

# Exhibit endeavors to Inspire ...

# DREAMS

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# 'Travis 100' lays groundwork for future

f I asked you what your plans are for next month. would you be able to answer? A year from now? How about in the next 25 years?

That's exactly what I asked Travis and community leaders to think about last November. Over a three-month period, we developed a 25year vision for the base that was complementary, compatible and contiguous with our partners in the local area.

In 2018, as the base passed its 75th Anniversary, we were at a unique moment where we could collaborate and



**Jeff Nelson 60TH AIR MOBILITY** 

anywhere. In what is now 24 years, Travis will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary and it was only fitting to call this project the "Tra-WING COMMANDER vis 100.

> We looked at future operations, upcoming technologies, household demographics and environmental factors. We even looked at how Airmen spend their time off and how they want to commute to work.

# Commander's Commentary

After much deliberation, we categorized the "Travis 100" into four groups of objectives. We created goals for the onbase community, the installation, the airfield and a large vacant area on base we call the Northwest Development Area.

Goals for the installation include constructing an expeditionary beddown location to continue to support military contingency and civil emergency organizations (re: natural disaster response); and to develop as well as execute long-term plans for energy

resiliency (could we produce our own renewable energy?). Airfield goals prioritize ac-

curately accommodating aircraft parking space, building new munitions/holding facilities and constructing a parallel taxiway that would increase our operational capabilities. This taxiway is pivotal in allowing high throughput operations to support the National Defense Strategy...no matter the state of our expansive air-

Goals within both the onbase community and for the Northwest Development Area center on quality of life initiatives. For example, can we work with our base partners to provide alternate forms of

transportation for personnel or construct multi-family living quarters that are walkable to restaurants in the community?

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We realized that if we are to retain the best Airmen in our service, we would need to invest in and plan for a shared future; it is part of our service as Travis leaders to think beyond just the two-year command tour the Air Force affords us.

At the top of the plan that I sent to our commanders and superintendents earlier this year, I included a quote from Walt Disney: "First, think. Second, believe. Third, dream. And finally, dare." The "Travis 100" doesn't lay out exactly

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# Simple question spurs chief's change of outlook



Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Joshua Buck

**OPERATIONS** 

Texas — Recently, I celebrated my 20-year mark in our amazing Air Force.

Over my 11 assignments, I have had many remarkable and memorable leaders, mentors, peers and subordinates. They have helped develop my leadership skills and shape me into a better person.

As we all know, we cannot succeed without help and a strong team. Whenever I am asked to talk about my leadership philosophy or style. I always come back to the same point in my career when I learned arguably my most valuable and important

# **Chief's Commentary**

leadership lesson, the power of saying "yes."

In 2014, I was a brand new senior master sergeant and serving as the director of education at the Elmendorf Professional Military Education Center in Alaska.

One afternoon, our most senior instructor came into my office and asked a fairly simple question: "Would you be willing to change the uniform of the day for the following day from blues to the Airman Battle

Uniform?" Of course, I responded quickly and, being the new guy in charge, my initial response was an emphatic "absolutely not" and I quickly dismissed the instructor from my office, likely with a lower morale than when he came in.

My boss, who sat in the office next to me, came over and asked me why I said "no" and I had no better response than "because that's the way I wrote the schedule." His response to me instantly changed the way I look at everything. He simply asked me "does it matter?" to which I had

After I sat back down in my seat,

I took a few minutes to think about what just transpired and quickly figured out that there was a huge prob-

the problem was me. I took no time to listen to one of my most knowledgeable and seasoned staff members or consider to ask "why" behind his initial question. Not until that exact moment had I questioned my leadership skills.

As I sat and thought about it, I soon realized there was unquestionably not a reason for him to ask the

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With self-reflection, I discovered

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# On the cover

Lincoln McFadden, a toddler attending the Inspire: Dreams Start Now exhibit, stands inside a firetruck assigned Oct. 22 at the Ulatis Community Center in Vacaville, California.

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jonathon Carnell

# Travis responds to Bay Area emergencies

**Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman** 

**NOVEMBER 8, 2019** 

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"Everything is on fire!" shouted a 5-year-old girl from the backseat as her mother drove the family car across the Carquinez Bridge near Vallejo, Califor-

Flames were visible on both sides of the bridge and smoke soon engulfed the car. Burning debris fell in front of the

The mother gripped the steering wheel, assured her daughter everything would be all right and hit the gas, speeding out of danger.

This scene was the reality for hundreds of commuters who found themselves on the Carquinez bridge, a pair of parallel bridges spanning the Carquinez Strait at the northeastern end of San Francisco Bay, Oct. 27 as the Vallejo Glen Cove Fire threatened the surrounding area.

The blaze began at approximately 9 a.m., burning about 150 acres and jumped Interstate 80, shutting down the highway for five hours.

Firefighters from numerous fire departments battled the blaze, including members of the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services flight. The FES team assisted with three support requests Oct. 27 by dispatching one of their 4,000-gallon water tenders to support firefighting efforts in three cities culminating with the Glen Cove Fire. "I was dispatched to a wildland fire

near Brannan Island recreation Area in Rio Vista, California, at 4 a.m. and I supported another grass fire call at Cement Hill Road and Peabody Road in Fairfield, California, after that," said



Oct. 29, 2019, at Travis Air Force Base, California. With the start of every shift, the FES flight conducts inspections on more than 1,000 items including vehicles, protective equipment and hardware.

with water. I did the same for the Fairfield FD."

Once Self was released from the Fairfield fire, he returned to Travis AFB 60th CES Fire Capt. Melvin Self. "The to refill the water tender. Once that was Rio Vista fire was about 50 acres in complete, he enjoyed a cup of coffee, but size and I resupplied the Rio Vista Fire wasn't allowed to get too comfortable

Department and the Montezuma FD as he was soon on his way to support efforts to extinguish the Glen Cove Fire.

> "We met up with the incident comwest side of the Carquinez Bridge," Self said. "We resupplied firefighters from CalFire, Vallejo and Benicia with water."

"Later we were reassigned to the East side of the bridge, which was being worked by firefighters from Sumander near the toll plaza and we were is un City, and we cleared the East side assigned to the Maritime Academy on the of Eastbound I-80 just past the toll plaza to about 40 feet up the embankment

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Staff Sgt. Alexander Shaikh.

Unit:

50th Maintenance Squadron

Duty title:

Nondestructive inspection technician.

Baguio. Philippines.

Time in service: Five years.

Family:

Seth.

technology. Spouse, Erika; one child, What is your greatest

achievement?

What are your goals?

What are your hobbies?

Everything computers and

Going to Egypt.

Being a father.

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Teneika Mckoy, 60th Force Support Squadron readiness specialist, stands in front of the Airman and Family Readiness Center building Oct. 15 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Mckoy oversees the volunteer program of the A&FRC and is responsible for helping individuals find volunteer opportunities, creating new partnerships and tracking volunteer hours.

