

# Depression can offer chance to reconnect

Commentary by Alison R. Coelho

355TH MEDICAL GROUP

AVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — As a psychologist, I am frequently asked by my patients about the seriousness of their condition: "What does this mean? Am I crazy to be feeling this way? Do I have mental issues?"

Medical terminology is sometimes applied to a pop culture definition that usually leaves one feeling lost and confused about what is actually happening. Mental issues, or what those in the mental health field call a psychiatric disorder, is the culmination of symptoms that when combined cause

significant distress or impairment in nearly all life domains for a longer than expected period of time.

Depression, for example,

happens when a set of symptoms connect and leave us feeling disinterested in the things we usually enjoy, sluggish, sad, hopeless, helpless, irritable and even fatigued or exhausted. This often includes changes in lifestyle behaviors such as sleeping or eating too little or too much, withdrawing from friends and family, or seeking vices such as alcohol or caffeine more regularly in order to temporarily boost mood.

When it comes to clinically significant depression, these changes or coping strategies

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can last for months or even vears, and eventually get in the way of day-to-day functioning. You will not feel your best, nor perform your best.

For those who suffer from more severe or long standing depressive symptoms, there is a deep sense of sadness that often accompanies a bone-deep exhaustion that goes beyond the physical sense. For them, ordinary tasks like getting out of bed, dropping the kids off at school, food preparation, tolerating traffic, or focusing on work may require extra effort and often includes little to no



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Sergio A. Gamboa

355th Medical Group Mental Health clinic personnel discuss routine See COELHO Page 21 tasks Nov. 27 at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona.

# Why you shouldn't stop me from leaving service

Commentary by Senior Airman Tessa B. Corrick

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ARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE. La. — When I first signed my name on the dotted line to serve my country, I had all these crazy, outlandish ideas of what I thought my Air Force experience was going to be.

Well, spoiler alert, they didn't come to fruition; or what I got was a million times better than anything I could've ever imagined.

The Air Force has not only introduced me into a career field that I

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will forever love, but it has taught me so many things about myself and realistically helped shape me into the person I am today.

I feel like I have learned how to be a leader, how to look for moments and not to take them for granted. As a photographer, certain scenarios happen in front of your camera. There are also times you must dig deep to find the moments. I have found that true in my life, as well. There are certain times when things fall into

place and other times I've really had to search for the good.

"why would you get out if you've had such a positive experience?"

There are a couple of answers to that question, but the biggest is that I feel like it is my time to move on. It is time for me to take these new skills and perspectives that I have obtained and live out all the other dreams I have for myself.

I feel like there is a false perception that to make time in the military worthwhile, you must serve 20 years, which is not true. I am proof of that. If you're on the fence about joining

because you don't want to commit to 20, join and see what it is all about. Now I know the biggest question is, If you are on the fence about getting out, there are three things I want you to consider.

First, realize your goals and make a decision based on how you can achieve them. Some people have goals to have an outstanding military career, others want to use the military as a stepping-stone. I believe both are entirely respectable goals. I highly recommend serving this country to any and all who are able and ready for the experience.

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U.S. Airmen from the 60th **Medical Readiness Flight** transport a simulated patient on a prototype patient loading system for the KC-10 Extender Dec. 4 at Travis Air Force Base, California.

U.S. Air Force photo/Nicholas Pilch

### **DECEMBER 13, 2019**

# Team maintains Malmstrom launch control centers

Airman 1st Class Jacob M. Thompson 341ST MISSILE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE. Mont. — Every day, missileers from Malmstrom Air Force Base sit below ground in a control center, ready to launch an intercontinental ballistic missile if called upon by the president. With an array of analog technology, routine maintenance is vital to sustaining lethality.

The 341st Missile Maintenance Squadron survivable systems team is responsible for performing preventative maintenance and repairs, ensuring around-the-clock readiness for missileers to accomplish their mission.

The SST was created in 2014 as an Air Force Global Strike Command Force Improvement Program initiative to focus on launch control center maintenance.

"We are responsible for performing capsule maintenance," said Airman 1st Class Zhane Paul, 341st MMXS SST member. "Most of our work takes place in the missile (complex), specifically the launch control centers."

Their primary tasks include operator's chairs and chair-railing maintenance, performing blast-door repairs and ensuring the Shock Isolator Air Compressor is working properly.

"It's important for us to make sure the SIAC is always working properly because it's what helps keep the floor floating and protects the missileers," said Paul, "If the shock absorbers lose air or the floor falls a little bit, the SIAC will turn on and fill the system with air to keep the floor at the appropriate level."

Having the capsule suspended allows it the site or from natural disasters, such as an earthquake.

"Because the capsule is suspended, seis-



control center blast door Oct. 29 at a missile alert facility near Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana. The SST was created in 2014 as an Air Force Global Strike Command Force improvement program initiative to focus on launch control center maintenance.

vibrated away from the capsule and would Where some work centers use trouble-to think outside the box." keep the missileers safe," Paul said. "We also 'shore' the floor on metal pedestals to to absorb shock from a missile hitting near serve as a backup system if the SIAC fails."

With many jobs in the Air Force, a set of

shooting as a last resort, SST starts there.

"We have (technical orders) we have to follow for our job, but since we are a fairly new office, a lot of our troubleshooting protechnical orders have to be followed to accedures aren't in our weapon system specomplish a task, but in SST, many of their cific TOs but are in our general Air Force mic activity and nuclear blasts would be tasks are not read in a step-by-step process. maintenance TOs," Paul said. "It allows us

While all missile maintainers are capable of being able to work on missile components, SST performs more facility mainte-

"Our (Air Force specialty code) 2M0X2

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of the future. One of the

PMO engineers working on

the rebuild is Mai. Peeter

vision chief, who oversees

the weekly design charrettes

"The first wave of design

charrettes is set to finish in

December," Pleake-Tamm

said. "In January, we will

move on to design review,

and then go on to begin the

second wave of charrettes in

with USACE.

From left to right, Jonathan Carr, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers resident engineer; Col. Travis Leighton, Tyndall Air Force Base Program Management Office director; Maj. Peeter Pleake-Tamm, Tyndall AFB PMO Execution division chief; and Lt. Col. Chris Lazidis, 325th Fighter Wing F-35 Project Integration Office director, discuss future locations for F-35 Lightning II squadrons during a detailed planning session Dec. 4 at Tyndall AFB, Florida. By September 2023, Tyndall AFB will receive its first F-35 fighter jet.

