



EXTENDER

KC-10 crew member approaches goal

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Noncorrelations can mean something

Commentary by
Capt. Austin Bentley

6TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON
FLIGHT COMMANDER

For almost three years now, our squadron has been working on our processes and how to track how well our processes work. Better known as metrics.

One process I determined was vital for our mobility shop arose from the nature of how we deploy in the 6th and 9th Air Refueling Squadrons. We are required to be ready to go at a moment's notice. Typically, our squadrons deploy two to three crews every two weeks.

With this many deployments, it would be nice to have a little flexibility to move a deployer to an earlier line if someone falls out.

To give ourselves this flexibility, we decided to require deployers to be ready for their scheduled deployment two weeks early. This became the metric we were determined to track and see how often we were meeting this goal. The crews are required to attend, 30 days out, a meeting with the mobility shop to go through their mobility folders and determine what they need to have accomplished to be ready for

Commander's
Commentary

their deployment.

I had hoped to see a correlation between increased attendances at the 30 day-out meeting and the number of people ready on time, two weeks out.

After showing these stats during staff meetings for months, we never really observed the correlation that we expected. Some weeks, there was high attendance at the 30 day-out meeting, but low completion two weeks out, and other weeks the complete opposite.

We began to lose faith that these were helpful metrics. I tried defending my metrics, but the more I couldn't bring about a correlation the more I started wondering myself, "Why were we even tracking it?"

Before we decided to cut out the metric, our director of operations spoke up with a bit of insight we had all missed. He told us that the non-correlation actually meant something. To him, the metrics not showing higher numbers of attendees at the 30 day-out meeting produces higher numbers of members ready on-time actually meant

that the issue was internal to the process we had in mobility.

This led us to change the process, adding more responsibility on the members by signing a document of understanding detailing exactly what they are required to accomplish and that they sign the document next to the date when they are required to be finished.

Those who are not ready by the two-weeks-out-mark must then answer to the director of operations along with their aircraft commander. This closes the loop and adds a level of accountability to the process that we were lacking previously.

Harness power of influence to shape Airmen



Commentary
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The power of influence can and will have rippling effects within an organization.

We have all worked for great leaders with the power of influence and they tend to stick out when thinking about who we want to emulate. John Maxwell stated, "Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another."

This has been true throughout my military career. I have experienced supervisors who lead from behind a desk and never connect with individuals within the organization. I have also been fortunate

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enough to be influenced by those who take the time to get to know their members and take a vested interest in what is going on in their lives, both personally and professionally.

As a young technical sergeant at a conference, I heard a lieutenant general say, "No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care." This resonated with me as I thought back to the leaders who had the most impact on my career and how each had taken

the time to get to know me personally.

It does not matter whether it's having a cup of coffee with an Airman or stopping our ever-busy lives to turn away from our overpopulated email to listen to what's really affecting our Airmen – we owe that to them.

Influential leaders create an atmosphere of productivity by supporting the team and striving for what is best for the organization by empowering subordinates and letting them succeed or fail, all the while supporting them. I have learned more from influential

leaders who have let me fail at tasks, but always supported me during the process. It is inevitable we will all fail at some point. What matters is that we pick ourselves up, wipe the dust off and get back to work.

Knowing those in your organization and using creative leadership influence has the power to lead to increased productivity. When you invest time to know what motivates your members you can make more informed decisions on where each individual fits best within the

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Air Force social worker living American dream

Merrie Schillter-Lowe

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Born in Poland and raised in Denmark and Germany, Capt. Malika Moretti, 60th Medical Group clinical social worker, always had a desire to live in the United States.

"Being a little girl, my dream was to move to the U.S.," said Moretti. "The U.S. was great, so advanced and so much more than what we had in Europe. I wanted to see what was possible. Now I've actually been able to fulfill that dream."

In December 2017, Moretti became the dedicated mental health provider for the 60th Security Forces Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California.

"This is what I feel connected to," said Moretti.

Before her assignment to Travis, Moretti was a social worker at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, assisting security forces and military police from all services to become more resilient. Prior to that, she was a civilian social worker performing the same function at Tripler Army Medical Center and Scofield Barracks in Hawaii.

"The security forces (at Travis AFB) reached out and I was the first to volunteer since I had been with the Army in San Antonio and had some idea of what I wanted to do with the program," said Moretti.

Having a dedicated mental health provider proved to be prescient March 21 after a driver from Sausalito, California,



U.S. Air Force photo/Nick DeCicco

Capt. Malika Moretti, 60th Medical Operations Squadron clinical social worker, visits with 60th Security Forces Squadron members June 11 at the armory at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Moretti was born in Poland and raised in Denmark and Germany before joining the Air Force.

crashed through the Travis AFB main gate and died inside his burning vehicle.

"I got the call at 7 p.m., and five minutes later, I was at the gate accessing first responders,

making sure they were OK," said Moretti. "I wanted to make sure they would have access to care the next day or later."

Understanding the emotional shock of witnessing the driver's

death, Moretti talked to first responders about some of the thoughts and behaviors they might experience and the resources available to assist them.

"From my perspective, her

service – and that of her team – was invaluable the night of March 21 and in its aftermath," said Col. Lance Clark, 60th Mission Support Group commander.

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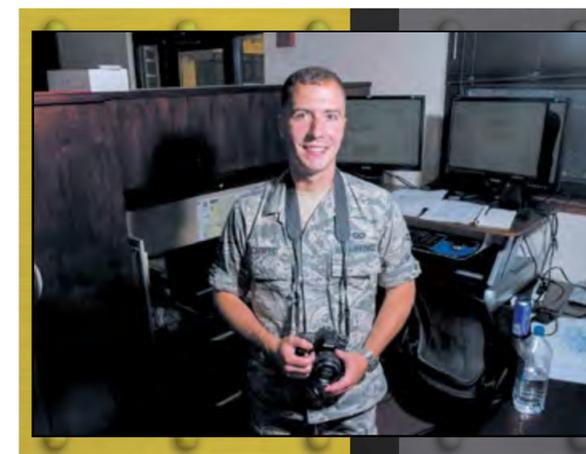
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Master Sgt. Scott Dillinger, 6th Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender flight engineer, conducts pre-flight checks June 2 inside a KC-10 at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman



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What is your greatest achievement?
Marrying up in life.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Robert Hicks

Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing participate May 6 in the Cerberus Strike exercise at Amedee Army Airfield, Calif. One component of Cerberus Strike included a C-5M Super Galaxy flown by a crew from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., using night-vision goggles.

C-5M scans new territory with NVG

Nick DeCicco

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The C-5M Super Galaxy took a step forward with its night-vision goggle capabilities during last month's Cerberus Strike exercise.

An aircraft from Travis Air Force Base, California, made one low approach and two touch-and-gos just after midnight May 4 at Amedee Army Airfield, California, using the goggles.

The C-5 flight was the first ever C-5M landing at an austere expeditionary airfield operated by contingency response forces.

Airmen from Travis' 22nd Airlift Squadron and 60th Operations Support Squadron as well as members of the 9th AS from Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, teamed up for the flight with help on the ground from members of the 821st Contingency Response Group.

The test was one component of the larger exercise, which took place during a two-week period.

The flight paved the way

for a greater use of the goggles for C-5M crews. Although previous models of the C-5 jet used them, the C-5M has had limited experience using them to date.

"It's kind of a small step, but it could be a big step," said Maj. Kevin Simonds, 60th OSS chief of wing C-5 tactics.

The exercise was done to prove the practical application of Travis' flight capabilities in austere environments, said Simonds.

The 621st Contingency Response Wing specializes in dispatching teams of Airmen to open airfields in austere locations around the globe. Tech. Sgt. Will Harden, 821st CRG NCO in charge of operations, weapons and tactics, said CRW Airmen carry different lighting packages to these locations. The runway at Amedee was lit to simulate conditions a C-5 might face in deployed environments.

Harden said the flight fit into the goals of the exercise, a scenario with changing variables that prepare

Airmen for the kinds of unexpected challenges that could arise out in the field.