# AFRC offers volunteer opportunities

### **Senior Airman Jonathon Carnell**

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

People often affiliate the Airman and Family Readiness Center at Travis Air Force Base with a variety of programs and tools to help military families adapt to the unique challenges of military life. However, not everyone is aware that the center also runs the base's largest volunteer program.

"The volunteer program assists with recruiting and placing prospective volunteers in areas of their desired interests," said Teneika Mckoy, 60th Force Support Squadron community readiness specialist.

lows volunteers to flourish, gain marketable skills, network, all while contributing to their community."

The flexibility of the volunteer program can be arranged around the volunteer's schedule. Any and all help is much appreciated, Mckoy said.

"There are over 350 active volunteers on Travis Air Force Base," Mckoy said. "We have many opportunities for volunteers and are ket while he awaits his long always looking for assistance.

Making the community a better place is important to Jessica Moser, key spouse for the 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. She said

her. Her goal was to educate families about resources the base provides.

"I feel a sense of completion when a project comes to life," Moser said. "A child's smile when they get to pick out their school supplies knowing that it has saved his or her parents money. The smile from a service member who is about to deploy and received a hot cup of coffee or a handmade blan-

Moser said it is exciting when a local or national organization wants to connect and offer a resource to our military families.

"It has never been an in-"By placing candidates at getting involved with the dividual effort," Moser said.

sites of their interest, it al- base was a high priority for "There is always someone helping behind the scenes, from my family, to my husband's squadron, to the spouses club, to the non-profits who work so hard to take care of our military families.

"I was able to feel that self-satisfaction from being able to contribute and bring a team together to help out and give back to our military community," Moser said.

Mckoy said making a big difference does not always require a big commitment. It can be as simple as giving 15 minutes of one's time.

For more information on Travis' volunteer opportunities visit the Travis AFB AFRC Facebook page or contact the volunteer coordinator at 707-424-2486.

# 60th CS part of training that spans command

**Capt. Christopher Herbert** 

AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Illinois —A team of instructors from Focal Point Academy conducted a specialized Mission Defense Team Skills Enablement Training program at Joint Base Andrews Air Force Base from July 29-Aug. 30.

During the five-week span, 14 Airmen from various MDTs, including Travis Air Force Base's 60th Communications Squadron, along with the 89th. 22nd, 375th, 618th, 87th and 628th CS's, completed a mission-tailored program specializing in cyber defense.

These Airmen, representing every MDT in AMC, tailored skills ranging from network traffic analysis to cyber threat detection and mitigation.

MDTs are specialized cyber teams across the service whose primary mission is to defend local installations and critical-mission tasks against cyberattacks. In order to meet the increasing cyberspace-related threats and demands, the Air Force is shifting its focus from operating and maintaining traditional information technology services to stronger offensive and defensive cyber capabilities that support core

The training fulfilled its purpose for the participants, filling in the lines between their professional military education and real world application, "It connected a lot of dots for me," said Senior Airman Nakanishi, 375th CS Mission Defense Operator. "We get a lot of information from our training, but it was a good way to compile it all into an actionable thing."

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# San Francisco hosts Air Force Space Pitch Day

**Richard Lewis** 

SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SAN FRANCISCO — The Air Force's Space and Missile Systems Center kicked off the first Air Force Space Pitch Day event in which the center was expected to green light up to \$50 million in contract awards, Nov. 5.

During this two-day event, small businesses and startups pitch to a specific Air Force space mission set in hopes of scoring a contract with the Air Force.

Pitch days are designed as a fast-track program putting companies on one-page contracts and same-day awards with the swipe from a government credit card. This gives small businesses and startups access to the military market, millions in contract awards and is a major departure from the lengthy contracting processes.

"The Air Force is leveraging modern commercial business practices to enable the rapid development of small business ecosystems that have dual-use cutting edge technologies to enable the fielding of fast, relevant and affordable solutions that support our Air Force," said Lt. Gen. John F. Thompson, SMC com-



in San Francisco. Air Force Space Pitch Day was a two-day event hosted by the Air Force to demonstrate the Air Force's willingness and ability to work with non-traditional startups.

executive officer for space.

The Air Force has to find inand speed things up, say military leaders, as adversaries are nipping at its heels. Thomp-

"We are getting better, but novative ways to do business we are not getting better fast enough," Thompson said. "We are in competition against thinking adversaries. They have the son said he is eager to hear capability, will and motivation to mander and Air Force program the pitches that underlines the do harm to the global commons that targets the Air Force's most

of space. It's adapt or overcome, and we can't let that happen."

During this pitch day, previous Small Business Innovative Research awardees are pitching their new technology solutions and concepts at the event critical space challenges.

Space Pitch Day is unique due to the internal partnerships between the end user warfighter and small businesses vving for a chance to work with the Air Force, according to Thompson.

The Air Force benefits by being able to field faster, more relevant and affordable solutions.

"Mind-blowing ideas are being birthed in U.S. startup companies, but the Pentagon largely misses out," said Dr. Will Roper, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, technology and logistics. "We have to do business at the speed of relevance. The Air Force is doing everything possible to improve the way acquisition is done."

Space Pitch Day features keynote speeches from military leaders, expert panels, along with an expo floor of up to 60 booths. The innovative startup pitchers have the potential to earn contract awards in critical areas: innovation in early missile detection and warning, space situational awareness, space communications, space visualization, multi-domain command and control, data mining, operations within electronically contested environments, artificial intelligence, responsive launch systems, space logistics and protection of critical space assets.

# **Reserves to require** financial training

**Bo Jovner** AIR FORCE RESERVE COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Beginning Nov. will be required for all Reserve Airmen at key points throughout their military career.

"In an effort to improve or sustain the financial readiness and literacy of all Airmen, the Air Force has directed that all military members will receive financial readiness training at key points throughout their career," said Brande Newsome, headquarters Air Force

Reserve integrated resilience branch command chief.

"We've learned over the vears there are events in a person's military and personal life that can possibly have a nega-15, financial readiness training tive impact on that person's financial readiness," she continued. "We're hoping that short training events at these key points will help our people avoid the financial pitfalls that might be out there."

The Air Force defines financial readiness as "the state in which successful management of personal financial responsibilities supports an Airman's

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# Season to alter benefits arrives

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# Travis families celebrate ...

U.S. Air Force photos by Airman 1st Class Cameron Otte



a table giving away books from the **Airman and Family** Readiness Center Oct. 25 at Travis Air Force Base. California. The **Airman and Family Readiness Center** hosted Trunk-or-Treat, an annual event aimed to provide a safe place for military families to enjoy Halloween festivities. The event had approximately 5,000 attendees and more than 60 vehicle trunks loaded with candy. 2) A child attending the Trunk-or-Treat event grabs candy out of a trunk Oct. 25 at Travis. 3) Kids grab candy from dinosaur hand puppets during the Trunk-or-Treat event Oct. 25 at Travis.

