

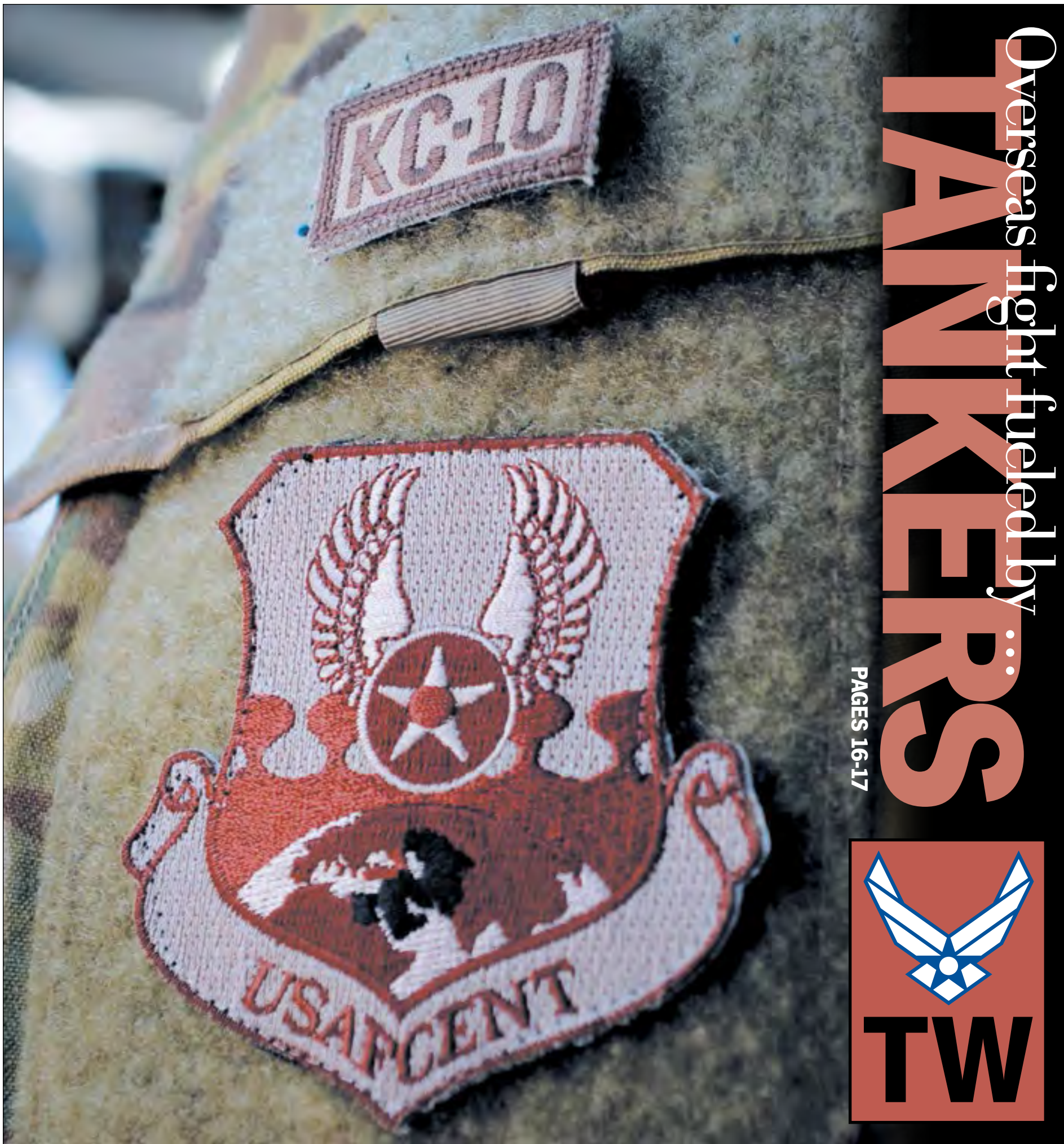
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Time flies in AF – do good while you can

Time flies. I'm not a fan of clichés, but this one continues to prove itself true, especially now as I'm still trying to figure out where April, May and June went.

In the military community, we experience this reality more than others, as the annual migration of moving trucks appearing in our neighborhoods reminds us every Permanent Change of Station season.

In fact, right now we're in the midst of a two-month timespan where we'll say goodbye to 16 of our vice wing, group and squadron commanders, a number of chiefs and first sergeants, and enough other military and civilian Airmen to field a



Commentary by Col. Lance Clark
60TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

dominant second world Air Force. As each of these difference-makers leaves and embarks on another opportunity to serve, what will they take with them? Did we leave them better than when we first met them?

Legacies are built on what we pass on to others and are often associated with things or money. However, a lasting legacy is always about people – what

impact did they have on their communities and, more importantly, the people in them? We name installations, streets and buildings after people to recognize their contributions: Travis AFB, Collins Drive, David Grant Medical Center, Birchard Park ... how many

Commander's Commentary

of us know who these people were? Although they and their contributions quickly fade from the public eye, their impact on others remains through the passage of time.

As Airmen, our legacy has nothing to do with what's written on our Officer/Enlisted Performance Reports or in a decoration. Our legacy is chiseled on the people we encounter. It really is all about relationships – not for what we can get, but for what we can give.

An influential 1700s era teacher said it this way:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
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As long as you ever can.
The Air Force offers us

a unique opportunity to “do good” in a way few others can match. All it takes is the courage to engage. Our Travis community reverberates with engaged organizations: our Balfour Beatty partners host child/family events on Wednesdays and sponsor annual scholarship opportunities; booster clubs and our Travis Spouse's Club tailor occasions to the needs of our units and families; our Child and Youth Program and Outdoor Recreation Team coordinate activities on and off base; our Exceptional Family Member Program and Special Needs Task Force arrange specific engagements for their

constituents; and our Airmen and Family Readiness Center offers a plethora of support for a variety of community interests.

The involvement of these organizations is invaluable, and helps make Travis the incredible community it is. As people however, we can engage on an individual level in a greater capacity, and to a greater effect, than any organization. Will we have the courage to do so?

This summer, we'll welcome another 600 Airmen to our team. They've already begun arriving and experiencing Travis. The greatest legacy it can leave will only happen through engaged neighbors, squadron mates and Airmen. Our time with them will fly – how will each be better for having encountered us?



Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Erika Scofield
60TH MISSION SUPPORT GROUP

Leadership lessons can come in many forms

Recently, I lost my best friend of almost eight years. Her loss was extremely hard on me for many reasons – the first being she was the first loss I had suffered as an adult.

Second, she was my best friend. She was my sidekick; we did everything together. She had been there with me through it all: a divorce, a marriage, four permanent changes of station to include overseas, two

Chief's Commentary

promotions, good times and bad... and just like that she was gone. Bella was my dog.

After those first few days of sadness, I pondered the memories; I went through the pictures and videos, shared the funny stories and celebrated her life and times we shared. Through my trip down

memory lane, I realized how much I appreciated her companionship and what she taught me about not only being a better human being, but how she made me a better leader. Although there were many ways she showed me, I chose to highlight just a few of the important ones.

Be patient. Starting from the day I picked up that little fur ball, my patience was tested. Training takes time, patience and understanding,

and she wasn't born knowing everything. Our Airmen will test our patience, but if we invest the time, patience and understanding they too will become better people for it.

Grow. Bella was always smarter than she was good. She knew how to obey and how to get her treats, but she didn't always do the right thing. It was up to me to show her the way. Airmen may know right

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C-5s play pivotal role in multimodal stage moves

2nd Lt. Sarah Johnson
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The United States military has a presence in forward operating locations around the globe. Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers and Marines are in the fight, delivering hope, saving lives and providing protection to those who need it most.

What may be lesser known, however, is the expanse of logistics behind ensuring troops and equipment are always in the right place at the right time.

