said Gabrielle. "(From) that moment to where I am now, I feel like I've grown so much and have changed for the better. A lot of it has to do with him."

Gabrielle is now Airman Honeycutt, an E-2 and radiology trainee with the 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron at Travis' David Grant USAF Medical Center.

The two are in different phases of their careers – Jerry retires soon while Gabrielle begins her service – but the luxury of being stationed at the same base isn't lost on them as Father's Day approaches June 18.

Gabrielle and her dad are planning to check out the redwoods on Northern California's Pacific Coast as well as spend time together as a family.

Jerry, a former Air Force recruiter near St. Louis, Missouri, where Gabrielle spent much of her teen years, said he knew the Air Force was a good fit for his daughter.

"I knew her confidence level would skyrocket and after basic (training), it really, really has," he said. "For me, to see her go through that – not even the Air Force part of me, just the dad part of me – seeing her transition into that, she's just ready for the world now."

Gabrielle is doing her "phase

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U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Sarah Johnson

Airman Gabrielle Honeycutt, 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron radiology trainee, poses with her father, Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Honeycutt, 60th Operations Support Squadron Aircrew Flight Equipment superintendent, June 13 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

<p>Name: Senior Airman Leanne Doughty.</p> <p>Unit: 6th Air Refueling Squadron.</p> <p>Duty title: Administrator.</p> <p>Hometown: Tracy, California.</p>	<p>Time in service: Four years.</p> <p>Family: Father, Jim; grandfather, Earl; grandmother, Leeah.</p> <p>What are your goals? Completing Community College of the Air Force, earning a Bachelor of Science in business administration,</p>	<p>obtain a pilot's license, apply to Officer Training School.</p> <p>What are your hobbies? Music, photography and drawing.</p> <p>What is your greatest achievement? Making my father proud by enlisting.</p>
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Honorary commanders from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., tour David Grant USAF Medical Center on June 9.

Civic leaders tour DGMC

Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The medics of David Grant USAF Medical Center hosted an immersion tour for 15 honorary commanders June 9, showcasing the capabilities of the Air Force's flagship medical center.

"You are in the house of miracles right now," said Col. John Klein, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, during the opening remarks of the tour. "This hospital is a microcosm of the installation. They have all the functions our wing has to generate aircraft except their weapon system is military medicine."

David Grant USAF Medical Center provides a full spectrum of health care and patient-centered treatment to more than 500,000 beneficiaries within the San Francisco-Sacramento region. DGMC also provides postgraduate training programs in family medicine, radiology, surgery, dentistry, oral surgery and more.

The campus includes the Veteran Affairs Fairfield Outpatient Clinic, a clinical

investigation facility, a community-supported Fisher House, the largest Hyperbaric Medicine chamber on the West Coast and the Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratory.

"We heal heroes, we protect heroes and we train heroes," said Col. Michael Higgins, 60th Medical Group commander. "We are part of the world's most lethal and respected Air Force. Our heroes deserve a medical system that is the best on the planet."

Honorary commanders — who are leaders and professionals in local business and government — toured several of DGMC's medical facilities to include the En-Route Patient Staging Facility, laboratory, hyperbaric chamber, physical and occupational therapy facility, logistics warehouse, Clinical Investigations Facility and Fisher House II.

"Throughout my tenure as an honorary commander, I've had the opportunity to tour DGMC three separate times and I still experience areas and programs I've never seen before," said Monte Hoover, Travis Regional Armed Forces

Committee chairman and local business owner. "As a business leader, I'm always impressed with the quality of the individuals and the passion they have in their craft."

The Honorary Commanders Program allows professionals from a variety of areas to partner with commanders to strengthen and foster the relationship between Travis and the local community.

The program serves to enhance civic appreciation of the need and value of the Air Force, to maximize opportunities to share the Air Force story and communicate that the Air Force and sister service partner leaders share mutual interests, concerns and challenges with civilian stakeholders.

The vast majority of those serving in the Honorary Commanders Program have little to no prior military experience. For many, the program serves as an opportunity to interact and witness the behind the scenes efforts needed to execute the installation's rapid global mobility mission-set and support functions.

"The general public doesn't

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Travis supports veterans through mentorship



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Branden Rhines, of Fairfield, Calif., is congratulated June 5 by friends and family upon graduating from Solano County Drug Court.

Senior Airman Amber Carter
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Mentorship plays a major role in the development of military members. Being a good wingman and providing support to peers applies to veterans even after their service has ended, especially when they are going through a rough time in their lives.

The Veteran's Treatment Court of Solano County, operated by the Superior Court of California, provides a way for veterans, who could otherwise be sentenced to county jail or state prison, to rehabilitate through support and treatment.

Participants are offered services, support and strategies that promote treatment efforts, to include a mentor for each participant.

"You will be assigned a volunteer veteran mentor from the community to support your efforts to create a better life," reads the VTC Participant Handbook. "Your mentor is your peer and wants to

work with you to help you succeed. He or she will be a valuable resource for you."

