



Fire Prevention Week is a ...

# BLAST

**PAGES 14-15**



# Who do you want to be? Break the mold

**D**OVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — I don't play golf, drink scotch or smoke cigars — and that's OK.

It may seem like a strange thing for a wing commander to write, but sometimes, people come to me for mentorship with a certain image in mind of what a senior Air Force leader looks like. They want to know what they "have" to do to have a successful career, under the assumption somebody who doesn't fit the stereotype will fail to enter the inner circle.

In any organization, people can feel pressured to conform to a certain mold in order to be



**Commentary by Col. Joel Safranek**  
436TH AIRLIFT WING COMMANDER

accepted by the group. In the Air Force, this is a reality for many, regardless of whether or not their perceptions are founded.

Personally, I have always ascribed to just doing my own thing and doing it well.

One of my defining attributes is my stoic expression. It is part of who I am; I get it from my mother. You'll never catch either of us doing back handsprings or whooping and hollering at the peak of a somersault, beaming out of sheer exuberance. Cheerleading is not my thing, and I don't do it well.

My advice is not to worry about what you are not doing but

## Commander's Commentary

to worry about what you are doing. Are you an expert in your field? Are you punching above your weight? Do commanders turn to you when they need things done? Do Airmen seek you out when they have problems? Are you taking care of yourself, your family, your Airmen and the mission?

My philosophy does not come without critics. There will be many coworkers, friends and even family members who will press you about all the things you "have" to do. Some of those things may very well need to be done, but if you

spend your life only doing the things you "have" to do, when will you ever do the things you "want" or "choose" to do?

In the end, I have found it best to stay true to myself. Pretending to be someone you're not is hard. So why force something that is not you?

The Air Force is a large organization and has a place for every type of person and personality. Diversity is the strength of the U.S. military, and we rely on it heavily to accomplish the mission.

Trust me: we need you more than you need to fit a certain mold.

So, the next time you see me — cigarless, sipping diet cola without a golf course in sight — know I am silently and stoically

cheering you on, however you decide to be you.

As the holidays draw near, we may struggle with feeling out of place or not having a sense of belonging or acceptance. For those of you in need of a wingman, Dover Air Force Base offers several helping agencies.

The mental health clinic (302-677-2674), Military One Source (1-800-342-9647) and the Military and Family Life Counseling Program (302-898-4126) provide free counseling services to active-duty Airmen. For completely confidential counseling, regardless of religious beliefs, chaplains are available at (302) 677-3932. In addition, Airmen can seek help within their chain of command and from their fellow Airmen.

# The longest year: Airman's windy path to service

**Commentary by Senior Airman Kristen Pittman**  
403RD WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

## Enlisted Commentary

**K**EESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Traditionally and scientifically, a year consists of 365 days, but in the case of my operational Air Force career, my first year took approximately 1,500 days to complete.

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. Most importantly, it was the most rewarding of times.

In 2015, I graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with an

English degree, a minor in Spanish and zero plans.

At 22 years old, I flailed in the sometimes hurricane-force winds of adulthood with no clue what to do.

Insert an Air Force recruiter.

Out of curiosity, I filled out a questionnaire online and, in August 2015, I found myself at the Military Entrance Processing Station in Jackson, Mississippi, taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, then

the Defense Language Aptitude Battery test, and doing that humbling duck walk. Military members know the one.

The next thing I know, my liaison is slotting me for ground and airborne linguist positions and herding me to the room where I made my first oath of enlistment. Then I called my clueless-to-the-entire-ordeal parents and told them what was happening.

A few factors should immediately tip you off to the fact that something went awry with this plan. One clue being under the headline of this story: "Commentary by Senior Airman Kristen

Pittman, 403rd Wing Public Affairs."

I did not fulfill my commitment.

The decision to de-commit while I was still in the delayed-entry program was, at the time, one of the toughest I had ever made. There was the fear of disappointing my parents. I also was not looking forward to any scrutiny from co-workers and friends around me.

My biggest fear, though, was the thought of not being able to change my mind one day, which heightened after my recruiter told me that I would never

See PITTMAN Page 12

# Senate confirms Barrett as AF secretary

**Charles Pope**  
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**WASHINGTON** — The Senate overwhelmingly confirmed Barbara Barrett to be the 25th Secretary of the Air Force, Oct. 16, clearing the way for the experienced pilot and former ambassador to lead the service as it faces new threats globally and in space.

The 85-7 vote makes Barrett the third consecutive woman confirmed to lead the Air Force and its 685,000 total force Airmen. Barrett replaces Heather Wilson who resigned in May. Undersecretary Matthew Donovan served as acting secretary.

"I can think of no position that offers more excitement, challenge and meaning than the secretary of the Air Force," Barrett said after the vote. "Our Air Force is the best in the world because of extraordinary Airmen and civilians with whom I am now proud to serve."

Barrett's lopsided confirmation was largely expected. She earned praise from senators in remarks prior to the vote that summarized her extensive background in public service as ambassador to Finland, as a senior official at the Federal Aviation Administration, as an instrument-rated pilot and as someone certified as an astronaut for space travel.

"Ambassador Barrett has had an impressive career both inside and outside of government," said Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., the chamber's second-ranking Republican, prior to the vote.

Barrett's experience as a senior official with the FAA and most recently as chairwoman of the Aerospace Corporation gives her "a deep understanding of the United States Air Force," Thune said.



U.S. Air Force photo/Wayne Clark

**Barbara Barrett was confirmed by the Senate Oct. 16 to be the 25th Secretary of the Air Force. As an experienced pilot, former ambassador and senior government official, Barrett was praised for her wide experience and long history with aviation and the United States military.**

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein offered his praise as well. "This is an exciting day for our Air Force," he said. "Secretary Barrett brings an incredible background and a level of strategic understanding that will propel us into the future. We won the lottery — again."

Any questions about Barrett's confirmation were largely erased in September when she appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Barrett echoed a set of priorities that have been often described by the Air Force's civilian and military leadership. She emphasized the need for robust

modernization to recover from budget cuts in previous years. She offered unequivocal support for expanding the fleet of F-35 Lightning II aircraft. "The F-35," she told senators, "is our future and we need it. And we need it

See BARRETT Page 26

## Tailwind

Travis AFB, Calif. | 60th Air Mobility Wing

### Air Force

- Col. Jeff Nelson  
60th Air Mobility Wing commander
- 2nd Lt. Mike Longoria  
Officer in charge of command information
- Tech. Sgt. Traci Keller  
NCO in charge of command information
- Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman
- Senior Airman Jonathon Carnell
- Airman 1st Class Cameron Otte  
Tailwind staff

### Daily Republic

- Nick DeCicco  
Tailwind editor
- Todd R. Hansen  
Copy editor

The Tailwind is published by the Daily Republic, Fairfield, California, a private firm in no way connected with the U.S. Air Force.

While most of the editorial content of the Tailwind is prepared by the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs office for its Web-based product, the content for the Tailwind is edited and prepared for print by the Daily Republic staff.

Content of the Tailwind is not necessarily the official view of, nor is it endorsed by the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense or the Department of the Air Force.

The appearance of advertising in the publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, the Department of the Air Force or the Daily Republic, of the products or services advertised.

Everything advertised in the publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital sta-

tus, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

Correspondence can be sent to the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs staff, Tailwind, 400 Brennan Circle, Bldg. 51, Travis AFB, CA 94535-2150 or emailed to 60amwpa@us.af.mil.

Deadline for copy is 4:30 p.m. Friday for the following Friday's issue. Swap ads must be brought to Bldg. 51 by noon Monday for possible print in that Friday's issue. Emailed or faxed Swap Ads are not accepted.

Those on base wishing to receive home delivery of the Tailwind can call 427-6975 today.

For information on paid advertising and on base circulation, call 425-4646. Correspondence can be sent to: Daily Republic, 1250 Texas St., Fairfield, CA 94533 or faxed to 425-5924.

Visit the Travis public web site at <http://www.travis.af.mil>. Read the Tailwind online at <http://tailwind.dailyrepublic.net> or by accessing the Travis SharePoint.

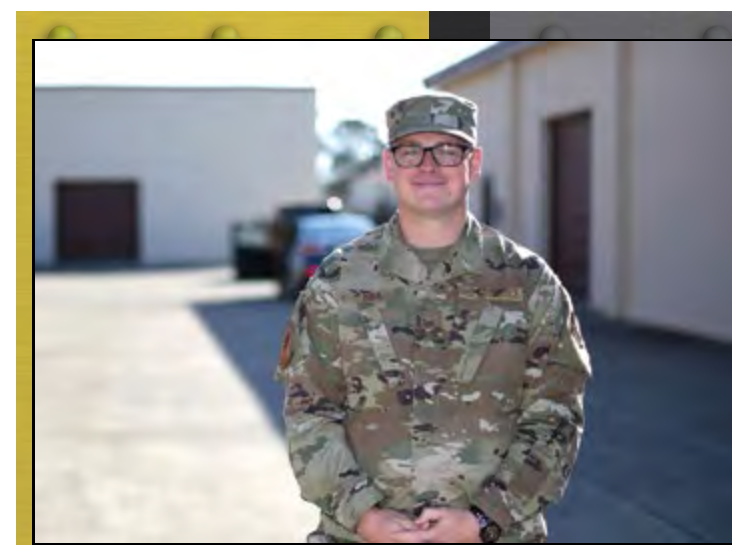
## Table of contents

- Commentaries 2
- The Flip Side 13/16
- Cover story 14-15
- Parting Shots 18
- Worship services 20-21
- Classifieds 24-25

## On the cover

**David Silva, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, helps a Scandia Elementary School student use a fire hose during a demonstration Oct. 8 at Travis Air Force Base, California.**

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christian Conrad



U.S. Air Force photo

# WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

**Name:**  
Tech. Sgt. Daniel Fink.

**Hometown:**  
Susanville, California.

half-marathon by next summer.  
Read three books by 2020.

**Unit:**  
60th Civil Engineer Squadron.

**Time in service:**  
10 years.

**What are your hobbies?**  
Games, working out, travel, hiking and snowboarding.

**Family:**  
Spouse, Erin; two children.

**Family:**  
Spouse, Erin; two children.

**What is your greatest achievement?**  
My children.

**What are your goals?**  
Travel California with family. Run a

# Tyndall continues rebuild one year after hurricane

Staff Sgt. Magen M. Reeves

325TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — In the early hours of Oct. 10, 2018, many communities in northwest Florida prepared for a storm expected to make landfall as a Category 2 hurricane.

Tyndall Air Force Base was also preparing for Hurricane Michael.

Base leaders evacuated non-essential personnel, stored equipment in protected areas as much as possible and a team of individuals battened down the hatches in a two-story cinder block emergency operations building with almost no windows to ride out the storm.

Col. Brian Laidlaw, 325th Fighter Wing commander, was one of the individuals who stayed during the storm. The “ride-out team” was ready for a Category 2 hurricane.

However, the scene soon changed.

“We realized very quickly that this would be the storm we had trained for,” Laidlaw said.

The Category 2 hurricane escalated into a Category 5 within just a few hours.

Hurricane Michael hit the coastline and surrounding areas of Tyndall AFB, Mexico Beach and Panama City.

“Without question, this was not just a Tyndall AFB event,” Laidlaw said. “This was a northwest Florida event. The whole area took a hit. Thankfully we were in a secure building to wait out the storm.”

As the storm progressed, the eye of the hurricane passed over Tyndall AFB for a handful of minutes.

“The only reason we knew we were in the eye of the storm was because the walls stopped shaking,” Laidlaw said.

The eye passed. After the second half of the storm ran its course, it was safe for the ride-out team to emerge from its shelter and survey the damage.

