



Air show leaves community ...

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To blaze new trail, take every opportunity

When opportunity knocks, you answer, right? That's what I did last year when I was selected to lead Joint Team Records, responsible for moving presidential records, gifts and artifacts of the outgoing administration in accordance with the Presidential Records Act. It was a tremendous opportunity for an Air Force officer to lead a joint team and work with interagency partners and executive staff. In 2014, I was asked to return to active duty to assist with a program I managed when I originally left active



Commentary by Lt. Col. Vianesa Vargas
82ND AERIAL PORT SQUADRON

duty in 2011. This duty was at the Air Force District of Washington, an Air Force direct reporting unit. Upon completion of the program I was asked to extend, as the Joint Task Force-National Capital Region specifically asked if a logistician could lead the presidential records effort. My supervision at the AFDW wanted me. There were two problems at other levels; 1. I was a Reservist, and 2. I was a commander. After months of vetting, attending meetings and conducting briefings, I was selected. Since it had been 10 years since having my hands in operational

Commander's Commentary

logistics, I told the planners that I wished to pick the skill-set of my deputy. I didn't care where the individual came from, however, I wanted an officer proficient in airlift planning. I was granted my wish, and went to work deployed on a unit line number in Washington, D.C. I was one of the first of the JTF team commanders on the scene in August 2016. My days largely consisted of meetings and getting to know the lay of the land. Because I was embedded with the Army at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C., I also attended morning

physical training sessions. The JTF was largely responsible for all aspects of presidential ceremonial transition. It is a complex muscle move, with many moving parts. Fortunately for me and my team, we operated out of the National Archives building near the White House where our operation remained until completion six months later. We were the first team in and last out. I led two branches - "Team D.C.," who, besides my operations officer, also included an Army infantry officer and 25 Soldiers from the 3d Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). Additionally, I was allotted 40 Sailors on the Chicago end - "Team Chicago," which consisted of a Navy lieutenant and

personnel from Naval Air Station Great Lakes, Illinois. We worked to secure the president's legacy, moving over 230 short tons of cargo on 51 trucks and a single C-5M Super Galaxy over a six-month period. As a history aficionado, it was a dream to work in the National Archives. As an Air Force officer, it was particularly exciting to lead a diverse group of military professionals from three different services at this stage in my career. I was told this was the most seamless and efficient presidential move since President Carter, the first time the military led the duty. Something tells me you will see more Air Force logisticians replace me in that duty in the future.

Golf course manager honored for clinic aiding vets

Nick DeCicco
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Though Travis Air Force Base, California's Cypress Lakes Golf Course in Vacaville, California, has a built-in military audience by nature, its general manager, Jessie Walker, is working to broaden it. While active-duty, Reservists, veterans and retirees are among the 18-hole course's most frequent guests, Walker helped launch the Professional Golfers Association of America Helping Our Patriots Everywhere clinic in Northern California, a PGA military initiative that helps bring veterans back to the links. Although golf is the driver, Walker said that's not the clinic's primary goal. "It's not about golf. It really isn't. We just use golf as a vehicle," said Walker. "We're more than anything getting them socialized, getting them back into society." For his efforts, the Northern California section of the PGA recognized Walker with the 2016 Patriot of the Year Award, an honor bestowed on PGA Professionals whose actions support the military through participation in the game of golf. He now competes for the award against other regional winners across the PGA. Walker was instrumental in bringing the clinic to Cypress Lakes, launching in 2015. He saw a friend, Doug Carlton, golf course manager at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, post about the clinic on social media, inspiring Walker to inquire further. In addition to managing Cypress Lakes, Walker is a PGA Professional, a certification that comes from the PGA. Walker described it as "basically a bachelor's in golf course administration and operation." Because of his affiliation with the organization, Walker answered



Jessie Walker, Professional Golfers Association instructor, meets with military veterans before the start of the PGA's Helping Our Patriots Everywhere event May 5 at the Cypress Lakes Golf Course in Vacaville, Calif. Dozens of veterans attended the event designed to teach golf skills and bring prior service members together.

the call when the nearby Northern California PGA headquarters in Vacaville, California, asked about hosting the first PGA HOPE clinic at Cypress Lakes. The free, eight-week course welcomes veterans regardless of their experience level with the game. Walker said, because some veterans have physical challenges that present

obstacles to golfing, part of his training for the clinic included learning how to golf through "adaptive" training to help teachers understand the limitations some may face, including missing limbs or difficulty hearing. "We have a gentleman in this class who just put on his prosthetic leg six months ago," said Walker. "He's

learning to move in general in addition to golf." Stan Lykins, assistant manager at Cypress Lakes, said that in addition to the adaptive training, the course also offers carts that allow golfers to swing a club while seated in a swiveling chair. Though the PGA HOPE began small, See CLINIC Page 24



Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Patricia Kaw'ia
349TH MEDICAL GROUP

Challenge status quo to push service forward

We are all familiar with the Airman's Creed. What does it mean to you? What do our family and friends think when they hear it? The creed is pretty clear about who we should be, but sometimes our personal perceptions may interfere with meeting its lofty goal. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said, "We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing; while others judge us by what we have already done." In these challenging times of

Chief's Commentary

scarce resources and minimal manpower, there is the propensity for taking shortcuts. No one wants to admit we can't accomplish something. We may not have the ability to change our resource issues, but we can change our perspective of the situation. Now is the time for thinking outside the box, using critical thinking skills to develop new ways to complete the mission under current

constraints. The best way to do this is through continued process improvement. The Airmen at the roots of any process have the power to make changes that benefit the mission. I am sure at some time in your career you have said, "Why are we doing this?" If you find yourself asking this question, it might be time to rethink the process. We are continually asked to do more with less, and it probably won't get better anytime soon. Continue to innovate in your thinking, open your

options and seek improvement in all you do. We are a great force going through hard times. Build on your foundation of skills and knowledge to get the job done. Pass on that knowledge to develop more critical thinkers. Changing your perception of an issue can open a whole new view on situations impacting the future. Challenge yourself to answer our nation's call, be a guardian of freedom and justice, a wingman, leader and warrior. Remember, we all are American Airmen.