1) Children attending the Trunkor-Treat event visit



Maj. Nick Harris, left, and Capt. Jessica Wallander, instructor pilots with the 71st Flying Training Wing at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma, stand side-by-side to illustrate the varying heights of Air Force pilots to dispel the myth that there is one height standard for all Air Force pilots. Height waivers are available for candidates that do not meet Air Force Instruction 48-123 standards.

# Height no barrier for pilots

**Jennifer Gonzalez** AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTO-NIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Those who aspire to one day become a U.S. Air Force aviator must first meet several requirements, including height, before they are considered for pilot training. For those who fall outside of the Air Force's height requirements, height waivers are available.

"Don't automatically assume you don't qualify because of your height," said Maj. Gen. Craig Wills, 19th Air Force commander. "We have an incredibly thorough process for determining whether you can safely operate our assigned aircraft. Don't let a number on a website stop you from pursuing a career with the best Air Force in the world."

The current height requirement to become an Air Force

feet, 4 inches to 6 feet, 5 inches and a sitting height of 34-40 inches. These standard height requirements have been used for years to ensure candidates will safely fit into an operational aircraft and each of the prerequisite training aircraft. "We're rewriting these rules to better capture the fact that no two people are the exact same, even if they are the same

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# 19th AW trains in aircraft recovery

**Airman 1st Class Mariam K. Springs** 

19TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. — The 19th Airlift Wing held radio- it, an enemy is less inclined to logical aircraft recovery train- use it as a way to make us back ing at Little Rock Air Force down," said Lt. Col. Michael Base, Arkansas, Oct. 24 and Trimble, 19th Airlift Wing Oct. 31 in order to hone their ability to provide Rapid Global Mobility within contested environments and prepare Airmen to compete with peer adversaries in every domain.

The purpose of the training is to continue to aggressively mitigate challenges of mobility operations in contested

environments through deliberate efforts that fortify command and control systems and enhance aircraft survivability.

"The strategic mindset behind this is if we prepare for chief of safety, who leads the Readiness Integration Cell. "If we're unprepared and we don't have the capability to get our people and move them then the adversary may be bold enough to think they have a viable nuclear option."

The scenario for the See RECOVERY Page 23

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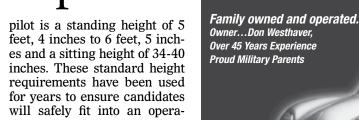
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publicly sworn in Nov. 2 as the high-profile location to salute future challenges.

David Norquist, deputy secretary of defense, conducted the public swearing-in, which preceded Barrett's first formal remarks since becoming the secretary. Barrett said her highest priority is protecting – and prolonging – the Air Force's unrivaled excellence.

"The men and women of the United States Air Force have earned the confidence of our nation. We know that it is ready, resilient and capable of defending America," Barrett said in her remarks.

Norquist, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright, other senior officials, family and friends joined Barrett. In separate remarks, Norquist both highlighted Barrett's background and experience and reinforced her focus on confronting new threats, adapting to an era of "great power competition" and fulfilling



LLS Air Force photo/Wayne Clar

David L. Norquist, deputy secretary of defense, left, administers the oath of office for Secretary of the Air Force Barbara M. Barrett during her ceremonial swearing-in Nov. 2 at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., as her husband, Dr. Craig R. Barrett, holds the Bible.

requirements outlined in the National Defense Strategy.

"For the Air Force, that means maintaining our air superiority and making greater investments in the modernization of our conventional and nuclear forces," Norquist said.

"It means assembling the best minds in space and cyber to address our vulnerabilities and lead the way in these new warfighting domains."

Barrett, Norquist added,

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A plasma reactor is demonstrated Sept. 25 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, to degrade and destroy perfluorooctane sulfonate and perfluorooctanoic acid, better known as PFOS and PFOA, in sample groundwater.

# AF tests plasma reactor

**John Van Winkle** 

88TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Civilian researchers completed a two-week field demonstration using an innovative plasma stroy perfluorooctane sulfonate groundwater.

This was the first field demonstration of the Enhanced Contact Plasma Reactor, con-Civil Engineer Center contract with primary contractor, Clarkson University and teaming partner, GSI Environmen-

Clarkson and GSI Environmental were awarded this research project to demonstrate ily of PFAS compounds are the effectiveness of a plasma reactor for the treatment is focusing their research on. of water containing PFOS and PFOA. Wright-Patterson AFB times mistakenly used interwas the installation chosen for changeably in conversation the field demonstration.

The contract was the latest result of a 2011 Broad Agency Announcement issued by AF- are the ones that the Air Force CEC. It is part of ongoing Air is focusing on. PFOS and PFOA Force efforts to identify po- were components of a legacy tential cost-effective and sus- firefighting foam the Air Force tainable environmental solu- and others began using in the tions for cleaning groundwater 1970s to extinguish petroleumcontaining PFOS and PFOA based fires. That firefighting

concentrations, for the Air Force and the nation.

PFOS and PFOA are syn-WRIGHT-PATTERSON thetic chemical compounds used for decades in many industrial and consumer products such as nonstick cookware, stain-resistant fabric and technology to degrade and de- carpet and some food packaging. Both chemicals are very and perfluorooctanoic acid, persistent in the environment known as PFOS and PFOA, in and in the human body - meaning they don't break down over time. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, there is evidence that exposure ducted under an Air Force to PFOS and PFOA can lead to adverse human health effects.

> PFOS and PFOA are also part of a larger group of synthetic chemical compounds, collectively called per and polyfluoroalkyl substances and referred to as PFAS. The famwhat the Clarkson-GSI group While the acronyms are someand online, PFOS and PFOA are the most researched compounds of the PFAS group, and

foam has since been phased out by the Air Force.

Water used for the demonstration was drawn from two monitoring wells at the Wright-Patterson AFB fire-training

"We are trying to destroy or degrade PFAS impacted groundwater using electrical discharge plasma," explained Dr. Selma Mededovic of Clarkson University, principal inves-

The plasma reactor is a closed system utilizing water. electricity and argon gas to degrade PFOS and PFOA in min-

"The argon gas concentrates PFAS at the gas-liquid interface and plasma is generated at that interface, which then destroys PFAS," Mededovic said.

Chemically, the plasma reduces the PFAS molecule chain down into smaller compounds and elements, through several cycles. No additional chemicals or additives are needed.

"This is the only technologv that actually destroys PFAS molecules that has been demonstrated at this scale, it doesn't just remove them from water," said Dr. Tom Holsen of Clarkson University and coprincipal investigator. "All of the other demonstrations that

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# Latin American air force cadets tour US

Maj. Ryan Rutter 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern A-10 Thunderbolt Il pilot, shows Colombian Air Force cadet Santiago Navarro the aircraft flight deck during a tour of Davis-**Monthan Air Force** Base, Ariz., Oct. 30 for the Latin **American Cadet** Initiative. U.S. Air Force photo/Tech.





