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‘Back to school’ drives us back to basics

Commentary by
Lt. Col. Cherie-Anne Mauntel
60TH DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS SQUADRON

As the new school year gets ready to kick off, I’m beginning to think about what the upcoming year will be like for my kids.

When my eldest son started kindergarten a few years ago, I worried the entire summer about how he would handle the transition. Would he like his teacher, make new friends and most importantly, would he enjoy school? All my anxiety was in vain because my son loved his class and was excited about all the new things he experienced on a daily basis.

Then last summer, my worries returned. We got orders and it would be the first time my son

had to change schools. He handled it like a champ and completely enjoyed his teacher and the school year. One of the reasons I think he did so well is his teacher created an environment where the students worked as teams and they were taught it was OK to make mistakes.

My hat goes off to teachers who are able to inspire such a joy of learning. They have the laudable responsibility of filling those young minds with knowledge and setting the stage for their future development.

In a similar vein, as leaders, we are tasked with shaping the young officers and Airmen that join our ranks. Like new students, these Airmen come to us eager to learn and ready to make a difference.

Too often, though, they become tainted due to a lack of

Commander’s
Commentary

mentorship, guidance and nurturing. The challenge, then, is to ensure we are laying the foundation from which new leaders will grow.

I contend that you can do this by simply going back to the basics. How many of you remember or are familiar with the “Little Blue Book” and the “Little Brown Book?” I still have my original (albeit a bit faded) copy of the Air Force Core Values that was given to me when I entered the military. Nowadays, you may just see it as a link entitled “Profession of Arms” on your desktop. I also have the Enlisted Force Structure booklet, Air Force Instruction 36-2618,

that one of my senior non-commissioned officers shared with me as a young captain. Those two references provide a road map for professional growth as well as mission success. Over the years, I’ve noticed many supervisors, officer and enlisted alike, don’t really take the time to provide mentoring and discuss the content of those books with their new Airmen.

In addition to focusing on the core values and our enlisted core structure, another basic lesson that we should impart is the value of learning from our mistakes. By allowing our Airmen to take reasonable risks, make mistakes and sometimes fail, we encourage problem-solving, build resiliency and promote growth.

There’s a reason just about every graduation speech,

commander’s call and commentary makes some reference to the core values – they are that important. Similarly, since the enlisted corps forms the backbone of our operations, it is essential we all understand their roles and responsibilities. Equally important is understanding the way we respond to mistakes and failures is a critical determinant of success.

So, as school gets back in session and we get ready to develop the next generation of leaders, don’t overcomplicate matters, just get back to the basics. Do the right thing, put the needs of others above your own, do your best every day, know your job and do it well and learn from your mistakes. Embrace these virtues, teach others to do the same and grow tomorrow’s leaders.

Find your definition of success and reach for it

Chief Master Sgt. Misty Shaffer
60TH DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTICS SQUADRON

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines success as, “a favorable or desired outcome.”

Depending on who you ask, people will describe it differently based on what’s important to them. As I near 24 years as a servant Airman, I’m frequently asked, “Chief, how did you become so successful in your career?”

I don’t have a step-by-step answer

Chief’s Commentary

that guarantees success. What I can share with you are the contributing factors that aided me over the years that helped me be successful.

First and foremost, my faith has always been a constant in my life. I wasn’t raised in the church, but I have always known there is a “higher power” who was responsible for guiding me. When I was growing up, my friends went to

church, so I attended a lot of services with them and it nurtured my relationship with the Lord.

Next, I wouldn’t be here without great leadership and mentors who saw something in me that I didn’t see in myself. Throughout the years, I’ve had multiple leaders take me under their wings and place me in difficult positions that provided me opportunities to grow professionally. Initially, I was intimidated by the increase in responsibility. In the end, I learned and became a better

leader, learned to welcome challenges and became resilient. From public speaking to making difficult decisions, they helped me understand the importance of our core values and personal accountability especially when leading by example. As I progressed through the ranks, I saw how I impacted and inspired others as those before me had impacted and inspired me.

A true sign of my success is the happiness and dedicated support from my

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Phoenix Spark enables DOD, industry collaboration

Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Professionals from across industry, academia and government met with representatives from Travis Air Force Base, California’s Phoenix Spark program Aug. 1 as part of an effort to connect external experts with problem sets faced by today’s warfighter.

The event, known as Phoenix Collider, brought together experts within the fields of robotics, artificial intelligence, 3-D printing technology, virtual reality, software development, business and mechanical engineering to meet face-to-face with Travis Airmen to garner first-hand accounts of “pain points.”

Phoenix Spark is a program modeled to bridge the challenges of rapid innovation at the unit-level while navigating the administrative hurdles of compliance that often impede the velocity of change.

“We are creating ways to innovate by allowing creative thinking to resonate with the youngest Airmen to improve processes and equipment,” said Col. John Klein, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander.

With Travis strategically located in close proximity to Silicon Valley and several prestigious academic institutions, Phoenix Spark strives to develop relationships and play an active role in Northern California’s innovation ecosystem.

“We are trying to connect you, the experts, with interesting problem sets that the warfighter has identified,” said Maj. Tony Perez, 60th Operations Support Squadron and a founding member of the Phoenix Spark program, during the opening remarks. “After this event, our goal is to go beyond discussing the problems; we want to partner with you

and actively work on solutions.”