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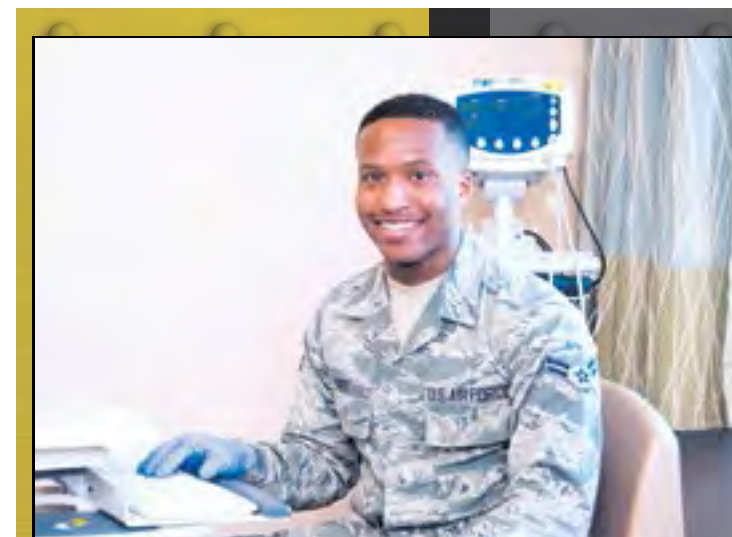
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On the cover

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform an aerial demonstration during the Wings Over Solano Air Show May 6 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The two-day event also featured performances by the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, flyovers and static displays.

U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Briscese



U.S. Air Force photo/T.C. Perkins Jr.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name: Airman 1st Class Joshua Irby.	Hometown: Anchorage, Alaska.	Family: Single.
Unit: 60th Inpatient Squadron.	Time in service: Three years.	What are your hobbies? Cinematography.
Duty title: Inpatient psych technician.	What are your goals? Get Community College of the Air Force and open a business one day.	What is your greatest achievement? Graduated high school.

DGMC development helps in fight

Senior Airman Ryan Conroy
24TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A breakthrough medical device developed in part by the Clinical Investigation Facility at Travis Air Force Base, California, is now being used by deployed Special Operations Surgical Teams to save the lives of critically injured patients.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the REBOA catheter, or resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta, in January 2016. It is a device that is inserted into a hemorrhaging vessel and stops or slows the blood flow to that injury while allowing blood flow to continue to vital organs and other body parts. Researchers developed the REBOA after identifying a need for a device that can slow bleeding, without damaging vital organs, long enough for the patient to receive the life-saving care he or she needs.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Benjamin Mitchell, an emergency medicine physician assigned to a SOST, spearheaded the use of the REBOA in deployed medical techniques as the primary care provider during deployments in support of operations Inherent Resolve, Resolute Support and Enduring Freedom.

SOSTs are Air Force teams of mobile surgical specialists with advanced medical and tactics training, employed in austere or hostile areas where there is little to no other surgical support. These teams train to save lives within the golden hour, and are placed close to the battle outside of any established healthcare facilities – reducing time between injury and care.

In a small, concrete house operating with tools from their rucksacks, Mitchell and his SOST used four ER-REBOA catheters on four seriously injured patients with



Courtesy photo

The Special Operations Surgical Team, including Lt. Col. (Dr.) Benjamin Mitchell, poses at a forward location. Lt. Col. Mathew Uber, Maj. (Dr.) Justin Manley, Maj. Nelson Pacheco, Capt. Cade Reedy and Tech. Sgt. Richard Holguin are part of Mitchell's SOST.

a 100 percent survival rate. This was the first time in the Defense Department this was done outside of a hospital.

"In SOST, you get to work with some of the best medical care providers in the military," said Mitchell. "We operate at a high level of readiness and focus, and my team reflects the highest professionalism under extreme conditions."

The six-member SOST is composed of an emergency physician, general surgeon, nurse anesthetist, critical care nurse, surgical technician and respiratory therapist, and provides four unique medical capabilities: advanced trauma resuscitation, tactical damage control surgery, post-op critical care and critical care evaluation.

For his efforts with the REBOA and other techniques, Mitchell was recognized by the Jackson Foundation with the 2017 Heroes of Military Medicine Award at an annual awards banquet on May 4. The annual award is given to active-duty military

medical professionals – one recipient each from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Heroes of Military Medicine Awards honors outstanding contributions by individuals who have distinguished themselves through excellence and selfless dedication to advancing military medicine and enhancing the lives and health of our nation's wounded, ill and injured service members, veterans and civilians.

Mitchell credits the SOST as a whole over his individual contributions. Everything that happened required a highly-skilled team of specialists who could work under intense pressure in a combat zone.

Mitchell specifically remembers one moment when a local fighter arrived at the team's makeshift operation room, shot through the collar bone and bleeding profusely. Their team was short on blood due to the constant flow of patients arriving at the casualty collection point, so a member of the SOST donated

his own blood to save him.

"Our team was so well-trained and focused; we controlled the bleeding, got him in surgery and saved his life," said Mitchell. "Ten days later that guy walked into our tent and thanked our team ... it was incredible and rewarding."

This REBOA development has significantly improved combat trauma resuscitation and directly saved a growing count of lives in the past year, said Dr. Bradley Williams, assistant director of medical education and research at DGMC.

The Clinical Investigation Facility, located at David Grant USAF Medical Center, is one of seven Air Force medical facilities with formal clinical investigation programs and resources. The facility was recently awarded the 2016 60th Air Mobility Wing Team of the Year award, partly as a result of its contributions to the REBOA development.

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SFS gets its own 'flight surgeon'

Merrie Schilter-Lowe
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For the past eight months, Maj. (Dr.) Gabriel Briscoe, 60th Medical Group family medicine physician, has learned the challenges and numerous responsibilities of security forces specialists at Travis Air Force Base, California.

With the help of a nurse and two medical technicians, Briscoe provides one-stop medical care to more than 200 members of the 60th Security Forces Squadron and their family members ages 16 and up.

"The idea is that they all see the same physician who is familiar with the stresses and the kind of medical problems they face, that I have a direct line of communication with the commander and the first sergeant and vice versa," said Briscoe.

Before he went to medical school, Briscoe was a pilot.

"We have a similar type program as (aircrew members) have unique needs," he said. "This program gives security forces members access to care that could impact their mission."

Because of their mission, security forces members face more mental and physical stressors than most other career fields, said Briscoe.

"Most people only see them when they come in the gate. That's about the most interaction they have with them," said Briscoe.

"They don't realize the frequent deployments, that they are on the front lines of combat handling the mission of the Air Force. I didn't," he said.