"The CRG is 'cowboy ops,'" he said. "We do our best here to make it very real. The scenario is always evolving."

Simonds and Harden said the flight was significant for what it portends for the future of the airframe's capability.

Simonds pointed to the Air Force bringing relief to Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria in 2017, saying that several factors limited the C-5M's participation to daytime operations, including the unproven variable of NVGs.

"If the CRW has enough lights in Puerto Rico or wherever and we have NVG capability, we can land there regardless of time of day," said Simonds.

Harden agreed that establishing that capability is essential.

"It's very important, in my opinion, that we get the C-5 to that level," he said. "It's unfathomable the

additional resources that C-5s can bring in."

Harden noted that C-5s offer a higher number of pallet positions than other aircraft in the United States' mobility fleet, meaning that boosting its potential could improve mobility.

Simonds said the next step for use of the goggles on C-5Ms is to push the data and proof of concept to Air Mobility Command. If approved, the program could develop within the next year for active duty C-5 aircrews to begin NVG training.

The flight took place during Cerberus Strike, a contingency response-centric joint mobility exercise that took place during an 11-day timeframe. The exercise provided contingency response forces the opportunity to rehearse potential real-world situations in a joint environment by training in aerial port procedures, aircraft engine running off-loads, and cargo uploading and downloading.

Covered service members having a child by birth, adoption or surrogacy will determine which parent is the primary and secondary caregiver. Designations for caregiver status should be made as early as possible and follow Department of Defense guidance.

Staff Sgt. Robert Hicks contributed to this report.

Change boosts leave for caregivers

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — In accordance with the Department of Defense Military Parental Leave Program, the Air Force announced an expansion to its parental leave policy on non-chargeable leave entitlements following the birth or adoption of a child.

Previously, Air Force policy authorized 12 consecutive weeks of maternity convalescent leave to female Airmen who gave birth. Additionally, 10 days of non-chargeable leave were given to an Airman whose spouse gave birth.

Effective immediately, the new policy applies to Total Force Airmen who are birth mothers and fathers, same-sex couples, as well as adoptive and surrogate parents. Reserve Component Airmen should refer to Air Force Instruction 36-3003 for specific eligibility requirements.

Under the new policy, AFI 36-3003, Military Leave Program, outlines three forms of non-chargeable leave following a qualifying birth event or adoption: maternity convalescent leave, primary caregiver leave and secondary caregiver leave.

Now maternity convalescent leave is six weeks (42 days), primary caregiver leave is six weeks, and secondary caregiver leave is three weeks (21 days). Every birth mother will have convalescent leave. Caregiver leave is given in addition to the convalescent leave.

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Retired Senior Airman Karah Behrend, right, and her sister, Crystal Boyd, pose June 2 at the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The sisters met for the first time in person at the games.

Sisters meet at Warrior Games

Shannon Collins

DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — She's competing in track and field and indoor rowing, but retired Senior Airman Karah Behrend couldn't concentrate on training recently for the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

For the first time, Behrend was going to meet her 19-year-old biological sister, Crystal Boyd, who lives in Puyallup, Washington.

After training, Behrend anxiously waited until she was whisked off to the hotel for the meeting, which she said was surreal.

"I have been picturing this moment for a long time and for it to finally happen, I couldn't be happier," Behrend said. "We keep in touch through social media, but we're trying to make plans for me to meet our dad and have them meet my family."

"I've been extremely excited but I knew it would happen sometime. I just didn't know when," Boyd said. "Throughout the time I've known her,

she's gone through so much and watching her overcome everything right in front of my eyes, in person here at the DoD Warrior Games, is an honor. She's always had the strength and now she's going out and doing what we all knew she could do. I couldn't be more proud of her."

Boyd said she also can't wait to meet Behrend's family.

"We've already talked about me visiting her and her family in Texas," she said. "I'm excited to meet my nieces."

Claiming Gilford, Connecticut, and Bradenton, Florida, as her hometowns, Behrend, 24, said she grew up moving around as a kid. She was

adopted when she was four years old by an Army Ranger.

"My brother and I were adopted because when my biological dad got back from Desert Shield/Desert Storm, he wasn't really the same person. So my mom spilt with him pretty rapidly to get us out of the situation," she said. "As my mom told me about him, I was like, 'I need to meet him. This is half of me. I don't know who he is.' We somehow got in contact with him. I think through his sister, randomly. I talked to him for two hours that night and found out I had a sister."

"Our dad told me about her and our brother while growing

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Travis AAFES brings in half-million dollars for programs, families

Jessica Jones

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Last year, the Travis Air Force Base community generated \$550,004.68 for critical Quality of Life program as Airmen, retirees and their families shopped Travis' Exchange.

The \$550,004.68 dividend is used to support Travis AFB programs, such as Fitness Center, Child Development Center, Library, Youth Center, etc.

"Shopping at the Exchange puts money right back into the Travis AFB community," said Flordeliza Payton, Exchange general manager. "This is what the Exchange is all about: supporting our Airmen and their families."

One-hundred percent of the Exchange's earnings goes to the military community, with about two-thirds going to dividends supporting Quality-of-Life programs and the remaining one-third used to improve the shopping experience in the store and online at

ShopMyExchange.com.

The Travis AFB Exchange dividend is a part of the \$219 million Army & Air Force Exchange Service generated in 2017. In the past 10 years, the Department of Defense retailer as generated \$2.4 billion to military Child Development Centers, Youth Services programs, fitness centers, and other programs that make life better for service members and their families on installations.

The dividend is a key aspect of the Travis AFB Exchange's mission to enhance the lives of Airmen and their families. Travis AFB Exchange shoppers receive convenient access to tax-free goods at exclusive military pricing while making an investment in local military communities.

The \$219 million dividend was generated in part by veterans, who were welcomed home with a lifelong online military exchange shopping benefit introduced on

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Disease training event bolsters medical readiness

Publio Gonzalez, a biologist with the Gorgas Institute, holds a bat June 6 in Meteti, Panama.

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Senior Airman Dustin Mullen
325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PANAMA CITY, Panama — A team of U.S. military doctors, public health specialists and members of various other career fields participated in a week-long Emerging Infectious Diseases Training Event June 4-8 in Panama during the New Horizons 2018 humanitarian training exercise. The event, aimed at enhancing attendee cultural competencies

and professional knowledge, consisted of briefings, lectures and a day of field study.

In collaboration with the Gorgas Institute, University of Panama and the Panamanian Ministry of Health, the team studied various diseases, the vectors that carry them and the ways Panama is combating the diseases.

"Infectious diseases are a huge issue for Southern Command when (thinking) about force health protection in this region," said Lt. Col. Brian Neese, 346th Expeditionary Medical Operations Squadron commander. "We wanted to look at infectious diseases from the many different disciplines that come into it. Clinical medicine, preventative medicine, public health, laboratory specialties, expeditionary capabilities with aerospace medicine and collaboration with Global Health Specialists from the Navy; we brought all that together in this event."

Throughout the week, the U.S. military doctors participated in lectures from Panamanian infectious disease experts and field studies of possible virus-carrying wildlife and insects.

New Horizons exercises have taken place in many

countries throughout Central and South America, and training opportunities such as the Emerging Infectious Diseases Training Event allow military doctors to expand their cross cultural and global health knowledge.

"I have been really struck by the strategic importance of Panama in the United States' biosecurity," said Lt. Col. Heather Yun, 346th EMDOS infectious disease physician. "There are a lot of biological threats here in Central America, or that try to come here from South America through human migration."

According to Yun, due to the geographic location of Panama, the importance the country places on controlling diseases greatly benefits the U.S., as well as other Central American countries.

"Panamanian efforts to halt infectious disease transmission functions as a barrier for transmission of viruses such as yellow fever," Yun said, noting Panama's disease control methods. "If we didn't have that kind of surveillance here, then the U.S. would be at increased risk of encroachment from a lot of vector-borne diseases."

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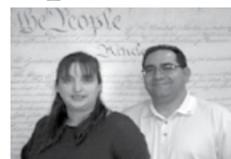
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Base hospital to offer 'Stop the Bleed' class

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Self-aid buddy care training ensures that Airmen know how to stop a gunshot wound or accident victim from bleeding to death.

