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# ‘Are you ready?’ Be prepared for call

**Commentary by**  
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Are you ready? Imagine that it's 3:30 p.m. local time on a Friday and you're looking forward to a rare treat, some down time over the weekend.

It's your time to catch up with the family, take care of some needed tasks at home, have fun with friends and maybe get a little sleep. Things are winding down at work as everyone is getting ready for the weekend.

Your supervisor walks over to you with a look of concern. You are informed that you need

to be at the passenger terminal at 2:45 a.m., less than 12 hours from now. You're deploying and you'll find out on board where you're going, and with luck, how long you'll be gone. You have roughly one hour of duty time to wrap things up for your office, pick up some gear at the Logistics Readiness Squadron, and finish up anything else you need from other base agencies before you're out the door.

Are you ready?

Over my Air Force career, the question of "are you ready?" has been the single most valuable question for me to ask. The short-notice deployment just described actually happened to me early in my career.

## Commander's Commentary

I was not ready.

With less than 12-hours notice, I still had some computer-based training to take care of. My mobility bag technically had all the required items, but most of the gear wasn't serviceable, and some of it was even secondhand and didn't fit. I didn't have a will or power of attorney and I wasn't sure where my passport was. I didn't even know where the PAX terminal was on base and that was where I was supposed to show up to deploy. I was told I would need to

bring documentation covering my qualifications and certifications, but I wasn't really confident I knew how to provide that. About the only thing I had going for me was a good attitude. The deployment was turned off after waiting 16 hours in the PAX terminal, which gave me ample time to reflect and ask myself, "Am I ready?" Clearly, the answer was a resounding, no.

Are you ready?

It's easy going day to day, thinking about all the tasks and jobs we have to do. Pretty much every work center on base could use more people just for normal operations. On occasion, we show up on someone's radar as "being red" for some

computer-based training, medical requirements or some other issue that needs to be corrected. It is easy to feel that these requirements are a hindrance and that they interfere with the job that needs doing right now. It can be tempting to do whatever you can to "go green" as fast as possible. But we need to slow down and ask first if we are ready. When we show up "green" with all of our CBTs, medical exams, and other requirements, we're sending a message to our leadership that we're good to go at a moment's notice. But if we clicked "next" as fast as we could on our CBTs, didn't tell the doctor

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# Airman carries, works to continue King's dream

**Commentary by**  
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MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — "I have a dream." When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke these famous words to that crowd of over 250,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963, he delivered a speech that captivated generations since with its vision of racial equality.

When the third Monday of January arrives and we take a day to recognize and honor Dr. King and his philosophies, we remember his dream of

## Enlisted Commentary

existing in a diverse society where the benefits of equality are enjoyed by all, regardless of race or circumstance.

As I reflect upon this, I question myself: "Why does this speech continue to resonate almost 60 years later?"

For me, it is because it captures the spirit of hope, even during difficult times, which remains as relevant as ever.

From national security concerns to winning the fight, the challenges we face today as a country are significant and the consequences of failure are

dangerous. It is because of this that we need not forget Dr. King's ideals and utilize our greatest asset – people – to its full potential.

I believe our best measure of success in the Air Force is not the war we win by fighting, but the war we prevent by defending the sky, space and cyberspace. We should be entirely dedicated to accomplishing this mission, which means judging people through an objective and professional lens. What should matter is their contributions to the strength of the team. In other words, valuing diversity promotes innovation and thus, strengthens the force.

As Gen. David Goldfein, the Chief of

Staff of the Air Force once said, "Recruiting and retaining diverse Airmen cultivates innovation. Different people make the best teams when integrated purposefully together."

Although this may sound like leadership talk, the correlation between diversity and victory is one that has been proven true throughout Air Force history.

Whether we talk about the Tuskegee Airmen, the Women Airforce Service Pilots or the Native American Code Talkers, the contributions of minorities have been pivotal to the Air Force

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# Dental Airman takes inspiration from MLK

**Airman 1st Class Christian Conrad**  
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"Every time I think about it, it's like pulling a scab off a sore."

Almost 51 years after hearing the fatal gunshot that ended his friend's life, Jesse Jackson is still haunted by the loud crack that interrupted the cool calm of an April Memphis evening and took the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"It's a hurtful, painful thought: that a man of love is killed by hate; that a man of peace should be killed by violence; a man who cared is killed by the careless," said Jackson.

Much was lost along with King's life. His death catalyzed an increasing number of his supporters to adopt a more violent approach to gaining equality – an approach often condemned by King himself – which led to nationwide riots that would claim the lives of 39 people in the months following his death.

"We had to make a big decision: allow one bullet to kill a whole movement for which we worked and forfeit the game, or fight even harder, and we did that," said Jackson. "In his name, we kept fighting. We've never stopped, as a matter of fact. He laid the groundwork. The coalition started rebuilding on the ground laid by his philosophy."

For the majority of instances, King's philosophy won out. Global culture has been positively affected in different and, sometimes, surprising ways by those whom King's ideas and teachings have inspired.

Airman 1st Class SaiAnni Hyatt, 60th Dental Squadron dental assistant at Travis Air Force Base, California, is one such devotee to the ideals King left behind.

In her two years in the service, Hyatt



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Christian Conrad

**Airman 1st Class SaiAnni Hyatt, 60th Dental Squadron dental assistant, stands Jan. 16 in the courtyard of the dental clinic at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Hyatt has been personally influenced by the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and uses his ideals she has internalized to bring her best self to the U.S. Air Force.**

has used the freedoms fought for and won by King and the Civil Rights movement of the '60s to not only continue to advocate for justice within the Air Force culture, but spread what qualities King helped to stoke in the American people

as a means to ensure the readiness of her base's Airmen and the success of their mission.

