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# KC-46 reaches milestone at Edwards

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Fielding began last week on America’s newest air refueling tanker aircraft – the KC-46 Pegasus. Operationalizing a new military aircraft does not happen often, but when it does, it typically goes through Edwards Air Force Base – the center of the aerospace testing universe. Regardless of whether it is a frequent or a rare occurrence, hitting a milestone like this should be a huge source of pride for our entire team.



Commentary by Brig. Gen. John Teichert  
412TH TEST WING  
COMMANDER

Fielding the KC-46 provides a massive boost to our nation’s warfighting capabilities in a world characterized by competition from near-peer adversaries. We would not have reached this point without the amazing accomplishments of the 412th Test Wing. The KC-46 is not perfect. Yet, strategic leaders at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio and the Pentagon would not have been in a position to field it now without the knowledge we provided to them to understand

### Commander’s Commentary

and mitigate problems. It was our team who discovered faults. It was our team who raised concerns. It was our team who collaborated with the contractors, the program office and the end-users to fix shortcomings. The warfighter deserves the best capability possible. As such, we will continue to be intimately involved in molding and shaping this new aircraft into a fully-effective and suitable warfighting machine. Along with our operational test, program office

and contractor partners, it will be our team who verifies fixes. It will be our team who ensures that requirements are met. It will be our team who refines the capability into the needs of the warfighter. It will be our team who completes the certifications to refuel the entire range of U.S. and ally military receivers. It will be our team who helps create the roadmap for next-generation refueling capabilities beyond those currently on the drawing board. It was the Global Reach Combined Test Force and the 418th Flight Test Squadron who played the most significant role in this massive accomplishment.

Operations, maintenance, engineering and program management were at the forefront of this substantial test and evaluation effort. Yet, we should never lose sight of the fact that our entire team played a critical role. It required the efforts of defenders, logisticians, strategic planners, medics, firefighters, trainers, inspectors and educators. It required expertise in communications, contingencies, finance, safety, intelligence, facilities, civil engineering, services, security and personnel. It required those who create a safe environment, a positive climate and a trained workforce.

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# Pursue healthy dialogue, stigmatize rape culture

### Commentary by Senior Airman Savannah Waters

8TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs note: This commentary focuses on the perpetuation of rape culture from one Airman’s perspective and offers recommendations on how to improve upon this issue in the Air Force and society as a whole.

KUNSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — As service members, we receive a number of mandatory sexual harassment and assault awareness briefings each year. These briefings address an array of topics, but I would like service members to be given the

### Enlisted Commentary

opportunity to gain a better understanding of what constitutes rape culture. We’ve learned about the effects of sexual harassment, sexual assault and abuse, and rape, but how often do we discuss the effects of rape culture? What value would defining, identifying, and stigmatizing rape culture hold for us as an Air Force? As a society? According to the University of New Hampshire’s Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program, rape culture is defined as stereotyped, false beliefs about rape that justify sexual aggression and trivialize the seriousness

of sexual violence. Tolerance of this culture alienates survivors and reinforces blame toward the victim, making it less likely for a victim of sexual assault or rape to come forward. The glamorization of sexual violence, objectification of both men and women’s bodies and lack of support creates a toxic environment that disregards safety. Rape culture is an environment in which rape is prevalent-- but just because someone hasn’t actively raped, sexually assaulted or harassed anyone doesn’t mean they aren’t contributing to rape culture. Our society does not outwardly promote rape itself. Rape culture teaches

### Helpful websites

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rape prevention instead of teaching them not to rape. Rape culture tolerates friends who make rape jokes. Rape culture shifts blame to the victim. Rape culture normalizes sexual violence and excuses it in the media and popular culture. Rape culture allows victims to be doubted, shamed and harassed. On social media, users see posts and memes that perpetuate rape culture through jokes, slut-shaming and

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# Hyperbaric treatment serves local child

### Merrie Schilter-Lowe

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

An 11-year-old patient is receiving hyperbaric oxygen therapy at the David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base in an attempt to stop, or at least, slow the rate of radiation damage before it reaches his brain. Jeremiah J. Harutyunyan – his family calls him JJ – at age 9 underwent surgery Dec. 15, 2016 at a civilian hospital, to remove a brain tumor. He was then treated with radiation therapy and chemotherapy. About nine months later, JJ was diagnosed with radiation damage to his spinal cord. He is unable to feel below his neck or breathe without a ventilator. “This is a unique case,” said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Jason Kelly, 60th Medical Group Hyperbaric Medicine flight commander. “Far less than 1 percent of cases results in radiation damage to the spinal cord in patients treated for brain cancer. It’s even more of a rarity that this would happen in a child to the severity that he’s on a ventilator.” JJ is suffering from delayed radiation complications, which can occur after a latent period of six months or more. Because the spinal cord carries messages between the brain and the rest of the body, damage to any part of it or the nerves at the end of the spinal canal can cause permanent changes in strength, sensation and other body functions below the site of injury. Radiation damage can remain the same or worsen. “His MRI shows that the radiation damage is progressing farther up into the brain stem,” said Kelly. “If we can stop the progression, it will stop it from affecting other brain functions.” The Harutyunyans, who are from



U.S. Air Force photo/Heide Couch

Anush Harutyunyan, right, tends Dec. 8, 2018, to her son, Jeremiah, 11, following his 13th treatment, at David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Jeremiah is scheduled to receive 30 hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatments in an effort to halt or slow the rate of damage to his brain. Roseville, California, and have no military affiliation, appealed to the Secretary of the Air Force to have JJ treated at DGMCC. The Air Force approved treatment, noting that knowledge about treating spinal cord damage is limited within the medical community. An email from the Secretary’s office went on to say that, “Congress has been pushing the Air Force to improve its capabilities in this area” and a study about the case would benefit Air Force medicine and readiness.

