

Dare to fail: Calculated risks yield success

don't recall my specific age, but I remember being out of college and getting ready to leave for Officer Training School when my father handed me a small package.

Inside was a frame, not the expected picture of my family, but a poem that begins with, "You've failed many times, although you may not remember." He told me to not be discouraged by the setbacks that may come. but to look at them as opportunities to grow or start again.

by Maj. Chad WING DEPUTY

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As someone preparing for

odd he would talk to me about failure at this juncture in my life. Everything I had worked for was coming together – my two-year stint as an engineer after college had gone well, my wife was about to finish graduate school and I was leaving to embark on a journey to fulfill my dream of be-

OTS, I thought it was

ing a pilot in the Air Force. I was confident and hopeful in the future because of my past

In spite of my optimism, if there is one thing I have

Commander's Commentary

learned from my nearly 12 vears in the Air Force, it is that setbacks will always come. Whether it is not being selected for a special project or program, serving at a base that was your last choice or being passed over for a job or promotion, setbacks will disappoint us in life. We may perceive these setbacks and disappointments as failures. Sometimes they are in our control. but many times they are not. Life has a habit of handing out just enough chaos to thwart

our well-laid plans, but the most important thing we can do is pick ourselves up and try

After all, like the poem my father gave me says, "You fell down the first time you tried to walk." The goal of life should not be oriented around avoidance of failure. It should be characterized by the chances we take in pursuit of our goals and our ability to learn and adapt from failure to make us more resilient, adaptive and focused. Failures should be the point of departure for future greatness, not the end credits of our story.

Whenever I'm feeling discouraged, challenged or

strained, I look at the frame on my desk and remember, "Heavy hitters, the ones who hit the most home runs, also strike out a lot. ... Babe Ruth struck out 1.330 times, but he also hit 714 home runs."

After reflecting on these words for the past decade, I've realized failure is an affirmation that you are pushing the limits of your abilities. Someone will always be bigger, stronger, faster, or better, but it is the choices we make, the calculated risks we take and how we face our failures that matters most. Do we sit and lament about situations that are

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Sergeant finds relief after sleep apnea diagnosis

'm 36 years old, an Airman, a noncommissioned officer, an aviator, a husband and the father of a little girl.

I also have obstructive sleep apnea.

Before my OSA was treated, it was a dangerous and merciless creature that endangered all other aspects of who I am.

For those of you who don't know, OSA is a medical condition where a person's airway muscles relax during sleep, causing them to collapse until the person is woken by the lack of oxygen, preventing them from getting restorative sleep. Instead of sleeping all night,

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by Tech. Sgt. **Ryan Padgett** 22ND AIRLIFT

a person takes a series of dozens, if not hundreds, of mini naps. Since being treated for it two years ago, I've been able to take back the things OSA was stealing from me.

For me, it all started with snoring. Today, I can proudly say I've tamed the beast and my OSA is more of a companion. It stays happily in its cage, and other than occasional bad days, it keeps to itself and is no longer ruining my life. I hope after sharing my story, people who may be affected by OSA, seek

help for their conditions. I also hope they are able to reclaim the joys in their lives

Enlisted Commentary

that OSA may be keeping from them.

I'm so blessed to have such a caring wife. She overlooks a lot of my faults, but if something worries her, she'll let me know. For years she lovingly chided me about how I always complained about being tired (Symptom No.1: Experiencing constant fatigue no matter how much rest a person gets). She mentioned that I snored a lot (Symptom No.2). Honestly, prior to overcoming my OSA, several years had passed since I woke up feeling well rested. I was only able to sleep for about five hours a night and when I awoke, I was tired, unable to get back

to sleep and I would often drag my way through the work day.

I felt like I had a fog in my head and found it close to impossible to concentrate and remember things. At the end of the day, I would go to bed exhausted and start the process all over again. My doctor also warned me that my blood pressure was getting high enough to be concerning (Symptom No.3: High blood

Sleep apnea had a tremendous impact on my life. Along with struggling to get adequate rest and make it through the work day. I dropped out of my four-year degree program after failing a class

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U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Liliana Moreno

60th, 349th MXG earns awards from AMC

Airman 1st Class Jonathon Carnell

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60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"The 60th and 349th Maintenance Groups at Travis Air Force Base, California, are firing on all cylinders," said Col. David Hammerschmidt, 60th MXG commander.

The two groups were recently awarded five Air Mobility Command awards.

The 60th and 349th MXGs generated mission readiness by having total-force Airmen and aircraft to deliver airlift power. With the group's overall high volume of mission success, they were awarded the Clements McMullen Daedalian Large Unit Weapon System Maintenance trophy.

