

It's all about how you respond to failure

and after – have a plan, call me,

here are no secrets to success.' said retired U.S. Army Gen. Colin Powell. "It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure.'

None of us can go through life without failing at something at some point. Whether it's at work, at home or anywhere else, you simply aren't going to succeed at everything you do, every time. Some failures can obviously be far more

painful to deal with than oth-

ers, but regardless of the type



Nathan R. Hier MAINTENANCE

or you can walk away and never ride again. The choice you make is what defines you as a person. Between Christmas 2017 and St. Patrick's Day 2018, our squad-

get back on the horse

as you'd expect before, during

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ron had three folks get arrested for DUIs. Needless to say, it was a very rough couple of months. We had all the same briefings

of failure, the most im-Commander's portant thing is how Commentary you respond. Essentially, you can either pick yourself up and

> call the shirt, call the chief, call production, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving, etc. We all know there are a thousand ways to get home safely and really only one way to do it wrong. Still, as a family, we'd done it wrong – three times in short order. Fast forward to today, and the squadron has now gone more than a full year without a single DUI. What changed is the folks that failed had the courage to own it and the passion to make sure

no one else in the squadron had to learn the hard lessons they were now learning.

The guys involved in the ingroups and shared intimate details of everything they'd each been through since getting their respective DUIs. They talked about the extreme financial impact, the loss of rank. the embarrassment they felt, etc. They did it with the utmost sincerity and sent a message home to the squadron that the shirt, chief and I could have talked ourselves blue in the face and never have gotten through. In short, they took their failure and turned it into

a success story for the squadron because they had enough character to do so. I couldn't be any more thankful for their efcidents set up briefings in small forts or any more proud of how they demonstrated the very best way to respond to a bad situation.

Everyone looks great while succeeding. Success is easy. You don't find out what somebody's truly made out of until they get tested by failure. It takes far more strength of character to accept that you failed, dust yourself off and get back on that horse until you get it right. You simply can't do that any better than these

Lead by giving people freedom to do their jobs



Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. **Jeffrey Clark**

660TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

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ecently, while deployed, I came in one morning and saw things were more hectic than usual. The two master sergeants on shift gave me the morning update and the day wasn't starting off well. Planes were broken, the flying schedule was a mess and my people were running around with their hair on fire. My instinct to fix things kicked in.

"I got this," I told the master sergeants. "Let's go."

I hopped in the truck with them and we went to the flight line. I took over and told them to do this, do that, put this over there, send those people there. I enjoyed myself, having

Chief's Commentary

flashbacks to my younger days on the flight line. After a few hours, things started to calm down. The work pace got back to normal and we started to look good. Crisis averted. I left the two master sergeants to their jobs and I went back to my day.

That night while sitting in my room, I reflected back on the day like I normally do. When I thought about the morning, it occurred to me while I was in the truck barking directions, the two master sergeants were very quiet. Through all the chaos of the moment, I hadn't realized it, but

the more I thought about it, I thought they were upset. It was then I realized I had messed up. The next morning, I talked to the two master sergeants about the day prior. One of them told me, "Chief, you said you got it, but we already had it." I took a bite of humble pie that

day. The day prior was an opportunity for those two master sergeants to grow professionally and gain experience in a deployed location. Instead of overseeing them and making sure they were doing what they were supposed to be doing to fix the situation, I took that opportunity from them. It was a lesson learned for me.

This lesson applies to all of us,

from the first-line supervisors to chiefs. I see it happen all of the time. When things aren't going right, a lot of us have a tendency to jump in and fix it ourselves instead of using the situation to grow and develop our Airmen. Some situations require us to jump in, but most can be resolved by our people, if we let them.

The next time you're in a situation like that, ask yourself, "Do I need to take this over or can I oversee the situation and let my people resolve this?" Our Airmen can accomplish great things if we give them the opportunity.

Remember, let your people do their jobs.