The overarching concept Perez stressed during the collaboration was posed to the group in the form of a question, “How do we bring tomorrow’s tools



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo
Capt. Garrett Custons, right, 60th Comptroller Squadron, talks with industry professionals during a tour of a C-5M Super Galaxy as part of a Phoenix Collider event Aug. 1 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Government and industry collaborations like Phoenix Collider are one of several avenues Phoenix Spark is pursuing to expand its footprint and develop solutions to enhance the lethality and efficiency of today’s warfighter.

to the warfighter today?”

The Phoenix Spark program and events like Phoenix Collider are “the connective tissue” between Travis Airmen and experts who can realize

solutions, said Perez.

Over the course of the daylong event, the group of more than 15 industry experts met with Airmen with a variety of

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A B-52 Stratofortress receives fuel from a 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender during an Aug. 8 sortie over Syria.

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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name:
Staff Sgt. David Taylor.

Unit:
60th Medical Support Squadron.

Duty title:
NCO in charge of personnel and administrative services.

Hometown:
Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Time in service:
Ten years.

Family:
None.

What are your goals?
Short term: Solidify a local charter for the juvenile mentoring program. Long term: Become a congressman.

What are your hobbies?
Piano, reading, paintball and hiking.

What is your greatest achievement?
Was hand-selected to tour the White House and meet President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden.

Mobility Guardian draws to an end

Airman 1st Class Erin McClellan
22ND AIR REFUELING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — Crews flew approximately 1,200 hours in eight days, executing nearly 650 sorties during Exercise Mobility Guardian from July 31 to Aug. 12.

During those missions, refueling aircraft offloaded roughly 1.2 million pounds of fuel; aerial port personnel processed 3,676 passengers and 4,911 tons of equipment; and crews airdropped 356 paratroopers, 33 heavy platforms and nearly 300 Container Delivery System bundles.

"I think (Mobility Guardian) was very beneficial because it was the first exercise in a long time where the sole focus was on the desired learning objectives of the mobility forces across the spectrum: contingency response, aeromedical evacuation, air mobility liaison officers, air refueling, airlift, airdrop and much more," said U.S. Air Force Col. Johnny Lamontagne, Mobility Guardian combined forces air component commander.

Mobility Guardian included 54 aircraft from 11 nations and enabled personnel from 25 nations to enhance interoperability.

"It was great for them to be able to see how we operate and for us to see how they operate," said Lamontagne.

"This was a great opportunity to integrate so when we go into combat, it's not the first time we've worked together; we already have some experience and understand each other's capabilities," he said.

The exercise included more than 3,500 U.S. service members and international partners who worked to measure the effectiveness of the Mobility Air Forces in contingency and humanitarian response operations.



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Chairman of Joint Chiefs arrives at Travis



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1) Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford Jr., Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, talks Aug. 10 with Airmen during a gas and go at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. 2) Dunford talks with U.S. Air Force Col. John Klein, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, during his visit to Travis. 3) Leadership from the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis wait for Dunford's aircraft to depart Aug. 10.

U.S. Air Force photos/Louis Briscese



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Researchers develop kidney care for austere environments

Peter Holstein

AIR FORCE SURGEON GENERAL OFFICE
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FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Acute kidney injury is a common side effect of combat injuries.

A new device being developed by Air Force researchers from the 60th Medical Group at Travis Air Force Base, California, will treat the life-threatening symptoms of AKI closer to the point of injury, saving the lives of wounded service members.

In Iraq and Afghanistan, about 12.5 percent of casualties develop AKI as a result of their injuries. These injuries are usually not directly to the kidneys, but occur when the kidneys are stressed.

Often, they are damaged from blood loss or from trying to filter blood that has waste products in it due to another injury. One of the most serious outcomes of AKI is

hyperkalemia, or unusually high levels of potassium in the blood.

This affects 5 percent of critically injured casualties and is often seen with severe burns, crush injuries or heavy bleeding. Untreated, hyperkalemia can quickly lead to heart problems and sudden death.

Fortunately, there are treatment methods for AKI that prevent these effects. However, they involve bulky equipment and a high volume of special fluid, up to 100 liters in a day.

"Right now, we can't push treatment for AKI any farther forward," said Maj. Ian Stewart, one of the 60th MDG researchers developing the new treatment. "Patients requiring acute kidney care are either evacuated to Ramstein Air Base in Germany, or we have a smaller dialysis machine deployed to Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan."

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ATOC keeps cargo moving

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Hehny

386TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING
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against IS, PAGES 16-17

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Maintaining the inbound and outbound movement of cargo and personnel in support of Combined Joint Task Force -Operation Inherent Resolve requires careful coordination between a multitude of entities.

In order for the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing to effectively complete its mission and deliver decisive airpower against IS it needs a nerve center to track aerial port operations. It needs an air terminal operations center.

An ATOC is the focal point for aerial port mission execution. According to Air Mobility Command Instruction

24-101, it is the central point through which all information relating to airlift traffic flow and aerial port operations is received, processed, and dispatched to each functional area as well as to the chain of command.

"The mission for ATOC is to oversee the aerial port and all the functions within the aerial port," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeremy Burlingame, 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron ATOC duty officer. "The aerial port's responsibility is moving cargo and passengers and ATOC's position within the aerial port is to oversee all the day-to-day ops."

ATOC acts as the middleman between higher command mission planners and the execution of the missions by 386th AEW aerial port personnel. ATOC coordinates all cargo and personnel movements through the 386th AEW aerial port. They are the command and control of all the air terminal work sections involved with the upload and download of aircraft.