"Matters of equality and righteousness go hand in hand with readiness in the Air Force," said Hyatt. "How can I

have a sound mind and be expected to complete the mission if I have thoughts of suicide or of being sexually harassed or even being discriminated against for

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## On the cover

**Senior Master Sgt. Scott Piper, Team Travis career assistance advisor, participates in a volunteer event Jan. 21 on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at Anna Kyle Elementary School in Fairfield, Calif.**

U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Joey Swafford

## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

U.S. Air Force photo

**Name:** Senior Airman Kiersten P. Mason.

**Unit:** 60th Security Forces Squadron.

**Duty title:** Pass and registration clerk.

**Hometown:** Edgar Springs, Missouri.

**Time in service:** Three years.

**Family:** Spouse, Phil Mason.

**What are your goals?** Accomplishing Community College of the Air Force, work toward a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice and promotion to staff sergeant first time testing.

**What are your hobbies?** Spending time with family, reading, sight-seeing and walking my dog, Abby.

**What is your greatest achievement?** My enlistment while sharing this experience with my husband.



# Travis seeks Hometown Heroes for air show

60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Travis Air Force Base is in search of nominations of Hometown Heroes for incentive flights in conjunction with the 2019 air show titled "Thunder over the Bay."

Though the air show is scheduled for March 30-31, the flights would take place between March 22-31.

Travis AFB is seeking to recognize the extraordinary people in the local community by making the theme of the air show "Honoring our Hometown Heroes." Many police officers, firefighters, nurses, teachers and simply ordinary citizens are working within their neighborhoods, cities, and counties to make them safe and enhancing our everyday lives. Thus, the base would like to honor them by providing some exclusive opportunities to fly aboard our aircraft and some of our guest aircraft as well as a meet and greet booth.

- Opportunities include:
- A flight with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.
  - A C-17 Globemaster III "tour of the bay" flight.
  - A flight with the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team.
  - A Hometown Heroes booth for attendees.

Nominations are currently being accepted until Jan. 31. Applications can be downloaded at the Travis Air Show website [www.travis.af.mil/TravisAirShow/](http://www.travis.af.mil/TravisAirShow/). Space is limited. All medical requirements listed on the application must be met.

Please note that people ineligible for this program include, but are not limited to: active-duty military members, elected and appointed officials, unit honorary commanders, newscasters, reporters, board directors or other individuals

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U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Jonathon Carnell

Travis Air Force Base Airmen attend a leadership class, "The Best Just Got Better," taught by Jodi and Jason Womack Jan. 10 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The Womacks have visited 39 countries on their voyage to help leaders become stronger. Their next commitment will be in Alabama, where Jason Womack will be a professor of leadership studies at the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base.

# Class guides leadership tools

Airman 1st Class Jonathon Carnell

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Airmen at all levels have the ability to be leaders. Learning to grow and lead through professional development opportunities can distinguish the good leaders from the great leaders.

One such opportunity occurred Jan. 10, when approximately 50 Airmen from Travis Air Force Base, California, attended a leadership course on base.

The course was taught by Jodi and Jason Womack, a married couple which has co-authored a series of books on leadership development. The Womacks are committed to helping leaders become stronger, better equipped and improve their overall leadership qualities.

During the three-hour course, they mentored in an open-ended way, asking the

audience questions, giving them the opportunity to meet others in the room and challenged the audience to set goals 30 days to a year in duration.

"Opportunities such as this class are extremely valuable to members at every level as the more knowledge we have in the leadership and self-awareness arena, the more likely we are to apply the lessons learned in our day-to-day life," said Master Sgt. Brianna Hunt, the Sgt. Paul P. Ramoneda Airman Leadership School commandant. "My next 30 days will be more focused than before this class."

When someone is writing out a goal, it is very important to make it believable and obtainable, said Jodi.

Another focus of the Womacks' class was T.R.O., which stands for transactions, relationships and opportunities.

Transactions are important because they set the tone

for why and when things are done.

Jason expanded on the principle of time and how someone's time is a transaction. That time is limited and have only yesterday's best to offer our people. Our people deserve the best of us, every day."

Depending on the transactions made, new relationships can be built.

"Great leaders must have good relationships, rapport and be willing to establish new relationships," said Jason.

With these new relationships and rapport built, there are more opportunities that can come to light.

"Constantly grow as a person and ask yourself, 'what's next?' Take on new opportunities when you are reasonably fit," he said.

The question "what's next?" is one Hunt asks herself as a willingness to

continue to grow as a person and to take on new opportunities.

"If you don't grow, you plateau," said Hunt. "Without growth, we become stagnant and have only yesterday's best to offer our people. Our people deserve the best of us, every day."

Jodi and Jason have visited 39 countries on their voyage to help leaders become stronger. Their next commitment will be in Alabama, where Jason will be a professor of leadership studies at Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

"I hope that all of the Airmen who were here today walk away with a higher sense of every decision they make," said Jason. "Decisions leaders make influence their followers and aspiring leaders."

To check for upcoming leadership classes, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center at 707-424-2486.

# Temporary home for pharmacy to open

Merrie Schillter Lowe  
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The satellite pharmacy at Travis Air Force Base, California, will open in its temporary home 9 a.m. Feb. 4.

The current facility in the base exchange mini mall will close Jan. 31 for the move. Beneficiaries with emergent refill needs can contact the main pharmacy inside the David Grant USAF Medical Center.

The temporary facility features a number of improvements over the current facility, including six service windows, an enclosed lobby with seating area and a centralized prescription processing area that allows staff

members to be more efficient, said Col. Bernard Vanpelt, 60th Medical Group pharmacy flight commander.

"We've also modified our refill schedule to provide better customer service," he said.

Pharmacy staff now begin processing refills on Sunday to get a jump on the upcoming week.