Master Sgt. Brianna Hunt, 60th Force Support Squadron Sgt. Paul P. Ramoneda Airman Leadership School Commandant, has been a mentor program coordinator and an active mentor with the VTC Program for two-and-a-half years.

"The previous command chief (of the 60th Air Mobility Wing), Chief Master Sgt. Alan Boling, enlisted my help in coordinating an active duty partnership with the Solano County Veterans Treatment Court, so that the veterans know they truly are not forgotten or left behind simply because they hung up the uniform," said Hunt.

In order to qualify for the VTC program, an individual must be a veteran who alleges that he or she committed a criminal offense as a result of sexual trauma, traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse or mental health problems stemming from

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Travis protects migrating species

Merrie Schilter-Lowe
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

About 9 a.m. May 31, airfield operations personnel at Travis Air Force Base, California, witnessed a not so unusual sight, but unusual for that time of day.

Eight juvenile California tiger salamanders were trying to cross the runway in search of a burrow on the opposite side of the flightline. Six survived.

Airfield operations contacted Penn Craig, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, to relocate the survivors.

Sensitive to rain and high humidity, the juvenile salamanders are migrating from their ponds to live in burrows built by other small animals, such as squirrels and gophers, said Craig, biologist and the base's natural and cultural resource manager. With the recent rain, 11 more CTS have died on the airfield, he said.

"We relocated 78 juvenile CTS today (June 12) after the rain on Sunday," said Craig.



U.S. Air Force photo/Heide Couch

A juvenile California tiger salamander migrates June 9 across the Travis Air Force Base, Calif., airfield in search of a suitable burrow.

Only biologists with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approval can touch CTS, he said.

Although juvenile CTS migrate June to July, they do so at night. Overcast skies in the early morning and late afternoon likely convinced them it was time to migrate, said Craig.

"Adult CTS spend 90 percent of their time in burrows and migrate at night to breeding ponds during the wet

season, October to April," said Craig.

The base is surrounded by 17 breeding ponds, which makes most of Travis CTS territory. The salamanders will travel more than a mile from a breeding pond to find a burrow, said Craig.

Four threatened and endangered species like the CTS live on base. The list also includes

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Aaron Porcil, son of Maj. Frank Porcil, 60th Surgical Operations Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., strums his guitar May 9. Aaron is an accomplished singer, songwriter and basketball player who attributes much of his talents to his unique experiences as a military kid.

AF realigns Grand Forks under ACC

Air Combat Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Mobility Command and Air Combat Command commanders have agreed to the realignment of the 319th Air Base Wing, Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota, to ACC effective June 13.

The move will align Grand Forks AFB, which hosts active duty RQ-4 Global Hawk operations, under the major command that organizes, trains and equips Airmen to perform remotely piloted aircraft missions.

"This realignment places a base that is focused on the RPA mission under the command with responsibility for it," said Gen. Mike Holmes the ACC commander. "I have no doubt that by streamlining the organization, we can find new and better ways to support and carry out this important mission."

Approximately 1,400 people will transfer from AMC's 319th ABW to

ACC under the realignment, but will continue to support RQ-4 operations by collocated squadrons belonging to the 69th Reconnaissance Group of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, California.

"I am proud of the Airmen of Grand Forks AFB for their tireless dedication to (the) mission, the Air Force and Air Mobility Command," said Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II, the AMC commander. "The realignment will be relatively transparent to Airmen as they transition to Air Combat Command and continue to make critical contributions to national defense."

Grand Forks Air Force Base opened in 1957. The 319th ABW had been under AMC since October 1993.

Previously, the base was under ACC for just more than a year from June 1992 until the switch to AMC one year later.

The base was under Air Defense Command when it began in 1957.

Military life shapes 'World Kid'

2nd Lt. Sarah Johnson

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

There are times when being a military kid is difficult. There is no place to really call home, no friends you've grown up

with since kindergarten, and no sports team or club that has invested in you through childhood. However, in between frequent moves, changing friends and new adjustments lies something incredibly special: the

unique privilege and responsibility of being a "world kid."

High school junior Aaron Porcil knows this better than anyone. His father, Maj. Frank Porcil, 60th Surgical

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Tara Fadenrecht

Brig. Gen. Paul Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing commander from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., conducts pre-flight checks on Doc, a restored B-29 Superfortress June 9 at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan.

Grandson of Enola Gay pilot flies refreshed B-29

Senior Airman Tara Fadenrecht
22ND AIR REFUELING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. — Wichita's beloved B-29 Superfortress, Doc, took to the skies yet again June 9 from McConnell Air Force Base, this time with an added aspect of historical significance and Air Force heritage.

Sitting in the co-pilot seat was Brig. Gen. Paul Tibbets IV, the 509th Bomb Wing commander. Taking control of the aircraft

means he has now flown the only two currently operational B-29s, Doc and Fifi.