“We recognized very quickly how much work we had to do,” Laidlaw said. “It will probably take five to seven years before the rebuild (of Tyndall AFB) will be complete.”



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Bailee A. Darbasie

Staff Sgt. Jake Gonzalez, fire truck and refueling mechanic temporarily assigned to the 325th Logistics Readiness Squadron, repairs a refueling truck component June 4 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Hurricane Michael brought devastation to Tyndall AFB, and units across the base adapted to limited staffing and temporary facilities.

An assessment of the damage concluded that 484 buildings on base were destroyed or damaged beyond repair, while the other half were stable enough to sustain repairs.

“This base has been here for 79 years and most structures pre-date modern day building codes,” Laidlaw said. “We built the infrastructure in the 40s and 50s and repurposed it many times over the years. It was important, very soon after the storm, to bring in engineers to take a close look at the base. As we did so, we learned what worked and what didn’t work.”

According to Laidlaw, the Air Force allocated \$648

million for immediate repairs. To get the base back to pre-storm capacity will require more time and more funding in the future.

One of the first concerns was how to make the base available to accept relief forces.

“The Air Force and our joint partners sent us relief just a little faster than we were able to take it,” Laidlaw said. “We saw an outpouring of support from the Air Force, and other organizations, to get us back on our feet.”

“Much like many communities across Florida, our community is fiercely protective of our Airmen and the missions we

have here,” Laidlaw said. “We have to make the base compatible not only for today’s missions but for those of the future and to protect assets and aircraft we haven’t even invented yet.”

Prior to Hurricane Michael, Tyndall AFB was home to two F-22 Raptor squadrons including the training school house for that weapons system. Today, some aspects of that mission are still here at Tyndall AFB, like the academics and simulator facility, while others have moved temporarily to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.

As for the rebuild of Tyndall AFB, the base is preparing to take on a new mission

consistent with the long-range goals of the Air Force.

“The secretary of the Air Force directed a rebuild to house up to three squadrons of F-35A Lightning IIs, and the base remains the preferred alternative for the MQ-9 Reaper,” Laidlaw said.

According to Laidlaw, Tyndall AFB is a critical asset for the nation’s defense strategy.

“We have some of the best training airspace anywhere in the Department of Defense,” Laidlaw said. “Tyndall AFB has 29,000 acres of land, 70% of which are in their natural state and are uninhabited.”

See TYNDALL Page 27

# 4th AS adopts children as honorary pilots

Airman 1st Class Mikayla Heineck

62ND AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — A U.S. Air Force community outreach program continues to provide children facing health difficulties an opportunity to have fun and see firsthand some of the things that Airmen do.

The current Pilot for a Day program at McChord Field on Joint Base Lewis-McChord was created in 2010 as a collaboration between the local Air Force Association Chapter 334 PFAD committee and the 4th Airlift Squadron.

“Our goal is to reach out to those children, who are experiencing a less-than-typical childhood due to health issues outside of their control, and create a day where they can set those issues aside and just enjoy being a youngster,” said Robert Branscomb, AFA Pilot for a Day committee retired chair and PFAD program co-founder.

Since the program began in 2010, there have been 24 participants inducted as honorary members into the 4th AS.

“In the 4th, we feel more like family than coworkers and on the special days we host these children, our family grows a little bit and gets a whole lot stronger,” said Col. Sean Burke, 4th AS commander.

Another goal of the program is to give these children and their families another community to be apart of.

“My family and I flew back from [Washington] D.C. for our first Pilot for a Day participant,” said Brig. Gen. Rodney



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Mikayla Heineck

Declan Gaskill, left, Joint Base Lewis-McChord Pilot for a Day participant, talks with Bud Brown, JBLM train depot locomotive engineer, inside a train engine to receive instruction before driving a short distance down some tracks May 21.

Lewis, joint staff deputy director for operations, former 4th AS commander, and PFAD program co-founder. “After she passed, we just wanted her family to know that she was a member of our Air Force family.”

Typically, a member of the 4th AS organizes the itinerary and tries to cater it to the child’s interests. Capt. Jeffrey Hill, 4th AS pilot, organized the PFAD for Declan Gaskill, who visited the squadron in May and has a particular interest in trains.

Declan, clad in his new U.S. Air Force flight suit, jacket and cap, was eager to see inside the locomotive as they drove up to the train depot.

“Watching him on the train [was my favorite part of the day],” said Corri Gaskill, Declan’s mother. “It was adorable. He has been a train fanatic forever, so watching him on the train actually getting to do everything and not being stuck with somebody right over top of him and having some free reign was enjoyable.”

In addition to the train depot, Declan’s

day’s events also included a military working dog demonstration and tours of the fire department, McChord Field air traffic control tower, a C-17 Globemaster III static display, and a trial in a C-17 flight simulator.

“To see multiple organizations take time out of their day to plan and execute demonstrations for the family is more inspirational and representative of the core values than the demos themselves,” Hill said. “The event also helps strengthen the relationship between JBLM and the AFA, who sponsors the event.”

The AFA and 4th AS plan to continue to grow the program.

“Currently we are hosting one, sometimes two children each year,” Hill said. “Through working with the AFA, we are hoping to expand that number to something closer to one per quarter.”

This program allows a child to be just like everyone else here for day - no matter what they may have going on in life, Corri Gaskill said.

The Pilot for a Day program has existed at McChord for longer than the last 10 years, but not in the capacity that it does now.

“When Robert Branscomb and I talked about revamping the program 10 years ago, it was something we both felt really called to do,” Lewis said. “We have the ability to provide these kids and their families with a memorable day and a new community for them to be a part of ... that’s just a small thing we can do to try to brighten their lives a little more.”

## CRW Airmen train on smartphone app

Tech. Sgt. Luther Mitchell Jr.

621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J. — The 621st Mobility Support Operations Squadron received training on the Android Tactical Assault Kit app from Oct 8 – 9. The kits were recently purchased for all Air Mobility Liaison Officers at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

The app will provide Devil Raiders with the capability to rapidly problem solve and perform in the field more efficiently.

“This training is to prepare

AMLOs to conduct landing and drop zone operations quicker and more efficiently, and getting folks excited about leading-edge technology being leveraged by our joint partners, special operations and Air Combat Command,” said Lt. Col. Curt Haase, 621st MSOS commander. “The Expeditionary Center and Air Mobility Command are trying to find innovative solutions right now to organize, train and equip our squadron.”

ATAK is a smartphone geospatial infrastructure and military situational awareness app created in 2010 by the U.S. Air

See APP Page 17

**Solano County's Largest Full Service Truck Shop**

**NBTC**  
NORTH BAY TRUCK CENTER

We service all makes and models of RV motorhome, 5th Wheel and Trailer Chassis, brakes, lights, engine, HVAC, transmission, steering, axles, bearings, suspension, tires etc. We also repair and service all trucks from a pick up truck to a Class 8 Big Rig.

Our team of Technician's have over 150 years combined repair and diagnostic experience. We treat your vehicle like it is ours. There is no job too big or small, we invite them all.

Give us a call to schedule an appointment or just stop by we always have coffee brewed and popcorn popped. We look forward to meeting you and providing you with excellent customer service.

**(707) 427-1386**

Mon.-Fri., 7:30AM-5:30PM  
Sat., 7:30AM-4:00PM  
1245 Illinois St., Fairfield, CA

Present This Ad for **10% Discount** off any Repair or Service!



# HOTEL WINTERS NOW OPEN!

Experience Yolo County's first full service hotel.  
Special rates for Yolo, Solano, and Sacramento County  
Residents starting at \$99 per night (Sun-Thurs).

Weekend rates 10%-15% off.

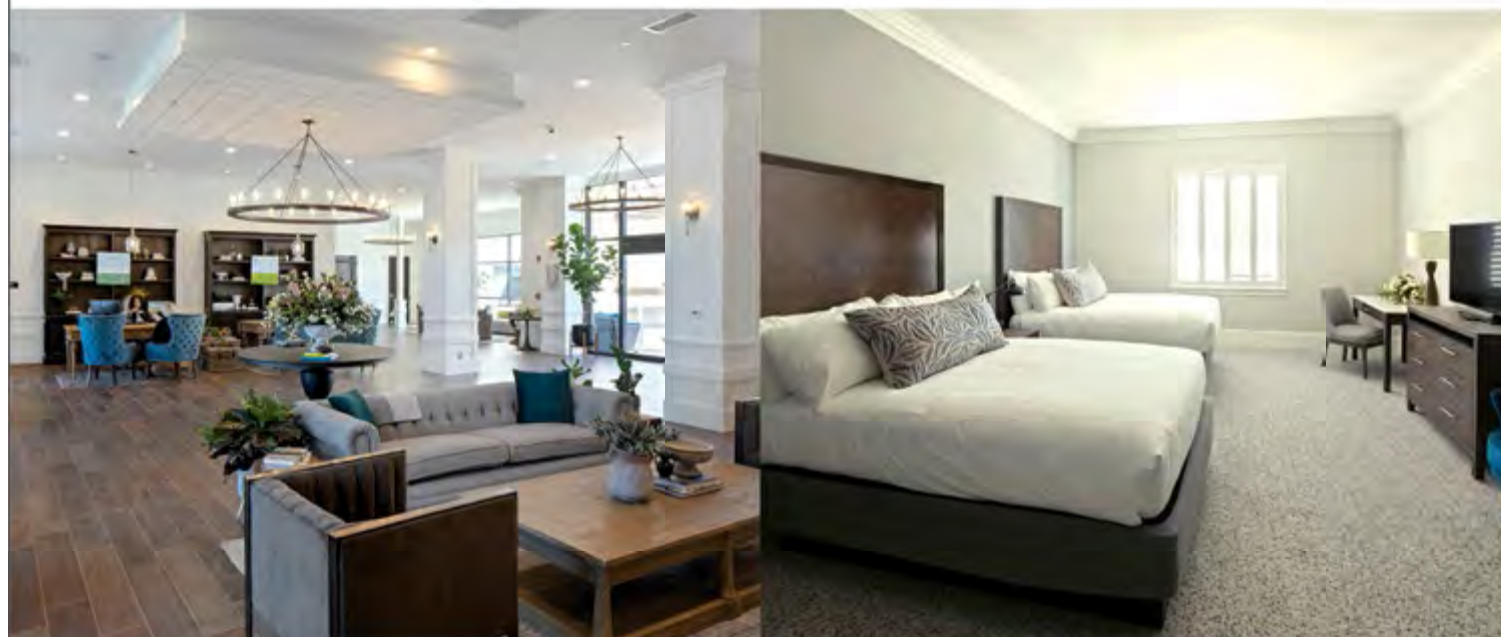
\*Identification with valid address must be provided at check in  
Rates are available through 12/30/2019 and are subject to availability.

**Book Now:**

[www.hotelwinters.com](http://www.hotelwinters.com) — promo code "LOCL"

Hotel Winters  
12 Abbey Street  
Winters, CA 95694  
530-505-9123

[guestservices@hotelwinters.com](mailto:guestservices@hotelwinters.com)



## Project draws from da Vinci

**Dan Hawkins**

AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

FORT RUCKER, Ala. — With inspiration from Leonardo da Vinci, the 23rd Flying Training Squadron is transforming the learning environment with the intent of developing better trained vertical-lift aviators prepared to conduct combat search and rescue, homeland security and special operations missions.

The first six students to complete the experimental Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training - Helicopter, using virtual reality technology graduated Oct. 11, six weeks earlier than normal.

"We're seeing the vast potential of this program unfold right in front of us," said Lt. Col. Jake Brittingham, 23rd FTS commander. "Our initial test reduced aircraft flying time approximately 35% by supplementing aircraft flights with VR, with the students still using legacy simulators for certain events. Students also gained 15 more hours of practice time using aircraft controls through the use of VR than our previous classes."