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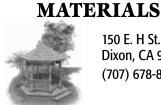
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# **Tech. Sgt. Angela Ruiz**

12TH AIR FORCE (AIR FORCES SOUTHERN)

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — Fu-ticipated except Mexico fall unture leaders of 11 Latin Amer- der U.S. Southern Command's ican air forces visited 12th Area of Responsibility. Air Air Force (Air Forces South- Forces Southern is responsiern) on the tail-end of their vis- ble for all U.S. Air Force assets it through the United States as and engagements within U.S. part of the Latin American Ca-Southern Command. det Initiative, Oct. 30.

Initiative offers the top two ca-cadets before returning home. dets from each Latin American While there, they received a air force academy the opportu- hands-on tour of a HH-60 Pave nity to participate in the 3 1/2- Hawk and an A-10 Thunderbolt week program. The Secretary II aircraft. They also visited of the Air Force Internation- and learned about the missions al Affairs office has been oper- at the 309th Aerospace Mainteating this program for the last nance and Regeneration Group, 13 years.

ly to become colonels and gen- Air Forces Southern. erals in their Air Forces," said to see and understand now how Academy, (where) we made Air Force, it makes it that much Santilli, Argentine Air Force easier to do those cooperative cadet. "All the people that we agreements in the future."

ed air forces from Argentina, air force, so it's good to create Brazil, Colombia, Dominican these relationships."

Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.

All of the countries that par-

Davis-Monthan Air Force The Latin American Cadet Base was the last stop for the System of Cooperation Among "These cadets are very like- the American Air Forces and

"It's been an amazing trip. Toya Brown, Secretary of the We met people from all around Air Force International Affairs the world, all of the Latin cacountry director for the Western dets and also from internation-Hemisphere. "So if they are able al week at the (U.S. Air Force) we operate in the United States very good friends," said Ivo met here we know are going The 22 cadets represent- to be future officers in their

# MILITARIA GI JOE TOY SHOW NOV. 16 2019 10330 AM - 4330 PM **VACAVILLE, CA NUT TREE AIRPORT**



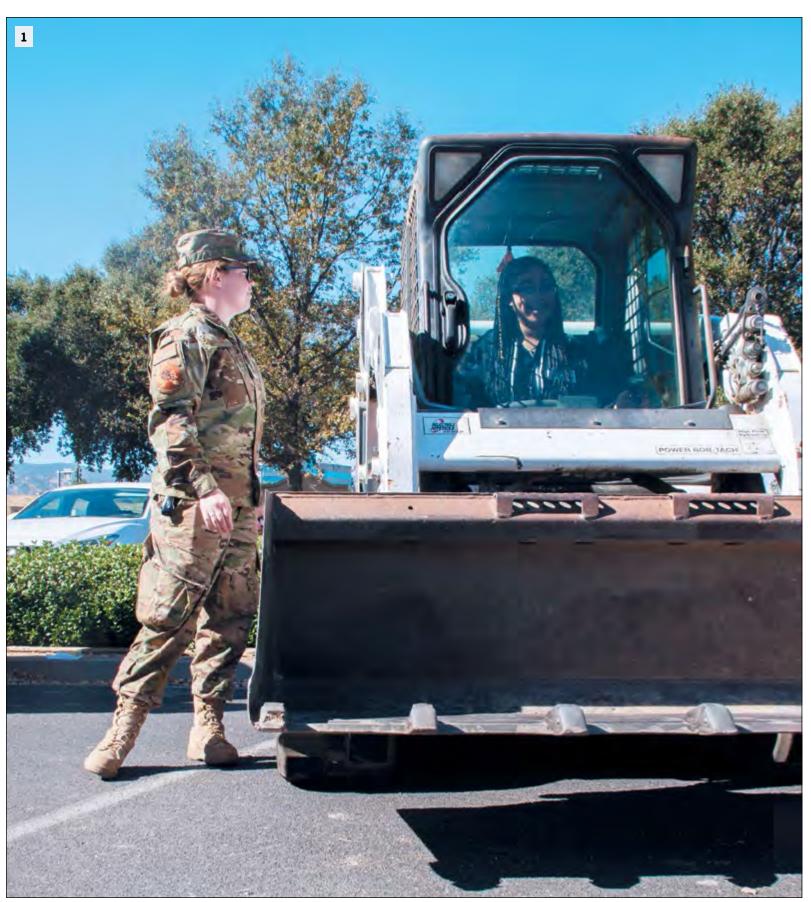
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14 TAILWIND NOVEMBER 8, 2019

# Travis Airmen inspire students with local exhibit



Senior Airman Jonathon Carnell 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Airmen from the 60th Mission Support Group at Travis Air Force Base participated in the Inspire: Dreams Start Now exhibit Oct. 22 at the Ulatis Community Center in Vacaville, California, where approximately 1,700

and Dixon school districts, learned about civilian and military careers.

The Airmen discussed Air Force jobs ranging from being a firefighter, a computer coder to a pavement and heavy equipment operator.

eighth-grade students from Vacaville, Travis

This was a great experience for the Airmen who contributed to this cause and who demonstrated how dynamic job opportunities are in the military, said 2nd Lt. Elvin Hernandes, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron real property officer and one of the event organizers.

Having Airmen from Travis displaying a variety of careers besides the one that many people think of – pilot – was great for the students, said Becky Craig, Vacaville Chamber of Commerce president and chief executive officer.

"I want people to appreciate that kids are truly excited and learn while they are at this event," Craig said.

Being able to share part of the firefighter mission with so many students was rewarding for Staff Sgt. Luis Valencia, 60th CES fire inspector.

"One of our goals is to show these students that this is a good career," Valencia said. "Educating the kids that there is a job to be a firefighter while serving your country in all branches of the service was eye opening to some of the students and sparked questions."

Valencia wore firefighter protection equipment and described the importance of specific pieces of the gear to the students.

One student asked Valencia, "What does someone do if there is a fire with zero visibility?" Valencia answered that getting low to the floor is the best method. The air quality is better and since smoke rises, lowering one-self to the ground may improve visibility.

"I think the biggest thing here for any of these kids is that this was not just a slideshow they received," Hernandez continued. "This event showcased what Airmen do and why they do it. Events like this could give some of these students a goal or basic knowledge of the service. The Inspire exhibit demonstrated different career fields. We really just want to let the students know that we are here, and one day they can be a part of such a unique, diverse team serving our great nation."

For more information on events like the Inspire exhibit, call the Vacaville Chamber of Commerce at 707-448-6424.





1) Senior Airman Megan Lanzer, left, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron pavements and equipment journeyman, teaches Aniyah Blanche, a student attending the Inspire: Dreams Start Now exhibit, how to operate a Bobcat Oct. 22 at Ulatis Community Center in Vacaville, California. The Inspire: Dreams Start Now exhibit enabled approximately 1,700 students to actively engage in a job fair with representatives from more than 25 Solano County, California, businesses and organizations including Travis Air Force Base, California. 2) Blanche, a student attending the Inspire: Dreams Start Now exhibit, smiles while operating a Bobcat Oct. 22 at UCC.
3) Ryan Duncan, left, an eighth grade student attending the Inspire: Dreams Start Now exhibit, does a coding challenge with Staff Sgt. Marcus Larue, 60th Communications Squadron cyber security technician at Travis AFB, Oct. 22 at UCC. 4) Staff Sgt. Luis Valencia, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron fire inspector, at Travis AFB, discusses the firefighter mission to students attending the Inspire: Dreams Start Now exhibit Oct. 22 at UCC.