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## On the cover

**Chief Master Sgt. Derek Crowder, 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief, works with Airman 1st Class David Thach, 60th Maintenance Squadron, to a test aircraft tire inflator kit Jan. 25 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.**

U.S. Air Force photo/Heide Couch

# WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

**Name:**  
Staff Sgt. Taja S. Perez.

**Unit:**  
60th Medical Support Squadron.

**Duty title:**  
Noncommissioned officer in charge of patient administration.

**Hometown:**  
Valdosta, Georgia.

**Time in service:**  
Five years.

**Family:**  
Spouse, Staff Sgt. Adrian Perez; son, Averi; daughter, Zuri.

**What are your goals?**  
Pursuing Bachelor of Science degree in health service management in addition to a pre-med

degree. Then my goal is to achieve a doctorate in obstetrics.

**What are your hobbies?**  
Binge watching movie series with my husband and shopping.

**What is your greatest achievement?**  
Becoming a mother to two lovely children.



# Tax prep deal aimed at service members

## Army and Air Force Exchange Service

To help navigate the first year of significant tax law changes, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service is teaming with H&R Block to offer tax preparation services to military members and their families at a 10 percent discount at the Exchange at Travis Air Force Base.

“The Exchange takes every opportunity to make life a little easier for all service members and their families,” said Flor B. Payton Exchange general manager. “These professionals are military experts and well-trained to assist with Exchange shoppers’ tax preparation needs.”

In addition to the discount, H&R Block, at the Exchange, is offering:

- A free “second-look” tax review program in which H&R Block reviews last year’s returns to determine whether filers are entitled to additional money that was not claimed.
- One-hundred percent accuracy guarantee in the event of an audit.
- In the event of an error, H&R Block will pay the penalty and interest at no additional cost to the filer.

The Travis Exchange H&R Block office is located at 461 Skymaster Circle, Travis AFB, CA 94535 and is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday during the 2019 tax season ending April 15.

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The first KC-46A Pegasus lands on the flightline Jan. 25 at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan. The KC-46 will serve alongside the KC-135 Stratotanker at McConnell. KC-46s are scheduled to arrive at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., in 2023.

# McConnell receives first KC-46A

**Airman 1st Class  
Michaela R. Slanchik**  
22ND AIR REFUELING WING  
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MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, Kan. — Total Force crews have delivered the first two KC-46A Pegasus aircraft to McConnell Air Force Base.

The 22nd Air Refueling Wing and 931st ARW marshalled in the newest addition to the Air Force’s strategic arsenal.

“This day will go down in history as a win for Team McConnell and the Air Force as a whole,” said Col. Josh Olson, 22nd ARW commander. “With this aircraft, McConnell will touch the entire planet.”

Travis Air Force Base, California, is expected to receive the first of these next-generation air tankers in early 2023.

Since being selected as the first main operating base in 2014, McConnell Airmen have been preparing to ensure their readiness to receive the Air Force’s newest aircraft.

Contractors constructed three new KC-46 maintenance hangars, technical training dormitories, an air traffic control tower, fuselage trainer and many other facilities specifically for the Pegasus’ arrival. These projects brought \$267 million to the local economy by employing Kansas workers and using local resources.

Aircrew members simulated KC-46 flights, boom operators practiced cargo loading and the 22nd Maintenance Group created a training timeline for the enterprise.

Working with aircraft manufacturer Boeing, McConnell maintenance Airmen have been developing new technical orders for three years. They streamlined processes and got hands-on exposure to the jet in Seattle.

“Some of us have been involved in this program for years and it has given us time to become experts as far as the technical data goes,” said Staff Sgt. Brannon Burch, 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

KC-46 flying crew chief. “Knowing it is one thing, but having hands-on experience on our flightline is what we all crave. We’re just happy the wait’s over and we finally get to get our hands dirty on the Pegasus – it’s almost surreal.”

The KC-46 team at McConnell AFB is comprised of Airmen with a variety of backgrounds from other aircraft who bring different aspects of expertise to the multifaceted new tanker.

“Every Airman who was transferred to the KC-46 team was hand-selected specifically to bring this airplane to the fight,” said Lt. Col. Wesley Spurlock, 344th

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# Changes at AETC seek to develop force

## Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs



U.S. Air Force photo

While escorting B-25 Mitchell bombers over Sicily, then-1st Lt. Charles Hall, who later made the rank of major, scored the Tuskegee Airmen’s first aerial victory. Seated in the cockpit of his P-40L Warhawk, Hall points to his freshly painted “kill” marking.

# Share your service story

## Commissary, Exchange patrons eligible to compete for scholarship

**Kevin Long**  
DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT LEE, Va. – In observance of Black History Month, commissary and exchange patrons will be eligible to enter a social media contest telling their military service stories for a chance to win one \$5,000 or one of three \$1,000 scholarships.

The “Share Your Service Story” contest, sponsored by Coca-Cola in partnership with the USO and Mondel z International, honors the legacy of Tuskegee Airman Maj. Charles B. Hall, the first African-American pilot to shoot down an enemy plane during World War II.

To enter, participants must be authorized commissary and exchange patrons. They must submit their story in one of two ways on social

media from Feb. 1-28:

- Create a tweet including a photo or video (maximum 2 minutes in length) telling a little of “your service story” or the service story of one of your relatives and share it on Twitter including the hashtag #ShareYourServiceStory-Contest (your “Submission”).
- Create an Instagram post including a photo or video (maximum two minutes in length) telling a little of “your service story” or the service story of one of your relatives and share it on Instagram including the hashtag #ShareYourServiceStoryContest (your “Submission”).

Once the contest period begins, military resale patrons will see contest displays in their local commissaries and exchanges. Also, on Feb. 1, Coca-Cola’s “Tell Us Your Story” webpage, <http://www.coke.com/>

shareyourservicestory, will be active for more information on contest rules.

“Hall’s service as a Tuskegee Airman is historic and inspiring,” said retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, Department of Defense special assistant for commissary operations as well as director and CEO of the Navy Exchange Command. “This contest not only gives back to our military community with substantial scholarships but also gives our patrons a chance to share their awesome stories of military service.”

Coca-Cola became aware of Hall’s story by way of a photo in the National Air and Space Archives of him holding a bottle of Coke after a mission during the war, said Michael R. Pelletier, Coca-Cola North America senior shopper and

marketing manager.