# Agencies partner to rebuild Tyndall

Taylor Koopman

AIR FORCE INSTALLATION AND MISSION SUPPORT CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — After Hurricane Michael hit Tyndall Air Force Base in October 2018. the Air Force and the Army forged a partnership with a single vision in mind: To build the "Installation of the Future."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has become an important ally as the Tyndall AFB Program Management Office rebuilds the with the cleanup and demo." base.

to rebuild the base," said Brig. Gen. Patrice Melancon, Tyndall AFB Program Management Office executive director. "We are essentially building a base from scratch, which is unprecedented in recent history. One sis. of these amazing partners is USACE, South Atlantic Division, in Atlanta, Georgia, led by Tab Brown. His dedicated team of Army Engineers work shoulder to shoulder with my team. They have been here from Day One

USACE provides many Tyndall PMO services for the Air Force, sessions, to design the base

requires amazing partners including humanitarian assistance and responding to natural disasters. Prior to Hurricane Michael, the US- Pleake-Tamm, execution di-ACE Engineers existed on the base to implement a small number of construction projects on a limited ba-

"Now the team is working with the Tyndall AFB PMO and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center to complete 42 military construction projects," Melancon said.

April." While Pleake-Tamm has By the end of the calworked with USACE before, endar year, the team will he notes it has never been so have completed 25 charextensive. rettes, or detailed planning

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# **CRW Airmen** approved to wear 'CR' tabs

Tech. Sgt. David W. Carbajal 621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING

Members of the 621st Contingency Response Wing are now authorized to wear the distinguishing "CR" tabs on their operational camouflage pattern uniform.

After a long-standing effort, Headquarters Air Force approved the use of tabs to be worn by all contingency response Airmen, to include active duty, guard and reserve.

"This is a victory for us," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony Jenkins, 621st Contingency Response Wing command chief. "Not only does the tab readily identify contingency response Airmen in the operational environment, it also provides identity to the uniquely skilled Airmen that are the foundation of our wing."

The idea of this distinctive tab began in September 2017 when Chief Jenkins' predecessor, Chief Master Sgt. David

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U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. David W. Carbajal

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# Think commissary to fill stockings

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FORT LEE, Va. — On your next trip to the commissary, remember you don't need a stock- The gift cards also come in deing hung by the chimney with care to get some very practical stocking stuffer items that people will actually use.

"Giving gifts, large and small, makes the holidays so much fun," said Command Sgt. Mai. Tomeka N. O'Neal, the Defense Commissary Agency's senior enlisted advisor to the missary is a perfect place to find stocking stuffers, those small gifts that bring on big smiles."

Heading the short list of commissary stocking stuffers of fresh fruit they like. is the commissary gift card. It's small, but can buy a lot of groceries. Let's say that again: A lot of groceries! With the new val-

**Airman 1st Class Jennifer Zima** 

501ST COMBAT SUPPORT WING

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security forces squadron.

"Security forces senior lead-

ers recognized the need to

overhaul security forces squad-

rons," said Senior Master Sgt.

Nicholas Whitney, 422nd SFS

Defense Force Sustainment

Flight superintendent. "We

needed to capitalize on utiliza-

tion of our resources and sup-

port operational function. Ba-

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Air Force Chief of Staff Gen.

David L. Goldfein commis-

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rolled out to commissaries, how much groceries you can buy depends on how much value is put on the card, from \$5 to \$300. nominations of \$25 or \$50. You can get commissary gift cards at your commissary or online at commissaries.com.

Here's the short list of stocking stuffers:

- · Oranges or Clementines a traditional stocking stuffer, and symbolic of the impact logistical advancements have had DeCA director. "And the com- on grocery produce, where a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables are available year round. So, if someone doesn't like oranges, give them the kind
- Candy from the seasonal treats such as candy canes to year-round favorites, your commissary has a wide variety of ue-added gift card now being candy that will fit nicely in any that suits so many needs."

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- Batteries handy for use in those gifts that require them.
- · Hot Chocolate, Tea or Coffee – look for the single portion sizes so you can easily enjoy a hot, refreshing beverage.

"The short list is just a way to get customers thinking about all the stocking stuffer gift possibilities they can find down the aisles of their commissary," O'Neal said. "We wish them all happy holidays and are proud to provide a commissary benefit

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Airman 1st Class Cameron Rogers, 422nd Security Forces Squadron installation entry controller, clears an M4 carbine during a recall exercise Nov. 21 at RAF Croughton, United Kingdom.

Future began at RAF Croughton Sept. 1, concentrating on els to make decisions at the providing defenders with more training opportunities, protected time off, and reorganizing the unit structure into a leaner, more efficient system.

"The biggest takeaway for me is the decentralized command relationship for the master sergeants, ... the (noncommissioned officer) tier and down," said Capt. Alexander Parsons, 422nd SFS operations officer. "It is really empowering

tactical level. Whereas in a traditional chain-of-command hierarchy, the decisions are elevated and made at a higher level. That is not the focus here. I want my Airmen and my NCOs to be empowered to make those decisions even at the lowest level possible. That frees up the senior leadership within the squadron to focus more on the strategic, operational and

those in junior-leadership lev-

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### AF surgeon general updates Congress on medical reform

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in the Air Force.

Hogg's testimony focused on modernizing the Air Force Medical Service to support the Dorothy Hogg, Air Force sur- National Defense Strategy and geon general, testified Dec. 5 emerging readiness require-

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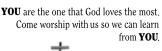
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Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Stephen W. Wilson, left, listens to Col. Chad J. Hartman, foreground right, Air Force Technical Applications Center commander, during a Dec. 4 visit to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

# VCSAF looks at **future operations**

AIR FORCE TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Air Force Vice a critical role in how the cen-Chief of Staff Gen. Stephen W. Wilson paid a visit to the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force makers. Base, Dec. 4, to meet with nuclear deterrence and nonproliferation.

Wilson was accompanied by Lt. Gen. Richard Clark, Air fort to modernize and improve Force deputy chief of staff for strategic deterrence and nuclear integration, and escorted mander. "Whether it's through by Col. Brande H. Walton, 45th Space Wing vice commander.

opportunity to discuss future and leading the way. To accomoperations and algorithmic warfare - the method by which battles are fought using artificial intelligence and machine learning as a weapon system with members of the Defense and address our nation's wick-Department's sole nuclear treaty monitoring center and the United States' technical surveillance center of excellence.

During an in-depth classified mission briefing, the

generals sat down to hear from AFTAC experts who discussed their advanced modeling capability and how environmental modeling and simulation plays ter provides direct technical, analytical and evaluative scientific data to national decision

The briefers discussed how clear scientists and engineers they are taking steps to masabout their roles in global nu- ter the digital environment through what AFTAC calls its "Algorithm Factory."

