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To lead effectively, we must trust, empower

Throughout our military careers, whether long or short, we've all seen good and bad examples of leadership. One key attribute found in most effective leaders is they implicitly trust their people and they avoid "getting into the weeds" by working their subordinates' tasks for them.



Commentary by Lt. Col. Blaine Baker
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This trust enables a leader to effectively communicate his or her intent, thus empowering subordinates to own their mission and make decisions at the appropriate level. When leaders trust subordinates, deliver clear intent, and then "get out of the way," success is usually quick to follow. Recently, Air Force leaders have doubled-down on

promoting trust and empowerment through initiatives that focus on squadrons. It is no coincidence that a large part of the "revitalizing squadrons" initiative involves enhancing trust and empowering commanders to make decisions at the squadron level. In turn, commanders must empower and push decisions down to Airmen. The squadron, the beating heart of the Air Force, will flat-line if we do not.

Should the unfortunate situation arise where we do not trust our Airmen, or if we cannot clearly communicate our intent, we fall prey to the dreaded "M" word: micromanagement. This most often occurs when there is a lack

Commander's Commentary

of trust or understanding between a leader and subordinate, and almost always results in frustration between both parties.

To avoid the trap of micromanagement, I have found that when providing direction to subordinates, it is helpful to describe what needs to be done - that is to describe the desired end state - versus how something needs to be done. What is truly amazing is to watch the creativity and innovative solutions that arise when our Airmen are given the maneuvering airspace to problem solve. My experience has been that a well-trained, motivated Airman almost never fails to meet

expectations when the desired end state was appropriately described.

Although it is imperative to trust and empower our Airmen, with trust and empowerment comes risk. We must accept that when we empower our Airmen, we assume risk and we should not be afraid of that fact. We balance this risk and prevent mission failure through the process of oversight. Establishing oversight involves regular updates, engagement with our Airmen, and keeping important aspects of a project in our cross-check; generally speaking, the more important the project or task, the more oversight that is needed. With important projects we may need to step in for a correction, but when this occurs, we should quickly give control back to the Airmen in charge.

Simply put, oversight does not give us latitude to do our subordinates' job for them. We must let our Airmen grow through guidance, direction, leadership and oversight.

As we continue to battle an adaptive, ever-evolving enemy, trusting and empowering our Airmen will only become more important. In today's complex battlespace, and tomorrow's communication-degraded battlespace, we will fail if we fall prey to micromanagement tendencies. Fortunately, our most senior leaders are promoting an environment of trust and empowerment by revitalizing squadrons; it is up to us now to ensure that we sustain the beating heart of the Air Force by passing down this trust and empowerment to every Airman. Our success or failure depends on it.

Travis air show to take to skies May 6, 7

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Thunderbirds and Thunderbolts are just two of the attractions of this year's Wings Over Solano air show and open house slated for May 6-7 at Travis Air Force Base, California.

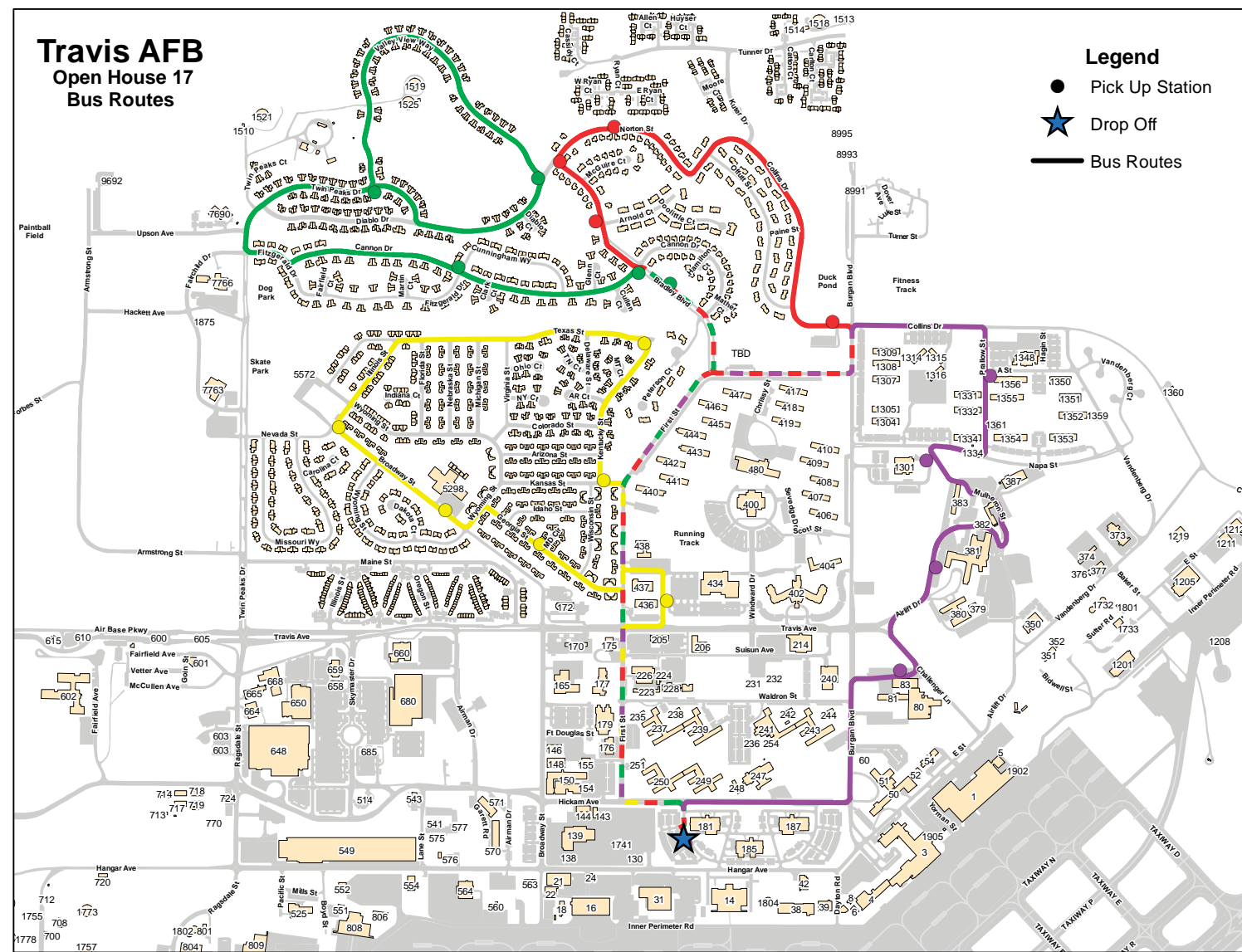
The Air Force's premiere aerial demonstration team, the USAF Thunderbirds, are returning to Travis to perform both days as the air show's headliner act.

They will be accompanied by a host of other aerial flying performances ranging from flybys of military aircraft to stunt shows put on by nearly a dozen civilian fliers.

Those aerial acts include Dan Buchanan and the world's only hang glider air show act, the Russian Thunder show featuring the Yak 54, Bob Carlton Vertigo Jet Shows, Jacquie B Airshows, Vertigo Air Shows jet glider, Billy Werth and his Pitts S2C and Reno air race pilot Anthony Oshinuga.

Two unusual flight line performances on the ground will include Man Vs. Jumbo Jet Airshows where a man pulls an Air Force jet as well as the smoke and thunder jet truck.

On the ground, modern military aircraft such as the A-10 Thunderbolt II will be sharing the base's flight line with its equally legendary World War



II predecessor, the P-47 Thunderbolt fighter which reduced many a train locomotive and Nazi armored vehicle to junk.