Anyone without medical training can learn the same life-saving techniques in an upcoming class.

The David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, California, will offer a "Stop the Bleed" class 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 20 from in the Internal Medicine Clinic's conference room.

"We plan to teach the importance of basic bleeding control and how it saves lives," said Tech. Sgt. Donald Hecker, 60th Medical Group Internal Medicine Clinic NCO

in charge. "In a mass casualty event, massive blood loss is the leading cause of preventable deaths."

"Stop the Bleed" is a national awareness campaign that the White House and the Department of Homeland Security initiated in the wake of increased gun violence and mass casualty events in the United States.

The FBI reports there have been 50 active-shooter incidents in 21 states since 2016, resulting in 221 people killed and 722 wounded. The highest number of casualties occurred in 2017 during the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada, when 58 people were killed and 489 were wounded.

Regardless of how quickly
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U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz

Staff Sgt. Hermann Nunez, 386th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron maintainer, holds the revised version of the "Spline Insert Extractor," which he helped create.

'Simple fix' will save funds

Staff Sgt. Christopher Stoltz
386TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING
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SOUTHWEST ASIA — In early May, Tech. Sgt. Chance Cole, 386th Expeditionary

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron flight line expediter, came up with an idea — and it's going to save the Air Force a lot of money.

"We were wrapping up a 12-hour shift, and two of my

guys just spent nearly an entire day replacing a single part on the MQ-9 Reaper," Cole said. "It was frustrating, because we knew there had to be a more efficient way of doing this job."

Cole described the issue, saying the part they were replacing actually didn't need to be replaced at all. The real culprit was just a \$53 sub-component held within, named the "spline insert."

According to Cole, each time maintenance personnel were unable to replace the insert, they actually had to remove and replace a much larger and more complex assembly, the Permanent Magnetic Alternator. This process had been accomplished multiple times in the past due to an inability to remove a damaged insert and it added unnecessary time and expense.

Cole asked co-worker Staff Sgt. Hermann Nunez, 386 EAMXS crew chief, to stay after his shift to help him create a solution. Mere hours later, they brought their idea to life and fabricated what they described as a crude prototype designed to remove the damaged insert.

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KC-46 Pegasus returns for tests

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — A KC-46A Pegasus aerial refueling aircraft touched down at Edwards Air Force Base May 23 for flight tests.

The plan is to have the Pegasus at Edwards AFB through June as Boeing and the 418th Flight Test Squadron conduct tests with the new tanker.

While the KC-46's role is to refuel other aircraft, it too may need to be refueled from KC-10 Extenders or KC-135 Stratotankers to extend its range.

"The primary focus of the current test effort is certifying the KC-46 as a receiver aircraft behind the KC-135," said Lt. Col. Paul Calhoun, 418th FLTS commander. "As a fully air-refuelable tanker, the KC-46 offers the warfighter increased flexibility. Testing being accomplished at Edwards now will enable that capability."

Several units from both on and off base are supporting the tests with the 412th Test Wing as the lead developmental test



U.S. Air Force photo/Christopher Okula

A KC-46A Pegasus test aircraft touched down May 23 at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., for another round of testing. The new aerial refueling aircraft is intended to start replacing the Air Force's aging tanker fleet, which has been refueling aircraft for more than 50 years.

organization for the KC-46 program.

"The KC-46 is still an experimental aircraft owned by

Boeing so they brought with them an army of engineers, maintainers and aircrew. This is a team effort across the entire test wing and with Boeing," Calhoun said.

The KC-46A has visited Edwards for tests before and

tests have been conducted at its Boeing home in Washington state, but this visit aims to be the start of a more robust test schedule to be conducted in the High Desert.

"While the KC-46 has done

Airmen rely on training, save child

Senior Airman Janiqua P. Robinson

23RD WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — It was chaotic. People were screaming. There was smoke coming out of the large sports utility vehicle that was smashed against a tree at the in front of a forest. A frantic woman clutching a child panics and cries for help near the vehicle.

Miraculously, three Moody Air Force Base Airmen with life-saving medical knowledge were in the traffic caused by the accident and rushed in to help.

"I ran into the woods and on the ground was this young two-year-old, just laying in the wooded area, struggling to breathe," said Capt. Lakeatta Tonge, 23d Medical Group education and training flight commander. "As a mother it was gut-wrenching. We are in the middle of nowhere and his injuries were very significant ... there is very little I can do in a field with no equipment."

Tonge immediately began assessing the child's injuries.

"I went down to him and at that time all I could see was me and this baby," said Tonge, a labor and delivery nurse by trade. "I realized his left leg was amputated and as I'm taking off my belt to stop the bleeding, another NCO shows up."

Tech. Sgt. Jose Obregon, 347th Operations Support Squadron independent medical technician, saw the uncontrolled bleeding and told Tonge he had a tourniquet in his car.

As an IDMT and Tactical Combat Casualty Care instructor, Obregon is knowledgeable about combat casualty training; designed to prevent him

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U.S. Air Force photo

Senior Airman Rocquisha Locke inoculates Airman 1st Class Kadienne Simons during an individual medical readiness activity May 24 at the 58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Squadron Innovation Fund boosts Airmen

Carla Pampe
AIR FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE
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BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. — In February, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein announced that Air Force squadrons would receive funding to be used for Airmen-led innovations that increase readiness, reduce cost, return time back to Airmen or

enhance lethality of the force.

The Squadron Innovation Fund was designed to reduce resource barriers preventing ingenuity, according to Goldfein and serve as seed money for squadron-level innovation initiatives.

In looking at ways to better serve Airmen, the 377th Medical Group at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, recently

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Cyber responsibility transfers to ACC

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials announced the service's cyber responsibilities will realign to Air Combat Command from Air Force Space Command.

"This move will drive faster decisions as we fight by realigning the cyber operations and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions under the same command," Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson said.

Wilson pointed to the new National Defense Strategy that directs the U.S. military to

invest in gaining and exploiting information and to deny adversaries the same ability.

"This initiative helps do both," she said.

The realignment, directed by the secretary and chief of staff of the Air Force, designates ACC as the lead Air Force command responsible for organizing, training and equipping Air Forces to conduct effective full-spectrum cyber missions and operations. AFSPC will focus on space superiority and full-spectrum space capabilities integrated into multi-domain operations.

The two commands have been in close coordination on

the realignment for the past 21 months to properly align roles, responsibilities and the presentation of ready forces.

"Under the guidance of the National Defense Strategy and the emergence of great power competition, we must be prepared for a future high-end fight," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein. "We must organize, train and equip ourselves to compete, deter and win. This move integrates key capabilities and helps ensure that we are fully prepared to win today and in the future."

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Sun sets on 2018 Warrior Games

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — As the sun sets behind the Colorado Springs mountaintops, the flame lit ceremoniously a week earlier to signify the official start of the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games is extinguished, bringing to close the eighth annual iteration of the games on June 9.

Wounded warrior athletes representing the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Special Operations Command, as well as athletes from the U.K. Armed Forces, Australian Defence Force, and Canadian Armed Forces, listen as the Air Force's Vice Chief of Staff addresses the crowd.

"If we measure success by the lives saved, the steps forward you have taken, and the inspiration you've given to everyone here, I'd say these games have been absolutely,

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Team Air Force wheelchair basketball coach Mark Shepeherd gathers the team June 3 before their game against Team Marine Corps during the Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

U.S. Air Force photo/Tech Sgt. Anthony Nelson Jr.

Service to help children injured by eruption

U.S. Southern Command

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA — A U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III aircraft transported six Guatemalan children injured by the recent eruption of the Fuego Volcano to the United States June 6 to receive medical treatment.

At the direction of U.S. Southern Command, the aircraft from the 172 Airlift Wing in Jackson, Miss., as well as a team of aeromedical evacuation, pediatric intensive care, and burn victim treatment specialists, will fly the children and their guardians to Galveston, Texas, to receive treatment at Shriners Hospital for Children for burns and other injuries sustained during the eruption.

