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Be part of vision to revitalize squadrons

Just under a year ago, Gen. David Goldfein was confirmed as our Air Force's 21st Chief of Staff. Just days after his confirmation Goldfein published his first of three short papers titled "The Beating Heart of the Air Force ... Squadrons!"

In this first paper, he breathed new life into an old concept where, "Squadrons are the basic, building block organizations in the Air Force." In fact, this is more than a concept, this statement is straight out of Air Force Instruction 38-101, Air Force Organization. The re-focus on a seemingly benign statement was an enormous shift in how this institution



Commentary by Lt. Col. Shane Wehunt
860TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

viewed the squadron and it initiated Goldfein's efforts on revitalizing Air Force squadrons.

In fact, just last week, a team from Headquarters Air Force led by Brig. Gen. Stephen Davis visited Travis Air Force Base, California, to conduct interviews with several Airmen of all ranks and positions as part of this effort. Their data, along with data collected

from other wings through various means, will be analyzed in an effort to hear our voices and to make recommendations to Goldfein.

In a speech to the Air Force Sergeants Association – Professional Airmen's Conference in

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August 2016, Goldfein addressed a question regarding what a revitalized squadron would look like. His response was both telling and refreshing. Telling because it provided insight to our Chief of Staff's boundless vision. Refreshing because, as a recently graduated squadron commander, his vision of a mission-focused squadron that is family-oriented and a fun place to be, is exactly how I operated in my tenure as commander.

I knew that as a commander, I must continually reinforce the message that our mission matters and that we remain focused on it. That what we train to do, and what we execute each and

every day matters. It matters because people's lives and hopes depend on it, directly or indirectly, each and every day.

I knew that a squadron that is family-oriented is more than having a good Key Spouse program, although vitally important. It is more than our spouses and kids feeling welcome and having the support needed. A family-oriented squadron is much more encompassing and "family" extends beyond the traditional. It is Airmen of all ages, ranks and backgrounds, along with their families, lifting each other up in ways that realize the maximum potential of each individual while working as a team moving toward excellence. It is a level of unwritten accountability to self and each other. It is the absolutely unwavering demand by all that

we treat each other with dignity and respect no matter the circumstance, and it is knowing that the family has your back, every step of the way. It's the family that celebrates your successes and that picks you up, dusts you off and sets you back on track when you fall.

I also know that we, as a family, would achieve more, execute our mission better and serve better if the squadron was a fun place to be. Knowing all too well that sometimes what we had to do wasn't going to be fun, but we would complete the mission and take care of our family every step of the way. I encourage each of you to consider the chief's vision of what a revitalized squadron can be. Be a part of the vision as we move into a new era of the Air Force squadron.

'Don't do the extraneous stuff' – find balance

Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Wesley Keville
860TH AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

When I first found out about writing this article, I figured I'd write about something I've been trying to achieve for some time and people talk about often: Work life balance.

I believe there are many people across the Air Force who are struggling to get their jobs done to the best of their

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abilities, give ample time and attention to their loved ones and take care of themselves.

Conveniently enough, I'm currently on temporary duty for the next month at Gunter Annex, Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, for the Chief Leadership Course. Today is day one and it's 26 days until I get home to my family for the Fourth of July weekend. I'm

not complaining though. We sign up to go places and do things, and in the grand scheme of things, a month is really nothing. So far, it seems like it's going to be a pretty decent course, but yet another example of time spent away from my family. Time spent thinking about work, life balance.

Interestingly enough, our first guest speaker was Dr. Matthew Stafford, Air University vice president of academic affairs. Among other things, he conveniently spent part of his brief talking about

work life balance and how he saw it as unachievable.

When most people (myself included) think about work life balance, we think of it as two categories. Work and life. But Stafford put it a different way. He said that work is a part of life, so to strike a balance as two separate parts doesn't make much sense. Work is part of life, so we need to approach it as a whole, and find out what makes us happy.

I've read more than a few articles on

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On the cover

Col. David A. Hammerschmidt, 60th Maintenance Group commander, speaks to the audience June 23 after assuming command from Col. Earl S. Scott during a change-of-command ceremony.

U.S. Air Force photo/Heide Couch

Tragedy shaped sergeant's path to service

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

Editor's note: This article is the third in a three-part series on diversity.



Her eyes are dark and her smile is bright. She's a wife, an Airman, proud mother and a survivor.

Standing only 5 feet tall with a slender build, it could be easy to underestimate how strong this noncommissioned officer is; but her inner strength is incredible.

Staff Sgt. Jael Thomas, 60th Comptroller Squadron NCO in charge of customer service and deputy disbursing officer from Manila, Philippines, has overcome adversity numerous times in life.

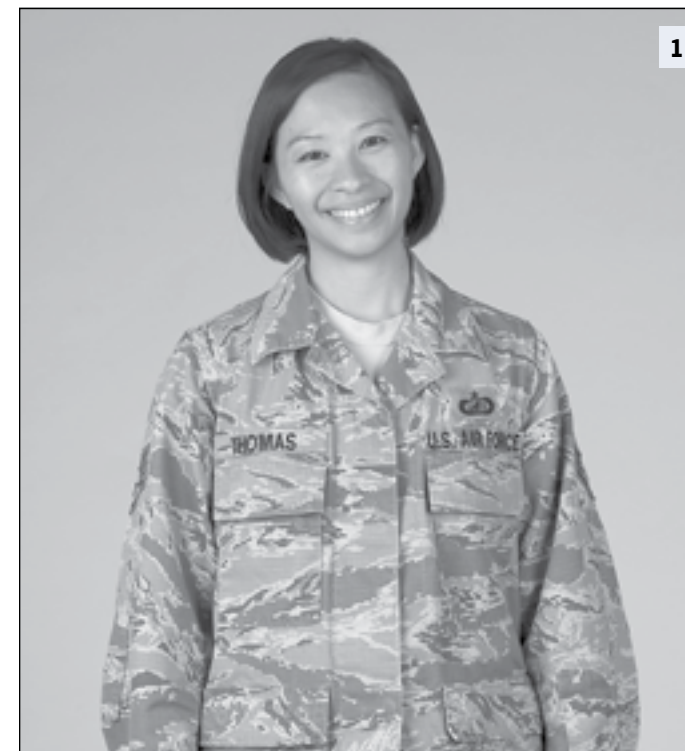
At the age of 14, in February 2002, less than a year before her family moved to the United States, she lost her mother.

"We were told it would take a miracle to save her," said Thomas. "She suffered for almost a year before succumbing to cancer. The day before she passed, I told her I loved her and was so happy when she told me she loved me. I've asked myself many times how things would be if she was still around."

Thomas spent much of her childhood in Caloocan, the fourth-largest city in the Philippines.

"Life was simple even though we didn't have a lot of money," she said. "Growing up, our routine was go to school, watch cartoons, play outside, have dinner and go to bed. I would go to Saturday Mass with my grandparents and to Sunday services with my mother."

In April 2003, her family moved to the United States, settling in San Diego. The move brought a challenge the staff



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1) Staff Sgt. Jael Thomas, 60th Comptroller Squadron, poses for a photo June 9 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Thomas joined the Air Force in October 2010. As a member of the 60th CPTS, she helps provide financial services to more than 12,000 people. 2) Thomas poses for a photo June 9 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., while wearing a shirt featuring images of the Philippines, her home country.

sergeant said she didn't expect: adapting to the American school system.

"We left the Philippines during the summer and I just finished my junior year of high school," said Thomas. "Due to my age, I was admitted as a sophomore and not all of my classes were credited. I was devastated at first. I thought I had to start high school all over again when I was almost done."

However, Thomas soon realized the American school system was more relaxed than what she experienced in her

home country and she also found the curriculum to be easier.

"In the Philippines, we went to school in morning and afternoon shifts," she said. "The teachers were much stricter and we had pop quizzes almost every day."

Looking back, Thomas said she's thankful for the opportunity to attend high school in two countries.

"I'm glad that I had the opportunity because it gave me enough time to adjust to (American) culture and make lifelong

friends," she said. "You know how some people say, 'I wish I could go back to high school?' Well, I kind of did, in two different countries. I think that's pretty cool."