Other static display aircraft will include an F-35 Lightning II, a Navy MH-60R Seahawk helicopter, a B-52

Stratofortress, an F-16 Fighting Falcon, a Cessna 310, a C-12 Huron, a KC-135 Stratotanker, a KC-10 Extender, a

C-17 Globemaster III, a C-5M Super Galaxy, a P-51 Mustang, C-47 Skytrain, C-130J
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Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Christy Peterson
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Attitude plays role in everything in our lives

There is nothing more exhilarating than being around people who exude a positive attitude. In life, attitude is everything. It is the lens through which you see the world. It affects the actions you take based on past experiences and now interpret in current situations. It governs the way you perceive the world and the way the world perceives you. It is attitude that can determine how fast you

Chief's Commentary

will achieve your goals or how well you will acquire a skill or knowledge.

What is attitude anyway? It is the mental state or position you take regarding your life and affairs. This means it's not what you think but how you think it. Whether you realize it or not, your attitude helps

form every event in your life. Out of your attitude comes your enjoyment of life and gratitude for all your successes. Out of your attitude comes your disappointment or annoyance at how things have turned out. Out of attitude comes the feeling that no accomplishment will ever be good enough or that you are not good enough. And the only way that you can begin to recondition your subconscious mind for success

is by detaching yourself from the idea that you are your thoughts.

Each of us encounters hard times, hurt feelings, heartache, physical or emotional pain. The key is to realize it's not what happens to you that matters; it's how you choose to respond. Every day your attitude is challenged by other people and external factors. How will you react? Will you allow adversity

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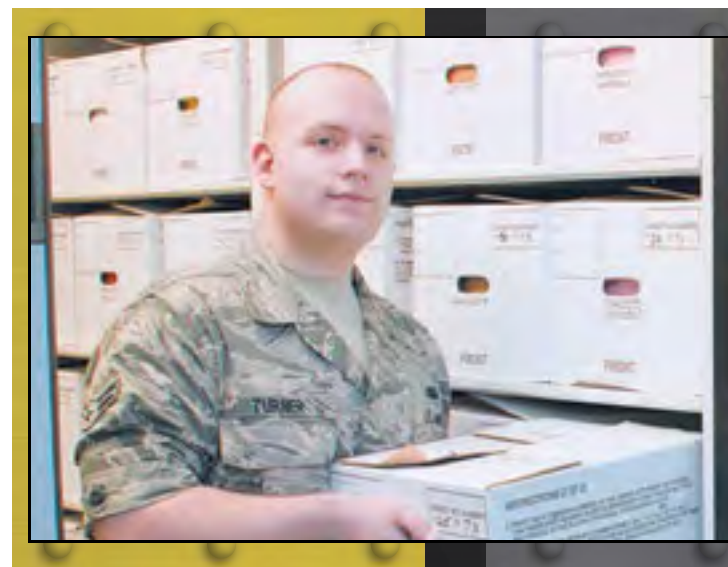
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On the cover

A child enjoys the jungle gym April 28 during the Autism Awareness Walk at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. More than 300 people attended the event which was sponsored by Travis Family Homes and featured a variety of activities.

U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Britsese



WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name: Airman 1st Class Caleb Turner.	Duty title: Knowledge management.	Family: Single.	Training School to become a USAF officer.
Unit: 60th Communications Squadron.	Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii.	What are your goals? Complete Community College of the Air Force associate degree, submit an application to Officer	What are your hobbies? Reading and video games.
Time in service: One year.			

Dual-military couple values family, service

Heide Couch

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Leidholms are just like any ordinary young family. They get up early each day of the week to deal with the happy chaos of getting themselves ready for work, and preparing their two small daughters for the day.

Dad and mom tag-team – he changes the baby's diaper, makes sure the 3 year old is dressed and clean, then feeds the cats and dogs. He heads out the door by 6:30 a.m.

Mom spends a few more moments nursing the 8-month-old. Then, she too, leaves to drop the kids off at daycare and get to the office. Nights and weekends are spent doing the usual stuff: housework, homework, laundry, running errands, watching television and, of course, sharing time with each other.

They are a typical American family, except for one significant difference: Staff Sgt. Kyle Leidholm, 60th Maintenance Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Nicole Leidholm, 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs, serve their country in the Air Force at Travis Air Force Base, California.

Unlike most families, they know the normal routine could be dramatically interrupted at any time.

Currently, the Leidholms work a fairly normal duty day. Kyle is an aero repair technician, servicing heavy-lift transport aircraft at Travis. Nicole is a photojournalist and the NCO in charge of media relations. They are aware that, with the current state of world affairs, one or both of them could be deployed overseas with little notice. Like all military personnel, they are ready to put the needs of their country above all else.

Dual-military marriages – an active duty member married to another active duty member or to a member



U.S. Air Force photo/Heide Couch

U. S. Air Force family, Staff Sgt. Kyle Leidholm, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Nicole Leidholm, 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs, deal with the challenges that every dual-military couple faces on a day-to-day basis. They take time for a family portrait April 6 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

of the Air Force Reserves or Air National Guard – are becoming more common, with the highest percentage of these couples being in the Air Force, according to a 2008 Department of Defense study on military families.

Both Kyle and Nicole joined the military when college plans didn't work out. Nicole was still in technical school when the two married. Kyle was stationed at Travis and Nicole joined him soon after. The girls were quickly added to the growing family.

The military treats each member of a dual-military couple as an independent entity, despite the fact that the couple makes decisions jointly. Unfortunately, this can be problematic at times.

"Work is definitely a lot harder than it was before kids," said Kyle. "Working extended shifts and night shifts is harder. The balance of family and job tend to blur."

"When I went on a temporary duty assignment before we had kids, I didn't have to worry if Kyle was going to be able to get off work on time to

pick up the kids," said Nicole. "It's harder trying to explain to my oldest why Dad hasn't come home from work yet, or why Dad is going to work at night – 'to put the airplanes to sleep.'"

"She's very curious and notices everything," she added. "When he was on 12-hour days, I was the one coming home after work and cooking dinner and getting her ready for bed on top of when I was pregnant. It's definitely an added challenge to balance life and work duties."

Often, there can be difficulty fitting childcare expenses into a military budget.

"The cost of child care is not cheap," said Nicole. "We use family child care so our costs are a bit more than at the Child Development Center on base, but I like it. There's usually a smaller number of children and they take care of my girls like their own."

"On top of those costs, infant care is even more," she continued. "So having two kids in child care was almost like sticker shock when I first went back to work after

Nicole. "She was too young to remember. The deployments were harder on us. I deployed first in 2014 to Southwest Asia and it was a lot harder on my husband because he, all of a sudden, was a single dad."

"I also do all the finances so some of that stuff I had to keep on him to pay the bills," said Nicole. "At the time, he worked in a shop that did eight-hour days but, more often than not, those days became 12-hour days – no notice. They also worked a Panama schedule but, because I was deployed, they worked his schedule to be Monday through Friday. Thankfully, we also had a flexible childcare provider that could help us out," said Nicole.

A Panama shift is 24/7 coverage with four teams working two 12-hour shifts on a rotating pattern – two days on, two days off; three days on, three days off; two days on, three days off.

Childcare most notably affects the retention rate of dual-military couples. Although the RAND NDRI study shows both male and female service members perform at the same levels on the job, females are more likely to leave the military citing family responsibilities. Male service members are more likely to cite financial concerns or career opportunities.

"I'll play it enlistment by enlistment," said Kyle. "I would like to retire out of the military, but we will see how the next 14 years go."

Having supportive leadership and an understanding and flexible work environment is vital to alleviate the stressors of a dual-military family.

"It's the only thing that can make it so I can continue to serve and still be there for my kids and wife," said Kyle.

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Travis pilot first choice to present at symposium

2nd Lt. Sarah Johnson

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A C-5M Super Galaxy pilot from Travis Air Force Base, California, presented his experiences March 29 to 30 at the Air University Language, Regional Expertise and Culture Symposium at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, but this time, he was not talking about flying.

Capt. Raymond Zhang, 22nd Airlift Squadron pilot, spoke to a crowd of hundreds about his experiences as a participant in the Air Force Culture and Language Center's Language Enabled Airman Program. Zhang has been a member of LEAP since 2011 as a Chinese-Mandarin speaker.