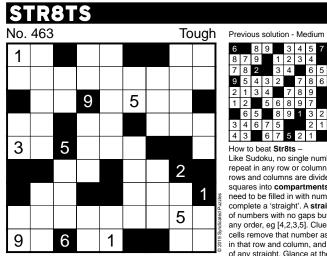
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eed to be filled in with numbers that

complete a 'straight'. A straight is a set

in that row and column, and are not part

of any straight. Glance at the solution to

repeat in any row or column. But ..

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# **Retiree Corner**

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TRICARE copayments on prescription drugs going up

The solutions will be published here in the next issue

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FALLS CHURCH, Va. — On Jan. 1, some copayments for prescription drugs will increase for the military ries who get prescriptions through the TRICARE

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# **Chapel programs**

# Recurring events

### Catholic Twin Peaks Chapel

- Roman Catholic Mass: 9 a.m. and noon
- Children's Church: 10:15 a.m. Sunday
- Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday or upon
- Infant Baptism Prep Class: Two classes. Registration required. 6 to 7 p.m., quarterly.
- Youth Choir: 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Choir: 2 p.m. Sunday.
- Adult Choir: 4 p.m. Sunday.
- Women's Bible Study: 10 a.m. (at First Street Chapel).
- Catholic Women of the Chapel: 6 p.m. first Monday of every month, Annex. • Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: 6 to
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Annex RF Classes: 10:15 to 11:30 a m. Sunday

### First Street Chanel

 Mom's Group: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday

# **DGMC Chapel**

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

### The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

• Sacrament services: 9 and noon Sunday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Fairfield Stake Center, 2700 Camrose Ave.,

# **DGMC Chapel**

• Latter-day Saints Service: 4 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at DGMC Medical Center Chapel.

 For all other inquiries, call LDS Military relations representatives at 707-535-

### Protestant First Street Chapel

- Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday
- Gospel Worship Service: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Ministry is provided for
- 6-month-olds through fifth grade. • Protestant Men of the Chapel, 6-8 p.m.
- every second and third Tuesday of the month at First Street Chapel Annex, vice 8-9 a.m. first Saturday of the month
- Moms group. Jesus Cares ministry, EFMP children's ministry, 4:30-6:30 p.m., every third Saturday of the month at First Street Chapel Annex

### Twin Peaks Chanel

• Protestant Women of the Chapel: 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

### **DGMC Chapel**

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

# **Airmen's Ministry Center**

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

# For more information about chapel

programs, call Twin Peaks Chapel at 707-424-3217.

# Recurring

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Air Force Office of Special Investigations. To report a crime, get a foreign travel brief or request information on joining AFOSI, report to Bldg. 380B, second floor. Send correspondence to AFOSI Detachment 303, 510 Airlift CR. Travis

AFB, 94535. For more information, call

707-424-3115 or DSN: 837-3115.

Air Force Recruiting Office. Now open at the Solano Town Center mall. Learn more about what the Air Force has to offer such as up to 100-percent tuition assistance, 30 days paid vacation per year free medical and dental care tax-free housing and food allowance and much more. Contact Tech. Sgt. George Yardlev at 707-889-3088 or stop by the office located at 1350 Travis Blvd., Suite P2, Fairfield, in the Solano mall.

Air Force Sergeants Association "Walter E. Scott" Chapter 1320. General membership meetings are at 2 p.m. on the second Friday of each month at Wingman's in the Delta Breeze Club and include a free breakfast. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Reynoldo Rios or Master Sgt. Rosel Agapay.

Airmen's Attic. The Airmen's Attic is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday. 560 Hickam Ave. For more information, call 707-424-8740 or visit the Facebook page "The Attic at Travis AFB."

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. Meetings take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the diabetic education classroom on the first floor in Internal Medicine at David Grant USAF Medical Center. For more information call 707-423-7227

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

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

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

Combat Arms Firing Range. Bldg. 1370, located 200 vards northeast of perimeter road in the northeast corner of Travis is off limits to all personnel. Trespassing is not only illegal, but extremely dangerous due to live weapons firing Anyone requiring entry into the area or needing further information should contact the base Combat Arms Section at 424-2122 or visit at 700 Vandenburg Dr., Bldg 1219 Travis AFB, CA 94535.

Crisis text line. Free, confidential, 24/7

counseling for teens and young adults. Text 741-741 anywhere in the United States and a live, trained crisis counselor responds quickly.

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

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

Family Advocacy Parent/Child play **groups.** Toddlers to the Max play group for children ages 1 to 3 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the First Street Chapel Annex. The Rattles to Raspberries play group for infants 8 weeks to 1 year meets 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays at the First Street Chapel Annex. For more information, call 707-423-5168

**Family and Friends Combat Stress Peer Support Group.** Meets from noon to 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Balfour Beatty Community Center and from 1 to 2 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Peak. For more information, contact Amber Ouirate and Jessica Soto at 501-231-7756 or email travsopcombatptsd@gmail.com.

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

Hometown News Releases. To submit a Hometown News Release, visit https://ihns.release.dma.mil/public and fill out the information

Mare Island Museum, Open 10 a m to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. 1100 Railroad Ave. in Valleio. For more information, call 707-557-4646.

M-50 Gas Mask Fit Testing. Takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at Bldg. 791. All deployers are fit as necessary. For more information, call 707-424-2689.

Mitchell Memorial Library, Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and closed Sunday.

MPF self-renewal program. Did vou know that dependents can now renew their ID cards online? To participate in this program, visit http:// bit.ly/2mR1gl2. This program is limited only for renewing dependents' IDs. For all other services. visit MPF during duty hours or call 707-424-8483.

On-base child care. The Air Force requires on-base residents to be licensed by the 60th Mission Support Group if they provide more than 10 hours of care per week in their homes. For more information. call 707-424-8104 or 707-424-4596 or stop by Bldg. 380B.

### Photocopying of military identification.

The prohibition of photocopying of U.S. government identification Common Access Card announced by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, dated Oct. 27, 2011, does not apply to medical establishments, applying for government-issued, no-fee passport and other U.S. government agencies in the performance of official government business. This requirement does not apply to minors ages 16 or younger. However, it applies to sponsors. For more information, call 707-424-5324.

Professional Loadmaster Association. The Professional Loadmaster Association meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Delta Breeze Club. For more information, call Mark Raymond at 707-416-5331.

Retiree Activities Office. Openings for volunteers. Customers are retired American service members and their family members. It is the RAO's responsibility to maintain open communication and to ensure retirees receive the service and the respect they deserve. If you would like to apply for a volunteer slot and have three hours or more to give, call 707-424-3905.