After graduating high school at the age of 19, Thomas worked as a manager at a fast-food restaurant and took general education classes at Grossmont Community College for nearly eight years before deciding to join the U.S. Air Force in October 2010.

"I struggled to make ends meet and

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CE delivers tips to stay safe during holiday

60th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Office

In accordance with Travis Air Force Base Instruction, 32-2001, Base Fire Instruction, fire reporting procedures are as follows:

All fires must be reported to the fire department regardless of size to include those already extinguished. To report a fire, dial 9-1-1 on all government land lines. Dial 707- 424-4911 on cell

phones while on base.

Provide the following to emergency dispatcher: Your name, call back number, location and nature of the emergency. Remain on the line until directed by the emergency dispatcher to end the call.

Safety tips

- Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors.
- Ensure grill is placed 10-25

feet away from your home, deck railings, and out from under leaves and overhanging branches.

- Keep pets and children at least 3 feet away from the grill.
- Clean your grill after each use to remove grease or fat buildup and clean trays out below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always ensure your grill lid is open before lighting it.

Roughly half of injuries involving grills are thermal burns, which can be prevented by using the correct utensils for the job.

Charcoal grills

- There are several ways to get your charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to use newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use lighter fluid, use only charcoal lighter fluid. Never add lighter fluid or any other

flammable liquids to the fire.

- Keep lighter fluid out of the reach of children and stored in an area away from heat sources.
- When you finish grilling, drench coals with water before disposing in a metal container.

Propane grills

- If your propane grill doesn't light within 15 seconds, turn off the control knobs and wait five minutes to guard against a

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On your marks, jet set ...



Two F-15C Eagles from Kingsley Field, Ore., sit on the flightline June 23 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The jets flew June 25 over Sonoma Raceway in Sonoma, Calif., during the opening ceremony for the NASCAR Monster Cup series.

U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nicole Leidholm

Base Exchange Pharmacy set to switch to refills only

60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

To better serve beneficiaries, effective July 5, the Base Exchange pharmacy will only dispense refill prescriptions.

All new prescriptions from off-base providers and on-base providers will be processed at the main pharmacy located on the second floor of David Grant USAF Medical Center.

The relocation will help improve

overall processing efficiency and effectively utilize available manning at the pharmacies.

Most importantly, this will improve patient safety, decrease patient wait times and ease the transition as the

base prepares for BX Pharmacy renovation.

The BX pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The main pharmacy's hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



U.S. Air Force photo/Helene Couch

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name: Senior Airman Tarnicia Jarvis.	Time in service: Three years.	What are your hobbies? Exploring outdoors, reading, dancing and spending time with my family and friends.
Unit: 60th Maintenance Group.	Family: Single.	What is your greatest achievement? Being financially secure and having the most education completed in my family.
Duty title: Maintenance controller.	What are your goals? Short term: bachelor's in finance. Long term: master's degree.	
Hometown: St. John's, Antigua.		

Proud of who I am, to serve

Commentary by
Maj. Maria-Rocio Vazquez
349TH AEROMEDICAL
EVACUATION SQUADRON

My life has changed significantly, both in the military and as a civilian since the repeal of "Don't ask, don't tell," which was the military's ban on gays and lesbians serving openly.

I commissioned into the U.S. Air Force in September 2009, and as I reflect back on the repeal of DADT on Sept. 20, 2011, I cannot help but feel a sense of sadness about all of the images that were published of people coming back from deployments. Prior to the repeal, there were virtually no images to celebrate the coming home of gay or lesbian service members. And if there were photographs, those images were sheltered and not openly celebrated.

Fast forward to after the

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repeal, and now we can celebrate the coming home of our loved ones with no fear of being photographed or having people witness running into the arms of our partner or significant other. Today, I no longer have to hide my love and my commitment. Now, I can show the world who has been my rock, my support, my mentor and my partner, and one of the reasons I fight for my country. As a combat veteran, I will forever cherish the memory of my spouse sending me off to my deployment to Afghanistan in 2015. These are priceless moments that helped solidify my commitment and feelings of being valued for my leadership abilities and most importantly, accepted as a whole Airman willing to bring everything to the fight.

As a U.S. citizen, I further

feel validated and fully protected by the Constitution without exceptions. Now, I no longer feel less than a full citizen when it comes to my legal rights. Since the legalization of same-sex marriage, I married my spouse in 2014; this was a powerful, historic and emotional moment for not only me, but for many around the nation. Although there are still opposing views regarding same-sex marriage, I am grateful to finally have the federal benefits, protection and responsibilities of married couples and U.S. citizens that I unwaveringly fight for to preserve the liberty and equality of my country.

I love my country and will always be committed to serve no matter what the conditions. Nevertheless, the repeal of DADT bolstered my opportunities and opened several doors for me to continue to lead with merit in the Air Force.

AF Sports seeking softball players

Air Force Services Activity

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — The Air Force is looking for men and women softball players to attend trial camps Aug. 31 to Sept. 17 with the potential to compete in the Armed Forces Championships Sept. 18-24 and USA Nationals Softball Championships Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

Those interested can download an Air Force Form 303 at and submit it via myPERS no later than July 22.

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Report: Water safe

Merrie Schilter-Lowe

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The drinking water at Travis Air Force Base, California, is safe from copper, lead and all other regulated contaminants are within acceptable levels, according to the 2016 Consumer Confidence Report.

The annual report, published by the base's Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight, details the level of chemicals found in the drinking water and shows whether or not those amounts exceed acceptable ranges set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Not only is the report a snapshot of last year's water quality, it also is a summary of where the water comes

from, what it contains and how it compares to California standards.

Bioenvironmental engineering is required to test the drinking water weekly for bacteria, monthly for fluoride, quarterly for disinfection products and every three years for lead and copper.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may contain small amounts of some contaminants so disinfectant is added to the base's water, according to the report. Fluoride is added to prevent dental cavities in consumers.

For more information, call the BEE flight at 707-423-5490.

Travis helps revitalize squadrons

Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

As part of an effort to address the Air Force Chief of Staff's No. 1 focus area – Revitalizing Air Force Squadrons – a project team visited June 19-20 at Travis Air Force Base, California, to meet with more than one hundred Airmen to conduct field visit sessions to drive to the roots causes of major challenges faced by today's Airmen.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein said in a letter to all Airmen dated August 9, 2016, during his first month as CSAF: "The squadron is the beating heart of the United States Air Force; our most essential team."

In that letter, he further explained how a myriad of challenges have degraded over time the core fighting unit of the Air Force and stated, "Revitalizing squadrons as the core fighting unit in our Air Force will be the primary focus in my first year as your Chief."

In order to meet that objective, Air Force senior leaders realized that revitalizing the squadron required an Air Force-wide review – driven by Airmen in the field – to promote best practices and identify improvements.

During the field visit, Airmen from different rank tiers, including officer, enlisted and civilians, participated in peer-to-peer interviews and focus groups to find targeted ideas and solutions that can be



U.S. Air Force graphic

applied across the enterprise.

"This is the chief of staff reaching down to the lowest levels, all the way down to the

senior airman to get on a peer-to-peer level and ask the hard hitting question of, 'How can we improve the Air Force at the squadron level,'" said Maj. Philip Rentz, 60th Air Mobility Wing chief of wing plans and programs. "One of the keys to the revitalizing the squadron initiative is working from the ground up."

Concepts discussed by the project team during the two-day visit stemmed from a survey sent to up to 80,000 Total Force Airmen earlier this year, assessing the perspectives of Airmen serving at the grassroots level.

"The CSAF absolutely believes that we are the best Air Force in the world, but that doesn't mean we can't be better," said Brig. Gen. Stephen

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Pence visits Colorado, receives AFSPC familiarization

2nd Lt. Scarlett Rodriguez and Senior Airman Dennis Hoffman

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Vice President Mike Pence visited Airmen June 23 at Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever AFB and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo., to learn what integral roles they play in military operations.

the commander of the Air Force Space Command, for a space orientation in support of the administrations relaunch of the

National Space Council.