The ATOC's information control function gathers, processes and disseminates all information pertaining to air terminal operations. They ensure each terminal work center is given information to effectively accomplish their mission and they closely monitor the work centers to ensure established timelines are met to prevent aircraft delays.

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AMC leader sees latest innovation



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Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II, left, Air Mobility Command commander, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., talks with Tech. Sgt. Nathaniel Harris, 60th Operations Group, about a newly developed mounted electronic flight bag holder for the C-17 Globemaster III Aug. 12 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Under the auspice of Phoenix Spark, the 60th OG is working with the 60th Maintenance Group to design and approve the mount for all three aircraft assigned to the 60th Air Mobility Wing.

Travis to honor 70 years of airpower

60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

In honor of the Air Force's 70th birthday, Travis Air Force Base, California is scheduled to host a week-long celebration Sept. 11-16.

Since its inception, the Air Force has consistently broken barriers as an element of the finest joint warfighting team on the planet, and its Airmen have refined its mission through innovation and teamwork. The 70th birthday week, titled "American Airmen: Breaking Barriers Since 1947," will honor those who have come before, celebrate 70 years of airpower and innovation and look forward to the next 70 years.

The scheduled week of events is as follows:

9/11 Remembrance Day, Children's Freedom Walk
What: Children's walk with

local elementary school students; playing of taps at 9/11 aircraft crash times.

Location: Travis AFB Airman and Family Readiness Center lawn, Bldg. 660
Time: 9 a.m. Sept. 11

Night at the Museum
What: Social focusing on heritage and history; Heritage Center aircraft open for display; panel of veterans; local beer and wine tasting

Location: Travis AFB Heritage Center
Time: 4-7 p.m. Sept. 12

Air Force Movie Marathon
What: Air Force-themed movies played nonstop at various locations to showcase 70 years of airpower

Location: Travis AFB Theater, Travis Passenger Terminal, David Grant USAF Medical Center auditorium,

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Military facilities pilot medical readiness

Lt. Gen. Ediger AIR FORCE SURGEON GENERAL OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Air Force Medicine has a non-stop global readiness mission.

Medical Airmen must be prepared to deploy on short notice to provide life-saving and performance-enhancing healthcare in diverse, austere, and isolated locations, and all Airmen must be medically ready to deploy.

To achieve this readiness mission, the Air Force Medical Service operates 76 military treatment facilities around the world, which serve as the primary readiness and training vehicles.

The 12 hospitals and 64 clinics within the AFMS serve as dual readiness platforms, ensuring that all Airmen meet medical readiness standards to deploy, and that all medical

Airmen have the training and skills necessary for deployment. The MTFs are the foundation of our expeditionary medical capabilities, providing a population of patients that drives the workload, case diversity and acuity necessary to maintain clinical currency that is essential for readiness.

Every Air Force MTF is aligned with an operational Wing to enhance the medical readiness of warfighters and their families. Medical group commanders tailor the care and training offered at their MTF, ensuring the medical readiness of the operational wing they support. No two air bases have exactly the same mission portfolio, so each has unique medical support requirements.

An excellent example of how MTFs support the installation's operational mission is the 19th Medical Group at Little

Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas. The 19th Aerospace Medicine Squadron High Altitude Air-drop Mission Support Center is housed at Little Rock, so medics from the 19th MDG are experts in the care of high-altitude operators. This includes unique oxygen monitoring and physiologic performance requirements for these Airmen. This type of expertise, like others organic to Air Force Medicine, isn't required at every installation, nor would it be efficient to deploy it at all 76 AFMS facilities.

The knowledge, skills, and abilities gained at these fixed facilities translate into outstanding care in a deployed environment. A valuable tool for the AFMS to extend this care downrange is our Expeditionary Medical Support Health Response Teams (EMEDS-HRT). EMEDS-HRT allows medical Airmen to rapidly deploy a mobile tent hospital that

can provide emergency care within an hour of arrival on the scene of a disaster or other casualty situation. This gives us the capability to deliver surgery and critical care within six hours, and full hospital capability within 12 hours of arrival.

Properly training medical Airmen to deploy and operate EMEDS-HRT requires a specialized MTF readiness platform. Four Air Force MTFs are

presently staffed to deploy and train EMEDS personnel, including the 633rd Medical Group at Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, devoting time and resources to a critical deployment platform that other MTFs are not resourced to deliver.

At the 633rd, the Global Response Force coordinates with Air Combat Command to run annual training exercises on

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Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, right, congratulates Undersecretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan and his wife, Katherina, before his swearing-in ceremony Aug. 11 at the Pentagon in Arlington County, Va.

AF welcomes new undersecretary

Senior Airman Rusty Frank
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

WASHINGTON — In 1977, Matthew Donovan left for Air Force Basic Military Training.

Four decades later, on Aug. 11, at the Pentagon, he ceremoniously recited the oath of office to be the undersecretary of the Air Force.

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson presided over the ceremony and welcomed Donovan back into the Air Force.

“He understands the mission of (the) Air Force (and) he also understands what it’s really all about,” Wilson said. “Matt will be a great leader for all of us ... helping to make the country safe through dominant air and space power.”

As USecAF, Donovan oversees the Air Force’s annual budget of more than \$130 billion and is responsible for the affairs of the Department of the Air Force, including organizing, training, equipping and providing for the welfare of approximately 660,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian Airmen and their families, world-wide. Donovan also directs strategy and policy development, risk management,

weapons acquisition, technology investments and human resource management across a global enterprise. Additionally, he is responsible for implementing decisions of the president, Congress and fulfilling combatant commanders’ operational requirements.