In 1998, Tibbets IV, flew Fifi with his grandfather, retired Brig. Gen. Paul Tibbets Jr., who piloted the B-29 Enola Gay when the aircraft and its crew dropped an atomic bomb on Japan, helping end World War II.

"The only time I ever flew with my grandfather was with Fifi," said Tibbets IV. "He had

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Base hosts Vacation Bible School



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Sarah Johnson

An volunteer leads a group of children in a glow in the dark song-and-dance routine during Vacation Bible School June 9 at the Twin Peaks Chapel at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Vacation Bible School is an ecumenical chapel annual event open to all military and Department of Defense civilians where kids ages 3 to 12 enjoy crafts, snacks and faith-building games. This year, approximately 200 children and 50 volunteers were involved.

US, Iraqi forces recover, return pallets to DOD

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Hehny
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Air transportation specialists assigned to the 370th Air Expeditionary Air Advisory Group began recovering more than \$2.1 million in U.S. Air Force aerial port assets from Iraqi air force counterparts.

Aerial porters at the Baghdad Diplomatic Support Center have recovered more than 1,500 aircraft pallets and 1,600 cargo nets to date, which were used for foreign military sales cargo destined for the Iraqi military fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria in Mosul.

"The coordination movement was a huge undertaking," said Tech. Sgt. Seth Lobdell, an air advisor for air transportation assigned to the 770th Air Expeditionary Advisory Squadron. "We had to coordinate the movement with the Department of State, the U.S. Army

and the Iraqi air force to be able to reclaim these items to be put back into service, saving the Air Force overall purchasing cost in the long run."

Normally, the pallets would go unclaimed and would be lost within the system. The air advisors identified the need to reclaim the assets for the Air Mobility Command and Defense Department, eliminating the need to purchase more.

The 463L pallet, and its top and two side nets, make up the main air-cargo pallet system of the U.S. Air Force, averaging approximately \$1,500 per pallet and net set. According to Lobdell, everything that goes on an aircraft in loose boxes needs to be placed onto these pallets and netted down, in order to prevent anything from damaging the aircraft in flight.

Once the pallet systems are recovered from aerial ports throughout Iraq, they're

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Luke temporarily halts local F-35 operations

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WASHINGTON — The 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, cancelled local flying operations June 9 for F-35A Lightning II aircraft due to a series of five incidents in which pilots have experienced hypoxia-like symptoms.

According to base officials, since May 2, five F-35A pilots assigned to Luke AFB have reported physiological incidents while flying. In each case, the aircraft's backup oxygen system operated as designed and the pilot followed

the correct procedures, landing the aircraft safely.

"In order to synchronize operations and maintenance efforts toward safe flying operations we have cancelled local F-35A flying," said Brig. Gen. Brook Leonard, the 56th FW commander. "The Air Force takes these physiological incidents seriously, and our focus is on the safety and well-being of our pilots. We are taking the necessary steps to find the root cause of these incidents."

Wing officials will educate U.S. and international pilots today on the situation and increase their awareness of

hypoxia symptoms.

Pilots will also be briefed on all the incidents that have occurred and the successful actions taken by pilots to safely recover their aircraft. Flight medicine will brief physiological symptoms and the extensive measures that are being taken to analyze data collected from the incidents.

Finally, the 56th Operations Group will hold an open forum to discuss any concerns pilots may have given these recent occurrences.

The local flying operations cancellation is limited to Luke AFB.

Social media sparks Retention Task Force

Master Sgt. Kristine Dreyer
AIR MOBILITY COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command stood up the AMC Aviation Retention Task Force May 3 after receiving more than 600 responses to a video published on social media in mid-April to solicit ideas regarding Air Force aviation retention concerns.

"We've received a tremendous outpouring of response to the aviation retention challenges," said Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II, AMC commander. "We're actively considering all inputs to determine what potential solutions may be implemented and how best to inform policy."

Responses to the request for ideas were received from a diverse cross section of career fields and ranks spanning multiple services, and ranged from quality of life initiatives to career progression concerns.

"The team is pouring over inputs provided by Airmen from throughout AMC," said Brig. Gen. Samuel Mahaney, AMC deputy director of operations and AMC Aviation Retention Task Force chair. "We

are listening to AMC Airmen, acknowledging their informed observations, and considering both their evolutionary and revolutionary suggestions."

According to Everhart, the pilot resource scarcity is not a temporary challenge. The current and forecasted pilot supply will not meet future demands of both the military and commercial sectors.

"Over the next four years more than 1,600 mobility pilots will become eligible to separate," said Everhart. "If current trends continue, Mobility Air Force will be short more than 400 pilots by fiscal year 2022 illustrating the pilot shortage is not looming; it is here."

AMC leadership recognize the constants, a demand for mobility services in any future global environment and the reliance on total force solutions to resolve force challenges.