The award recognizes the unit that has best met the objective of providing safe, serviceable and available equipment for sustained use in peacetime and wartime. A Daedalian trophy and award is presented annually to a United States Air Force unit determined to have the best weapon system maintenance record for the preceding calendar year. First awarded in 1960, this trophy is presented each year during the Daedalian **National Convention**

"No one Airman loads or launches aircraft alone; it takes a team." said Hammerschmidt. "We measure our aircraft brothers and sisters in terms of 'thousands' of passengers,



front of a C-5M Super Galaxy at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Charland was awarded the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez field grade manager category award for aircraft maintenance.

'hundreds of thousands' of short tons and 'millions' of gallons of fuel. No one person can do that alone. We are and almaintenance and aerial port ways will be focused on buildworkload together with our Ops ing teams to keep our mission moving."

The Groups generated 4,000

KC-10 Extender missions. which was more than 24,000 flight hours and refueled 11.000 aircraft. The C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III together transported approximately 75 million pounds of car-

"When my unit was announced to receive an AMC award. I was honored," said Airman 1st Class Aimee Moore, 60th MXG C-5M journeyman. "I knew we were capable of great things, but this shows how hard work and determination

pays off. It feels good to be recognized."

Moore was part of the overall C-5M mission where she helped with the 45 million pounds of cargo the aircraft flew and the

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Senior Airman Tav Davis.

Structural journeyman.

Hometown: Baltimore. Marvland.

Time in service: Four years.

What are your hobbies? Working out, shopping and traveling.

None.

Family:

What are your goals? To become an Air Force recruiter.

What is your greatest achievement?

Making staff sergeant first try.



U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 60th Operations Support Squadron pose Feb. 9 on Alcatraz Island in California's San Francisco Bay. Airmen participated in a volunteer cleanup to help the local community.

Airman leads clean up at Alcatraz

Airman 1st Class Cameron Otte

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Airman 1st Class Kelsie Edwards, 60th Operations Support Squadron airfield management apprentice and a California native, has been at Travis Air Force Base for four months and has already proven to her leadership she can handle additional responsibilities without hindering her primary duties.

Edwards recently led a team of Airmen in a volunteer event to help clean up the gardens on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco. She used to work on Alcatraz Island as a history interpreter. She was responsible for knowing background information of the island and running the night tours.

"The gardening volunteer program at the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, the group we're time she has been here."

volunteering with, gave me 20 spots to fill with some wiggle room to go up to 25 people," said Edwards.

Edwards grouped a team of 23 Airmen and pulled overgrown weeds that were flooding the gardens Feb. 9. This volunteer cleanup is just one example of Edwards' enthusiasm to encourage others to step out of their usual routine and do something that can be fun and benefit the community.

"It's really impressive to me that even after she works consecutive 12-hour shifts, she still wants to go out with her peers and do this volunteer event on her day off," said Staff Sgt. Cassandra Supernault, 60th Operations Support Squadron NCO in charge of management operations. "It goes to show she is really motivated in teambuilding and has accomplished that over the short

shown she can handle them.

Edwards' leadership sup- local community. port her in taking on these extra duties because she has

Edwards is currently in upgrade training, which takes up a lot of her time, said Edwards. She is also on the 60th OSS Gatekeeper's Booster Club council, and a job and I can inspire others member of Soroptimist International of Vacaville Twilight club, a volunteer organization that helps improve the lives of women in Solano County. She still tries to get out to Alcatraz and volunteer as much as she can.

Her leadership at Airfield Management has supported her from the moment she arrived at Travis and they continuously coach her on how to stay on the right path to

Edwards may be busy professionally and personally, but she still finds time to motivate other Airmen to get involved with their cause she's killed it so far."

"I subscribe to the 'treat the janitor the same way you treat the CEO' way of life." said Edwards. "I think that if I strive every day to be courteous, courageous and compassionate to anyone I meet, then I'm doing a good to live the same way."

Even though Edwards is only a few months into her operational Air Force career, she has managed to impress her leadership in the short time she has been in. "Since she has gotten

here, she has been on the

ball, she sees how we do

things and finds better ways

to do them," said Supernault.

"Her training has been very

organized and she's really

good at communicating is-

sues professionally. She's

shown us she is capable of a

lot and I'm sure she's going

to do more stuff like this be-

sponsive solutions.

13 hearing told senators of appalling conditions that went

Leaders direct housing review

Charlie Pope

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARLINGTON, Va. — Responding to reports of poorly maintained and unsafe housing across several installations, Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson and Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein on Feb. 19 directed commanders at everv base worldwide to conduct a "100 percent review" of the condition and safety of all military housing by March 1.