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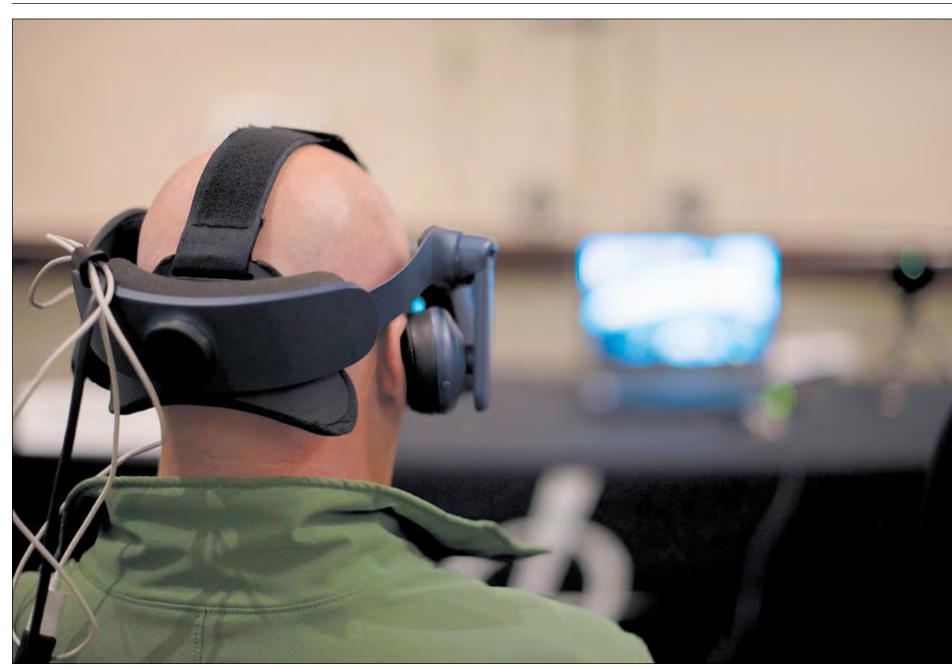
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The Flip Side **Parting Shots**

Over the Bay" air show at Travis Air Force Base. Calif.

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Master Sgt. Richard Williams, 548th Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group Public Affairs superintendent, operates a virtual reality set March 27 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Travis hosted an innovation expo which brought 15 technology companies to educate more than 100 Airmen on mission-centric assets.

Innovation expo highlights technology

Airman 1st Class Jonathon Carnell

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"Pew pew pew" is the sound buzzing by your ears while sprinting, carrying a 60 pound bag, an M4 and dog tags through hostile land. An Airman made a huge mistake, but there's no turning around.

Thankfully, though, it only took place in virtual reality, where Airmen can learn from mistakes before encounterwar zone.

saw this firsthand March 27 at mission is to bring tomorrow's an innovation expo at Travis Air Force Base, where different technology companies offered insight and background

information on 3-D printing, cybersecurity and augmented virtual reality headsets.

Approximately 100 Airmen

"This was the first time the Phoenix Spark Hub has had an innovation expo and, with the great turnout we had, I can definitely see us doing an annual program," said Capt. Jacob ing a similar situation in a real Payton, Phoenix Spark Hub

The Phoenix Spark Hub's to try virtual headsets and get available to them. hands-on experience with the technology.

tools to the war fighter today. The virtual reality equipment we brought will put Airmen in real-time environments. said Bryan Luhn, Myriad Global Media representative.

"They will actually be emerged in real-life surroundings," he added. "If they have to train on a plane or in the cockpit or even in the medical field, this technology can put them in any realistic situation which may arise."

Airmen had the opportunity and resources that can be

"It was really amazing to see the innovation expo and "I could operate every butsee some of the products which ton and control all of the could allow our unit to be more functions," said Master Sgt. mission ready," said Master Richard Williams, 548th Intel-Sgt. Aaron Scott, 821st Continligence Surveillance and Regency Response Squadron. connaissance Group Public Affairs superintendent. "The

This event is one way the Phoenix Spark Hub generates controls were sensitive and l discussion on innovation, Scott feel if I practiced more I could

get a better hold on being a pi-"As the Air Force continues to grow, we will continue to find Events like this give squadbetter and more efficient ways rons knowledge about the tools

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Airman sees spike in pursuit of athletic goals

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As No. 10 on a Californian Division II vollevball team. Senior Airman Jade Cairns, 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron medical laboratory technician, identified herself as a student-athlete.

Although she graduated high school with a scholarship, her athletic and academic abilities weren't enough to keep her "buckled down," as Cairns said, and she decided in the winter of 2013 that college wasn't for

Bewildered by her short-lived college experience and what she thought could have been a promising college vollevball career. Cairns lost a sense of direction and purpose for her life.

"I had to figure out, 'Who am I?' What I wanted to do? What is this without the sport?" Cairns said. "I just felt like I was going in the same spiral of not buckling down, not taking things seriously, not having struc-

Those questions led her to join her grandparents on a monthlong road trip around the country before eventually moving in with them. It was there she felt the most peace in her life. She had accepted her decision to leave college as well as the absence of competitive collegiate volleyball, and was ready to start anew.