"The change allows us to pull people from the processing line to serve beneficiaries at the window on our busiest days, which are Monday through Wednesday," said Vanpelt.

The pharmacy also will reinstate the queueing system. People with mobility issues will

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# Air Force makes updates to enlisted evaluation policies

**Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs**


ARLINGTON, Va. — The Air Force recently updated evaluation policies for enlisted Airmen, refining the process and requirements for enlisted performance reports. The revised policies are in

response to feedback from the field and are geared towards increasing flexibility for commanders and empowering performance within the enlisted corps.


“We are continuously making strides to reform our talent management system, including evaluating updates we previously made

to the Enlisted Evaluation System,” said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air Force deputy chief of staff for manpower, personnel, and services. “Our focus is on making our system more agile, more responsive, simpler and more transparent to better meet  
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# Haitian makes better life through joining Air Force

## Sergeant formerly stationed at Travis

**Staff Sgt. Joshua Edwards**  
8TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KUNSAN AIR BASE, Republic of Korea — All Airmen have their own stories, unique with diverse educational backgrounds, mixed upbringings and different heritages.

For Master Sgt. Larwens Subtil, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant at Kunsan Air Base, Korea, his Air Force story begins in Haiti.

“Things are tough in a third world country,” said Subtil. “In a lot of third world countries, although you get education, it’s very bad. I remember our mom working 16 to 18 hours a day, just to make sure that she put us through a private school. It came at a cost though. We would go about 20 days throughout the year with no food. My mom’s ideology was that education is more

valued than food. It was good to know that my mom believed that when we got good grades, there was a possibility that we could make a name for ourselves.”

To help out with finances, Subtil’s father left his family to accept a job in the U.S. With the money he earned, he was able to support the family modestly and eventually obtain visas for his family to come to the U.S. Subtil was 19 at the time.

“The hope is that if you do well in school, maybe, if you get to the United States, then things will be better,” he said.

In Subtil’s view, this ideology is standard for some Haitians. For many, being in the U.S. creates a possibility for hope. That idea, plus the high value his mother placed on education, stuck with him.

He enrolled in college, but  
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# Goldfein gets up close view of new T-X trainer

**Charles Pope**

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
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ARLINGTON, Va. — After his first up-close view Jan. 15 of a ready-to-fly T-X, the Air Force's training aircraft of the future, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein could have been expected to marvel at the technical sophistication of a state-of-the-art plane was designed and manufactured not

only with future pilots in mind but with maintainers and software specialists as well.

He could have mentioned that the new plane's single engine generates nearly three-times more thrust than the dual engines of the plane it is replacing as the primary trainer for all future Air Force pilots — the legendary but aging T-38C Talon.

He could have noted that the T-X has twin tails, slats, and big leading-edge root extensions

that provide deft handling at low speeds allowing it fly in a way that better approximates real world demands and that it is specifically designed to prepare pilots for fifth-generation aircraft.

But after climbing out of the cockpit during the visit to the St. Louis factory where Boeing builds the T-X, Goldfein, a former instructor-pilot, pointed to a seemingly mundane but critical difference — sight lines.

"I'd love to be an instructor again," a smiling Goldfein said after a detailed briefing by senior Boeing officials and a close inspection of a plane on the factory floor that included time in both cockpit seats. "The visibility is exceptional. I can see

what the student is doing, what displays he is calling up; which challenges she's calling up."

To be sure, Goldfein took note of the technical sophistication of the plane and what that modern technology brings to the future of the Air Force. During a briefing with Boeing executives and engineers, for example, he asked pointed questions about not only the plane's performance but also how reliable — and fast — software is upgraded.

He asked about the way maintainers are blended into the training program. The answer is that the plane is designed with easy-to-reach and open panels and that virtual reality can be used to train maintainers.

Goldfein acknowledged the

point. "We sink or swim on sustainment," he said.

Impressive and important as all of that is, Goldfein's history as an instructor caused him to highlight something else.

Unlike in the 57-year-old T-38, the instructor's position in the T-X is elevated, meaning he or she can see things that were not easily possible before — body position and hand movements, which display is activated and when, and the kind of information that training pilot receives and requests during flight.

That difference, along with the updated technology and capabilities of the plane itself, along with better simulators

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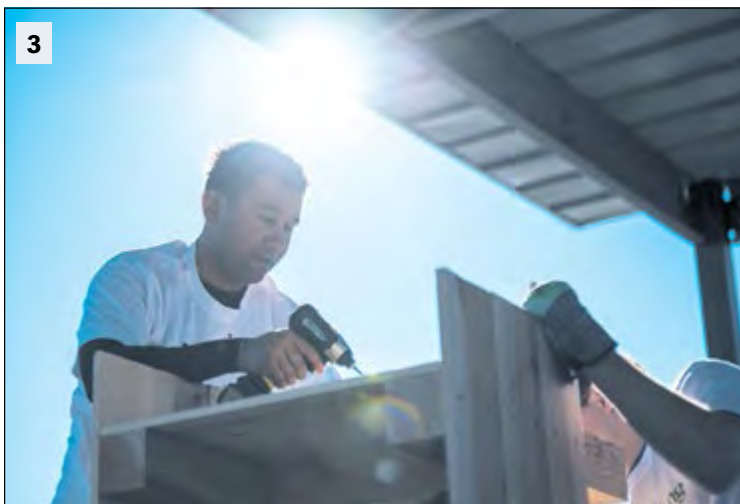
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# A 'day on, not a day off' as Travis aids locals



1) A volunteer participates in a service project Jan. 21 on Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Anna Kyle Elementary School in Fairfield, Calif. 2) U.S. Airmen assigned to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., along with other volunteers meet before the event. 3) Airman Richard Torres, First Term Airman Course student and member of the 60th Civil Engineering Squadron, participates in the event.