The command has also donated equipment to assist Guatemalan emergency personnel working at the disaster site, consisting of hazardous gas detectors, tools, and personal protective equipment.

The government of Guatemala requested the assistance through the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala City and granted approval for the humanitarian-airlift mission.

In foreign disasters like this one, the U.S. Agency for International Development is the lead U.S. government agency and SOUTHCOM has been in close contact with both USAID and the U.S. State Department while monitoring updates about the eruption.

The U.S. military has a history of supporting USAID-led relief missions and working with international relief organizations and host countries to aid people impacted by disasters.

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Flight puts milestone within reach for master sergeant



1) Master Sgt. Scott Dillinger, 6th Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender flight engineer, walks toward a KC-10 in the early morning hours of June 2 at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. Dillinger and his crew flew the aircraft to Misawa Air Base, Japan, providing refueling support for two Air Force F-15C Eagles assigned to the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, Japan, along the way. 2) Three U.S. Air Force KC-10 pilots make their way to their assigned aircraft June 2 at Eielson. 3) Senior Airman Zachariah Ploeger, 6th ARS boom operator, conducts a refueling system check inside a KC-10 June 2 at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.



Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Editor's note: This is the second in a three-part series. Part three will appear in the June 22 edition of the Tailwind.

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — The alarm goes off at 4 a.m. on June 2 and like he's done many times before, Master Sgt. Scott Dillinger, 6th Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender flight engineer, prepares for another mission in the KC-10 Extender.

Today, he will join a crew of three pilots, three flight engineers, to include himself, and two flying crew chiefs to provide refueling support for Air Force F-15C Eagle aircraft returning to Kadena Air Base, Japan, after participating in exercises RED FLAG-Alaska and Distant Frontier.

With a cup of coffee in his right hand and a smile that seems never-ending, Dillinger boards the crew bus. He's excited for what awaits and enjoys joking with his fellow aircrew members on the way to the jet.

The flight is projected to take about seven hours, which would bring Dillinger to within six hours of hitting the 10,000-flight-hour milestone. While he's no doubt happy about that, he has something more important to focus on right now.

"Ben, you got it today," Dillinger said, referring to Staff Sgt. Ben Clouse, a 6th ARS KC-10 flight engineer who is close to earning his certification which will enable him to serve as the sole flight engineer on future missions.

"Sure thing," Clouse replies, jokingly adding that if he needs help, he knows where to go.

After the bus arrives at the jet, Dillinger and Clouse quickly exit to begin their pre-flight assessment. Flight engineers are responsible for assessing an aircraft before any mission. They inspect the aircraft for leaks, hydraulics issues and a range of other potential problems.

Satisfied with the results so far, Dillinger slaps Clouse on the back and says, "You got it."

Clouse continues the pre-flight inspection while Dillinger, a veteran of more than three decades of military service, watches on.

"He's doing well and he'll soon be ready to fly on his own," Dillinger said.

Before a KC-10 flight engineer can fly on missions by themselves, they must first complete two supervised Coronet, or fighter refueling missions, as well as two cargo missions.

Today's mission will be Clouse's first Coronet trip and he said he's ready.

"The most important thing is ensuring we provide the fuel needed to the fighters because they can't make it all the way across the Pacific without us," he said. "I've been training to be a flight engineer since September 2017 and

the tremendous support I've been given has made me 100 percent confident I can perform this mission."

Much of that support has come from Dillinger, Clouse added.

"He's really easy to talk to, explains things very well, has a wealth of experience and it's priceless to have his expertise," he said.

A few hours later, the KC-10 climbs into the clouds carrying 233,000 pounds of fuel.

Dillinger enjoys the view from the cockpit while the jet makes its climb high above Earth. He is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 6th ARS standardization and evaluation section. Along with keeping up his flight engineer certification, he's responsible for training 18 Airmen to follow in his footsteps.

He said he enjoys teaching. "It's so rewarding to see others perform and do well," he said. "I'm doing all I can to pass on the knowledge I have so others can carry it forward when I'm done."

"I just wanted to make a difference," he added. "I've been fortunate to work with some great engineers, pilots and crew. My hope now is to pass on knowledge and make others better."

Dillinger has flown on more than 1,000 sorties during his career, supporting a variety of operations including Restore Hope, Southern and Northern Watch, Enduring and Iraqi Freedom and most recently, Operation Inherent Resolve.

Master Sgt. Scott Ferneding, 6th ARS assistant NCOIC of standardization and evaluation and a KC-10 flight engineer, said the Air Force is lucky to have Dillinger.

"He's so knowledgeable," he said. "If you ever have a question about the KC-10, you go to him and he's so professional and easy to approach. Not everyone is. Many NCO's struggle with being able to communicate with people and explain how to do certain things. Not Dillinger."

"He has such a unique way of describing things, so people understand," said Ferneding.

And this caring, understanding professional is nearing a historic milestone with every minute that passes on a KC-10 mission he's a part of. The Coronet mission he flew on June 2 provided 78,400 pounds of fuel for two F-15s, refueling the aircraft 16 times which enabled them to fly about 2,300 miles from Eielson AFB, Alaska to Japan.

The flight took 6 hours and 31 minutes, bringing Dillinger slightly more than six hours away from hitting 10,000 flight hours.

"Ten thousand is just so astronomical," Ferneding said. "It's like saying you're going to the moon."

Well if that's the case, Dillinger may fly to the moon next. It seems like he'll hit the 10,000 hour mark soon, possibly tomorrow.



4) An F-15C Eagle assigned to the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, Japan, is refueled by a KC-10 Extender from the 6th Air Refueling Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., June 2. 5) Staff Sgt. Ben Clouse, 6th ARS KC-10 flight engineer, conducts a pre-flight inspection inside a KC-10 June 2 at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. 6) An F-15C assigned to the 18th Wing at Kadena follows a KC-10 from the 6th ARS after refueling June 2. 7) Master Sgt. Scott Ferneding, left, 6th ARS assistant NCO in charge of standardization and evaluation, and Master Sgt. Scott Dillinger, right, 6th ARS NCO in charge of standardization and evaluation, pose June 2 inside a KC-10 at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska.

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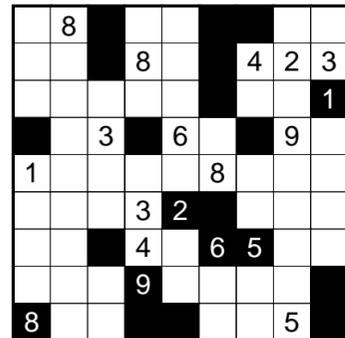
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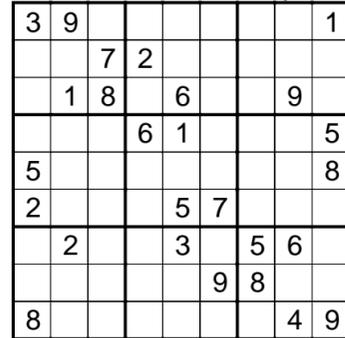


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Retiree Corner

Colonel, veteran receives promotion posthumously

WASHINGTON — Medal of Honor recipient Col. George “Bud” Day was posthumously advanced to the rank of brigadier general during a Heritage to Horizons summer concert

series at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, June 8.

Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein presided over the concert and opened the series by thanking Day and those who served alongside him during the Vietnam War.

— Air Force News Service

News Notes

Career Fair. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 27 at the Delta Breeze Club. Encourage all members to ask questions to prepare for future transition from the military.

Chapel programs

Job opening

Position available. Travis AFB hospital chapel coordinator position open. Contact Twin Peaks Chapel at 707-424-3217 for an application and Chaplain Greg Jans at 707-423-3651 for more information.

Recurring events

Catholic Twin Peaks Chapel

- Roman Catholic Mass: 9 a.m. and noon Sunday.
- Children's Church: 10:15 a.m. Sunday.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday or upon appointment.