"In 2014. I moved to Tennessee to really move away from the distractions I had in California," she said. "I felt like this is where I needed to be, completely away from everything and iust refocus my life."

The two years in Tennessee with her grandparents were transformative for Cairns. She got her driver's license at 20, got her first job and she was, by all accounts, "adulting,"

With her newfound perspective on life and increased maturity, she gave



Senior Airman Jade Cairns, 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron medical laboratory technician, poses Feb. 15 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Cairns was accepted to play on the 2019 Air Force Women's Volleyball Team.

joining the military serious thought for the first time in 2016. It helped that her grandparents were retired enlisted Airmen and gave her positive encouragement to join the Air Force.

"I was maturing," Cairns said. "I wanted to provide for myself. I wanted to feel like I could take care of my-kindle her love for volleyball.

Her desire for independence and personal growth ultimately led her to where she is now as a medical laboratory technician in the 60th MDTS at David Grant USAF Medical Center.

training in the Air Force and had undergone the necessary schooling to be body was like, 'No, you haven't done certified as an MLT, Cairns shed her former athlete identity.

But it wasn't long after she got stationed at Travis Air Force Base in March of 2017 that she decided to re-

"The first time I picked up a vollevball (again) was intramurals," Cairns said. "And I was like, 'Oh man, it's been a long time."

"I've always just been a fan of the game," she said. "Even though I By the time she completed basic haven't played in a long time, I knew

how things should be working, but my this in a while.'

The pursuit of athletic acumen didn't come easy at first, but it made Cairns happy.

With a busy academic workload at community college and an even busier work schedule on the night shift, Cairns managed to find time to fit the sport in her regimen of enriching ac-

The constant presence of volleyball in Cairns life crept into her social

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AFGSC orders **B-1B** stand-down due to safety

Air Force Global Strike **Command Public Affairs**

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. — The commander of Air Force Global Strike Command ordered a safety of the drogue chute. It appears

fleet March 28.

During a routine inspection of the B-1B drogue chute system, potentially fleet-wide issues were identified with the rigging

stand-down of the B-1B Lancer to be a procedural issue and is unrelated to the previous problem with egress system components. As a precautionary measure, the commander directed a holistic inspection of the entire craft. As these inspections are the command to correct any po-

The safety stand-down will resolved, aircraft will return to afford maintenance and Air- flight. crew Flight Equipment technicians the necessary time to command's top priority and this thoroughly inspect each air- precautionary step will enable

completed and any issues are tential issues.



Airman Emma Booth, 126th Aerospace Medicine Squadron public health technician, high-fives her sister, Staff Sgt. Katryn Ellis, 375th AMDS NCO in charge of occupational health, after putting UV lotion on her hands Jan. 31 at Scott Air Force Base. III.

Sisters serve at **Scott together**

Airman 1st Class Miranda Simpson

375TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Two sisters who are five years apart are serving their country at the same time, at the same base, and in the same career field; working together ev-

They come from a military background, but Staff Sgt. Katryn Ellis, 375th AMDS NCO in charge of occupational health, was the first in her family to join the Air Force. Her younger sister, 19-year-old Airman Emma Booth, 126th Aerospace Medicine Squadron public health technician, would soon follow in her footsteps.

"I wanted to go in to the Air Force ever since she joined in 2013," said Booth. "I was just starting eighth grade, and I knew that's what I wanted to

Although Booth was inspired by her sister's actions, she still had dreams of her own.

"I wanted to go guard. That way, I could get school out of the way because I want to commission later on in life."

In order to bring Booth's goals to fruition. Ellis suggested

Booth stay with her. Their parents travel often, and Booth would need a steady place to live to be able to join the Air National Guard. As a bonus, Booth could help watch her two-yearold niece when her brother-inlaw, also an active duty military member, travels for work.

The plan was set into place, so Ellis helped her sister take the next big step.

"I walked down the hall and into the guard unit," said Ellis. "I asked if they had anything available for medical. They gave me three jobs, and one of them happened to be public health, which isn't initially what she wanted. But as fate went, she ended up getting public health.'

Since Booth's guard unit is located here, she was sent to the active duty section for seasoning and upgrade training where she studied under Ellis and grew to love public health.

They mimic their grandfathers, who were sent to the same location at the same time during the Vietnam War.