How do combat units, along with their gear, vehicles, aircraft, weapons and other necessities travel quickly and efficiently to high-threat areas around the world?

A key answer is the multimodal stage, a complex and demanding movement requiring seamless participation between joint partners.

A multimodal stage transports cargo and personnel via multiple means in order to deliver them where they need to go in the most timely and efficient manner possible. To initiate a stage, U.S. Transportation Command balances the cost of transportation versus the timeliness, practicality and necessity of delivering various strategic assets. Then, the best flow of transportation is determined using the capabilities of the Army's Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, the Navy's Military Sealift Command and the Air Force's Air Mobility Command, along with additional support from the Joint Transportation Reserve Unit and the Joint Enabling Capabilities Command.

In short, resources from every service and a number of contractors are combined to develop the fastest and most efficient route in and out of the fight.

As the owner of 18 C-5M Super



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A C-5 M Super Galaxy sits on the ramp July 28, 2015, at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. As the Air Force's largest and only strategic airlifter, the C-5M Super Galaxy can carry more cargo farther distances than any other aircraft.

Galaxies, Travis Air Force Base, California, is a key component of AMC's capabilities in a multimodal operation. The C-5M has the largest cargo capacity both in weight and volume of any aircraft in the Air Force's inventory. Its large cargo box allows cargo to be loaded in a more “ready” state, requiring less disassembly and reassembly on

either side of air transportation. “The C-5M can also load (and) unload from both the front and the back simultaneously, allowing us to load pallets from the rear while we load helicopters from the front, for example,” said Capt. Adam Smith, 22nd Airlift Squadron pilot and a C-5M aircraft commander on a recent multimodal operation. “This expedites

ground times, resulting in fast ‘turns’ of the jet, or the time from when a jet lands until it is ready to take off again.”

Three active-duty and Reserve aircrews and two ground support personnel from the 22nd and 312th Airlift Squadrons at Travis recently contributed to a joint U.S. TRANSCOM multimodal

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A 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender crew flies a mission June 2 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name: Airman 1st Class Julia Nagy.
Time in service: Two years.
Unit: 60th Civil Engineer Squadron.
Family: None.
Duty title: Engineering journeyman.
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Hometown: Baldwinsville, New York.
Science in athletic administration.
What are your hobbies? Outdoor adventures, gym, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals volunteer.
What is your greatest achievement? Graduating Basic Military Training and tech school.

Spouse at Travis awarded scholarship

Shannon Carabajal

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — The Air Force Services Activity has awarded \$36,000 in scholarships to 10 Air Force Club members or their family members.

The 2017 Air Force Club Scholarship Program offered five scholarships to each of two groups: traditional and non-traditional. A traditional entrant is a 2017 high school graduating senior registered at an accredited college or university. A non-traditional entrant has received a GED or graduated from high school and is currently enrolled or registered at an accredited college or university.

A panel of judges scored submissions, written or video essays highlighting a time when the applicant was tested to live up to the Air Force core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. “Every year, I am inspired by the remarkable Air Force stories told through the submissions we receive,” said Jonathan Boyd, AFSVA club operations branch chief.

This year AFSVA increased the award amounts and number of awards within each group. The first-place award winners in each category receive a \$7,000 scholarship; second place, \$5,000; third place, \$3,000; fourth place, \$2,000; and honorable mention, \$1,000.

There were 135 total submissions. Congratulations to the winners:

Traditional group

1st Place: Da’Jahnae D. Provitt, daughter of Master Sgt. Jessica M. White, Youngstown Air Force Reserve Station, Ohio.

2nd Place: Julia H. Sanderson, daughter of Retired Lt. Col. Jason R. Sanderson, Ellsworth

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Innovation board holds first meeting

Capt. Lyndsey Horn

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Business, civic and Travis Air Force Base leaders met for the inaugural Phoenix Spark advisory board June 22 at Travis Air Force Base, California.

Started in April, Phoenix Spark is a base-level innovation program designed to organically connect and work with industry, academia, and the Department of Defense in order to deliver tomorrow’s tools to the warfighter today.

“Because the Air Force is a large organization, it makes innovation a challenge,” said Col. Christopher Maddox, 60th Operations Group commander, in his opening remarks to the board. “Airmen are the most connected to our mission and we want to continue to empower them to solve problems.”

The advisory board is an executive-level forum which provides advocacy and mentorship as Phoenix Spark works to create a pathway for Airmen to quickly acquire tools needed for increased mission success.

“We want to build a framework to ensure we continue to be successful,” said Maddox. “We’re looking for ways to unleash our Airmen ... and reduce the bureaucracy that stands in their way.”

Phoenix Spark is a grassroots effort initially called the Travis Innovation Office, which began in early 2016. Airmen would meet in their free time to work on projects to enhance their work spaces. After many iterations to create a viable model at the wing level, Air Mobility Command signed off on a charter creating the first Phoenix Spark office in the command.

“Through Phoenix Spark, we are connecting the operational experts at Travis with the local industry and academic partners who can realize innovative

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Library hosts rededication ceremony



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Nicole Leidholm
Col. Matthew Leard, left, 60th Air Mobility Wing vice commander, Jeannette Tross, center, niece of Maj. Ardis Crumpton, and Chief Master Sgt. Steve Nichols, 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief, cut the ribbon at the Mitchell Memorial Library rededication ceremony June 28 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

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

The 60th Air Mobility Wing held a rededication ceremony at the Mitchell Memorial Library June 28.

The rededication celebrated the 60th anniversary of when the library was named after Lt. Col. Kirk Mitchell June 27, 1957.

“It’s important to remember our history,” said Lanora Cox, 60th Force Support Squadron Mitchell Memorial Library librarian. “When they did the dedication ceremony in 1957, it really pulled the community together after such a huge loss.”

Mitchell was the 55th Air Transport Squadron commander and aircraft commander of the C-97 Stratofreighter on a mission from Wake Island to Yokota Air Base, Japan, when it crashed off the coast of Japan, March 22, 1957. The 10-personnel crew, along with 57 passengers, all died in the crash.

When the crew was 160 miles out, they made their last position report. The last that was ever heard from the crew

was their alpha-one call, meaning all systems were good and they had enough fuel, said Col. Matthew Leard, 60th Air Mobility Wing vice commander.

“When they went overdue, it kicked off a nine-day search,” said Leard. “70 aircraft and 10 ships covered a 30,000 square miles of area. They never found the crew.”

Three months after the accident, Travis dedicated the library in memory of Mitchell and his crew.

“That day, 2,000 Airmen marched in that parade,” said Leard. “That day the plaque was hung inside – it still is.”

Leard gave a quote from President Theodore Roosevelt.

“Never throughout history has a man who lived a life of ease left a name worth remembering,” said Leard. “These men were worth remembering. They still are, and I hope we remember them for another 60 years.”

Jeanette Tross, whose aunt was married to Maj. Ardis Crumpton, second in command for the mission, was also in attendance.



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Gerald R. Willis

U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Brandon Crilly, 734th Air Mobility Squadron navigation and communication specialist, retrieves a dummy during a training exercise June 12 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

Travis C-17 used in fall training

Airman 1st Class Gerald R. Willis

36TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — The 734th Air Mobility Squadron completed a fall protection training exercise June 12 at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

About 55 feet in the air, Airmen secured by harness, practiced a training situation detailing the hazards and protocols Airmen may face if an individual falls from the tail section of a C-17 Globemaster III while performing different safety inspections and repairs.

To start the exercise, a training dummy was strapped into a Personal Fall Arrest System and brought to the highest point of the

C-17. The dummy was then dropped over the side of the tail wing to dangle with simulated minor injuries from the initial fall until a rescue team was dispatched to safely recover and descend the dummy to the ground.

“Many Airmen believe the danger is over after successfully arresting the initial fall, but this is not the case,” said Master Sgt. Benjamin Mayhew, 734th AMS chief safety officer. “Due to orthostatic intolerance or suspension trauma, time is ticking against the Airmen before serious medical problems can occur.”