Story and photos by  
Master Sgt. Joseph Swafford  
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Over 250 community members to include 29 Airmen from the First Term Airman Course at Travis Air Force Base, California, volunteered to help renovate Anna Kyle Elementary School during a Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in Fairfield, Jan. 21.

In recognition of Dr. King's legacy of service to all, Congress designated the federal holiday as the first and only national day of service in 1994. As a national day of service, known as a "day on, not a day off."

For FTAC Airmen, who are new to the base and the operational Air Force, the day was a chance to experience the positive relationship between the base and the local community for the first time.

"I think it's essential that we continue to build positive relationships with the community and maintain a good rapport," said Airman Richard Torres, FTAC student and member of the 60th Civil Engineering Squadron. "I'm just excited to be part of it and for future opportunities to volunteer for events like this and hopefully make a positive impact on the community while I'm here."

The FTAC Airmen volunteer efforts left a positive impression on the community and the non-profit organization Rebuilding Together Solano County who organized the volunteer effort.

"The importance of Travis AFB and its commitment to the Solano County community has been a large part in helping RTSC as well as other non-profit organizations achieve their mission of helping those in need," said Elizabeth Hoffman, RTSC executive director. "In addition, Travis AFB personnel are exposed to local residents and communities through their volunteer work."

Having a solid relationship with Solano County neighbors helps Travis maintain its status as America's premier power projection platform.

"Without the local community, we wouldn't have the successful mission that we do in the 60th Air Mobility Wing," said Tech. Sgt. Nathaniel Hyder, FTAC team leader and 821st Contingency Response Squadron equipment technician. "The people, that's why we exist as an Air Force. It's to protect, and when we're not overseas protecting, we should be a part of the community and be there to serve and help them."

Dr. King recognized the power of service to strengthen communities and achieve common goals. Through his words and examples, Dr. King challenged individuals to take action and lift up their neighbors and communities through service.

"Honoring his memory is very important," said Torres. "What better way to do it than to help children and a school in the local community? I think he would be proud of what we're doing here."

Volunteering also emphasizes the Air Force core value of service before self and allows the first term Airmen to see the importance of making a difference and positively representing the Air Force within their communities early in their military careers.

"We want to instill in our Airmen that being at Travis is being part of the community," said Hyder. "You only get something out of your community if you're putting something into it. We try to teach them professionalism and it has a lot to do with the core values."

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, participation in the MLK Day of Service has grown each year as more Americans are inspired by Dr. King's legacy to help their communities and the holiday has become synonymous with service.

"He definitely inspires me to try to make a difference every day in our community," said Hyder.

"For me, honoring him here by helping this school means giving back into my community, and I hope it sheds a little honor on all the work he did."

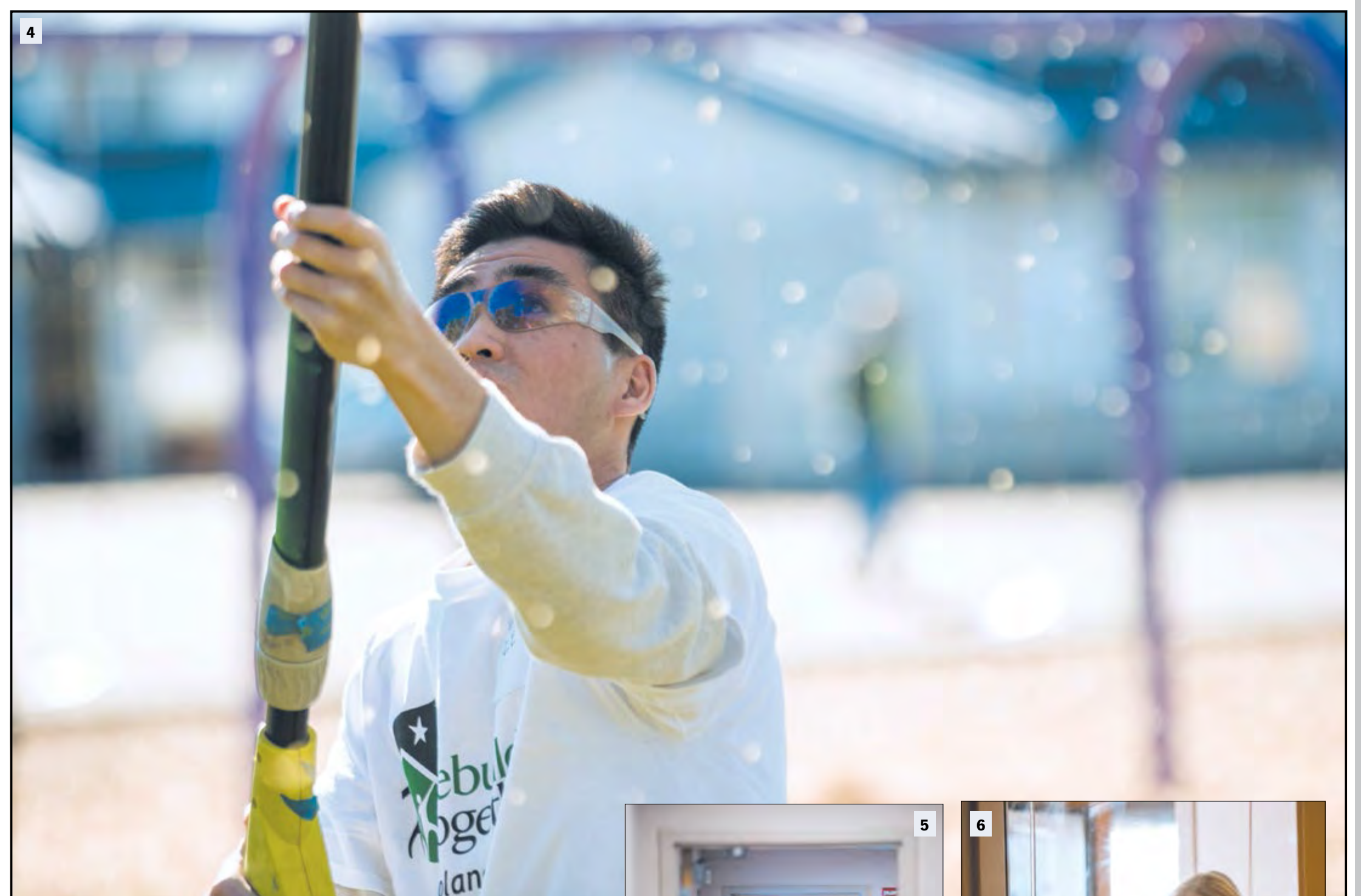
The volunteer day wasn't a one-time event for Travis Airmen and FTAC classes.