Solano/Napa Habitat for Humanity. This organization welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds. There are recurring events Tuesday through Saturday. For more information email Staff Sgt Mathew Clayton at mathew.clayton@us.af.mil.

Travis Community Thrift Shop. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Ongoing need for volunteers to organize, sort and price donations. For more information, contact the Thrift Shop at 707-437-2370.

Travis Composite Squadron 22 Civil Air **Patrol.** Open to youth from 12 to 18, as well as adults ages 18 or older who train and serve as the volunteer component of the total force LITA is 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Bldg. 241-B-2. Open to all students with a 20 or higher grade-point average. For more information, contact CAP 1st It Jo Nash at 707-424-3996 or recruiting@ squadron22-cap.us, visit during a UTA or check out http://squadron22-cap.us

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

Travis Legal Office. Power of attorney and notaries are walk-ins 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. Legal assistance for active duty members and dependents are

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

### Today

• 9 p.m. "Joker" (R)

### Saturday

- 2 p.m. "The Addams Family" (PG)
- 9 p.m. "Joker" (R)

• 2 p.m. "Terminator:

# **News Notes**

Death notices. 1st Lt. Ryan D. Bailey is authorized to make disposition of the personal property of Staff Sgt. Thien D. Nguyen, deceased, 22nd Airlift Squadron, as stated in AFI 34-501. Any person having claims for or against the deceased person please contact Bailey by phone at 707-424-2248 or email ryan.bailey.26@us.af.mil.

walk-ins from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. For all wills and retiree legal assistance, call 707-424-3251 to make an appointment.

following Travis employees are approved as leave recipients through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

- Rebecca Austria, 60th Maintenance
- Neftaly Clark, 1st Special Operations
- Bradley Griffith, 60th Maintenance Squadror
- Mark Holmes 10th Contracting
- Dina Patterson-Steward, 60th Aerial Port
- Gina Silva, Air Force Academy headquarters
- Maria Thammasen, 60th Force Support
- Dennis Weaver, Air Force Manpower

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

# Tuskegee Airman Lee A. Archer

the month at the Airman and Family Readiness

at the Travis AFB USO Bldg. 1348. Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednedsay. For active duty, Guard, reservist and their families.

• 6:30 p.m. "Downton Abbey" (PG)

- 6:30 p.m. "Ad Astra" (PG-13)
  - Sunday

Dark Fate" (R. first run)

Capt. Judea M. Taguiped is authorized to make disposition of the personal property of Master Sgt. Timothy M. McCarthy, deceased, 312nd Air Mobility Operations Squadron, as stated in AFI 34-501. Any person having claims for or against the deceased person please contact Taguiped by phone at 707-424-7454 or email judea.taguiped@us.af.mil.

**Local events** 

**Events** 

Mary's Catholic Church, 350 Stinson

Place. Free. www.solanolibrary.com.

admission, www.valleioartwalk.com.

streets. www.pcfma.com.

starsrecreation com

empresstheatre.org

Ave., Vacaville, Free, 816-6591

"Messiah" Concert. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1, St.

"Sounds of Suspense." Radio broadcast.

noon fourth Friday of each month, Vacaville

Public Library-Town Square. 1 Town Square

Valleio Art Walk, 5 to 10 n m, second

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

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

Church, 101 West St., Vacaville. 925-978-6989.

Strange Brew, Nov. 15; Aqua Nett, Nov. 16; 7155

Browns Valley Parkway, Vacaville. 455-7827, www.

**Downtown Theatre.** American Legion

Veterans Day Ceremony, 10 a.m. Nov. 11; 1035

Texas St., Fairfield. www.downtowntheatre.com.

Empress Theatre. Cecile Azarcon. 8 p.m.

Nov. 8; Mindi Abair, 7 p.m. Nov. 9; Stanley Jordan,

6 p.m. Nov. 10: David Wecki, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13: A

First Street Cafe. First Street Funnies, 8

Girard, 2 p.m. Nov. 10; Doug Houser, 7 p.m. Nov.

p.m. Nov. 8; Tune Riders, 7 p.m. Nov. 9; Bryan

15; Open mic, 7 p.m. Nov. 16; Bryan Girard, 2

p.m. Nov. 17; 440 First St., Benicia. 745-1400,

Musical Tribute to Gary James, 3 p.m. Nov. 17;

330 Virginia St., Vallejo. 552-2400, www.

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third Saturday, St. Paul's United Methodist

9 p.m.: Heather Glen, Nov. 8; AVH, Nov. 9;

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. The

- John Butler, Special Tactics Training
- Force Support Squadron.
- · Rabiye Hamilton, Travis AFB Commis-
- Patrick Hodge USTRANSCOM, Scott
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- · Jason Perkins, Grand Forks AFB.
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# Chapter: Meets at 3 p.m. the third Saturday of

What's Cookin' Wednesday. Free lunch

# Lucca Bar & Grill. Tender Mercies, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9: 439 First St., Benicia, www.luccabar The Rellik. Jesters, 8:30 p.m. Nov. 8; Sunny and the Blackpack, 9 p.m. Nov. 9; Chris Ahlman, 6 n m Nov 13: Dynamite Dave 8:30 n m Nov

www.firststreetcafe.com

First St. Benicia www.therelliktavern.com **Solano Symphony.** Holiday Celebration, 3 p.m. Dec. 8, Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre, 1010 Ulatis Drive. www.solanosymphony.org.

15; The Bell Brothers, 8:30 p.m. Nov. 16; 726

Solano Winds. Celebrating America's Heritage, 8 p.m. Dec. 6, Downtown Theatre, 1035 Texas St., Fairfield.www.solanowinds.org.

Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. Dream Xtreme "Toy Story," noon, 2:30 and 5 p.m. Nov. 9: House of Flovd. 8 p.m. Nov. 23: 1010 Ulatis Drive. 469-4013, www.vpat.net.

Vallejo Jazz Society. Jennifer Lee, 5 p.m. Dec. 1, Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St., Vallejo.

https://valleioiazzsocietv.net.

Vallejo Symphony. "Iconclast," 8 p.m. Feb. 29, 3 p.m. March 1, Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. https://vallejosymphony.org.

# Theater

"Born Yesterday." 8 p.m. Nov. 8-9, BDES Hall, 140 W. J St., Benicia. www.beniciaoldtowntheatregroup.com

"Clybourne Park." 7:30 p.m. Nov. 8, Nov. 14, 2 p.m. Nov. 9, Nov. 17; 10 a.m. Nov. 15, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield. http://blogs.solano.edu/theater/ index php/tickets

"Frozen Jr." 8 p.m. Nov. 15-16, Nov. 22-23, 2 p.m. Nov. 16-17, Nov. 23-24, 6 p.m. Nov. 17, Nov. 24, Downtown Theatre, 1035 Texas St., Fairfield, www.downtowntheatre.com.