Upon his arrival at Schriever AFB, Pence met with base leadership for a discussion on the

importance of space, and how it has become a warfighting domain.

Pence said, AFSPC Airmen direct no fewer than 175 American satellites that are crucial to national security every day in weather, communications, and early warning of foreign missile tests. Every American benefits from your efforts here; the world's only global utility, the GPS system that's essential to our daily life. I can assure you that you have the support of your commander in chief and of his number two and of our entire administration. You have the support of Congress and the support of the American people they represent.

In addition to relaying his support for service members across the nation, the vice president also discussed some recent newsworthy items, such as the

relaunch of the National Space Council.

After it was disbanded approximately two decades ago, the president will soon relaunch the National Space Council. Pence said it will be a great honor as vice president of the U.S. to serve as the National Space Council chairman, which has been a historic role for this office.

After explaining his ties with space, Pence also highlighted the president's proposed investment in the military, and specifically AFSPC.

In his first budget the Congress will take up this fall, the president called for the biggest increase in military spending since the days of Ronald Reagan – including an approximately 20 percent increase in the Air Force space budget.

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Spouse deals with PTSD

Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett
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WASHINGTON — Chanda D'Angelo was in a frenzy; she quickly washed all the clothes in her home, zoomed the vacuum across every floor, wiped down every surface, cleaned out the refrigerator and stove and scrubbed the windows and mirrors until they were spotless.

Exhausted, she had just enough time to get her hair and nails done – everything had to be perfect for her husband's return.

The last time then-Senior Airman Chris D'Angelo, a heavy equipment operator with the 819th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer squadron, or RED HORSE, returned from deployment, she'd experienced the fairytale homecoming welcoming her husband back. The first time had been amazing, she recalled. There had been smiles and tears, hugs and kisses. She



U.S. Air Force illustration/Master Sgt. William Vance

This pencil illustration is an attempt to visualize PTSD. Those who suffer from this disorder are constantly trying to regain some sense of the normalcy they had before events that caused pieces of themselves to go missing.

looked forward to experiencing that feeling again after having to live without him for another several months.

Like before, she waited at the squadron building as the hangar doors opened and

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F-35 appears at Paris Air Show

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Crane
U.S. AIR FORCES IN EUROPE AND
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LE BOURGET, France — The U.S. made history when two F-35A Lightning IIs arrived at the Paris Air Show to fly the aircraft's first public aerial demonstrations June 19-25.

Pulling off a historic event such as this takes months of careful planning and preparation. This team had only 36 days to make it happen.

Building the team

Needless to say, this was not an easy road for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe air boss, Col. Justin Hickman. He set out to build a team that he could empower to solve problems and accomplish this daunting task.

"You have two Air Combat Command (F-35A) jets being maintained by 39 ACC Airmen, flown here from the U.S. by two Air Education and Training Command pilots and we are using a Lockheed Martin demonstration pilot to perform in the show," said Hickman.

And he still had to plan the logistics for getting the other eight

aircraft here. Aside from the F-35s, the Air Force brought two F-16 Fighting Falcons, a C-130J Super Hercules, a CV-22 Osprey and a KC-135R Stratotanker. The Army brought an AH-64 Apache and a CH-47 Chinook. The Navy flew in a P-8 Poseidon reconnaissance aircraft.

"This is truly a team effort," said Hickman. "There are a lot of people who do not work for me at all, but without their help we could never do this. And they did it because they get it. They understand the importance of this event."

Unlike a normal unit structure, this air show brings people from all different commands and expects them to function as one cohesive team.

"I was fortunate enough to have a motivated team," said Hickman. "When you have two master sergeants like Randy James and Roy Chavez, things like security and logistics get taken care of."

Through dozens of telephone conferences, three separate trips to Paris and hundreds of emails, the 130-person

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Airman looks to sister for re-enlistment ceremony



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Capt. Nicole Tripputi, left, a contract negotiator with the 645th Aeronautical Systems Group, smiles with her sister, Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Stem, an 88th Aerospace medicine squadron ophthalmic technician, during a re-enlistment ceremony June 19 inside the auditorium of the Wright-Patterson Medical Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Amy Rollins
SKYWRIGHTER STAFF

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — An ophthalmic technician in the 88th Medical Group didn't choose to be sworn in by her unit commander when she was ready to re-enlist.

Instead, she turned to a family member — her younger sister.

The re-enlistment ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Stem was held June 19, 2017, in the auditorium of the Wright-Patterson Medical Center, with Capt. Nicole Tripputi, a contract negotiator with the 645th Aeronautical Systems Group, Big Safari, doing the honors.

“What better person than your sister to re-enlist you?” Stem said.

“Being prior enlisted, I understand what this oath means, and it is a privilege to be able to administer it now to my older sister,” Tripputi said.

Stem entered the Air Force in 1999, with Tripputi following two years later. The sisters have been stationed together, for the first time, since August 2016, and look so similar that people have often mistaken one for the other. They've enjoyed workday lunches and having the chance to spend weekends

and holidays together for the first time in more than 18 years.

“How often do military siblings have the opportunity to be stationed together, much less to live five minutes down the street?” Tripputi said.

Unfortunately, their time together is short-lived as Stem will undergo a permanent change of station to Yokota Air Base, Japan, in August 2017, with her husband, Master Sgt. Kevin Stem. He is an asset manager with the 88th Communications Squadron.

A third sister, 2nd Lt. Katherine Little, an acquisitions officer, from Creech AFB, Nevada, is coming to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base July 15 for three weeks for technical training, and the trio plans to make the most of it. Little also is prior enlisted.

Serving in the nation's Air Force comes naturally to the sisters, as both parents served, with their father retiring as a master sergeant. Two remaining sisters are married to Airmen, one a retired senior master sergeant living near Vandenberg AFB, California, and the other a technical sergeant stationed at Hill AFB, Utah.

“All five of us were (Air Force) brats, and we love the lifestyle. Our dad

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U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Trevor T. McBride

A B-52 Stratofortress receives fuel from a 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 Stratotanker during a flight in support of Operation Resolute Support June 6.

Bomber squadron hits 100 years

Staff Sgt. Trevor McBride

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SOUTHWEST ASIA — Carrying out vital missions for more than 100 years, the 23rd Bomb Squadron and the associated aircraft maintenance units continue to play a critical role in delivering combat airpower.

Dating back to June 16, 1917, the 23rd BS honors 100 years of existence.

“This is a significant milestone in any squadron history by reaching the century mark,” said Lt. Col. Mike Maginness, the 23rd BS commander. “It's particularly appropriate that the Bomber Barons here are spending our 100th dropping bombs in combat.”

Throughout the years, the 23rd BS has flown various aircraft; however, the B-52 Stratofortress has had a significant role for close to 65 years of that time. Although the B-52 initially had a 10-15 year airframe design, it has well surpassed expectations.

Maginness added that because of its modular design, the B-52 is easily modifiable in order to eliminate new threats while also continuing to search for new weapons and tactics, pushing the capabilities of the aircraft to

keep it pertinent to the fight.

“We haven't even gotten to the tip of the iceberg of what it's capable of,” Maginness said. “There are many ideas and technological programs being worked right now to not only keep it operating as an important part of the fight for the next 30-40 years, but to ensure it's the go-to aircraft for certain missions.”

Aircrews have proven they can adapt to the changes by continually delivering decisive airpower in combat. However, the dominance would not be possible

without the support of the aircraft maintainers and munitions troops.

According to Maginness, the 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit set an all-time record for consecutive sorties without a maintenance cancellation.

“This is a dual accomplishment of achievements for us,” said Capt. Steven Draughon, the 23rd AMU officer in charge. “Not only was it the 100th anniversary of the Bomber Barons, but at the end of the day we launched our 401st consecutive

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DOD to tweak incentive for battlefield Airmen

**Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON — Based on new authority from the Defense Department, the Air Force announced its intent to begin a pilot program providing battlefield Airmen skill incentive pay based on qualified skills versus performed duties.

The new incentive pay, which will replace hazardous duty incentive pays, are designed to incentivize Airmen to maintain qualifications for critical and essential skills such as jump, dive and demolition.