"Every Airman is unique with specific skills used to accomplish the mission effectively," said Mahaney. "As a group, AMC Airmen have (varied) retention concerns. We deploy differently, we train differently,

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Birds migrate through Travis airspace



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60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

If you look up at the sky over Travis Air Force Base, California, you can expect to observe several flying machines, most often the heavy-lift C-5M Super Galaxy, C-17 Globemaster III or KC-10 Extender aircraft that are based here, along with many transient flights that arrive and depart daily at one of the busiest Air Force bases in Air Mobility Command.

But, if you take the time to notice, occasionally you will see something else that shares airspace with the planes and helicopters flying overhead.

Travis lies well within the Pacific Fly Way, a major north-south passage for migratory birds in America, extending from Alaska to Patagonia. Every year, migratory birds travel some or all of this distance both in spring and fall, following food sources, heading to breeding grounds, or travelling to overwintering sites.

Eagles, hawks, vultures, owls, harriers, kites and falcons use Travis' federally protected open space as a resource, some just passing through, others nest here during breeding season, and others are residents year-round.

It is common to see these beautiful creatures from a distance, much more rare to receive a nearly hands-on experience, but that's exactly what biologist Penn Craig, natural and cultural resources manager with the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, got on a recent visit to the California Raptor Center at the University of California, Davis.

"My background consists of approximately 18 years as an environmental regulator for the states of Georgia and Florida where I was involved with the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act Section 319 and the Clean Air Act," said Craig.

Craig also served as the senior laboratory scientist in Georgia's Environmental Trace Metal Laboratory.

He has held his current post at Travis since Feb. 23, 2015.

As part of his work, Craig is responsible for keeping track of various species of flora and fauna found on base, to include birds of prey.

"Currently we don't know how many species of raptors make their nests on base," he said. "We do know that, at a minimum, a pair of Swainson's Hawks, and a pair of Red-shouldered Hawks may be nesting in the wooded area by the North gate. Swainson's Hawks were nesting in the Hangar Avenue and Ragsdale Street area last year and on tree near the South gate."

"Routinely, say once every five or so years, we try to update our wildlife

inventory," said Craig. "However, with limited funding and limited Natural Resources personnel, we tend to spend more time on listed species (those protected by the Endangered Species Act) and other sensitive species. For example, the California tiger salamander, Contra Costa goldfield, burrowing owl, and tri-colored blackbirds."

Travis is required to protect listed species under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Birds and aircraft don't mix, and Travis has utilized various methods to ensure the safety of mission operations.

"In most situations the Bird Aircraft Safety Hazard team is on site to coordinate with the airfield tower to use non-lethal methods to remove birds and other wildlife from the airfield," said Craig.

Craig has spent most of his life in the eastern half of the United States and wanted to become more familiar with identifying the birds of prey found in the Travis area by visiting the CRC.

The mission of the CRC is to rehabilitate and, when possible, release injured or orphaned birds of prey. Birds that can't be released due to their injuries are kept at the center on display or used as educational outreach birds. The CRC takes between 300 and 350 raptors each year, successfully returning about 60 percent to the wild.

Retired Master Sgt. Randy Couch, who served as a first sergeant at Travis, has been a volunteer at the CRC for over five years. Couch guided Craig through the CRC's facilities and provided information on the birds kept there.

"I've always been interested in wildlife and volunteered at the Suisun Wildlife Center for a year," said Couch. "I took a raptor handling class at the California Raptor Center and was hooked. Soon I was volunteering here and I am always learning something new about these birds. They're fascinating. My wife and I often go birding on Travis Air Force Base and it's amazing that such a busy, bustling place has such a wide variety of raptors and other birds in abundance."

Couch and two other CRC volunteers brought education birds out so Craig could get a close look at a Golden Eagle, a Swainson's Hawk and a White-tailed Kite, all common local birds. Craig was also shown young Northern Harriers, one of which was hatched at the center, and both of which will be released back into the wild as soon as they are able to fly well enough and fend for themselves.

For information on the CRC and other local wildlife rehabilitation centers and how you can help, visit <http://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/calraptor/index.cfm>, <http://www.suisunwildlife.org> or <https://lindsaywildlife.org>.



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1) A pair of Swainson's hawks hide in branches of a eucalyptus tree April 14 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. 2) A pair of red-shoulder hawks perch on a branch of a eucalyptus tree April 21 at Travis. 3) Penn Craig, Natural and Cultural Resources Manager with the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, gets a side-by-side comparison of Swainson's hawks June 8 from Mel Martinez at the California Raptor Center at University of California, Davis. 4) Retired Master Sgt. Randy Couch, volunteer with the California Raptor Center, describes the attributes of a golden eagle at the California Raptor Center. 5) A barn owl roosts in a eucalyptus tree April 21 at Travis. 6) Whistler, a Swainson's hawk, displays the intricate markings on the underside of its wings and tail June 8 at the California Raptor Center. The Swainson's hawk is a regular visitor at Travis, often nesting on base.