The goal of LEAP is to

enhance the foreign language skills of Airmen from a variety of careers and backgrounds, developing them as cultural resources for the Air Force. As a participant, Zhang has taken language courses, gone on cultural immersion trips and worked as a language facilitator for various military and civilian leaders.

He was selected as one of six out of 2,411 LEAP participants to present these experiences at the symposium, which the AF-CLC hosts each year.

"LEAP is doing phenomenal things with Airmen," said Zhang. "They build and develop Airmen who will have strategic implications (for the Air Force)."

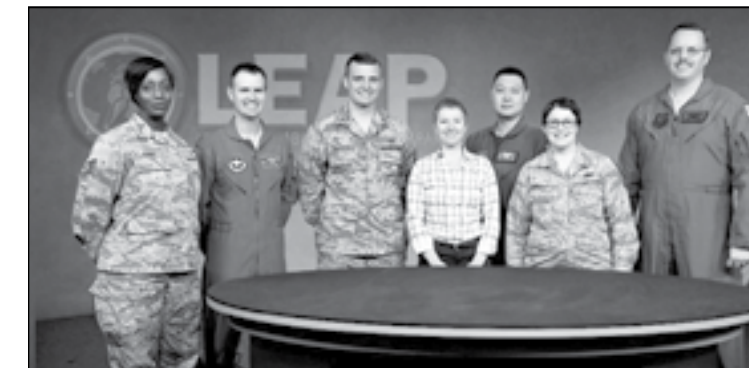
He presented first on his initial trip as a participant, where

he worked on his professional Mandarin skills at a U.S. consulate in China for about a month.

"I got a chance to see their operations (and) what they do to integrate the Department of Defense," he said.

This involved building relationships with organizations in the local area, preparing for crisis response, working as a language facilitator and assisting in the fingerprint process. The weekends were "training" of a different kind: experiencing the culture and people of China.

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Courtesy photo/Capt. Raymond Zhang

Capt. Raymond Zhang, third from right, 22nd Airlift Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California, poses for a photo with fellow Language Enabled Airman Program participants March 30 at the Air University Language, Regional Expertise and Culture Symposium at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

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Airmen 1st Class Justin Coleman and Ryan Countryman, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance technicians, participate in a contamination control of an ordnance training scenario April 17 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. EOD technicians conduct training on various threats to ensure they are prepared for deployment.

Staff Sgt. Daniel Phelps
349TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Their name brings to mind the stories out of Hollywood blockbusters. Visions of deafening explosions and gun shots spin through the mind as one visualizes a service member crouching over a device, daring the sweat dripping from his forehead not to fall, praying he chooses the right wire to pull.

Though this is not the most accurate scenario of what explosive ordnance disposal technicians do, this is what many picture when they hear the name.

What many are not aware of is how active EOD technicians are when they're at home station, and how often they work with their local community, especially at Travis Air Force

Base, California.

The 60th and 349th Civil Engineer Squadron EOD teams cover a 33,000-square-mile response area, said Master Sgt. Kyle Spalding, 349th CES EOD program manager. They work with several counties and National Park Service police.

One of their main partnerships is with Point Reyes National Seashore, a 70,000-acre national park that attracts more than 2 million visitors a year.

"We work with Travis EOD multiple times a year," said David Schifsky, Point Reyes chief

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Youth center director to attend leadership summit

Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For 26 years, Carrie Basaca, 60th Force Support Squadron Travis Youth Center director, has worked with youth from the Philippines to the United States. She started teaching in 1991 and has served in one way or another as a teacher of children in six countries.

In June 2014, she became the director of the youth center at Travis Air Force Base, California. Today, she leads a team of 35 people implementing programs for more than 1,000 children annually. The center provides a range of services including before and after school care, a youth sports program, as well as music and dance lessons for children as young as 5 and young adults up to 18 years old.

Basaca will soon join 59 senior leaders from the Boys and Girls Club of America, which is affiliated with Air Force Youth Programs, at the second annual Harvard Leadership Summit.

According to BGCA, the summit is a year-long development program designed to raise the organization's collective leadership abilities and solve

the most pressing challenges facing clubs and military-affiliated programs.

"I'm honored to have been chosen as a participant in the leadership summit," said Basaca. "This is a rare opportunity to learn from an establishment with such a legacy of prestige and success, alongside other leaders with a shared mission and to use what I have learned to deepen my impact locally and nationally."

"BGCA programs and initiatives are part of Air Force Youth Program requirements," said Basaca. "I supervise youth development staff as they work to implement BGCA programs such as Torch Club, Keystone Club, Passports to Manhood and Money Matters in our youth center."

Basaca will bring nearly three decades of experience working with children with her to the summit. She's taught English and math classes in her

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AF releases annual sexual assault report

Secretary of the Air Force
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WASHINGTON — Air Force reports of sexual assault increased slightly in fiscal year 2016, according to the service's annual report on sexual assault released May 1.

The Air Force received 1,355 reports of sexual assault in fiscal year 2016, compared to 1,312 in fiscal year 2015.

Expressed as a percentage of the total Air Force population, including active duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and appropriated fund

civilian employees, 0.21 percent of Airmen reported a sexual assault in fiscal year 2016 compared to 0.20 percent in fiscal year 2015 and 0.21 percent in fiscal year 2014, illustrating a flat trend for annual reports over the last three years.

"We must continue to drive a culture of prevention while ensuring victims readily come forward and report sexual assault," said Acting Secretary of the Air Force Lisa Disbrow. "We must also be an Air Force that provides the care and support victims need while holding offenders accountable."

Prevention of sexual assault is the responsibility of every Airman, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein.

"It's about trust," said Goldfein. "The crime of sexual assault shatters trust and has a direct and negative impact on our capabilities as a warfighting force. In my opinion, there is no such thing as a bystander in this fight. We are all in. From the newest Airman to the most senior leader, every one of us has a responsibility to step forward and help stop sexual assault before it happens."

The results of the fiscal year

2016 sexual assault report will be compared to data from the Defense Manpower Data Center's 2016 Workplace and Gender Relations Survey, which is conducted every other year for the active duty service branches. The Air Force uses the Workplace and Gender Relations Survey to measure the prevalence of sexual assault in the force.

The Air Force compares prevalence rates to reporting rates to evaluate Airmen's confidence in coming forward to report sexual assault and receive support. Ideally, the

service wants to eliminate the gap between prevalence of the crime and the number of reports received, then see both numbers come down to zero, said Col. Mark Ramsey, the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Operations Director.

"Our goal is to eliminate sexual assault from the Air Force, period," said Ramsey. "We have leadership engaged at every echelon. We have provided our Airmen with both an awareness of this scourge in our ranks and the bystander intervention tools to engage."

Pregnant Airmen gain time after baby

Kat Bailey
AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Female Airmen now have up to 12 months after having a baby to request separation from the service under the Air Force's new Diversity and Inclusion initiative.

This policy change, effective April 26, gives female Airmen more time to better understand and assess how they can balance a military career and family needs, ensuring they have the opportunity to contribute to mission success.

The change in policy allows female Airmen to apply for separation within the 12-month period after delivery via the virtual Military Personnel Flight, with the date of separation set for no more than 12 months after the date of application.

This policy is not retroactive. However, female Airmen who delivered a child on or after April 26, 2016, are also eligible to apply.

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Trump welcomes Academy football to White House

Staff Sgt. Jannelle McRae
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Air Force Academy football team received the Commander in Chief's Trophy from President Donald Trump during a May 2 visit to the White House.

The trophy is awarded to the winner of the annual service academies' football triangular series between the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy. The trophy was first awarded by President Richard Nixon in 1972.

The Air Force Falcons claimed the award for a

record-setting 20th time, following a 31-12 win against Army in November 2016.

"It is a great privilege for me for the first time to present you the Commander in Chief's Trophy," said Trump. "As the United States Air Force celebrates its 70th birthday this year, this trophy will serve as a point of pride when the

Academy's cadets graduate and (for) all of the members past and present of the United States Air Force."