"AFTAC is making every efour capabilities," said Col. Chad Hartman, AFTAC comstrategic integration, development ops or cloud architec-The visit gave the leaders an ture, we are setting the pace plish that, we let machines do what machines do best so we can free up our Airmen to do what they do best - innovate. think critically and effectively, ed problems.'

Wilson said he was impressed with what he heard and saw from the center's top sci-

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# Guard member receives Airman's Medal

**Staff Sgt. Brigette Waltermire** 

137TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING

OKLAHOMA CITY — Master Sgt. Bryan Whittle, assigned to the 205th Engineering and Installation Squadron, was awarded the Airman's Medal, the Air Force's highest noncombat award, in a ceremony Dec. 8.

Whittle's actions in stopping an active shooter at Louie's Grill and Bar in Oklahoma City on May 24, 2018, were read aloud by a member of Whittle's squadron as all service members present at the ceremony stood at attention.

Whittle was driving out of town near Oklahoma City for a weekend fishing trip with his wife. He was at a stoplight near Louie's and noticed a chaotic scene outside the lakeside bar. He thought someone might have drowned, so he turned into the parking lot to offer the first-aid kit he kept in his truck.

When they turned into the parking lot, they discovered an active shooter who had already hurt three people. Whittle quickly adapted, getting his pistol from his wife. She threw him the weapon, and he told her "I love you," and approached the gunman to prevent him from hurting more people.

Whittle tried to persuade the shooter to surrender, but received fire in response. Whittle returned fire until the gunman fell to the ground, then he and an off-duty security guard neutralized the gunman until police arrived.

Most of the people on the base turned out to support Whittle as he received his medal.

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# **AETC** rolls out Wi-Fi across command

Command Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTO-NIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — In an effort to expand learning opportunities for Airmen and enable training and education from any device, Air Education and Training Command has begun a project to install commercial wireless internet across the command called the AETC Learning Wi-Fi Service.

Implementation of the initial phase is in progress with the first activation of commercial Wi-Fi service delivered at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. in January 2019.

"This MAJCOM-wide, commercial wireless internet service was identified as an emerging requirement to support and improve delivery of training and education within AETC." said Col. Jeffrey Sorrell, Headquarters AETC deputy director for communications and chief information officer. "We want to put control of learning in the hands of students, trainees and instructors when and where they train."

In line with the current AETC strategic plan, the primary goal of LWS is to offer Airmen in learning environments flexible access to education and



environmental apprentice course students, remove and install an oxygen regulator June 14 on an F-15 Eagle at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. In an effort to expand learning opportunities for Airmen and enable training and education from any device, Air Education and Training Command has begun the Learning Wi-Fi Service project to install commercial wireless internet across the command's installations.

tronic flight bags, mobile training devices, augmented and virtual reality systems and the emerging Air Force Learning Services Ecosystem. LWS of- foundation to move from limfers nearly unrestricted access

schoolhouses to more effectively use tools and devices they already own.

"The LWS will also lay the ited, existing resources to

training resources such as electorinternet resources and allows education and training services in cloud computing environments." Sorrell said. "In this way, the service will posture the command to innovate,

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# **Schriever hosts STEM day event**

Airman Amanda Lovelace 50TH SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE technology, engineering and things." mathematics, event hosted by the 50th Space Wing Nov. 14 at erations Support Squadron, the Schriever Air Force Base 21st Medical Squadron, 2nd fitness center.

share what we do here," said Squadron and 50th Security Jan Devitt, 50th SW community support coordinator. "Not a gether to show off some of the lot of people know about it."

The event included six dif-complish the mission. ferent booths showcasing basic orbital mechanics, Newton's do every day, and it's because laws, Kepler's laws, virtual re- they got into STEM," Fischality, radio frequencies and er said. "We're trying to light how it can be used to control that spark of inspiration earsatellites and send communi- ly in (kids') lives so they can cations and more.

Col. Jack Fischer, 50th SW vice commander, briefed the students about STEM and shared some of his experiences with different objects and techas an astronaut.

said. "If we don't inspire them ing of some of the basic con-

those hard problems, we're going to lose. STEM subjects are usually tough in school, so we have to show them how cool it BASE, Colo. — More than 60 can be, what amazing things middle school students from they can accomplish if they fo-James Irwin Charter Acad- cus on that. And we're uniqueemy, Colorado Springs, at- ly suited to show them that betended a STEM, or science, cause we do so many awesome

Airmen from the 50th Op-Space Operations Squadron, "It's really exciting to get to 50th Space Communications Forces Squadron all came to-STEM aspects used here to ac-

"It's amazing what our folks contribute and take the baton when we retire."

All of the booths featured ways children could interact nology, enabling them to get a "(Kids) are our future," he tactile, hands-on understandto get into STEM and tackle cepts used every day here.





The 30th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department was awarded the "Best Fire Department in the Air Force," and the "Best Fire Department in the Department of Defense" for 2018.

# Rescue program brought to light

**Senior Airman Clayton Wear** 30TH SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

VANDENBERG longing to the base, the need for ty dark." an atypical set of training has ception.

from 150 to 200 people. With 14 years experience at the 30th CES, Coleman has earned his created a better program.

an aluminum boat, overturned Anything after two hours is from the surf with three people likely a body recovery. If they AIR on board ... and one was miss- were in the water, the surviv-FORCE BASE, Calif. — All ing. Around 9 or 10 at night, the ability was extremely low." that stands between Fire Sta- call came through so we quick- For the next 48 hours, Coletion 5 and 2,553 nautical miles ly loaded up our (aquatic res- man and Ogan used everything of Pacific Ocean before reach- cue vehicles). In pitch black, we within their control to 'Serveing Hawaii is Ocean Ave, and drove down to the boat house, Save-Survive', which is the the AMTRAC railway. In the and lowered the ARVs into the Vandenberg Fire Department face of this great expanse, and water. There were some lights motto. Sometimes though, situwith 43 miles of coastline be- down there, but it was still pret- ations are at the whim of forces

continually evolved since its in- poor lighting would have, Coleman stepped onto his ARV with thunderstorms, so they called The 30th Civil Engineer Nate Ogan, 30th CES firefight- everybody back in," Coleman Squadron Fire Department in- er and water rescue program said. "They said 'you know novated new ways for first re- lead. Wearing black wetsuits there is going to be lightning in sponders to serve their popu- and riding two subtly-colored the area, and the Coast Guard lace along the coastline and in Jet Skis, they started their grid- is going to be able to search in the water. According to Alani pattern search. Starting from a helicopter a lot better than we Coleman, 30th CES firefight- the last point of origin they are.' We were all so fatigued at er and water rescue personnel, rode 20 meters parallel to the that point since we had hit the at any time, Vandenberg AFB shore before cutting back, cre- 48-hour mark trying to search beaches can have anywhere ating a zigzag pattern in com- for this person. We tried to do plete darkness. "We were hoping for a spot-

light the whole time ... we were er. Unfortunately, the family share of learning opportunities very aware of the fleeting 'gold-caught word and was waiting that, along with others, have en hour," Coleman said. "Golden hour is a period of time fol-"I was part of the water res- lowing a traumatic injury just want to give them closure cue program early in my career where there is the highest like- so it was really hard to pull as a Hotshot," Coleman said. lihood that medical treatment back, but we did.' "Soon after transitioning over will prevent death. As time to the floor (Fire Station 5), we passed, our response changed,

got reports of a small 'dingy', as far as emergency first aid.

more powerful than just dark-Unaware of the effect the ness.