“What we found was this incredible story of Maj. Charles B. Hall,” Pelletier said. “It was an amazing story and one that we felt needed to be told. In a time of segregation in his own country, Hall not only fought for his freedom, but he also fought for us all.

“So many of us grew up learning about the amazing achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Jesse Owens and many, many more influential African-American change-agents,” he added. “But who has heard of Maj. Charles B. Hall? We have an amazing story to tell, and we’re going to honor Maj. Hall by telling his story and inspiring others to tell us their service history as well.”

Hall’s story began with

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Lt. Gen. Steve Kwast, commander of Air Education and Training Command, announced changes to Headquarters AETC and to 2nd and 19th Numbered Air Force organizations today, in order to refocus the headquarters on force development efforts.

This reorganization allows the headquarters staff to focus on broader force development responsibilities, ensuring policy and strategy are aligned within the command and across the entire Air Force developmental enterprise.

“AETC Airmen must become learning experts,” Kwast said. “The headquarters staff will change focus and transform from basic execution to innovation; from input measures to outcomes; from a hierarchical organizational and decision-making paradigm to a flatter organizational framework where decisions emerge from a robust sharing of information and are made at the lowest possible levels of the organization.”

The notable changes at the headquarters level include the creation of the following directorates: Headquarters AETC Directorate of Intelligence, Analysis and Innovation, (A2/9); Headquarters AETC Directorate of Operations and Communications, (A3/6); and Headquarters AETC Directorate of Plans, Programs and Requirements, (A5/8).

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff

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# Air Force announces 2019 Spark Tank finalists

**Staff Sgt. Jannelle McRae**  
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Air Force recently announced the 2019 Spark Tank finalists who will showcase their innovative ideas to Air Force senior leaders Feb. 28 in Orlando, Florida, at the Air Force Association Air Warfare Symposium.

Spark Tank provides a high-profile,

public forum to celebrate the innovations of Airmen, identifies avenues to increase lethality and cost-effective modernization, pushes boundaries to pursue future technologies, and recognizes problems and creative solutions. This year, out of 320 submissions, six finalists were selected and an additional project will be highlighted at AFA due to the non-expense implementation.

“Spark Tank is a chance to celebrate

our Air Force risk-takers, idea makers and entrepreneurs who refuse to accept the status quo, and have determined their own fate by developing solutions that make it easier for us to bring our very best to the fight,” said Lauren Knausenberger, Spark Tank director.

Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Stephen W. Wilson chaired the 2019 Spark Tank board to determine the competition’s finalists.

“We asked Airmen to innovate, and they delivered,” said Wilson. “This year’s Spark Tank candidates knocked it out of the park, and paring their submissions down to a handful of ideas was no easy feat—the ingenuity of our Airmen never ceases to amaze me.”


During the selection board process, senior leaders engaged in a lively

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# US, PAF airmen exchange concepts

**Staff Sgt. Anthony Small**  
PACIFIC AIR FORCES PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CESAR BASA AIR BASE, Philippines — U.S. Air Force members from the 113th Maintenance Squadron participated in a subject matter expert exchange with Philippine Air Force 430th Aircraft Maintenance Group Egress personnel, during the Bilateral Air Contingent Exchange-Philippines, or BACE-P, at Cesar Basa Air Base, Jan. 22.

“Subject matter expert exchanges are an important way for us to learn (from) and teach our counterparts from partner nations,” said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ed Edens, 113th MXS egress systems mechanic. “It’s especially important for egress when you have to be on top of your job because we can’t (ops) test our system. Everything that we do has to be perfect.”

Egress is otherwise known as the “last chance for life.” The ejection seat itself is the last option for an aircrew member when it comes to surviving an unexpected aircraft or mechanical emergency.

Egress Airmen perform a full visual inspection of the ejection system which includes the seat and cockpit components. If anything is found broken or out of technical data specifications, it’s the egress technician’s job to ground the jet and pull the seat to repair the defect prior to returning the aircraft to flying status.

Edens brings with him 17 years of experience as a egress systems craftsman and has experienced emergency situations.

“I’ve experienced ejections in the past, and the first thing that goes through my mind, is did the pilot survive,”

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# Virtual training platform maintains surgeons' skills

Shireen Bedi

AIR FORCE SURGEON GENERAL  
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FALLS CHURCH, Va. — It is vital for medical Airmen to continuously maintain and improve their skills. To access more training opportunities, military surgeons are looking to virtual training platforms.

The Air Force is working with sister services to study a virtual training platform called Crowd-Sourced Assessment of Technical Skills, or C-SATS. C-SATS provides specialized training for surgeons to further improve their specialized skills.

According to Maj. Joshua Tyler, director of robotics at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, C-SATS lets surgeons receive virtual feedback on an objective, third-party platform. This unbiased feedback helps improve their skills.

“Basically, a panel of expert surgeons virtually reviews a case you submit, and (then) provides feedback,” said Tyler. “This helps our surgeons learn the most advanced surgical



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Andrew D. Sarver

**Airmen assigned to the 99th Medical Group perform in an orthopedic spine surgery at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., Aug. 27, 2018. Having in-house surgeons allows patients to bypass referrals downtown.**

techniques they would otherwise have less exposure to.”

While C-SATS shows promising results in studies with civilian surgeons, it has not yet been studied with military surgeons.

“The Department of Defense’s trained surgeons are talented and qualified, but it takes experience and time to become proficient,” said Army Col. Robert Lim, chief of

Minimally Invasive Surgery at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. “The C-SATS platform provides additional opportunities to ensure skills are maintained and perfected.”

To assess C-SATS’s use on improving the skills and capabilities of military surgeons, Lim and his team, including Tyler, received a grant from the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command in December of 2017.

“The grant will look at military surgeons recently back from deployment,” said Lim. “We are looking at surgeons at Keesler Air Force Base, Naval Base San Diego, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, and Tripler Army Medical Center.”

One benefit of the C-SATS platform is that busy surgeons can use it on their schedule, instead of waiting for training opportunities.