One thing Briscoe is learning is that security forces members wear many hats – maintaining law and order on the installation, providing combat arms training,

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Sullenberger flies with Air Force Thunderbirds

Ian Thompson
DAILY REPUBLIC

Stepping into the waiting F-16 Fighting Falcon, Chelsey "Sully" Sullenberger grinned when he noticed that his name had been stenciled on the side of the high-performance fighter.

"This is a really nice touch," Sullenberger said, running his hands along the name.

The Thunderbirds ground crewman who was helping him simply smiled in acknowledgment.

Sullenberger, the aviator who had pulled off "the miracle on the Hudson" years ago, was at Travis Air Force Base on Thursday to take up the invitation from the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration squadron to fly with them.

The Thunderbirds had arrived earlier in the day to start preparing for the show they will put on as part of the Wings Over Solano air show and open house last weekend. Sullenberger and his wife drove up from their home in Danville.

One could not be sure who was more honored – Sullenberger, who got to fly the Air Force's best fighter with some

"It is great to see all these people carry on this tradition."

— Chelsey Sullenberger

of the best pilots in the Air Force, or the Thunderbird team members who got to meet Sullenberger.

Sullenberger was the U.S. Airways pilot who successfully crash-landed his aircraft in the Hudson River in January 2009, saving everyone on board after bird strikes knocked out both the aircraft's engines.

He had previously visited Travis Air Force Base and talked with Airmen about his experiences later in 2009.

Then-60th Air Mobility Wing vice commander Col. Mike Minihan introduced him as "a very humble hero and an airman with a capitol A."

The last time Sullenberger flew an Air Force fighter aircraft was when he piloted an F-4 Phantom with the 474th Tactical Fighter Wing.

Sullenberger called the F-16

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Former airline pilot Chelsey "Sully" Sullenberger III gives a thumbs up before his flight with the United States Air Force Thunderbirds May 4 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Sullenberger is a 1973 Air Force Academy graduate and is best known for successfully landing a crippled airliner in the Hudson River, saving the lives of 155 passengers in 2009.

U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Briscoe



PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSED PERIMETER FENCE UPGRADE ON TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

The United States Air Force, Travis Air Force Base (TAFB), California announces the intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment of the proposed perimeter fence upgrade. The upgrade is required to secure the base from unauthorized vehicle access.

Floodplains and wetlands have been identified in the Proposed Action area. Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 11988, Floodplain Management; EO 13690, Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input; and EO 11990, Protection of Wetlands; the long and short term adverse impacts to floodplains and wetlands should be avoided to the extent practicable.

Additionally, EOs 11988 and 11990 require a Finding of No Practicable Alternative prior to proceeding with actions that would impact floodplains or wetlands. In accordance with the Executive Orders, TAFB and the Air Force invites the public to a 30-day public review and comment period ending June 10, 2017 on the preliminary evaluation of the Air Force perimeter fence upgrade and of the resources (floodplains and wetlands) existing on or near the Proposed Action area. TAFB will require that current floodplain and/or wetland maps or information are obtained from appropriate federal, state, and local agencies or offices and evaluated to avoid adverse impacts to these resources.

Written comments and inquiries should be directed to Mr. Matthew Blazek, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, 411 Airman Drive, Building 570, Travis AFB, CA 94535. Comments may also be faxed to the attention of Mr. Blazek at (707) 424-5105. Emailed comments will not be accepted. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Blazek at (707) 424-5127.

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Wingman Day set for May 19

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Travis Air Force Base, California, hosts the first Wingman Day of the year from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 19.

The event will focus on enhancing Airman resiliency with a variety of fitness activities including individual and team competitions. Active-duty Airmen must wear the Air Force physical training uniform, however, the wear of morale shirts with the PTU is authorized. Civilians should wear appropriate fitness attire. Individual and squadron awards will be presented.

A free burger burn also will be provided by Travis first sergeants and chief master sergeants to the first 3,000 patrons. Wingman Day events will be primarily located at the fitness center, base theater and Twin Peaks Chapel parking lots. Some events will also take place at the bowling alley, United Service Organization and soccer fields near Outdoor Recreation. Parking for events near the fitness center, chapel and theater will be available in front of the gym, bowling alley, Delta Breeze Club and the surrounding area. Carpooling is recommended as portions of parking lots will be blocked off.

A list of events is below. For the Green Dot 5K Run/Walk, participants must be in place by 7:30 a.m. All other events will have varying show and start times throughout the day. Contact each event's point of contact for registration or more information.

Green Dot 5K Run/Walk

- Location: Theater parking lot
- Time: 7:30 a.m.
- POC: 2nd Lt. Daniel Hicks, 60th Medical Group

Soccer

- Location: Soccer field next to ODR
- Format: Tournament style, unit versus unit, three members per team

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Army drops in on Fairfield High kids

Todd R. Hansen
DAILY REPUBLIC

In a county where Air Force is king, and where Navy history is sublime, the U.S. Army came to Fairfield High on Thursday to talk to those who want to be all they can be.

The elite parachute team, the Golden Knights, even dropped in to talk to possible recruits.

The Army brought representatives of its infantry, dental and medical techs, a veterinarian and even a graphic artist – all meant to show possible recruits that there are many kinds of

careers that can be pursued.

“Granted the kids see the Air Force flying around every day, and the Navy has a big footprint in the Bay Area,” said Staff Sgt. Robert Cossairt, who is in the infantry. “But the Army has a lot to offer, too.”

Cossairt noted his own experiences being able to travel Europe, and in a few years, he will retire and still be young enough to pursue other interests.

Staff Sgt. Adrian Reece had no interest in the military, but after his wife was unable to continue with the Army because of

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Amber Carter
A member of the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team performs skydiving maneuvers May 4 at Fairfield High School in Fairfield, Calif.

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A 4-year-old child is fascinated by the U.S. Air Force Explosive Ordnance Disposal robot May 7 at the Wings Over Solano Air Show at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

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EOD among groups of air show displays

Susan Hiland
DAILY REPUBLIC

The Wings Over Solano brought out more than just planes for people's viewing pleasure. Plenty of booths and vehicles for were on display for visitors to learn more about the different jobs in the military.

Near the large planes displayed on the flight line was a navy blue and silver van with "US Air Force EOD" on the side of it. In front was a large bomb suit displayed, along with a suicide vest, and other sample bombs, which get taken out of circulation by the members of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal crew.