The initial goal of the Rotary-Wing Next project, was to reduce the time needed to teach the syllabus from 28 weeks to 14 weeks and to increase student production from 60 to 120 students a year without needing additional aircraft or flying hours.

"This is just the start," Brittingham said. "We are focused in on ensuring we continue to get even more efficient with our training, while at the same time maintaining the quality of our graduates the Air Force needs and expects."

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training - Helicopter class

See DA VINCI Page 18

# MILITARY DAYS



## \$20 Bonus Play

### Every Wednesday

With Military I.D. – Active or retired

**CACHE CREEK**  
CASINO RESORT  
[cachecreek.com](http://cachecreek.com)

Cache Creek Casino Resort is committed to responsible gaming. For help call 800-GAMBLER. Must be 21 to gamble.



U.S. Army photo/Corey Toye

Spc. Ezra Maes undergoes physical rehabilitation at the Center for the Intrepid, Brooke Army Medical Center's cutting-edge rehabilitation center Oct. 2 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

# Soldier recovers after loss of his leg

**Elaine Sanchez**  
BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas — A year after his accident and the loss of his leg, Spc. Ezra Maes is still amazed at the circumstances that led to his survival. If you ask, he'll credit his survival to a uniform belt, smart phone and "shockingly good" cell service.

What the 21-year-old Soldier fails to mention is the sheer force of will it took for him to stay alive.

"If I didn't help myself, my crew, no one was going to," said Maes, now assigned

to the Brooke Army Medical Center Warrior Transition Battalion. "I knew I had to do everything I could to survive."

A year earlier, the Army had deployed Maes, an armor crewman stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, to Poland in support of a joint training mission called Atlantic Resolve. He served as the loader for the main cannon of an M1A2 Abrams tank, a massive 65 ton tank known for its heavy armor and lethal firepower.

Exhausted on the second day of a weeklong rotation in Slovakia, he and two other crew members fell asleep in the tank that evening. He

was jolted awake a few hours later by the sudden movement of the tank heading downhill.

"I called out to the driver, 'Step on the brakes!'" Maes said. "But he shouted back that it wasn't him."

The parking brake had failed. The crew quickly initiated emergency braking procedures, but the operational systems were unresponsive due to a hydraulic leak.

The tank was now careening down the hill at nearly 90 mph. "We realized there was nothing else we could do and just held on," Maes said.

After a few sharp bumps, they crashed into an

embankment at full speed. Maes was thrown across the tank, his leg catching in the turret gear. He then felt the full force of the tank turret sliding onto his leg.

His initial thought was his leg was broken. His next thought was he needed to get free so he could assist Sgt. Aechere Crump, the gunner, who was bleeding out from a cut on her thigh. The driver, Pfc. Victor Alamo, was pinned up front with a broken back.

"I pushed and pulled at my leg as hard as I could to get loose and felt a sharp tear," Maes said. "I thought I had dislodged my leg, but

See LEG Page 17

# Army delivers 1.5M flu vaccines

**C.J. Lovelace**  
ARMY MEDICAL LOGISTICS COMMAND

As flu season kicks off, the U.S. Army Medical Materiel Agency's Distribution Operations Center manages the distribution of more than 1.5 million doses of influenza vaccine to help Soldiers and their families stay healthy.

DOC officials said the first batch of vaccines shipped on Sept. 6, headed to active-duty troops, reserves, retirees and their family members, as well as National Guard units across the country.

"Anywhere an Army Soldier is, that's where we will get them the flu vaccine," said Army Lt. Col. Todd A. Reeder, DOC director.

As of Oct. 1, Army vaccines shipped totaled 467,000 doses, or about 30 percent of the Army's requested allotment.

The Army's allotment accounts for the majority of the 3.3 million doses being distributed throughout the Department of Defense, which sets an annual goal of having at least 90% of all active-duty military members vaccinated by Jan. 15, 2020.

While the flu virus circulates year-round, activity typically begins to increase in October and spikes between December and February, even though seasonal activity can last until May, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

That was the case last flu season, which lasted 21 weeks. It was the longest flu season in the U.S. over the past decade.

The CDC estimates that, on average, between 5 to 20 percent of people in the U.S. are affected by the flu each season, with children and the elderly more susceptible.

Now 10 years since the H1N1  
See VACCINES Page 22



U.S. Air Force photo/1st Lt. Jessica Cicchetto

Capt. Benjamin Pritchard, 19th Operation Support Squadron officer in charge of intelligence analysis, and Airman 1st Class Victoria Simon, 19th OSS intelligence analyst, assigned to Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, were at the right place at the right time to save a life Sept. 25 while on a temporary duty assignment to Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington. Pritchard and Simon provided first-aid response to a victim of an auto accident while providing critical information to paramedics before they arrived on scene.

# TLR Airmen provide first aid

**Airman 1st Class Aaron Irvin**  
19TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. — When someone speaks about a hero, the first thing that comes to mind is usually a superhuman figure flying through the air. Although that is a typical view of a hero to many, one man's heroes were two ordinary Airmen who were in the right place at the right time.

U.S. Air Force Capt. Benjamin Pritchard, 19th Operations Support Squadron officer in charge of intelligence analysis, and U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Victoria Simon, 19th OSS intelligence analyst were on a temporary duty assignment to Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, taking part in Exercise Mobility Guardian 2019 when they witnessed the accident.

MG19 was Air Mobility Command's premiere large-scale mobility exercise at Fairchild AFB, which invited mobility Airmen from across the globe to continue the

momentum of readiness by keeping their global, competitive edge.

It was Sept. 25, at 11:25 a.m., while Pritchard and Simon were on their way to their shift during MG19, when they noticed a vehicle swerving into the gravel off the side of the road, hitting an embankment, and driving off the side of a 25-foot cliff, crashing into a wall.

"I pulled over and looked at Simon and said 'let's get to work,'" Pritchard said. "I immediately ran to the wreckage site while Simon called 911."

While Pritchard was assessing the scene providing first aid response to the victim, he was also relaying the size, activity, location, unit, identification, time, and equipment report to Simon, who was on the phone passing critical information to paramedics before they arrived on scene.

"When the paramedics arrived, it appeared the information we were passing along was helpful," Pritchard said. "It was as if they already had the most critical information

to start getting this guy out of the vehicle within minutes of arrival and transporting him to the hospital."

Throughout their Air Force careers, Pritchard and Simon have remained qualified in SABC via hands-on and computer based training while also becoming CPR certified.

"Luckily we didn't have to perform CPR, but we both recently requalified on it. We performed the proper steps of ensuring the scene is safe and directing someone to call 911 while checking on the victim," Simon said.

Simon recalled speaking with her family after the accident and coming to the realization of how grateful she was for the CBT's because she never expected to have to put them to use, but it was the reason she was prepared for this situation.

"When you wear this uniform you are expected to be at the forefront of danger, but also to provide assistance to those in need, no matter the severity," Pritchard said.

DoD  
**Safe Helpline**  
877-995-5247  
Download free app in your phone's app store  
Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community

**Cheers**  
9:30 - 1:30 Every Evening

Sunday thru Wednesday  
**Karaoke with Matty**

Thursday  
**Original Rock Bands**

Friday  
**Delta OG**

Saturday  
**Band at Hand**

321 MERCHANT ST. • VACAVILLE • 451-4049

**Benicia Grill II**

KARAOKE NOW WED, THURS, FRI & SAT NIGHT!

Monday - Friday  
**ANY ITEM on Special Menu \$9.99 • 3-5pm**

Wednesday thru Saturday  
**KARAOKE 6pm - Close No Cover Charge**

Happy Hour 5-6pm

Buy One Breakfast or Lunch Get One **FREE**  
Of equal or lesser value. With the purchase of 2 drinks. Up to \$7.00 value. One coupon per table. Not good with any other offers or on Senior menu items. Must present coupon. Offer expires 10/31/19.

3-Item Breakfast Special **\$6.99**  
Mon-Fri 6am-9am  
Ordered from Special Breakfast Menu. Not good with any other offers. Must present coupon. Offer expires 10/31/19.

Kids Eat **FREE**  
Wed-Sat 4pm-8pm  
Age 11 and under. 2 children per adult entree ordered. 1 child menu item per child. Not good with any other offers. Must present coupon. Offer expires 10/31/19.

Mon & Tue 6am-3pm • Wed & Thurs 6am-9pm  
Fri & Sat 6am-10pm • Sun 6am-8pm  
**(707) 428-0555 • 2390 North Texas Street, Fairfield**

## HONOR A HERO FOR VETERANS DAY

Do you have a loved one who's currently serving or has served in the Military? Share your pride for that special someone in our Annual Veterans Day tab. This tab will publish on Monday, November 11, 2019. Deadline for submission is Friday, November 1st.

**John R. Hero**  
U.S. Army  
1965 - 1969  
We love you and honor your self sacrifice for our country.  
Your family

**\$25**

*\*For Photo return or laminates, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.*

Questions? Call Nancy Green @ 707-427-6922 or ngreen@dailyrepublic.net

Submit order form, color photo & payment to: Honor A Hero c/o Daily Republic Classifieds 1250 Texas Street, Fairfield, CA 94533

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Military \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Message (50 characters) \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ CVC Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Visit Travis at [FACEBOOK.com/TravisAirForceBase](https://www.facebook.com/TravisAirForceBase)



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christopher Quail

**Col. Christopher May, 436th Maintenance Squadron commander, speaks to Airmen assigned to the 436th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron during a dedicated crew chief unveiling ceremony Oct. 4 at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.**

## Names unveiled on AMC aircraft

**Senior Airman Christopher Quail**  
436TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — A change in policy marked the first time in approximately 20 years that the names of dedicated crew chiefs were unveiled on an Air Mobility Command C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III.

“This all started for us in November last year,” said Maj. Kevin R. Scholz, 736th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander. “We just revamped and implemented our DCC program, and we invited

Col. Safranek (436th Airlift Wing commander) and other wing leaders to the first inaugural DCC Induction Ceremony. Each DCC was able to unofficially name their aircraft and design a flag bearing their names as the DCC and assistant dedicated crew chiefs.”

Scholz mentioned that Safranek walked over to him after the ceremony and asked him about the names on the outside of the aircraft. He said that Safranek remembers a time when, as a captain and an aircraft commander, his aircraft

See **UNVEILED** Page 23

# Exercise Polar Force tests Agile Combat Employment

**Airman 1st Class Samuel R. Colvin**

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska — Exercise Polar Force 20-1, a biannual two-week mission readiness exercise designed to test multiple elements of the Agile Combat Employment concept of operations ended Oct. 10.

The exercise allowed Soldiers and Airmen from units across Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, to develop and strengthen the skills

required to operate in austere environments and in adverse situations.

This iteration saw a lot of firsts, including a helicopter medical evacuation of patients with simulated injuries, setting up an expeditionary medical support system tent in a simulated deployed environment, a Tactical Combat Casualty Care course and using drones to map a runway.

Civil engineer explosive ordnance disposal Airmen cleared Dual-Purpose Improved Conventional Munitions during Polar Force 20-1 to simulate an attack on an airfield.

“We blew off 400 quarter-blocks of C-4 during this training,” said Air Force Col. Mike Staples, 673rd CE group commander. “This training event sets the stage for the next Polar Force (exercise) in the spring when we’ll test our rapid airfield damage repair capability. This and other capabilities are critical to success in the multi-domain fight.”

CE Airmen on JB Elmendorf-Richardson partnered with the Air Force Civil Engineer Center using drones to view and map a runway prior to and after the simulated attack, providing the ability to identify

damage the naked eye can’t see, said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Taona Enriquez, Camp Mad Bull commander.