"There were lightning and everything we could, but it just wasn't working in the weathdown there. That is the worst feeling ever. At that point you

While the Coast Guard took

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# Travis tests KC-10 aeromedical evac prototype







1) U.S. Airmen from the 60th Medical Readiness Flight install a prototype patient loading system for the KC-10 Extender Dec. 4 at Travis Air Force Base, California, Airmen built and tested the system to meet Air Force standards and upgrade from the current system. 2) Airmen transport a simulated patient on a prototype patient loading system Dec. 4 at Travis. 3) Airmen build a prototype patient oading system Dec. 4 at Travis. 4) Staff Sgt. Shae Nagamine, 60th Medical Readiness Flight medical technician, takes a break from ouilding a prototype patient loading system Dec. 4 at Travis. 5) Airmen from the 60th Medical Readiness Flight build a prototype patient loader for the KC-10 Dec. 4 at Travis. 6) Col. Jeff Nelson, left, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, and Col. David Hammerschmidt. 60th Maintenance Group commander, watch Airmen install the prototype Dec. 4 at Travis.





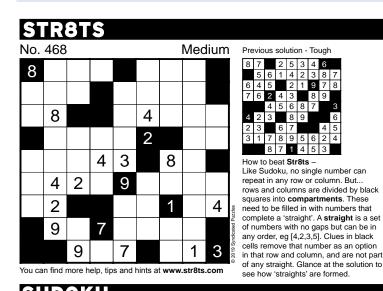


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### **Puzzles**



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by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box ontains every number uniquely

rows and columns are divided by black

eed to be filled in with numbers that

of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black

ells remove that number as an option

n that row and column, and are not par

omplete a 'straight'. A straight is a set

For many strategies, hints and tips, visit www.sudokuwiki.org

If you like Str8ts, Sudoku and other puzzles, check out our books, Phone/iPad Apps and much more or our store at www.str8ts.com

### **Retiree Corner**

Commissaries to welcome home select veterans

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The solutions are published on Page 19.

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Starting Jan. 1, all service-connected disabled veterans, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war and primary veteran caregivers will be eligible to shop at commissaries worldwide.

The newly eligible customers, about 3 million in all, will also be able to shop the military exchanges and use

certain morale, welfare and recreation activities.

For more information on this new program, go to www.militaryonesource. mil/expanding-access, or to determine eligibility, visit a local VA medical facility; call 1-877-222-VETS (8387), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Eastern time or apply online at VA.gov

- Defense Commissary Agency

### 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 Chapel

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

### **DGMC Chapel**

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

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

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

### **DGMC Chapel** • Latter-day Saints Service: 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at DGMC Medical Center Chapel. For all other inquiries, call LDS

### Military relations representatives at 707-535-Protestant

- First Street Chape • 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 to 8 p.m. every second and third Tuesday of the month at First Street Chapel Annex, vice 8 to 9 a.m. first Saturday of the month.
- Moms Group. Jesus Cares ministry, EFMP children's ministry, 4:30 to 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 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday at Bldg. 1348. Home-cooked meal from 6:30 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 Yardley 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 707-424-2122 or visit at 700 Vandenburg Drive, Bldg 1219 Travis AFB, CA

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

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

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

Family Advocacy Parent/Child play 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 Chanel 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.

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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.

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

Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and closed

visit MPF during duty hours or call 707-424-8483. On-base child care. The Air Force requires on-base residents to be licensed by the 60th Mission Support Group if they provide more than 10 hours of care per week in their homes. For more information, call 707-424-8104 or 707-424-4596 or stop by Bldg. 380B.

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tion. 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. UTA is 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Bldg. 241-B-2 Open to all students with a 2.0 or higher grade-point average. For more information contact CAP 1st Lt. Io 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, Bldg. 80, 461 Burgan Blvd., Travis Air Force Base. Escorts required for general public, call center to arrange. Free. 707-424-5598. 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

movies at the Base Theater:

### Today

• 6:30 p.m. "Doctor Sleep" (R)

active duty members and dependents are Christmas Parade and Holiday walk-ins from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. For all wills Market. 10 a.m. Dec. 14, downtown Benicia. and retiree legal assistance, call 707-424-3251

to make an appointment. Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. The following Travis employees are approved as leave recipients through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

- Rebecca Austria, 60th Maintenance
- John Butler, Special Tactics Training Squadron
- Jaqualynn Cabanlit, Travis AFB Commis-
- Neftaly Clark. 1st Special Operations Force Support Squadron. Bradley Griffith 60th Maintenance
- · Rabiye Hamilton, Travis AFB Commis-
- Patrick Hodge USTRANSCOM, Scott
- Mark Holmes, 10th Contracting Squadron

Dina Patterson-Steward, 60th Aerial Port

- Jason Perkins, Grand Forks AFB. Gina Silva, Air Force Academy
- headquarters. • Jean Sommer, Travis AFB Commissary
- 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 Chapter. Meets at 3 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at the Airman and Family Readiness

What's Cookin' Wednesday. Free lunch 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.

### **Local events**

### Events

**Bev Orlando Memorial Creche Exhibit** 9:30 a.m. Dec. 22-26. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 2700 Dover Ave., Fairfield. 422-7767.

Here are the showtimes for this weekend's

### Saturday

- 6:30 p.m. "Last Christmas" (PG-13) • 9 p.m. "Harriet" (PG-13)
- 2 p.m. "Playing With Fire" (PG)

www.beniciamainstreet.org. Film Club. "Pavarotti," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16, Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia St., Vallejo.

552-2400 Grand Victorian Home Tour. 2 p.m. Dec. 15, Vallejo. www.hattervallejo.com.

Lantern Light Festival. Through Jan. 26, Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo. https://lanternlightfestival.com.

**Live Nativity.** 6 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13-15, Trinity Baptist Church, 401 W. Monte Vista Ave., Vacaville. www.tbcvacaville.com.

"Sounds of Suspense." Radio broadcast, noon fourth Friday of each month, Vacaville Public Library-Town Square, 1 Town Square Place. Free. www.solanolibrary.com.