“This is especially important for specialists who may not have as many opportunities to practice their specific skills on-base,” said Tyler. “This platform provides another way to ensure they can retain their clinical currency.”

Using C-SATS, surgeons submit a recording of a case

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# Training nears for KC-46 students

Airman 1st Class  
Jeremy Wentworth

97TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — The 56th Air Refueling Squadron has been training the past few months to ensure they are ready for the arrival of the KC-46 Pegasus.

While simulators are useful, scheduling and usage can create delays that slow the process of training. That is where part-task trainers, or PTTs come into play.

A PTT is a simple computer simulator that allows operators to run through checklists and hone their skills without a large simulation or even flying an actual aircraft. The simulator consists of multiple digital screens, which recreate the cockpit of a KC-46. In preparation for the KC-46 arrival, members of the 56th ARS have been training on the PTT to be as prepared as possible.

“The training was used to teach 56 ARS members how to operate the PTT for the boom and pilot systems,” said Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Mellon, a boom operator assigned to the 56th ARS.

“We will use this training as a way to help our cadre become proficient in both normal and non-normal procedures as



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jackson N. Haddon

**Instructors assigned to the 56th Air Refueling Squadron test the new KC-46 Pegasus PTT simulator, Dec. 20, 2018, at Altus Air Force Base, Okla.**

a way to prepare ourselves for aircraft delivery and student production.”

The first batch of 56 ARS instructors were certified last month. This training gives instructors the ability to operate the PTT for use in teaching future students who will eventually become boom operators in the operational world.

“This training will also allow us to take the cadre over to the device to not only let them practice procedures but get them trained on how the device operates,” said Mellon. “They will then be able to take others

over to utilize the device.”

A large benefit of the PTT is saving money. Since no traditional maintenance or repair is required for the trainer, this creates an additional and more cost effective way to teach students.

“This device is a great way for us to help develop not only our proficiency but give another avenue for us to teach students,” said Mellon. “The device is more advanced than legacy platform trainers and helps provide more realistic training without having to utilize a simulator or aircraft.”

# 79th RQS awarded top squadron honor

Airman Frankie D. Moore  
355TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — The 79th Rescue Squadron earned for the first time in its history the That Others May Live Foundation Rescue Squadron of the Year Award in 2018.

This annual award is presented to an active duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve rescue unit that scores the highest in the categories of mission events, combat effectiveness, squadron accomplishments and community relations.

“It is very difficult to select a winner for this award,” said

Heidi Meisterling, TOMLF Board of Directors member. “These rescue squadrons’ missions dictate that they be the best of the best, and it is our job as board members to determine which squadron rises above the others for that given year.”

From July 2017 to June 2018 the 79th RQS performed various stateside and deployed combat, humanitarian and training missions. Some of these operations included the facilitation of over 300 Texan evacuations and over 1,400 saves during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, readying three aircraft

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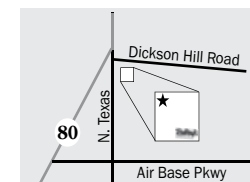
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Civil Air Patrol photo

Emma Herrington, a Civil Air Patrol cadet, holds her temporary airman certificate after a recent successful flight at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

## Texas teen first graduate of Cadet Wings Program

### Air Force News Service

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Emma Herrington became the first Civil Air Patrol cadet to earn her private pilot's certificate through the new Cadet Wings program Jan. 24.

The Cadet Wings Program is part of the organization's Youth Aviation Initiative funded by the Air Force.

Herrington, a Texas Wing cadet, earned her certificate after passing her Federal Aviation Administration private pilot practical test. It's an early birthday present: She turns 18 Feb. 1.

She first took to the skies in childhood, with her father, a pilot, an airframe and powerplant mechanic and owner of an aircraft ignition repair station.

"Aviation is the family trade," Herrington explained. "These factors, combined with a fascination with anything that flew, nudged me in the right direction. I was 4 when I first started flying with my dad and I've been hooked ever since."

"Flying is a sensation unlike anything else I've ever

experienced — I love every aspect, from rotation to the chirp of the tires on the pavement. It's my happy place. I love seeing the world from a different angle, something many people don't ever get to experience."

### A passion for flight

With this passion for flight, Civil Air Patrol was a natural fit for Herrington. She is a cadet chief master sergeant with the Texas Wing's Sulphur Springs Composite Squadron and is on her way to becoming a cadet second lieutenant.

She joined the Sulphur Springs squadron in April 2017, at age 16, drawn by the commander's enthusiasm for her aviation aspirations and the fact the unit has a Cessna 172.

"I knew CAP flew missions, but I didn't know you could train out of CAP aircraft, so when orientation flights were first mentioned, I was ecstatic," she said.

"I had no idea my first flight with CAP would lead to many more. O-flights are the most

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## Mildenhall hosts USAFE resilience trainer course

### Airman 1st Class Brandon Esau

100TH AIR REFUELING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, United Kingdom — RAF Mildenhall hosted a Master Resiliency Trainer certification course for members across U.S. Air Forces in Europe

Air Forces Africa Jan. 14-18.

The course was held with the purpose of increasing resilience awareness and training and inspired by the Air Force initiative to create a culture where members are comfortable seeking and receiving assistance within their communities.

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## Graduate

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important part of a cadet’s journey through CAP, and most importantly, they are free.”

Opportunity to Fly With CAP After taking advantage of all five orientation flights offered to cadets, Herrington attended the Shirley Martin Powered Flight Academy in Nacogdoches, Texas, one of CAP’s national flight academies. Through the Martin academy, she received the opportunity to achieve her dream of earning her private pilot’s certificate in the Cadet Wings program.

An important part of Cadet Wings is acceptance is based entirely on merit and motivation, Herrington said. “It gives aviation-crazy cadets who have drive and discipline the chance to get their license. It’s the answer for those who cannot afford flight training but are

desperate to fly.

“The best thing about Cadet Wings is that you’re trained to fly CAP aircraft and all expenses are covered. Without the help of Cadet Wings, I would have been unable to afford my flight training – sadly, this is a problem many cadets face,” she said.