“Over time, we’ll be able to see those overlays on top of each other and see the destruction that’s happened to the airfield, not only from attack but from wear and tear,” Enriquez said. “It’s giving us a baseline.”

This iteration of Polar Force also boasted the first Level 1 TCCC training course in the Air Force, the Defense Department’s replacement for self-aid buddy care, Enriquez said. Airmen with the 673rd Medical Group taught 118 Airmen from different career fields medical

See **POLAR FORCE** Page 19

## You Served. You Save.

**CAL ROOFING SYSTEMS**

Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 447-3132  
Lic. #560708

[www.calroofingsystems.com](http://www.calroofingsystems.com)

**DIXON LANDSCAPE MATERIALS**

150 E. H St.  
Dixon, CA 95620  
(707) 678-8200

[www.dixonlandscapematerials.com](http://www.dixonlandscapematerials.com)

**NORTH BAY TRUCK CENTER**

1245 Illinois St  
Fairfield, CA  
94533  
(707) 427-1386

[www.northbaytruckcenter.com](http://www.northbaytruckcenter.com)

**MITCHELL'S**

HAULING, CLEANING, ORGANIZING, PACKING, & HOUSE CLEANING

Suisun City, CA 94585  
(707) 386-1312  
Lic. #22444  
Insured

**SELF STORAGE OF VACAVILLE**

Military Discounts  
Climate Controlled  
201 Leisure Town Road  
Vacaville, CA  
707-368-4933

[SelfStorageOfVacaville.com](http://SelfStorageOfVacaville.com)

**USS HORNET MUSEUM**

707 W. Hornet Ave.  
Pier 3, Alameda Point  
Alameda, CA 94501  
(510) 521-8448

[www.uss-hornet.org](http://www.uss-hornet.org)

We Can Make Your *Jewelry Sparkle* for the Holidays!

Rhodium Flashing revitalizes your dull, worn jewelry, bringing it back to what it looked like when you first purchased it!

*Rhodium Flashing*

**50% OFF**

Ladies Ring ~ \$25 (Reg. \$50)

Gents Ring ~ \$32<sup>50</sup> (Reg. \$65)

Must present coupon. Valid through Oct. 31, 2019.

**Thornton & Sons**

Jewelers of Imagination

*Celebrating 47 years in Business*

1661 E. Monte Vista Ave., Suite A  
Vacaville • 707-446-2370

[www.thornton-sons.com](http://www.thornton-sons.com)

*Solano County's Favorite Jeweler since 1972*

What if there was a pill that could help prevent HIV?

There is.

Ask your doctor if PrEP is right for you.

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis:  
A daily pill to reduce risk of HIV infection  
[www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/prep.html](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/prep.html)

*Let My Experience, Make Your Home Buying or Selling Experience, Your Best Experience!*

**Century 21**

**Nancy Price-Branson**  
REALTOR®  
Cal BRE #01426977  
CDPE, SFR, ABR, MRP, SRES

**M&M and Associates**

**Cellular (707) 718-1989**  
nprice@c21mm.com  
301 Dickson Hill Road, Fairfield, CA 94533

Each Office is independently Owned and Operated

**PAZDEL CHIROPRACTIC, INC.**

**Treatment to Relieve Treatment to Heal**

258 Sunset Ave., Ste. I, Suisun City  
429-4861

[www.PazdelChiropractic.com](http://www.PazdelChiropractic.com)

Se Habla Español

## Pittman

From Page 2

be able to get another recruiter to talk to me again.

What I was not afraid of was making that commitment to serve. Something just did not feel right for me and the job in the linguist field, so I decided to wait for something better.

Fast-forward to a better time, the fall of 2016, which came via a phone call.

Tech. Sgt. David Rau was the Air Force Reserve recruiter on the other end of the phone call. He had come across my file and wondered if I was still interested in serving. I absolutely was. I just refrained from contacting anyone because those words of inopportunity were etched in my mind. Also, I had no idea what the Air Force Reserve was.

Before you could say, “Jackie Robinson,” I was in his office with three packets in front of me, each describing an available job. Those choices were radio frequency transmissions, aeromedical evacuation something or other and photojournalist.

Photojournalist? I want to do that.

Jan. 30, 2017, was oath of enlistment number two. This time, I invited my parents. That is how you know it was real.

It was real, all right, but it was not real fast. For months, I waited, not for basic military training, but for word of my basic military training date.

What I had not realized was I was joining one of the smallest career fields in the Air Force, so technical school availability was a little harder to come by.

Six months after I enlisted – again – I finally got word of my ship date: Oct. 31, 2017.

On Oct. 12, 2017, Rau informed me my ship date had been moved up two weeks to Oct. 17 – as in five days from that phone call.

Insert myself at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, home of the Air Force’s basic training. Obviously, to a certain extent and in its own special ways, this place and period of everyone’s Air Force career is challenging. Some of us, though, are blessed with a more unique challenge than others: med-hold.

I played 14 years of soccer,

including two years in college. Physical fitness has never been a problem for me, except for maybe the beep test, so this tid-bit might make what was my bewilderment more understandable when I tell you that in week two of training, I was pulled out of my flight due to anemia, something I was not aware I had because of, in my case, its asymptomatic nature.

This was one of those “worst of times,” but also the first significant rewarding time.

Ultimately, what I came out of that month in medhold was a realization of just how resilient I could be and just how much I wanted to be an Airman.

It took me 14 weeks to complete an eight-week course, but I finally received my Airman’s coin Jan. 18, 2018, and was off to Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, for technical school.

Since I graduated BMT a month after I was originally supposed to, I missed the start date for the photojournalist course, so I found myself waiting again, this time for the next available class.

This proved to be a tough time as, while all of the Airmen I shared a detachment with were at school learning their jobs, I was stuck in a 4-by-8 foot space, eight hours a day, as the entry control monitor for the building. There are not enough books and crossword puzzles in the world for this type of isolation, so far from home and anyone you know. Couple this period with the break-up of a two-year relationship I had going on back home and this was another one of those worst of times.

Once again, though, wingmanship prevailed.

Basic Photojournalist Course 030-18 is the name of the class of 23 Airmen I was a part of at the Defense Information School. I think people suspect I am speaking ironically when I say that my time in Maryland with this group of students and our instructors was the best time of my life, but I am being sincere because of both the experiences had and the lessons learned.

Between March and July 2018, life had a few more curveballs to send my way, including the photojournalist course itself.

Using your knowledge of the fact that I have an English



Courtesy photo

**Kristen Pittman performs the oath of enlistment Jan. 30, 2017, at the Air Force Reserve recruiting office in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.**

degree paired with this so-far brilliantly written commentary you are reading, you can guess which half of photojournalism I had no problems with and which half was the exact opposite.

Compound the rather poor classroom performance when it came to photography with a serious aversion to social interactions heavily required to complete photo assignments, and I was struggling.

Multiple times, as my classmates and I were sent out to fulfill an assignment, I found myself with my palms sweaty, knees weak and arms heavy. I was miles from my comfort zone. Once again, though, my wingmen were there to pick me up.

Schoolwork was not the only trial this period provided, though. Life tested my integrity and the ability to do the right thing with the unsolicited information provided to me by a fellow Airman. For reasons I still cannot figure out or understand, this individual revealed to me wrongdoings he was partaking in that we both knew were unacceptable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

My immediate reaction was to ask if he was OK, but I knew it was my responsibility to consider both his well-being and the safety of those living in the detachment and to take action. I knew I had to report the

behavior even if it proved to be highly detrimental to that person’s career. It is safe to say I ran the gamut of emotions up to and after reporting.

A year and a half later, the whole ordeal still haunts me because I feel responsible for what indeed ended up in someone being discharged, but, ultimately, your path is a result of your own actions. I caught grief from some of my peers and it put strain on a relationship I highly valued at the time, but nine times out of 10, doing the right thing is not easy, and I was fortunate to have support from student and military training leaders.

School woes and moral conflicts aside, my nearly six months at Fort Meade taught me a lot and gifted me even more, so when I boarded the plane July 14, 2018, to leave Maryland I was gutted to turn the page on that chapter but excited to finally begin my career and contribute however I could to the 403rd Wing.

Of course, because nothing else so far had gone according to my expectations, why would the beginning of my first operational year?

Day one was the epitome of what a public affairs Reserve Airman could expect during any given unit training assembly. My tasks were to photograph a commander’s call and write up an article for a change

of command. Simple enough.

Day two and the ensuing week were quite the opposite. On my second day of being operational, I found myself in a WC-130J Super Hercules with the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron en route to Savannah, Georgia, to learn the ins and outs of escorting media on Hurricane Hunters’ missions. On day three, I was looking out of the window of an aircraft at the blue sky above, the torrential Atlantic below and the encompassing clouds that outlined the eye of Hurricane Florence.

That week, after four flights into the storm, everything I had gained from my Air Force experience so far had come full circle. I could easily have panicked at the demands of the schedule including coordinating with the U.S. Naval Academy students and instructors for my first big – to me – story, but instead I kept calm and leaned on the leadership around me for guidance and tried to sleep whenever possible.

Since that week, the rest of my time this past year has been relatively smooth. There are definitely times where I fall short on confidence and life is still constantly putting me through the gauntlet, but the support I receive from those around me and the opportunities this career regularly affords me persist making a world of difference.

During the resiliency tactical pause in September, coincidentally 365 days after my first day with the wing, the guest speaker reiterated the idea over and over that there is power in community, and I agree. I believe everything happens for a reason. Had I not reacted to my gut in 2015, these experiences could not have been shared.

What I hope to convey by sharing my story is that people are the answer and your wingmen are there to see you thrive and vice versa. Nobody’s journey is without detours and pitfalls and we have to be there to support and pick each other up as well as reach out when we are facing our own adversity.

I am eternally grateful for each and every experience I had and person I met during the 1,500-day year and I look forward to whatever is next.

# Travis fire department educates students on safety



1

### 60th Civil Engineer Squadron

The Travis Air Force Base Fire Department teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association, the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years, to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Not every hero wears a cape. Plan and practice your escape!"

The annual campaign, which ran from Oct. 6-12, works to educate everyone about the small, but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

NFPA statistics show that in 2017, U.S. fire departments responded to 357,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,630 deaths and 10,600 injuries. On average, seven people died in a house fire per day during 2012 to 2016.

"These numbers show that home fires continue to pose a significant threat to safety," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out."

While NFPA and the Travis Air Force Base Fire Department are focusing on home fires, these messages apply to virtually any location.

"Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go," said Staff Sgt. Luis Valencia, 60 Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter. "No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately."

The Travis AFB Fire Department hosted a series of events in support of this year's campaign including hospital visits with Sparky the Fire Dog, Child Development Center visits, "Smoke Trailer" education at Scandia and Travis Elementary Schools, a first responder parade and an open house with prizes, bouncy houses and food.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities on base, please contact the Travis AFB Fire Prevention office at 707-424-3683 or email at 60.CES.CEF@us.af.mil. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).



3



4



5

U.S. Air Force photos/Senior Airman Christian Conrad  
**1) Staff Sgt. Luis Valencia, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, speaks with Scandia Elementary School students about basic fire escape techniques Oct. 8 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Valencia's visit to the school was part of Travis AFB's support of Fire Prevention Week, a weeklong campaign aimed at educating families on fire safety. 2) Scandia students and 60th CES firefighters pose for a picture Oct. 8 at Travis.**



2

**3) Sparky the Fire Dog speaks with Scandia Elementary School students about basic fire escape techniques Oct. 8 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Sparky is the official mascot of Fire Prevention Week, a weeklong campaign aimed at educating families on fire safety. 4) Staff Sgt. Luis Valencia, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, speaks with Scandia students about basic fire escape techniques Oct. 8 at Travis. Valencia's visit to the school was part of Fire Prevention Week. 5) Scandia students wait to enter the "Smoke Trailer," a simulation used to teach them how to escape from a burning building Oct. 8 at Travis.**







U.S. Army photo/Corey Toy

**Candace Pellock, physical therapy assistant, helps Spc. Ezra Maes at the Center for the Intrepid, Brooke Army Medical Center's cutting-edge rehabilitation center Oct. 2 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston, Texas.**

## Leg

From Page 8

when I moved away, my leg was completely gone.”