Currently, Battlefield Airmen only receive these incentives when performing their duties, and limit monthly payments when an Airman is unable to perform these skills due to medical restrictions or career broadening opportunities.

“Our nation requires that we send our Battlefield Airmen into harm's way and calls for them to operate in some of the most dangerous places on the planet,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. “Their training is extensive and grueling, and

they maintain the skills that our Air Force and joint force rely on.”

“The current pay structure was causing unnecessary financial burdens for these warriors when their incentive pay would stop during temporary medical restrictions or a career broadening assignment,” he said. “We now have the authority to pay these warriors based on their qualifications, and this is the right way to take care of Airmen from whom we ask so much.”

The change removes the financial disincentive currently associated with Battlefield Airmen seeking medical care or broadening assignments as instructors or members of headquarters staff under the hazardous duty pay program, for example.

This three-year pilot program ensures the new incentive pay will be equal to existing incentive pays battlefield Airmen already receive in the following Air Force specialty codes: combat control, pararescue, tactical air control party, special operations weather, combat rescue officer, special tactics officer and air liaison officer.

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Team looks at new parachute for seat

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412TH TEST WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Members of the 418th Flight Test Squadron are testing a new parachute canopy for the Advanced Concept Ejection Seat II.

Testers are collecting data on the GR7000 parachute, which has been proposed to replace the current C-9 canopy used in the ACES II ejection seat.

The testing is part of the Air Force's ACES II Safety and Sustainability Improvement Program.

The ACES II ejection seat system has been used for almost 40 years and brought standardization to Air Force ejection seats in the A-10, F-15, F-16, F-22, B-1 and B-2. The standardization reduced cost and training time as maintainers and pilots only have to train on one type of seat.

"The overall test objective is to demonstrate the strength of the GR7000 parachute at worst-case ejection (situations), high-altitude mode 1 deployment and evaluate the steady-state descent characteristics of

the GR7000 parachute," said Alice White, 418th FLTS ACES II SSIP project manager.

White said since the initial fielding of ACES II in 1978, the Air Force has made two significant changes affecting ejection seat safety. The changes were unforeseen when ACES II was initially developed. The first change was expanding the allowable aircrew weight range — originally 140-to-211 pounds — to 103-to-245 pounds.

"Another significant change affecting the safety of the ACES II was the introduction of helmet-mounted devices, particularly the nuclear flash blindness goggles used by B-2A Spirit aircrew. The combination of larger allowable aircrew anthropometric range, and the added head-born weight of the helmet-mounted devices, increased the risk of having an unsafe ejection," said Daniel Bush, 418th FLTS ACES II SSIP project flight test engineer.

The GR7000 parachute is designed to handle the greater weight ranges for pilots and to provide a slower rate of descent and oscillation, according to the manufacturer.

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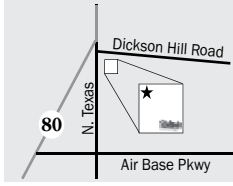
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BZZZZZZ: Wright-Patterson AFB goes to the bees

Amy Rollins

88TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Hundreds of base personnel and members of the public were buzzing about the same thing at the Wright Brothers Memorial June 21 – Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's status as the first military installation nationwide to be declared a "Bee City, USA."

A first-ever Pollinator Expo was coordinated by personnel in the 88th Civil Engineer Group.

The event included about 30 booths devoted to live demonstration hives, beekeepers making demonstrations, conservancy districts, natural

resources proponents, food trucks and family-friendly activities like face painting and children's hands-on activities.

Bees, also known as pollinators, are vital to the pollination process of a third of the food people consume such as fruits, vegetables and nuts. Due to disease, lack of land to forage on and exposures to pesticides, during the last few decades there has been a significant decline in the bee population.

Wright-Patterson AFB has partnered with Propolis Projects, a local non-profit organization committed to re-establishing vigorous populations of pollinators in Ohio. One hundred acres of Huffman Prairie now hosts a quarter-million bees – or nine colonies. In

upcoming weeks two of the colonies will be moved to an isolated area on base so they can expand.

Rebecca Westlake, 88th Air Base Wing vice director, initiated the base's move toward becoming a certified Bee City USA after attending the city of Vandalia's ceremony several months ago and realizing how "pollinator conscious" the base already is. She kicked off the event by reading a resolution declaring the base's new standing.

"We are thrilled to have the support of base leadership and such extensive local collaboration for this initiative, and ultimately our goal is to encourage other installations to take the same measures we are to protect pollinator species," said Danielle Trevino, a

natural resources technician and event coordinator. "Many installations are already doing most of the work necessary to be designated, but the Bee City USA designation really aids in fostering awareness about the role pollinators play and the decline they are experiencing. Military bases can potentially play a large role in ensuring the vitality of pollinators."

"What's going on at this base and across the state is absolutely astonishing," said Phyllis Stiles, Bee City USA founder and executive director. "People are taking steps to reverse pollinator decline in whatever way they can. ... What's happening at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is awe-inspiring. Thank you for what you are doing."

Programs help Airmen prepare for employment

Kat Bailey

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Air Force has begun participating in career skills programs which afford eligible Airmen the opportunity to prepare for a post-Air Force career up to six months before separation or retirement.


Apprenticeships, on-the-job training, employment skills training and internships are all career skills programs that offer skills training opportunities to officer and enlisted service members preparing to transition from military to civilian employment.

"Career skills programs are vocational and technical training programs that focus on the practical application of learned

skills and can lead to employment in a specific career or technical trade," said Ramona Franklin, an education services specialist at the Air Force Personnel Center. "Training can take place up to six months prior to an Airman's separation."


According to Franklin, the program is based on two driving principles: the Air Force will allow eligible Airmen to participate in industry training instead of performing military duties during the closing months of their careers, and industry training providers will offer training at little or no cost to eligible Airmen.

An Airman must have completed at least 180 days on active duty and be within 180 days of an approved retirement or separation in order to be eligible to participate in a CSP.



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60th Maintenance Group welcomes new commander

1) Col. John Klein, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, presided over the 60th Maintenance Group change-of-command ceremony June 23 at which Col. Earl S. Scott relinquished command to Col. David A. Hammerschmidt. 2) Klein presents Scott the Legion of Merit during the ceremony.

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Staff Sgt. Nicole Leidholm
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 60th Maintenance Group welcomed its new commander, Col. David Hammerschmidt, during a change-of-command ceremony June 23 at Travis Air Force Base, California.

The change of command is an official, formal and brief ceremony that is the military's way of bestowing command responsibility of a unit to an officer. The ceremony is traditionally performed in front of members of the unit, allowing each person to observe the placing of authority on the new commander.

Col. John Klein, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, presided over the ceremony which included a formation of the 60th MXG's five squadrons.

"It's an exciting, albeit bitter-sweet day as we transition the mantle of command from one leader to another," said Klein. "The change of command ceremony is our opportunity to publicly recognize a change in leadership. One leader gives up the flag, takes off the mantle of command and another puts it on. At times it can be heavy, but it's the greatest honor, a great responsibility. We don't just put it on anybody; it's sacred."

After thanking the guests, Klein proceeded to list mission accomplishments and awards the 60th MXG achieved during Col. Earl Scott's tenure as the group's commander, including six command level awards, Air Mobility Command's Logistics and Readiness Unit of the Year award, AMC's Instructor of the Year award and attained the best reliability numbers for Travis aircraft throughout AMC.

As the commander of the 60th MXG, Scott was responsible for the management of four aircraft maintenance squadrons and an aerial port squadron. He led more than 2,200 active, civilian and reserve personnel supporting Air Mobility Command's largest wing. He provided organizational and field-level maintenance for

18 C-5M Super Galaxy, 13 C-17 Globemaster III and 27 KC-10 Extender aircraft, as well as all transient aircraft, which supply space required and space available passenger services, cargo movement and traffic management operations.

In the past year, the group has enabled 8,650 sorties to fly around the world, transporting 80,000 tons of cargo and 31,000 personnel, providing rapid global mobility to all six geographic combatant commands.