Cadet Wings is just one of many amazing opportunities that can be found nowhere else, Herrington added. “I recommend CAP to every teen I know,” she said. “CAP changed my life, and I think that’s something everyone should experience. Aspiring aviators especially should take advantage of the Cadet Wings program, as the opportunity for a full paid ride is once in a lifetime.”

### High-achieving cadet

Although Herrington joined CAP at 16 rather than the earliest eligible age, 12, she has more than made up the lost time. Honor Cadet of the 2017 Texas Wing summer encampment, Honor

Cadet of the 2017 Southwest Region Honor Academy, Air Force Association Cadet of the Year for her squadron and a distinguished graduate of the 2018 powered flight academy, she is also her squadron’s cadet commander.

“All of my greatest achievements have been through Civil Air Patrol – but the most rewarding is getting my private pilot’s license,” Herrington said. “I’ve been fortunate to achieve much in the short time I’ve been involved, something others can do, too.

“I like the fact CAP is what you make it,” she added. “The organization is overflowing with opportunities for all interests, all the while teaching important life lessons. The cadet program is geared toward the benefit of cadets and helping them find success whenever you join. CAP is a robust organization full of opportunities. It offers leadership positions no other organization does.”

## Honor

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commanders and 40 ground troops for a Marine expeditionary unit deployment, and leading a personnel recovery task force that saved two partnered forces and captured seven high value individuals.

“Our primary mission is to support combatant commanders’ objectives, and we accomplish that through combat search and rescue,” said Lt. Col. Matthew Stueck, 79th RQS director of operations. “While this allows us to provide for the military, we also work to give

back to the community as well.”

Through participating in several community events, such as blood drives and volunteering for events like the Redington Pass cleanup, the 79th RQS has improved the overall community cohesiveness of Davis-Monthan AFB.

Though the 79th RQS proved to be the top Air Force rescue squadron of 2018, they do not let that prestige cloud their intentions.

“We gave ourselves a pat on the back, shared memories of the great things that happened the previous year and got right back to work after receiving the news,” said Stueck. “It’s great

that we were recognized for our efforts, but we don’t do what we do to be recognized. Every rescue squadron out there plays a huge part in our line of work and we are all part of the same team.”

Thanks to their outstanding accomplishments, the 79th RQS has proven to be the top rescue squadron in the Air Force for 2018 and will continue their legacy of excellence for years to come.

*The mention of the nonprofit organization That Others May Live does not constitute endorsement or affiliation by Davis-Monthan Air Force Base or the U.S. Air Force.*

## Skills

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they have completed, after removing any identifiable patient information. The development team at C-SATS will then edit the video file into key steps of the procedure and send it to expert reviewers familiar with the procedure.

One of those expert reviewers is Tyler.

“Not only do we take great care to ensure patient privacy,

but we also ensure the surgeon that performs the operation and the reviewers remain anonymous,” said Tyler. “The expert surgeons will then score the video on key areas such as how well the surgeon used their hands, how well they manipulated the tissue, or assess their pace. The surgeon gets feedback on a very granular level, specifying the exact second where a surgeon could improve their technique.”

As Tyler explains, C-SATS has the potential to be an important tool that supports full

spectrum medical readiness by maintaining currency and improving skills.

“C-SATS has had tremendous success in improving skills and patient outcomes in the private sector, and we want to know how this platform can work for our military surgeons,” said Tyler. “This platform can provide military surgeons an additional opportunity to stay up-to-date on advanced techniques and receive additional support with new innovations like surgical robotics.”

## Spark Tank

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discussion, addressing the need for specific capabilities as well as concerns of safety, policy, Air Force-wide implementation, technical feasibility and scalability.

Airmen submitted ideas via the Air Force Ideation Platform and were able to vote and comment on submissions. Key themes included automation, workforce development, readiness, maintenance innovation and connectivity.

The finalists will receive

funding and other resources to implement their innovations. The Air Force Spark Tank winner will also receive a trophy, and the member’s unit will display the Spark Tank championship cup on behalf of the unit until unseated at a future competition.

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson began the Air Force’s Spark Tank competition in 2017 with a goal to “unleash the innovative capacity of our Airmen.”

The competition is co-hosted by the Airmen Powered by Innovation program and the AFWERX innovation ecosystem.



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**Tech Sgt. Ed Edens, left, 113th Maintenance Squadron Egress system mechanic, and Philippine Air Force Tech. Sgt. Roderick Domingay, 430th Aircraft Maintenance Group Egress system supervisor, perform a visual inspection of an F-16 Fighting Falcon during the Bilateral Air Contingent Exchange-Philippines Jan. 22 at Cesar Basa Air Base, Philippines.**

## Concepts

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explained Edens. “Job satisfaction comes from ensuring the pilots are safe and we did our jobs well.”

Philippine Air Force Tech. Sgt. Roderick Domingo, 430th Aircraft Maintenance Group Egress systems craftsman, has 21 years of experience taking care of exit systems that guide pilots safely to the ground in case of an emergency.

“The exchange is a good opportunity to see the difference between (our two nations’) systems,” said Domingo. “It’s also good to talk with

other egress members.”

Although ejections are rare, aircrews members must be able to rely on the egress Airmen’s skill and dedication to help ensure their safe return when met with a worst-case scenario. When all else fails, egress prevails.

The subject matter expert exchange is part of the seventh iteration of BACE-P established by U.S. Pacific Command and executed by Headquarters Pacific Air Forces. These exchanges provide the opportunity for U.S. and Philippine air forces to share best practices and deepen professional understanding and relationships.



# Chief rolls with tire shop

U.S. Air Force photos by Heide Couch



1) Airman 1st Class Juston Alcantra, 60th Maintenance Squadron, consults the information on a computer screen while performing a calibration equipment check at the 60th MXS precision measurement equipment laboratory Jan. 25 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The PMEL shop ensures test equipment meets required standards. 2) Tech. Sgt. Andrew Schwan, left, 60th MXS, takes Chief Master Sgt. Derek Crowder, 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief, on a walkthrough of the hydraulic back shop during Leadership Rounds Jan. 25 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The Leadership Rounds program involves wing leadership interacting with Airmen to get a detailed view of each mission performed at Travis. 3) Staff Sgt. Angelika Kassel, 60th MXS precision measurement equipment laboratory technician, inputs data into a laptop.