"Getting Out." 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9, Nov. 15-16, 2 p.m. Nov. 10, Solano Community College, 4000 Suisun Valley Road, Fairfield. http://blogs.solano.edu/theater/index.php/

# Art exhibits

Arata Fine Art Gallery. Barbara Fracchia, through Nov. 24; open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, 637 First St., Benicia. https://aratafineartgallery

Arts Benicia. "Table Testaments," Nov. 16 to Dec. 20: open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday during exhibitions, 991 Taylor St., Suite 114, Benicia. Free. 747-0130, www. artsbenicia.org

### Benicia Plein Air Gallery. Maria SantoStefano, through Dec. 1; open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, 307 First St.,

Benicia. 495-2940, www.beniciapleinair.com.

Cal Maritime Community Art Gallery. Open studios, Nov. 8 to Dec. 28; open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday: 5 to 10 p.m. second Friday of the month; 253 Georgia St., Vallejo. www.

valleioartwalk.com. Fairfield-Suisun Visual Arts Association Gallery. Juried Art Show, Nov. 9 to Jan. 5; open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, Solano Town Center, 1350 Travis Blvd., Suite D8,

Fairfield. 688-8889, www.fvaa-arts.org. Gallery 621. "Microcosmos." through Dec. 1; open noon to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, 309 First St., Benicia, 297-6960, www.

gallery621.com **Georgia Galleria.** Open 3 to 8 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 419 Georgia St. Suite 15 Valleio www.facebook

com/womenandminorityartistart. Jen Tough Gallery. John Yovogi Fortes through Nov. 17; open 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, 11 am to 7 nm Saturday 11 am to 6 nm Sunday, 942 Tyler St., Benicia. www.jentough.

through Nov. 17: open noon to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 718 Main St., Suisun City. www.lawlerhousegallery.org. The Little Art Shop. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 129 First St., Suites D & E, Benicia.

Lawler House Art Gallery. "Details,"

771-6667, www.thelittleartshop.com. Marilyn Citron O'Rourke Gallery. Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 150 E. L

St., Benicia. www.benicialibrary.org. Vacaville Art League Gallery. Open show, through Nov. 30; open noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 718 E. Monte Vista Ave. Free. 448-8712, www.vacavilleartgallery.org.

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# Nelson

**Heights** 

overall height," Wills said.

"Height restrictions are an

operational limitation, not a

medical one, but the majori-

ty of our aircraft can accom-

modate pilots from across the

height spectrum," Wills said.

"The bottom line is that the

vast majority of the folks who

are below 5 feet, 4 inches and

have applied for a waiver in the

past five years have been ap-

gins at each of the commis-

sioning sources for pilot can-

didates, whether the U.S. Air

Force Academy, Officer Train-

ing School or Reserve Offi-

cer Training Corps. For those

who do not meet the standard

height requirements, anthro-

completed at Wright Patterson

Air Force Base, Ohio, or at the

U.S. Air Force Academy.

The waiver process be-

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proved."

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how we will achieve our goals nor does it make any guarantees. What it does, however, is influence our short- and medium-term planning decisions,

velopment plan and budgetary/ land use priorities. We must think of a Travis AFB that isn't ham-strung to a five-year planning period. When working on a task, instead of saying to ourselves, "That's the way we've always done it," we must now say, "How might we reimagine

to include the installation de-

Maj. Gen. Craig Wills, 19th Air Force commander, stands side-by-side with a 19th Air Force pilot to illustrate the

in place to evaluate and ac-

commodate those who fall out-

side our published standards,"

Wills said. "If an applicant is

over 5 feet, 2 inches tall, histor-

ically they have a greater than

95% chance of qualifying for

service as a pilot. Applicants as

short as 4 feet, 11 inches have

received waivers in the past

Anthropometric measure-

ments include sitting eye

height, buttocks to knee length

and arm span. The anthropo-

metric device at Wright Patter-

son AFB is the only device ac-

cepted by the Air Force when

determining waiver eligibili-

ty. A specialty team conducts

the measurements at U.S. Air

coordinated through a part-

nership between the Air Edu-

cation Training Command sur-

geon general and Nineteenth

responsible for all of the Air

"As part of the waiver pro-

Force's initial flying training.

Waiver packages are then

five years."

Force Academy.

"We have a great process cess, we have a team of experts 423-USAF.

pometric measurements are Air Force officials, who are

varying standing heights of Air Force pilots to dispel the myth that there is one standard for all Air Force pilots.

this project?"

In 24 years, I'll be long retired, as well as your entire command team. Most of you will be, too; but, when you return to the installation in 2043. the transformation that began during your time here should make you proud. "Travis 100" is your legacy. Take it. Own it.

who objectively determine if a

candidate's measurements are

acceptable," said Col. Gianna

Zeh, AETC surgeon general.

"Let us make the determina-

tion if your measures are truly

in place to determine wheth-

er pilot applicants of all siz-

es can safely operate assigned

aircraft and applicants who are

significantly taller or shorter

than average may require spe-

qualify," Wills said. "But, the

Air Force is doing everything

that we can to make a career in

aviation an option for as many

people as possible. The waiver

process is another example of

how we can expand the pool of

learning more about height

waivers, work with your com-

mission source or contact the

Air Force Call Center at 1-800-

If you are interested in

eligible pilot candidates."

"Some people may still not

The pilot waiver system is

an eliminating issue."

cial screening.



# **Benefits** From Page 6

2020 plan year," said Mark Ellis, chief of the Policy and Programs Section of the TRI-CARE Health Plan at the Defense Health Agency. "You can visit the TRICARE and FEDVIP websites to learn more about your options, specific plans, and costs."

### TRICARE Open Season

If you're eligible to participate in TRICARE Open Season, you have three choices for your 2020 health coverage:

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beneficiaries may purchase

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- Retired service members and their eligible family mem-
- · TFL beneficiaries.

To enroll in a FEDVIP vision plan, you must be enrolled in a TRICARE health plan or have TFL coverage.

Adult children enrolled in or eligible for TYA aren't eligible for FEDVIP. This also applies to ADSMs and beneficiaries enrolled in the Transitional Assistance Management Program or CHCBP.

Don't miss this important opportunity. Sign up for email updates about open season on the TRICARE website. Take command of your health and prepare now for this year's TRICARE Open Season and TRICARE Federal Benefits Open Season.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Tech, Sgt. James Hodgman

Senior Airman Jeremy Miller, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services flight firefighter, conducts an equipment check inside a fire truck Oct. 29 at Travis Air Force Base, California. With the start of every shift, the FES flight conducts inspections on more than 1,000 items including vehicles, protective equipment and hardware.

# **Emergencies**

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to ensure the fire was out," Self

The 60th CES FES team has mutual aid agreements with every city in Solano County and is often called upon for a variety of support including assistance with firefighting efforts, as well as medical and hazardous material responses. Since Jan. 1, the flight has responded to 607 calls, including 258 medical responses, 50 mutual aid requests and 24 aircraft incidents.

"Being able to help somewhat we do," said Self. "We want to help people and we have no problem putting our lives on the line for that purpose."

trains on a monthly basis.

training every month according to our schedule to maintain our qualifications and proficiency," said Staff Sgt. James Muncy, 60th CES FES Engine-45 crew chief.