- Infant Baptism Prep Class: Two classes. Registration required. 6 to 7 p.m., quarterly.
- Youth Choir: 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Choir: 2 p.m. Sunday.
- Adult Choir: 4 p.m. Sunday.
- Women's Bible Study: 10 a.m. (at First Street Chapel).
- Catholic Women of the Chapel: 6 p.m. first Monday of every month, Annex.
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Annex.
- RE Classes: 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, RE Wing.

First Street Chapel

- Mom's Group: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday.
- Roman Catholic Mass: Noon to 12:35 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except for federal holidays.

DGMC Chapel

- Latter-day Saints Service: 4 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at DGMC Medical Center Chapel.
- For all other enquires, call LDS Military relations representatives at 707-535-6979

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- Sacrament Services: 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Fairfield Stake Center, 2700 Camrose Ave., Fairfield.

DGMC Chapel

- Latter-day Saints Service: 4 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at DGMC Medical Center Chapel.
- For all other enquires, call LDS Military relations representatives at 707-535-6979

Protestant First Street Chapel

- Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Gospel Worship Service: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Ministry is provided for 6-month-olds through fifth grade.
- Protestant Men of the Chapel: 8 to 9 a.m., first Saturday of every month.

Twin Peaks Chapel

- Protestant Women of the Chapel: 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

DGMC Chapel

- Protestant Traditional Service: 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday.

Airmen's Ministry Center

- The Peak is open from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday at Bldg. 1348. Home-cooked meal at 6 p.m. Tuesday's followed at 7 p.m. by Bible study.



For more information about chapel programs, call Twin Peaks Chapel at 707-424-3217.

60th FSS

Summer activities for children

Babysitting Course. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 25 and 26, the Teen Zone will offer its Babysitting Course. This course for ages 12-17 will teach participants how to respond to emergencies with first aid, rescue breathing, make good decisions under pressure, communicate effectively with parents and learn how to feed, diaper and care for infants. After completion, participants will receive certification for two years. Space limited. \$65. For more information, call 424-3131.

Sideline Sports Camp. July 16-20 for ages 9-12 and 13-18. Participants will be instructed on and demonstrate the ability to participate in sports like Ultimate Frisbee, badminton, fencing and lacrosse. Space is limited to the 35 participants. To register, call 424-5392.

Missoula Children's Theatre Camp. June 30 to Aug. 3 for ages 5-18. Children and youth will learn basic skills in theatre production, acting, stage presence and team building throughout the week. Space is limited to the 60 participants. To register, call 424-5392.

Archery Camp. Sept 24-28 for ages 9-12 and 13-18. This camp will instruct on and demonstrate the ability to participate in activities to enhance targeting accuracy, strategy, tactical analysis and physical fitness. Space is limited to the 35 participants. To register, call 424-5392.

Upcoming

MLB discount tickets. Get tickets to the upcoming games: Oakland Athletics at Giants on July 14 and Atlanta Braves at Giants on Sept. 11. For more information, call 707-424-0969.

News and notes

Dependent ID card renewal. Dependents can now renew their ID cards online at <http://bit.ly/2C01q9e>.

Closures

NAF Human Resources Office hours. The office will close every Thursday. Business hours are 7:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday. NAF HRO also is closed on federal holidays. For more information, call 707-424-4749.



For more information on FSS, visit <http://www.travisfss.com>.

In the next week...

Free painting class for military and their families. 2-5 p.m. June 16 at Macy's in the Solano Town Center. Must be 17 years of age and/or have a military ID to participate.

Pirate Festival. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 16-17, Vallejo Waterfront Park, 298 Mare Island Way, Vallejo. www.norcalpiratefestival.com.

Juneteenth. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 16, Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 505 Santa Clara St., Vallejo. www.vallejojuneteenth.com.

Recurring

Air Force Office of Special Investigations

To report a crime, get a foreign travel brief or request information on joining AFOSI, report to Bldg. 380B, second floor. Send correspondence to AFOSI Detachment 303, 510 Airlift CR, Travis AFB, 94535. For more information, call 707-424-3115 or DSN: 837-3115.

Air Force Sergeants Association

“Walter E. Scott” Chapter 1320. General membership meetings are at 3 p.m. on the second Friday of every month at Wingman's in the Delta Breeze Club. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Angell Nichols or Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Linden de Romero.

Airmen's Attic. The Airmen's Attic is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday. 560 Hickam Ave. For more information, call 707-424-8740 or visit the Facebook page “The Attic at Travis AFB.”

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. Meetings take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the diabetic education classroom on the first floor in Internal Medicine at David Grant USAF Medical Center. For more information, call 707-423-7227.

Base emergency numbers. Mobile phone users must dial 707-424-4911 if they have an emergency on base. Those using government or home phones can call 911. For more information, call the Travis Air Force Base Fire Prevention Office at 707-424-3683.

Base illicit discharge number. To report sewage/water leaks or illegal dumping, call 707-424-2575. For hazardous chemical/material spills call the base emergency numbers.

Crisis text line. Free, confidential, 24/7 counseling for teens and young adults. Text 741-741 anywhere in the United States and a live, trained crisis counselor responds quickly.

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Exceptional Family Member Program Sensory Play Group. This group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Balfour Beatty Community Center. For more information, call 707-424-4342 or visit the Facebook page “EFMP Travis AFB.”

Family Advocacy Parent/Child playgroups. Toddlers to the Max Playgroup for children ages 1 to 3 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the First Street Chapel Annex. The Rattles to Raspberries Playgroup for infants 8 weeks to 1 year meets 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays at the First Street Chapel Annex. For more information, call 707-423-5168.

Family and Friends Combat Stress Peer Support Group. Meets from noon to 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Balfour Beatty Community Center and from 1-2 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Peak. For more information, contact Amber Quirate and Jessica Soto at 501-231-7756 or email travspocombatpds@gmail.com.

Government no-fee passports. All submissions of applications for government no-fee passports must now include: 1) A photocopy of Military Identification Card front and back; 2) Passport photo taken in the past six months; 3) Supporting document(s), proof of U.S. citizenship certified copy with state or county seal, if it involved a name change submit a court order or marriage certificate. Passport application cannot be handwritten and printed back to back and must be completed online with 2D barcode at website <https://pfpform.state.gov> and/or <https://travel.state.gov>. For more information, call 707-424-5324.

Hometown News Releases. To submit a Hometown News Release, visit <https://jhs.release.dma.mil/public> and fill out the information.

LGBT Alliance. General membership meetings take place at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. For more information, email lgbtalliance707@gmail.com or call 707-424-2486.

Mare Island Museum. Free admission from Memorial Day to Labor for active and Reserve military, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and dependents with ID cards. Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. 1100 Railroad Ave. in Vallejo. For more information, call 707-557-4646.



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M-50 Gas Mask Fit Testing. Takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at Bldg. 791. All deployers are fit as necessary. For more information, call 707-424-2689.

Mitchell Memorial Library. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and closed Sunday.

Montezuma Shrine Club. Meets every third Thursday of the month at the Masonic Center, 412 Travis Blvd., Fairfield. For more information, call Mike Michaels at 707-427-2573 or Cal Gitscham at 707-425-0060.

Motorcycle licensing and training. California Rider Education offers the Motorcyclists Training Course, Basic Riders Course 2 and the Military Sportsbike Riders Course on base. MTC classes take place most weekends. Motorcycles and helmets provided. Successful completion gives students a DL389 that waives the skills test at DMV. Course cost covered for active duty, reserves, some DOD and NAF folks. Family members welcome, but must cover own costs. All registrations done via phone at 1-800-966-3844.

MPF self-renewal program. Did you know that dependents can now renew their ID cards online? To participate in this program, visit <http://bit.ly/2mR1gl2>. This program is limited only for renewing dependents' IDs. For all other services, visit MPF during duty hours or call 707-424-8483.

On-base child care. The Air Force requires on-base residents to be licensed by the 60th Mission Support Group if they provide more than 10 hours of care per week in their homes. For more information, call 707-424-8104 or 707-424-4596 or stop by Bldg. 380B.

Photocopying of military identification. The prohibition of photocopying of U.S. government identification Common Access Card announced by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, dated Oct. 27, 2011, does not apply to medical establishments, applying for government-issued, no-fee passport and other U.S. government agencies in the performance of official government business. This requirement does not apply to minors ages 16 or younger. However, it applies to sponsors. For more information, call 707-424-5324.