Task force

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we exercise differently, and we are constantly in demand. This is why it is so important that our solutions create a quality of service that allows Airmen to execute their mission without unneeded distractions and maintain a quality of life that allows Airmen and their families to thrive.”

Today, the Air Force Reserve pilot manning is at 94 percent and 85 percent for the Air National Guard, which comprise 60 percent of the total Mobility Air Force capability in manpower and aircraft.

According to Everhart, the aviation retention concern is a total force issue.

“With the Mobility Air Forces, ensuring a strong Total Force perspective and capability is critical, because a manning deficit in any one area impacts the collective team,” said Everhart.

By fostering transparent, productive dialogue among the aviation community, AMC capitalizes on Airmen ingenuity to fully address retention issues for aircrew, maintenance and possibly a multitude of other career fields across the command.

“Because of General Everhart’s leadership in requesting

frank and forthright input from AMC Airmen, we now have hundreds of individual inputs from across AMC,” said Mahaney. “Those inputs are front and center and are truly the driving factor of this effort.”

Everhart most recently used the task force to prepare inputs when he attended the National Pilot Shortage meeting with Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein May 18 in Alexandria, Virginia. Everhart and Goldfein met with airline executives, union representatives, and Air Force and sister-service aviation leaders to discuss ways to improve collaboration between airlines and the military.



Courtesy photo
Members of the Iraqi Air Force and the U.S. Army's 574th Combat Support Command work together to load recovered 463L pallets onto an U.S. Army truck April 16 at Al Muthana Air Base, Iraq.

Pallets

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inspected, cleaned, separated between good and bad and either shipped back to the U.S. or kept in theater.

“This is a good program across the AOR, not only in recovering assets and saving the Air Force money, but in training and benefit for the Iraqi air force,” said Master Sgt. Robert Gage, aerial port superintendent at BDSC with the 442nd Air Expeditionary Squadron. “As we recover these assets we teach the Iraqis how to properly store and maintain the pallets and nets so they can be reused

and put back into the aerial port system. Once back in the system they can be used to transport cargo that is delivered to them through the foreign military sales and Iraqi training and equipment fund programs as well as aid in their fight against ISIS.”

The initiative that started at BDSC and Al Muthana Air Base has now spread to other forward operating bases, resulting in the recovery of additional pallets, according to Gage.

“There are air transportation specialists all throughout the AOR in Iraq that have been working alongside their coalition partners and reclaiming

assets,” said Lobdell. “Right now the cost savings out of Iraq is huge.”

With more than \$2.1 million in assets already recovered, Lobdell and Gage hope to pass the initiative to the next group of air advisors to continue this cost savings process.

“It was really nice to work with our partners, the Iraqi military, to be able to accomplish this,” said Lobdell. “It’s something that started here and has been able to take off across the AOR. It’s monumental in the fact that several people have come together to make sure all of this stuff flows back in and out of the country the way it’s supposed to.”

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Species

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the vernal pool fairy shrimp, vernal pool tadpole and the Contra Costa goldfield – an annual that flourishes March through June.
 Like the CTS, these species live in or near the more than 800 areas with vernal pool and wetland features on base. Most of these areas are off-limits to base personnel. Anyone who comes in

contact with a CTS should contact Craig at 707-424-8354.
 “Penalties for harassing, harming or killing a CTS ranges from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and up to 12 months in jail,” said Craig. “Federal and state laws require everyone on base to conserve and protect threatened and endangered species.”
 Under the Endangered Species Act, species may be listed as endangered or threatened. Endangered means a species is in danger of extinction

throughout all or a significant portion of its range. Threatened means a species is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future.
 Federal law also protects the burrowing owl – a long-term resident at Travis – the tricolored blackbird and Swanson hawk that have recently been sited on base, said Craig.
 “The critical time for protecting birds is during the nesting season, February through August,” he said.

Tour

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always get to see the accomplishments and successes of Travis Air Force Base,” said Hoover. “As honorary commanders, we get to be the ambassadors within the community and share those accomplishments. Serving as an honorary commander has been an incredibly rewarding experience.”
 Vacaville fire chief and

newly inducted honorary commander Kris Concepcion, echoed Hoover's sentiments.
 “Although new to the program, I have already had many positive experiences including tours of the installation's facilities and interacting with my partner commander,” he said. “The program is important to me because it allows me to (meet) families with Travis Air Force Base and the Air Force in general. This is vitally important because Travis plays such a big part in the city of Vacaville.”

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Mentorship

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service in the United States military.

"The majority of military members join very young and grow up in the military with the guidance of supervisors, first sergeants and the ample support of base agencies," said Hunt. "Although programs assisting members in transitioning out of the military have made great strides, many individuals struggle without the guidance and support they had in the service. This compounded with mental and often physical conditions connected to their service sometimes leads members to make poor choices and find themselves maneuvering the justice system."

The VTC is a collaborative court, meaning that the judge, probation officer, attorneys, county veterans service officer, veterans justice outreach worker with Veteran Affairs, case manager and mentor coordinator, work as a team in the best interest of the participant.