When someone is suspended in a safety harness, they have about 3 to 10 minutes before suspension trauma effects such as; dizziness and fainting can take hold, Mayhew said. Through

training and knowing what to do in the event of a mishap, the squadron is making strides to minimize the amount of time and learning new ways to counter the effects while in the harness.

The 734th AMS recently won the 2016 Air Force-level Outstanding Achievement Award for Occupational Safety Category V thanks in part to the advancements they are making to train their Airmen through exercises. Members are now able to slow the effects of suspension trauma and follow new safety guidelines by practicing response procedures. Airmen are constantly reminded to follow their mission statement, “Safely, by the book, then on time!”

“Our guys spend hours learning the ins-and-outs

of all the equipment before putting any of it to use,” said Master Sgt. Kristopher Savell, 734th AMS quality assurance chief inspector. “Attention to detail and proper training means that even if something goes wrong, it’s still the best case scenario for that situation.”

Keeping everyone safe and making sure proper rules are followed by everyone, Savell makes it his responsibility to keep all Airmen operating as safely as possible.

“We are always looking for improvements and learning lessons from these kinds of exercises,” Savell said. “Knowing how we can save time and what works or doesn’t work now, means we are better prepared for tomorrow’s mission.”

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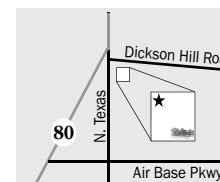
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Chef becomes mentor for Airmen

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When award-winning chef Maynard Oestreich from Napa Valley, California, was offered the executive chef position with the 60th Force Support Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California, he knew he would bring more to the table than his 35 years of culinary experience. Oestreich served four years in the U.S. Navy in the early 1980's and has a great appreciation for the challenges facing military food service specialists.

It might be hard to understand why a successful chef from arguably one of the most competitive culinary regions of the world would choose to leave that behind to work on an Air Force base, but for Oestreich, it was a no-brainer.

"Originally I wasn't looking for a job, but this made sense for me for where I am in my life," said Oestreich. "When I was told that I would be directly impacting Airmen and mentoring them, I knew this is what I wanted to do."

That's exactly what Elvis Lindsey, Aramark area general manager who hired Oestreich, was looking for in an executive chef.

"I wasn't looking for a Gordon Ramsay type of chef who was going to get in your face and intimidate you," said Lindsey. "One of the things I was looking for when I was hiring a chef was someone who not only went to culinary school and had a pallet, but also someone who could be a coach and mentor to our Airmen."

Oestreich, a 1987 graduate of the Culinary Academy in San Francisco, has worked extensively in the Bay Area and Napa Valley since. He worked at the famed Silverado Country Club in Napa Valley where he won several culinary awards and cooked for many famous people, such as King Juan Carlos of Spain, Bob Dylan, Joe Montana and Arnold Palmer.

"I bring 35 years of experience to Travis where I've worked in the hotel and resort industry," said Oestreich. "One of the things I want to instill in the cooks is if you care about what you do, the

results will show in your food."

Oestreich focuses on teaching Airmen attention to detail and finding the passion inside them. That is what separates great chefs from good chefs, he said.

"A recipe is a recipe; it's the techniques, it's the care, it's the little extra things you do that aren't in the recipe," said Oestreich. "You can follow the recipe and make it the same every time or you can add a little bit of extra care, precision, focus and passion into the food and I guarantee you will taste the difference."

Oestreich has made a huge impact at Travis since taking over the executive chef position, said Maj. Naomi Henigin, 60th FSS commander.

"Since he's been settled in with us at the Sierra Inn Dining Facility and Delta Breeze Club doing the meals, I've heard nothing but great things," said Henigin. "I heard from several base leaders that the latest Airmen Leadership School graduation meal was the "best ever."

The staff is benefiting from Oestreich's presence as well.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Briscese

Maynard Oestreich, executive chef for Aramark, prepares meals prior to the Airmen Leadership School graduation June 28 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Oestreich took the head position so he could mentor Airmen.

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Growing up on a dairy farm on the country side of Jalisco, Mexico, with little aspirations of moving to America, he knew what was needed to create a better life for himself and his family.

While living in Mexico, Tech. Sgt. Horacio Guzman Hernandez, 571st Mobility Support Advisory Squadron air advisor, would wake up early every morning to help his family on the farm, before having to walk 45 minutes to the local school to get an education.

"It wasn't a problem, I knew what I had to do to help my family," he said. "I would come home from school to feed the animals, milk the cows, help out around the farm and find time to do my homework late at night."

While Guzman and his family worked on the farm, his father would travel back and forth to the United States for several years as a seasonal worker to provide extra income for his family. After years of migrating between both countries, his father decided to move the family to Manteca, California.

"When I found out we were moving to the U.S. I didn't really want to go,"



Tech. Sgt. Horacio Guzman Hernandez, 571st Mobility Support Advisory Squadron, teaches Peruvian service members pallet build-up techniques.

he said. "I enjoyed where I lived and liked working on the farm, but I knew, if I wanted to have a better life and do something else I would have to leave."

At the age of 17, Guzman left his beloved home and moved to California where he enrolled in a local high school. "My first year in high school was

challenging for me," Guzman said. "I was a normal student, but I was in these classes where I couldn't understand the language, the teachers or the work; all I wanted to do was stay home."

He went on to add how he wanted to give up and start working, but his family and the school provided him with a great support system while offering him and other student's English lessons.

"Although there was a language barrier, I still excelled in math," Guzman said. "It took me two years to graduate high school, where I learned to read and write, but still struggled to speak the language."

After graduating high school, Guzman joined the Air Force in 2007.

"I joined the Air Force because I wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself," he said. "I knew it would be a challenge for me, but I wanted to pursue a higher education."

He also explained how he was the first person in his family to join the Armed Forces.

"When I first joined the military, my family was skeptical and had second thoughts, but now they know the Air Force was a great decision," he said.

Throughout Guzman's 10-year See MSAS Page 21



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Are steroid injections helpful to treat knee pain?

Editor's note: "Ask a Sports Doc" is a new quarterly editorial series run by the residents at David Grant USAF Medical Center's Family Medicine Residency Primary Care Sports Medicine Clinic under the direction of Col. (Dr.) Henry Lau.

Ask a Sports Doc

May 16 article published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Researchers from Tuft's University compared the effects of steroid or placebo saline injections of the knee between two groups every three months for two years. They were looking to see if there was any difference in pain, or the volume of cartilage between the two groups at the end of two years.

Results showed there was no significant difference in pain between the two groups, but that the volume of cartilage had significantly decreased in the

participants receiving steroid injections when compared to those who received saline injections. This is not surprising as it is known that prolonged use of joint injections with steroid can hasten the progression of arthritis. Thus these injections are not offered as a cure for arthritis, but as an aid to relieve pain and allow for increased activity.

This article fails, in my mind, to address the efficacy of steroid injections for patients in the timing of pain assessment. Researchers evaluated each patient's perceived pain at the beginning of the study, every three months prior to each injection and at the end of two years. What would have been more informative would've

been to assess pain scores four to six weeks after the injection, as this is when most patients receive peak benefit from a steroid injection. The effects usually wear off three to six months after the injection.

In short, this article does not support the use of corticosteroid injections for the treatment of symptomatic knee osteoarthritis. The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons clinical practice guidelines state, "There is inconclusive evidence to recommend for or against the regular use of corticosteroid injections for knee pain related to osteoarthritis."

However, if you find benefit from the injections and want to continue, you will likely see

benefits from these injections over the next several years. You will also likely experience hastened loss of the cartilage of your knee. As of yet, there is no data which indicates how much cartilage loss a person must sustain before they notice an increase in pain, decreased level of function or range of motion of the knee.