Freed from the pressure of the turret, the blood poured out of his wound at an alarming rate, but with other lives on the line, Maes pushed his panic and any thought of pain aside. He pulled himself up and into the back of the tank to grab a tourniquet from the medical kit. Halfway there, he began to feel lightheaded from the blood loss. “I knew I was going into shock,” he said. “All I could think about was no one knows we’re down here.”

“Either I step up or we all die.”

Maes began shock procedures on himself – stay calm, keep heart rate down, elevate lower body – and cinched his belt into a makeshift tourniquet to slow down the heavy bleeding. He called out to Crump, who had staunched her own bleeding with a belt tourniquet, to radio for help.

Maes’ heart sank when Crump said the radio wasn’t working.

But then he heard an incredible sound; his cellphone was ringing.

Maes’ phone was the only

one that wasn’t broken and the only one with working cell-phone service. With one leg cut and the other broken, Crump crawled to reach Maes’ phone and threw it down to him. He unlocked the phone and sent his friend a text. Help was on the way.

His last memory of that location was his sergeant major running up the hill carrying his leg on his shoulder. “I wanted to keep it, see if it could be reattached, but it was pulverized,” Maes recalled.

Maes, who had also broken his ankle, pelvis in three places, and shoulder, was rushed to a local hospital, his first helicopter ride, before being flown to Landstuhl, Germany, and then on to BAMC. Between an infection he picked up overseas and nearly daily surgeries to fight it, he spent four months in intensive care.

“I feel super lucky,” he said. “My crew all does. So many things could have gone wrong. Besides my leg, we all walked away pretty much unscathed.”

A year later, Maes is immersed in physical and occupational therapy at the Center for the Intrepid, BAMC’s outpatient rehabilitation center. This day, Maes is working out intensely with Candace Pellock, a physical therapy assistant. Against the backdrop of

the hospital, Maes moves across gravel on crutches with an ever-present smile despite the Texas heat and strain of balancing on uneven ground.

It’s all in preparation to receive his long-term prosthetic leg through a cutting-edge procedure called osseointegration. For this procedure, not unlike a dental implant, BAMC surgeons will implant a titanium rod in the bone of Maes’ residual limb, rather than a traditional socket, to attach the prosthesis.

While he was having a tough time emotionally before the accident, Maes now sees each day as a gift. It’s a second chance he’d like to share with others who may be having a tough time post-injury or trauma.

“When something like this happens, it’s easy to give up because your life won’t be the same, and you’re not wrong,” he said. “Life will take a 180, but it doesn’t have to be a bad thing. Don’t let it hinder you from moving forward.”

At 21, Maes has a new attitude and a new lease on life. With combat arms in the rear-view mirror and inspired by the CFI’s care, he plans to become a prosthetist and help others regain their mobility.

But what he doesn’t plan to do is switch his phone service.

As he puts it, “My cellphone saved my life.”

## App

From Page 5

Force Research Laboratory. The app provides users with multiple capabilities such as creating Drop Zone and Landing Zone surveys and parking plans.

The app utilizes updated satellite imagery and distance measurement tools and provides the user with the ability to create and send products in

real time.

The training was provided by Tough Stump Technologies, a disabled veteran owned and operated company.

“All of the guys come from special mission units, and have more than 20 years of service,” said Nathan Donham, Tough Stump Technologies instructor. “It’s good we are able to share our knowledge and operational experiences to help make these guys better war fighters.”

# Star Tech European

HONEST, ETHICAL & PERSONAL  
AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE & REPAIR SPECIALISTS

Specializing in:  
Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Porsche, Jaguar, Audi, Volkswagen, Volvo & more.

*Family owned and operated.*  
Owner...Don Westhaver,  
Over 45 Years Experience  
Proud Military Parents

We offer dealer quality service without the hassle or the price.  
Factory trained, we use OEM parts.

First Time Customers:  
Bring ad in for visual 26 pt inspection

23 Union Way • Vacaville, CA • 707-455-8870 • star-tech-european.com

**Family Eye Doctors near Travis AFB**

**ATTENTION: ALL MILITARY SPOUSES & DEPENDENTS AND ALL RETIREES, SPOUSES & DEPENDENTS WHY WAIT WEEKS FOR AN EYE EXAM?**

*We Accept*  
**TRICARE / TRICARE For Life**

Who can be seen at our Eye Clinic?  
-All Military Spouses and their Dependents with Tricare Prime, All Retirees with Tricare Prime, All Retirees and their Spouses with Tricare for Life / Medicare, and All members needing Contact Lenses Prescriptions

**Dr. Larry Huey • Dr. Don Hsiao**  
Optometrists

Travis Family Optometry  
301 Dickson Hill Road Ste. B  
Fairfield, CA 94533  
(707) 437-9600

Located 1 mile north of Air Base Parkway, in the Raley's Plaza on the corner of N. Texas St. & Dickson Hill Rd.

## Da Vinci

From Page 6

20-02 was the first class to use the VR training systems starting in May, but there were significant learning curves in terms of instruction at the beginning.

“The students in-processed here May 7 without knowing they would be a test case, and then had their first virtual reality flight on May 8,” Brittingham said. “The challenge was our contract instructors were not ‘under contract’ to teach using virtual reality technology, so our active-duty instructors were conducting the daily VR lessons with the test class in flight fundamentals they don’t normally teach.”

The students’ introduction to VR during the initial 19-day academics portion of the curriculum paid off in how they were able to perform on their first day behind the controls in the actual aircraft.

“After 23.5 hours of VR instruction, students were able to hover, taxi and perform various other helicopter maneuvers unassisted by their instructor pilots on their very first flight,” said Capt. Matt Strick, 23rd FTS innovation flight lead. “We assessed the students to be at least seven days ahead of schedule at that point.”

Providing a measuring stick on the validity of the training and collecting the daily lessons learned is a large piece of the “Project da Vinci” initiative.

“Only a few select instructors taught during the class to better facilitate student mentoring and collect the lessons learned,” Brittingham said. “The end-of-block evaluations were conducted by normal student check pilots to provide an objective evaluation of the students’ progress and measurement of the VR teaching philosophy.”

The experiment started in 2017 when the squadron found internal training efficiencies that facilitated a 25% increase in overall student pilot production. They decided to take their innovation efforts further by combining technology and innovation after participating in a 19th Air Force-led working group at the AFWERX-Las Vegas hub.

“After the workshop and with



U.S. Air Force courtesy photo

**Students and an instructor pilot with the 23rd Flying Training Squadron’s Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training - Helicopter Class 20-02 take part in a virtual reality sortie Oct. 9 at Fort Rucker, Alabama. The class incorporated VR into the experimental curriculum on day one of training, transforming the learning environment. The class graduated Oct. 11, six weeks earlier than normal.**

the purpose of relooking at antiquated training methods and maneuvering towards the ‘Pilot Training Next’ model, our team entirely rewrote the vertical-left pipeline from the undergrad level at Fort Rucker, Alabama, to the formal training units at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico,” Brittingham said. “Our proposal included acquiring commercial off-the-shelf virtual reality technology to allow us to start learning the transferability of VR into the helicopter training environment.”

The rewrite was endorsed by their parent unit, the 58th Special Operations Wing, and Maj. Gen. Patrick Doherty, then-19th Air Force commander, who gave the 23rd FTS permission to “run with scissors” in standing up the project.

“We suggested a small group tryout with one of our upcoming SUPT-H classes,” Brittingham

said. “Our thought process was we might fail, but we will fail forward, collect the lessons learned and keep trying until we get it right.”

The team of rotary-wing and tiltrotor experts coined the venture “Project da Vinci,” named after Leonardo da Vinci, who is arguably one the most innovative people in recorded history and is the designer of the “Helical Air Screw,” the first sketch of a machine that follows helicopter aerodynamic properties.

“Project da Vinci” became an immediate “go-do” as a complete grassroots initiative folded into the existing SUPT-H construct so it did not slow down current student production.

With the help of contracting to acquire software and using \$350,000 in 58th SOW innovation funds, the squadron initially stood up the program with six VR systems.

“During the acquisition process, we concurrently secured three estimates to design the

“The acquisition proved challenging because of federal computer purchasing laws and limitations and took some time and effort between us, the 42nd Contracting Squadron at Maxwell AFB, 19th Air Force and the 338th Specialized Contracting Squadron at Randolph AFB to make the initial purchase,” Brittingham said. “We really couldn’t have done this in eight months without the help of the contracting team enabling us to make these purchases smarter and faster.”

Looking ahead to the next iteration of the project, the VR software is being updated to reflect the TH-1H primary trainer currently flown by the unit. The current software features a Bell 412 utility helicopter, Brittingham said.

“During the acquisition process, we concurrently secured three estimates to design the

TH-1H in the VR environment to aid in enhancing pilot cross-check and allow unrestricted training in the day, night, and instrument environments,” Brittingham said, adding that a contract has been awarded allowing for sustainment and growth in areas like biometrics, artificial intelligence and VR training for the enlisted special mission aviators.

During the graduation ceremony, Doherty, now the Headquarters, Air Combat Command director of plans, programs and requirements, expressed his appreciation for the progress the 23rd FTS has made in looking at the helicopter pilot production challenges of the future over the last eight months alongside similar initiatives with the remotely-piloted aircraft and the air battle manager flying communities that were started at the AFWERX hub in Las Vegas.

## Polar Force

From Page 11

skills that are useful not only in deployed environments, but also in providing immediate life-saving care to any trauma victim.

“It’s important to understand that the installation and the wing commander has given us time to sit back and deliberately train on these wartime tasks,” said Chief Master Sgt. Bradley Quam, Camp Mad Bull chief enlisted manager.

A major part of the exercise was the defense and operation of a simulated deployed base, Camp Mad Bull, as the hub of a simulated medical mission.

An element of the ACE concept is to deploy with a smaller footprint and fewer Airmen. To accomplish this, Airmen must learn how to perform tasks and functions of other career fields to augment each other when needed. Airmen who had never set up a military tent before were setting up living and working areas; civil engineers were supplementing defenders and learning how to refuel an F-22 Raptor; and paralegals were doing search and recovery for a simulated downed aircraft.

“In order for the ACE concept to be successful, we have to learn to be multifunctional, which is one thing we absolutely accomplished at Camp Mad Bull,” Enriquez said. “There’s no doctrine written for this. We were given the space and time to test this and that’s what we’re doing across all echelons.”

“It was inspiring to see Airmen from different career fields learn something and be able to apply it,” Quam said. “We trained CE Airmen how to do litter carries on a live helicopter and two hours later, they were loading patients and taking patients off of live helicopters. They had never done that before in their life.”

In addition to cross-functional training, Polar Force is an exercise that allows base leadership to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each wing’s internal capabilities, and identify the strengths and weaknesses that arise when working together. Identifying those weaknesses is used as an opportunity for improvement.