“I’m honored and humbled to be given this opportunity,” he said. “It’s a dream come true.”

After five years as an enlistee, Donovan received his commission in the Air Force in 1982, through the Air Force Officer Training School.

During his 31 years on active duty, he was a command pilot with more than 2,900 flying hours in the F-15C Eagle and F-5E Tiger, and served in combat during Operation Southern Watch.

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Staff sergeant reunites with military working dog

**Airman 1st Class
Michael X. Beyer**
355TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TUCSON, Ariz. — After nearly a year apart, it was an emotional moment when Staff Sgt. Amanda Cubbage, a 355th Security Forces Squadron member and prior military working dog handler, was reunited with her MWD, Rick, Aug. 8.

Rick was flown into Tucson, Arizona, from Osan Air Base, South Korea, after a lengthy adoption process.

“It’s (like) getting part of your heart back,” said Cubbage.

The pair served at Osan AB together for 11 months. On duty, they conducted exercises, bomb threat and security checks. Off duty, they were each other’s wingman.

“Being stationed in Korea unaccompanied, he was my support – he was there for everything I needed,” said Cubbage. “He was there when I was happy, he was there when I was sad. Everything I needed came from him.”

As a MWD handler, Cubbage has worked with several other dogs, and described parting ways as bittersweet.

“It’s just like having a kid moving off and going to college,” said Cubbage.

“It’s (like) getting part of your heart back.”

— Staff Sgt. Amanda Cubbage

“You still love your kid, it’s just the fact that they’re growing up, they’re going out, and they’re doing other things.”

“Rick was different than the others,” said Cubbage. “He instantly won me over with his head-strong personality.”

After seven years of service, Rick was retired due to old age. Cubbage found out about the opportunity to adopt retired MWDs from a fellow handler.

“And that’s when I reached out to the American Humane Society,” said Cubbage. “They said ‘Absolutely, we’d love to help out.’”

MWDs are allowed to be adopted after retirement due to “Robby’s Law,” which was passed by Congress in 2000.

The adoption process can be long and drawn out, involving tedious paperwork, immunizations, and in Rick’s case, crossing the Pacific Ocean.

“You sit there and you wait and wait, and you just count down the days, count down the time until you’re reunited with him,” said Cubbage.



U.S. Air Force photo/ Airman 1st Class Michael X. Beyer

Staff Sgt. Amanda Cubbage, a 355th Security Forces Squadron member, reunites Aug. 8 with her recently retired military working dog, Rick, in Tucson, Ariz.

Airmen finish construction at reservation



U.S. Air National Guard photo/Tech. Sgt. Lealan Buehrer

Pavement and construction equipment specialists with the 182nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Illinois Air National Guard, build a concrete form during annual training July 24 in Crow Agency, Mont.

Tech. Sgt. Lealan Buehrer & Tech. Sgt. Dawn Rademaker
182ND AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

CROW AGENCY, Mont. — Thirty-five Airmen with the Illinois Air National Guard’s 182nd Civil Engineer Squadron completed their two-week annual training constructing homes for Crow Tribe veterans Aug. 6 in Crow Agency, Montana.

The Peoria-based squadron provided installation services including drywall, windows, doors, siding, carpentry, plumbing, electrical and HVAC to four partially completed homes, two new homes and 10 remodels.

“All the homes we’re building right now are all for veterans, so they’ve all served in one of the military services here for us,” said Master Sgt. Ben Reed, the 182nd CES project operation superintendent. “So, this is just a way for us to give back to the community and take care of our veterans in a new spot, in a new location throughout the country.”

The squadron was one of several units that participated in the Crow Reservation project made possible by the Department of Defense’s Innovative Readiness Training program, a civil-military relations cooperative.

According to irt.defense.gov, the training initiative supports

military readiness while providing quality services to U.S. communities.

“It involves taking a unit and providing a training program to go out to local communities to provide a service to the local community and also quality training to our guys,” said Reed.



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Lt. Col. George Watkins, 34th Fighter Squadron commander, flies a combat-coded F-35A Lightning II aircraft Sept. 17, 2015, at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

New software in works for F-35

Darren D. Heusel
 72ND AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. — The Air Force Sustainment Center is making plans to establish organic software sustainment capability for the F-35A Lightning II.

Vice Adm. Mat Winter, the Joint Strike Fighter program director, requested Naval Air Systems Command and Air Force Materiel Command develop depot activation plans for software sustainment on their respective variants of the F-35.

“The F-35 Lightning II Joint Program is approaching completion of system development ... and transitioning to production, follow-on modernization, and sustainment,” Winter wrote in a June 26 memorandum. “As production ramps up and the global fleet size rapidly grows over the next few years, the program is at a critical junction in making software sustainment assignments to meet operational requirements.”

The multi-role F-35 combines low-observable technologies with state-of-the-art sensor fusion, advanced air-to-air and air-to-ground weapons. The core of its lethality and survivability ultimately relies on computer hardware and software.

The program office assigned nine software integration functions to the AFSC and seven to the Navy.

AFSC Commander Lt. Gen. Lee K. Levy II noted his work-force includes a large number of software developers to support the fifth-generation fighter fleet, which is expected to grow as the center postures for the new workload in support of the F-35.

The 402nd Software Maintenance Group, Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex at Robins AFB, Georgia, will tentatively be responsible for functions in the areas of F-35 communications and mission systems.