3) Col. John Klein, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, passes the 60th Maintenance Group guidon to Col. David Hammerschmidt, incoming 60th MXG commander, during a June 23 change-of-command ceremony.



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Klein presented Scott with the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments while assigned as the 60th MXG commander. Scott will be retiring after serving 26 years in the Air Force.

"To the mighty men and women of the 'One Team, No Seam,' MXG, when (we) were told we were coming back to Team Travis, we were ecstatic," said Scott. "MXG warriors, thank you for embracing us two years ago and making my job easy."

After relinquishing command

to Klein, Scott stepped to the side for Klein to designate the new MXG commander, Hammerschmidt, with the traditional passing of the guidon while the MXG rendered the final and initial salutes to Scott and Hammerschmidt.

"Col. Earl Scott, I've known this man for many years, as a man, a person, a friend and an officer and I'm very fortunate to follow in his footsteps for the third time," said Hammerschmidt. "He has a history, a legacy, and leaves

a place better than he found it; I'm truly indebted to you. To the men and women of the 60th Maintenance Group - thank you. Thank you to you and your families for shouldering the awesome responsibility of serving our nation and everything that goes with that."

Hammerschmidt previously served at Travis as the 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander from 2011 to 2013 and the 60th MXG deputy commander from 2014 to 2015. Hammerschmidt's recent assignments

include serving as a student at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and as the Division Chief of the Mobility Aircraft Division, Scott AFB, Illinois. This change of command marks the third time Hammerschmidt has succeeded Scott in command.

"My vision for this group is simple: safe, effective and efficient aerial port and maintenance operations in support of the 60th Air Mobility Wing, AMC, our nation and our allies," said Hammerschmidt. "We have an enormous

responsibility. We have 50 percent of the Air Force's active-duty C-5 fleet, 50 percent of the KC-10 fleet, the busiest C-17 unit in AMC, the largest port on the West Coast, and the only three (mission data series) maintenance squadron in AMC. It is a huge responsibility and our country is counting on us to do it right - safely, effectively and efficiently. Our focus is simple: maximize training opportunities with an offensive mindset and take the fight to the jets approach each and every day."

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STR8TS puzzle grid with numbers and black squares.

Previous solution - Tough

Previous solution grid for STR8TS puzzle.

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Previous solution - Easy

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Events and info

Give Parents a Break Program. Canceled due to federal civilian hiring freeze until further notice.

Chapel programs

Recurring events

- Catholic Twin Peaks Chapel
Roman Catholic Mass: 9 a.m. and noon Sunday.
Children's Church: 10:15 a.m. Sunday.
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday or upon appointment.
Infant Baptism Prep Class: Two classes. Registration Required. 6 to 7 p.m., offered quarterly.
Youth Choir: 1 p.m. Sunday.
Children's Choir: 2 p.m. Sunday.
Adult Choir: 4 p.m. Sunday.
Women's Bible Study: 10 a.m. (at First Street Chapel).

- First Street Chapel
Mom's Group: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday.
DGMC Medical Center Chapel
Roman Catholic Mass: Noon to 12:35 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except for federal holidays.

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
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DGMC Medical Center Chapel
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Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday.
Gospel Worship Service: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.
Children's Ministry is provided for 6-month-olds through fifth grade.
Protestant Men of the Chapel: 8 to 9 a.m., first Saturday of every month.
Twin Peaks Chapel
Protestant Women of the Chapel: 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.
DGMC Medical Center Chapel
Protestant Traditional Service: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sunday.
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For more information about chapel programs, call Twin Peaks Chapel at 707-424-3217.

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July Fourth barbecue celebration. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 4, Travis Marina. Free. Bring the whole family. To participate, register at Outdoor Recreation. Boat rides during the event are full, however, the barbecue celebration is still open. For more information, call 707-424-0969.

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Deals and events

Teen Adventure Camp. From July 24-28, teens can enjoy stand-up paddle boarding, geocaching, hiking, whitewater rafting and more. Register at the Youth Center. Cost includes meals, transportation and equipment. Mandatory swim test for the camp as well as a mandatory parent meeting July 17 at the Teen Zone. \$85. For more information, call 707-424-5392.

First Friday. July 7, Delta Breeze Club. Club Members can enjoy appetizers and wine or beer tasting for free. Non-members are welcome to join for \$5 per person. For details, call 707-437-3711.

Food Truck Fridays. Returns July 14 at the Delta Breeze Club. Club members and nonmembers welcome to bring pets. Food, games, socializing and free live music! Wingman's and the O-Bar also open. Free karaoke at 8 p.m. inside Wingman's. For more information, call 707-437-3711.

Aero club lessons. For \$49.99, new members can enjoy three months of free membership dues and a Discovery Flights over the San Francisco Bay Area. Offer only lasts until Aug 31. For more information, call the Aero Club at 707-374-0081.

Summer sports

Soccer registration. Coaches needed. Registration for Youth Soccer is now open at the Youth Center. The deadline to sign up is Aug 4. Children ages 5-12 are eligible to participate with proof of current physical, shot records and paperwork. Volunteer coaches in high demand. For more information, call the Youth Center at 707-424-5392.

Travis Triathlon. July 15. Registration July 1-15 at the Fitness Center. Race starts and ends at the Travis Aquatic Center and consists of a 400-meter swim, 12-mile bike and 5-kilometer run. Prior to registering, you must visit the Travis Aquatic Center to test your swimming ability. Just ask a lifeguard for assistance. Individual entry is \$25 and teams are \$60. For more information, call 707-424-2008 or visit the Fitness Center.

For more information on FSS, visit http://www.travisfss.com.

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Air Force Sergeants Association "Walter E. Scott" Chapter 1320. General membership meetings are at 3 p.m. on the second Friday of every month at Wingman's in the Delta Breeze Club. For more information, contact Senior Master Sgt. Angell Nichols or Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Linden de Romero.

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

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

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

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

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LGBT Alliance. General membership meetings take place at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. For more information, email lgbtalliance707@gmail.com or call 707-424-2486.

Mare Island Museum. Now a Blue Star Museum, which means active-duty military, reservists and their dependents are eligible for free admission from Memorial Day to Labor Day. 1100 Railroad Ave. on Mare Island in Vallejo. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 707-557-4646.

M-50 Gas Mask Fit Testing. Takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at Bldg. 791. All deployers are fit as necessary.



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

- Today
6:30 p.m. "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul" (PG-13)
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6:30 p.m. "Cars 3" (PG-13, first run)
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2 p.m. "Transformers: The Last Knight" (PG-13, first run)

July Fourth hours

Base Exchange main store: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
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Knucklebuster Cafe: Will not close
Sierra Inn Dining Facility: 6:30-8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Travis Aquatic Center: Open swim from 1 to 5 p.m.
Travis Marina: Open for Fourth of July barbecue. For more information, see "In the Next Week" box.
Westwind Inn: Will not close
Java City: 7 a.m. to noon

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Motorcycle licensing and training. California Rider Education offers the Motorcyclists Training Course, the Basic Riders Course 2 and the Military Sportsbike Riders Course on base. MTC classes take place most weekends. Motorcycles and helmets provided. Successful completion gives students a DL389 that waives the skills test at DMV. Course cost covered for active duty, reserves, some DOD and some NAF folks. Dependents welcome, but must cover own costs. All registrations done via phone at 1-800-966-3844.

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Professional Loadmaster Association. The Professional Loadmaster Association meets at noon on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the USO Lounge. Toastmasters is an organization that helps people practice communication, as well as build on skills they already have. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Nicole Culberhouse at 478-273-1760.

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

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Toastmasters. The Travis Toastmasters meets at noon on the first and third Tuesday of the month in the USO Lounge. Toastmasters is an organization that helps people practice communication, as well as build on skills they already have. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Nicole Culberhouse at 478-273-1760.

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

Travis Composite Squadron 22 Civil Air Patrol. Open to youth from 12 to 18, as well as adults ages 18 or older who train and serve as the volunteer component of the total force. UTA is 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Bldg. 241-B-2. Open to all students with a 2.0 or higher grade-point average. For more information, contact CAP 1st Lt. Jo Nash at 707-424-3996 or recruiting@squadron22-cap.us, visit during a UTA or check out http://squadron22-cap.us.