During the ceremony, team captains Jacobi Owens and Weston Steelhammer presented the president with his own Falcons jersey and helmet.

"I am honored I was a part of the team that could win the


trophy for the 20th time," Owens said.

Their accomplishments on the field are not the only highlight for the cadets this spring.

"We are so proud that in only three weeks, under (the president's) command they will become commissioned second lieutenants in our United States Air Force," said Calhoun.


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9th AF transitions

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SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — The 9th Air Force headquarters transitioned May 1 into a numbered air staff.

The transition from staff directorates into an air staff prepares 9th AF headquarters for the possibility to become a joint task force-capable headquarters, and creates a seamless transition if called on to stand up a JTF, said Col. Rhude Cherry III, the 9th AF vice commander.

An A-Staff consists of staff positions from A1 to A9, where each section handles different tasks including personnel, intelligence, plans and logistics. The switch to an A-Staff reorganizes personnel to reflect

other service's numbered forces to better collaborate in a joint environment.

"The transition allows the 9th AF headquarters staff to align itself along common joint headquarters staff structures, so the nomenclature will be familiar to all Airmen assigned to 9th AF," Cherry added. "The joint staff will learn of 9th AF and its organizational structure such that we will be considered for Global Response Force tasking."

Becoming an A-Staff also supports 9th AF's new mission: 9th AF organizes, trains, and equips its headquarters to be a deployable, operational level JTF, and its subordinate commands to prepare and meet the demands of expeditionary taskings.

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EOD teams

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park ranger. "They provide a critical service to Point Reyes. We don't have the training or authorization and it is crucial to protect the visiting public."

An example of the services Travis EOD provides to the surrounding area, is when MK2 Marine Markers, buoyant signal flares, wash up on shore to be discovered by visitors. The flares are either dropped in the ocean by aircraft or surface ships and sometimes show up in public places.

"The things that wash up have to be dealt with in a safe and appropriate manner, and Travis is very responsive and respectful to the marine mammals and everything here," said Schifsky. "There is a lot of history and relationships that have been developed."

When markers are

discovered, the public usually notifies park rangers in some form or another and the rangers reach out to Travis EOD.

"We'll go out to the site, do reconnaissance on it, see what kind it is, the condition of it, and if it's safe or not," said Spalding. "If it isn't, then we'll take care of it - either explosively or through some other different procedure. We'll render it safe."

"We get an average of about two calls per month from the local community," said Master Sgt. Mark Walker, 60th CES EOD Operations Section Chief. "Our main calls come from Point Reyes, when markers wash ashore, and The Presidio, a former military base, when items are dug up. After these calls, the second most common is when old war trophies are discovered, such as WWII grenades.

"Usually (someone) will find some piece of ordnance, and call it in," said Spalding. "The



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Airmen 1st Class Justin Coleman and Staff Sgt. Richard Halter, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance technicians, dispose of a dummy explosive device during a training scenario April 17 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. EOD technicians conduct training on various threats to ensure they are prepared for deployment.

local police will call command post and we will head out. We work hand-in-hand with local police forces on explosive devices."

While local law enforcement departments have bomb squads, Travis responds to these calls because of a military munitions rule.

"The Department of Defense runs all munitions cradle to grave," said Walker. "If a military munition is discovered, it's our responsibility to dispose of it. The local bomb squads are not supposed to destroy them."

Spalding added to Walker's thought, "It's not just a responsibility thing. We have the most experience in these munitions, as well as more in-depth knowledge in ordnance."

Travis EOD teams also work with the surrounding area's law enforcement branches through numerous training opportunities.

"We do a lot of joint training," said Walker. "We'll host different types of training for the FBI and police departments around here for their bomb squads. We just had a vehicle access class in October."

The Travis EOD unit also recently sent some Airmen to Chico, California to host a post-blast course for the FBI, said Spalding.

"Our viewpoint is a little different than the civilian standpoint, so we add that to their training," said Spalding.

Travis EOD technicians also meet monthly with departments in Sacramento and San Francisco.

"We teach them our tactics and procedures so local forces can learn what we do in case the threats from overseas make it here," said Walker. "This is the most community interaction I've seen at any base I have been at."

Couple

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"It's extremely important," said Nicole. "Recently, when I was on a trip, I was supposed to be back after four days and ended up being away for seven. My leadership asked to make sure Kyle was OK and if he needed anything. It's good to know if there was anything needed, they were there for us. It's hard to focus on the mission if my family isn't cared for when I'm away."

Today's technology makes it easier to keep in touch while being deployed for any length of time, and lessens the anxiety of separation. Nicole's first deployment was for six months.

"We were only three years into our marriage - young by any standard. So it definitely put a strain on our marriage," she said. "Skype was a big one when I was deployed, but now - and even when I was TDY - we used Facebook messenger to video chat. We also used a free texting app when I was deployed. I've now learned that my phone carrier has an overseas plan that I would look into using the next time either of us deployed. We also sent a lot of care packages."

When you've got kids at home, being away is never easy. It's always hard to say goodbye. Kids grow and change fast, and half of a year is a long time.

Having a family care plan is a mandatory military requirement to protect children of military families when the worst case scenario happens and parents must answer the call to duty.

"Dual and single military families can face some unique challenges," said Master Sgt. Hugh Fetla, 60th Comptroller Squadron first sergeant.

Fetla served as first sergeant to both of the Leidholms, who are in different squadrons.

"Deployments and unaccompanied assignments can make childcare and maintaining the marriage very difficult," said Fetla. "Mission permitting, the member's leadership can work with the dual and single military families when assigning deployment cycles and work schedules. But sometimes, the mission does not allow leadership to be

100 percent accommodating. When this happens, one of the most important items the dual and single military families need to have is a FCP. This will ensure the children are taken care of during a medical emergency or period of separation."

"I think Kyle has had to use it, I've almost had to," said Nicole. "Every year, his unit recertifies the FCP. We also have to keep it updated, such as when our provider moved, we changed providers and when we had our second daughter."

With time in service, promotions and the gained experience of military life, there is an increased understanding and acceptance.

"I can see the bigger picture of what the mission needs," said Kyle. "It makes it easier to get on board with the decisions leadership makes. I wish it had been relayed to me differently when I was a younger Airman with kids."

Nicole agreed.

"We have a lot more responsibilities now as noncommissioned officers than as Airmen. Now we are taking care of people at work and at home. I guess in a way, for me, becoming a mom first, helped prepare me to be a leader."

Though the demands of dual military couples can be problematic, Kyle and Nicole's unwavering commitment to each other and to their children make it possible to readily face any challenge.

"Having us both in is cool because we understand the job that each of us does. Sometimes, spouses don't know what their significant other does every day at work," said Nicole. "It also made the deployments easier in my mind because we knew the locations and our resources."

"It's also cool because we can talk military jargon with each other and have an

understanding of some of the stressors that may be going on," said Nicole. "At the supervisory level, we can bounce ideas off each other and learn together. It's also neat to almost get an inside seat to see how another squadron operates. Kyle is also as a key spouse and can share his insight of not only being a spouse, but also being in the military."

"She makes me think bigger than maintenance when I talk to her about my troops and how to help them," said Kyle. "She always has that important phone number when I don't know who to call."

Nicole is very proud of her daughters, especially her eldest, who at only three years of age has seen one or the other parent go through two six-month deployments and three

TDYs.

"It's amazing how resilient kids are," she said.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center and the family child care office offers several child care programs, including the "Give Parents A Break" program, provides free child care at the Youth Center and Child Development Centers to active duty members who are deployed more than 30 days through the Air Force Aid Society and AFRC. For more information contact the AFRC at (707)-424-2486.

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Pilot

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“You can choose to stay in your room on the weekends, or you can choose to go see the city,” said Zhang. “I traveled and explored every weekend.”