Ogden ALC’s 309th Software Maintenance Group at Hill AFB, Utah, is currently planned to oversee pilot and processor systems, the autonomic logistics information system and integration.

“The future of air dominance will revolve around software, but the dedication and ingenuity of our people will be key to our success,” said Levy. “The Air Force Sustainment Center is ready to take on this new workload and complete these missions to make and keep the F-35 even more lethal and capable.”

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Airman aids tornado victims

Staff Sgt. AJ Hyatt
 70TH INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — More than 9,000 homes and businesses on Kent Island were affected when an Enhanced Fujita-2 tornado tore across Maryland’s eastern shore July 24.

The tornado produced winds up to 125 mph and destroyed several homes, tore roofs from buildings and left thousands of people without power.

When Airman 1st Class Jesus Carrillo found out about the tornado, he didn’t hesitate to provide aid.

Carrillo, a radio frequency transmission technician with the 707th Communication Squadron, learned about the tornado when he received an e-mail alert from the American Red Cross. The e-mail was seeking volunteers in the local area to respond to the aftermath of the tornado.

Dedicated to supporting his community, Carrillo submitted leave so he could join the relief efforts.

Still fairly new to the Red Cross, Carrillo has been a volunteer for a couple of months and assists as a disaster services and disaster action team member.

As a team member, his duties include providing food, shelter, comfort and care for families affected by major disasters such as fires, hurricanes and tornadoes.

“The disaster action team really interested me,” Carrillo said. “Just being one of the first people on the scene and helping people in their immediate need is really rewarding to me. When I arrived to Kent Island on (July 27), it looked like a war zone. Trees were destroyed, houses were torn apart and debris was everywhere.”

One of his first tasks was helping the disaster center that was established as a focal point for the tornado victims. The disaster center provided victims access to social services, animal control, public health, the sheriff’s office, a shelter organization and many other groups, according to Carrillo.

“I was overwhelmed at first – there was so much going on,” he said. “Some folks were coming in barefoot and others without shirts. It shows you how much they have been going through and what some have lost.”

After his time in the disaster center, Carrillo moved onto the “Hot Shot team” or “Mobile team,” where he traveled through the community to reach people who couldn’t travel to the disaster center.

Going out into the community to help families would cause a chain reaction, he said, because neighbors would see the volunteers helping a family, and then the neighbors would come to the volunteers for help.

“It was difficult to call it a day and stop helping,” the 20-year-old Airman said. “We were tasked to help until 7 p.m., but we were often helping for another hour and half. It’s the small things that do make a difference, like handing someone a bottle of water.”

Carrillo recalled having to hold back tears during an interaction with an elderly lady during his assignment in the community.

“She had a grandchild with her and they were without electricity and water, and we ended up giving her a \$650 debit card to help with food and a place to stay,” Carrillo said. “The lady was in shock about all the support and money. We sat on her porch describing all the things we were going to do to help out the community and get them back on their feet, and she started crying and some of the volunteers started to tear up as well.”

Carrillo said the training he received from both the Red Cross and the Air Force helped prepare him for these moments.

“The Air Force has taught me to be very adaptable and make do with the resources you have at hand,” he said. “That is one thing that has helped me a lot—the mindset of being adaptable is critical when you’re dealing with disasters that impact people’s lives.”

“We can always depend on (Airman 1st Class) Carrillo to lend a helping hand and selflessly dedicate his time to help others in need,” said 1st Lt. Adrian Waters, of the 707th CS. “His caring personality and his energetic spirit are an undeniable asset to us.”

Carrillo encourages other Airmen to get out and volunteer to make a difference in their communities.

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family. Like any military member, I've had ups and downs in my personal life. I had to balance them in conjunction with my professional life. I've been divorced, a single parent, moved the family around the world, struggled financially and been separated from my family for extended periods of time.

Through it all, I've always known that I have an amazing supportive family by my side and they have never once asked me to quit. I now have a fantastic husband, who is also a chief master sergeant, and it's a blessing to go home to him every day. I share stories with him about my day because I know he understands where I am coming from and is a great sounding board. In order for both of us to have been successful and be promoted throughout our careers, we've used effective communication, compromised and shared responsibilities. We are blessed to

have a blended family with four beautiful children. As far as we are concerned, they are "our" children and not once have they been labeled as "step-children." Our oldest daughter has continued the family legacy and serves in the Air Force at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. Our second daughter recently graduated from college and will become a middle school teacher. Our third child is starting his second year of college and has aspirations of becoming a firefighter. We still have one child in our home who is 10-years-old and continues to keep us young.

As I said before, I don't have a concrete answer for someone to achieve success, but faith, great leadership, mentors and family have contributed to my success. There is no right or wrong answer, success is defined by what is important to you and how you get to your favorable or desired outcome. I encourage each of you to find what your definition of success is and continue to reach for it.

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Inherent Resolve surpasses 3 years of fighting IS



1) A U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet receives fuel from a 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender while a B-52 Stratofortress waits to refuel Aug. 8 over Syria. 2) A B-52 breaks away from a 908th EARS KC-10 to continue flying Aug. 8 in support of Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve over Syria. 3) An F/A-18 Super Hornet receives fuel Aug. 8 from a 908th EARS KC-10 during a sortie over Syria.

U.S. Air Force photos/Staff Sgt. Marjorie A. Bowlden



60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Coalition tankers reached a historic milestone in July, surpassing 40,000 sorties flown in support of operations in Iraq and Syria since Operation Inherent Resolve commenced in August 2014.