Vallejo Art Walk. 5 to 10 p.m. second Friday of each month, downtown Vallejo. Free admission, www.valleioartwalk.com.

Vallejo Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, year-round, Georgia and Marin streets www.pcfma.com

Vintage Market. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every third Saturday, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 101 West St., Vacaville. 925-978-6989.

### Music and dance

Alive Music Orchestra, "AMO Swing into Christmas." 7 p.m. Dec. 13, Valley Church, 5063 Maple Road, Vacaville. www.

facebook.com/alivemusicorchestra.

City Sports Bar and Grill. Music begins at 9 p.m.: Helios, Dec. 13: D.J Aaron, Dec. 14: ACA/DACA, Dec. 20; Two20, Dec. 21; 7155 Browns Valley Parkway, Vacaville. 455-7827, www.starsrecreation.com.

Empress Theatre. The Eve of Jackie Wilson with Chester Gregory, 8 p.m. Dec. 14; VOENA Holiday Concert 4 p.m. Dec. 15: The Best Intentions, 8 p.m. Dec. 31; 330 Virginia St., Vallejo. 552-2400, www.empresstheatre.org.

First Street Cafe. According to Bazooka, 7 p.m. Dec. 13: Jennifer Lee. 2 p.m. Dec. 15: Bryan Girard, 2 p.m. Dec. 22; 440 First St., Benicia. 745-1400, www.firststreetcafe.com.

Holiday Jazz. Dalt Williams, Marcella Hooks and more, 5 p.m. Dec. 15, Sardine Can, O Harbor Way, Vallejo. www.jazzforalloccassions com

**Neighborhood Hope Dealer Toy Drive** Fundraising Concert, 7 p.m. Dec. 21. Miracle Worship Center, 470 E. H St., Dixon, http:// neighborhoodhopedealer.com.

**Orpheus West Choir, Orpheus Lyre** Orchestra, North Bay Ringers. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 350 Stinson Ave., Vacaville. www.orpheuswest.com.

The Rellik. Austin Mo Experience, 8:30 p.m. Dec. 13; Toree McGee, 6 p.m. Dec. 18; Crosstown 5, 8:30 p.m. Dec. 20; 726 First St., Benicia. www.therelliktavern.com.

**Solano Symphony.** Salute to Youth, 3 p.m. Feb. 9, Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre, 1010 Ulatis Drive, www.solanosymphony.org. Solano Winds. "Blue Notes," 8 p.m.

March 13, Downtown Theatre, 1035 Texas St., Fairfield. www.solanowinds.org. Vacaville Performing Arts Theatre. Vacaville Ballet Company "Nutcracker,"

7:30 p.m. Dec. 13, 10 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 2 p.m. Dec. 15; Gerry Ramos music

a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, 307 students, 5 p.m. Dec. 20: Believe with Santa, 6 p.m. Dec. 21; Peter White Christmas, 7 p.m.

First St., Benicia, 495-2940, www.beniciaplein-Dec. 22; 1010 Ulatis Drive. 469-4013, www.

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

Theater "The Bible TV Network." 7 p.m. Dec. 19, Solano Christian Academy, 2200 Fairfield Ave.

www.solanochristianacademy.org. "Elf: The Musical." 8 p.m. Dec. 14, Dec. 20-21, Dec. 27-28, Jan. 3, 6 p.m. Dec. 15, Dec. 22, Dec. 29, 2 p.m. Dec. 21-22, Dec. 28-29, Jan. 4, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 26, Downtown Theatre 1035 Texas St., Fairfield. www.downtownthe-

"No Room." 8 p.m. Dec. 13-14, 3 p.m. Dec. 15, Harbor Arts Center, 720 Main St., Suisun City. www.suisunharbortheater.org.

"Scrooge! The Musical." 8 p.m. Dec 13-14, Dec. 2021, 3 p.m. Dec. 15, Dec. 22, Bay Area Stage, 515 Broadway St., Suite H, Vallejo. www.bavareastage.org.

### Art exhibits

Arata Fine Art Gallery. Victoria Veedell and Manon Jodoin, through Jan. 12; open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, 637 First St., Benicia. https:// aratafineartgallerv.com

Arts Benicia. "Table Testaments," through 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

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**Cal Maritime Community Art Gallery.** Open studios, through 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, through 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.

Gallery 621. Member's Holiday Show. through Dec. 29; 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.

Lawler House Art Gallery. "White Noise," through Jan. 18; 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. 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. Annual Holiday Show, Dec. 14 through Jan. 18; open noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 718 E. Monte Vista Ave. Free. 448-8712, www. vacavilleartgallery.org..

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# Vandenberg Airman takes silver in 2019 games

Staff Sgt. Jahmal Lawson, 30th Security Forces Squadron mobility equipment custodian, displays the silver medal he won at the 2019 Military World Games, Nov. 27 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. U.S. Air Force photo



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30TH SPACE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

VANDENBERG FORCE, Calif. — Nearly 10,000 participants from across the globe were in attendance for the Military World Games this year.

With 27 competition categories, everyone came with their own expertise to represent their branch and their country in an effort to take home the gold.

Two Airmen from Vandenberg Air Force Base participated in the 2019 Military in the Military World Games, I

Wuhan, China.

representing the United States port from my team and my in the basketball category was Staff Sgt. Jahmal Lawson, 30th Security Forces Squadron mobility equipment custodian. Lawson has been playing competitively for years, and during his service in the Air Force, has participated in three armed forces tournaments and now two Military World Games competitions.

"The first time I competed World Games, officially known was 26 years old," Lawson said.

national du Sport Militaire, in competing again, but with the encouragement from my lead-One of the service members ership and the amazing supflight, I was able to do it once more and represent this base

> and our country." Lawson and his team held their own throughout the bracket, and after playing a total of six games, the U.S. team left China with a silver medal and their heads held high.

Another Vandenberg AFB Airman, Lt. Col. Ian Holt, 614th Air Operation Center

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# Surgeons open new medical facility

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U.S. ARMY GARRISON HUMPHREYS, PYEONG-TAEK, SOUTH KOREA -Three Army general surgeons joined two from the Navy and one from the Air Force to perform surgeries on the opening day of Brian D. Allgood Army Community Hospital and Ambulatory Care Center on Nov.

They experienced the cutting-edge surgical systems in the state-of-the-art facility which has bigger, more spacious operating rooms. This event showcased the solid network and collaboration that has been cultivated amongst the tri-service general surgeons on the Korean Peninsula to enhance the readiness of the U.S. Military in the Pacific region.