There has been a long-standing relationship between Travis AFB and RTSC that started with the FTAC Gives Back initiative at the MLK Day event two years ago.

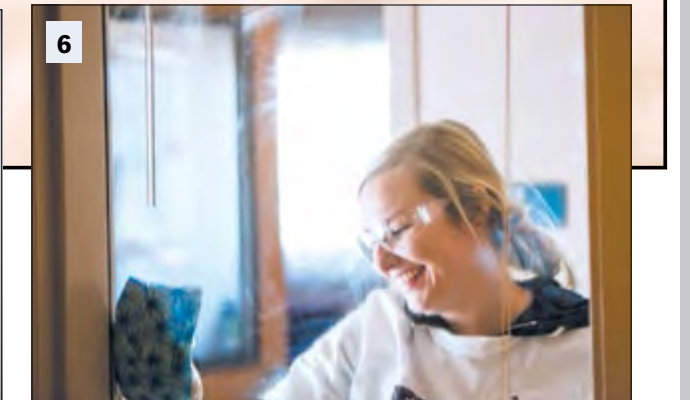
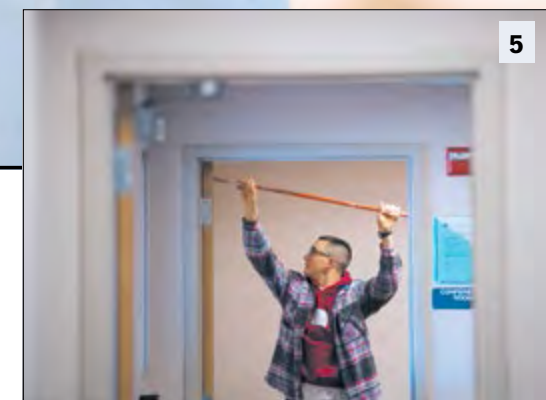
Since then, FTAC Airmen have completed 46 community support projects, with 29 of them through RTSC. This equals nearly 6,000 volunteer hours given back to Solano County.

Through their volunteer efforts, Travis Airmen are demonstrating how through service, anyone can make a difference.

This impact embodies the spirit of Dr. King's legacy, as he once said, "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."



4) Airman Ze Chui, a First Term Airman Course student and member of the 60th Maintenance Squadron, participates Jan. 21 in a volunteer event on Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Anna Kyle Elementary School in Fairfield, Calif. Each FTAC class participates in a volunteer project giving back 3,000 hours annually to the local community. 5) Airman 1st Class Samuel Wamhoff, an FTAC student and member of the Band of the Golden West, participates in the event. 6) Airman 1st Class Kaytlynn Johnson, an FTAC student and member of the 21st Airlift Squadron, participates in the event. Each year, on the third Monday in Jan., the MLK Day of Service is observed as a "day on, not a day off."





## Swap Ads

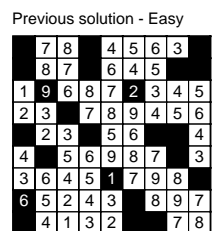
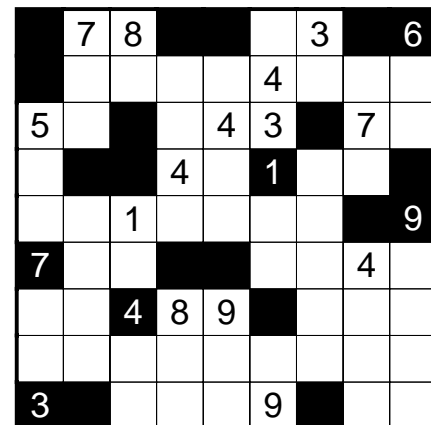
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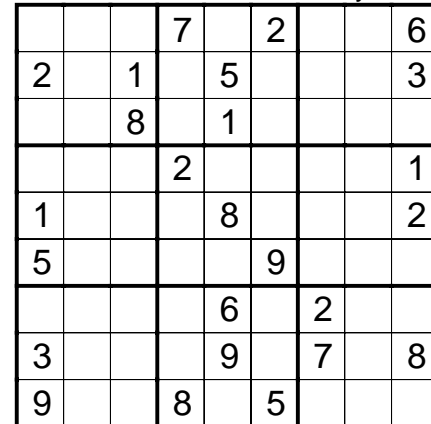
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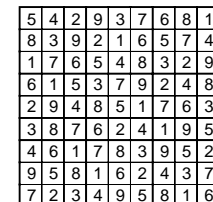
How to beat Str8ts – Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into compartments. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A straight is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

### SUDOKU

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Previous solution - Tough



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## Retiree Corner

Medal of Honor recipient, Vietnam veteran dies

WASHINGTON — Nearly 50 years after receiving the Medal of Honor, Air Force legend Col. Joe M. Jackson died Jan. 12 at the age of 95.