The EOD technicians are specially trained to deal with the construction, deployment, disarmament, and disposal of high explosive munitions, including other types of ordnance such as nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, along with improvised explosive devices and improvised nuclear devices.

"We go to all kinds of different places," said Airman 1st Class Bobby Potts. "We've actually done a lot of work in San Francisco, with finding flares

"It sounds like our job is dangerous, but don't be afraid."

— Master Sgt. Mark Walker

that didn't go off."

They are called to all parts of the world, including Afghanistan, which is where they have found old ammunition from battles with the Russians, some Chinese RPGs and more.

"In Afganistan you find a lot of older things, Russian stuff," said Potts.

On the table was a line of dead ammunition strapped to a suicide vest. It's one of the vests they use to practice on. The simplicity of such a devastating device is surprising.

"The thing separating it from going off is a piece of cardboard between the mousetrap plate and the wires," Potts said.

Master Sgt. Mark Walker has been in the military for 13 years, he fielded questions about

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Air show food leaves taste buds flying high

Susan Hiland
DAILY REPUBLIC

The smell of grilling burgers and hot dogs filled the air at the Wings Over Solano air show Saturday.

The variety of food offered included a multi-cultural smorgasbord of delights for the taste buds, things like Greek, Italian, and good old American hot dogs and hamburgers.

Luis and Lucy Hernandez came from Sacramento with their 4-year-old daughter and her 5-year-old cousin to see the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

"This is the first time we

have been to this," he said.

While enjoying a fully loaded hot dog, his wife helped their daughter with her meal. She is excited to come to the event for another reason.

"I get to visit my brother," she said.

He flies in a B-52 bomber and was working on Saturday but she still got to spend some quality time with him.

Included in the day's food fest was a semi-truck next to a beer garden from Anchor Brewing Company.



Staff members grill sausages May 6 at the Wings Over Solano Air Show at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

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Pilots visit high school



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Maj. Ryan Bodenheimer, United States Air Force Thunderbirds pilot No. 2, speaks with Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students May 5 at Vanden High School in Fairfield, Calif.

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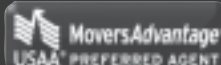


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JOINT BASE CHARLESTON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. — Members of Joint Base Charleston celebrated the standup of the Total Force Aerospace and Operational Physiology Team along with the unveiling of the reduced oxygen breathing device and hypoxia familiarization trainer during a ceremony May 2 at Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina.

The ROBD is used to provide 437th and 315th Airlift Wing aircrews with aerospace physiology refresher training. Hypoxia is a lack of oxygen rich blood supply at the tissue level.

“While an altitude chamber induces hypoxia by decreasing the total pressure surrounding an individual, the ROBD functions by delivering a breathing mixture with reduced oxygen,” said Lt. Col. Trevor Schar, the 628th Medical Group vice commander. “This method removes all risks to conditions associated with exposure to low barometric pressure such as the bends or ear and sinus blocks.”

By using the device, Airmen receive their five-year required physiology training in a

realistic simulation, locally and without the risks associated with the hypobaric chamber.

“This is a more accurate representation of what would be happening if I were to experience hypoxia,” said Staff Sgt. Katherine Stanton, a 15th Airlift Squadron loadmaster. “In the aircraft, I would be wearing this mask during High Altitude Low Opening operations and performing airdrop tasks, which are not simulated in the hypobaric chamber, so this gives me a realistic situation to test my reaction to hypoxia.”

The ROBD will save nearly \$225,000 and 240 days of manpower annually because aircrews requiring the training will no longer need to travel to the nearest available altitude chamber. The hypoxia demonstration in the ROBD takes 30 minutes compared to almost two hours in the altitude chamber.

“This device epitomizes Airmen seeking innovation,” said Lt. Col. Erin Meinders, the 437th Operations Group vice commander. “There was no plan for any of this even a few years ago and then a few squadron commanders identified an inefficiency and took action to correct it. These are the

results of those actions.”

The ROBD provides Airmen with one-on-one hypoxia training. Airmen fly a C-17 flight task simulation as the ROBD precisely mixes nitrogen and reduced oxygen to equivalent oxygen concentrations at higher altitudes. This allows Airmen to see how hypoxia affects their motor skills and to experience their symptoms in a low risk environment.

“Everyone’s symptoms are different,” said Maj. Kasie Gana, an Air Force reservist. “This training allows each student to experience their own unique symptoms in a task specific environment.”

The second portion of the hypoxia training demonstrates the effects of low oxygen on night vision. During the training, oxygen levels are slowly decreased while Airmen, in the dark, are looking at a color wheel. After a few minutes, 100 percent oxygen is administered and Airman typically see a great improvement in their vision.

About 1,200 members of Joint Base Charleston will receive training using the ROBD each year. In its first day of operation, five Airmen received training on the device.

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Air advisers team with African partners

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818TH MOBILITY SUPPORT
ADVISORY SQUADRON

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso — Bonjour and As-Salaam-Alaikum. What do these phrases have in common? They are common ways to say 'hello' amongst the seven countries that participated in African Partnership Flight recently hosted in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

In late April, more than 20 Airmen joined 60 counterparts from Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, and Niger to discuss maintenance and logistics principles when planning support for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations.

Over the course of a week, participants of the Air Forces Africa led event visited an African heritage museum, sat with a regional chieftain, shared a Meal, Ready-to-Eat luncheon, and survived a crash-landing on the moon as part of a



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Jonathan Snyder

Chief Master Sgt. Kone Seydou, Cote d'Ivoire air force, African Partnership Flight participant asks questions during the classroom discussion April 18 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

team-building exercise. Many of these countries — most of which share a border with at least another APF participant

HA/DR operations as part of Combined Task Force Hurricane Matthew in Haiti.

The air adviser team immediately broke through borders by separating the various participants into different smaller groups. The MSAS facilitators felt it was necessary for the different countries to go outside their comfort zones and solve problems together with partner nations in order to develop critical thinking skills as well as interoperability.

The 818th MSAS team from Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst, New Jersey, was led by two African Foreign Area Officers, whose job it is to understand African cultures and peoples. APF was an opportune occasion to interact with multiple African nations during one event and showcase the Air Force officers' expertise.

— have never had the opportunity to work together before.