The tri-service medical providers gathered in one of the operating rooms (OR) early in the morning for a huddle. General surgery had the honor of performing the first surgery in the new OR. The three Army general surgeons assigned each of the surgeons from the other services to assist with their surgeries throughout the day.

LCDR Dan Sanford and LCDR Paul Lewis, Navy gen-



This tri-service operating room event demonstrated the camaraderie and strong relationship that has been built amongst the surgical staff from three military services. Surgeons expressed how impressed they were with the big OR space which helps maneuvering during procedures more safe and efficient.

Japan, shared their impressions on the new facility after the huddle. Sanford expressed how impressed he was with the big OR space which helps maneuvering during proceeral surgeons assigned to 3rd Lewis and Sanford praised ipating in the first day at the bility."

built-in cameras that allows for monitoring of the OR.

Medical Battalion, Okinawa, the cutting-edge system with new facility" said Sanford. "I heard this new facility will have the Da Vinci Robotic Sur-"This new facility looks gical system and I think it is wonderful and everything is wonderful to have such highstate-of-the-art, big space to tech capability oversees. This work in the operating room. I is the only facility in the padures more safe and efficient. am looking forward to partic- cific that will have this capa-

### Games

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commercial integration cell chief, participated in the Military World Games' cycling competition.

Holt began cycling in 2001 when he was a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado. As a determined competitor, Holt dedicates countless hours a week to train. He has participated in seven military cycling world championships, two of which were at the Military World Games.

"It's amazing to see the different counties, their athletes and all the different disciplines," Holt said. "It's pleasing to see countries gather and compete with one another in that {manner), building friendship through sports."

The goal of the Military World Games is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world through an event that is based on the CISM and Olympic spirit: without political, religious, racial consideration nor discrimination. The first games took place to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, symbolizing peace across all nations.

"For a brief moment all of these countries are just comrades trying to achieve the same goal," Lawson

### **Solutions**

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### Sudoku

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6	5	9	2	1	7	4	3	8
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Rescue

over the search, Coleman and Ogan went back to service their gear with the expectation of a call if anything was to be found, but they never received that call. As evening approached and the tides dropped, the victim was located, wrapped in kelp just below the surface of where they had searched. After reflecting on the rescue with visible empathy, Ogan explained how they had followed procedures.

"Every rescue presents its own challenges," Ogan said. "We are constantly having to innovate better ways of doing things. A lot of the methods are tried Ninety percent of the world uses the same are speaking the same language."

standards that we uphold through (United State Life Saving Association). We maintain a certain level of fitness just to participate, and if you can swim, that is your best defense against drowning or an emergen-

As with every after-action report, Coleman and Ogan found great strengths of theirs and also room to innovate new initiatives from the rescue attempt. Coleman's' confidence in his posture said it all, communication with other helping agencies is one of their greatest strengths.

"We actually had mutual aid with Santa Barbara County," Coleman said, "They have a really good water rescue program and when they came, we all meshed. It was awesome because we try to model ourselves off of our surrounding areas. We try to mimic their (standard operating proceand true; they've been around forever. dures) so when we do work with them, we

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### **Future**

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"AFTAC has some really smart people here who have come up with solutions to some very hard problems," Wilson said. "You think differently. You're driven. You develop novel ways to get after the tough challenges we face, and I China. am really impressed with your innovative spirit. AFTAC is on the cutting edge of all things nuclear and my words of wisdom to you are simple: push it up!"

general recognized two members of the AFTAC team as outstanding performers and coined each of them for their work: Master Sgt. Ryan Doss and Tech. Sgt. Alissa Garnett.

Wilson also held a "State of the Force" town hall meeting for all base personnel and took questions from Airmen. Much of his briefing focused on

"We have never faced an adversary like China," Wilson said. "We must continue to deter and compete against this near-peer adversary, whether that be ec-At the conclusion of the briefing, the onomically, academically or militarily."

how the Air Force is executing the initiative. "One of the ways we're addressing our challenges," he said, "is (improving) how we recruit, retain and weapon system, our people."

sional leaders ask me what we need as a Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldforce, I never hesitate with my response. fein). You're all doing a fantastic job I tell them we need more people - for our Air Force and our nation, so go bright, innovative young minds willing out there knowing that we've got your to carry us well into the 21st century. back."

An Airman asked the general for an We'll always need more 'stuff' – airupdate on "The Air Force We Need" inicraft, equipment, materiel, etc. – but it's tiative, and the vice chief spoke about the people who are our number one pri-

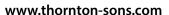
As he closed out the town hall, Wilson said, "What you're doing here is incredibly important and I want you to encourage our single most important know that your dedication is recognized and appreciated by (Secretary of the Wilson continued, "When Congres- Air Force Barbara Barrett) and (Air





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### Medal

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"Because of the weight of the award, just being nominated meant a lot for me," Whittle said. "Having the local base family recognize me in that manner meant enough, whether I got it or not."

The Airman's Medal is awarded to any member of the armed forces of the U.S., or of a friendly nation who, while serving in any capacity with the Air Force after the date of the award's authorization, has "distinguished himself or herself by a heroic act, usually at the voluntary risk of his or her life but not involving actual combat."

That service before self value is what can make the difference for action in a situation like the one Whittle faced. Those who serve understand how important it is to recognize heroism while not on

"The past 19 years, I've been in the military, so it doesn't just turn off," Whittle said. "I was surprised there was an award that honored your actions when you weren't in a wartime environment or affiliated with an active duty environment.'

The day after the shooting, he received messages of support from many high-ranking command staff members in the Air Force.

"I didn't even know the proper way to respond to those texts with proper customs and courtesies, but you know, I had more outreach from the military than any other kind of or-



Master Sgt. Bryan Whittle, center, 205th Engineering and Installation Squadron, poses with Maj. Gen. Michael C. Thompson, left, Oklahoma Air National Guard adjutant general, and his wife, Shannon Whittle, right, and a child after receiving the Airman's Medal Dec. 8 at Will Rogers Air National Guard Base in Oklahoma City.

for the award means so much to me - more than actually getting the award. For the higher Air Force command to have appreciation for guardsmen or reservists or anyone not on acvears of his military service, ciates the comfort, support tive duty, it's nice to know that they recognize that."

Whittle does not feel exceptionally heroic. Being singled out from his peers for acts of heroism was never something he expected.

"We're all the same cut here, not just in my unit, but across base," Whittle said. "You know, you're kind of a product of your environment, and my environment is the Guardsmen out here 90% of the time. You're looking at ganization," he said. "So yeah, me for a hero. ... Well guess it was overwhelming, but what, there's a thousand more for the same division at the than anything I did."

that's why being nominated every weekend that pull up, Federal Aviation Administrayou know? So it's just not me. tion. All of us at the 205th EIS There's a ton of us."