That training includes realistic scenarios firefighters may experience such as structural and wildland fires, simulated HAZMAT spills and medical emergencies.

we are ready at all times because anything can happen at all hours so we need to be ready for anything 24/7," said Muncy. "That's why we careone means everything. It's fully inspect all our equipment, trucks and take our training seriously.

"I had no idea that today (Oct. 29), I would be called to the scene of an infant who was To ensure each member having difficulty breathing, cluding about 10 CPR calls thing.

of the FES team is ready for but I did just that," he addnearly any situation, the team ed. "We are prepared to respond 24/7, 365 days a year part of a team that helped de-"We complete a variety of whether that's on base, in So- liver a baby in base housing." lano County or at deployed lo- A couple months back, I recations around the world. We take great pride in our job and

in the communities we serve." The 60th CES FES team consists of about 70 people with roughly two dozen firefighters working each shift. The team also has the capability to respond to any hazard.

"We are an all-hazards department, which means we re-"It's extremely important spond to every type of emer-vices and supporting the comgency and we are part of munity is rewarding, Mun-Solano County's HAZMAT re- cy said. sponse team," said 60th CES FES Fire Capt. Chris Muriset. "We are required to maintain that certification at all times."

One service that's in high demand is medical response we respond, it's often durassistance. Muriset said.

"We've supported numerous medical requests, in- that helps them means every-

since I've been here," he said. "About three years ago, I was sponded to a medical call for a lieutenant colonel who collapsed while running the third lap of his fitness test. We took over CPR, set up IVs and continued CPR until the medics were on scene. I then drove the ambulance that transported him to David Grant USAF Medical Center."

Providing emergency ser-

"There is nothing better than going on a call and knowing that you possibly saved someone's life or made their day better," he said. "When ing someone's worst moment. so being a part of the team

# **Plasma**

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we're aware of remove it from the water through filtration so there is still a PFAS containing waste. Our method actually destrovs PFAS."

During the two-week demonstration, hundreds of gallons of groundwater were treated. That time allowed engineers to test different durations and flows to optimize efficiency of their Environmental Remediation Mobile Laboratory.

"The overall goal of the project was to transition the technology from the laboratory to the field and optimize operating conditions of the mobile system," said Stephen Richardson of GSI Environmental, Inc., and co-principal investigator.

According to the researchers, the next phase in the project will be detailed analysis of the treated water, and evaluating further scaling-up of their plasma reactor design.

Samples of groundwater from various Air Force bases, including Wright-Patterson AFB, were used in early stud-

Drinking water at Wright-Patterson AFB is tested regularly and contains PFOS/PFOA well below the EPA lifetime health advisory level. The base is also home to a water-treatment facility using Granulated Activated Carbon, online since June 2017, and has filtered more than 225 million gallons of drinking water for PFOS and PFOA, to date.

The Air Force's investigation work and mitigation actions are guided by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, or CERCLA, applicable state laws and the EPA's lifetime drinking water health advisory of 70 parts per

"PFOS/PFOA is a national issue, and research like this could lead to the breakthroughs we need to address potential contamination," said Mark Correll, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Energy and the Environment. "This demonstration is another example of the Air Force's commitment to our nation, our communities and our environment."



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"And guided by the core vallead our Airmen with the integues, the United States Air Force rity and diligence that has enis the best in the world at what abled the Air Force to dominate we do: defending our nation in air, in space and in cyber-Adapting to the new reali-

ty and succeeding means push-At a time of stresses to mening hard to continue moderniztal health and concerns about ing the force while continuing suicide across the Air Force, it the "superb flight plan for the means focusing on the needs, Air Force's future path" estabhealth and fulfillment of "our lished by her predecessor, Dr. greatest asset," the Air Force's Heather Wilson, Barrett said. Total Force personnel, she said. Wilson was also in attendance

"The Airmen who wear our nation's uniform are our greatest asset and treasure. We have no greater charge than to develop and care for them and their families," she said.

Barrett,

"The United States Air administratively sworn in Oct. 18 at the Pentagon, said the U.S. Air Force Academy was intentionally selected as the location for her ceremonial swearingin and her first extended public remarks.

"It is not by accident that we gather at Polaris Hall, at the Academy, for this ceremony instead of the steps at the Pentagon," Barrett said.

"Here at this venerable institution, entrusted to mold future leaders of the United States Air Force, is a monument to character and leadership, the oculus, above us, points directly to Polaris, the North Star ... true north.

The location of the speech -Polaris Hall in the Academy's Center for Character of Leadership Development - also reinforced Barrett's emphasis on ethics and integrity.



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training was for aircraft to simulate flying into a radiological environment using the appropriate protective gear. Personnel on the aircraft were then met at the flight line with trained professionals to help them get the care and decontamination they would need, as well as decontaminate cargo and the aircraft.

This training included efforts from the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 19th **Operational Medical Readiness** Squadron, 19th Civil Engineer Squadron, 19th Logistic Readiness Squadron, and 19th Operations Support Squadron.

"We get to work with a lot of different people on the base," said U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Santino Cozza, 19th OMRS bioenvironmental engineer. "It shows the unity of the Air Force. You have everyone with their different missions all coming together to ultimately return Airmen and equipment safely to the mission."

During the training, Airmen from the 19th OMRS Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight used equipment to detect and monitor radiation, giving them real-world practice for this type of scenario.

"The more we practice, train and prepare the better and more effective we become," Cozza said. "I think it's good for our Airmen to get used to the type of equipment because it's not something we use every day."

Trimble emphasized the significance of using 19th AW Airmen to provide a realistic situation they can learn from.

"We are getting to showcase what we can do and at the same time admit when we need help and look to the experts for guidance," Trimble said.

The variety of units involved came together to contribute vital mission sets to complete the

"One of the important lessons is that it's not an operations group problem or maintenance group problem, we have to work across the entire base and integrate in ways we haven't before." Trimble said. "It breaks down some of the stovepipes that govern how we operate day to day."



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Airmen completing the pro-

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compete and deter in cyberspace, while persistently contesting malicious cyber activity in day-to-day competition. Mission Defense Teams are part of that effort, and this training is a key milestone of forward prog-

"We saw direct results of the skills developed in our MDT Airmen who attended when they performed exceptionally in Exercise Mobility Guardian 2019," said Chief Master Sgt. Lance Power, Headquarters Air Mobility Command Com-Part of the Department of munications Directorate Su-

# Buck

Charge.

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questions, but there was also absolutely no reason for me to say "no." It just did not matter.

This was my "ah-ha" moment as a leader.

If it was important enough for someone to ask, why not say "yes?" I quickly got up and went to find the instructor and let him know I had made a mistake and that we could change the uniform for the following day.

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When we as leaders tell our Airmen "yes," we are telling them that we trust them, we value them and will have confidence in their decisions. This valuable lesson was a life-changing moment for my career, it has made me more balanced not only as a person but as a leader in the United States Air Force.

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