On his second trip to Beijing, China, in 2015, Zhang increased his Chinese vocabulary and knowledge through a graduate program taught by professors from Peking University, one of the top universities in China. There, he learned professional language and technical terms, he said.

The professors held conversations with the students on U.S.-China relations, international relations and current events, he said.

Zhang’s most recent overseas trip in 2016 built on his experiences as he worked as a language facilitator and cultural expert for approximately 20 members of the Air Force’s Air War College. AWC is a professional military school focused on developing senior officers as strategic leaders in national security and international relations.

“There was a certain mentorship and professional development that (the trip) offered, because I got to interact with future colonels and generals in the Air Force,” said Zhang. “I got a glimpse of what international leaders do at a higher level and how they engage with one another.”

Since his time in LEAP, Zhang has also taken several of the program’s live, online language courses, called eMentor, where he practiced his Mandarin with professional language instructors and other students. As a result, he is now certified as part of LEAP’s “Enabled” bench and holds the LEAP Special Experience Identifier.

Zhang presented all three trips and his online training experiences in LEAP at Maxwell AFB. The conference hosted several LEAP participants this year from various languages as a way to gain insight from the program. Each Airman’s story proved LEAP has developed them to be culturally confident Airmen, said Zhang.

“I believe seeing those meetings (on my trips), discussing those topics and being able to interact with leaders is

a strategic benefit for my development as an Airman,” he said.

The LREC Symposium also hosted speakers from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Air Command and Staff College, as well as key speaker retired General Roger A.

Brady, former commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

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Summit

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home country, the Philippines, served as a preschool teacher in Japan and as the school-age coordinator at bases in England and Turkey.

She said it's important to nurture and develop all children, but that military children endure unique challenges.

"The children of our military and civilian personnel deserve our utmost care each

and every day," she said. "They go through a lot of stress that come with deployments, separations and 24/7 operations. We take pride in ensuring we provide quality care. The greatest reward is knowing that we are making a difference in the lives of children, seeing their smiles and hearing their laughter."

The summit, which is a collaboration between BGCA and Harvard Business School, will feature regional and national conferences with the first scheduled May 9-12 in Dallas.

In June, attendees will travel to Boston to attend a five-day HBS in-residence program followed by a conference in Atlanta in October. The conference will feature exercises, case studies and presentations from HBS faculty, all focused on solving the most pressing challenges facing the BGCA.

Basaca will be one of only eight military-affiliated leaders at the summit.

"I nominated (Basaca) for this opportunity because she is an exemplary leader," said

Gregory Doss, BGCA director of Organizational Development and Military and Outreach Services. "Her youth center continuously strives to ensure youth attending its programs experience optimal club opportunities. The programs at Travis encourage youth to reach their full potential."

"During the summit, she will have the opportunity to share her leadership insight with others in the BGCA," said Doss "She will also have the chance to educate others about

military-serving organizations." Basaca said she's looking forward to attending the summit and learning from others.

"I'm really excited to meet my counterparts and see how their traditional clubs provide care for children, the impact those clubs have on children and see how that differs from a military-affiliated club," said Basaca. "I'm also looking forward to sharing challenges, successes and ideas to improve our programs and quality of care."

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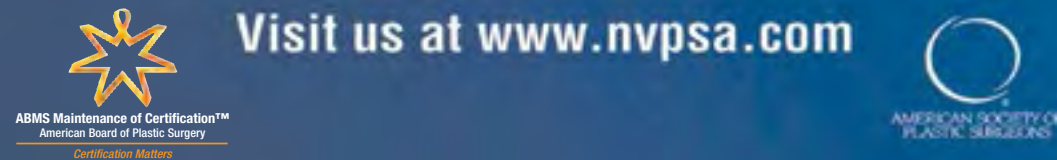


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to stop you from moving forward and reaching your full potential? Will you allow a negative person to ruin your day, make you lose control, or force you to give up on your dreams? When such temptations come to mind, just ask yourself: Do I want to be happy or miserable? If on any given day, negative drama surrounds you, consider changing your surroundings. If you can't change your surroundings, hang on to your own positive attitude and don't let other people drag you down.

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10:30 a.m. Smoke-N-Thunder (Jet Truck)	1:35 p.m. F-18 Tactical Demo
10:45 a.m. Rich Perkins' Russian Thunder (YAK-54)	1:55 p.m. Barry Hancock (T-6 Warbird)
11 a.m. Bob Carlton (Super Salto Jet Sailplane)	2:05 p.m. Billy Werth (Pitts S2C)
11:10 a.m. Billy & David Werth (Sibling Rivalry)	2:20 p.m. Rich Perkins and the Firecat
11:25 a.m. Dan Buchanan (Hang Glider)	2:35 p.m. Bob Carlton (Sub-Sonex Microjet)
11:35 a.m. Travis Flyovers (C-17, C-5M and KC-10)	3 p.m. USAF Thunderbirds
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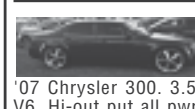
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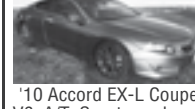
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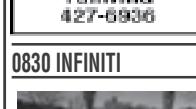
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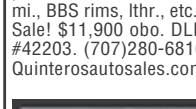
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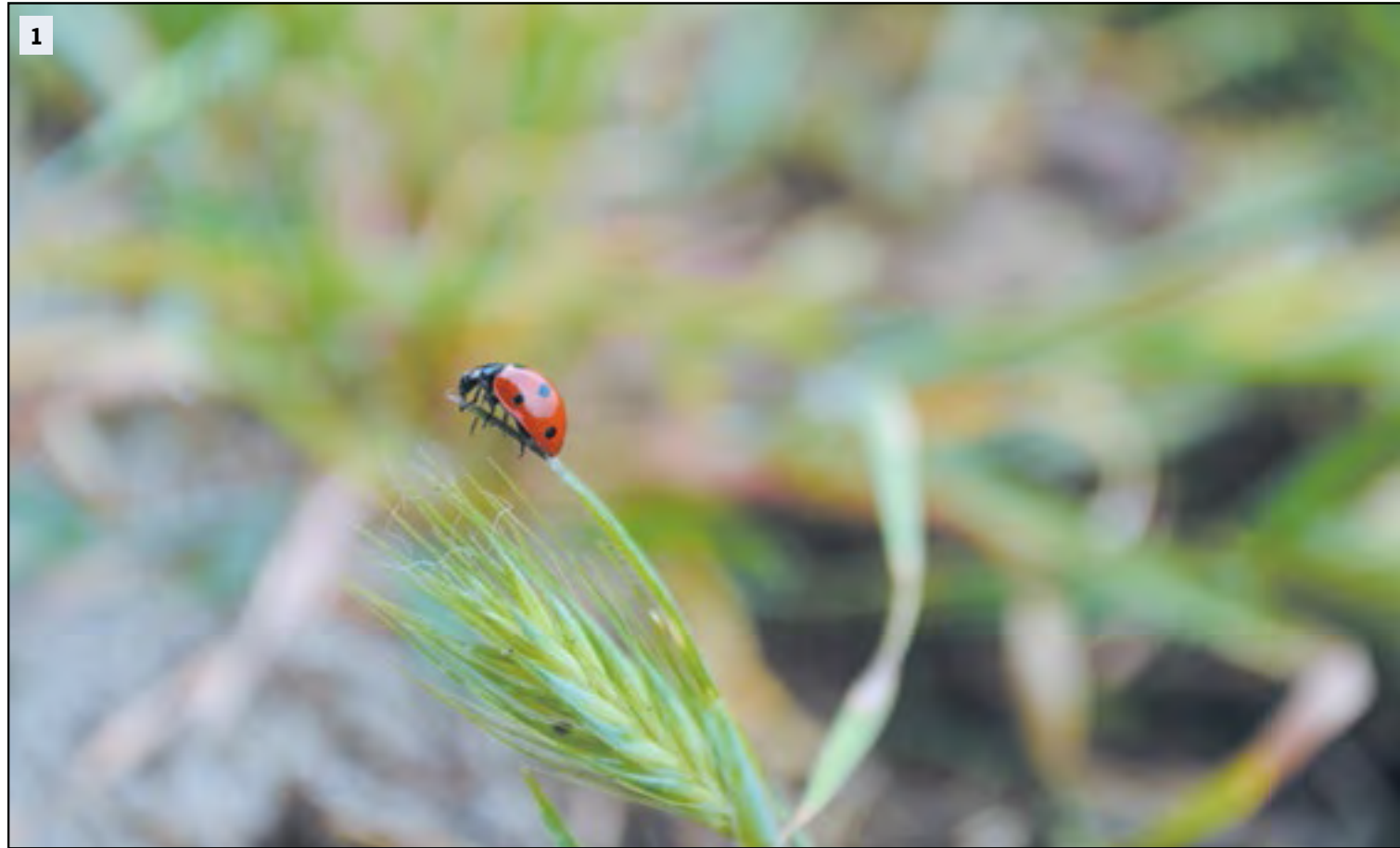
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others up close. Additionally, there will be aerial performances by the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, the U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue parachute team and the world-renowned America’s Ambassadors in Blue, the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