Other treatment modalities which have good evidence for improving the pain and decreased knee function caused by osteoarthritis include: supervised or home-based rehabilitation programs, regular low impact aerobic activity (such as walking, biking or swimming) and strength training. Losing as

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Actions have consequences

60th Air Mobility Wing Judge Advocate

Law and Order is a monthly feature detailing the previous month's military justice matters at Travis.

Publicizing this information fosters an atmosphere of good order and discipline by demonstrating how the military enforces standards of conduct.

During the month of May, two Airmen received final action from a court-martial, four Airmen received final review of nonjudicial punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice and five Airmen were involuntarily separated.

Courts-martial

60th Aerial Port Squadron
A staff sergeant was court-martialed at a special court-martial for two specifications of maltreatment by making comments of a sexual nature to subordinates, a violation of Article 93, UCMJ. The sentence consisted of hard labor without confinement for 21 days and a reprimand, along with a federal conviction.

60th Operations Support Squadron

A senior airman was court-martialed at a special court-martial for one specification of use of lysergic acid diethylamide, a violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. The sentence consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman, hard labor without confinement for 60 days and a reprimand, along with a federal conviction.

Nonjudicial Punishment (Article 15s) 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

An airman first class received an Article 15 for wrongful use of marijuana, a violation of Article 112a, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic, 30 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

60th Aerial Port Squadron
A staff sergeant received an

Law and Order



Article 15 for maltreatment, a violation of Article 93, and for assault consummated by a battery, a violation of Article 128b, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of senior airman and a reprimand.

60th Medical Support Squadron

An airman first class received an Article 15 for being absent without leave for three days or less, a violation of Article 86, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand.

60th Force Support Squadron

A technical sergeant received an Article 15 for larceny of nonmilitary property under a value of \$500, a violation of Article 121, UCMJ. Punishment consisted of a reduction to the grade of staff sergeant and a reprimand.

Administrative separation actions

60th Aerial Port Squadron
An airman first class was administratively discharged for a mental disorder with an honorable service characterization.

60th Operations Support Squadron

An airman first class was administratively discharged for unsatisfactory performance: failure to meet minimum fitness standards, with an honorable service characterization.

60th Maintenance Squadron

An airman was administratively discharged for pattern of misconduct, with a general service characterization.

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Master Sgt. Eric M. Sharman
386TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING
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SOUTHWEST ASIA — The Airmen in the 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron power production shop are unsung heroes. Nobody thinks about the constant, never-ending generator mission until the grid power goes down. The fleet of light carts is overlooked until night operations occur. The arresting cable mission requires routine maintenance and daily inspection. If this particular asset has to be used, it can save a life.

U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Eric M. Sharman
Staff Sgt. Michael Weixmann, left, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron power production specialist, conducts an inspection on a mobile aircraft arresting system June 24 at a location in southwest Asia.

The mobile aircraft arresting system consists of a hydraulic braking system connected to a woven steel cable which is stretched across the runway, and connected to another MAAS prior to use. If a fighter aircraft has an in-flight emergency, and it is believed that the aircraft cannot brake safely under its own power, the cable is stretched across the runway and upon landing, the tail hook of the aircraft will catch the cable.

When the aircraft pulls on the cable it engages the BAK-12 hydraulic braking system. The harder the cable is pulled, the harder the brakes are applied.

This ratio of pull-to-drag allows the aircraft to be slowed down in a safe and controlled manner. When this procedure happens correctly, the aircraft stops safely. To ensure this happens correctly, maintenance is required.

Staff Sgt. Michael Weixmann and Senior Airman Quentin Palmore, both 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron power production specialists, conduct daily inspections that ensure the four MAAS units remain operational.

“We’re looking for basic
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Block 5 MQ-9 debuts in combat

Senior Airman Christian Clausen
432ND WING/432ND AIR EXPEDITIONARY
WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CREECH AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — The latest version of the MQ-9 Reaper, the Block 5 variant, flew its first successful combat mission June 23 in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

The aircrew flew a sortie of more than 16 hours with a full payload of weapons including GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munitions and AGM-114 Hellfire missiles. During the mission, the

crew employed one GBU-38 and two Hellfires while providing hours of armed reconnaissance for supported ground forces.

“Working in conjunction with coalition joint terminal attack controllers, other MQ-9 aircraft and crews, our aircrews employed two Hellfires and one GBU-38,” said Maj. Dan, the 432nd Wing director of operations. “All three strikes met the ground force commander’s intent and destroyed two defensive fighting positions, two vehicles and one mortar tube.”

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Enlisted RPA pilots at Beale soar to new heights

Airman 1st Class
Tristan D. Viglianco

9TH RECONNAISSANCE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The Air Force’s first three Enlisted Pilot Initial Class graduates are slated to complete their final phase of training requirements this month at Beale Air Force Base, California.

The graduates are now assigned to the 12th Reconnaissance Squadron where they will receive their basic qualification training, which is designed to equip them with the skills and knowledge they need to operate in the RQ-4 Global Hawk field.

“The training here is the culmination (of their year-long EPIC program). They have learned all of the basic skills

Airmen 1st enlisted pilots since 1961

they need to be pilots. Now we will be teaching them how to be Global Hawk pilots,” said Major Mason, the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron director of operations. “We have two different phases: basic qualification training and mission qualification training. BQT occurs in the simulator. Once they complete that, they move on to MQT, where they will fly a jet in operational scenarios to complete their training.”

The graduates are also the first Airmen to become enlisted pilots since former President John F. Kennedy took office in 1961. Due to a shortage of pilots and an increased demand for intelligence and

reconnaissance, the Air Force has turned to its enlisted Airmen to fly the service’s remotely piloted aircraft.

Master Sgt. Alex, a 12th Reconnaissance Squadron student pilot, initially saw this as an opportunity he couldn’t pass up and jumped at the chance to fly the RQ-4, which he had previously been a sensor operator on. He applied to the program and was eventually selected as a member of the first class in the EPIC program.

“Someone (gave) me the opportunity and I don’t turn down great opportunities,” Alex said. “It was a challenge, which I wanted to accept, because I wanted to be a part of



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Tristan D. Viglianco
Master Sgt. Alex, 12th Reconnaissance Squadron RQ-4 Global Hawk student pilot, stands in front of an RQ-4 June 21 at Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

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Officials urge retirees to transition Club membership

Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — For many Air Force retirees, a club membership is one way to stay connected to the service they love. Air Force Services Activity officials are encouraging retirees to activate their new Air Force Club Member Portal accounts before losing that connection.

“Our retiree population is a special part of our Air Force family. Their contributions to shaping the Air Force of today are invaluable and we want to keep them connected to our Airmen and our installations,” said Col. Donna Turner, the AFSVA commander.

The Air Force began transitioning away from a club credit card to the Air Force Club Member Portal at six pilot

installations in May: Osan Air Base, South Korea; Thule AB, Greenland; Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri; Eglin AFB, Florida; Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, and JB Charleston, South Carolina.

Current member information was automatically loaded on the club portal, but members need to log in and update payment information to maintain their membership. The free MemberPlanet app is available in the App Store or Google Play. The web- and app-based system allows members to choose their payment methods and receive real-time event information directly on their smart devices or computers through the portal.

“Members can now use their credit or debit card of choice,” said Jonathan Boyd, the AFSVA chief of nonappropriated fund food and beverage operations. “It’s an easy process ... you simply update your profile using

your smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer.”

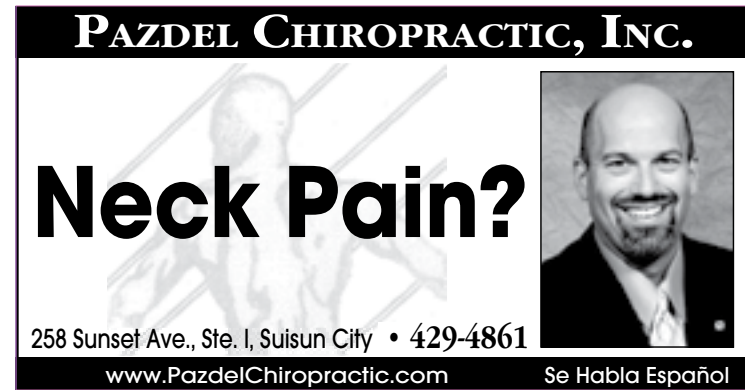
Members without easy access to smart devices or computers can also stop by their local club for assistance.