Known as an Air Force Hero of the Vietnam War, then-Lt. Col. Jackson was awarded the prestigious

medal on Jan. 16, 1969, by President Lyndon B. Johnson, for his selfless, heroic actions in combat.

“We are saddened by the loss of Medal of Honor recipient Col. Joe Jackson, his amazing story of humility, courage and Airmanship will be remembered,” said Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson.

— Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

## Chapel programs

### 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.

##### DGMC Chapel

- Roman Catholic Mass: Noon to 12:35 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except for federal holidays.

##### 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 inquiries, call LDS Military relations representatives at 707-535-6979.

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##### 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 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday at Bldg. 1348. Home-cooked meal from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays followed by Bible study.



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

## 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.

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**Air Force Sergeants Association "Walter E. Scott" Chapter 1320.** General membership meetings are at 2 p.m. 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.

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**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.

**Civilian Health Promotion Services.** Will perform free wellness screenings from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. every Monday for all DoD federal civilians. Screenings include cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and body composition analysis. For more information, visit [www.AFMCIWellness.com](http://www.AFMCIWellness.com) or contact CHPS at 707-424-CHPS or CHPSTravis@fhh.hhs.gov.

**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.

**Employee-Vehicle Certification and Reporting System.** Civilian and military personnel must maintain emissions information with the Web-based ECARS system. For more information, call Xuyen Lieu at 707-424-5103.

**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 play groups.** Toddlers to the Max play group 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 play group 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 to 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 [travscopcombatptsd@gmail.com](mailto:travscopcombatptsd@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://pptform.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://jhrs.release.dma.mil/public> and fill out the information.

**Mare Island Museum.** 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.

**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 Gisham at 707-425-0060.

**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/2mR1g2>. 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 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.

**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](mailto: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@csquadron22-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](mailto: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 3 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

**Voluntary Leave Transfer Program.** The following Travis employees are approved as leave

recipients through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

- Erin Dunniway, 60th Operations Support Squadron.

The VLTP allows an employee who has a medical emergency or is affected by a medical emergency of a family member and is without availability of paid leave to receive transferred annual leave directly from other employees. For more information, call 707-424-1720.

**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.

## Local events

### Events

**"Sounds of Suspense."** Radio broadcast, noon fourth Friday of each month, Vacaville Public Library-Town Square, 1 Town Square Place. Free. [www.solanolibrary.com](http://www.solanolibrary.com).

**Vallejo Art Walk.** 5 to 10 p.m. second Friday of each month, downtown Vallejo. Free admission. [www.vallejoartwalk.com](http://vallejoartwalk.com).

**Vallejo Farmers Market.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, year-round, Georgia and Marin streets. [www.pcfma.com](http://www.pcfma.com).

**Vintage Market.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every third Saturday, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 101 West St., Vacaville. 925-978-6989.

### Music and dance

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**Chamber Music at Rancho Flaubert.** Telegraph String Quartet, 3 p.m. Feb. 17; 7059 Bucktown Lane, Vacaville. [www.sites.google.com/view/cmarf/home](http://www.sites.google.com/view/cmarf/home).

**City Sports Bar and Grill.** Music begins at 9 p.m.: Strange Brew, Jan. 25; DJ Aaron, Jan. 26; 7155 Browns Valley Parkway, Vacaville. 455-7827, [www.starsrecreation.com](http://www.starsrecreation.com).

**Downtown Theatre.** The Dance Factory, 7 p.m. Jan. 25, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 26, 2 and 4 p.m. Jan. 27; 1035 Texas St., Fairfield. [www.downtowntheatre.com](http://www.downtowntheatre.com).

**Empress Theatre.** James Zeller Trio, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23; Sjnynnyn Lynnyrd, 8 p.m. Jan. 25; 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. 552-2400, [www.empresstheatre.org](http://www.empresstheatre.org).

**First Street Cafe.** Karaoke, 7 p.m. Jan. 25; Tune Riders, 7 p.m. Jan. 26; 440 First St., Benicia. 745-1400, [www.firststreetcafe.com](http://www.firststreetcafe.com).

**The Relik Tavern.** Music begins at 9

Here are the showtimes for this weekend's movies at the Base Theater:

#### Today

- 6:30 p.m. "Welcome to Marwen" (PG)
- 9 p.m. "Spider-Man: Into the Spiderverse" (PG)

#### Saturday

- 6:30 p.m. "Holmes & Watson" (PG-13)
- 9 p.m. "Bumble Bee" (PG-13)

#### Sunday

- 2 p.m. "Aquaman" (PG-13)

# THE FLIP SIDE

## Airmen complete FTAC



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Christian Conrad

Congratulations to the latest Airmen to complete the First Term Airman Center course. Alphabetically: Airman Basic Chenoa Anderson, 60th Maintenance Squadron; Airman Julius Arroyo, 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Airman 1st Class Brandon Asay, 60th Inpatient Squadron; Airman Chandolyn Atkins, 60th IPTS; Airman 1st Class Tyler Bryce, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Airman Ze Chui, 60th MXS; Airman 1st Class Carlos Delgado, 60th Security Forces Squadron; Airman 1st Class Keven Delgado Rivera, 60th IPTS; Airman Basic Tola Emekene, 60th Aerial Port Squadron; Airman 1st Class Christopher Fagan, 60th AMXS; Airman 1st Class Hannah Hoskins, 60th SFS; Airman 1st Class Kaytlynn Johnson, 21st Airlift Squadron; Airman 1st Class Pierre Leavell, 60th APS; Airman 1st Class Marino Marte, 60th AMXS; Airman 1st Class Josephine Merritt, 60th APS; Airman 1st Class Dane Misso, 60th AMXS; Airman 1st Class Maryah Narte, 60th Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron; Airman 1st Class Andrea Nunez Jaramillo, 60th AMXS; Airman 1st Class Rakeem Owens, 60th SFS; Airman 1st Class Connor Parker, 60th SFS; Airman 1st Class Jordan Pease, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron; Airman 1st Class Rico Polk, 60th CES; Airman 1st Class Dylan Purdy, 60th LRS; Airman 1st Class Martin Quinonez-Castaneda, 60th AMXS; Airman 1st Class Ashley Rasmusen, 660th AMXS; Airman Richard Torres, 60th CES; Airman 1st Class Samuel Wamhoff, U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West; Airman 1st Class Nicolas Wirth, 60th AMXS; and Airman Basic Austin Wollenberg, 60th APS.