4) Tech. Sgt. Kolin Browder, left, 60th Maintenance Squadron, takes Chief Master Sgt. Derek Crowder, 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief, on a walkthrough of the wheel and tire shop during Leadership Rounds Jan. 25 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. 5) Airman 1st Class Mackenzie Cassel, 60th MXS, does calculations performing a calibration equipment check at the 60th MXS precision measurement equipment laboratory. 6) Tech. Sgt. Andrew Schwan, left, 60th Maintenance Squadron, takes Crowder on a walkthrough of the hydraulic back shop during Leadership Rounds Jan. 25 at Travis. The Leadership Rounds program involves wing leadership interacting with Airmen to get a detailed view of each mission performed at Travis.





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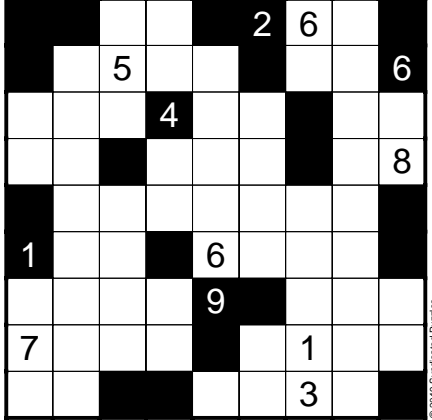
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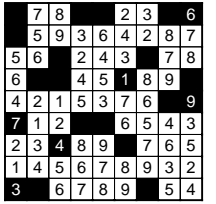
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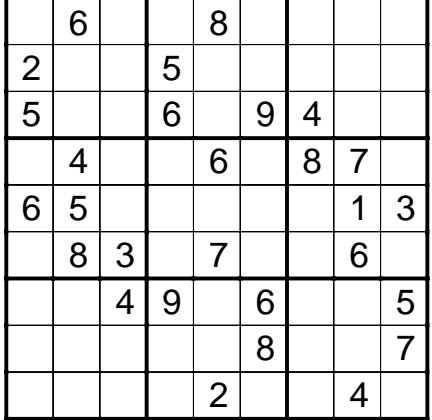
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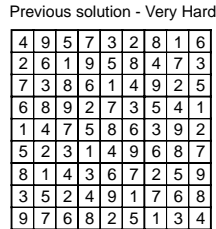
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### SUDOKU

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.



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## Retiree Corner

National Aviation museum announces art contest

DAYTON, Ohio — The National Museum of the U.S. Air Force's 36th Annual Student Aviation Art Competition will be open on March 1 to students from around the country.

The theme for this year's competition focuses on the fact that July 2019 marks

50 years since humans first walked on any surface other than planet Earth. On July 20, 1969, as part of the Apollo 11 mission, Neil Armstrong took that "giant leap" onto the surface of the moon.

For more information, visit [www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil).

— National Museum of the U.S. Air Force

## Chapel programs

### News notes

**Position available.** The Travis AFB

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### 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.

##### 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 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.

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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.AFMCwellness.com](http://www.AFMCwellness.com) or contact CHPS at 707-424-CHPS or CHPSTravis@fhh.hhs.gov.

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**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 [travstopcombatptsd@gmail.com](mailto:travstopcombatptsd@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://poptform.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://jhns.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 Michaelis at 707-427-2573 or Cal Gitsham 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/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.

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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@squadron22-cap.us, visit during a UTA or check out <http://squadron22-cap.us>.

##### Travis Air Force Base Heritage Center.

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**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 Dunninway, 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

**Empress Theatre.** Super Bowl LIII Party, 1 p.m. Feb. 3; 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. 552-2400, [www.empresstheatre.org](http://www.empresstheatre.org).

**"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://www.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

**16th Annual Rodriguez Winter Review.** 8 a.m. Feb. 2, Rodriguez High School, 5000 Red Top Road, Fairfield. [www.rhseu.org/winterreview2019](http://www.rhseu.org/winterreview2019).

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

**City Sports Bar and Grill.** Music begins at 9 p.m.: Blackrock Project, Feb. 1-2; Ghost

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

#### Today

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

#### Saturday

- 6:30 p.m. "Escape Room" (PG-13)
- 9 p.m. "Once Upon a Deadpool" (PG-13)

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

# THE FLIP SIDE

**Jelly Belly.** Free tours, open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, 1 Jelly Belly Lane, Fairfield. 428-2838, [www.jellybelly.com](http://www.jellybelly.com).

**Mangels Vineyards.** Open noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 4529 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield. 410-5392.

**Sepay Groves.** Open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, 70 Chadbourne Road, Fairfield. [www.sepayoliveoil.com](http://www.sepayoliveoil.com), 434-8222.

**Seven Artisans Winery.** The Rhythm Method 4, 2 p.m. Feb. 2; The Charlie Wade Blues Band, Feb. 9; Hey Jude, Feb. 16; The Black Rock Project, Feb. 23; tasting room open 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, 4341 Abernathy Road, Fairfield. 771-0911, [www.sevenartisanswinery.com](http://www.sevenartisanswinery.com).

**Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.** Open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends; 1001 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo. [www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom](http://www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom).

**Stars Recreation Center.** Bowling, QZar laser tag, happy hour, open 24 hours daily, 155 Browns Valley Parkway, Vacaville. [www.starsrecreation.com](http://www.starsrecreation.com), 455-7827.

**Suisun Valley Wine Cooperative.** Tasting room open noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, 4495 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield. 864-3135.

**Vezer Family Vineyard.** Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Blue Victorian, 5071 Suisun Valley Road, and Mankas Gardens, 2522 Mankas Corner Road, Fairfield. [www.vezerfamilyvineyard.com](http://www.vezerfamilyvineyard.com).