“Through the club portal, club members will have easy access to a wide variety of information such as events and special programs scheduled, meal specials and other notifications in near real time,” Boyd said.

The portal will be rolled out across the Air Force Aug. 1, 2017. Members can either show their digital membership card through the MemberPlanet App on their smart devices or print a card from the app. The card features the member’s name, preferred club, and an expiration date.

“Air Force Club membership is a tradition,” Turner said. “It’s where our Airmen experience, learn and share our Air Force culture.”

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1) A U.S. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle receives fuel from a 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender during a flight in support of Operation Inherent Resolve June 2. 2) An F-15E departs June 2 after receiving fuel from a 908th EARS KC-10. 3) Two F-15Es fly in formation June 2 after receiving fuel from a 908th EARS KC-10. 4) Two F-15Es fly in formation after receiving fuel from a KC-10. The F-15E Strike Eagle is a dual-role fighter designed to perform air-to-air and air-to-ground missions. 5) An F-15E prepares to receive fuel from a 908th EARS KC-10. An array of avionics and electronics systems gives the F-15E the capability to fight at low altitude, day or night, and in all weather. 6) A French Naval Rafale departs after receiving fuel June 2 from a 908th EARS KC-10. Rafale is a French twin-engine, canard delta wing, multirole fighter aircraft with a wide range of weapons. 7) A U.S. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle receives fuel from a 908th EARS KC-10 Extender.



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60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Coalition tankers continue to sustain overlapping air campaigns against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant fighters in Iraq and Syria, as well as operations in Afghanistan.

In May, the U.S.-led coalition released 4,374 weapons in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, representing the largest employment of ordnance in a single month since the operation's inception in late 2014.

As of May 31, U.S. Air Forces Central Command-controlled tankers have flown 5,037 sorties, offloaded 312 million pounds of fuel and conducted 28,072 aircraft refuelings in support of OIR in 2017, according to AFCENT's monthly airpower summary.

Furthermore, coalition tankers continue to enable Resolute Support Mission's train, advise and assist mission-set, as well as Operation Freedom's Sentinel's kinetic and airlift operations in Afghanistan. In support of OFS and RSM, coalition tankers have flown 1,925 sorties, offloaded 60 million pounds of fuel and conducted 7,052 aircraft refuelings in 2017.

KC-10 Extenders assigned to Travis Air Force Base serve as one of the primary aerial refueling platforms in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

Operation Inherent Resolve – Destroying ISIS in Iraq and Syria

Coalition airpower continued to play a decisive role in destroying ISIS' fighting capacity and eroding its control over territory and people. In May, Coalition aircraft released nearly 4,400 weapons against a variety of ISIS targets, a 33 percent increase from April and the highest release month since the inception of OIR in August 2014. The preponderance of targets include ISIS fighting positions; tactical vehicles and heavy weaponry; oil infrastructure, vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices and related facilities; and structures serving as ISIS headquarters, safe houses, security and media centers. The increase in weapons released can be directly attributed to the accelerated pace of operations as ISIS is driven into increasingly smaller pockets by partner ground forces. The majority of weapons released were precision guided munitions delivered to support partner ground forces fighting to drive ISIS out of West Mosul and Raqqa.

Airpower was instrumental in

targeting and destroying fighting positions and providing an around-the-clock protective umbrella of close air support for our Syrian Democratic Force partner ground forces throughout the fight for Tabqah and ISIS' surrender there to them on May 11. Following the enemy's surrender, the Coalition targeted retreating ISIS fighters in line with the revised counter ISIS strategy to annihilate the enemy in place so as to prevent them from carrying the fight to a later day.

Airstrikes also continued against 'deep fight' targets, including ISIS' primary source of revenue - the illicit sale of oil. Throughout May, Coalition aircraft destroyed nearly 400 oil wellheads, tanker trucks and associated infrastructure.

In support of the fight to liberate West Mosul, Coalition aircraft delivered precision guided munitions achieving lethal effects against the enemy while mitigating impacts to civilians in surrounding areas. As Iraqi Security Forces have advanced through this challenging terrain, there remained a constant overhead presence of both armed aircraft and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platforms providing real-time visibility of battlefield targets and assessments. Within Syria, the SDF continued to advance and isolate Raqqa. Coalition air support provided instrumental support to the SDF, suppressing the enemy's ability to retain their positions, and destroying ISIS headquarters, weapons and resources.

Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Resolute Support Mission – Advising Afghan Air Forces and countering terrorism

The Afghan Air Force showed considerable progress in their ability to become a professional, capable and sustainable Air Force. The AAF maintenance technicians completed their first-ever Afghan led Mi-17 helicopter 1,500 hour inspection, 15 days ahead of schedule with zero discrepancies noted on its first flight. Air liaison officers with the AAF also successfully executed the first pre-planned integration of conventional ground force movement with the Afghan National Army. Throughout the month, the 555th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron contributed to Operation Freedom Sentinel using their F-16 Fighting Falcons in both strike and show-of-force capabilities for joint terminal attack controllers supporting ground forces.



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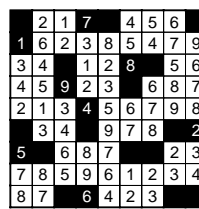
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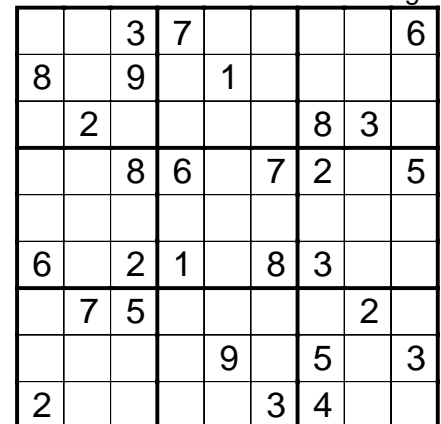


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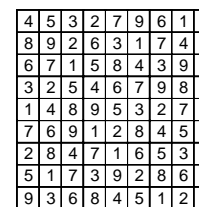
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Retiree Corner

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— **Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center Public Affairs**

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).

- Catholic Women of the Chapel: 6 p.m. first Monday of every month, Annex.
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Annex.
- RE Classes: 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, RE Wing.

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

- Sacrament Services: 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Fairfield Station Center, 2700 Camrose Ave., Fairfield.
- DGMC Medical Center Chapel**
- Latter-day Saints Service: 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at DGMC Medical Center Chapel.
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Protestant

First Street Chapel

- Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday.
- Gospel Worship Service: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Ministry is provided for 6-month-olds through fifth grade.
- Protestant Men of the Chapel: 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.

Airmen's Ministry Center

- The Peak is open from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday at Bldg 1348. Home-cooked meal at 6 p.m. Tuesday's followed at 7 p.m. by Bible study.



For more information about chapel programs, call Twin Peaks Chapel at 707-424-3217.

In the next week...



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.

60th FSS

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.

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.

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

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

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

Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station Project. Located at Peabody Road and Vanden Road in Fairfield with a six-lane overpass. Construction is scheduled for completion in October. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1yNIBwV>.

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 Quirarte and Jessica Soto at 501-231-7756 or email travspcom-batptsd@gmail.com.