> He is more than familiar with the environment at an air we already know that he is." national guard base. For all 19 ple from his squadron at his civilian job.

"We met before he joined the military, and I was enlisted." said Senior Master situation and handle it like she Sgt. Micah Willhight, 205th EIS engineering noncommissioned officer in charge. "We tle said. "I get recognized for worked at the same civilian what I did, but she had comjob, and he joined my squadron in the same career field. We still work together at the spouse take off and do that, Guard and now as civilians and I feel like that's braver

are proud to see him receiving an award for being the person

And while Whittle appre-Whittle has been at Will Rog- and recognition offered by ers ANGB with the 205th EIS his military family, he also and also works with many peovery much wants to share this award with the member of his family who was by his side throughout the ordeal.

"For my wife to be in that did, I want to make this about us and not about me," Whitplete trust and faith in me. I don't think I could see my

The Tyndall AFB USACE struction begins.

"USACE leads a major part of the design and construction of our plan to ensure it becomes a reality," she said. "The PMO is successful because of the US-ACE team. We are building an 'Installation of the Future' that will be here for the next 100 years, and we are leading the way for other bases to follow."

For more information on the progress the Program Management Office at Tyndall AFB is making on the rebuild at the base, visit https://www.afimsc. af.mil/TvndallPMO/.

### Rebuild

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"USACE brings to the table a very robust portfolio of capabilities," he said. "Their flexibility and willingness to completely engage with us and having them here to support us in completing such a huge amount of MILCON (military construction) projects has been paramount to the re-

Working with the PMO team on this historic project has been exciting for Chuck Ford, USACE project manager forward.

"Maj. Pleake-Tamm has been especially instrumental in providing the information we need when we need it, coordinating with the appropriate people to get the master plan done, and in finding the correct base agencies for us to work with,' Ford said. "It takes a team effort. Everyone knows their roles and responsibilities, and because of that we are able to work efficiently to deliver a cuttingedge final product on schedule."

The rebuild of Tyndall AFB is a massive project in both size and scope. In fiscal year 2019, the base awarded nearly 10 times more operations, maintenance and military construction funding than in a normal year.

"Both the current mission of generating airpower for the Air Force, as well as the new mission of Tyndall (AFB) evolving to be the 'Installation of the Future,' exist simultaneously." Melancon said. "The PMO team is working diligently to produce a base that is resilient, adaptable and technologically advanced."

Team is currently comprised of 10 team members and is projected to grow to 50 when con-



Staff Sgt. Nichole Sehle, 422nd Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of standardization and evaluations, locates required equipment during a recall exercise Nov. 21 at RAF Croughton, United Kingdom. Quarterly recall exercises are a form of readiness for defenders to always be prepared to respond at a moment's notice.

### **Croughton**

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longer-term objectives."

For 18 years, Air Force security forces squadrons followed the U.S. Army doctrine of separating the squadron into sections, S1 through S5: Commander Support Staff (S1), Intelligence Flight (S2), Operations and Training Flight (S3), Logistics and Resources Flight (S4), and Installation Security, Plans and Programs (S5). The new test program has removed these classifications and restructured the squadron to be more effective with streamline communication transitioning to a three-system operations flight, a sustainment flight and command support staff.

With the implementation of Squadron of the Future, the biggest quality-of-life improvement is that off-duty time is secured.

"We started this back in September and we have not once brought anyone in from protected time off," Whitney said. "When the flight is on their protected time off, no one in the unit is allowed to bring someone in unless the commander approves it. It is equivalent to crew rest.'

Defenders at RAF Croughton also increased their monthly training days from four to six. Likewise, trainers work alongside defenders to assist in training needs.

"Previously when we had to go to training, people generally drag their more time to do training. That's a lot feet," said Tech. Sgt. Corey Southard, 422nd SFS noncommissioned officer nual training plan requirements, but in charge of training. "Now you have it also allows us to focus on the things a trainer embedded amongst your flight. People are more receptive to it. They have someone with them who's their trainer. It's twofold – the quicker they train you, the quicker you get out or go off to bigger and better things."

The Squadron of the Future

concept is being tested at 14 different security forces squadrons across the Air Force, at least one in each major command. Monthly conference calls with senior leaders bring Airmen together to talk about the progress and give feedback.

"Our senior leaders at the headquarters level are really taking care of the defenders out on the ground.' Whitney said. "In 18 years, this is a whole new change, but it's a change for the right reasons. It is making us a more lethal career field by giving us of time not only to take care of our anthat may be specific to RAF Croughton. It's making us more lethal defenders, because you never know when the next threat's going to come.'

RAF Croughton is the only test base in U.S. Air Forces in Europe -Air Forces Africa.

**Tabs** 

Abell, was leading the wing's enlisted force.

some time," said Chief Master Sgt. problem. And this will give our Aircy Response Group superintendent. "When we're out in the field, our sister services and other agencies have a difficult time differentiating us "We've felt the need for this for from other Airmen. This solves that ron representatives.

Bryan Whitley, 821st Contingen- men a sense of pride to wear a tab that shows that they have achieved a skillset that many don't have."

CRW Airmen can acquire these patches from their designated squad-

### Coelho

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subjective experience of joy or purpose.

Depression can be spurred by a range of factors such as a change in life circumstances, a change in lifestyle behaviors, loss of a loved one, loss of a job or even loss of hope. While grief is a natural and normal part of the human experience, prolonged and sometimes complicated grief can develop into a depressive episode that can require more focused and proactive measures.

So what's the antidote to depression? The antidote often begins with talking to people. I cannot tell you how many patients I've had over the years tell me, "I told a friend or family member I had depression, and they responded, 'me too."

In our society, our perception of mental health conditions, like depression, have become almost like mental leprosy; "If you got it, don't touch me. I might get it too." Yet, depression and clinically significant depression are experienced by nearly 17.3 million people in the U.S. alone, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

The Center for Disease Control also states that 1 out of 6 adults will experience depression in their lifetime. The World Health Organization's statistics on depression show that at any given time about 300 million people are experiencing depression worldwide.

Let's put these numbers into perspective. The current U.S. population is approximately 327.2 million. That is a staggering number of people who may be experiencing the same issue as you. For those willing to initiate a conversation about their own suffering, this condition is shared by many.

For those suffering, many will recover naturally, much like recovering from a brief illness like the flu. When those symptoms become complicated or worsen, people typically seek out their doctors for more specialized treatment.

People often find improvement in their symptoms when they utilize helpful methods, such as going for a run, playing with a pet, a brief cry or relaxing. Other times, the symptoms may be more severe and you need to see a professional who will likely recommend psychotherapy and/or medication, and then you recover and get better.