"We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for Vietnam," said Booth, explaining how their paternal grandfather, "Pawpaw,"

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Coming home

Candid homecoming of a service member captured March 28 at Travis Air Force Base. Calif. Travis is also known as the "Gateway to the Pacific" and receives a large number of deployed service members returning home.



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Wilson, Goldfein outline Air Force progress

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

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"In fiscal year 2020, we will continue to build a more lethal and ready Air Force, while tees Tuesday that the Air Force fielding tomorrow's Air Force must get bigger and funding faster and smarter," Wilson and

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Goldfein said in a joint statement highlighting the themes presented first to the House Armed Services Committee and later that day to the House Appropriations Defense Sub-

In both appearances, they cited findings from the independent and bipartisan National Defense Strategy Commission to explain the stakes.

"Regardless of where the next conflict occurs or which adversary it features, the Air Force will be at the forefront," the Commission said.

Increasing the number of operational squadrons to 386 from the current 312 is required, they said, to meet requirements in the National Defense Strategy and to "prevail over our highest priority competitors." The analysis from which 386 was derived included thousands of simulations and war games "produced an unmistakable conclusion: the Air Force is too small for what

"It's no surprise that the Air Force we have is the smaller than the Air Force we need." Wilson told the Appropriations Defense Subcommittee.

Wilson and Goldfein at both hearings also urged Congress to pass a supplemental spending



Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson testifies during a House Armed **Services Committee hearing April 2 in Washington, D.C.**

repair Tyndall Air Force Base that was heavily damaged by Hurricane Michael in October and Offutt Air Force Base that was submerged last month by 7 feet of water in some places when our nation needs." the Missouri River flooded.

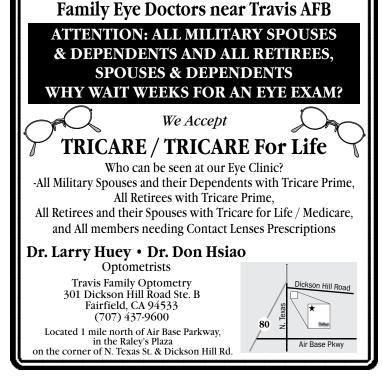
> Building a more lethal and ready force

While Wilson and Goldfein dealt with issues ranging from the impact of climate change on with production expected to hit operations to the development 1.480 in 2020.

bill that would include funds to of hypersonic weapons, the use of artificial intelligence and the Air Force's role in cyber warfare, among others, they highlighted a core set of issues.

> Ensuring readiness was one. When fiscal year 2020 ends, they said, the Air Force will increase by 4,400 Airmen and 5.143 civilians. That growth follows 2019 in which the Air Force increased pilot production by graduating 1.211 pilots





New direction for female-specific flight equipment

Airman 1st Class Bailee A. Darbasie

99TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — The Air Force is working to redesign the gear used by female pilots across the force after facing challenges with current flight equipment.

"We have women performing in every combat mission, and we owe it to them to have gear that fits, is suited for a woman's frame and (a pilot) can be in for hours on end," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein at a Defense Writers Group breakfast, March 2018 in Washington. D.C.

The majority of the equipment worn by pilots was built off anthropometric data from the 1960s, a time when only men were in aviator roles.

The lack of variety and representation in the current designs have caused multiple issues for women, said Col. Samantha Weeks, the 14th Flying Training Wing commander, assigned to Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Many of the uniform issues circulate around G-suits, flight suits, urinary devices and survival vests.

"The challenges other female aviators and I face are the fit and availability of our flight equipment," said Capt. Lauren Ellis, 57th Adversary Tactics Group executive officer.

Limited sizes and accessibility often force aircrew to order the wrong size and have it extensively altered to fit properly, taking time and money away from the mission, Ellis said.

"All of the bladders on my Gsuit need to be modified." Ellis said. "It's a lot of work for the Aircrew Flight Equipment, or AFE, Airmen. Even after they're modified, the proportions don't fit."

G-suits are vital anti-gravity gear for aviators. The bladders in the suit fill with air and apply pressure to the pilot's body to prevent a loss of consciousness during high levels of acceleration. Not having a properly fitted G-suit could lead to hypoxia followed by unconsciousness. Ellis said ill-fitting flight

Participants of the Female Flight Equipment Workshop demonstrate issues women face with the current survival vests Jan. 30 at AFWERX Vegas in Las Vegas. Female Airmen stationed across the globe traveled to attend the workshop to explore areas of opportunity and come up with solutions for their issues.

men and women. Aircrew who themselves during flights beare significantly above or below average height have a hard time finding suits that fit their to properly use their urinary body type.