Government no-fee passports. All submissions of applications for government no-fee passports must now include: 1) A photocopy of Military Identification Card front and back; 2) Passport photo taken in the past six months; 3) Supporting document(s), proof of U.S. citizenship

certified copy with state or county seal, if it involved a name change submit a court order or marriage certificate. Passport application cannot be handwritten and printed back to back and must be completed online with 2D barcode at website <https://pftform.state.gov> and/or <https://travel.state.gov>. For more information, call 707-424-5324.

Hometown News Releases. To submit a Hometown News Release, visit the new paperless website at <https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public> and fill out the information.

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. For more information, call 707-424-2689.

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

Montezuma Shrine Club. Meets every third Thursday of the month at the Masonic Center, 412 Travis Blvd., Fairfield. For more information, call Mike Michaelis at 707-427-2573 or Cal Gitsham at 707-425-0060.

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.

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

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

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

Retiree Activities Office. Openings for volunteers. Customers are retired American service members and their 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.

SGLI and vRED. The Record of Emergency Data, aka vRED, and Servicemembers Group Life Insurance form are two of the most-critical documents a service member is responsible for maintaining throughout a military career. Commanders, Casualty Assistance personnel and Mortuary Affairs personnel rely heavily on these two documents as a vital source of information when a crisis occurs resulting in serious injury or death of the service member.

60th Air Mobility Wing Information Protection Office. The office has the following walk-in customer service window hours: 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday as well as window hours from 8 to 11 a.m. Friday. For emergencies, call 707-424-3114.

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

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 is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Rick Shea at 707-424-5598 or email richard.shea@us.af.mil.

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:

- Vincente Arespacochaga Jr., 60th Medical Support Squadron.
- Cheryl Brown, 60th Air Mobility Wing.
- 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.

Local events

Events

Downtown Art Walk. 5 to 10 p.m. second Friday of each month, downtown Vallejo. www.vallejoartwalk.com.

THE FLIP SIDE

Fairfield Farmers Market. 3 p.m. Thursdays, through Oct. 5. Jefferson and Texas streets. www.fairfieldmainstreet.com.

Family & Food Truck Fair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. second Saturday of each month, May through October, Jefferson and Texas streets, Fairfield. www.fairfieldmainstreet.com.

First Wednesdays at the Suisun City Train Depot Plaza. Food, wine and music, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, through October, 177 Main St. www.suisunwaterfront.com.

Food Truck Mania. 4 to 8 p.m. second Sunday of each month, through September, Andrews Park, Monte Vista Avenue and School Street, Vacaville. www.creekwalkevents.com.

Friday Nights at the Farm. 5 to 9 p.m. July 14, Green Valley Road at Vintage Lane, Fairfield. www.gvagonconservancy.org.

Ghost Tour. 8 p.m. July 21, leaves from Virgil's Bait Shop, 201 Main St, Suisun City. www.suisunwaterfront.com.

Ghost Walk. 8 p.m. first and third Friday of each month, through September, 90 Main St, downtown Benicia. 745-9791, www.beniciamainstreet.org.

The Hub. Midsummer Dreams, through Aug. 6; Meet the artists, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday; Poetry by the Bay open mic, 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays; 350 Georgia St., Vallejo. www.thehubvallejo.com.

Saturday Night at the Movies. Movies begin at dusk: "Sing" Saturday; "Star Wars: The Force Awakens, July 15; Harbor Plaza, Main and Solano Streets, Suisun City. Free. www.suisunwaterfront.com.

Steampunk Series. Obtanium Works, 6:30 p.m. July 17; Vacaville Public Library-Town

Square, 1 Town Square Place. www.solanolibrary.org.

Vacaville Farmers Market. 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, through October, 300 Main St. www.downtownvacaville.com.

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

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

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

Wine Tasting on the Square. 5:30 p.m. Thursdays through October, 700 Main St., Suisun City. www.facebook.com/SuisunHarborSquare.

Art exhibits

Artiszen Cultural Arts Center. Gallery open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 6 to 10 p.m. second Friday of the month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, 337 Georgia St., Vallejo. 649-8984, www.artiszen.org.

Arts Benicia. "Magical Realism: Allegory, Dreams and Myth," through Sunday, "Mapping as Source: The Personal Cartography of Art Maps: July 29 through Aug. 27; open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday during exhibitions; 991 Taylor St., Suite 114, Benicia. Free. 747-0130, www.artsbenicia.org.

Benicia Plein Air Gallery. Dixie Mohan is July's featured artist, reception is 4 to 6 p.m. July 8; open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, reception, 4 to 6 p.m. July 8; 307 First St., Benicia. 495-2940, www.beniciapleinair.com.



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Beale

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something bigger, and have a bigger impact.”

Alex left his home station at Beale and went to several installations around the country to receive his training and become flight certified. He began the EPIC program in October 2016, where he trained alongside 20 commissioned officers and two other enlisted students.

“I started Initial Flight Training in Pueblo, Colorado. I was there for four weeks and I learned the basic fundamentals of (aviation) by flying a Diamond DA20,” Alex said. “Then I went to Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas for Undergraduate RPA Training. There I trained on a simulator and learned aircraft controls and instrument flying.”

Alex hopes his efforts prove the Air Force made the right decision in calling upon enlisted Airmen to fly RPAs.

“I want to prove that enlisted personnel can perform the job as a pilot,” he said. “Hopefully, I can open doors to other jobs for enlisted personnel as well.”

Alex has enjoyed flying and the process of becoming a pilot. As he reaches the final stage of the training, he appreciates how far he has come in his career.

“When I first joined the Air Force, I was a maintainer, and I would always watch the pilots take off, wishing I could fly,” he said. “Then, I became a sensor operator, and I thought that was the closest I’d get to flying. So, when I’m up there flying, I think, ‘who would have thought A1C Alex would be flying in pilot training.’”

MQ-9

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The Block 5 MQ-9 is equipped with improved electrical and communications systems which provides better software and hardware upgrades for future operations providing dominant persistent attack and reconnaissance to joint force commanders. The aircraft must also be flown with the new Block 30 cockpit that required different training for the aircrews.

While employing weapons from a new aircraft flown from a new cockpit is a historic milestone, the aircrew who flew the mission were humbled by the experience.

“(This strike) was no different than employing weapons off the previous version of the MQ-9,” said Maj. Chad, a 432nd WG pilot. “Our job is to provide the ground force commanders with effective, persistent attack capability and we will continue to do that with whatever tools the Air Force provides us.”

Master Sgt. Joshua, a 432nd WG sensor operator, explained that employing new weapons, tactics, software and aircraft efficiently to support the lethal and non-lethal needs of the military is just part of the job.

“To take an entirely new airframe and bring it into combat with lethal effectiveness is incredible, and that such a historic milestone for this new airframe was standard operations for our unit is even more incredible,” he said.

Before the Block 5 could even take off, Airmen of the 432nd Maintenance Group prepared



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christian Clausen

The new Block 5 MQ-9 Reaper is loaded with AGM-114 Hellfire missiles, a GBU-12 Paveway II laser-guided bomb and a GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munition April 13 at Creech Air Force Base, Nev.

the aircraft to fly.

The new MQ-9 aircraft arrived to Creech AFB in late February and additional modifications, such as the battery cables and enhanced generator control units, were completed in April. In May, these MQ-9s were flown locally at Creech AFB to test airworthiness after the modifications. By the end of May they were packed up again and shipped to the area of responsibility.

“Bottom line, the maintainers of the 432nd MXG were instrumental in preparing the Block 5 aircraft for their first combat sorties,” said Col. Matthew, the 432nd MXG commander. “The men and women of the 432nd MXG were responsible for ensuring combat ready aircraft deployed to the AOR. The success of the first Block 5 sortie was not a single effort and required the 432nd Wing to come together. It was the work of a team from the

test and evaluation squadron developing the aircraft, to maintenance preparing it for combat and the aircrews executing the mission. We will continue to come together as we prepare for more Block 5s in the foreseeable future.”

What may be most remarkable about this accomplishment is that it was done while the Airmen of the 432nd Wing remained constantly engaged in combat during the transition activities and training.