Throughout the three-year campaign, coalition aerial refueling has proven indispensable at helping overcome the tyranny of distance, ensuring aircraft are present over the battlespace 24/7.

Since the inception of the campaign to dismantle and defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, coalition tankers have offloaded approximately 2.4 billion pounds of fuel and conducted more than 230,000 aircraft refuelings. This has enabled strike and bomber aircraft to employ more than 93,000 weapons against IS targets.

In July, coalition airpower continued attacking IS, releasing more than 4,300 weapons against a variety of targets. Although the overall weapons released decreased 11 percent from June, the week of July 7-13 marked the highest weekly number of weapons employed in the OIR campaign – more than 1,200 – with the vast majority of those in support of partner ground forces during the first week of the Raqqa offensive.

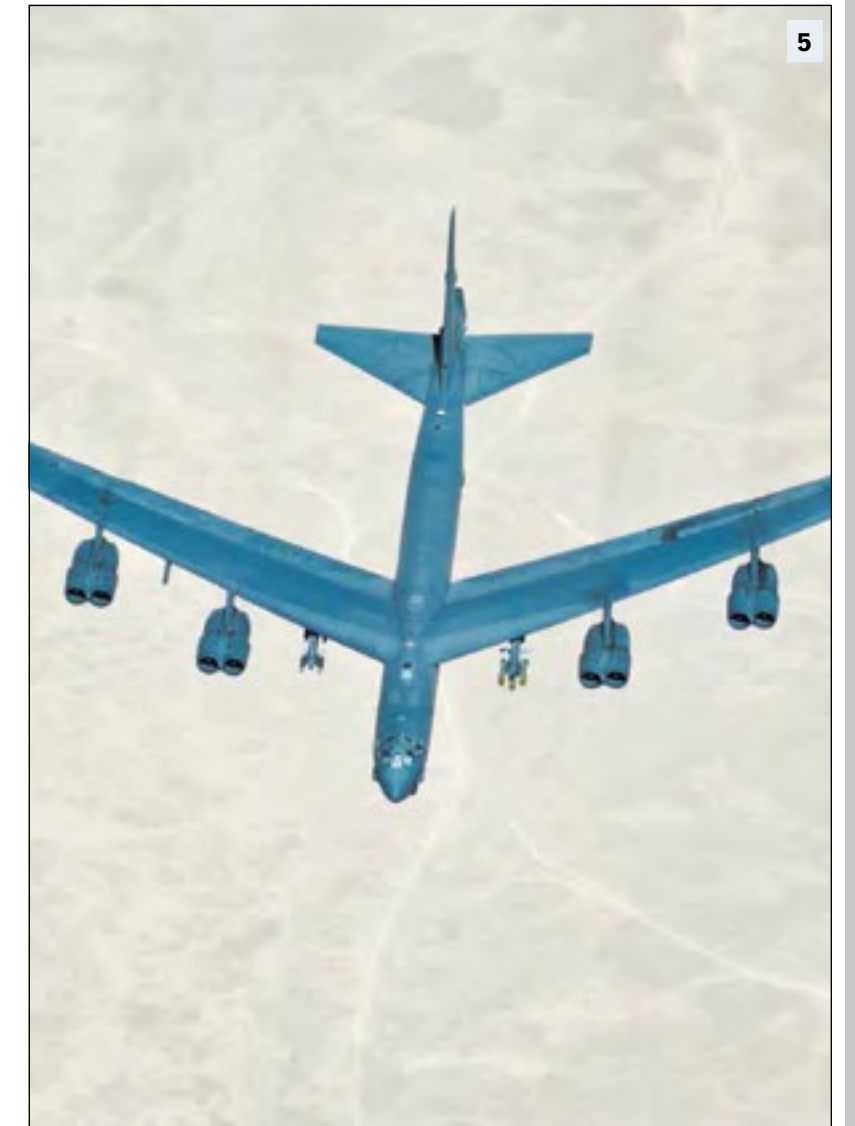
In early July, coalition airstrikes proved decisive in helping Iraqi Security Forces liberate Mosul, Iraq, from IS control, with Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi announcing victory on July 10. Throughout the nine-month battle, coalition and Iraqi aircraft provided 24/7 coverage to identify and precisely strike enemy targets, ensuring partner forces on the ground always had protective air support.

According to U.S. Army Col. Ryan Dillon, OIR spokesman, IS is under significant pressure as a direct result of the coalition targeting its oil and other revenue streams. They have been forced to cut its fighter stay by half, and, having lost Mosul and with the Syrian Democratic Forces making steady progress in Raqqa, IS has lost much of its revenue base. They are becoming increasingly desperate and resorting to more arbitrary taxation and extortion, which further undermines its credibility with the local population and its attractiveness to recruits.

These efforts, along with IS battlefield losses, their leaders being killed, and degradation of their propaganda, all contribute to an organization that is losing, said Dillon. IS does not have the same level of leadership it once had. They do not have the same level of grandeur. People no longer want to come and join these terrorists. And they do not have the resources they once had.

It will continue to lose under the pressure of our partner forces and the coalition until they are defeated in Iraq and Syria, he added.

Information contained within this article was provided by U.S. Air Forces Central Command Public Affairs to include statistics and a summary of operations conducted in July.