# Turn to Travis

for great rates and easy applications  
for Auto and Home Loans

Our hometown service and dedication to helping members earned us the 2018 Air Force Credit Union Service Award! Visit us at any branch or online—we fit your busy lifestyle. And when you PCS (Permanent Change of Station), take us along, with Online Banking and our Mobile App.



traviscu.org | (707) 449-4000 or (800) 877-8328

Federally insured by NCUA. Everyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in our 12-county area is eligible to join. Certain membership eligibility requirements may apply. Equal Housing Opportunity. NMLS #643926.

DIRECTORY OF  
**local worship services**

For advertising information about this directory, call Classifieds at 707-427-6973 or email: lvargas@dailyrepublic.net

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

**First Assembly Of God of Fairfield**  
Lead Pastor: C. Eric Lura  
• 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
• 10:30 AM \* MORNING WORSHIP  
• KID'z CHURCH Grades K-5th  
• 10:00 AM WEDNESDAY SENIOR PRAYER  
• 7:00 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT Adult Bible Study  
Girl's Club  
Royal Rangers  
Revolution Youth  
\*Nursery Care Provided  
**707-425-3612**  
2207 UNION AVE., FAIRFIELD  
www.tagff.org  
email: info@tagff.org

**BAPTIST**


**Worship With Us... St. Paul Baptist Church**  
1405 Kentucky Street  
Fairfield, CA 94533  
Rev. Dr. Terry Long, Pastor  
Sunday  
Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service: 12:00 p.m.  
Children's Church: 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday  
Prayer Meeting: 6:30-7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study: 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Web Site: www.stpaulfairfield.com  
Email: stpaulbcairfield@comcast.net  
Church Phone: 707-422-2003

**BAPTIST**

**MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr. - Senior Pastor  
Fairfield Campus  
1735 Enterprise Drive, Bldg. 3  
Fairfield, CA 94533  
Sunday Worship Services  
7:00am & 9:30am.  
Bible Study  
Tuesdays @ 7:00pm (Youth Sanctuary)  
Suisun Campus  
601 Whispering Bay Lane,  
Suisun City, CA 94585  
Sunday Worship Services, 11:00am  
Bible Study  
Tuesdays @ 12:00noon  
707-425-1849  
www.mcbcfcs.org for more information

**First Baptist Church of Vacaville**  
The All Together Different Church  
Senior Pastor Wyatt Duncan  
Sunday Services: 8am and 11am  
Nursery available during 11am service  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am  
Awana on Wednesdays at 6pm  
1127 Davis Street, Vacaville  
707-448-6209  
www.fbcvv.com

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

YOU are the one that God loves the most. Come worship with us so we can learn from YOU.  
  
Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; John 11:25  
Sunday Morning Bible Study ..... 9 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 PM  
Wed. Evening Bible Study ..... 7 PM  
Homeless ministry at Mission Solano  
Rescue Mission 1st Friday of month 6-8 PM  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST - SOLANO**  
1201 Marshall Road, Vacaville, CA 95687  
707-451-9301 • www.churchofchristssolano.com

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**CHURCH of CHRIST Meets at Rockville Cemetery Stone Chapel**  
4221 Suisun Valley Rd, Fairfield  
9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Bible Study  
9:50 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship  
5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
We welcome and encourage you to come and hear the good news of the gospel of Christ, and to learn about eternal salvation for all mankind that is offered through Jesus.  
"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12  
Bring a heart and mind willing to hear God's Word and to do His great will...  
For more information or directions, please visit our website at www.rockvillecofc.com

**CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST of LATTER DAY SAINTS**  
Fairfield Stake Center  
2700 Camrose Ave.  
Sacrament Services Sunday 0900 and 1200  
Base Sacrament Services  
DGMC Chapel  
(1st Floor North entrance)  
Sunday 1600-1630  
Inquires: Call LDS Military Relations Missionaries  
707-535-6979

**EPISCOPAL**

**Grace Episcopal Church**  
1405 Kentucky Street  
Fairfield, CA 94533  
Sunday Services:  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:15 a.m. Pastor's Forum  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Tuesday Service: 10:00 a.m. Healing Eucharist  
Childcare Provided for all Services  
For additional information see www.gracechurchfairfield.org or contact the office at 425-4481  
Welcome home to an Open, Caring, Christian Community

**ISLAM**

**Islamic Center of Fairfield**  
1945 Kidder Ave., Fairfield, CA. 94533  
"THERE IS NO DEITY WORTHY OF WORSHIP EXCEPT ALLAH (GOD)"  
Imam: Faridbeg Mirza (707) 688-3999  
Friday - Jumuaah Service  
English Lecture: 1:00PM  
Khutbah: 1:30PM  
\*Daily Prayer Schedule  
Fajr-Dhuhr-Asr-Maghrib-Isha  
\*Actual prayer times are listed in Website-Download Section.  
http://www.fairfieldmasjid.com  
Email: Fairfieldmasjid@gmail.com  
Islamic School  
Mon-Tue-Wed-Thurs: 4:00-5:30PM  
\*\*\*ALL ARE WELCOME\*\*\*

**LUTHERAN**

**BETHANY LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**  
621 South Orchard Ave.  
Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 451-6675  
mychurch@gobethany.com  
Worship Services:  
Sunday: 10:00am with Bible Studies and Sunday School for all ages at 9:00am  
Fellowship: 11:15am  
Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month @ 621 S. Orchard Ave., VV  
Pastor Dann Etner  
Bethany Lutheran Preschool  
451-6678  
mypreschool@gobethany.com  
www.gobethany.com  
Bethany Lutheran School  
1011 Ulatis Drive  
Vacaville, CA 95687  
451-6683 ph • 359-2230 Fax  
myschool@gobethany.com  
www.gobethany.com

DIRECTORY OF  
**local worship services**

For advertising information about this directory, call Classifieds at 707-427-6973 or email: lvargas@dailyrepublic.net

**LUTHERAN**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Tired of gimmicks and games? Want a Bible-believing traditional church? Need a loving church family? You are invited to:  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - LCMS**  
Traditional Worship: 10 AM  
Children's Church during 10 AM Service  
Adult Bible Study: 8:45 AM  
2075 Dover Ave., Fairfield (2 blocks south of Airbase Pkwy.)  
(707) 425-2944  
www.tlcp.org  
Rev. Dr. Dan Molyneux, Pastor

**NAZARENE**

**SonRise Community Fellowship**  
10am Sunday  
310 Parker Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688  
sonrise-vv.org  
nazarene.org  
CHURCH - NAZARENE

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

**Church of Christ**  
1500 Alamo Drive  
Vacaville, CA 95687  
(707) 448-8838  
www.vacavillechurchofchristalamodrive.com  
Sunday Morning  
Bible Classes ..... 9:30 am  
Assembly Worship ..... 10:45 am  
Evening Assembly Worship .5:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening  
Bible Classes ..... 7:00 pm  
Classes also by appointment  
Elders:  
Mark McCallister (707) 446-7477  
Ed Sanderson Sr. (707) 446-0536

**Crossroads CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

A Passion to...  
Worship God • Love People • Share Christ  
A Non-Denominational Bible Teaching Church  
Sunday Worship Services  
8:15am • 9:45am • 11:15am  
We offer:  
• Nursery • Children's Classes  
• Youth Ministries  
• AWANA Program  
• Men's & Women's Bible Studies  
• Prime Timers (Seniors Ministry)  
• In Home Mid-Week Bible Studies  
• Celebrate Recovery  
Bruce Gallaher, Lead Pastor  
707-446-9838  
www.cccv.me  
190 Butcher Road, Vacaville, CA 95687  
(off of Alamo, Just South of I-80)

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

**FAITH Community Church**  
To God be the Glory  
Bible Based Expository Preaching  
Sunday Worship Services  
9 AM, 10:45 AM & 6 PM  
Pastor Jon Kile  
192 Bella Vista Road, Vacaville  
707-451-2026  
Nursery & Children's Classes Provided  
Adult & Youth Sunday School - 9 AM & 10:45 AM  
Check our website for more information on other ministries offered  
www.vacavillefaith.org

**VACAVILLE BIBLE CHURCH**

"To know Him, and to make Him known"  
490 Brown Street  
Vacaville, CA 95688  
707-446-8684  
Sunday Services:  
Sunday School 9:45am  
Morning Worship 11am  
Evening Worship 5pm  
Thursday Service:  
Prayer Meeting 7pm  
Bible Studies throughout the week  
Pastor Ben Smith  
www.vacavillebiblechurch.com  
office@vacavillebiblechurch.com

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

**Vacaville Church of Christ**  
401 Fir St., Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 448-5085  
Minister: Ryan Brewer  
Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM  
Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM  
www.vacavillecofc.com  
If you would like to take a free Bible correspondence course contact:  
Know Your Bible Program  
401 Fir Street • Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 448-5085

**THE FATHER'S HOUSE**

The Father's House  
4800 Horse Creek Drive  
Vacaville, CA 95688  
(707) 455-7790  
www.tfh.org  
Service Times  
Saturday: 6pm  
Sunday: 9am & 11am

**UNITED METHODIST**

"The People of The United Methodist Church"  
**COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
1875 Fairfield Avenue, Fairfield  
Phone: 707- 426-2944  
Email: info@cumcfairfieldca.org  
Website: cumcfairfieldca.org  
Pastor Anne Choy  
Worship Service 10:30 A.M.  
Sunday School for Children during the Worship Service  
Communion is held the 1st Sunday of every month  
Adult and Bell Choirs  
Adult Bible and Book Studies  
United Methodist Women  
Sunday Morning Bible Studies at 9:00 A.M.

**unity of the Valley Spiritual Center**

Celebrating our oneness, honoring our diversity  
350 N. Orchard Ave,  
Vacaville - 447-0521  
unityvv@pacbell.net  
www.unityvacaville.org  
Sunday Morning  
8:00 am Coffee with God  
10:00 am Contemporary Celebration with Youth Education  
Wednesday Evening  
6:30 pm Non-Denominational Meditation Time  
7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer  
Come Home to Unity  
It's Like Blue Jeans for the Soul  
Affiliated with publisher of Daily Word®

**Ramon Santos**  
 NMLS 237037 | #3094  
 Branch Manager | Sr. Mig. Advisor  
 FHA • VA • Conventional



Buying or Refinancing - Call Me  
 Together, possibilities  
 are endless!  
**707.427.1400**

301 County Airport Road, Suite 208, Vacaville, CA 95688

## Vaccines

From Page 8

flu pandemic of 2009, the flu remains as a very real threat to military readiness. Reeder said it is not something the Army takes lightly.

“You could potentially take out a whole unit, making that unit ineffective or non-deployable if the flu virus is introduced into that unit,” he said. “This is why the Army stresses that each Soldier get vaccinated annually with the flu vaccine in order to maintain unit and Soldier readiness.”

To prepare, the DOC within USAMMA – a direct-reporting unit to the new Army Medical Logistics Command, headquartered at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland – works with the Defense Health Agency and the Defense Logistics Agency, which handles the yearly procurement and shipping for the DoD.

Liz Andrews, deputy director of the DOC, said planning is a year-round effort.

“There is no downtime, even though we only ship three months a year,” she said.

Even before the current flu season ends, Andrews said a forecast for the next season and dosage requests are sent out to Army installations around the globe each January.

From there, the number of requested doses are submitted to the DHA, which then coordinates with the DLA to handle the contracting process, she said.

Reeder said the CDC works directly with the flu vaccine manufacturers to forecast the upcoming flu season in order to develop the specific vaccine each year.

Doses come in different forms to treat a wide range of people, from infants 6 months and older to those over 65 years of age.

The CDC recommends people get a yearly flu shot by the

**“There is no downtime, even though we only ship three months a year.”**

— Liz Andrews

end of October. Children from 6 months to 8 years may require two doses, given about a month apart.

According to the CDC, “vaccination efforts should continue throughout the flu season because the duration of the influenza season varies, and influenza activity might not occur in certain communities until February or March.