“Our Airmen make this look easy,” said Col. Case Cunningham, the 432nd Wing commander. “But the fact is that transitioning and training to directly field a new cockpit and a new airframe into combat with flawless execution, while simultaneously providing continuous multi-role capabilities for the joint and coalition team in our older generation cockpits and aircraft, is nothing short of incredible.”

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MSAS

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career, he has been stationed at Travis Air Force Base, deployed three times and relocated to three different squadrons around the base.

“I have been pretty lucky throughout my career,” Guzman said. “I’ve had the opportunity to travel the world and work with not only our sister services during operations but with coalition forces as well.”

Guzman currently works as an air advisor partnering with Colombia and Uruguay air forces as the team lead sergeant in cargo airdrop operations.

Scofield

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from wrong, but may not always make the right decision. They too need to be shown the way and allowed to grow from their mistakes.

Don’t be judgmental. Bella never cared how great of a leader I was, what I got on my last enlisted performance report, how many awards I won or whether I was in a good or bad mood. She just loved me, even when I ignored her. Our subordinates don’t care about those

The 571st MSAS is charged with strengthening partner nation’s capabilities and the squadron trains, advises and assists partner nations in developing airpower capabilities. The unit includes Spanish-speaking Airmen and is aligned with the U.S. Southern Command area of responsibility.

“It’s very rewarding seeing our partner nations air drop capabilities grow to the level where they can participate in a U.S. led exercise and accomplish the task to U.S. Air Force standards,” he said.

Guzman went on to say, one of his highlights in the MSAS is knowing he contributed directly to the success of the program. Also, during his time in the

things either, but they do care how you treat them. We don’t know everyone’s story, so don’t be quick to judge based on one decision.

Forgive. Dogs are probably the most forgiving creatures on the planet. We leave them for hours, and they still love us. We discipline them for misbehaving, and 10 minutes later they’re in our laps. Whatever they did, it happened, move on; life is too short to worry about what’s already been done.

Make others feel valued. Bella was always excited to see me. Any moment I spent with her made me feel I was the most

571st MSAS, the squadron developed a program that would train Colombian Air Force service members to be instructors so they can in turn train other service members on airdrop operations.

“I can’t ask for a better job,” he said. “I get to use my native language skills as well as my knowledge of the Latin culture to portray a positive image of the Air Force and help strengthen the relationships between the countries.”

Guzman recalls that when he first enlisted in the military his plan was to do six years and get out, but he fell in love with the Air Force and the camaraderie within the units, and now he plans on making it a career.

important person in the world. Her eyes would light up, her tail would wag and her whole body would shake. When was the last time you stopped and truly listened, without checking your phone, zoning out or interrupting what a coworker had to say?

We become the leaders we are by what we’ve learned along the way. Some are natural born leaders and some must work really hard, but we should never lose sight of how we can become better. Sometimes lessons can happen where you least expect it. Bella taught me that leadership can come in all forms and in the most unexpected ways.

Cable

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things like hydraulic fluid levels, pressure readings, and any cracked or dry-rotted hoses,” said Weixlmann, “This isn’t a terribly complex system, but if it doesn’t work right it could mean a badly damaged aircraft, or worse, a pilot gets injured or killed.”

The maintenance performed on this system is performed daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, and annually. Daily maintenance is an overall system check to look for anything abnormal on the system. Weekly maintenance includes bleeding the braking system fluid from the unit.

“Monthly inspections consist of a 200 foot cable pull-out, which performs a system check,

and it also removes any rust on the brakes themselves. The quarterly inspection changes this to an 800 foot pull-out, and we have to synchronize the two barrier hydraulic systems together so they can work in tandem to arrest an aircraft,” said Weixlmann.

The synchronization operation ensures that the two units are braking at the same rate, which ensures even stopping of the aircraft and even wear on the BAK-12s.

Further maintenance includes a procedure called a tape crop, which is performed semi-annually. This removes the portion of the rubberized tape that has been exposed to the sun and elements. This tape is considered “degraded” and has lost its strength. Annual inspections include changing the oil, and the multiple filters the

BAK-12 engine has.

While it may seem repetitive, the maintenance on the MAAS units is crucial to the protection of life and assets. When needed, a successful cable arrest operation is fulfilling to those who maintain these systems.

The most memorable experience Weixlmann has of “catching” a plane was at his home station of Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho.

“On an in-flight emergency call, I was able to see the plane come in, take the cable, and watch our system successfully stop the aircraft. This was the first time I was able to watch everything happen. I remember thinking ‘I hope nothing goes wrong when he hits the cable.’ There was instant gratification when I saw the system perform exactly how it was supposed to,” said Weixlmann.

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Chef

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Tech. Sgt. Reginald Brown, 60th FSS production manager, Sierra Inn Dining Facility, said his personality and consistency really stand out.

"Chef has come in and reinvigorated the staff, especially the younger staff who need a positive example with what can be done in this culinary field," said Brown. "He's great in the kitchen with creating menus from scratch and provides one-on-one sessions with our novice Airmen."

One of the pleasant surprises for Oestreich since his arrival has been the positive attitude and the receptiveness of the cooks.

"The quality of young men and women still in the military is astonishing, the American armed services still attract some of the best young people," said Oestreich. "The idea of molding brand new tech school graduates who don't have big cooking egos because they are where they want to be, they want to learn and want to get better is exactly what I want to be doing at this time."

Like any other profession, Oestreich acknowledges there's some

challenges that he and his team must overcome in order to deliver the best food possible.

"Some days are better than others, it's always a work in progress," said Oestreich. "Because of the nature of the military with people coming and going, it's always going to be a challenge to communicate the desire to be a cohesive team."

One upcoming hurdle his team must overcome is upgrading the dining facility, which is scheduled to begin in January 2018.

"When the Sierra Inn Dining Facility closes for some well-needed upgrades, we'll be moving our operations over to the Delta Breeze Club," said Oestreich. "This will undoubtedly create some challenges but I'm confident our team will overcome whatever they are."

One thing is for certain: Oestreich is exactly where he wants to be and doing what he wants to be doing.

"There's nothing right now in my life more satisfying than mentoring young people," said Oestreich. "Travis has a great reputation throughout the Air Force as being one of the premiere dining facilities. People often come here to see how we do our processes, which is a great measure of the success we've had."

Sports Doc

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little as 5 to 10 percent of your body weight can decrease pain by up to 40 percent. Taking non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents such as Ibuprofen or Naproxen can help. Finally, you may consider total knee replacement.

There is no specific age cutoff for undergoing knee replacement. Most patients are between the ages of 50 and 80. Reasons for pursuing surgical treatment include: severe pain with everyday activities such as walking, climbing stairs or getting in and out of a car, failure for pain to improve with appropriate non-surgical interventions, moderate to severe pain at rest or significant knee deformation or misalignment. Major risks of knee replacement include bleeding, blood clots to include pulmonary embolism, infection and failure to improve pain.

Some other therapies which have not been shown to have significant benefit in clinical trials but under

"(The Journal of American Medical Association article) article fails, in my mind, to address the efficacy of steroid injections for patients in the timing of pain assessment."

— Capt. Matthew C. Hess

certain circumstances and in specific patients may be tried include: the use of knee braces, medications like acetaminophen, narcotics, glucosamine, chondroitin, acupuncture and hyaluronic acid injections.

Osteoarthritis of the knee is a progressive disease which results from wear and tear of the joint overtime and from trauma such as an ACL tear. As of now, there is no way to reverse the damage of the disease. The goal of treatment is to decrease pain to the point you are able to perform the activities you enjoy. No one treatment is right for everyone, and a treatment which works now won't necessarily continue to work in the future. However, weight loss, low impact activity and strength training can delay

the progression of osteoarthritis and can help overall health and wellness. Be sure to include those basics in your plan for healthy knees.