Yes, that's right, most people recover. Depression is treatable, even when it feels debilitating. While it can feel isolating, depression is an opportunity for connection with friends, family, coworkers and perhaps even vour medical team.

Additionally, if you are a veteran or concerned about a veteran, call 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) to connect with the Veterans Crisis Line and reach a caring, qualified responder. You may also text 838255 or visit https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org or https://www.veteranscrisisline.net to chat In the event of an emergency, call 911.

### Wi-Fi From Page 11

transition to interactive electronic products and move toward virtual learning environments."

In addition to spurring innovation of the training landscape, the LWS allows Airmen to bring personally owned devices such as laptops, tablets and smart phones and connect wirelessly to training environments. Initial

deployment to learning environments include classrooms, indoor and outdoor training areas and student community centers.

learning organizations to use readily available commercial resources to innovate how we train," said Maj. Donald Sims, AETC LWS program manager. "Force development needs innovation to enhance the capabilities of the continuum of

"Commercial internet allows learning. LWS benefits the fly- pital waiting rooms or security ing training community that is alarm support activities.

currently transitioning to and utilizing EFBs to perform flighttraining."

The LWS does have limitations. Sims said. Intended to provide learner access to educanot approved to provide services for morale, welfare and recor other trainee focused mission requirements, such as hos-

Sims said LWS is a readily accessible service similar to management tasks during pilot that found in hotels and airports and will allow transmission of non-sensitive information.

"It's not designed to protect sensitive data such as personaltion and training materials, it's ly identifiable information, protected health information or info designated as for official reation facilities or non-learner use only or controlled unclassified information, but it does support the transmission of sensitive data when it's encrypted," he said.

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### Corrick

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My second piece of advice is, once you make your decision, plan it out as much as you possibly can. When you leave the military, that means instantly losing a paycheck, health care and potentially a place to stay. You need to know what you want to do, why you want to do it and more importantly, how you are going to do it. That has been the most stressful part of this transition, but there are a ton of resources available to you. You have to be willing to look for them.

My third and final piece of advice is this: Do not let anyone change your mind. That doesn't mean you shouldn't listen to advice from people you trust, but always come to the decision that is right for you. I have had so many people come to me and try to give me reasons to stay. I sat and listened to every single one of their pitches. I could instantly tell the people who genuinely cared about me and those who felt the need to try and retain me because they thought it was their

Those conversations not only helped solidify the fact others cared about me within the Air Force, but they also allowed me to find the holes in my plan. Each one left me with a question that I wanted to help myself find the answer to. So, when these people come to you, trust me they will, listen to what they have to say and apply it to your situation. They may have valid points, or they may bring up points you hadn't yet thought about.

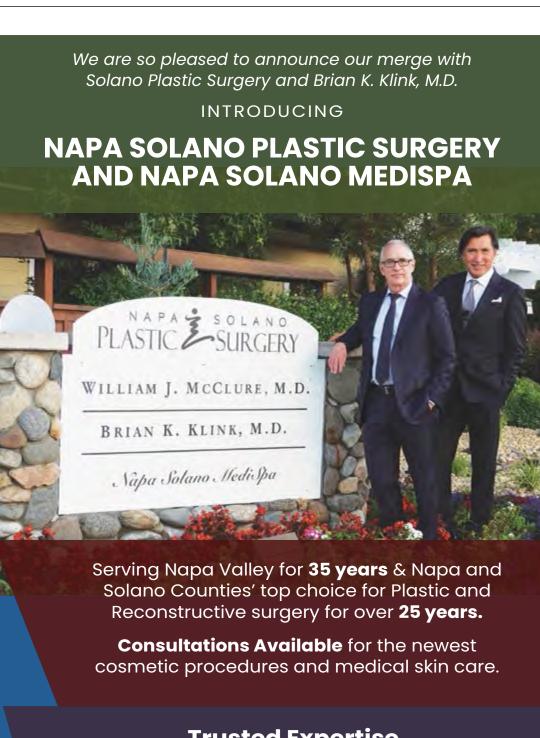
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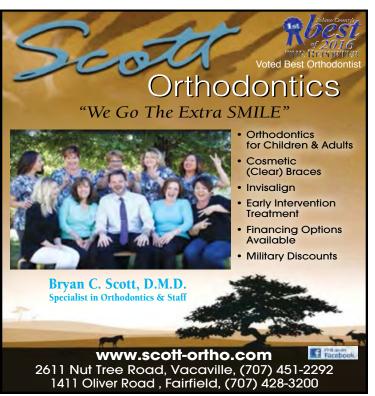
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national defense objectives,' Hogg said. "Air Force medics continue to answer the call across a broad spectrum of operational, humanitarian, and disaster response missions."

Hogg also spoke about progress with implementing a variety of other military health reforms, highlighting the stand-up of the Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, the launch of the Air Force Medical Reform Model and the transition of authority, direction and control of military treatment facilities to the Defense Health Agency.

"Our charge is crystal clear," Hogg said. "I am confident these reforms will maximize our ability to meet combatant commanders' requirements."



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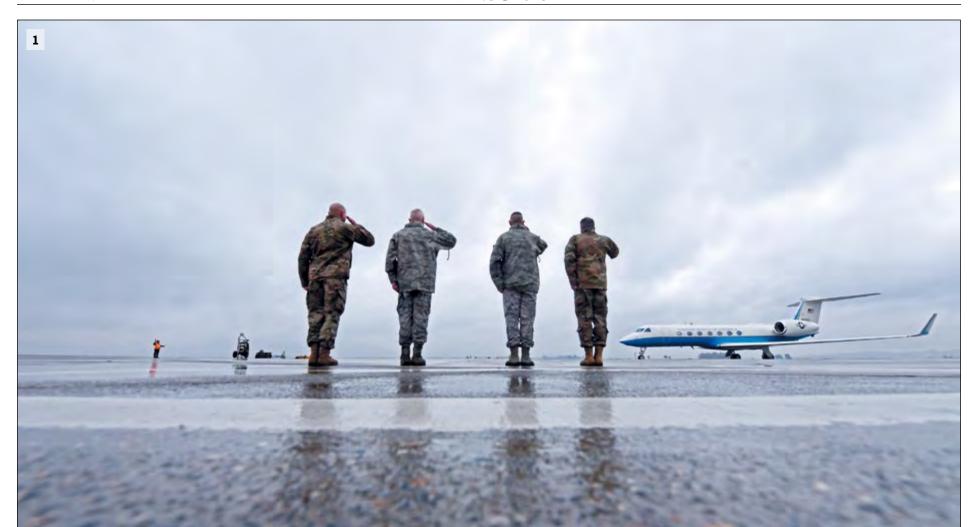
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