A crucial part of the exercise was facilitated by a nine-person Africa-focused air adviser team from the 621st Contingency Response Wing's 818th Mobility Support Advisory Squadron, which included three personnel who had previously directly supported

“I have worked alongside several of this year's APF participants in previous bilateral engagements,” said Capt. Megan Gallagher, an FAO assigned to the 818th MSAS. “Through events like APF, participating nations have the opportunity to learn more about one another's African

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AF, Qatari air force work on logistics

Tech. Sgt. Bradly A. Schneider
379TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — The recent completion of a Qatar Emiri air force staging facility on Al Udeid Air Base has provided the perfect occasion for building partnership opportunities between the U.S. Air Force and Qatari air forces.

Based on a request from the Qatar Emiri air force, the 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron has been permitted to use the new facility alongside their partners in the Qatari air force to begin a partnership building initiative. The building provides an adequate space to share critical knowledge in the relatable career fields as well as a place to focus on improving on-the-job safety.

“Getting people together for a common cause of supporting airlift—that's what we do in Air Mobility Command. We're experts at it,” said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Magee, commander of the 8 EAMS. The joint use of the new facility provides the perfect opportunity to improve relationships while sharing and even further honing that expertise.

One focus of the partnership building initiative is assisting the Qatari air force with implementing their own guidelines for pallet assembly build-up, weighing and balancing, and inspection prior to loading onto the aircraft. The facility provides the space for the initiative and the opportunity for the forces to work together and learn from one another on a daily basis.

“The U.S. is at the tip of the spear as far as logistics, however there is always an opportunity to learn,” said U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Nino Lucena, Air Freight Superintendent assigned to the 8 EAMS.

Mobility liaison officer streamlines deployment process

Sgt. Salvador R. Moreno
MARINE FORCES COMMAND

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command, strives to move troops and supplies around the world where needed to answer the nation's call. MARSOC utilizes its U.S. Air Force counterparts from Air Mobility Command to expedite the process of quickly and efficiently getting those troops and supplies to areas of interest.

U.S. Air Force Maj. Robert Riggs is one such AMC asset; he is a 621st Mobility Support Operations Squadron air mobility liaison officer assigned to MARSOC. Riggs recently conducted a flight in support of the U.S. Africa Command area of operations. AFRICOM is one of six U.S. Defense Department geographic combatant commands and is responsible for military relations with African nations, the African Union and African regional security organizations.

As MARSOC's dedicated AMLO, Riggs provides a critical communication and coordination link between the airlift and ground forces in the area of operations. He facilitates the timely flow of critical information between the air mobility network and MARSOC units that are frequently deployed in support of isolated, dangerous or politically sensitive operations in dozens of countries around the world.

A recent deployment of MARSOC personnel and equipment required a large military transport aircraft to support their deployment of cargo and troops. Riggs, a C-17 pilot, planned and coordinated the movement before taking his job one step further — piloting the aircraft during the mission. The opportunity gave him the chance to work intimately with the Marines he was supporting and gave them the benefit of reduced deployment friction.

“It just so happens Maj. Riggs is a C-17 pilot and MARSOC's general airframe of

choice is a C-17,” said Capt. Rich Charest, MARSOC's assistant strategic mobility officer. The C-17 commonly performs tactical and strategic airlift missions, transports troops and cargo and performs airdrops.

Riggs' mission required movement of the aircraft from its home base, embarkation of the Marines and their equipment, deployment to theater and the re-deployment of another MARSOC company following the end of their mission. The total flight took several days and spanned multiple continents.

AMLOs serve a behind the scenes but critical role, within their host commands.

“We have a dedicated Air Force pilot who understands the Air Force process and U.S. Transportation Command process,” said Donald Johnson, mobility specialist with MARSOC.

Riggs' perspective and experiences means he can reduce friction points along the process and can keep the MARSOC staff informed as the mission progresses.



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U.S. Air Force Maj. Robert Riggs, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command air mobility liaison officer, assists in loading cargo aboard a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft at MCAS Cherry Point.

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Wings Over Solano delivers dazzling aerial display



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1) Wings Over Solano Air Show attendees enjoy the family play zone May 6 at Travis Air Force Base Calif. 2) A KC-10 Extender lands at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., during the air show. 3) The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform an aerial demonstration during the show. 4) Rich Perkins flies a Russian Thunder YAK-54 during the show.

Susan Hiland
DAILY REPUBLIC

For 63 years, the Thunderbirds have drawn crowds of fans from all over the world.

For the Wings Over Solano Air Show May 6-7 at Travis Air Force Base, California, it was no different.

During the show the fliers performed a variety of formations and solo routines.

The Thunderbirds were created in May 25, 1953 at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. The name comes from the influence of the Native American culture and folklore from the Southwest.

Originally the demonstration was a series of formation aerobatics lasting about 15 minutes. This show has expanded to include a multitude of shows each adopted for the weather and cloud covering.

"We have three shows that are based on the weather - a high, low or flat show," said flight surgeon Glen Goncharow.

He is one of the newest team members team and the guy who makes sure everyone is healthy in the air and on the ground.

The 130 enlisted men and women come with their own skills, and interests from piloting a plane, to being a mechanic, engineer and communications. The crew comprises 30 different fields to make up the entire team of officers and enlisted.

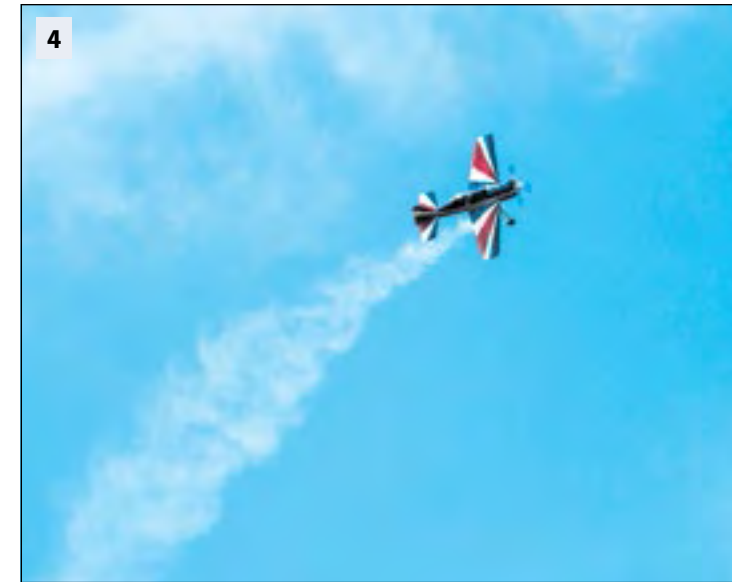
"This is the result of a team effort," he said.