Asserting that the housing conditions reported Feb. 13 during a Senate Armed Services Committee and in media reports "are not acceptable," the Air Force's two leading officials took steps to ensure that senior military commanders are personally aware of the conditions that exist in military housing at their bases.

The effort, which begins immediately, will be the housing equivalent of a safety stand down. The goal over the next 10 days is to conduct a 100 percent in-person health and safety check of all 74,500 family housing units in the Air Force.

The results will give senior civilian and military leaders a more thorough understanding of the extent and severity of the problems and help inform re-

In addition to walk-throughs with residents that "will document any health or safety risks," the directive requires command teams to "solicit feedback from their Airmen about any health or safety issues in the housing they occu-

While witnesses at the Feb.

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Col. Jeffrey Nelson, left, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, and Airman 1st Class Keith Wiley, 60th Force Support Squadron food service apprentice, cut a cake made in celebration of Travis Air Force Base's reopening of its dining facility. Throughout the reconstruction and renovation of the dining facility, the 60th FSS served Airmen from a side room in the Delta Breeze Club.

Travis reopens dining facility

Airman Casandra Clayton 60TH FORCE SUPPORT SQUADRON

The dining facility at Travis Air Force Base reopened Feb. 19 at its original location at 600 Burgan Blvd., complete with a new name and renovations.

Col. Jeffrey Nelson, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, made the decision that the as the Sierra Inn, was in need of a name change. After many name suggestions from the squadron, Master Sgt. Anna Squadron military personnel flight superintendent, suggestthe Golden Bear that adorns both California's state flag and seal

Throughout 2018, the dining facility's main location was temporarily closed due to plumbing reconstruction, diverting Travis' primary food services to a side room in the base's Delta Breeze Club. Aramark, Travis' food contracting service, partnered with the 60th Force Support Squadron to give them room in their kitchen to prepare food during

Chef Maynard Oestreich. Aramark executive chef, worked vigorously during that time training and preparing Airmen for an advanced style of cooking.

"The key to the whole change-over and making it smooth is all the work I've been able to do with the Airmen over dining facility, formerly known the last year to develop their skill sets and make them more efficient as quickly as possible," said Oestreich.

Oestreich is no novice in Scheerer, 60th Force Support respect to opening a new facility. Along with other executive chefs, he has successfuled "The Monarch," named for ly opened new dining facilities at five other bases. Aside from Oestreich, other executive chefs from all over the country made a visit to Travis the weeks ahead of the Monarch's reopening to train Airmen for the opening of the new dining facility.

The Monarch's updated kitchen now has many stations to choose from including four restaurant-style food lines that are new to Travis Airmen. The Ciao Pizzeria, The

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Financial ops workshop spotlights innovation

Ed Shannon

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Tech Sgt. Samuel Spaethe used to spend hours upon hours completing work as a financial services technician, often working weeknights until 7 p.m. and then on Saturdays just to get the job done. take it back it," he said. Spaethe macro on not tops and proposed for how to sturned to the said.

But he knew that effort was not sustainable. So he did something innovative about it.

Spaethe developed an Excel macro tool that pulls four reports and two rosters from the Defense Travel System, compares the information, and determines what needs to be done on a member's pay record. The macro saves technicians hours in research time.

"I have a passion for the tool, and my end goal is for everybody to go home on time," he said, "Hopefully, this tool will motivate Airmen."

Now the Quality Assurance manager at Hurlburt Field, Fla., Spaethe shared the macro along with tips for success with nearly 300 Air Force financial service technicians and operators during a workshop in San Antonio, Feb. 11-15.

"The workshop represented a very grass roots level effort to share best practices and produce more experts as technicians who literally serve as the 'face to the base'," said Monica Anders, AFIMSC Resources director.

AFIMSC's Financial Operations Division focused the event specifically on training to assist installation financial customer service professionals with nailing down processes right the first time "so our technicians and customers do not suffer through hours of rework," said Linda Alcala, AFIMSC Financial Operations chief. The workshop included training in 17 finance customer service topics from military pay to civilian pay, and PCS travel to evacuation vouchers.

Senior Airman Lucas Karnes, Financial Services manager at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, was impressed with the workshop and Spaethe's presentation.

"The automation tool was amazing, and I am excited to take it back to my base and use it," he said.

Spaethe helped load the macro on many attendees' laptops and provided information for how to set it up once they returned to their installation.

Senior Airman Parveen Khan, Financial Operations technician at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., shared Karnes' praise for the macro and was particularly thankful for the networking opportunities provided at the workshop.

"This workshop revealed how some things can be made easier – reducing work time from hours to minutes," Khan said. "I loved how we could network with other finance Airmen and learn about processes and best practices we can implement across the board."