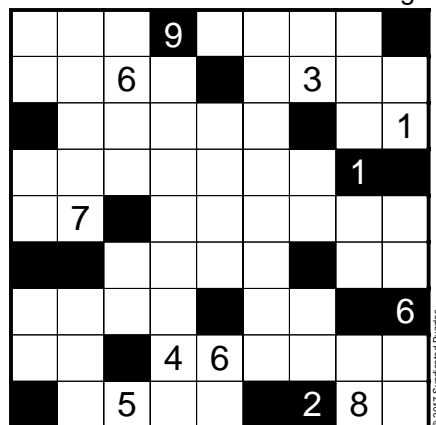


4) A U.S. Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet breaks away Aug. 8 after refueling from a 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-10 Extender over Syria. The F/A-18 was designed for traditional strike applications such as interdiction and close air support without compromising its fighter capabilities. 5) A B-52 Stratofortress waits to approach a 908th EARS KC-10 Extender for refueling Aug. 8 over Syria.

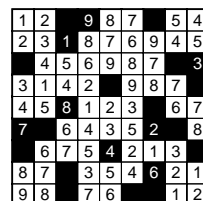
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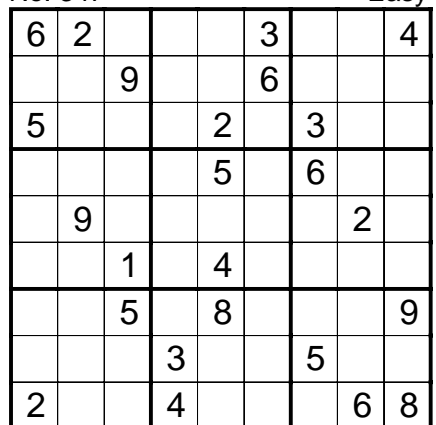
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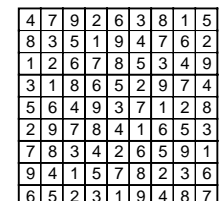
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Retiree Corner

Air Force awards contract to modify 747-8s

WASHINGTON — The Air Force awarded a Boeing contract modification Aug. 4 to purchase two commercial 747-8 aircraft for future modification to replace the two aging VC-25A Boeing 747-200 presidential support aircraft.

This contract modification follows a set of awards in 2016 for risk reduction activities. The Air Force has already requested Boeing to provide proposals to design, modify, test and field two Presidential mission-ready aircraft. These efforts will

be awarded via future contract modifications. The program expects to begin aircraft modifications in 2019 and reach initial operational capability in 2024.

“This award is a significant step toward ensuring an overall affordable program,” said Darlene Costello, principal deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition. “As we move forward, we will continue to seek and implement cost savings opportunities.”

These aircraft will start providing worldwide presidential airlift support in 2024, after a series of modifications and tests.

— Air Force News Service

News notes

Events and information

Notice to creditors. Anyone with a claim for or against Airman 1st Class Patricia Roy's estate may contact the summary court officer, 2nd Lt. Suzanna Palmer, 60th Aerial Port Squadron cargo operations officer, at suzanna.palmer.1@us.af.mil or 707-424-5260

Back to School Outdoor Sale. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 27-30 at the Travis Commissary. Enjoy up to 50 percent off regular retail price on a variety of products The sale will take place on the side parking lot of the store.

60th FSS

Events and information

Switch, Spin & Win. The 60th Force Support Squadron is offering two lucky club members the chance to win free fuel for a year and other prizes. Next winner will be chosen Aug. 31. Upgrade your existing membership or become a new member online at MyAirForceLife.com or visit the Delta Breeze Club from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. For more information, visit TravisFSS.com/DBC.

Juice Bar questionnaire. The 60th FSS wants to give you a \$50 Target gift card for your thoughts on the new Juice Bar coming to Travis. Four winners will be selected at random. To enter, visit TravisJuiceBar.QuestionPro.com and answer five quick questions. At the end of the survey, enter your email address.

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Karaoke. 8 p.m. Fridays at Wingman's. For more information, call 707-437-3711.

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- Aug. 24: California succulent planter. Sold out.

• Aug. 25: March jar money banks. \$5. Supplies and instruction are included. Age restrictions apply. For more information, call 707-424-2929.

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mon **Pre-K Storytime.** Aug. 21 at Mitchell Memorial Library. 707-424-3279.

mon **Baby Bounce.** Aug. 22 at Mitchell Memorial Library. 707-424-3279.

mon **Steak Night.** Aug. 22 at Delta Breeze Club. 707-437-3711.

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Raiders suites. Outdoor Recreation is now offering The Suite Life Experience at the O.co Coliseum in Oakland. The experience includes transportation, a field group photo, special event inclusion, finger foods, water and suite ticket. Pricing starts at \$150 per person and varies per game. For a list of available games, accommodation options and pricing, call 707-424-0969.

Volunteer coaches. Volunteer coaches are in high demand for Youth Sports and the program is offering free sports registration for volunteer family members. To volunteer, call 707-424-5392 or pickup a volunteer packet at the Youth Center.

Back-to-School Aerobathon. 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 25, join the Fitness Center for a Back-to-School Aerobathon. For more information, call 707-424-2008.

Superhero Fun Run & Half Marathon. Sept. 16 at the Fitness Center. Everyone including leashed pets is welcome to join the family run, kids 1 mile run, superhero 5k and half marathon. \$10 early registration closes Aug. 31. \$15 late registration open Sept. 1 and closes Sept. 15. Kids run \$5 per participant. For more information, call 707-424-2008.

Stand Up Paddle Board. Aug. 26 at Outdoor Recreation. 707-424-0969.

Mountain Biking. Aug. 26 at Outdoor Recreation. 707-424-0969.