Professional Loadmaster Association. The Professional Loadmaster Association meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Delta Breeze Club. For more information, call Mark Raymond at 707-416-5331.

Retiree Activities Office. Openings for Here are the showtimes for this weekend's movies at the Base Theater:

- Today**
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- Saturday**
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- 2 p.m. “Incredibles 2” (PG)

For more information about the Reel Time program, visit <https://bit.ly/2JG2nDU>.

volunteers. Customers are retired American service members and their family members. It is the RAO's responsibility to maintain open communication and to ensure retirees receive the service and the respect they deserve. If you would like to apply for a volunteer slot and have three hours or more to give, call 707-424-3905.

60th Air Mobility Wing Information Protection Office. All requests are done on Thursdays and by appointment only. Schedule an appointment by calling 707-424-3114 or by emailing 60amw.ip@us.af.mil. Fingerprinting is only for federal employment and for agencies with a valid support agreement. For emergencies, call 707-424-3114.

Solano/Napa Habitat for Humanity. This organization welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds. There are recurring events Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, email Staff Sgt. Mathew Clayton at mathew.clayton@us.af.mil.

Travis Community Thrift Shop. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Ongoing need for volunteers to organize, sort and price donations. For more information, contact the Thrift Shop at 707-437-2370.

Travis Composite Squadron 22 Civil Air Patrol. Open to youth from 12 to 18, as well as adults ages 18 or older who train and serve as the volunteer component of the total force. UTA is 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Bldg. 241-B-2. Open to all students with a 2.0 or higher grade-point average. For more information, contact CAP 1st Lt. Jo Nash at 707-424-3996 or recruiting@squadron22-cap.us, visit during a UTA or check out <http://squadron22-cap.us>.

Travis Heritage Center. The facility is looking to add to its historical collection. It is missing the past 15 years of conflict in which Travis was involved. Do you have something special to donate for generations to appreciate? The center also seeks volunteers. The gift shop is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Rick Shea at 707-424-5598 or email richard.shea@us.af.mil.

Travis Legal Office. Power of attorney and notaries are walk-ins 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. Legal assistance for active duty members and dependents are walk-ins from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. For all wills and retiree legal assistance, call 707-424-3251 to make an appointment.

Tuskegee Airman Lee A. Archer Chapter. Meets at 1 p.m. third Saturday of the month at Nut Tree Airport. For more information, call James Harris at 707-631-6361.

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. The following Travis employees are approved as leave recipients through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

- Jessica Pope, 349th Air Mobility Wing.
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- Anonymous employee, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas.

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What's Cookin' Wednesday. Free lunch at the Travis AFB USO Bldg. 1348. Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. For active duty, Guard, reservist and their families.

Museum Summer Series. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum presentation, 6:30 p.m. June 19; Vacaville Public Library-Town Square, 1 Town Square Place. Free. www.solanolibrary.com.

Vallejo Art Walk. 5 to 10 p.m. second Friday of each month, downtown Vallejo. Free admission. www.vallejoartwalk.com.

Vacaville Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, through Oct. 27, Creekwalk Plaza at Andrews Park, downtown Vacaville. www.facebook.com/VacavilleFarmersMarket.

Vallejo Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, year-round, Georgia and Marin streets. www.pcfma.com.

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Games

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unbelievably successful," Gen. Stephen W. Wilson told the athletes.

Quoting President George Washington, Wilson continued, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation."

The Warrior Games, he notes, are one way the U.S. military attempts to live up to those words and ideals.

"Our task is to carry on maintaining that commitment to our service members, veterans and military families, with the relentless effort, teamwork, esprit de corps, network, hope, healing and grit you all exhibited here, that we witnessed all week," he concludes.

The final countdown

The atmosphere at the closing ceremony is festive. Athletes dressed in their team colors can be seen talking animatedly with one another, and passing out hugs and high-fives to their families, friends, coaches, and caregivers.

The ceremony comes on the heels of the games' wheelchair basketball championship, where the Air Force was edged out by the Army, finishing second place in the tournament.

The Air Force team performed admirably at this

year's games.

Its wheelchair basketball and sitting volleyball teams advanced to the final round of play in both sports, while Air Force track and field athletes Senior Airman Brent Campfield, Senior Airman Heather Carter, Master Sgt. Ken Guinn, Capt. Rob Hufford II and Lt. Col. Julie Walker all broke Warrior Games records in their respective events. Senior Airman Rafael Morfinencisco and Maj. Stacie Shafran, who competed in eight sporting events each, were two of only seven athletes named "ultimate champions," a title awarded based on their cumulative performances at the games.

By week's end, the Air Force's 39 athletes amassed a combined 165 medals, including 70 gold, 56 silver, and 39 bronze.

Competing to win?

For many members of Team Air Force, though, success at the games was not defined by their place on the awards podium.

"We come here, not just to compete, but to heal and learn, and we stay for other people's stories. From that, we're able to go back to our bases and actually be advocates for healing and recovering," said 1st Lt. Ryan Novak, a munitions and missile maintenance officer serving as an aerospace ground equipment flight commander at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

Novak, who suffers from a spinal cord injury, competed in archery, cycling, swimming

and track during the games.

"Many of us go back, and we're there to cheer on our own service members who are going through their own issues and help them," he explained. "It's about walking away and being a better person, not just physically and mentally, but also being a better leader."

And like Novak, Air Force guardsman Master Sgt. John Angel Jr., didn't just compete for himself; he came to help others.

"Less than a year ago, I didn't think I could do this, but here I am," he said. "It means the world to me. It's lit a spark and fixed up my self-esteem."

Angel is on medical hold and currently resides in Birmingham, Alabama.

"I'm a wounded warrior with invisible wounds," he added. "I hope in some way I can inspire others to take part in this."

A family affair

While the games were focused on the athletes, and their incredible experiences and accomplishments, they also provided an opportunity to recognize the dedication and support of the athletes' family members and close friends.

These caregivers have made their own sacrifices to help wounded warrior athletes with their recovery efforts and athletic achievements.

Angel, who competed in the indoor rowing and archery competitions, was accompanied at the games by his wife, Christy. Of helping care for her husband, she said, "It's actually an honor; I get to take

care of, not just my husband, but a service member who has given up a lot in sacrifice for our country."

"To have him here still is a blessing," she added. "I have to take care of him 24/7, but, you know what? You marry them for better or worse, in sickness or in health, in my eyes. I like standing by his side."

Shawn Sprayberry, who has been the communications program manager for the Air Force Wounded Warrior program since 2015, has witnessed firsthand the impact spouses and family members can have on an athlete's recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration process.

"It can be a huge role. And it can be crushing to those caregivers, because they go from being a spouse to a caregiver, and that's a huge adjustment," Sprayberry said. "But, caregivers are – for those warriors who have them, they're vital."

Wingmen for life

Another key player in the success of the Air Force team that competed in the games this year was the staff of AFW2.

Every Air Force athlete who participated in the games is enrolled in the program, which begins by identifying an Airman's condition and continues through their stabilization or resolution.

"The moment someone is wounded, ill or injured, and they are identified – from the moment they are in our hands, we advocate for them," Sprayberry said.

Cyber

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Units realigning include 24th Air Force and subordinate units, as well as the Cyber Support Squadron, Air Force Network Integration Center and Air Force Spectrum Management Office, which are currently direct reporting units to AFSPC.

"Integrating cyber operations and intelligence in cyber capabilities under one command is a significant step towards enhancing our warfighting capabilities to conduct multi-domain operations," said Gen. Jay Raymond, AFSPC commander. "Air Force Space Command will stay focused completely on gaining and maintaining space superiority and outpacing our adversaries in the space domain. Ultimately, this will generate powerful synergy and increased lethality for our Air Force and our joint warfighters."

According to the National Defense Strategy, readiness requires innovative operational concepts, including changing the ways in which the military organizes and employs forces.