"VTC, along with mentors, walk with these veterans through troubled times and into a new beginning," said Hunt.

The program has five highly-structured phases of treatment and rehabilitation for 18 months designed to help and support participants. Upon successful completion of the program, charges against

participants will either be reduced or dropped all together, depending on the offense and the charges.

Travis Air Force Base currently has four mentors and are seeking more. Active duty, reservists and guard members can participate. Interested individuals should be willing to dedicate 18 months to the program.

"We work around (temporary deployments), deployments and extenuating circumstances," said Hunt. "Mentors must be senior NCOs, officers or mature technical sergeants. Deployment experience is a bonus. I invite anyone interested in mentoring to contact me and accompany me to a court hearing or even a graduation to see the program for themselves."

Mentors are involved throughout the entire process, from sitting in on the veteran's hearing all the way to graduation.

"Often times the mentee feels that they can trust and relate to their mentors and will look to their mentor for guidance when they are struggling," said Hunt. "Witnessing the appreciation from the mentee when they realize that we are not giving up on them and watching them regain confidence and honor is my favorite part of mentoring."

For more information on the Veterans Treatment Court Program and how to become a mentor, contact Hunt at brianna.hunt@us.af.mil.

World Kid

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Operations Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California, has 23 years of active-duty service and 30 years of total service under his belt – meaning Aaron and two older siblings have grown up in the military lifestyle.

"Aaron pretty much grew up overseas," said Porcil. "This is his first real stateside base that he can probably remember."

Turkey, Italy and Japan were all home to Aaron and his siblings before moving to Travis in 2012, where his father now serves as the operating room flight commander at David Grant USAF Medical Center. Rather than focus on the challenges of an ever-changing childhood, Aaron celebrates his upbringing by using it to fuel his two passions: music and basketball.

His passion for music started in Italy, when the Porcil family began singing together in the car on weekend road trips.

"We used to play the singing game in the car when we went on a road trip, and we would all take turns singing a song," Aaron remembers. "The first time my parents ever actually heard me sing was when I was about 10 years old. They complimented me and said I had a nice voice, so I just kept singing."

That small encouragement was all he needed to begin pursuing a career as a professional singer and songwriter. He began learning how to play the piano and guitar and performed in his first talent show in fifth grade, singing "Baby" by Justin Bieber – an artist who still inspires his music today, along with Chris Brown and Usher.

"When we moved here (to Travis), that's when I got into music more," said Aaron. "I started writing music about experiences my older sister and brother had during high school – typical love stories – and then I asked my dad if we could start recording music."

On July 7, Aaron's dream will become reality. His first pop/R&B album, appropriately titled "Dream," will be released in stores, iTunes and Spotify under the record label World Kid Music. It's an album

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— Maj. Frank Porcil

he hopes will inspire people, as well as tell the story of his unique upbringing.

"Moving around a lot has made me feel like I'm a diverse kid, that's why World Kid Music is the name of our label," he said. "I feel like a kid of the world and I want to share my experiences with everybody around the world. My music fits everybody."

In addition to writing and recording music and going to school, Aaron is hard at work on his other dream: basketball. Like music, it's a dream that was cultivated by his military upbringing.

"I've grown up playing on different teams," he said. "In Japan I played for the youth center, and then in Italy I played for an Italian team."

Basketball caught Aaron's attention at the age of 5, when he began watching Kobe Bryant. Soon after, he asked his father if he could learn to play.

"He didn't have a (basketball) hoop in the yard, but he had a basketball," said Porcil. "He used to just bounce and bounce that ball for hours, and that's when I saw he actually had a passion for basketball."

Not only did Aaron grow up playing with international teammates, but many of his practice hours were spent in base gyms practicing with older, more experienced players.

"When he was a lot younger, the older guys would still let him play with them," said Porcil. "They never said, 'Hey, you're too young, don't play.' At Aviano (Air Base, Italy) they would let him play, and coming here (to Travis) he would play with the bigger kids and that allowed him to get better."

"When I was younger, everyone was stronger, faster (and) bigger, and I had to learn how to adapt to playing with guys that big," said Aaron.

"Once you play kids your age, it becomes a lot easier. A lot of the players on the base team have always taken me under their wing and shown me how to do new things and how to use my body well and be stronger on

the court. That's really helped me improve and grow in the game."

Aaron played on his first traveling team in Solano County when the family moved to Travis, and recently helped lead the team at Vanden High School in Fairfield, California, to the semi-final game for the state championship as the team's only starting junior. This year, as a senior, he plans for his team to go all the way.

"I'm always in the gym every week, at least six to seven days a week and I really want to play college basketball," said Aaron. "I just really have a love for basketball."

He owes much of his passion and skill for both music and basketball to the world view he was able to develop growing up, he said.

"Growing up as a military kid, you're exposed to a lot," he said. "That's really allowed me to have an open mind to understanding people. I've been able to absorb and take in what people are saying and understand."