Even if a woman found a flight suit close to her size, the flight-suit zipper is designed for men – not women. Female most never available," Ellis

suits are a common problem for aircrew struggle with relieving said. "It's common for females to have to wait months to recause the flight-suit zipper isn't ceive the flight suit they've ordesigned low enough for them dered which causes them to have to wear the male one."

Along with the possibili-"There are flight suits that ty of injury and discomfort were designed with longer zipassociated with G-suits and pers for women, but they're alflight suits, women struggle to get their life-saving gear to

fit accordingly. The process of ejecting is so powerful, even pilots with well-fitting gear are at a serious risk of injury. It's important for aviators to be heard and the modernization of equipment for everyone continues, Ellis said.

"In certain situations, having ill-fitting gear, such as harnesses and survival vests, can result in a loss of life." Ellis said. "If an aircrew member ejects from the aircraft with equipment that doesn't fit, they can be severely injured or lose their life."

The Air Force and Air Combat Command are working to find a feasible solution for aircrew members.

Part of the strategy to correct the uniform problem was to take part in several collaborative Female Flight Equipment Workshops at AFWERX Vegas. Female Airmen stationed across the globe traveled to the innovation hub and attended the workshops to explore areas of opportunity and come up with proposed solutions.

"The purpose of the workshops is to bring together female aviators, Aircrew Flight Equipment, Human Systems Program Office personnel and subject matter experts to

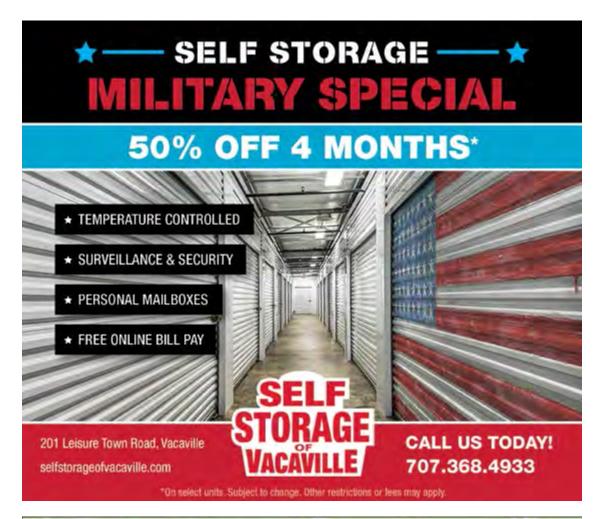
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'Thunder Over the Bay' dazzles skies above Travis



1) The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds demonstration team practices its routine prior to the "Thunder Over the Bay" air show March 29 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The two-day event featured performances by the Thunderbirds, U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, flyovers and static displays. The event honored hometown heroes such as police officers, firefighters, nurses, teachers and ordinary citizens whose selfless work made their communities safer and enhanced the quality of life.

Thunderbirds, Patriot Jet Team, Golden Knights among performers

Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

High-speed jets performing a variety of aerial acrobatics, Soldiers parachuting to earth from 10.000 feet and 40 aircraft on display.

This was the scene March 30-31 at Travis Air Force Base during the "Thunder Over the Bay" air show. The two-day event featured 17 aerial performances, including the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration Team, the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team, the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team and numerous static dis-

The theme for the show was Honoring Hometown Heroes.

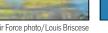
"We are thankful our country looks to the military as heroes of hope and security." said Col. Jeff Nelson, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander. "Yet, it's important for Team Travis not to overlook the heroes in our local community who, like us, work every day to keep us safe."

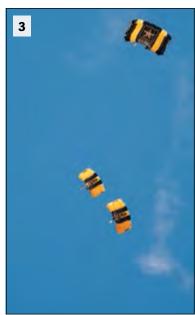
The commander said Team Travis would show appreciation for local heroes and the Ameria variety of performances incan public with a little bit of "air power."

"Last year, we saw several events transpire, like the fires in California, and we saw people step up in so many ways to serve something greater than themselves," said Maj. Imran Khan, 60th Air Mobility Wing air show director. "We wanted to do something to honor them because they are amazing."