While providing training for Lead Defense Travel Administrators, Staff Sgt. Shyanne Perry, also inspired attendees to be strong leaders sharing her seven years of experience in the finance career field.

"My training encouraged leaders to hold the people under them accountable," said Perry, the NCOIC of Travel Pay at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Finance customer service leaders step in and provide the customer service instead of training technicians on the process, she said. What ends up happening is the technicians don't learn, and the leaders delay accomplishing work they need to complete.

"As leaders, we have a responsibility to hold our technicians to a high standard, and tell them how they can learn and grow within the job and career field," she said.

In addition to training, attendees received a sneak peek at two innovative tools that are expected to come on line later this year.

Air Force officials presented a demonstration on a new

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Housing

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unaddressed, Wilson and Goldfein also directly confronted comments about instances where the on-site management responsible for the housing ignored valid complaints.

"Most troubling was the concern some families had that, if they reported a problem, they would face retaliation for speaking up," Wilson and Goldfein wrote in their message to wing commanders.

"The health and safety of our Airmen and their families is commander business," Wilson and Goldfein bluntly wrote, adding that a "standard checklist" will be used to ensure consistency across the Air Force's sprawling operation and to provide a blueprint for addressing the problems.

"Our Airmen and their families should have military housing that will not adversely impact their health and safety," Wilson and Goldfein wrote. "More importantly, they should have confidence that they can identify problems without retaliation or fear of reprisal. This is about taking care of our people."

The directive also said suggested that senior Air Force leaders will be responsible for identifying and helping resolve a host of problems in housing where Airmen and their families live. As described during the Senate hearing, those problems include the presence of black mold, rodent infestation, flooding, radon and faulty wiring.

In addition to in-person reviews, Wilson directed the Air Force Inspector General to review how the Air Force responds to complaints about conditions at base housing. The Air Force is also conducting policy review to identify any directives that impede commanders from appropriately responding.

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CRW delivers agile mobility expertise during exercise

1) Senior Airman **Jacob Schmitt.** 921st Contingency **Response Squadron** aircraft maintainer. marshals a C-130 Hercules aircraft during Green Flag **Little Rock exercise** Feb. 9 at the Joint **Readiness Training** Center, Fort Polk, La. **Contingency Response Airmen conducted** joint training with participating U.S. Army brigades. providing direct airland support for safe and efficient airfield operations. 2) **Contingency Response** 821st

Forces assigned to the **Contingency Response Group out of Travis** Air Force Base, Calif., secure the perimeter around the Geronimo **Landing Zone during** a mission in support of Green Flag Little Rock exercise Feb. 14 at Fort Polk, La. 3) **Senior Airman Roberto** De Los Santos, 921st CRS aerial porter, checks aircraft clearance while loading cargo inside a C-130 Hercules aircraft during Green Flag Little Rock exercise Feb. 9 at the Joint Readiness **Training Center in** Fort Polk, La. 4) Contingency Response Forces assigned to the 821st CRG at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. secure the perimeter









621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The sound of gunfire echoed across the open field at the Geronimo Landing Zone as Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing based out of Tra- ditionally, getting the opportunity to do vis Air Force Base, California, responded to a simulated base attack during a us all, from setting up tents to directing Feb. 6-17 training mission in support of Green Flag Little Rock exercise.

The primary objective for all participants of the exercise was to support the Joint Readiness Training Center and provide the maximum number of airlift crews, mission planners and ground support elements to a simulated combat environment with emphasis on joint force integration.

To support the wing priorities, CR Airmen are testing a few capabilities in to worry about significant logistical conorder to accomplish operations in constraints," Johnston said. "We provide iting environments.

ing the smallest footprint possible and humanitarian scenario, it ensures that

our initial airfield to a forward deployed location," said Capt. Jonathan Van Pinxteren, contingency response element commander. "There are a lot of moving parts involved and this trial run gave us good insight into the difficulty but plausibility of the agile basing concept. Adfield training is necessary practice for and airflow operations. cargo and airflow.'

Lt. Col. Taylor Johnston, 921st Contingency Response Squadron commander, said agile basing is essential to CR operations within the full spectrum of operations from humanitarian aid to combat operations.

"Agile basing enhances our viability as it provides combatant commanders with the capability to open an airbase anytime, anywhere, without having "During the exercise, we tested have ever-evolving scheme of maneuver. In overrun the compound.

second location as we transitioned from emerging disasters, and in combat op- were suddenly awakened to the sound erations it allows us to be as close to the front lines of conflict as possible."