Travis Heritage Center. The facility is looking to add to its historical collection. It is missing the past 15 years of conflict in which Travis was involved. Do you have something special to donate for generations to appreciate? The center also seeks volunteers. The gift shop

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Travis Legal Office. Power of attorney and notaries are walk-ins 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. Legal assistance for active duty members and dependents are walk-ins from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. For all wills and retiree legal assistance, call 707-424-3251 to make an appointment.

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. The following Travis employees are approved as leave recipients through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:
• Vicente Arespacochaga Jr., 60th Medical Support Squadron.
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• Nicole Miller, 349th Maintenance Squadron.
• Jessica Trimble, 23rd Combat Communications Squadron.

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

Tuskegee Airman Lee A. Archer Chapter. Meets at 1 p.m. third Saturday of the month at Nut Tree Airport. For more information, call James Harris at 707-631-6361.

What's Cookin' Wednesday. Free lunch at the Travis AFB USO building 1348. Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. For active duty, Guard, reservist and their families.

Some separated Airmen can have ratings reviewed

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Airmen who were medically separated between Sept. 11, 2001 and Dec. 31, 2009, can have their disability ratings reviewed. Airmen medically separated with a combined disability rating of 20 percent or less and who received separation pay versus medical retirement may request a Physical Disability Board of Review.

The PDBR evaluates disability cases for all the military branches and their reserve components. In 2008,

the Defense Department designated the Air Force as the lead component to manage the PDBR.

When reviewing records, board members first compare DOD and Veterans Affairs ratings and then make a recommendation to the respective service secretary. If applicable, military records are then updated with a retroactive effective date equal to the original date of separation.

"The intent is to ensure fairness and accuracy as well as consistency across the services," said Troy McIntosh, the Headquarters Air Force PDBR president.

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PTSD

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busses pulled up and unloaded.

This time, her world came to a screeching halt, as the happy-go-lucky husband who'd left wasn't the same man who returned.

"He held back and wasn't quick to come up," she remembered. "He did come find me and we did hug and kiss, but he was almost melancholy, reserved. He didn't want to be intimate with me. I could tell immediately he wasn't right. I just knew - red flags started popping up everywhere right away."

She asked him what happened, but he didn't want to talk about it, leaving her feeling left out and disconnected.

"I didn't know if this was normal, if he just needed time," Chanda recalled. "I didn't understand the severity of what had happened to him. So, in a way I knew to suck it up and move on, we can't let this define us. But that was me being ignorant to the fact that my husband was really hurt over there."

Weeks turned into months with little improvement. He was distant, short-tempered with the kids, and paranoid. It was clear her husband was more comfortable at work than at home.

At her breaking point, she pleaded with him to get help. Fortunately, Chris listened. But little did she know he wasn't ready to admit something was wrong, and lied to the medical professionals so they would let him get back with his unit.

"He went to get some help and it got a little bit better," she said. "He wasn't great."

Roughly a year later, her husband deployed again. He later told her he broke down while he was away, when he found himself incapable of doing his job and putting others at risk. This time when he came back, she went with him to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Maryland.

"When I first learned about it at Walter Reed, I still didn't understand the severity of (post-traumatic stress disorder)," she said. "In my mind, everybody kind of went through something traumatic, and (it's) mind over matter. I know that sounds so insensitive but I remember that's how I was feeling."



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Chad Thompson

Tech. Sgt. Christopher D'Angelo, right, a 490th Missile Squadron missile alert facility manager at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., poses for a photo with his wife, Chanda, son and daughter at their home June 7 in Great Falls, Mont.

She was able to tour the facility, learn about PTSD and other invisible wounds. The more she learned, the angrier she became. She was mad at "the bad guys," about the war, but mostly heartbroken for her husband.

Meeting other wounded warriors, her husband began swapping stories. That's when she first heard what he had been through.

Over the years, Chanda heard several versions, sometimes in watered-down summary, sometimes in pieces, but small bits would come out that she hadn't heard before. She was in shock the first time she heard it, but impressed and proud of him.

"I actually did tear up; it made me love him even more,"

she said with pride. "What a strong man I'm married to."

With her story, Chanda hopes to encourage other spouses and military dependents who may be going through similar situations.

"Hang in there," she said. "We need to be their rock, because they've gone through things and seen things we can't even comprehend. Through all of this, it truly has given me the best husband -- we have the best marriage. He's my best friend."

In February 2016, the Air Force chartered an office focused on invisible wounds to identify and implement ways to more effectively support Airmen and their families. Leaders are currently working to integrate efforts to improve processes

associated with identification, diagnosis, treatment and reintegration/transition of Airmen with invisible wounds.

"The first step to recovery from invisible wounds is to acknowledge that there is a problem and be willing to take the steps to get help," said Maj. Gen. Kimberly Crider, the special assistant for the Invisible Wounds Initiative. "This can be the hardest step, we know. Anyone can get ready access to expert mental health professionals, chaplains, family life counselors and informed leaders at every installation to assist them in early recovery. (Counselors) at every base are a good first place to start to get help."

As part of this initiative, the Air Force identified a number of opportunities for growth in treatment options across the total force, several of which are currently underway. These include a medical facility focused on invisible wounds, modeled as a clinical center of excellence, to better serve the unique treatment and support needs for Airmen. Also, health care providers have been embedded in some high-risk units, such as special

forces, to increase awareness and accessibility of resources.

According to Michelle Padgett, the Air Force Invisible Wounds of War Policy chief, "It's never too early to seek assistance." She explained that the Air Force is working to educate spouses, chaplains, Airman and Family Readiness Centers and health providers to ensure that no matter where one turns, help for post-traumatic symptoms, and traumatic brain injuries is available.

Chanda and her husband have since become involved with the Wounded Warrior Program, joining others trying to heal. Her husband has since been promoted to technical sergeant and taken a special duty assignment as a nuclear facility manager at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana.

They might not have been able to heal and move on without seeking help and learning about invisible wounds.

"That's what saved him, that's what brought my husband back."

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Sister

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never complained about it and made it sound like an awesome thing to do," Stem said.

"I wanted to do everything she did," Tripputi countered. "She's the older sister and she sets the bar. There are so many things I have done first. I really do love her, I admire her and

I want to be like her. She is always selfless, humble and positive.

"I may outrank her, but she's a far better Airman than I'll ever be," Tripputi said of her sister shortly before administering the oath.

In her closing remarks, Stem said her sister is "an amazing officer and an amazing individual, and I'm really happy that she got to re-enlist me. What better person than your sister to re-enlist you?"

Bomber

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sortie."

The 23rd AMU Airmen surpassed the previous record of 312 sorties, which was held during Operation Linebacker II in 1972 during the Vietnam War. To accomplish this milestone, the maintainers adapted from the frigid winter in Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, to the hot desert environment in Southwest Asia.

"The ability of these Airmen to adapt to brutal weather speaks volumes on the resiliency of each person out here," Draughon said. "Transitioning from freezing temperatures around -45 degrees (Fahrenheit) to a sizzling 120 degrees (Fahrenheit) in a span of 90 days, they have still found the capability to continue to set all-time records for (quality) production."

For Airman 1st Class Jacob Jewel, a 23rd AMU propulsions journeyman, there's an abundance of components of the B-52 that could need attention each

day, but he takes pride in knowing that his work directly contributes to the successful launch to "go do what they do."

"Our adversaries should be afraid when they see the B-52s operating each day. Our dedication and hard work will never stop, and that's a message we are sending," Jewel added.

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F-35

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With more than 100 aircraft on display and 2,300 different exhibitors at the show, the Defense Department aircraft corral was just a drop in the bucket of what the show offered. Despite that fact, Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen drew some of the largest crowds as people clamored to get a peek at the U.S. technology on display.

The importance of this milestone was not lost on the colonel.