"During the show, the Patriot Jet Team held a memorial for fallen police officers, we had a hometown hero booth where great things those heroes have done, and, on Friday night, we held an event where we gave out 14 American flags to nurses, doctors, teachers, police officers and firefighters," Khan said. "They don't always get the recognition







2) The Patriot Jet Team performs during the "Thunder Over the Bay" air show March 31 at Travis Air Force Base. Calif. 3) The U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team perform during the "Thunder Over the Bay" air show March 30 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

they deserve for the amazing work they do and we want them to know we appreciate them."

The air show, which took about a year to plan, opened each day with a parachute jump by the Golden Knights, followed by cluding the Patriots Jet Team, Travis aircraft and the Smoke and Thunder Jet Truck. The Thunderbirds closed the show both days to loud cheers from an estimated audience of 100,000 people over the course of the two

The event also featured aircraft tours, opportunities to interact with service members, and for the youngest air show fans, a fun zone with bounce attend every air show they can, houses, inflatable slides and a rock climbing wall.

"We wanted everyone to have people could learn about the a fun time, but safety was our top priority," Khan said. "We developed a plan for traffic, as well as a plan for 100,000 people to be safe, fed and entertained. I'm proud we were able to keep evervone safe and entertained at the same time.'

Khan also said more than riety of capacities to support the air show.

"We had tremendous support from our Airmen and the local community," he said. "I'm humbled to see how many people came together for this event. Everyone had an integral part in the air show and without their support we would not have been able to have such a successful

Diego Reed of Vacaville, California, traveled the world with his father, a retired Air Force chief master sergeant, and attended numerous air shows as a result. He said he and his family but this year's air show at Travis was a little extra special.

"We are here to support our daughter's boyfriend," he said. "He's a C-17 Globemaster III pilot in the 21st Airlift Squadron."

"We had to come out and show our support," Reed said. "Plus, we just love it. It's in our blood."

Reed's wife of 31 years, Cathy, echoed that sentiment.

"Being here and seeing the 1,000 people volunteered in a va-precision flying, it's so impressive and it's so important that we show appreciation for the military," she said.

> Srilatha Vissa of San Jose. California, also attended the air show, her first, along with nearly a dozen of her family members.

"The military is not a daily part of our lives so it's nice to come here, see the planes and make it more a part of our lives," she said. "We also really enjoyed seeing all the performances and touring the displays."

Many people took to social media to share their thoughts on the show posting pictures and

"We had a great time, thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who put this together," commented Facebook user Matthew Mopar Noel, on the Travis Air Show Facebook page. "God bless our military, officers and first responders."

"It was the best experience of my life," commented Facebook user Jav Jetter.

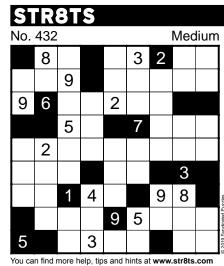
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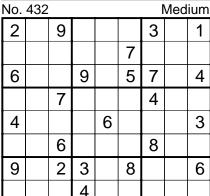
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Defense strategy drives

WASHINGTON — The

National Defense Strategy

is the undisputed driver of

the president's fiscal year

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Capitol Hill, March 26.

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Retiree Corner

Previous solution - Easy

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

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- Air Force News Service

of Defense is justified.

other puzzles, check out our books iPhone/iPad Apps and much more on

first Saturday of every month.

Twin Peaks Chapel • Protestant Women of the Chapel:

9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday. DGMC Chapel

Airmen's Ministry Center

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

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

Chapel programs

Recurring events Catholic

- Twin Peaks Chapel • Roman Catholic Mass: 9 a.m. and noon
- 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.

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 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.,

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

• The Peak is open from 5:30 p.m. to 9

groups. Toddlers to the Max play group for

Recurring

Air Force Office of Special Investigations. To report a crime, get a foreign travel brief or

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

Air Force Recruiting Office. Now open at the Solano Town Center mall Learn more about what the Air Force has to offer, such as up to 100-percent tuition assistance, 30 days paid vacation per year, free medical and dental care, tax-free housing and food allowance and much more. Contact Tech. Sgt. George Yardley at 707-889-3088 or stop by the office located at 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 Thursday of the month in the diabetic education classroom on the first floor in Internal Medicine at David Grant USAF Medical Center, For more information, call 707-423-7227.

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

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

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 or contact CHPS at 707-424-CHPS or CHPSTravis@ foh.hhs.gov.

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

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

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

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

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

Ouirate and Jessica Soto at 501-231-7756 or email

travsopcombatptsd@gmail.com.

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

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

MPF self-renewal program. Did you know that dependents can now renew their ID cards online? To participate in this program, visit http:// bit.lv/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-

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.