## Wood

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about that medical issue we've been pushing through best we could, or thought the other requirements we had were just boxes to check, we might not be ready when needed. It's understandable to think that we don't need a passport, will or power of attorney.

It's easy to assume that we can pay bills online pretty much anywhere in the world, or think that because we can do our job on base we can do it anywhere.

But we need to ask ourselves if we are really ready. If we were asked today if we could go to a bare base in a hostile war-torn country, without hardened facilities or even a good fence around the base (much less mail or internet), can we honestly say we're ready for anything and everything we might face? If your answer is yes, think again about all the other jobs you might have to do in a deployed location.

Sure, I'm a great medic, but how good of a security forces augmentee am I? Do I feel comfortable with a weapon? Can I move in body armor? Am I good with my combative skills?

Those are things that I don't do every day, and might not show up on any report about my readiness. If the answer to any of these questions is no, I need to let my supervisor and commander know my weak spots where I need training. Not everything shows up on a

convenient report.

If there are skills or training you need before you deploy, chances are good someone else in the unit will need them too.

Likewise, don't neglect your home situation. It's easy to focus on the job, but what would happen to your family if you were suddenly gone for an extended period of time? How prepared are they for the challenges that might come when you are not there? Even if your only family is a pet goldfish, do you have a plan for those that rely on you being here?

We have become accustomed to routine deployments in the air and expeditionary force cycle and I'm sure our enemies appreciate that. Natural disasters tend to be unpredictable as well. Asking if we're ready to perform the mission anywhere, anytime is a useful tool that can help when the unexpected tragedy happens, but it can also help enable some great opportunities. After that incident early in my career, I've tried to always be ready, and it certainly has paid off. I had the opportunity to go on some amazing temporary duty assignments simply because I was ready when someone was needed, from supporting NASA in Morocco, to providing medical care in Nepal, to teaching in Indonesia to name a few.

More to the point, if I get a call this afternoon like I did all those years ago, I know that I am ready. I can focus on the mission and do my job anywhere I may get called, and my family will be taken care of.

Are you ready?

## Nunez

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becoming the world's greatest.

Striving to become more diverse isn't just the right thing to do – it is our collective intelligence and experiences coming together to become the most effective force we can be. Like many of our senior leaders like to say, "Diversity is a force multiplier." I truly believe in this. We must do this together – all ranks, ages, races, religions, and sexual orientations.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is not only a time to celebrate the incredible legacy of the

visionary civil rights activist, but also a time to reflect on the progress we have made toward his vision. The optimism of Dr. King's dream is a reminder that there is always progress to be made, and to always push for better and challenge injustices.

Are we judging others by the content of their character?

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# Heroes

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# Policies

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the needs of our Airmen and our Air Force.”

The updated policies will impact almost every active duty enlisted Airman as well as those in the Guard and Reserve.

One of the more significant updates covers a long and widely debated subject. Under the new policy senior

noncommissioned officers who complete an associate's degree or “higher level degree from a nationally or regionally accredited academic institution” are eligible for promotion and senior rater stratification or endorsement consideration.

Prior to this update, only degrees obtained from the Community College of the Air Force could be considered for senior rater stratification and endorsement. Airmen should ensure completed degrees are

updated in their personnel records in the Military Personnel Data System.

Another update focuses on equitability and streamlines the stratification process by removing ineligible Airmen from the senior rater stratification pool. The previous policy allowed Airmen with an approved high year of tenure, or HYT, retirement date to be factored into the senior rater's endorsement allocations. For Airmen reaching HYT, performance evaluations are also now considered optional.

An additional update authorizes the senior enlisted leader, previously only an advisor, to be a voting member of the Enlisted Forced Distribution Panel. In addition, the policy affords large units the ability to use the Enlisted Force Distribution Panel process. If a designated large unit chooses not to do so, the unit commander must publish and disseminate alternate procedures no later than the accounting date for each evaluation cycle to ensure transparency.

In yet another update, commanders now have authority to designate any number of non-rated days if they determine an Airman “faced personal hardships during the reporting period.” The option provides commanders the ability to reflect periods of extenuating circumstances on annual evaluations without negatively impacting the Airman.

Air Force senior leaders also made recommendations regarding referral evaluations. Currently, a report is automatically referred when “met some, but not all expectations” is selected on the AF Forms 910 and 911. To allow raters the opportunity to identify and document potential areas of improvement, these ratings will no longer be considered a mandatory referral enlisted performance report. This particular policy change will take effect in conjunction with the staff sergeant static close out date on Jan. 31.

The changes will appear in upcoming revisions of Air Force Instructions 36-2606, Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Systems and 36-2502, Enlisted Airman Promotion/Endorsement Programs.

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# Haitian

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while attending he faced several challenges: He had to learn English; due to not being a citizen, he wasn't eligible for most scholarships; and his family didn't have enough money to pay for him.

With this in mind, Subtil got a job at a grocery store making \$6.15 an hour. An unsettling incident at this job ultimately led to him enlisting in the Air Force.