We are excited that you have joined us for this celebration of airpower. Throughout the entire event, we encourage you to interact with the service members who are part of a long and proud legacy of defending freedom. We thank you for your continued support of Travis Air Force Base and hope you enjoy “Wings Over Solano!”

Demonstrations

The Thunderbirds are charged with demonstrating the capabilities of the greatest Air Force in the world. All Thunderbirds pilots come from operational combat units and are all highly experienced fighter pilots. Together, the 2017 team has flown more than 13,200 hours in the A-10C Thunderbolt II, F-15E Strike Eagle, and the F-16 Fighting Falcon, accumulating over 3,300 combat hours, and employing over 160,000 LBS of munitions onto enemy targets.

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The Diamond

The four-ship Diamond is a legendary formation used by airshow demonstration teams around the world. The Thunderbirds’ version puts high-performance fighter aircraft as close as 18 inches apart from each other flying roughly 500 miles per hour.

The Delta

For most of the Thunderbirds’ demonstration, spectators experience a combination of both precision capabilities of Air Force pilots through the Diamond maneuvers and the performance capabilities of the F-16 through the solo profile. Then the performance switches gears, and all six pilots come together in the famed Delta formation. The Delta is a display of aerial teamwork and the perfect way to close the show and instill patriotic pride.

The Solos

An F-16 can sneak up on enemies at almost 600 miles per hour, or it can crawl through the sky going no faster than a sedan on an interstate highway. It can make a 360-degree turn in tight airspace or fly several miles straight up into the sky. The Thunderbirds solo pilots do all that and much more in every performance, giving airshow attendees an appreciation for the capabilities of a combat-tested, multirole fighter jet.

Air Show Demonstration Maneuvers

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Thunderbirds to soar over Solano

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS

The main attraction of the 2017 “Wings Over Solano” Travis Air Expo and Open House is a performance by the United States Air Force Thunderbirds.

Now in its 63rd season, the Thunderbirds are the United States Air Force’s premier aerial demonstration team.

The group last performed at Travis in 2014.

The Thunderbirds perform more than 70 shows per year, showcasing the pride and precision of today’s Air Force.

During the performance, the Thunderbirds perform a mixture of formation flying and solo routines with the F-16 Fighting Falcon to demonstrate the precision and training of Air Force pilots.

The Thunderbirds were officially activated as a unit May 25, 1953, at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The unit adopted the name Thunderbirds,

influenced in part by the Native American culture and folklore from the Southwest.

In its earliest days, the team flew and maintained the F-84G Thunderjet. The straight-wing configuration of the F-84G was considered well-suited for aerobatic and demonstration maneuvers, though the aircraft could not exceed the speed of sound.

The original demonstration comprised of a series of formation aerobatics, lasting a total of 15 minutes. The “solo” was not originally incorporated

into the demonstration, however, as the season progressed, the team took opportunities to perform “solo” maneuvers with a spare aircraft.

Always trying to display the most advanced fighters of the age, the swept-wing F-84F Thunderstreak became the team’s new aircraft in 1955.

After one season in the F-84F Thunderstreak, the Thunderbirds traded aircraft again and became the world’s first supersonic aerial demonstration

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U.S. Army photo

Golden Knights drop in on Travis

STAFF SGT. NICOLE LEIDHOLM
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As one of only three Department of Defense-sanctioned aerial demonstration teams, the United States Army Golden Knights are scheduled to co-headline the air show "Wings Over Solano" May 6-7 at Travis Air Force Base, California.

For over 58 years, members of the U.S. Army Parachute Team have been marking the milestones of

achievement and an evolution of excellence serving as ambassadors of the Army's only official demonstration team. The Golden Knights portray the image of being the most formidable parachuting competitors and demonstrators in the world today.

If you mention the name "Golden Knights" to someone today in any of the fifty states, most likely what comes to mind is a phenomenal demonstration they watched in past years at an air show or sporting event. But

if you mention it to a sport parachutist, they will most likely think of the competitors they jumped against or heard about in parachute meets across the country or abroad.

The Golden Knights have performed more than 17,000 shows in all 50 states and 48 countries since their formation, reaching more than 20,000 people per show.

The 82 men and women who make up the Golden Knights are separated into nine sections - The Black and

Gold demonstration teams, a tandem team, four competition teams, an aviation detachment and the headquarters section.

The Golden Knights last visited Travis for the 2014 Open House and Air Expo.

For more information about this year's Travis Air Show, log on to the official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TravisAirShow or visit www.travis.af.mil/TravisAirShow.



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Air Force Academy.

The United States Air Force Academy's parachute team, the Wings of Blue, is co-headlining the May 6-7 Travis Air Force Base, California, air show, "Wings Over Solano."

Each year, the Wings of Blue Demonstration Team performs at more than 50 special events in front of more than 2 million spectators. Demonstration venues include airshows, NFL games, college football games and special events across the nation and around the world. The Wings of Blue have demonstrated their intricate aerial skills at major venues such as the BCS National Championship Game, the Orange Bowl, the Rose Bowl, the Fiesta Bowl, the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, NFL Monday Night Football games, NASCAR races, civilian airshows and Department of Defense open houses.

Wings of Blue demonstrators strive for excellence at each performance, both in the air and on the ground. The Wings of Blue demonstrators are proud to represent the United States Air Force and the

The demonstration team also takes the time to interact with each community it visits throughout the show season, not only at the demonstration site but also through hospital and school visits, hoping to share its mission and inspire all who the team meets to strive for noble goals.

Wings of Blue demonstrations are tailored based on the show site the team is jumping into. Jumpers in the demo can vary from four to 14 and can jump from altitudes varying from 2,500 feet to 15,000 feet above the ground. Demonstration jumpers typically wear smoke grenades to add to the visibility for the crowd on the ground.

Popular demo maneuvers include the Wings of Blue bomb-burst, in which jumpers utilize their flying skills to join in formation in the sky. Upon command from the lead jumper, each skydiver performs a 180 degree turn and tracks in separate directions of the flight line, creating an incredible burst effect. Upon

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Thunderbirds' legacy spans decades

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS

In 1947, while the jet age was still in its infancy, military aviation was hurtled into the future with the creation of the U.S. Air Force as a separate service. Just six years later, on May 25, 1953, the Air Force's official air demonstration team, designated the 3600th Air Demonstration Unit, was activated at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. The unit adopted the name "Thunderbirds," influenced in part by the strong Native American culture and folklore from the southwestern United States where Luke Air Force Base is located.

Seven officers and 22 enlisted were selected for the first demonstration team. Maj. Dick Catledge, a training squadron commander at Luke AFB, was chosen as the team's leader. Twins Bill and Buck Pattillo were selected and flew the left and right wing, respectively. The Pattillos, both captains, were ideal choices as both had flown with a demonstration team for the previous three years.