Aaron also has multi-national ethnicity, with his mother from the Philippines and his father from the Virgin Islands. Combined with his military experiences, he wants his music to appeal to all types of people.

"The fact that (Aaron and his siblings) grew up overseas (means) they have an open mind (and) they're open to all types of music, all types of people, all types of cultures, languages (and) foods... Because of that, they have a unique outlook on life," said Porcil. "When you hear his music, you hear a lot of experiences that are something you think an older person would have, but because he was exposed to so much at a young age, I think he has that unique outlook that makes him an older soul."

Aaron hopes to have all these experiences show through in his debut album and, hopefully, a career in basketball. Wherever his dreams take him, he will always pay it back to being a world kid.

Spirit

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Foothill College and worked in the marketing field.

After living in California for five years Barcellos Toffano said, she wanted to challenge herself. This led to her joining the U.S. Air Force in September 2016.

"I love challenging myself, it makes me grow," she said. "I once biked (49 miles) from Mountain View to Sausalito, California, just to do it. Just for the challenge. I feel like if you don't challenge yourself or ever step out of your comfort zone, you'll be stuck in the same spot. I want to travel, learn and experience life. I'm hoping the Air Force sends me overseas soon to challenge me even more."

The bright-eyed Airman graduated basic military training as an honor graduate in November 2016. She then completed the Financial Management and Comptroller Apprentice Course at Keesler AFB, Mississippi, in February and arrived at Travis AFB, California, on March 3.

As a budget analyst in the 60th CPTS, she helps provide financial services to 12,000

Airmen across three wings and manage a budget in excess of \$300 million. While she's only been at Travis for three months, Barcellos Toffano is having quite an impact on the mission.

"She's been fantastic," said Capt. Garrett Custons, 60th CPTS financial management analysis flight commander. "She's picking up financial management at an extremely fast pace and more importantly, she's engaged with the team and hungry for knowledge."

"It's great to have new Airmen come in and ask questions about why we do things the way we do, which is exactly what she's been doing," said Custons. "It's forcing us to re-look at a lot of processes we've been doing a certain way for a long time without having a good reason except for, 'that's the way it's always been done.'"

The Air Force announced 13 new initiatives in September 2016 focused on enhancing diversity across the service.

"Recruiting and retaining diverse Airmen cultivates innovation," said Gen. David Golfein, Air Force Chief of Staff. "Like different aircraft and missions make up one Air Tasking Order, different people make the best teams when integrated purposefully together."

strengths of my peers to accomplish positive things for the community.

One disclaimer: I wasn't always successful. I made my share of mistakes, bad grades or coordinated events that didn't really go as planned. However, I learned more from the times

"The men and women serving in the U.S. Air Force are representative of the diversity of our nation," said former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, James Cody. "We value this diversity and it's one of our greatest strengths; our Airmen come together to produce an incredible team that can accomplish any mission and overcome any challenge. The uniqueness of these Airmen and the ability to leverage this uniqueness over time will ensure we remain the world's greatest Air Force."

The 60th CPTS has the opportunity to benefit from diversity daily as Airmen from seven countries including Barbados and China can be found working in the squadron.

"By seeking out people from diverse backgrounds you can increase your knowledge on a particular topic by hearing different points of view," said Barcellos Toffano.

Organizations that lack diversity may end up analyzing processes and solving problems the same way, which could limit options, she said. Diversity is important, because it brings so much value into an organization.

Custons agrees with Barcellos Toffano. "Having this diverse team with different backgrounds

I "failed" compared to when I succeeded. In fact, aside from a bruised ego and maybe some discussions with management, I came out of those unsuccessful situations unscathed.

Embrace operating outside your comfort zone, you may learn something.

helps to avoid the dangers of group think," he said. "Several times already, our young Airmen have made comments about the second and third order effects of some potential decisions that we had not taken into account, preventing inefficiencies."

Recently, Barcellos Toffano shared some ideas on ways to encourage Airmen to use the Airmen Against Drunk Driving program, an all-volunteer force designed to give Airmen free rides home and prevent driving under the influence incidents. She's even helping Travis develop a survey for the program.

"Travis has had a problem recently with so many Airmen getting DUIs, so I'm helping develop a survey to find out why Airmen don't take advantage of AADD more," said Barcellos Toffano. "I reviewed the questions for the survey and came up with the idea of including in-depth information in the

questions, allowing for better responses."


The survey features about a dozen questions seeking feedback from Airmen about the AADD program.

"With the survey, we want to identify potential shortfalls that may exist with the program," said Maj. Geoff Cargill, 60th Air Mobility Wing deputy director of staff. "We then want to use that information to increase awareness for the program, enhance marketing and help our Airmen who may be in bad situations make good decisions."

Barcellos Toffano said, at the end of the day, she just wants to help others.

"I want to make a difference in people's lives and help the people in my community," she said. "The U.S. has treated me so well and has given me so many opportunities, so I want to give back. Serving in the Air Force is a way for me to do that."