“Although vaccination by the end of October is recommended, vaccine administered in December or later, even if influenza activity has already begun, might be beneficial in the majority of influenza seasons.”

## Unveiled

From Page 10

bore his name on the outside. Safranek then asked Scholz why we can't get names back on the outside of the aircraft.

This prompted Scholz to consult with Col. Christopher May, 436th Maintenance Group commander, to see if this was a possibility. It would have taken a change in policy because the regulation stated that an aircraft had to be sanitized before entering the Area of Responsibility. Since AMC airplanes are constantly transiting through the AOR, it was impossible under this guidance for DCC names to be painted on the outside of the aircraft.

May recommended to Scholz that he work with his C-5 sister squadron to submit a combined request to AMC. Tech. Sgt. Adam Olson, 736th AMXS DCC program manager, was then tasked with drafting a request and working with Tech. Sgt. Anthony Carter, 436th AMXS DCC program manager.

“One of my main goals when I became the DCC manager

for the 436th AMXS was to gain the approval to have the DCC names on the nose of our aircraft,” said Carter. “I was tasked with coordinating with the 736th AMXS DCC manager and draft an Air Force Publication Compliance Item Waiver Request/Approval.”

After drafting the waiver request, Carter and Olson sent it up to their respective commanders so that it could get routed to their maintenance group commander, May. May then routed it the AMC/A4 for approval.

“Incredibly, just 10 months after Colonel Safranek asked the question last November, the guidance was changed,” said Scholz. “The guidance changed to stating that if an aircraft is in the AOR for less than 14 days, it doesn't need to be sanitized, allowing a way to keep DCC names on the outside of AMC aircraft for the first time in approximately 20 years.”

Carter recalled enlisting in the U.S. Air Force on Aug. 23, 2005. He said he was excited to get to his first base, had a lot of motivation and was ecstatic that he was going to be working on an A-10 Thunderbolt II.

**winkfield REALTY**  
 Serving Home Buyers & Sellers  
 throughout Solano County

LaTonya Winkfield  
 BROKER/OWNER DRE# 01402379  
 707.590.8754 tonya.winkfield@gmail.com

ShaunteL Jacob  
 REALTOR® DRE# 01937007  
 678.485.2703 shaunteLjacob@gmail.com  
 www.winkfieldrealty.com

Stretch your coverage,  
**NOT YOUR BUDGET.**

**BUNDLE YOUR AUTO INSURANCE WITH RENTERS OR HOMEOWNERS AND SAVE.<sup>1</sup>**

➤ *Even more savings if you live on base.*



Visit **USAA.COM/INSURANCE** or call **800-531-8521**

No Department of Defense or government agency endorsement. \*Multiple product savings do not apply in all states or to all situations. Savings subject to change. Restrictions apply. Property and casualty insurance provided by United Services Automobile Association, USAA Casualty Insurance Company, USAA General Indemnity Company, Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company, based in San Antonio, TX; USAA Limited (UK) and USAA S.A. (Europe) and is available only to persons eligible for PBC group membership. Each company has sole financial responsibility for its own products. Membership eligibility and product restrictions apply and are subject to change. © 2019 USAA. 260329-0419-G

**SCANDINAVIAN DESIGNS**  
 FURNITURE

VISIT OUR VACAVILLE STORE AND ASK ABOUT OUR

**15% MILITARY DISCOUNT\***

\*APPLIES TO REGULAR PRICED PURCHASE ONLY. TERMS APPLY. VISIT STORE FOR DETAILS.

STORE HOURS  
 MONDAY - SATURDAY: 10AM - 6PM  
 SUNDAY: 11AM - 6PM



**www.scandinaviandesigns.com**

266-A Bella Vista Road, Vacaville, CA 95687 | 707.447.4449

**★ SELF STORAGE ★**  
**MILITARY SPECIAL**

**50% OFF 4 MONTHS\***

- ★ TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED
- ★ SURVEILLANCE & SECURITY
- ★ PERSONAL MAILBOXES
- ★ FREE ONLINE BILL PAY

**SELF STORAGE OF VACAVILLE**

201 Leisure Town Road, Vacaville  
 selfstorageofvacaville.com

**CALL US TODAY!**  
 707.368.4933

\*On select units. Subject to change. Other restrictions or fees may apply.

Follow Travis on **TWITTER.com** at @Travis60AMW

HOME • BUSINESS • SERVICES DIRECTORY

FAIRFIELD HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
REPAIR & INSTALLATION
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
20 YEARS IN BUSINESS
SAVE ON REPAIRS!
Solano Co. Residents 10% OFF Repairs
Military 15% OFF Repairs
Seniors 20% OFF Repairs
707.422.9200
BEST PRICES IN SOLANO COUNTY!
FREE SERVICE CALL

Quality Carpentry
• Doors
• Install & Repair
• Int & Ext Moldings
• Cabinets Installed
• Closet Shelving
• Window Replacement
• Decking & More
Just Like the Name
We do Quality Work!
Call Today
(707) 888-7072

Pennella Concrete
Driveways, Patios, Walks
Colored & Stamped
FREE Estimates
(707) 422-2296
cell 326-7429

Dennis & Son Concrete
DRIVEWAYS - PATIOS - FOUNDATION
PAVERS - COLORED & STAMPED
800-201-2183
We'll beat any licensed contractors bid

M.C. MANZO CUSTOM CONCRETE
• PATIOS • DRIVEWAYS,
• SIDEWALKS • GARAGE SLABS
• COLORED • STAMPED
• REMOVE & REPLACE
• BROOM FINISH
707-689-7980

For Service Source Information, Call Classifieds Today At (707) 427-6936

DRYWALL PATCHES
IN A DAY!
PAINTING
POWER WASH • WINDOW WASH
CUSTOM • RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL
707-421-1929

JC GARAGE DOOR CENTER
GARAGE DOORS • OPENERS
REPAIRS • INSTALLATIONS
FREE ESTIMATES • Over 25 Years Of Experience
Visit Our Showroom
405 D Railroad Ave., Suisun City
Ph: 707.732.6764
www.jcgaragedoorcenter.com

PROFESSIONAL GUTTER CLEANING & Quality Leaf Guards
(707) 803-2395

HANDYMAN SERVICES
Painting & Drywall
Kitchen, Bath, Decks, Tile
707-315-3142

HANDYMAN SERVICES
Provided by General Contractor @ Handyman Rates!
www.alltradesimprovement.com
707-425-4382

Home Improvement TIME?
Let Service Source help you find the Perfect Professional to meet all your home needs.

OK Good Guys Home Repair and Handyman Services
WE MOVE IT, FIX IT, OR CLEAN IT!
50% OFF All Services
FOR VETERANS, SENIORS & FIRST TIME CUSTOMERS
707.410.0081

A GUY HOME REPAIR
Move-ins, Move-outs,
Interior, Exterior
'I'm the handyman that will do the small jobs others won't!'
Over 35 Years Experience!
& PRESSURE WASHING
up to 4000 PSI
• Commercial - Residential
• Building Structures - Awnings
• Driveways - Sidewalks
• Patios - Decks & Solar
707-294-2533

JOHN'S HAULING
When You Want It Gone...
... call John
(707) 422-4285
FREE Estimate • Same Day Service
www.422haul.com

MITCHELL'S HAULING, CLEANING, ORGANIZING, PACKING & DOWNSIZING
KATHY MITCHELL, Owner
FREE ESTIMATES SAME DAY SERVICE
CELL (707) 386-1312

C&G CARPET CLEANING
ON CARPETS WE HAVE SPECIALS FROM TIME TO TIME
JANITORIAL SERVICE DAILY • WEEKLY • MONTHLY
707-426-4001

A & A Professional Cleaning Services
Carpet & Upholstery,
Kitchen & Baths, Windows, Etc.
707-386-3004

Gastelum Tree Service & Landscaping
Licensed and Insured
707-718-0645 / 678-2579

FOUR BROTHERS
Yard Service • Clean Up
Hauling • Trees • Fencing
Maintenance
707-426-4819

TRUJILLO Complete Yard Care
Landscaping • Sprinklers
Clean-up • Fences • Concrete
Call Today
(707) 631-1542

LANDSCAPING GARDENING
• Yard Maintenance, Trimming
• New Lawn (Sod & Seed)
• Sprinkler Systems
• Japanese Gardens/Tree Service
• Fences & Decks
• Concrete Work
707-803-3238

T & T TREE & LANDSCAPING SERVICE
20 Years Experience
Complete Professional Tree Service
• Tree & Shrub Removal • Any Size
• Trimming • Pruning • Shaping
• Landscaping • Sod Installation
• Irrigation Systems & Sprinkler Repair
707-426-1251 • 707-290-2679

H160 HOUSE CLEANING
0343 ROOMS FOR RENT
\$450 month, plus utils.
5001 HELP WANTED
JANITOR HIRING NOW!
Fairfield

L105 LANDSCAPING
Gastelum Tree Service & Landscaping
707-718-0645 / 678-2579

L105 LANDSCAPING
FOUR BROTHERS
Yard Service • Clean Up
707-426-4819

L105 LANDSCAPING
TRUJILLO Complete Yard Care
Landscaping • Sprinklers
707-631-1542

L105 LANDSCAPING
LANDSCAPING GARDENING
• Yard Maintenance, Trimming
707-803-3238

L105 LANDSCAPING
Frank's Landscaping
• New Lawn • Artificial Lawn
• Irrigation • Fences
707-738-0214

L105 LANDSCAPING
Bella Painting
Superior Quality & Craftsmanship
(707) 631-6601

TAILWIND Classified 427-6936

0501 HELP WANTED
JANITOR HIRING NOW!
Fairfield
Working for AMS, Inc. cleaning grocery stores, 2am-8am. Commercial scrubbers & propane buffers exp. req'd.
Text Kimberly, (775) 315-1680

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS
Cable Installers
No experience necessary.
WE WILL TRAIN.
Must have clean DL.
Call 707-317-3467 to apply

L105 LANDSCAPING
New Look Landscaping
Complete Landscape Installation
Custom Concrete Patios & Walkways
Irrigation & Drainage Systems
Retaining Walls
707.631.8687

L105 LANDSCAPING
Frank's Landscaping
• New Lawn • Artificial Lawn
• Irrigation • Fences
707-738-0214

L105 LANDSCAPING
Frank's Landscaping
• New Lawn • Artificial Lawn
• Irrigation • Fences
707-738-0214

L105 LANDSCAPING
Bella Painting
Superior Quality & Craftsmanship
(707) 631-6601

0601 AREA 1
Fri., & Sat., 8-1. TWO Family Sale!
0603 AREA 3
Paradise Valley Master Association Garage Sale!
0608 AREA 8
John's Hauling Suisun Valley Antiques & Collectibles
FALL SALE
20% off Fri., Sat. & Sun.