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 Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Building 80, 461 Burgan Blvd., Travis Air Force Base. Escorts required for general public, call center to arrange. Free. 424-5598, www.travisheritagecenter.org.

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 n 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

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. The following Travis employees are approved as leave recipients through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program: Kimberley Ramos, 60th Civil Engineer

Squadron. The VLTP allows an employee who has a medical emergency or is affected by a medical

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

Local events

Artisan Craft Faire. Local artists, 6 to 9

p.m. April 5, 10 a.m to 6 p.m. April 6, 11 a.m. to

5 p.m. April 7, Vacaville Art Gallery, 718 E.

Classic Films. "The Sound of Music"

Tiffany's," 5 p.m. April 14; Theatre Deville, 308

Passport Sunday. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m April

Rancho Solano Spring Fling. 10 a.m. to

Solano, 3250 Rancho Solano Parkway, Fairfield.

"Sounds of Suspense." Radio broadcast,

Spring Wine Stroll. 2 p.m. April 13, Town

Square, downtown Vacaville. www.downtownva-

Vallejo Art Walk. 5 to 10 p.m. second

Vallejo Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vintage Market. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every

Friday of each month, downtown Valleio, Free

Saturdays, year-round, Georgia and Marin

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

Empress Theatre. House of Floyd, 8 p.m.

April 7; West Coast Songwriters Competition,

7:30 p.m. April 8: Joyce Grant, 7:30 p.m. April

10; Zach Waters, 8 p.m. April 12; 330 Virginia

at 9 p.m.: Aca/Daca, April 5; Soul'd Out, April 6;

Two20Band, April 12; 7155 Browns Valley

Parkway, Vacaville. 455-7827, www.

starsrecreation.com.

14. wine and food tasting at nine Suisun Valley

venues. http://suisunvalley.com/events-attrac-

5 p.m. April 7, The Clubhouse at Rancho

www.facebook.com/BrendaMossaEvents.

noon fourth Friday of each month, Vacaville

Public Library-Town Square, 1 Town Square

Place. Free. www.solanolibrary.com.

admission. www.vallejoartwalk.com.

streets www.ncfma.com

caville.com

Main St., Vacaville, www.theatredeville.com.

Monte Vista Ave. Free admission. www.

sing-along, 5 p.m. April 7: "Breakfast at

vacavilleartgallery.org.

Today

• 6:30 p.m. "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part" (PG) • 9 p.m. "The Prodigy" (R)

Saturday

• 6:30 p.m. "How to Train a Dragon The Hidden World" (PG) • 9 p.m. "Greta" (R)

Sunday

• 2 p.m. "Dumbo" (PG, first run)

availability of paid leave to receive transferred St., Vallejo. 552-2400, www.empresstheatre.org. First Street Cafe. American Songbook, 7 annual leave directly from other employees. For

more information, call 707-424-1720. p.m. April 6; Bryan Girard, 2 p.m. April 7; What's Cookin' Wednesday. Free lunch Sugartown, 7 p.m. April 12; Bryan Girard, 2 at the Travis AFB USO Bldg. 1348. Served from p.m. April 14: 440 First St., Benicia, 745-1400 www.firststreetcafe.com. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednedsay. For active duty. Guard, reservist and their families.

Solano Winds. 8 p.m. May 10, Downtown Theatre, 1035 Texas St., Fairfield. www.solanowinds.org.

Theatre DeVille. Purple Haze: Jimi Hendrix Tribute, 8 p.m. April 5; The Jackson Stone Band, 8 p.m. April 6; San Francisco Airship, 7:30 p.m. April 13: 308 Main St., Vacaville. www.theatredeville.com.

Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. Benicia Ballet, "Sleeping Beauty," 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. April 6: The Wonder of Elvis - The Tribute. 2 p.m. April 7; United States Air Force Band of the Golden West, 3 p.m. April 14; 1010 Ulatis Drive. 469-4013, www.vpat.net.

Vallejo Jazz Society. Daria (Jazz Vocalist) - Quartet, 5 p.m. April 28, Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St. Valleio 552-2400 www. valleioiazzsociety net

Places to go

BackRoad Vines. Open 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, 221 Julian Lane, Fairfield, www.backroadvines.com.

Benicia Capitol State Historic Park. Open noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 115 W. G St. 745-3385, www.parks.ca.gov.