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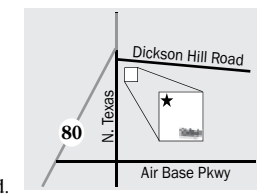
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Safety

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of Air Force Occupational Safety. "We're conducting this review and comment period in order to ensure that openness. The objective is to reduce the current instruction and allow greater access and utilization of OSHA's federal standards."

Phase I of the process, Chapters 1 - 11, is available

on the AFI 91-203 comments site for review and comment. The comment period will remain open until Aug. 1. Phase II, Chapters 12-22, and Phase III, Chapters 23-31 will follow. All comments will be considered during the revision process. Comments deemed to have merit will be added to the publication for official adjudication by the Air Force Occupational Safety and major command chiefs of safety.

Enola Gay

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given up aviation and had not flown in any aircraft in a very long time. He and I got to fly Fifi together, which was awesome. It was a great opportunity for me to be with him."

Now, 72 years after the historic WWII mission and nearly 10 years after the passing of his grandfather, Tibbets IV, who is traditionally a B-1 Lancer pilot and currently a B-2 Spirit pilot, once again boarded a B-29 to honor his grandfather.

"It's really about upholding the legacy of those who have come before," he said. "When we have the opportunity to embrace that kind of heritage and that kind of history, it's a real

privilege and an honor."

Before the flight, Doc's pilot, Mark Novak, described the significance of having Tibbets IV on board.

"Doc is a piece of history, and the Tibbets name is historic because anyone who knows WWII knows about the general's grandfather, Paul Tibbets Jr.," said Novak. "I've known (Tibbets IV) for years and we'll each get a turn to fly. It'll be a great time to chat and catch up over our hour-long flight."

Tibbets IV emphasized his appreciation for the time and effort the volunteers put into restoring Doc and bringing this piece of history back to life.

"When you think about Doc and you think about Fifi and all these warbirds that we have, they're labors of love," he said.

Stages

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two" training at Travis, where she's learning about X-rays, CT scans and other on-the-job training. Jerry leads scores of Airmen in his role as the superintendent of the 60th OSS, but also has the opportunity to mentor Airman Honeycutt.

"He deals with us, the Airmen, and I know how crazy we can be because I'm around them all day," said Gabrielle with a laugh. "He's almost like two dads because in the Air Force, he's a dad because he watches all these Airmen, and has all this responsibility for them and on the other side, he's my dad at home because I'm still his daughter."

Gabrielle is the third generation of the Honeycutt family to serve in the military. Jerry's father was a draftee who was in the U.S. Army's infantry airborne during the Vietnam War.

Jerry's service, meanwhile, was voluntary, starting in 1992. His first stop was Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, where Gabrielle was born. He later served in England, New Mexico, Korea, Hawaii and returned to Korea before landing at Travis.

Jerry said it's been "hard to even explain" what it's like to watch his daughter progress through the early stages of her



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Three-year-old Gabrielle Honeycutt, now an Airman and radiology trainee with the 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron at David Grant USAF Medical Center, poses with her father, now Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Honeycutt, 60th Operations Support Squadron, at a wedding in 1999.

career, making him think back to the start of his own service. He said Gabrielle leans on him not just for the kind of emotional support she needed before shipping off to basic training, but also for Air Force knowledge.

"There's always two hats that I have to take on and off,"

"I appreciate every moment."

— Senior Master Sgt. Jerry Honeycutt

said Jerry. "In some aspects, I'm not really talking to my daughter, I'm talking to another Airman that we're supposed to mentor. That's what we do."

Gabrielle said having her father and her family around while she trains has helped smooth the transition into Air Force life.

"I feel like if I didn't have him here, I would've been very overwhelmed," said Gabrielle. "It would've been scary and it would've been a lot harder for me and I would've been homesick a lot. I feel more uplifted because I know on the weekends I can go home and see my family."

The Honeycutts' time serving together at Travis will end soon. Gabrielle is set to graduate her training next month and head to Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, Virginia, to serve at first duty station. Jerry will retire in seven months after 26 years.

"I appreciate every moment," said Jerry. "I was hoping we would be in the Air Force longer together, but even though it's a short amount of time, it's something we'll remember forever."

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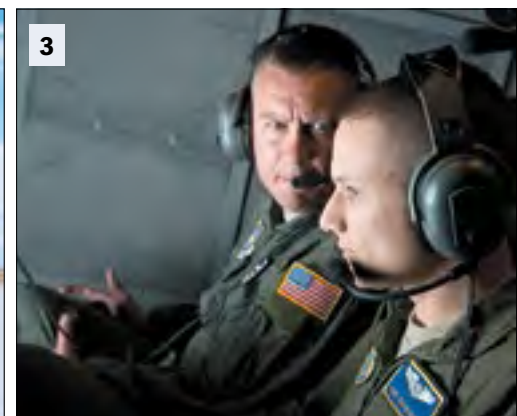
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