**Vino Godfather Winery.** Cut Loose, 2 p.m. Feb. 16; 500 Walnut Ave., Mare Island. [www.vinogodfather.com](http://www.vinogodfather.com).

**Wooden Valley Winery.** Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 4756 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield. 864-0730, [www.woodenvalley.com](http://www.woodenvalley.com).

### Theater

**"Disney's Aladdin Jr."** 7 p.m. Feb. 1, 2 and 7 p.m. Feb. 2, Downtown Theatre, 1035 Texas St., Fairfield. [www.downtowntheatre.com](http://www.downtowntheatre.com).

### Art exhibits

**ArtPhit.** Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 726 Texas St., Fairfield. 439-3573.

**Arts Benicia.** "The Art of a Community," through Feb. 24; open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday during exhibitions, 991 Taylor St., Suite 114, Benicia. Free. 747-0130, [www.artsbenicia.org](http://www.artsbenicia.org).

**Benicia Plein Air Gallery.** Rolando Barrero is featured through Feb. 3; open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, 307 First St., Benicia. 495-2940, [www.beniciapleinair.com](http://www.beniciapleinair.com).

**El Comalito Collective.** Open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 302 Georgia St., Vallejo. [www.elcomalitocollective.com](http://www.elcomalitocollective.com).

**Fairfield-Suisun Visual Arts Association Gallery.** "Love," through Feb. 24; open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, Solano Town Center, 1350 Travis Blvd., Suite D8, Fairfield. 688-8889, [www.fvaa-arts.org](http://www.fvaa-arts.org).

**Gallery 621.** Open noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 309 First St., Benicia. 297-6960, [www.gallery621.com](http://www.gallery621.com).

**Georgia Galleria.** Open 3 to 8 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 419 Georgia St., Suite 15, Vallejo. [www.facebook.com/womenandminorityartistart](http://www.facebook.com/womenandminorityartistart).



# Share

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the 99th Pursuit Squadron in Tuskegee, Alabama, the first group of African-American pilots in World War II, historically known as the Tuskegee Airmen. The Tuskegee Airmen’s combat record is legendary: They shot down 112 enemy aircraft, and the pilots were awarded 150 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 744 Air Medals, eight Purple Hearts and 14 Bronze Stars.

The 99th deployed to French Morocco in April 1943. On July 2, then 1st Lt. Hall entered the history books when he shot down two German fighters while his squadron was escorting U.S. bombers over Sicily.

Hall would eventually fly 198 combat missions over North Africa, Italy and other areas in Europe. By the end of the war, he had been promoted to major and became the first African-American to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

His story is a pivotal part of the progress African-Americans made in their journey to be treated as equal members of the military, said Mahlon Smith, president, Charles B. Hall Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Oklahoma City.

“This program gives deserved recognition to Maj. Charles B. Hall for service to his country while fighting the myths and segregations of the armed forces in the U.S.,” said Smith. “His actions that day helped to bring about the diversity currently in our military that make it second to none. Our chapter is proud to carry his name and that legacy through our youth programs and community education of the Tuskegee Airmen.”

After his military service, Hall moved to Oklahoma City, where he worked with the Federal Aviation Administration at nearby Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, until his death Nov. 22, 1971.

For Hall’s daughter, Kelli Jones, her father’s legacy is something she hopes will resonate with a new generation of youth. “This program is so important because it has the ability to reach young people who can read my dad’s story and hopefully be inspired to reach their own dreams,” she said.



U.S. Air Force photo/Heide Couch

**Lt. Col. (Dr.) Jason Kelly, center, 60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, speaks to Jeremiah Harutyunyan, 11, a cancer patient receiving hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment Dec. 8, 2018, at David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The hyperbaric oxygen treatment chamber uses state-of-the-art technology to aid patients who are in need of therapy for a multitude of diagnosed illnesses. HBOT provides the application of 100 percent oxygen, proven to increase blood flow and promote cell growth and new blood vessel formation.**

## Hyperbaric

From Page 3

“There are plenty of facilities that can take care of a child,” said Kelly. “There’s a handful that can take care of a ventilated patient. We’re the only facility in Northern California – and one of few in the country – that meets all the requirements to treat this rare case.”

Currently, there is no scientific treatment to reverse damage to the spinal cord, although researchers are experimenting with prostheses and medication to promote nerve cell regeneration or improve the function of the nerves that remain after injury, according to several medical journal reports.

“We tried many therapies that are the standard of care,” said Dr. Arati Rao, JJ’s current pediatric hematologist-oncologist at Kaiser Permanente

Medical Center in Roseville, California.

Rao treated JJ for a year with Avastin – a cancer medicine that interferes with the growth and spread of cancer cells. She treated him for another five months with a combination of Vitamin E and Treatal. The latter is used to improve blood circulation by improving blood flow.

Seeing no improvement in JJ’s condition, Rao began contacting hyperbaric facilities. By recommendation, she contacted Kelly at Travis.

“Dr. Kelly was extremely optimistic and positive – if we could get approval to do this,” said Rao. “We’re all optimistic that (hyperbaric oxygen therapy) might help.”

JJ underwent an initial evaluation Nov. 27 and began treatment the following day. He is scheduled to receive 30 treatments before undergoing the next MRI.

“We’ve treated quite a few



Courtesy photo

**Jeremiah Harutyunyan poses for photos before a radiation therapy session.**

patients with radiation damage to the bladder or mandibular,” said Kelly. “We’ve also treated patients with chest wounds who had breast cancer.”

Additionally, there are about 15 reported cases of hyperbaric oxygen treatment for radiation damage, but none as severe as JJ’s, said Kelly.

Since medical knowledge in this area is limited, detecting minor changes in JJ’s condition is difficult, said Kelly.

“He’s now breathing over the ventilator,” he said. “The breaths are involuntary, but we think that’s a positive sign.”

Additionally, JJ’s mother told Kelly that her son seems to swallow more on his own and he’s making more sounds when he mouths words, which is one of the ways they communicate.