"Air Force cyber capabilities are intertwined with the intelligence, command and control, air superiority, personnel recovery and precision attack missions that we are responsible for," ACC Commander Gen. Mike Holmes said. "This move streamlines how the Air Force presents forces to joint commanders, and it improves our ability to integrate cyber and air operations to improve our effectiveness in multiple domains."

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used their portion of the fund to expand access to health care for mission partners through the development of a mobile health clinic.

"We have a diverse population of mission partners that include five major commands spread across more than 50,000 acres of Kirtland Air Force Base," said Maj. Christopher McLaughlin, 377th MDG chief

of aerospace medicine. "All of those partners are welcome and encouraged to use the services that we provide at the 377th MDG."

However, since the medical group is physically located off base, travel time could sometimes add up to two hours per visit, McLaughlin said, and the 377th MDG wanted a way to serve Airmen whose mission requirements make traveling off base during normal clinic hours difficult.

"Mission requirements, our

off-base location and commute times of over 30 minutes can provide difficulties for our Airmen. So the mobile health clinic provides more than just individual medical readiness completion," McLaughlin said. "Due to the nature and complexity of some operations and activities, a remote-site physical therapy clinic saved more than 3,700 hours in lost duty time. Similarly, the first mobile individual medical readiness clinic saved four hours per visit. By partnering with individual units and

expanding health care delivery on base, the medical group saved Airmen's time while further enabling a ready and lethal force."

McLaughlin added that the mobile health clinic is flexible and can offer many types of services, such as a cold and flu clinic or flu shots for all patient types. Additionally, plans are being worked to offer physical and mental health assessments for active duty; Competent Medical Authority for point-of-care fitness determinations at

Personnel Reliability Assurance Program units; and a return-to-fly clinic, sick call and waiver clinic for aircrew.

Each Mobile Health Clinic is staffed to the needs of the service being provided. Many of the clinics will leverage a MHC trailer being purchased with the Innovation Fund money to expand capabilities even further.

"We have provided thousands of patient encounters with just one physical therapist or chiropractor," said McLaughlin.

Training

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from getting "tunnel vision", which could inhibit him from noticing other wounds.

"We have a method to assess and treat the most life-threatening injury first and that's what made me do a quick body sweep," Obregon said. "I quickly put a tourniquet on and began taking care of the breathing."

At that time Staff Sgt.

Rickey Usinger, 23rd Maintenance Operations Flight auxiliary instructor, who teaches basic, life-support courses like self aid buddy care and CPR, arrived on scene.

"As I got into the woods I announced, 'I'm here and CPR qualified what do you need me to do?'" Usinger said. "They were fitting the tourniquet on his limb and I performed the jaw-thrust technique to open his airway."

Usinger also provided a one-way mouth barrier so Obregon

could begin respirations, while Tonge assisted by making sure the air was entering the child's lungs.

"At the time I honestly couldn't tell if my breathing was good because the baby was so small that I couldn't see the chest rising and falling," Obregon added. "So, she gave me clarification as to whether my breaths were good or not."

They all suspected the child had a traumatic brain injury because of the mechanism of injury. After removing the

clothing, they found the child also had a fractured clavicle with internal bleeding and a shattered humerus.

"One of the first responders was on his radio trying to get the nearest hospital to respond," Tonge added. "They came across the radio saying they wouldn't be able to get to us within the next 15 minutes because they were on another call."

"At that time we cared for the baby for about 20 minutes," Obregon said. "Just us, in the

forest, waiting on emergency services to arrive. During my second deployment I was exposed to a lot of mass casualties, but nothing like in a forest. It's you with this patient and you're sitting there 20 minutes with what you got."

As they continued treatment, the child began to respond and was soon airlifted to the University of Florida Shands Hospital in Gainesville. Obregon credits the fundamentals of his training for giving him the ability to help.

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Class

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medical personnel arrive, bystanders will most likely be the first on scene at a mass casualty site, explained Airman 1st Class Kristin Graeff, 60th MDG medical technician in the Internal Medicine Clinic.

“Why not train civilian bystanders to do something?” she said.

That’s the idea behind STB.

“‘Stop the Bleed’ is a fantastic course and sounds like a parallel track to SABC,” said Col. Dee-Ann Lees, 60th MDG chief nurse. “Both courses focus on preparing potential first responders to do the right thing.”

However, STB only teaches students to use compression or a tourniquet to stop blood loss, while SABC ensures that

military members have the skills needed to minimize injury and prevent death or disability in a deployed location.

“People who register for the STB course should keep in mind that this is only an introductory course to teach bystanders what to do until medical help comes,” said Hecker.

“Because bystanders are usually the first at the scene of a disaster or accident, just knowing how to stop blood loss can save someone’s life,” said Hecker. That is the reason he, Graeff, and Airman 1st Class Jose Herrera, 60th MDG medical technician, volunteered to become the base’s first STB trainers.

At age 12, and without any training, Herrera used compression to help save his younger brother’s life.

“He jumped off my aunt’s house and fell and hit his head,”

said Herrera. “He was unconscious and bleeding. I didn’t know what to do but, I grabbed a towel and wrapped his head and stayed with him until the ambulance came.”

Although his brother required a number of stitches, he fully recovered, said Herrera.

Fortunately, the procedures to stop blood loss are the same for children and adults, he said.

Every year, more than 146,500 Americans die because of unintentional injuries, including accidental falls and traffic accidents, according to the Center for Disease Prevention and Control.

In 2017, accidental injury became the third leading cause of death in the United States, according to the National Safety Council.

STB students will learn to control bleeding with the materials on hand, including the

victim’s clothing, belt or shoe-strings.

Graeff’s instincts prompted her to use bed sheets to control a patient’s bleeding.

For example, while working as a scribe for an emergency room doctor before she enlisted, Graeff was temporarily left alone with a patient who had suffered massive blood loss when he sliced his leg in a chainsaw accident.

“The paramedics had stapled his wounds, but he freaked out and started pulling them out,” said Graeff. “I grabbed him and covered his leg with the sheets then used my body to try and hold his hands.”

Depending on the location and severity of a wound, a person can bleed to death in just five minutes, said Hecker.

“We have learned in the deployed setting – prior to the arrival of medical personnel – that the use of direct pressure and tourniquets have increased survivability of limb wounds by about 85 percent,” said Hecker.

At his first Air Force duty station, which was at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Hecker put his emergency medical technician training to use when a stabbing occurred outside a local department store.

“(People) were screaming and, as you can imagine, me

being a fairly new medic, I ran toward the screams,” said Hecker.

Hecker applied direct pressure to a sizeable gash on the victim’s arm.

“Once I stopped the bleeding, I brought the member inside (the store) and contacted the manager who contacted EMS and law enforcement,” said Hecker. “When it was all said and done, I’m honestly glad that I was there and knew what to do.”

With training, a bystander will have the tools to act, even if their first reaction is panic.

“Panic is an absolutely normal reaction, especially when dealing with a mass shooting,” said Hecker. “I don’t believe you can teach someone not to panic, but you can teach them how to work through it with coping mechanisms such as breathing exercises. Teaching bystanders that they may be the victim’s only hope also is a strong motivator.”

Hecker, Herrera and Graeff plan to draw on personal experiences in class.

“We hope to give people the confidence to do something when they may be the only bystander there,” said Herrera.

To register for the class, email donald.w.hecker.mil@mail.mil.

Funds

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Although the prototype was functional, Cole and Nunez concluded they needed assistance in creating a more-refined product to be used the next time the need arose. The next morning, they decided to bring the tool to the 386th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Combat Metals Flight. There, Senior Airman Alex Young and Senior Airman Elio Esqueda, aircraft metals technicians, decided to take action.

“They brought their prototype to us and asked for some advice,” Young said. “One look at the tool and we knew exactly what to do – so we got to work.”

According to Young, the tool initially provided was simply a long bolt that matched the insert threads, which the crew chiefs used to extract the insert. However, use of the tool

required a decent amount of strength – as the user had to physically pull the crude tool to remove the insert from the PMA.

Young and Esqueda fabricated something called a slide hammer, which provides the user a counter-weight to slide along the tool’s shaft in order to hammer the piece out with ease.