"I am an aviation history kinda geek," he said. "Right out there," he gestured, "in front of our aircraft, is a plaque commemorating where Charles Lindbergh landed. It's written in French, and it says, Charles Lindbergh, after crossing the Atlantic for the first time, landed here May 21, 1927. And right here at the Paris Air Show, 90 years later, we

have F-35s, F-16s, helicopters, tactical airlift and maritime surveillance aircraft, right where Lindbergh landed. This is historic."

Hickman admitted the past few months have been stressful, but he knows it was all worth it.

"When we're veterans sitting in the old folks home, we're not going to sit around and talk about all the paperwork and long hours required to make this happen, we are going to talk about Le Bourget and being a part of the world's largest airshow," he said.

Lightning brings the show to a standstill

In the late afternoon, the F-35 boomed down the runway, stopping the crowd in their tracks as they scanned the sky for the source of the sound.

For the next six minutes, Le Bourget was still and all eyes were on the fifth generation fighter cutting through the skies over Paris.

Once the display concluded, the crowd erupted with thunderous applause. Mission accomplished.

What the audience didn't see were the 39 maintainers it took to bring those jets to Paris, and put them up in the sky nearly every day for two weeks and a team of security forces to protect it.

Pence

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We're going to fight to lead in space and we're going to put the resources of the United States of America behind you, Pence said.

Pence also discussed President Donald Trump's signing of the Veterans Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act.

I came today to say thank you. Thank you for your service that creates our freedom at home and our security around the world, Pence said.

When I look out around this room, I have faith. I have faith that in the days ahead we will keep America safe. That we will make it possible for America to prosper.

The visit, which began at Peterson AFB, continued at Cheyenne Mountain AFS.

Gen. Lori Robinson, the commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command, showed Pence and Wilson the NORAD and USNORTHCOM Alternate Command Center and discussed its missions.

This is only the second time in Cheyenne Mountain AFS

history a vice president visited the facility.

The vice president and the secretary of the Air Force were educated on the construction, mission and history of the complex. The daily mission of the mountain involves collecting information from satellites and ground-based radars from around the world to provide to NORAD, USNORTHCOM and U.S. Strategic Command.

Both Cheyenne Mountain AFS and Schriever AFB play vital roles within AFSPC's mission of providing resilient space and cyberspace capabilities to the joint force and the nation.

Squadrons

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Davis, Focus Area Lead – Revitalizing AF Squadrons. "He (CSAF) thinks making the Air Force better starts with our squadrons. It's where most Airmen begin their careers, where we train them and the building block of the Air Force; it just makes sense to make sure we have it right."

Peer-to-peer feedback proved to be one of the more successful tactics in facilitating honest feedback from the interviewees, allowing Airmen to interact with a counterpart on the same footing.

"We intentionally designed

this team to have Airman talking to Airman and CGOs talking to CGOs in order to put them at ease so we could not only get honest feedback, but to make it a free flowing conversation," said Davis.

Senior Airman Kevin Hammond, 60th Operations Support Squadron air traffic controller, serves on the project team that travels to all the major commands across the Air Force to conduct the field visits.

"Often times, we are in the same boat as the person we're interviewing and share a lot of the same experiences," said Hammond. "It makes it super easy to relate to these guys and we just try to bounce ideas back and forth. It becomes more of

a collaboration of ideas rather than just us jotting down what they are giving us."

Hammond said it's exciting to see the Air Force approach this initiative by focusing on the grassroots perspective.

"This is a very innovative project," he said. "I hope people realize that the Air Force does care about their input and we operate within a shared Air Force. The Air Force isn't owned by one person, it's owned by all of us and we want people to take ownership of that. Talking to Airmen across the service, you can see they want that ownership and with this project the Air Force is providing just that."

Although the field team is scheduled to visit more than 20 bases through August 2017, they also created a web-based, crowd-sourced platform to allow Airmen across the Total Force to submit insights into challenges along with recommended solutions.

More than 650 ideas have already been submitted through the online platform. Airmen are able to comment and vote them up or down, a function that has been used several thousand times to date.

"The good news about this effort is that almost all Airmen have been assigned to a squadron and have something valuable to contribute to this discussion," said Davis. "People are eager to participate and provide their input."

To share your input, logon to <https://www.milsuite.mil/revitalize>. A common-access-card is required to use the web-based platform.

Tragedy

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wanted a better life," she said. "Working full-time started to burn me out so I stopped taking classes after one semester. I started again after a couple years and continued taking classes one semester a year. I wanted job stability, health benefits, to finish my education and most importantly, make my father proud."

Thomas recalls how her father would introduce her and her siblings.

"He would say, 'This is my oldest, he's in the Army, this is my youngest, she's in the Army National Guard and this is my middle child, she's a supervisor at Jollibee,'" she said. "When I decided to join, I didn't want him to know at first, until I was done with the process to save disappointment."

Eventually, Thomas's father found her Air Force delayed entry program shirt while folding laundry. He asked her why she had it.

"I told him I was in the process of joining the Air Force," said Thomas.

She was surprised to learn her father wasn't disappointed with her decision.

"He was excited," she said. "I told him what was going on and he wanted the shirt, since it was oversized. I told him that he could have it when I left for basic training."

Unfortunately, he never had the opportunity as the same deadly disease that claimed the life of Thomas's mother also took her father.

"He succumbed to cancer in December 2009 and I didn't leave for BMT until October 2010," Thomas said as she fought back tears. "He never got to wear the shirt and he never got the chance to see me in uniform. I graduated BMT a couple of days before his first death anniversary."

"I know he'd be really proud if he was here today, and I just wish that I could see the smile and pride on his face," she said. "I feel the same for my mother as well."

As the NCOIC of customer service and a deputy disbursing officer for the 60th CPTS, Thomas is responsible for assisting customers with a variety of military and travel pay concerns. She's also responsible for

issuing funds for more than 30 organizations across Travis Air Force Base, California.

"Sergeant Thomas is a hard working Airman who always goes the extra mile," said Master Sgt. Brady Black, 60th CPTS Financial Services flight chief. "Her impact is felt throughout the squadron as she's always setting up squadron events. Additionally, her efforts in the disbursing office have made it so we don't worry about disbursing operations. That's the best compliment anyone can get, being so awesome at your job that we forget it's there and take for granted it will always be top notch."

The 60th CPTS is a diverse unit consisting of nearly 60 Airmen from seven different countries. The unit provides services for more than 12,000 active-duty and Reserve Airmen, as well as retirees and

civilian employees.

Having so much diversity within the unit is one of its greatest strengths, said Black.

"It's amazing for such a small squadron to have Airmen from seven different countries that bring an infectious energy and thirst for knowledge that we are all better for it," he said. "It encourages us to think about what motives we have, and pushes us to succeed not just in our mission but our lives. The diverse members of CPTS have had very challenging lives and worked hard to become U.S. citizens and Airmen. That inspires the rest of us."

Thomas, who became a U.S. citizen in November 2012, said she enjoys being part of a diverse team and shared a moment when she used her background to help an elderly couple.

"An old Filipino couple was

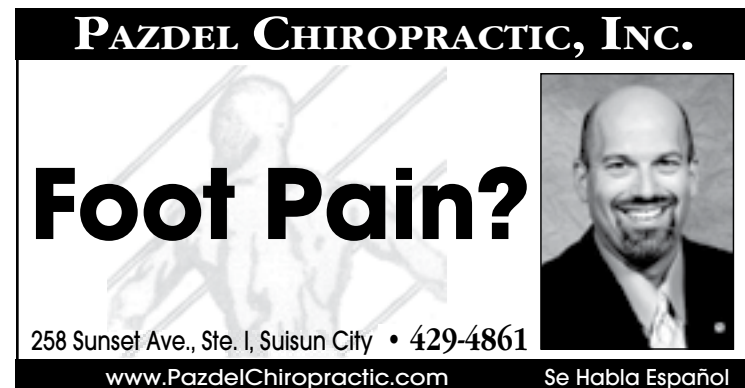
in the customer service lobby looking lost," said Thomas. "The old man, who I believe was a retiree, was disabled and couldn't talk much, so I spoke to his spouse in our native language. Her face lit up and she told me her concerns."