“A win would be that we stop the progression (of damage),” said Kelly. “It would be a miracle if we reverse some of the damage – whether that’s JJ coming off the ventilator, regaining motor functions, being able to speak again or anything.”





# After stroke, Travis child sees base ...

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Christian Conrad



1) Airman 1st Class Deniece Lobban, right, and Airman 1st Class Alexia Lewis, left, both 21st Airlift Squadron loadmasters, talk with Samantha Pipkin, a stroke patient at David Grant USAF Medical Center, about their jobs in the Air Force Jan. 24 on board a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Lobban and Lewis come from military families and used their insight to give advice to Samantha throughout the tour. 2) 1st Lt. Jonathan Remasz, C-17 Globemaster III pilot, shows Pipkin some of the functions of the C-17 flight deck controls. 3) Pipkin rides in a government vehicle to Travis' flight line with her father, Patrick, and mother, Stacey.

## AETC

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Gen. Stephen W. Wilson, approved AETC's request to reorganize AETC, 2nd Air Force

and 19th Air Force Dec. 13, 2018. The reorganization follows the Air Force chief of staff guidance to empower AETC and NAF commanders at all levels to develop the current and future Air Force required

to keep the competitive advantage.

This change empowers the commanders of 2nd Air Force and 19th Air Force to lead and

accomplish their operational technical and flying training missions.

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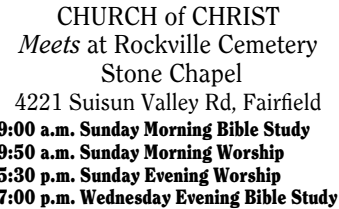
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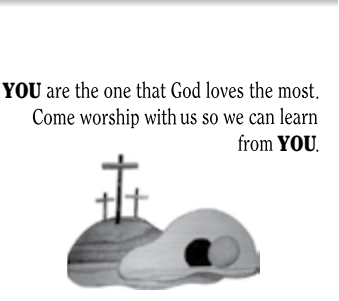
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## Waters

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victim-blaming remarks, and the objectification of strangers, friends and coworkers.

This enables the continuum of harm. Sexual harassment, even online, can eventually lead to sexual assault because some people don't think making objectifying comments on a social media post is a big deal. This is sustaining a rape culture by allowing perpetrators to get away with the "small stuff," making them feel more comfortable to keep pushing.

After all, sexual assault is not just about sex. It is about power, control and humiliation.

It's disappointing seeing social media posts and comments that encourage rape culture, and service members who openly support it. If some people believe rape jokes are funny and don't take allegations seriously, how could I ever go to one of them for help if I needed it?

My job as an alert photographer has required me to witness the evidence of sexual assault, harassment, violence and abuse. Reported statistics show women are more affected by sexual assault, harassment and rape culture than men. As a woman, it has been a challenge to stay entirely unbiased, because I have experienced and witnessed varying levels of rape culture in which women are the victim.

Discussing rape culture from a woman's perspective is bound to evoke anti-feminist views. I have come to realize there's a difference between feminism and toxic feminism, and people should understand discussing rape culture is not a part of some anti-male feminist agenda. We need to stop labeling every woman who discredits men as a feminist, because that is not the definition of feminism.

People intentionally reimagine feminism as simply wanting to be paid fairly and empathily supporting other women, painting the women who challenge them as irrational "man haters." Feminism is about equality, and being seen as more than an object. The objectification of both men and women contributes to rape culture,

and it needs to stop.

Another important component to this culture is false accusations ... they do exist. While false accusations are serious and should be punished, we cannot use the fear of being falsely accused to invalidate someone else's fears or encounters.

People of all backgrounds have experienced rape culture, regardless of factors such as gender, sexual orientation, physical size, age or race.

Sexual harassment and rape culture is not normal, nor will it ever be funny.

The more we educate each other and lift one another up through positive actions and reactions, the better our work environment, the Air Force, and society as a whole will be.

Education must start early. We should educate our children as well as ourselves about consent, how to properly express our emotions without violence, how to ask for help and accept responsibility for our wrongdoings.

We should teach our children coping skills and how to express their emotions in healthy ways, instead of bottling it up and hiding it to appear "tough." Teach them there are ways to solve problems other than with violence. Even as adults, we can learn to better regulate our emotions and work on improving mental health to create a better society that won't stand for something so damaging as rape culture.

We should check in on our friends and be more understanding of struggles that don't directly affect us. We should also advocate for those who don't have a voice, especially when they decide to speak up and trust others.

My hope is that continuing to pursue a healthy, honest dialogue about rape culture will foster greater understanding and encourage Airmen and others outside of the military to not only stand up against it, but stigmatize it.

As a quote I came across on Twitter says: "Just because you did something wrong in the past doesn't mean you can't advocate against it now. You aren't a hypocrite, you grew. Don't let anyone use your past to invalidate your current mindset."

## KC-46A

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Air Refueling Squadron commander. "They are versatile maintainers, pilots and boom operators who are prepared for any learning curve that comes with a new aircraft."

The active duty 344th ARS and Air Force Reserve 924th ARS, will be the first units in the military to operationally fly the KC-46.

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Once Airmen in the Total Force squadrons have perfected their craft on the new aircraft, they will pave the way for the entire KC-46 enterprise and other bases receiving the aircraft in the future by developing tactics, techniques and procedures to share with those units.

"I have never been a part of a unit that is more excited about the mission before them

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"For those of us who have spent years watching this process happen, it's enormously humbling to finally see it come to a close," said Col. Phil Heseltine, 931st ARW commander.

"We are grateful to everyone who is joining us as we fulfill the potential of this amazing new aircraft."

"We are honoring the rich culture that we have been gifted by those who came before us," said Heseltine. "That culture continues today. For example, the forward fuselage section of the KC-46 is built by Spirit AeroSystems right here in Wichita. This aircraft literally came home today."

With the KC-46 on the ground at McConnell AFB, the Air Force will begin the next phases of familiarization and initial operations testing and evaluation.

"McConnell Air Force Base is ready," said Olson.

## Teichert

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Ultimately, it required a complete focus on shaping America's arsenal as we strive together for the warfighter.

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