—Matthew C. Hess, MD

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Have a burning sports injury related question? Drop us a line at 60AMWPA@us.af.mil, attn: "Ask a Sports Doc."

Dr. Matthew Hess, (Capt.), MC is a recent graduate of DGMC's Family Medicine Residency program. He completed his medical education at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine, and is headed to Fairfax, Virginia, to pursue a one-year primary care sports medicine fellowship with the Virginia Commonwealth University-Fairfax Sports Medicine program.

Scholarship

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Air Force Base, South Dakota.
3rd Place: Hannah G. Sugatan, daughter of Chief Master Sgt. Nathaniel S. Sugatan, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
4th Place: Hannah G. Ayre, daughter of Lt. Col. Christopher L. Ayre, Cannon AFB, New Mexico.

Honorable Mention: Grace E. Cotton, daughter of Col. John J. Cotton, Kadena AB, Japan.

Nontraditional group
1st Place: Margaret E. Svabek, spouse of Senior Master Sgt. Don E. Svabek, Travis AFB, California.

2nd Place: Staff Sgt. Reynaldo Perez-Santiago, Vandenberg AFB, California.

3rd Place: Staff Sgt. Philip A. Harris, Yokota AB, Japan.

4th Place: Melissa A. Hohn, spouse of MSgt Michael R. Hohn, Luke AFB, Arizona.

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solutions for the warfighter," said Maj. Tony Perez, a founding member of the Phoenix Spark program, in his introduction to the board. "Phoenix Spark creates a collaborative environment where Airmen are empowered to challenge the status quo and introduce new tools into their organizations."

The program leverages Travis AFB's geographic proximity

to start-up companies in Silicon Valley and also academic institutions.

"In the first months we made more than 57 contacts," said Perez. "When we speak with them, we focus on three types of projects: widgets for the warfighter, academic studies and knowledge exchanges."

Widgets are hardware or software solutions created and prototyped to solve an operational problem set for Airmen across base; and perhaps eventually the entire Air Force. For example,

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— Maj. Tony Perez

the Phoenix Spark office is currently testing a noise-canceling microphone for aircrew on the C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 Globemaster III that will enhance communication in the high decibel operational environment.

"We'll soon be using it in the C-5s with instructors and

evaluators," said Perez. "This all happened through the Phoenix Spark program."

Still in its infancy, the program will rely on the advisory board for advice on creating the Travis AFB Phoenix Spark charter. It plans to meet again with Airmen in July.



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Phoenix Spark is a base-level innovation program designed to connect and work with industry, academia and the Department of Defense in order to deliver tools to today's warfighter.

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Multimodal

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operation alongside C-5Ms and personnel from Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, March 21 to April 6.

The operation's mission was to swap the deployment of the Army's 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, 7th Infantry Division, with the redeployment of the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. The swap-out was part of a larger air movement to U.S. Central Command's forward operating locations in Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

The cargo and personnel demands of the mission combined with the need for a rapid turnaround made a multimodal stage the preferred method of transportation.

"In our multimodal, shipping each chalk (cargo load) via air from the U.S. to the forward operation location would (have meant) transiting the Northern Atlantic many times, costing a large amount of money, man hours and undue wear and tear on the aircraft," explained Capt. Kevin Simonds, 22 AS pilot and another aircraft commander in the operation. "A far more effective way of delivering the warfighting equipment (was to) move them to a port,

put them all on a singular cargo ship, sail them to a port close to the destination (and) then fly them to their final destination."

Using various transportation modes is even more effective when dealing with large cargo loads. Cargo ship transportation can be planned in advance to save time, and then immediately loaded onto waiting aircraft. The more cargo that can load into one aircraft, the less flights are required - making the C-5M the preferred air component for the movement, said Simonds.

The cargo has quite a journey before arriving at the waiting ramp of a C-5M. First, it is manifested, or identified and inventoried, by the sender - in this particular operation, the Army. It is then transported, usually by truck, train or domestic air to a port where the Navy takes control, conducting an additional inspection before loading it onto a cargo ship. In this particular operation, the cargo ship headed for Rota Naval Air Station, Spain.

Once off the ship and before being loaded onto the aircraft, a final inspection is conducted by a joint inspection team while C-5Ms and aircrews from Travis and Dover arrive and are staged to transport the load.

"No cargo is loaded on an aircraft unless it has been inspected for air worthiness, an

important safety measure for successful cargo transportation," said Chief Master Sgt. John Steggell, a 22 AS flight engineer participating in the movement.

Then, the cargo is ready to be loaded onto the aircraft and airlifted to its final destination. To aid in efficiency and a more rapid turnaround, a duty load team from the 709th Airlift Squadron loaded and unloaded cargo from each aircraft, allowing the aircrew to go into crew rest faster and be ready to launch again sooner.

"This practice adds to the efficiency of the air bridge, keeping aircraft and aircrews moving faster," said Smith.

Finally, the cargo and personnel arrive at the forward operating location. Cargo is unloaded, processed and transferred to a cargo yard by the local aerial port squadron, ready for use. A final delivery release to the user is all that's left as the C-5Ms are reloaded for their return back to the stage location.

In a multi-day, 24-hour operation with countless moving parts, communication is essential. Travis and its joint counterparts excelled in this aspect during the Rota stage, resulting in a successful mission that exceeded standards.

"Communication was one of our keys to success," said Capt Mike Zeleski, 22 AS instructor pilot and a stage manager in the

operation. "The effective flow of information between the Army load teams, our aircrews and the stage management staff enabled us to complete the movement two days earlier than planned. This effort increased our cargo loads efficiency and was one of the leading factors allowing for safe mission execution and the timely completion of the movement."

Representatives from the Army, Air Force, Navy and various contractors met daily and ad hoc at each point in the operation, ensuring information and plans were consistent throughout. The hard work paid off, ultimately resulting in 42 missions completed and 51 sorties flown in 16 days, with 29 sorties and 237 hours flown by Travis aircrew.

"This crew (from Travis)... comprised one half of the total operation's aircrew force, and they airlifted an astonishing 1.4 million pounds of warfighting equipment, flying 57 percent of the operation's sorties and 54 percent of the operation's flight hours," said Smith. "Their individual effort delivered more than \$1 billion worth of Combat Aviation Brigade equipment ahead of schedule."

In total, the joint team transported 82 helicopters, totaling almost 2.5 million pounds of cargo and 17 passengers to and from the CENTCOM area of responsibility ahead of schedule.

Their hard work resulted in an 86 percent reliability rate for logistics departure and a 92 percent reliability rate for maintenance departure, ensuring the assets were delivered on schedule and ready to accomplish the mission.

"The team achieved success through extraordinary planning and the incredible drive and determination of all participants," said Zeleski. "None of this would have been possible without every professional here working in unison together. Our success rates either outperformed the AMC standard or that of previous stage operations, and speak volumes about the hard work of the total force."

The combined small logistical details in the multimodal stage had a large effect on the mission of Operation Freedom's Sentinel. The deployment swap-out and delivery of critical cargo enabled Army aviation missions to foster security and stability in the area, train local soldiers and conduct counterterrorism operations against in-country extremists. By using the multimodal method, operators, support personnel and equipment could cycle in and out of the CENTCOM AOR without leaving a gap in support to the units fighting in the area.

The operation also saved more than \$50 million in transportation costs.



1) Members of the Travis Air Force Base, Calif., Honor Guard march along Sonoma Street in Vallejo, Calif., July 4 during the city's annual Independence Day Parade.

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2) Residents of Vallejo, Calif., pay respect to the American flag during a singing of the national anthem July 4 during the Independence Day Parade. Approximately 75 Airmen from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., participated in the annual celebration, with residents cheering them along the 1.5-mile route. 3) Christopher Linnell of Petaluma, Calif., salutes Airmen from Travis Air Force Base as they march. 4) Col. John Klein, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, and his wife, Anji, pay respect to the American flag during the singing of the national anthem.





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