Once on the ground at the Geronimo Landing Zone, the CRT had to quickly establish security around the perimeter, built defensive fighting positions, and place concertina wire around the area, all while maintaining communication

"This type of training allows CR Airmen to train together to develop a unified security centric mindset. As members of a CR group we have the potential to deploy as a small and lean force to austere environments with little to no support, and it may come down to only having ourselves to rely on," said Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Berreles, 921st CRS security forces assistant flight chief. "The realistic training has allowed us to hone our skills as a team to better defend ourselves, our resources, and our base."

The CRT's strategic defense plan was tested, degraded, and operationally lim- combatant commanders with near im- put to the ultimate test on Feb. 14, when see each other at work and learn from mediate basing solutions based on the simulated enemy forces threatened to each other."

"During the attack, my team was off- to operate in a joint environment is more create difficult dilemmas for our adverbrought enough equipment to open a the CR is capable of moving quickly to shift and in a deep slumber when we crucial today than ever in the past.

of multiple weapons firing. Without hesitation my team woke-up, kitted up, and tactically moved from their tents to predetermined defensive fighting positions," Berreles said. "The entire team, to include non-security forces members, quickly jumped into action and engaged the threat. As a leader, I was pumped to see members from various job specialties work together to defend the base. We have drastically improved our defense capabilities on a daily basis while out here, and I am extremely proud of everyone.

While JRTC provides tactical-level training, the joint training received during the exercise was also invaluable to participants.

great idea, as we would be together in of adversaries employing technologiany global operation," Van Pinxteren said. "Having the Royal Canadian Air Force here gives us the opportunities to across all operating domains," he add-

Johnston agreed, and said the ability

"JRTC exercises allow us to work hand in hand with deploying army units and integrate our tactics, techniques and procedures with them," he said. "Each side is learning from each other and fostering relationships between services. This learning and relationship building provides greater synchronicity during operations in everything from humanitarian aid to combat ops.

Col. Ryan Marshall, 621st CRW commander, emphasized how it is essential the CRW is ready to deliver at the speed of war because the defense of our nation rests on each team's ability to integrate while trying to meet an maintain the pace of the future.

"In order to remain relevant warfighters, we must look at ways to en-"Working with our allies is always a sure continuous capability in the face cal advances to create contested and reduced or denied access environments ed. "CRW Airmen will overcome this friction by employing agility and innovation, while providing cornerstones to



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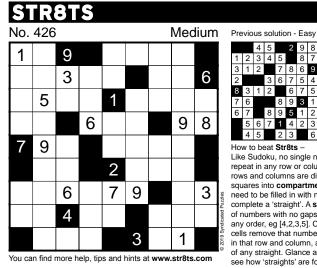
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repeat in any row or column. But... ows and columns are divided by black squares into compartments. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A straight is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black n that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue

Previous solution - Tough

To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

For many strategies, hints and tips,

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Retiree Corner

'Fused' tech gives view of prostate during biopsy

FORT GORDON, Ga. — A high-tech procedure that makes prostate biopsy more accurate and thorough is being rolled out at Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

The procedure mergimages to give uroloa real-time,

three-dimensional view of the prostate. Because the MRI images are analyzed by a radiologist prior to the biopsy, the urologist has a targeted approach to collecting tissue samples.

Other than skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer in Ameries ultrasound with MRI can men, according to the American Cancer Society.

- Health.mil

Chapel programs

Position available The Travis AFR rotestant parish coordinator position requires highly motivated applicants with experience coordinating workflow, advertising and programing in large organizations. Contact the Twin Peaks Chapel at 424-3217 for bid documents, including a copy of the Statement of Work. Bids are due to the Twin Peaks Chapel office by noon Feb. 19. For more information. contact Capt. Kevin Hostettler at 707-424-4633.

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:
- Infant Baptism Prep Class: Two classes.
- Registration required. 6 to 7 p.m., quarterly.

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday or upon

- 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,

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 \ervices: 9 and noon 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-

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.

In the next week...



ceremony. 2018 Travis annual award ceremony takes place Feb. 22 at the Delta Breeze Club

This year's theme is a

"Night in the City."

Military members can wear the mess-dress or semi-formal uniform and civilians should wear formal attire. Tickets cost \$10 for E-1 to E-4. \$20 for E-5 to E-6 and \$35 for E-7 to F-9. all officers and civilians. To purchase tickets, contact Master Sgt. Brandy Jones at 707-424-5875 or Master Sgt. Robert Sigmon at

Airmen's Ministry Center

707-816-3132.