"We do a show every weekend throughout the year," said Alvin Felder, Crew Chief.

The pilots walk out on the flight line with confidence that the team has performed their duties and they are safe and ready to fly.

"That is what is unique about this team, the pilots don't do a walk around before going up," said Derrick Young, Avionics Specialist.

Young never touched an aircraft before joining the military, but he is one of the many who



U.S. Air Force photo/David Cushman

have become responsible for the safety of the crew. It's a big responsibility.

"We are upholding the history of generations past and helping introduce the Thunderbirds to new generations," he said.

During the May 7 performance, the Thunderbirds honored returning military personally as one of the final acts of the Wings Over Solano Air Show on Saturday.

The airman honored included Airman 1st Class Barry Donewar, Staff Sgt. John Brownwood, Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo, Staff Sgt. John Haymore and Capt. Joshua Radel.

Brownwood has been serving with the Phoenix Ravens as security in Iraq, Kuwait, Syria and various other places in the middle east.

"It is one of the more elite jobs that is really sought after," he said.

His job has brought him across the world and he has been amazed at the impact America and the military have in a variety of ways.

"We have come into villages after dropping supplies and people are flying United States flags in their windows," he said. "They had been oppressed and then we bring them relief."

His work gives him a sense

of doing something that has an impact. Currently he is at Travis Air Force Base and on a two-week vacation spending time with his wife and their new puppy.

"I'm going to train the next class of Ravens," he said.

Rivezzo was in Southwest Asia as a photojournalist. He was responsible for communications in all its varied forms getting out to military personal while in Qatar.

He has been doing this for seven years and really is enjoying his work.

"This job is the best kept secret in the military," he said.

Rivezzo has helped with the fight against ISIS militants by communicating the happenings of different missions and highlighting the work that is being done across the military.

"Being able to tell the story of the airmen is one of the best parts of my job," he said.

He loves being able to showcase what the men and women of the United States military are doing for the country.

For the Thunderbirds award, the men and women are chosen by the Travis Air Force Base for their service.

"We do this at every air show," said Master Sgt. Chris Lanning, Thunderbird Recruiter.



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5) The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform an aerial demonstration May 7 during the Wings Over Solano Air Show at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. 6) Thousands of people attended the air show. Performers included Thunderbirds, U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue and the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, as well as civilian performers. 7) The Smoke and Thunder Jet Truck performs. 8) Members of the U.S. Air Force Academy Wings of Blue perform skydiving maneuvers during the show.

Wingman

From Page 7

- POC: Staff Sgt. Jaime Carranza, 60th Surgical Operations Squadron

Bowling

- Location: Bowling alley
- Format: Tournament style, unit versus unit, three members per team
- POC: Tech. Sgt. Sean Scott, 60th Operations Group

Golf

- Location: Cypress Lakes golf Course
- Format: Par 3, four person individual, nine holes "Limited to 36 players"
- POC: Master Sgt. Scott Horant, 60th OG

Basketball

- Location: Fitness center
- Format: three-on-three
- POC: Senior Airman Peter Gentles, 60th OG

Warrior Challenge

- Location: Chapel parking lot
- Format: Teams of 5 - 12 members will run/walk together carrying two 30-pound ammo cans and a 50-pound exercise ball for various PT challenges.
- POC: Master Sgt. Francisco Zamorano, 60th Force Support Squadron

Volleyball

- Location: Fitness center, court two
- Format: Teams of 4 - 6 members,

unlimited substitutions, best of three rounds

- POC: 2nd Lt. Christopher Dowlearn, 60th Air Mobility Wing Protocol or Staff Sgt. Christopher Herring, 60th AMW Protocol

Trap

- Location: Travis AFB Trap Range, 500 Ellis Drive
- Format: Teams of five members
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- POC: Master Sgt. Aileen Griffith, 60th AMW

Tug O'War

- Location: Grassy knoll behind Westwind Inn
- Format: Team of 10 members, two members must be female, March Madness style bracket/single elimination.
- POC: Staff Sgt. Aerone Baladad, 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron or Airman 1st Class Kaitlyn Stull, 60th Medical Group

Corn Hole

- Location: Fitness center parking lot
- Format: Two member teams, unit versus unit
- POC: Tech. Sgt. Sean Scott, 60th OG or 1st Lt. Anna Mazzarelli, 60th Inpatient Operations Squadron

Boxing

- Location: Center field of red track behind fitness center

- Format: Big glove boxing, individual, unit versus unit
- POC: Staff Sgt. Davin Kim, 60th Security Forces Squadron

Ping Pong

- Location: USO
- Format: Individual, unit versus unit
- POC: Tech. Sgt. Peter Amaro, 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Power Lifting

- Location: Fitness center
- Format: Pound for pound winner, individual, unit versus unit
- POC: Tech. Sgt. Cory Autmon, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron

Rock Climbing

- Location: Fitness center parking lot
- Format: Four-member teams climbing individually, unit versus unit
- POC: Staff Sgt. Gage Bergman, 60th Contracting Squadron or Staff Sgt. Timothy Gould, 60th Maintenance Squadron

Human Battleship

- Location: Tennis courts behind bowling alley
- Format: Teams of six, unit versus unit, water balloons used to "destroy" human battleships
- POC: 1st Lt. Lindsay Tate, 60th DTS

Laser Tag

- Location: Center field of red track behind fitness center
- Format: Teams of four, capture the flag style, unit versus unit

- POC: Staff Sgt. Gage Bergman, 60th CONS or Staff Sgt. Timothy Gould, 60th MXS

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Combat Track

- Location: Red track behind fitness center
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Partners

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partners and gain a better appreciation of what defines them."

Gallagher said it is through exchanges like APF that participants can advance their critical thinking skills and understand how their African neighbors both perceive and seek to solve problem sets.

Capt. Robert Kent, an operations officer assigned to the

305th Aerial Port Squadron, and Capt. Ian Mazerski, a maintenance officer from 321st Contingency Response Squadron, augmented the 818th MSAS team in order to provide their knowledge and experience to lead discussions with the African partners in the realms of logistics and maintenance.

"I was really impressed with the questions the participants asked," Mazerski said. "It really demonstrated how well they understood the concepts."

The discussion portion of

APF culminated in a tabletop exercise, in which 10, five-man teams were given an opportunity to apply HA/DR planning principles in a choose-your-own-adventure type scenario. Using logistics and maintenance considerations during a hypothetical disaster, they were asked to choose what airport to operate out of, how to set up their equipment on the airfield, which configuration to use on their aircraft, and what critical supplies to bring along.