For the difficult position of slot, the position sandwiched between both wingmen and behind the leader, Capt. Bob Kanaga was selected. The spare pilot was Capt. Bob McCormick. Like the Pattillo brothers, he also had demonstration team experience. First Lt. Aubry Brown served as the maintenance officer for the team. Lt. Brown, along with Master Sgt. Earl Young, selected 21 enlisted men to help maintain the team's aircraft. Capt. Bill Brock was the final officer selected for the team. He served as the information officer and team narrator.

From these humble beginnings and this group of men, the Air Force Thunderbird legend was born.

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After one season in the F-84F Thunderstreak, the Thunderbirds traded aircraft again and became the world's first supersonic aerial demonstration team as it transitioned to the F-100C Super Sabre in 1956. That same year, to simplify logistics and maintenance for the aircraft, the Thunderbirds moved to Nellis AFB, Nev. Although never a regular part of the show, the solo would fly supersonic at the request of an air show sponsor in 1956. Eventually, the Federal Aviation Administration banned all supersonic flight at air shows, and consequently, today's sequence is entirely subsonic.

Nearly forgotten, the F-105B Thunderchief performed only six shows between April 26 and May 9, 1964. Following an unfortunate accident in the F-105, the team transitioned back to the Super Sabre following the incident and the F-100 remained with the team for nearly 13 years.

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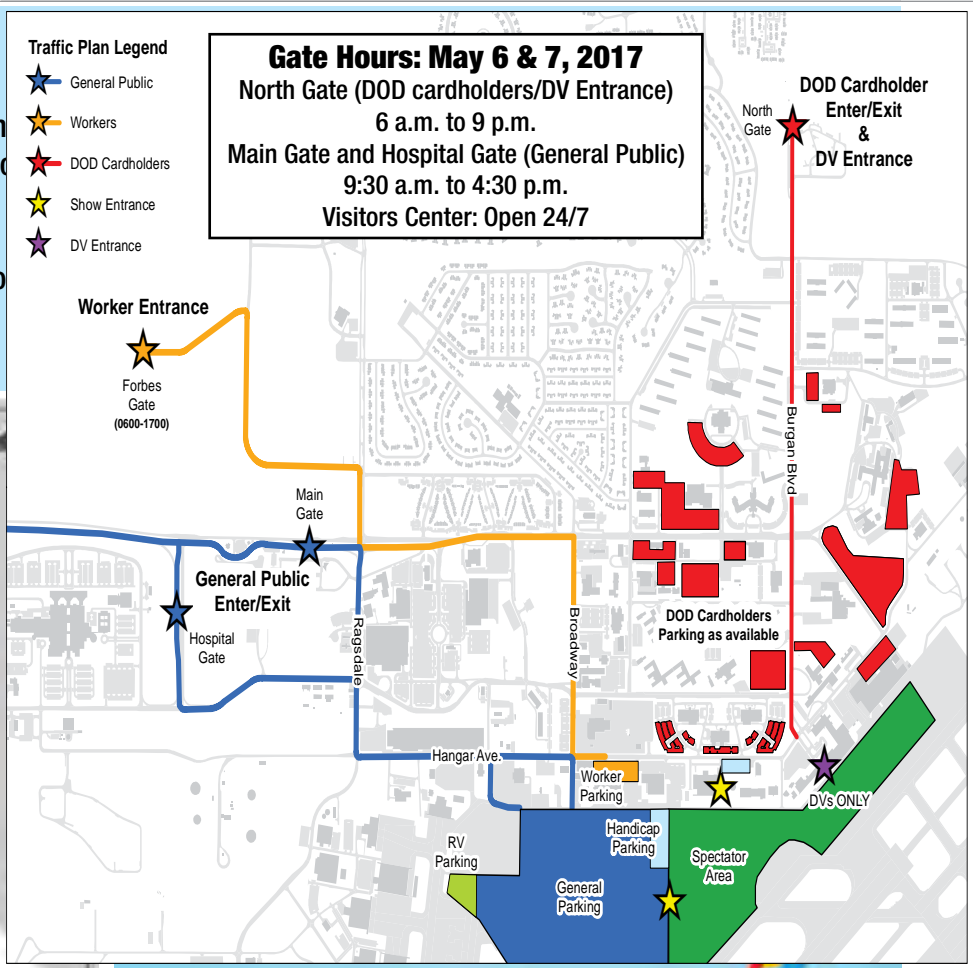
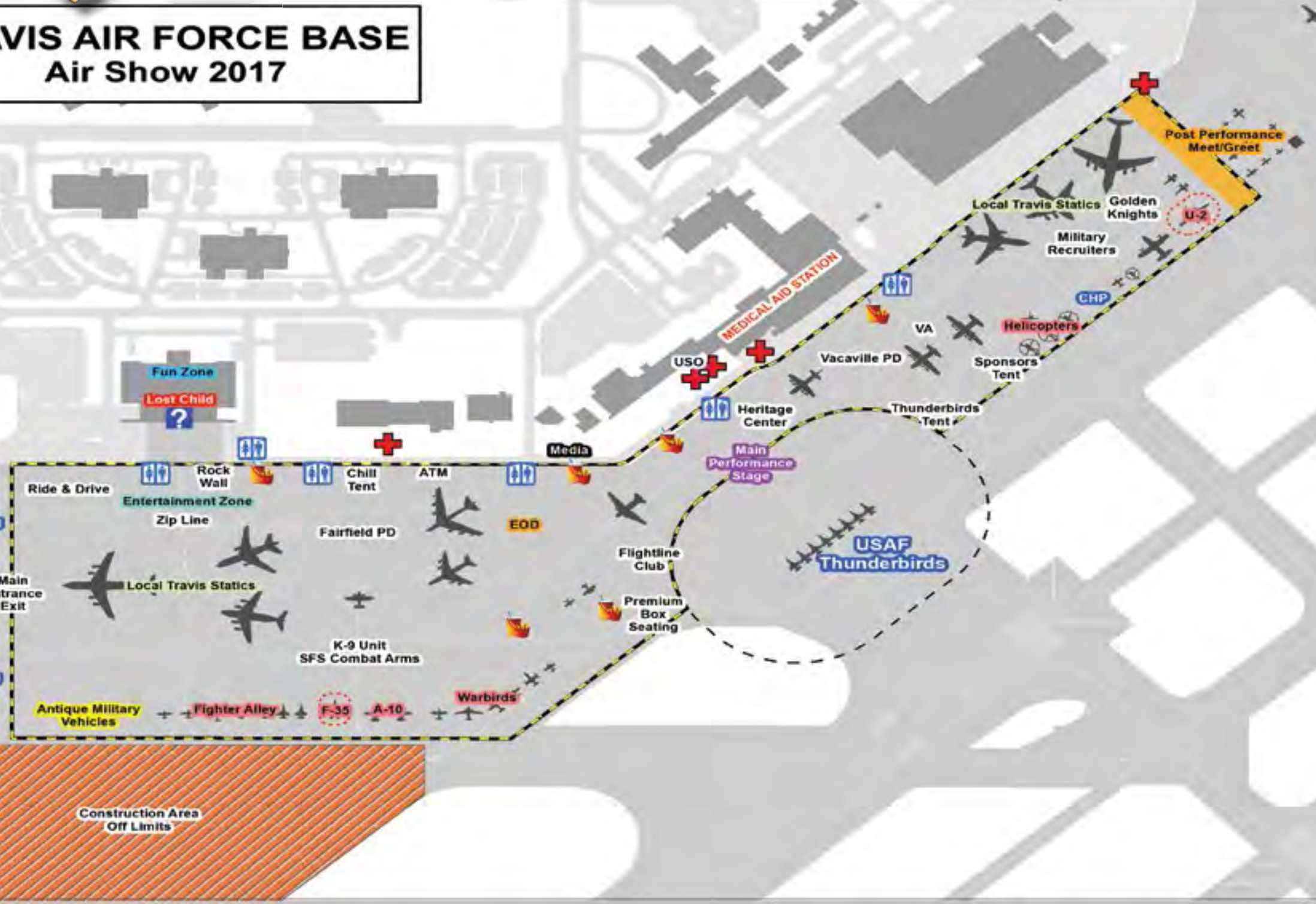
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10:30 am	Anthony Oshinuga
10:45 am	Smoke-N-Thunder (Jet Car)
11:00 am	Rich Perkins' (Russian Thunder)
11:15 am	Bob Carlton (Vertigo Jet)
11:30 am	Billy & David Werth (Sibling Rivalry)
11:45 am	Dan Buchanan (Hang Glider)
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12:15 pm	US Army Golden Knights
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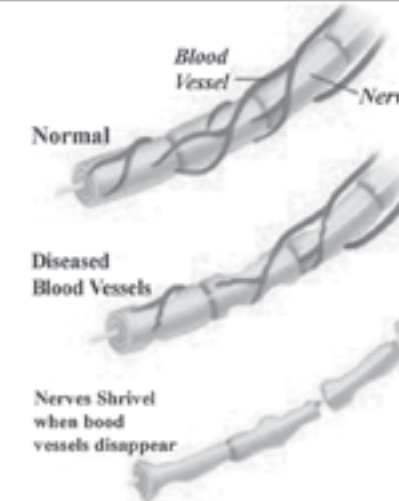