The couple simply needed direction on where to go for a new ID card. Being able to help them feel more comfortable and find a solution to their problem was a great feeling, said Thomas.

She encourages everyone to embrace diversity.

"Diversity in the workplace enhances our understanding of other cultures," she said. "It also helps with decision making and mission readiness when we engage globally. This way, we can rapidly project American power anytime ... anywhere and become America's finest mobility force."

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Keville

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the subject and the course of action mentioned first and most often is to prioritize. If you want balance, you have to force yourself to edit yourself personally and professionally. Some people are happy with working 12 to 14 hours a day, and that's just fine. Some of us would be much happier working nine to 10 hours, and spending time at home with the family, and that's fine too.

Consider all the things that compete for your time and decide what to keep and what to discard. Focus on the things that are important to you and don't do the extraneous stuff. It's a discipline that doesn't come too naturally to most of us. Many of us try to personally complete 100 percent of the tasks 100 percent of the time. That is just not

possible.

There are a million balance suggestions that are just a Google search away. A work suggestion: We need to unplug. Leave the work cell turned off for a while, stop continually checking emails. A home suggestion: It's OK to miss your kid's baseball practice from time to time. We just need to get past the feeling of needing to be there 100 percent of the time for everyone else.

If you're like me, this is a constant battle. With the current manning across the Air Force, there are far too many demands pulling us all in too many directions at work. Then we've got our home life to challenge us as well. We need to continue the search for balance. An Airman that's not happy at home will not be happy at work, and an Airman that's not happy at work will not be happy at home.

Holiday

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Water Quality Report

The Travis Air Force Base Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight's goal is to ensure the Travis community is provided a reliable drinking water supply and we are pleased to present to you the 2016 drinking water quality report. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality and it includes a summary about the water provided to Travis, where it came from, what it contained and how it compares to California standards.

Water sources

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material. It can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Travis purchases water from a California State Water Project that originates in Lake Oroville and flows through the Sacramento River to the North Bay Aqueduct pumping facility then to the water treatment plant located on the base. The treatment plant also receives surface water from the Solano Project, which provides water from Lake Berryessa transported by the Putah South Canal to the terminal reservoir. If the Travis water treatment plant is down for maintenance, water

is obtained from groundwater wells located at Cypress Lakes Golf Course a few miles north of the base. Water from both sources is then disinfected and fluoridated. Surface water source water assessments were completed in 2001, 2002 and 2006, while a groundwater well source assessment was completed in 2016. For more information, call the BEE flight at (707) 423-5490.

Contaminant summary report

The Contaminant Summary Report lists the drinking water contaminants detected from Jan. 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. The State Water Resource Control Board allows Travis to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. However, some of the representative water quality data are more than a year old. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations or wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals that can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

• Pesticides and herbicides that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, or residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm-water runoff, agricultural application or septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production or mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the SWRCB prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water that is provided by public water systems in California. These regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health purposes.

Terms used in this report

- Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the public health goal or maximum contaminant level goal as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant

in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. EPA.

- Public Health Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the California EPA.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

• Primary Drinking Water Standards: MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring and reporting requirements and water treatment requirements.

• Secondary Drinking Water Standards: MCLs for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. Contaminants with SDWS do not affect the health at the MCL levels.

• Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

• Regulatory Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

• Variances and Exemptions: Department permission to exceed an MCL or not comply with a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Table 1: Contaminant Summary Report

This table below summarizes the drinking water contaminants that were detected in the period January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

REGULATED CONTAMINANTS WITH PRIMARY MCLs											
Substance or Constituent	Units	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Year of Sampling	Travis Water Treatment Plant			Violation	Typical Source
							Level Detected	Range of Detection	Year of Sampling		
Copper	ppm	(AL=1.3)	0.3	ND	ND	2016	ND	ND	2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Aluminum	ppm	1	0.6	ND	ND	2016	0.056	ND-0.17	2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits; residual from water treatment process
Fluoride ¹ - added/Fluoride ² - ad	ppm	2	1	0.8	0 - 1.3	2016	0.84	0.08-1.4	2015	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Lead	ppb	(AL=15)	0.2	ND	ND	2015	ND	ND	2015	No	Discharges from industrial manufacturers; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate (as nitrate, NO3)	ppm	45	45	ND	ND	2016	2.4	1.9-3.2	2016	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite (as nitrogen, N)	ppm	1	1	ND	ND	2016	ND	ND	2016	No	Runoff and leaching from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks and sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity ¹ at 521 and 52	NTU	1	N/A	0.21	< 0.3	2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Soil run-off
											100% of samples ≥ 1100% of samples ≥ 1100% of samples > 1
Total Organic Carbon ^{3,4 Total Organic}	ppm	TT=RAA > 1	N/A	N/A	1.6-2.5	2016	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	Decay of natural organic matter
Alpha Particle Activity	pCi/L	15	0	ND	3.92-3.92	2016	ND	ND	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 226	pCi/L	5	0.05	ND	ND	2016	ND	ND	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radium 228	pCi/L	5	0.019	ND	ND	2016	ND	ND	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium	pCi/L	20	0.43	ND	ND	2016	ND	ND	2013	No	Erosion of natural deposits
REGULATED CONTAMINANTS WITH SECONDARY MCLs											
Constituent	Units	MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Level Detected	Range of Detections	Year of Sampling	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Year of Sampling	Violation	Typical Source
Aluminum	ppb	200	none	ND	ND	2015	56.6	ND - 170	2015	No	Erosion of natural deposits; residue from some surface water treatment processes
Chloride	ppm	500	none	12	9.0-48	2015	34.6	28-38	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; seawater influence
Manganese	ppb	50	none	ND	ND	2015	ND	ND	2015	No	Leaching from natural deposits
Odor	units	3	none	2	1.0 - 2.0	2015	ND	ND	2015	No	Naturally-occurring organic materials
Specific Conductance	uS/cm	1600	none	380	316 - 588	2015	643	640-650	2015	No	Substances that form ions when in water; seawater influence
Sulfate	ppm	500	none	58	11 - 91	2015	51.3	48-56	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits; industrial wastes
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	1000	none	210	198-368	2015	373.3	360 - 380	2015	No	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits
MICROBIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS											
Contaminants	Units	MCL	MCLG	No. of Detections	Year of Sampling	Violation	Typical Source				
Total Coliform Bacteria	N/A	> 1 positive monthly sample	0	0	2016	No	Naturally present in the environment				
Fecal Coliform Bacteria	N/A	1 positive and 1 repeat positive	0	0	2016	No	Human and animal fecal waste				
AND PRECURSORS *(TTHM Violation Description See Below)											
Substance	Units	MCL	MCLG	Highest LRAA	Range	Year of Sampling	Violation	Typical Source			
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	ppb	80	N/A	65	ND-93	2016	No				
Haloacetic Acids	ppb	60	N/A	19	29-May	2016	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection			
DETECTION OF LEAD AND COPPER IN TAPS											
Metals	Units	AL	PHG	No. of Samples	90th Percentile Detected	Year of Sampling	Violation	Typical Source			
Lead	ppb	15	2	30	<0.0050	2015	No	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits			
Copper	ppm	1.3	0.17	30	0.22	2015	No				

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4. Compliance is based on the running annual average (RAA) determined quarterly. This means that every three months, we average all samples taken during the prior twelve-month period.

Legend:
 ND: Not detectable at testing limits
 ppm: Parts Per Million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
 ppb: Parts Per Billion or micrograms per liter (ug/L)
 uS/cm: Microsiemens Per Centimeter
 NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units



1) Members of the 60th Security Forces Squadron run with "The Flame of Hope" Special Olympics Torch June 22 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The defenders are running the torch to the California Department of Corrections prison facility in Vacaville, Calif. The event brings local law enforcement together from Solano County to show their support for the Special Olympics.

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2) Members of the 60th Security Forces Squadron run with "The Flame of Hope" Special Olympics Torch June 22 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. 3) Eric Silva, a track and field athlete competing in the Special Olympics, runs with police officers from the Fairfield Police Department to deliver the "The Flame of Hope." 4) Members of the 60th SFS pose for a photo with Silva.





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