L105 LANDSCAPING
New Look Landscaping
Complete Landscape Installation
Custom Concrete Patios & Walkways
Irrigation & Drainage Systems
Retaining Walls
707.631.8687

L105 LANDSCAPING
New Look Landscaping
Complete Landscape Installation
Custom Concrete Patios & Walkways
Irrigation & Drainage Systems
Retaining Walls
707.631.8687

L140 LOCKSMITH
FAIRFIELD SAFE & LOCK CO.
KEYS • LOCKS • SAFES
Changed, opened, repaired & installed.
24 Hr. Emergency Service
811 Missouri St. • 426-3000

P100 PAINTING
EXCELLENT PAINTING
Residential • Commercial
Professional & Custom Painting
Special Finishes
707.426.3411 or 707.580.4656

P100 PAINTING
BELLA PAINTING
Superior Quality & Craftsmanship
(707) 631-6601

Garage & Craft Sale Directory
0811 SUVS - 4WD
2005 QX56. A/T, lthr., 4x4, 7 person. Very clean. 157k mi., \$7,900 obo.
0814 NISSAN
2011 Altima 2.5 S. All pwr., great on gas! Low 97k mi., clean. Must See. \$6,900 obo
0819 CHEVROLET
2013 Sonic LT. AT, all pwr., 93k great on gas! \$5,900 obo.
0851 TOYOTA
2009 Corolla LE. A/T, all pwr., clean & smog. 192k miles. \$5,900 obo

#1 ANDY SUNRISE
Int./Ext. Acoustic Removed & Texture
707-425-7542 PHONE
707-290-8179 CELL
707-425-1381 FAX

P100 PAINTING
EXCELLENT PAINTING
Residential • Commercial
Professional & Custom Painting
Special Finishes
707.426.3411 or 707.580.4656

P100 PAINTING
CAL ROOFING SYSTEMS INC.
"Locals Serving Locals" For Over 31 Years
FREE ESTIMATES
(707) 447-3132
CalRoofingSystems.com

P100 PAINTING
BELLA PAINTING
Superior Quality & Craftsmanship
(707) 631-6601

Garage & Craft Sale Directory
0811 SUVS - 4WD
2005 QX56. A/T, lthr., 4x4, 7 person. Very clean. 157k mi., \$7,900 obo.
0814 NISSAN
2011 Altima 2.5 S. All pwr., great on gas! Low 97k mi., clean. Must See. \$6,900 obo
0819 CHEVROLET
2013 Sonic LT. AT, all pwr., 93k great on gas! \$5,900 obo.
0851 TOYOTA
2009 Corolla LE. A/T, all pwr., clean & smog. 192k miles. \$5,900 obo

REGIONAL ROOFING CO.
RESIDENTIAL RE-ROOFING
• Free Estimate
• Senior Discount
707-422-7948

T120 TILE
J&S TILEWORKS
30 Years Experience
(707) 365-2244
Indoor Tile ■ Outdoor Tile
Tile Repairs ■ Swimming Pools
Pattos ■ BBQs ■ Flooring
FREE ESTIMATES

T120 TILE
LETTUS TILE
Specializing in Kitchen & Bathroom Remodels
Start to Finish
Tile and Hardwood Floors
"Quality On Time"
707-430-3703

For Service Source Information, Call Classifieds Today At (707) 427-6936

Service Source

# Barrett

From Page 3

sustainably.”

She offered support for an Air Force analysis calling on the service to expand to 386 squadrons from 312. That number is needed, the analysis says, to meet all demands and challenges posed in today's world. That target was unveiled last year after extensive review and is captured in shorthand as “the Air Force we need.”

Barrett agreed that continuing to reconfigure the force to

confront, and if necessary defeat, “near peer” adversaries China and Russia must remain a focus. And, at a time when the Air Force and other services are confronting suicides and sexual assaults among other quality of life issues, Barrett pledged to work hard to understand and address those problems as well as the underlying issues that cause them.

She also endorsed creating a Space Force as the new and separate sixth branch of the U.S. military.

“If confirmed, standing up a Space Force would be a key imperative,” she told senators

during that hearing. “I believe we need the Space Force, in fact, in my opinion, a domain-specific service to organize, train and equip space forces is overdue.”

Barrett also embraced existing policies and themes on topics ranging from the need for the KC-46 Pegasus tanker, to combating cyber threats, to the emerging importance of the Arctic and to working with senators to address groundwater contamination from Air Force bases in their states. She agreed that modernizing the United States’ aging nuclear capability is “one of our highest priorities.”

She gained notice as the first civilian woman to land in an F-18 Hornet on an aircraft carrier, riding in the back seat. She earned an up-close view of defense policy and Pentagon behavior in her service as a civilian adviser to both the secretary



U.S. Air Force photo/Wayne Clark

**Barbara Barrett, newly selected secretary of the Air Force nominee, testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee as a part of the confirmation process, Sept. 12 in Washington, D.C.**

of defense and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the time.

Most recently, Barrett stepped down in 2017 as chairwoman of the board for the

Aerospace Corporation after four years in the role. Aerospace Corp. is the only federally funded research and development organization focused on space.

**PRMI** Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc.

Where the Primary focus is you. For your Purchases, Refinance & OTC construction.

Contact us for a wide variety of flexible loan options. Your goals, your dreams, your future—we'll help you get there.

**Michael Jenkins**  
Loan Officer  
NMLS #: 337350  
Cell: (707) 208-9208  
Office: (415) 870-2752

PRMI NMLS 3094. PRMI is an Equal Housing Lender. This is not a commitment to lend. Licensed by the Department of Business Oversight under the California Residential Mortgage Lending Act 4130403. 1101 5th Ave, Ste 330 | San Rafael, CA 94901.

**DR. JEFFREY BROOKS**  
Board Certified and Fellowship Trained Vascular Surgeon

CALIFORNIA VEIN & WOUND CENTER

**VARICOSE VEINS? LEG ULCERS? LEG PAIN? LEG SWELLING?**

**LEG CRAMPS? LEG HEAVINESS? BURNING SENSATION? SKIN COLOR CHANGES? RESTLESS LEGS?**

**FREE CONSULTATION! WE CAN HELP! CALL TODAY! (707) 392-2500**

- Major Insurance, MediCal, Medicare, Covered CA and Care Credit Accepted
- Se Habla Español

**OUR OFFICES:**  
3260 Beard Road, Suite 5, Napa, CA 94558  
1460 N Camino Alto, Suite 101, Vallejo, CA 94589  
1261 Travis Blvd., Suite 150, Fairfield, CA 94533

1360 Burton Drive, Suite 160, Vacaville, CA 95487  
5120 Manzanita Ave. #105, Carmichael, CA 95608

**www.TreatYourLegs.com**

Ask About Our **MILITARY DISCOUNT**

**Four Seasons SELF STORAGE**  
Located off Hwy 12 @ Walters Road

SIZES TO FIT EVERY NEED!  
Household • Commercial • Warehousing • Boat & RV

- On Site Management
- Security Cameras
- Individually Alarmed Units
- Private Gate Codes
- Well Lit Wide Hallways
- Drive-Up Units Available

**COUPON**  
**50% OFF**  
**1st MONTH**  
ON MOST SIZES. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER.  
EXPIRES 10/31/19.

1600 Petersen Road • Suisun  
**(707) 439-0605**  
www.4ssonline.com

# Tyndall

From Page 4

According to Laidlaw, the buffer Tyndall AFB acreage and 129 miles of coastline provides, allows for testing and training that is invaluable and free from encroachment. The base takes great pride in maintaining the land in its natural state.

Almost one year after the storm, Tyndall AFB is building up forces again.

“Currently, we have 80% of the (personnel) we had before the storm,” Laidlaw said. “As we recover the base we’ve transitioned from living in offices, to living in tents, to living in modern facilities and, in some cases, in repaired dorms and lodging rooms.”

“We no longer have any Airmen living in tents” he continued. “We moved our Airmen from these short-term temporary tents into facilities to hold us over until we fully rebuild.”

Tyndall AFB had 11 operational dormitories available when Hurricane Michael hit. Only three survived the storm but required immediate repairs before personnel could move in. Currently, there are four dorms available for housing Airmen.

In addition to building replacement dorms for personnel, Tyndall AFB has the enormous task of rebuilding other buildings across the installation. For this task, the Air Force Civil Engineer Center Program Management Office stood up a unit on Tyndall AFB to coordinate the construction efforts.

“We are going to combine multipurpose facilities, which will give us fewer buildings, but we will get much more use out of them,” Laidlaw said. “Brig. Gen. Patrice Melancon, Tyndall AFB Program Management executive director, is championing the technologies needed to build the base of the 21st century.”

Tyndall AFB and AFCEC PMO have been working together from the very beginning to get Tyndall AFB back to full capability and ready to accept F-35s and MQ-9s.

“The partnership between the 325th Fighter Wing and the Tyndall AFB Program

Management Office following Hurricane Michael has been like no other,” Melancon said. “Col. Laidlaw’s leadership has been instrumental to the base’s success. I am so very proud of the dedicated Airmen, civilians, and contractors who flew in from around the country with their sleeves rolled up ready to work. These dedicated individuals have literally moved mountains of debris and worked to repair key buildings quickly this past year to get critical base missions back online.”

According to Melancon, Tyndall AFB will be ready for an F-35 mission by October 2023.

“The rebuild will support a 21st century mission while also focusing on structural resiliency and efficiency,” Laidlaw said. “The people who are here want to be here. We have the right experts in the right areas.”

“When an event like this happens, it becomes a team effort,” he continued. “I do think there’s a story to tell. We’ve learned a lot, and the communities around us have learned a lot, and we are happy to share what we have learned.”

“The (partnership between Tyndall AFB and) the state of Florida and Bay County is very beneficial,” Laidlaw said. “It will take a long time to recover. Like us, our community takes great pride in taking care of our Airmen and our mission.”

“I never thought we’d come this far so fast,” Laidlaw said. “It’s hard to believe it’s been a whole year. Our people are amazing. We have the right people in the right places with the right resources, and they have accomplished so much.”

“There have been some great Airmen, both military and civilian, at Tyndall AFB before, during and after the storm,” Laidlaw said. “Their hard work and determination have sustained our momentum through twelve long months.”

“I can’t imagine where we would be without these people and the support from their families,” he continued. “The reality is, (you can replace buildings, but) you can’t replace people. The mission needs Airmen. Tyndall AFB’s Airmen make the base just a little bit better every single day.”

**Ron DuPratt USED CARS in Vacaville**

**Fall Sale**

Great Savings on Quality Used Vehicles!

<b>2012 FORD FUSION SE</b> STK# 22433 VIN# 349934 <b>\$7,994</b>	<b>2014 FORD ESCAPE SE</b> STK# 22410 VIN# E41472 <b>\$9,495</b>
<b>2001 FORD F-150 XLT</b> STK# 22414 VIN# A12938 <b>\$9,561</b>	<b>2015 KIA FORTE LX</b> STK# 22431 VIN# 339315 <b>\$9,784</b>
<b>2013 CHEVROLET VOLT BASE</b> STK# 22357 VIN# 136871 <b>\$9,798</b>	<b>2012 JEEP COMPASS SPORT</b> STK# 22436 VIN# 639484 <b>\$9,998</b>
<b>2013 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE</b> STK# 22389 VIN# 771459 <b>\$10,633</b>	<b>2003 FORD SUPER DUTY F-250 LARIAT</b> STK# 22275 VIN# 045230 <b>\$12,691</b>
<b>2013 FORD EDGE SEL</b> STK# 22318 VIN# B95585 <b>\$13,820</b>	<b>2015 HONDA ACCORD COUPE LX-S</b> STK# 22440 VIN# 013607 <b>\$15,846</b>

**OVER 100 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM!**  
Finding You the Right Car at the Right Price!

**Ron DuPratt USED CARS in Vacaville**  
1385 E. Monte Vista Avenue • Vacaville, CA  
877.463.5436 • www.ronduprattusedcars.com

All prices plus government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer government fees and taxes, any finance charges, any dealer document processing charge, any electronic filing charge, and any emission testing charge. All prices good through close of business on 10/21/19.

# LET THE GOOD TIMES SPIN!

**WIN A LEXUS OR CASH EVERY SAT AND SUN**  
HOURLY DRAWINGS 5PM-9PM • PROMOTION ENDS OCTOBER 27



**CACHE CREEK**  
CASINO RESORT  
cachecreek.com

Cache Creek Casino Resort is committed to responsible gaming. For help call 800-GAMBLER. Must be 21 to gamble.