Although teams were

rewarded for number of wounded evacuated, supplies delivered and number of sorties and hours flown, the goal was for them to think critically and make decisions together.

Exercise participants agreed the exercise was a huge success and expressed their gratitude for having the opportunity to apply the knowledge shared during APF.

After several long days of navigating scenarios, attendees let loose during a cultural evening where the entire APF

was treated with music and traditional dance ensembles from Burkina Faso and the United States.

During the closing ceremony, U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso, Andrew Young, recognized participants for their dedication and commitment to fostering regional interoperability.

Participants left APF knowing more about each other's cultures and capabilities of their nations work together as a team.

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Army

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health issues, he joined to make sure she could get the health care she needed.

Reece said his intentions were always to do something with his art. That turned out to be graphic arts in the Army, and once he retires in a few years, Reece said he intends to become a teacher so he can pass on what he has learned.

“And I have a 2-year-old and now she has her college taken care of because of the GI bill,” Reece said.

The recruiters will have no problem convincing 14-year-old Patrick Roberson, who is a member of the Junior ROTC and highly motivated to become a part of the military when he graduates. The only thing he is not sure of is whether that will be the Army or the Air Force, both branches being represented within his family.

“I was raised in a military structure,” said Roberson, who noted his father is career Air Force and members of his mother’s family were in the Army. He came to the career day decked out in an Army T-shirt and with an Army backpack.

If he chooses the Army, he wants to go into the infantry and some kind of combat unit. If



The U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team perform skydiving maneuvers May 4 at Fairfield High School in Fairfield, Calif.

he signs with the Air Force, he hopes to pilot the C-5 Galaxy.

But Roberson has a bigger goal than all of that.

“I actually do plan to go into politics,” he said. “I want to run for the presidency of the United States.”

EOD

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the work for interested young men who thought they may want to do munitions work. He spent

one year in Iraq and three years in Afghanistan.

Walker remembers one hairy moment in Afghanistan the day after Christmas in 2009 that had to do with sheep. In a field, a few sheep had been blown to

pieces by a land mine. Walker’s team was tasked with finding out what happened and if there were more land mines in the field. They lost one person and another lost their leg.

“It sounds like our job is dangerous, but don’t be afraid,” he said. “Because we are continuously training to deal with hazardous materials.”

Out of 50,000 combat mission and 19,000 IED’s dismantled or destroyed they have only lost 20 guys, according to Walker.

To be part of the team, you have to join the military, but it takes more than that to be good at the job.

“You’ve got to be spiritually, mentally, and socially stable,” Walker said. “If you aren’t, you are not coming out this okay.”

“It’s about coming back to the fundamentals for yourself and being healthy overall,” he said.

SFS

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assessing risks and protecting wing assets whenever aircrew travel, working with U.S. Marshalls on inmate transfers and serving on presidential details – all of which can lead to emotional as well as physical demands.

“These men and women suffer more physical problems, especially musculoskeletal problems,” said Briscoe. “A good many are K-9 handlers. They get a lot of injuries when the dogs knock them down – like concussions or shoulder injuries.”

Last year, Staff Sgt. Steve Thao, 60th SFS military working dog handler, suffered a partial anterior cruciate ligament tear in his left knee when “Huba,” a 75-pound German shepherd, attacked him in his role as “the bad guy.”

“We’re trained to take a hit, but sometimes the dogs don’t stop when the handler calls the dog back,” said Thao. “You can’t simulate the job so we’re running full speed and so is the dog.”

Huba caught Thao by the left shoulder and wouldn’t let go.

“I turned to shake him off, but the momentum of his body and mine threw me off balance,” said Thao.

Fearing he would land on Huba’s head, Thao pushed the animal out of the way as he fell to his knees. Physical therapy and six months in a knee brace got him back in shape, he said.

The Ravens – an elite group of Airmen who receive specialized training to operate in high-security risk areas – have an especially demanding job, said Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Ilsley, 60th SFS manager. Only 10 percent of security forces Airmen actually qualify for the team, he said.

By participating in unit activities and wearing their protective gear, Briscoe is better able to suggest ways to minimize injuries.

“Our (primary care manager) is an honorary defender so he knows what it takes physically and mentally to be a defender,” said Lt. Col. Joseph Quinn, 60th SFS commander. “He has proactively analyzed and mitigated common injuries associated with Raven hand-to-hand

combat and K-9 attacks.”

With a dedicated provider, the squadron commander has immediate access to someone who can get his personnel cleared medically for a short-notice deployment.

“They get short-order tasking frequently and we have to make sure they are physically and mentally capable of deploying – for example, they don’t have an upcoming surgery or medical problem that is still being worked,” said Briscoe.

Master Sgt. Jesse Ferrari, 60th SFS first sergeant, also has needed immediate access to their provider.

“On many occasions I’ve reached out directly to Major Briscoe for insight into an issue that someone is having, whether it’s to have verbiage changed on a physical profile or to get a better explanation of a prescription drug so I know if I need to add that person to the ‘do not arm roster,’” said Ferrari.

Briscoe also addresses members’ mental health needs.

“I work with behavioral health. If someone needs counseling for PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder), adjustment disorder, a stressful situation or is suicidal, we can get them help,”

said Briscoe. “If they need medications for any of these situations, I would write the prescription.”

Air Force suicide rates had been highest among security forces Airmen, said Ilsley.

“We’ve seen a reduction since 2012,” he said. “Our defenders now understand that it’s the responsible thing to seek help. We even have mental health technicians regularly in our building.”

Since being a cop is a lifestyle, family members also see Briscoe.

“Short-order tasking catches them off guard,” said Briscoe. “Spouses find themselves as a single parent quite quickly because their spouse got 24 hours’ notice to leave. It can cause a lot of stress for a family,” he said.

Working with the security forces squadron has been an enjoyable experience, said Briscoe.

“They are a unique group of men and women who self-select to become defenders. They are a very diverse group with a unique sense of mission. They are here because they want to be and they take pride in their work,” he said.

“I’m still learning what their lives are like,” said Briscoe.

Sullenberger

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“a very capable plane and much faster” than his Phantom.

Sullenberger made sure to wear the 474th’s wing patch Thursday on his flight suit.