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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 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 Stake Center, 2700 Camrose Ave., Fairfield.

DGMC 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.

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Today

- 6:30 p.m. "Dunkirk" (PG-13)
- 9 p.m. "Baby Driver" (R)

Saturday

- 6:30 p.m. "Spider-Man: Homecoming" (PG-13)
- 9 p.m. "War for the Planet of the Apes" (PG-13)

Sunday

- 2 p.m. "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets" (PG-13)

information, call 707-424-3115 or DSN: 837-3115.

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 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.

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

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

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/1yNlBwV>.

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 travspocombatpdsd@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://pfpform.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 <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 family members 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 Giltsham at 707-425-0060.

Motorcycle licensing and training. California Rider Education offers the Motorcyclists Training Course, 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 NAF folks. Family members 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

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

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

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

SGLI and vRED. The Record of Emergency Data, aka vRED, and the 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

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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>.

Kidney

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Since most symptoms of AKI take several days to manifest, this process works well for the current conflict. Today's battlefield care and speedy aeromedical evacuation system gets severely injured patients to these large, sophisticated dialysis machines within one to two days, before they suffer from the life-threatening symptoms of hyperkalemia. But this may not always be the case. To prepare for unknown future conflicts and adversaries, researchers are studying new ways to deliver battlefield care.

"If patients are in-theater longer, they are going to develop AKI," said Stewart. "How are we going to treat those patients?"

Stewart's team thinks they've found an answer, by simplifying the kidney dialysis process so it can be delivered in austere settings.

"We've been working to minimize the foot print for acute kidney care, making it incredibly small so that care can be offered downrange," said Stewart. "We are focusing on the buildup of potassium in the blood that leads to hyperkalemia, which can be fatal in the short term."

Targeting the earliest and deadliest symptom of AKI allows for a simpler treatment

protocol that doesn't require large amounts of fluid. Using a small, commercially available rapid infuser pump, already common used in military medicine, the researchers run the blood through a new filter to help remove excess potassium before it can cause too much damage to a patient's kidney.

"We identified items that would be available in relatively austere locations that could take the place of the complicated dialysis machine," said Stewart. "We repurpose something already there, which removes a huge part of the footprint. We had to develop a small filter, about the size of two soda cans, to filter the potassium, which replaces the need for

liters and liters of fluid."

Working with industry partners, Stewart's team is in the initial testing process. The new device must receive approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration before it can go into production, but Stewart is optimistic.

"We have done a fair bit of the early experiments now, and the results have been very encouraging," said Stewart. "If we face a situation in the future where we can't evacuate patients right away, we need to have a plan in place to save their lives from conditions like hyperkalemia. Simplifying care for AKI will allow us to project lifesaving capability almost to the front lines."

Phoenix Spark

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specialties.

Topics and ideas presented to the group ranged in complexity, which aligns with the intent of Phoenix Spark. Innovation is not confined to large-scale projects and advanced technology; instead many encompass modest solutions to overcome day-to-day challenges.

Government and industry collaborations like Phoenix Collider are one of several avenues Phoenix Spark is pursuing to expand its footprint and develop solutions to enhance the lethality and efficiency of today's warfighter.

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What: Ceremony and vigil

to honor and reflect on prisoners of war and those missing in action

Location: Run: Travis AFB blue track / Ceremony: 60th Air Mobility Wing headquarters flag pole, building 51

Time: Run: 1:30 p.m. Sept 14 to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15 / Ceremony: 1:30 p.m. Sept. 14

Air Force Gala
What: Formal event to celebrate and honor the Air Force's birthday with hors d'oeuvres,

live music, dancing and door prizes

Location: Travis AFB Delta Breeze Club
Time: 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 15

Superhero Half Marathon
What: Running events for the whole family, including half marathon, 5K, 1-mile fun run and doggy dash

Location: Travis AFB Fitness Center
Time: 9 a.m. Sept. 16

Events are open to all personnel with base access. Registration is required for both the Night at the Museum and Air Force Gala and ticket purchase is required for the Air Force Gala.

Additionally, Travis will participate in the California Capital Air Show Sept. 9-10 at Mather Airport in Mather, California. Tickets for base personnel will be available for purchase at Travis AFB Outdoor Recreation and the Travis AFB

Exchange Mini Mall. For more information on the air show, visit californiacapitalairshow.com.

For more information, to view AF Gala ticket prices and to register for events, visit the Travis AFB Facebook event page, "U.S. Air Force 70th Birthday Week," at http://bit.ly/2uJOBna.

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Medics at most MTFs rotate through EMEDS training, but may not receive the in-depth training available to Airmen at Joint Base Langley-Eustis. This tailored mission support is critical to building and sustaining an agile and flexible force, capable of completing a myriad of health-related missions around the globe at once.

MTFs also serve as platforms to evolve and implement new ways of caring for patients. Most patients interact most often with their health teams in primary care clinics, so these are a key area for readiness and innovation. Air

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1) Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley talks with an Airmen Leadership School class during his Aug. 11 tour of Travis Air Force Base, Calif. McKinley was the 15th CMSAF and was the guest speaker for the Travis Senior NCO Induction Ceremony. U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Briscese

Travis sees visit from former CMSAF... MCKINLEY

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2) Retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley talks to attendees of the Senior NCO Professional Enhancement Seminar during his Aug. 11 tour of Travis Air Force Base, Calif. 3) McKinley talks with Airmen during his visit to Travis.



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