Figure 2: When these very small blood vessels become diseased they begin to shrivel up and the nerves begin to degenerate.

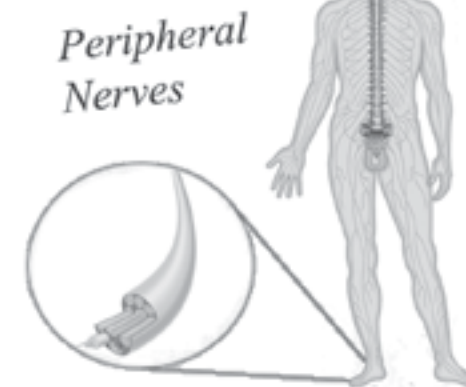


Figure 1: Notice the very small blood vessels surrounding each nerve.

Peripheral neuropathy is a result of damage to the nerves often causing weakness, pain, numbness, tingling, and the most debilitating balance problems. This damage is commonly caused by a lack of blood flow to the nerves in the hands and feet which causes the nerves to begin to degenerate due to lack of nutrient flow.

As you can see in Figure 2, as the blood vessels that surround the nerves become diseased they shrivel up which causes the nerves to not get the nutrients to continue to survive. When these

3) How much treatment will your condition require?

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- 2) Stimulate small fiber nerves
- 3) Decrease brain-based pain

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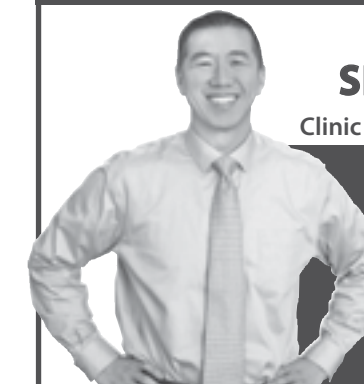
The low level light therapy is like watering a plant. The light therapy will allow the blood vessels to grow back around the peripheral nerves and provide them with the proper nutrients to heal and repair. It's like adding water to a plant and seeing the roots grow deeper and deeper.

The amount of treatment needed to allow the nerves to fully recover varies from person to person and can only be determined after a detailed neurological and vascular evaluation. As long as you have not sustained at least 85% nerve damage there is hope!

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this newly formed team performed their first demonstration in Danville, Virginia.

On June 15, 1961, the Department of Defense announced that the team would become the United States Army Parachute Team. The team is one of three authorized Department of Defense aerial demonstration teams, along with the Thunderbirds and Blue Angels.

In 1961, the team had a meeting to select a team nickname and they chose the Golden Knights. On Oct. 15, 1962, the team confirmed the nickname on the competition field of battle.

"Golden" signified the gold medals the team had won; "Knights" proved they were world champions and the team's ability to "conquer the skies."

The team

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Parachute: Team set for Travis

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speaking with the Army's target audience at air shows, schools, sporting events and hospitals, the team is able to direct potential applicants to the on-site Army recruiters.

The demonstration teams

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Legacy: Millions see AF team

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Remaining true to its character to showcase the latest advancement in America's fighter technology, the first red, white and blue F-16A assigned to the Thunderbirds was delivered to Nellis AFB on Jun. 22, 1982. Due to the conversion to the new aircraft, there were no official shows flown in 1982. The team flew the F-16 during the 1983 show season; making it the team's ninth aircraft and once again returning to flying a front-line fighter.

In 1997, the Thunderbirds performed 57 demonstrations for more than 12 million people in the spirit and theme of the Air Force's 50th anniversary. The year was memorialized with the Thunderbirds Delta pictured on the official Air Force 50th Anniversary U.S. Postal stamp. On Sept. 18, 1997, the United States Postal Service had official unveilings of the stamp in both the Pentagon

and the Thunderbird hangar.

The Thunderbirds made television history in 2003 while celebrating their 50th Anniversary. The commander/leader started the Coca-Cola 600 by broadcasting live from Thunderbirds No. 1 as he said, "Gentlemen, start your engines."

In 2007, the Thunderbirds visited Europe for the first time since Sept. 11, 2001 with the European Goodwill Tour. The trip included shows in Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Italy, France, United Kingdom, and for the first time in Thunderbirds history, Ireland.

The team took its fifth Far East tour during the 2009 show season. The team's tour included visits to Hawaii, Australia, Thailand, Guam, Malaysia, Japan and Korea. The team performed more than 70 shows in 22 states and Puerto Rico in 2009.

The team's 59th show season included stops in Alaska and Canada, plus dozens more.

In 2013, the team flew only 2 demonstrations after leaders throughout the DOD were forced to make several tough, but necessary decisions to accommodate sequestration. The jets did not fly for the rest of that season, but despite flying limitations, the team excelled by interacting with more than 10,000 students and continuing to share the Air Force message.

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The Thunderbirds Delta Formation perform the Delta Closer on Nov. 2, 2014, during the Amigo Airshow, at Santa Teresa, N.M.

Thunderbirds: Aerial acrobatics team approaches its 50th year

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team as it transitioned to the F-100C Super Sabre in 1956. That same year, to simplify logistics and maintenance for the aircraft, the Thunderbirds moved to Nellis AFB, Nevada.

Although never a regular part of the show, the solo would fly supersonic at the request of an air show sponsor in 1956. Eventually, the Federal Aviation Administration banned all supersonic flight at air shows and, consequently, today's sequence is

entirely subsonic.

Nearly forgotten, the F-105B Thunderchief performed only six shows between April 26 and May 9, 1964. After an accident in the F-105, the team transitioned back to the Super Sabre and the F-100 remained with the team for nearly 13 years.

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The Thunderbirds appeared on television in 2003 at the start of the Coca-Cola 600 while celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Recent years have brought the team to its first performances in Europe and Asia.

Jump: Team takes many forms

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deploying their canopies, the Wings of Blue set up canopy "stacks" and land in succession on the target area.

Demonstrators also sometimes perform Canopy Relative Work in which they join their parachutes together and fly as one. Upon landing, demonstrators move immediately to the crowd, where they will sign autographs, take pictures and answer questions.

The WOBs have a rich 49-year history of parachuting at the USAFA. From their roots as an unsanctioned group of five cadets secretly sky diving, to a team of cadets officially named as the Air Force parachute team, the Wings of Blue have become internationally recognized.

The cadets and staff from the 89th Flying Training Squadron, the official home of the Wings of Blue, have a long-standing commitment to personal and organizational excellence in addition to their history of success.

For more information about this year's Travis Air Show, log on to the official



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Parachutists with the Air Force Wings of Blue Parachute Competition Team attempt to set a three-point, 32-way college record Dec. 28, 2011, during a jump competition over Eloy, Ariz.

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