He flew with Lt. Col. Kevin Walsh, who started by briefing Sullenberger on all the procedures and what maneuvers he was going to put Sullenberger through during the one-hour flight that would take them to about Chico and back.

When Walsh talked about

the G-forces Sullenberger may experience when Welsh put the F-16 through its paces, Sullenberger smiled and said, “I am up for it.”

After the flight, Walsh said it was “a great honor” to have Sullenberger fly with him and Sullenberger replied that he was honored to meet the Thunderbirds “and to fly a fighter again.”

“It is like I never left,” Sullenberger said of his flight. “And I got to meet those people who have put their own needs aside to serve their country. It is great to see all these people carry on this tradition.”

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Clinic

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it has exponentially increased in size, growing to twice a year at Cypress Lakes and expanding to five other courses throughout Northern California: Presidio Golf Course in San Francisco, Metropolitan Golf Links and Sequoyah Country Club in Oakland and Haggin Oaks Golf Complex, as well as Cherry Island Golf Course in Sacramento.

“Jessie told other PGA Pros, ‘This is what we do. This is how ours is working’ and they said, ‘Wow, we should try it here,’” said Lykins. “Now they know every Thursday, I’m going to meet all my buddies.”

Additionally, Walker’s work has landed him on the small screen. In 2016, he was featured in a segment airing on the Golf Channel. Also, a production crew from CBS met with him for three days for a piece set to air in July.

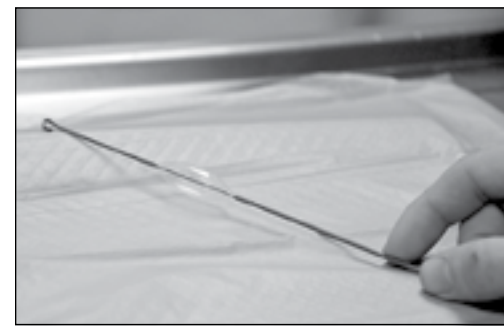
Though Walker enjoys sharing his golf knowledge with veterans in the PGA HOPE clinic, he emphasized the therapeutic importance of their participation, especially at a time when the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs said in July 2016 an average of 20 veterans died each day from suicide in 2014.

“If we can get that one veteran who is thinking his or her life is not worth living anymore because he or she has

got all of these demons going off in their head, if we get that one person up out of that seat, around other veterans that have gone through or (been) around the same things that they’ve gone through and we get them back that next week, now they have a purpose,” said Walker. “They need somebody who cares about them.”

Family members are welcome in addition to military veterans at PGA HOPE clinic events, Walker said.

For more information about PGA HOPE, visit <http://bit.ly/2pzoNu>. For more information about Cypress Lakes Golf Course, visit <http://www.travisfss.com/golf/>.



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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Amber Carter

Fight

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The award recognized the mission contribution of the CIF and research surgeons in developing the REBOA technique for worldwide use.

This mission effectiveness award has never been given to the field of clinical research before, and recognizes the vital contributions of medical research to fulfilling the mission and projecting American

power, said Williams.

The CIF is hosting an open house for all Travis personnel May 18 at Patio D of DGMC. Tours will be given at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., noon, 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, contact Senior Airman Anna Ferro at 707-432-7400 or email Anna.M.Ferro.mil@mail.mil.

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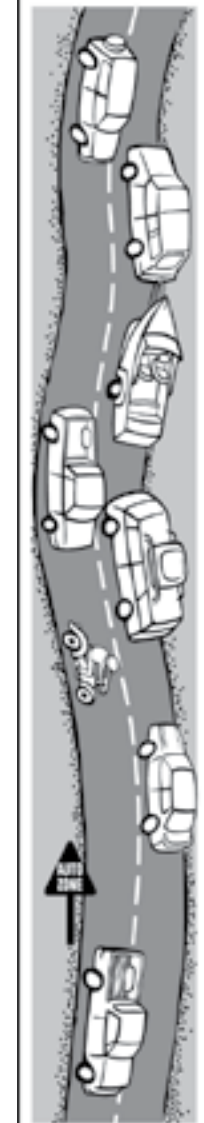


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Pick Your Rate Promotional Certificate			
Minimum Initial Deposit \$2,500 New Money †			
11 months (334 days)	\$2,500	1.19%	1.20%
1 additional service* or 1 new member referral*	\$2,500	1.29%	1.30%
Combination of 2 additional services and/or new member referrals	\$2,500	1.39%	1.40%
Combination of 3 additional services and/or new member referrals	\$2,500	1.49%	1.50%
Combination of 4 additional services and/or new member referrals	\$2,500	1.59%	1.60%
Combination of 5 additional services and/or new member referrals	\$2,500	1.69%	1.70%
Combination of 6 additional services and/or new member referrals	\$2,500	1.79%	1.80%
Combination of 7 additional services and/or new member referrals	\$2,500	1.88%	1.90%
Combination of 8 additional services and/or new member referrals	\$2,500	1.98%	2.00%
Combination of 9 additional services and/or new member referrals	\$2,500	2.08%	2.10%
Combination of 10 additional services and/or new member referrals	\$2,500	2.18%	2.20%



*New Money is defined as funds not currently on deposit with Travis Credit Union. Additional services which qualify for the Pick Your Rate promotional certificate are: checking accounts, money market accounts, individual retirement accounts, auto loans, mortgage loans, home equity loans, home equity lines of credit, credit cards, or unsecured lines of credit. To qualify for the increased referral rate the new referred member must be present and establish membership at the time the certificate is opened. Membership qualifications for new members apply. See TCU Membership Agreement and Disclosure for complete details. The maximum APY on the Pick Your Rate Promotional Certificate is 2.20%.

†APY is Annual Percentage Yield. APYs are accurate as of April 5, 2017 and assumes principal and dividends will remain on deposit until maturity. Account holders may earn an additional 0.10% for each of the qualified services listed, or for each new membership referral. Certificate will automatically renew on the maturity date at the standard 12-month term and dividend rate. Penalty for early withdrawal. Withdrawals may reduce earnings. This promotional certificate is not extended to business accounts. Membership is required with a one-time non-refundable \$5 fee. Must meet membership qualifications. Everyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in our 12 county area is eligible for membership: Solano, Yuba, Contra Costa, Merced, Napa, Alameda, Colusa, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sonoma and Stanislaus. Membership is also available to military and civilian personnel of Travis Air Force Base as well as immediate family of current members. Some restrictions apply. Dividends compound monthly. See account disclosure for complete details.