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Congratulations to the latest Airmen to complete the First Term Airman Center course. Alphabetically: Airman 1st Class Luis Almodovar-Perez, 821st Contingency Response Squadron; Airman Basic Kenneth Bennett, 60th Aerial Port Squadron; Airman 1st Class Lari Brittinger, 60th Surgical Operations Squadron; Airman 1st Class Raegwon Brown, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Airman 1st Class Bryan Buksoontorn, 60th SGCS; Airman 1st Class Taylor Clifton, 21st Airlift Squadron; Airman Jeffrey Curfman, 60th AMXS; Airman 1st Class Hannah Detmers, 60th Operations Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Kieshawn Dukes, 60th APS; Airman 1st Class Kyle Harmon, 60th APS; Airman Cameron Huggins, 660th AMXS; Airman Basic Parker Jankey, 60th APS; Airman 1st Class Caleb Kavanaugh, 60th OSS; Airman Kyara Klaus, 660th AMXS; Airman 1st Class Christopher Kleinmann, 22nd AS; Airman 1st Class Brandon McAfee, 60th AMXS; Airman 1st Class Logan Miller, 60th Maintenance Squadron; Airman 1st Class Sisigafua Olo, 60th APS; Airman 1st Class Anna Osenbruk, 60th OSS; Airman 1st Class Joshua Palmares, 60th MXS; Airman 1st Class Seth Penn, 60th MXS; Airman 1st Class Brandon Reid, 21st AS; Airman Basic Ryan Richardson, 60th APS; Airman Miriam Roberts, 60th Security Forces Squadron; Airman 1st Class Jair Ross, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron; Airman 1st Class Garrett Royce, 21st AS; Airman 1st Class Kain Seals, 60th APS; Airman Trey Thornton, 60th CES; Airman 1st Class Javier Velasquez, 60th AMXS; and Airman 1st Class Alana Willms, 60th SGCS.

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Sisters

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saved their maternal grandfather, "Pop," after he was critically wounded. "Pawpaw went and took Pop and put him on the chopper. He put his hand on his chest and said his goodbyes, thinking that he was going to die. Turns out, Pop was sent to the nearest hospital, and he survived."

Booth then explained how their father met their mother after meeting Pop in New York City at a reunion held for the Vietnam veterans. Their father was on his way to Germany when his flight got delayed where Pop lived.

Pop jokingly said, "Just come stay with me. Maybe I'll try to get you married to one of my daughters."

After their father came back from Germany, he really did marry Pop's daughter, and they had four children altogether.

"I was always like mother hen growing up because there were three of them and I was the oldest," said Ellis. "I think that kind of stayed with me. Being an older sister made me a better supervisor because a lot of the Airmen I have are the age difference between her and I, so I kind of get the things they say. I also don't let her get away with anything, and that's how I am for all of them."

Equipment

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understand the current products, the acquisition process and the actual needs from the field," Weeks said.

Throughout the workshops, aviators participated in briefings, as well as discussions and exercises with the agencies involved in the design and distribution of their gear.

"The Human Systems Program Office acquires and sustains all equipment for male and female Airmen," said Lt. Col. Elaine Bryant Human Systems Program Office deputy chief, assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. "We are committed to hearing

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media feed as well. It was at that time the idea of being able to play officially for the Air Force volleyball team occurred

Cairns didn't know the Air Force had a professional volleyball team until she saw a posted photo of a friend on the team. Surprised, Cairns inquired

application process.

Cairns applied to the Air Force volleyball trials in December 2018 and was accepted to attend the training camp at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas.

"I used to think I was a failure from my failed college experience fresh out of high school," Cairns said. "I didn't think I was ever going to play again when I joined the military. I just felt grateful because has come full circle in a strange further and got details on the I never thought I'd be in this way."

situation to play again."

A week into trial camp, Cairns found out she made the team and would go on to compete in the Armed Forces Championships at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, March 6-10.

"The moment I found out, I was super excited," she said. "I like to look for that affirmation in life. I feel like that was just a sign I was supposed to be playing. My volleyball experience

Cairns was able to make a excel the Air Force through high-caliber team with only weeks of proper training.

The majority of the starters besides her had played at Forces Championships for the the U.S. Air Force Academy for four years prior to the camp, according to Cairns. To her, that spoke volumes to her abilities and made her feel like volleyball was the sport she was sup- No. 10. posed to be playing and motivated her to work hard.

Cairns did have, she used to sports.defense.gov.

the championship tournament. The Air Force Women's Vollevball Team won the 2019 Armed third consecutive time.

As amazing the victory was for Cairns, it was more special that she celebrated it wearing her same college number -

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