• 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-

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 AFR 94535. For more information, call 707-424-3115 or

DSN: 837-3115 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Air Force Recruiting Office. Now open at Balfour Beatty Community Center and from 1 to 2 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Solano Town Center mall. Learn more about The Peak. For more information, contact Amber what the Air Force has to offer, such as up to 100-percent tuition assistance, 30 days paid Ouirate and Jessica Soto at 501-231-7756 or email vacation per year, free medical and dental care, travsopcombatptsd@gmail.com. tax-free housing and food allowance and much more. Contact Tech. Sgt. George Yardley at submissions of applications for government no-fee 707-889-3088 or stop by the office located at passports must now include: 1) A photocopy of

1350 Travis Blvd., Suite P2, Fairfield, in the Solano Air Force Sergeants Association "Walter E. Scott" Chapter 1320. General membership meetings are at 8 a.m. the second Friday of every month at Wingman's in the Delta Breeze Club and includes a free meal. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Reynoldo Rios or Master Sgt. Rosel

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

Mare Island Museum. Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday of the month in the diabetic education Saturdays. 1100 Railroad Ave. in Vallejo. For more

information

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

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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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.

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

• 6:30 p.m. "Spider-Man:

Into the Spider-Verse" (PG) • 9 p.m. "Aquaman" (PG-13)

Saturday

- 6:30 p.m. "Glass" (PG-13)
- 9:30 p.m. "On the Basis of Sex" (PG-13)

Sunday

• 2 p.m. "The Kid Who Would Be King" (PG)

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Vaca-Con. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 16, Ulatis Community Center, 1000 Ulatis Drive, Vacaville 469-6680

Vallejo Art Walk. 5 to 10 p.m. second Friday of each month, downtown Vallejo. Free admission. www.vallejoartwalk.com. Vallejo Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturdays, year-round, Georgia and Marin streets. 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

City Sports Bar and Grill. Music begins at 9 p.m.: The Ripoffs, Feb. 22: Two20Band. Feb. 23; 7155 Browns Valley Parkway, Vacaville. 455-7827, www.starsrecreation.com.

Empress Theatre. Academy Awards party, 4 p.m. Feb. 24; 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. 552-2400, www.empresstheatre.org.

First Street Cafe. Gaby Castro & Aprylle Gilbert, 7 p.m. Feb. 22; Tune Riders, 7 p.m. Feb. 23; Bryan Girard, 2 p.m. Feb. 24; 440 First St., Benicia, 745-1400, www.firststreetcafe.com.

The Rellik Tavern. Amanda Abizaid, 9 p.m. Feb. 22; The Stolen Cars, 9 p.m. Feb. 23; 726 First St., Benicia. 746-1137, www. therelliktavern.com.



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Military Saves Week ready



U.S. Air Force photo/Heide Couch

Col. Jeffrey Nelson, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, signs a proclamation Feb. 21 Travis Air Force Base, Calif., to designate Feb. 25 through March 1 as Military Saves Week at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. The Military Saves Week program encourages Airmen to save for the future and to reduce debt. The event is a team effort between the A&FRC, Travis Credit Union and Armed Forces Bank.

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on the most basic homework. At

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so getting me to do anything,

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work out regularly and gained

weight. My fitness scores suf-

I knew something was se-

riously wrong, but I was still

trying to fix it on my own. In

2015, my wife said two words

that changed my life forever,

"I'm pregnant." Lack of sleep,

not only had the short term ef-

causes heart disease and can

I was determined to not leave

my wife without a husband or

the little girl growing in my

wife's belly without a father.

That realization was all the motivation I needed to schedule

an appointment with my doctor.

I told him my symptoms and

was scheduled for a sleep test.

I spent an uncomfortable night

in a room that resembled a ho-

tel room with a bundle of sen-

sors connected to my head and

body. Technicians watched me

as I slept. A couple weeks lat-

fects I'd been having, but it also

lead to diabetes. In other words.

it could kill me. No matter what,

fered.

the house or something fun,

Dining

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Super-Sonics Sub and the Big City Grill will be equipped for made-to-order service. The O-mori Ramen Bar will be tomer's liking. The Monarch

featured as the "special restaurant" rotation, meaning it will kick off a cycle in which a designated restaurant line will be replaced with a new one after a three-month period. All four stations will have the option to customize the meal to the cus-

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and go" meals and healthier choices for customers. "The Airmen are the muscle of this entire operation," said Oestreich. "That goes for new Airmen who may be new to Travis or are fresh out of technical school and have never stepped foot in a modern kitch-Cheers

Airman 1st Class Taylor Bollinger, 60th FSS food service shift worker, is one such Airman

will also introduce new "grab

Arriving at Travis only three months ago, Bollinger, along with several others, has been attending different cooking classes since her arrival.