“I was working the dairy aisle and I was trying to put the products that expire sooner closer to the front and put the later date in the back. I had just cleaned up my aisle and was thinking how good it looks. There was this woman that just came in and she was trying to get items from the back, but she basically knocked out everything to grab what she needed, while I was right next to her. She looked at me and made me feel like I was not worth anything. At that time, I was just furious. I asked my manager to take a 30-minute break and I went to the dairy cooler and cried,” Subtil said. “It was there that I started to question, ‘What is my purpose here?’”

Shortly thereafter, Subtil met with a recruiter, enlisted in the Air Force and became an X-ray technician.



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Joshua Edwards  
**Master Sgt. Larwens Subtil, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant, poses in his office Jan. 11 at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea. Subtil immigrated to the U.S. from Haiti, joined the Air Force and is serving his 15th year in the military. He previously served with the 22nd Airlift Squadron and the 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.**

Once he completed his training, he moved to Keesler Air Force Base, where he would spend most of his first enlistment. It was there that he decided he wanted to stay in the military and obtained his

citizenship through the Immigration and Nationality Act, which allows service members to file for naturalization based on their military service. “I was enjoying (my job). There were a lot of things that

the military offered me in that sense of brotherhood. It wasn't just work,” Subtil said.

Subtil is now a first sergeant at Kunsan where he is responsible for the morale and welfare

of the 8th CES. He accomplishes this task by assisting with leave requests, pay issues and a variety of other daily occurrences.

“I enjoy helping people. The simple things matter to every Airman and you're at the center of that. (The support) is endless and it's extremely rewarding to hear, ‘thank you.’”

Subtil's story and his Haitian heritage affect the way he operates every day at work and in his personal life.

“In Haitian culture, we have a close-knit family and it helps me in the military because it gives me a sense of belonging. It helps me understand my Air Force family as well so I can get close to them. My family taught me the importance of staying together,” he said.

As a first sergeant, Subtil has worked for the 22nd Airlift Squadron and the 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California, before coming to Kunsan. He has been in the Air Force for 15 years and he wants to continue serving as long as he can.

“From Haiti to the greatest Air Force in the world ... what are the chances?” Subtil asked aloud. “I don't ever want to think about the day I'm leaving, because the military helped make me who I am today.”

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# Dental

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the person that I am? In my mind, they all are intertwined into the bigger picture.”

“Mission success comes

when everyone is unencumbered by discriminatory practices that prevent them from bringing all that they are to the defense of the country,” said Hyatt.

Hyatt’s quality of life has been elevated to a point where she can pursue and become the

person she wants to be due in large part to the work of King and the civil rights movement, she said.

“Not only do I have equal rights, but I also have the opportunity to seek higher education without fear of discrimination,” she said. “I’m able

to do basic things like choosing whatever seat I want to on a bus and in a movie theater. I can use the nearest bathroom and eat in any restaurant. Today, we do these things without thinking, but there was a time when people who looked like me couldn’t do such things, and that’s important to remember.”

It was President Harry S. Truman who, on July 26, 1948, desegregated the armed forces after over 170 years. Remembering these facts can be hard, said Hyatt, but it’s always important.

“Black women weren’t even allowed in the regular military until after World War II,” said Hyatt. “But here we are, 70 years later, and I’m not only serving, but in a position to make meaningful strides and even suggest policy changes within my squadron. It’s worth looking back and appreciating just how much we’ve gained in all that time and how far our words and ideas can stretch.”

King is oft-quoted as saying “the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” It wasn’t until last year that Jackson, now 77, made his own addition to the famous quote: “The arc of the moral

universe is long and it bends toward justice, but you have to pull it to bend; it doesn’t bend automatically.”

Hyatt isn’t sure if she’ll be making a career of the Air Force, but she does know that however long she’ll stay in, she’s going to bring nothing but her best to every day, to ensure readiness in her unit and bend that arc to whatever direction that will allow her and the people she works with the freedom of a voice that carries, causes change and gets the mission done.

“Everyone benefits from equality and fairness,” she said. “We meet people from all walks of life causing connections and friendships to be made. Perspectives are different because of the vast diversity of opinions and experiences, which is beneficial because of how many of those different perspectives can be used toward solving a collective problem for the good of all people, not just a select few. Being a part of a community not only raises morale, it makes people feel like they are a part of something greater than themselves.”

The Guardian contributed to this article.



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## Pharmacy

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receive a number so they can sit and not lose their place in line, or their number to be called, said Vanpelt.

Extensive renovations on the current satellite pharmacy also begin in February. The ScriptCenter (kiosks) will remain in operation in the mini mall throughout the construction period.

The temporary facility will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. The kiosks are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The 2,602 square feet of space for the current satellite pharmacy was obtained July 1, 1997.

It no longer meets current Defense Department space planning criteria, lacks proper refill capabilities and is not configured to maximize operational efficiency due to changes in mission over the years, according to the scope of work.

Additionally, the satellite facility shares the building with several Army and Air Force Exchange Service tenants, including the United States Postal Service, Class Six and Military Clothing Sales stores and other retail and service providers.

The new facility will be nearly twice as large as the current satellite pharmacy and seat 36, said Vanpelt. The renovations are scheduled to be completed in early 2020.

For more information, call the pharmacy at 707-423-7114 or 707-423-5345.

## Trainer

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and the ability to update software faster and more seamlessly, convinced Goldfein that the plane has the potential to deliver what future pilots and warfighters need.

"The level of instructional capacity is impressive," he said, noting that the new trainer will go into service in 2024 and reach full operational capability by 2034. Having a fleet of these trainers, he said, will allow pilots to train for fourth and fifth-generation aircraft.



1) A C-17 Globemaster III gets an early morning start on the flight line Oct. 24, 2018, at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. A C-17 has a maximum takeoff weight of 585,000 pounds and a wingspan of more than 169 feet.

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2) A C-17 Globemaster III waits on the flight line Oct. 24, 2018, at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

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