The device, which the four Airmen named the “Spline Insert Extractor,” was completed May 5. The four Airmen then routed the product through their chain of command before implementing its use. After passing multiple inspections and approval from their leadership, the tool was put into service locally.

According to the maintainers, the finished product prevents at least four hours of maintenance each time they use the tool to replace the insert instead of replacing the PMA.



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Dream

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“She took care of those who spend their lives taking care of others. That’s the essence of a leader – leaving others better than you found them.”

Moretti assisted the gate guards at the scene and on the following day, said Senior Master Sgt. Erin Rose, 60th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent.

“Not only did she listen to them, she came to guard mount the day after the incident to check on them,” said Rose. “She also did something that I had not seen before. She came to the gate a few days after the incident and watched those same Airmen work for several hours in the same location where the trauma had occurred.”

Since Sept. 1, 2001, Moretti has wanted to serve the military and give back in some way.

“When 9/11 happened, and I saw the courage and strength of the Americans and how they came together, I was touched,” said Morretti. “I’m still touched. I wanted to be part of this.”

That same day, Moretti understood her mission.

“I decided to go back to school and get my degree in social work and join the military,” she said.

In 2012, Moretti completed graduate school and



Capt. Malika Moretti, 60th Medical Operations Squadron clinical social worker, speaks to 60th Security Forces Squadron members June 11 at the main gate at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

U.S. Air Force photo/Nick DeCicco

participated in a pilot program with the Army as a civilian social worker embedded with the military police in Hawaii. She moved to Texas a few years later and became an Air Force case manager. She was commissioned in January 2015 and arrived that summer at Travis.

Morretti believes that access to mental health care is very important, especially for young security forces Airmen.

“We have a lot of 18- and

19-year-olds who are carrying weapons. That is stressful,” she said. “They are exposed to traumatic situations that people their age don’t normally see – child abuse, domestic violence and suicide attempts.

“That’s why we are embedded with security forces,” said Moretti. “It’s all about prevention and advocating for our patients to get them back to what they’re supposed to be doing – being 100 percent. Being

embedded with our defenders allows me to see what they are exposed to on a daily basis.”

Although she served military members as a civilian social worker, Moretti said the experience is different now that she’s wearing the uniform.

“My job doesn’t stop when I leave this office security force can call me at any time,” she said. “I feel like they are my Airmen, so I want to make sure they are OK.”

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Disease

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The Gorgas Institute leads the disease research efforts. Founded in 1929, this world-renowned organization’s mission is to promote public health and contribute to research and teaching for the benefit of the population.

“The first thing that strikes me about Panamanians is that they are extremely organized, particularly the Gorgas Institute, which is a jewel,” said Lt. Col Mark Breidenbaugh, 346th EMDOS entomologist. “They have quality people and are funded at a level where they can do the work they need to do. They are doing cutting-edge molecular biology so they can recognize genetic material in their samples and therefore recognize exactly what kind of virus they are working with.”

Working with Panamanian doctors could potentially better equip U.S. doctors to recognize and react to various tropical diseases.

“Anytime you go overseas to a different culture, different language and a different way of doing things, it only increases readiness,” Yun said. “Because of the assets they have here, there is a lot of direct translatability between what we do in the U.S. We are always looking for ways to collaborate on research projects.”

Beyond just tropical diseases, creating bonds between the different specialties and organizations can aid in future research.

“I am thankful to come down here and do this because I believe in the global health interactions we are doing,” said Breidenbaugh.



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Sisters

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up, so I always knew about her. I just didn't know her. She actually got in contact with me. I never knew how to find her so I just waited," Boyd said.

Behrend said she's tried to meet up with her sister a few times throughout the years, but it's been difficult since she has been in the Air Force for the past six years.

Behrend joined the Air Force as a communications signals analyst because of her family's military legacy.

"It's something I've always wanted to do," she said. "My grandfather served during the Vietnam era. My biological father was in Desert Shield and Desert Storm. My adopted dad was a ranger down in Panama for the Panama crisis. It's just something our family does."

When Behrend reconnected with her biological dad, she said they had that military bond.

"It was an immediate, talk about everything bond," she said. "I can call him and say, 'This is going on, what do I do?' He tries, we've been working on rebuilding that relationship. He said he will always be thankful that someone was able to come in and step into our lives to make sure we're OK."

In 2015, Behrend had a



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Retired Senior Airman Karah Behrend prepares to throw a discus June 2 during the 2018 Department of Defense Warrior Games at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. Behrend met her sister for the first time in person at the games.

surgical complication resulting in reflex sympathetic dystrophy. She said the neurological disorder impacts her involuntary functions such as temperature control, blood pressure, heart rate, pain, inflammation, swelling and other functions that a person doesn't actively control. When she runs, she said she feels like her leg will go out from under her.

"It causes a lot of pain, instability and weakness in my right leg," she said. "I also had a spinal injury from a car accident so it messes with my left one too."

Her sister has epilepsy. Behrend said her disability is rare but since both of their disabilities are neurological, it's an extra bond they can share and talk about.

anymore. Just experience it. It pushes me in one way or another but I grow."

She encourages others to push themselves as well.

"It doesn't matter how early or late something happens or what the magnitude is. As long as you do it with all of your heart and you put everything you have into it, no matter what, it's going to work," she said.

"Just because you have some kind of disability doesn't mean you can't overcome it," Boyd said. "You can't allow it to stop you from doing the things you want to do. Even with obstacles, you can overcome whatever you truly put your mind to. Neither Karah nor I let our disorders define us. It's a part of us, but it is not us."

So far at these Warrior Games, Behrend has earned gold medals in her disability category in the women's discus and shot put competitions, breaking a record during the shot put event.

"Even though you have a disability, it doesn't define you," Boyd said. "With a good support system, anything is possible. As long as you put your mind to it, give some effort and trust those around you, things will start moving. Don't forget things take time. Don't stress if things don't happen as fast as you want them to."

Behrend has two children as well as her sister to keep her motivated.

"I don't want my kids growing up thinking that if something happens, you just stop your entire life," she said. "It's not what life is about. Life is experiences. I don't even see them as positive or negative

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Whether in our professional or personal life, we should always strive to create an

atmosphere of positive influence that will have a lasting impact on those we lead. Leadership doesn't always have to have a top-down approach. There have been many times throughout my career I have witnessed a bottom-up approach to influence. We must not suppress our future leaders and allow them the opportunity to create influence within their organization and support innovative ideas to be implemented while giving latitude to create more effective and efficient ways to lead and develop. It's our responsibility to reach down and pull up the next generation while deliberately developing Airmen so our Air Force will be better off than when we took over.

Leave

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Each parent can only hold one caregiver status per birth event or adoption; for example, a secondary cannot transfer their leave to the primary caregiver.

Airmen should submit their caregiver leave as determined by their local unit commanders. Until LeaveWeb is altered to allow for a caregiver leave category, members will request the non-chargeable caregiver leave by selecting (T) Permissive on the type dropdown menu, and then choosing rule 18 for primary and rule 19 for secondary. Until the AF Form 988 is altered, Airmen who cannot use LeaveWeb, should check "Other" in block 8 and specify primary or secondary in the remarks.

For all three types of parental leave, the allotted time off must be taken all at once and cannot be split up. Primary and secondary caregiver leave can be taken any time within the first year after a child's birth or adoption.

The Air Force policy, authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, is effective immediately and retroactive to Dec. 23, 2016.

The Air Force Personnel Center will send out guidance via MyPers on the process for requesting restoration of qualifying non-chargeable leave.

Frequently Asked Questions can be found here. For additional information regarding the Military Leave Program, please visit AFI 36-3003 or contact Air Force Total Force Service Center at 1-800-565-0102.

KC-46

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some remote testing at other bases, this is the beginning of a new chapter in its development where Edwards personnel can directly test the Air Force's newest aircraft on site at the world's premier flight test location," said Calhoun.

The KC-46A Pegasus is intended to start replacing the Air Force's aging tanker fleet, which has been refueling aircraft for more than 50 years.

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