"My leadership has done all they can to make sure I am prepared to work at the Monarch," said Bollinger. "I think it will be a great chance to learn more in my career field. I'm excited to see what new opportunities I'll be able to have was like at the old Sierra Inn said Ngo.



60th Force Support Squadron Airmen pose Feb. 19 in front of Travis Air Force Base's reopened dining facility, The Monarch. The Monarch not only included some much-needed infrastructure updates, but also updates to the facility's food options.

at the Monarch."

The Monarch grand opening was long-anticipated. Staff Sgt. Tai Ngo, 60th FSS shift leader, remembers what it

dining facility.

"I'm excited to be making magic back in our own kitchen again, and showing Travis what services Airmen can really do,"

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now in the past and unable to be changed? Or do we pick ourselves up and set our sights on the future that we can still influence for a better tomorrow?

Failure in life is more of a guarantee than a possibility, and the chances we don't take

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that failure before we've even tried. Focus on the future and don't be afraid to take chances knowing that failure could be the result.

Why is the risk of failure worth taking chances? You may find, as I have many times, that without the chances and failures, you would have missed out on something great in your career that you wouldn't have

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in pilot training I wanted to fly fighters, but the mobility mission has been incredible, and I wouldn't go back and change it for anything. Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi was third on my list of choices, but I didn't want to leave when it was time to move on. Supervising 120 new lieutenants seemed like a menial chore, but turned out to be one of the best leadership opportunities and impactful positions I've had. Each of these examples were times when I was frustrated and believed I had failed in some way, but my father would remind me that the doors that close will

vide these encouraging words that have given me resolve in the past, he has been a witness to the truth of these words. His perseverance and determination in the face of failures of one kind or another has been an inspiration to me. Having an example to emulate has reinforced this theme that has resonated throughout my life. Think of people in your life who you have witnessed continue the good fight when all seemed lost. Look to their example and remember, "Don't worry about failure. Worry about the chances you miss

pursued otherwise. When I was

is easily treated with a Constant Positive Air Pressure therapy machine.

The machine I was issued was about the size of a personal speaker or small lunchbox, was very quiet, and featured a tiny nose pillow and stretchable headset. After 15 minutes of instruction, I was ready to use the machine at home. The first night I slept wear-

ing the mask it took about 30 minutes to get comfortable, but as soon as I found my position, I fell asleep. I slept for seven hours straight. When I woke up, I cried. For the first time in nearly a decade, the fog was gone. It was like waking up from an eight-year nightmare. I went to work that day, talked with friends without struggling to remember what we were talking about, worked through the entire day without being tired and came home with energy to spare.

I also started to perform better at work. I was able to react, make smart decisions and communicate much better with my fellow crewmembers. I even found a calling working with a team at the 60th Medical Group called "Expanding the Boundaries." The group works to test, evaluate and advocate streamlining the equipment and processes we have in place to get Airmen with OSA back into the fight faster and more mobile

We even submitted a Phoenix Spark innovation for a discrete, worldwide-deployable kit. so Airmen with OSA can deploy to austere locations with equipment and provisions to continue their treatment anywhere in the world, without needing constant access to A/C power. Just this past year, we present-

ed our findings in Germany at

the NATO Ramstein Aerospace

Medicine Conference.

It took a few weeks for my body to fully recover from the effects of not getting restful sleep for so long, but now I'm happier, I'm working out again and my fitness score has improved by eight points. I'm also now back to flying operations and my blood pressure has gone down to a healthy range again. Most importantly, when I get home now, I have energy to play with my little girl, a very energetic three-year-old.

I want to thank the Expanding the Boundaries team, who were also the professionals who helped me get my life back. I also have to thank my wife, Krisha and our daughter Annabelle, because their lives were the inspiration to take my first step to be where I am today.

If my story in any way sounds like something you may be dealing with, take that critical first step and call your doctor. Do it for your family, your children, your Airmen and do it for yourself.





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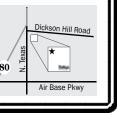
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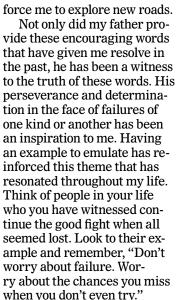




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1.500 mission essential flights.

Having leadership who supports their Airmen makes the mission more personal, said

"This job is personal to me because my team relies on me to be invested in what we do," said Tech. Sgt. Jacob Haines, 60th MXG C-5M craftsman. "Airmen need me to be a leader and a mentor. My supervisor and leadership need me to be a leader and ensure our people are getting the job done right."

For Lt. Col. Gary Charland, Jr., 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander who received the Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Award, it comes down to teamwork.

"We're group of

multi-talented, extremely skilled professionals who can O'Sullivan said. "We know that accomplish anything that is set one person being recognized is before us," said Charland. "We are America's 'A-Team."

"A-Team: Attitude, teamwork, excellence, aptitude and mission accomplishment," he

Team Travis is as mission essential as it is because we're just that, a team, said Charland.

"One of our biggest

strengths in the shop is to have servists working together," said ity." William O'Sullivan, 60th Maintenance Squadron Nondestructive Inspection Shop supervisor also awarded the Lieutenant General Leo Marquez civilian but our recipe to success is cen-craft maintenance squadrons," tering our focus on supporting all three jets."

"Part of being on a team took home the prize."

is supporting each other," a reflection of the team's success and its ability to get the job done."

Travis Airmen are working hard and won't stop working hard until the mission is done, said Charland.

"Our command can depend on Travis to get the mission done," said Hammerschmidt. "That dependability is the reactive duty, civilians and re-sult of a constant focus on qual-

> Team Travis does not serve for awards, however, when the team is recognized, Airmen can feel appreciated, he said.

"It is an honor to be recogaward. "All three different en- nized at the major command tities may wear different hats, level above so many other airsaid Haines. "All maintainers work hard, but this year, we



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Workshop

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Comptroller Service portal undergoing testing in March at Joint Base San Antonio and Maxwell AFB, Ala. The portal offers a transparent one-stop shop for customers to receive on-line the financial services assistance they typically receive in person at the installation. Through the portal, installation Comptrollers will have important visibility to organize and manage workload.

"We tested this approach at Edwards (Air Force Base, Calif.,)," said Lt. Col. Mike tive duty in 2018 and is the pro-McPherson, Director of Qual- gram manager for Idea Entiity Assurance for Air Force ty, the company that developed

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we launched it, there were zero lost documents, and the portal made a huge impact on visibility to the customer and to the comptroller squadrons them-

While an active duty Air Force chief master sergeant, Nyle Smith served as the Air Force champion to improve services to finance customers, and he toured installations across the Air Force to see what was being done. "We put a team together and

looked at objectives to improve services to our customers," said Smith, who retired from ac-

Financial Operations. "After the portal. "A modern customer service tool focused on standardization and transparency is one of our six objectives." With tremendous support

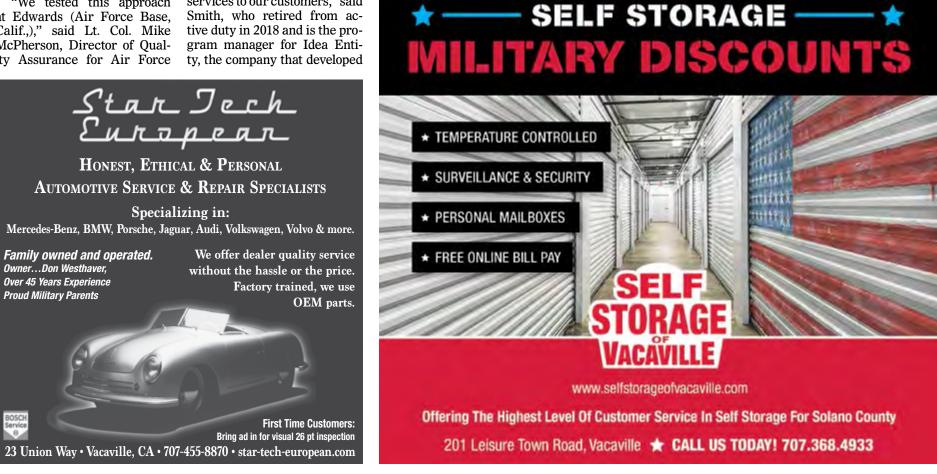
from Air Force Financial Management leadership, the portal will initially exist through Air Force network and SharePoint platforms, McPherson said. The eventual goal is to present the portal through a cloud environment so that customers can access from anywhere and on mobile devices.

Meanwhile, AFIMSC officials unveiled a new Sharesource Management officials to track requests and responses from AFIMSC to installations and MAJCOMs.

"IT solutions have been on our mind for a long time," Alcala said. "We received funding to create a tool to make our lives much easier when it comes to the finance-related taskers we send from AFIMSC to installations and MAJCOMs."

The tool automates taskers - called 'due-outs' - and elimi-Point tool to help AFIMSC Re- nates tracking personal and organizational box email accounts for tasker updates and responses. When AFIMSC sends a due out, officials can set up automatic reminders, eliminating man hours spend monitoring email accounts for responses.

"This will definitely be a major efficiency for RM and potentially a system that can be used across the entire AFIMSC enterprise," Alcala said.





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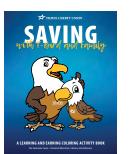
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