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# Positives to learn from sting of regret

I believe in every person's life there is a moment (maybe more for others) where we have regret.

The Oxford dictionary defines regret as a feeling or expression of sorrow, repentance or distress over an action or loss. I guess I'm one of those who would fall under the "more" category. Regret can be expressed positively and doesn't have to be negative, but if each of us was to seek deep within our souls, the context is usually negative.

Her name is Patty MacFadden and we were in the same elementary class together. As elementary students, she was very large for her



Commentary by Col. (Chaplain) Ken Reyes

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age. You know as well as me, kids can be cruel and I was no different. Many of us took great pride in making fun of her, calling her names and the only time we really liked her was during organized recess and the dreaded dodge ball. You see the ball bounced off her higher and farther when we hit her. Sometimes Patty couldn't get to the bathroom fast enough and she had frequent accidents at her desk. Kids were cruel to Patty, I was cruel to her. Yet for some reason she took our constant barrage of abuse with a level of control that

even for me at a young age found interesting. So one day I followed her home

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from school.

We were living on the Army post Pattonville in Ludwigsburg, Germany, a suburb of Stuttgart. Pattonville had large apartment complexes, street after street, so it was easy to avoid detection. I followed Patty to one of the buildings to the top of the attic area where every stairwell had a large common room. As I sneaked up to the door I could hear laughter from many voices. I could hear statements like, "Hi Patty, we missed you", "Come play with me next Patty", "I love you Patty." As I opened the door I was presented with the most amazing sight. Patty was a Brownie troop

assistant and the little girls just loved her. They didn't care she was a large girl, or had bladder problems. They gathered around her as she gave them hugs and unconditional smiles, love and attention.

Immediately, I felt badly for how I treated her. Believe it or not, after watching Patty for a little while I left there a new person. A person not to judge the look but embrace the character of the person. To my knowledge I never made fun of Patty again. In fact, to the best of what I can remember, I sought to reach out to her and to treat her with kindness.

I regretted how I treated her. We have all done things we regret: taking

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# PME pushes Airmen to being their own leaders

I'm going to take on two topics in this week's editorial: professional military education and leadership. I know, both full articles by their own merit, but let me try to tie them together from my viewpoint.

Succinctly, let me tell you about my journey with officer PME. I'll also try to answer the age-old question - are great leaders born that way or are they developed?

I've been in the Air Force for just over 28 years, and am now



Commentary by Lt. Col. Curtis Marsh

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serving in my ninth assignment. I know, not so impressive in the assignment arena compared with many, but the point is that I've had lots of commanders at the flight, squadron, group and wing levels. Some of them were outstanding!

My very first squadron commander (called a Base Dental Surgeon then) was Frank Lipsinic. I had no more than arrived at my first duty station, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, and Col. Lipsinic was in my office telling me I needed

## Commander's Commentary

to enroll in Squadron Officers' School.

I had no clue what it was, but having grown up in a family where one did what they were told, I enrolled. I became immediately frustrated. Why? Because like any good PME, the first lessons were testimonials in leadership. By whom? The great leaders of our military through WWI, WWII, the Korean conflict and Vietnam, of course.

Though I enjoyed their

messages, my frustration was that many of their tenets of good leadership seemingly conflicted with the very next author I would read! I bet after the tenth essay, I could have filled out a list of 100 cited characteristics.

Anyway, I "airmanned" (the Air Force equivalent of "soldiered") my way through the course, and life went on. Fast-forward five years, and as Maj. Marsh in my third assignment, I was called into Col. Joe Drane's office at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, and asked, "Why haven't you enrolled in Air Command and Staff College yet?"

As a field grade officer, I felt

I was beyond "just doing it when told," particularly when it came to this "optional course." However, what you have to understand is that Col. Drane had a way of looking at you over the top of his glasses, he made you feel like you had sinned against God himself!

You got it, I enrolled! First book, you got it again, portraits in great leadership! And yes, it seemed once again like the portraits were all over the map. I finished the course, but still didn't feel like I had gleaned too much about leadership.

Fast-forward again, eight more years and three

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# Clarinet Quartet tours Southern California

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

The Clarinet Quartet, an ensemble including four clarinets and percussion, from the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West at Travis Air Force Base, California, performed a new musical composition during their Southern California tour from Sept. 9-14.

The tour included stops at the Brand Library and Arts Center in Glendale, the Chula Vista Veterans Home, three Southern California schools, as well as the USS Midway Museum to celebrate the 72nd birthday of the ship.

The musical piece, titled "Expeditionary Airman," was composed by Jeff Scott, a french hornist and musical composer from Queens, New York.

"We approached Mr. Scott to write this piece for the 70th anniversary of the Air Force," said Master Sgt. Anna Andrew, Band of the Golden West non-commissioned officer in charge of the Clarinet Quartet.

Scott was more than happy to assist the group.

"I was ecstatic when they asked me to compose this piece," he said. "First of all, because it is such an odd combination, a clarinet quartet with percussion. I got excited to make an ensemble like that play legitimate music, that way it legitimizes the ensemble itself. They have to take it serious if they are playing serious music, and play it well. These

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Scott has composed music for many groups and this was his second time composing a piece for an Air Force band. He spoke highly of the Band of the Golden West and his experience with them.

"You realize when you travel and you meet other people, there are amazing people in

every corner of the world," he said. "I am absolutely blown away with the musicianship of the Air Force bands. The music I wrote, I was not trying to be easy with it. It is really challenging and they rose to it."

The piece was debuted for a crowd of more than 100 people at the Brand Library and Arts Center. It was written to tell a

story and to recognize the military's responsibility to protect the people of the nation.

"It is a very unique and innovative piece and there is nothing else like it written for a clarinet quartet," said Andrew. "We think this symbolizes the innovation of the Air Force and of our Airmen."

Scott said he was excited for

the group to debut his composition.

"This has been an absolute pleasure," he said. "I don't take for granted that people like the music that I make and have given me the opportunity to write more and have it be played and shared all around the world. This music did not exist two months ago and because of this group here, it does."

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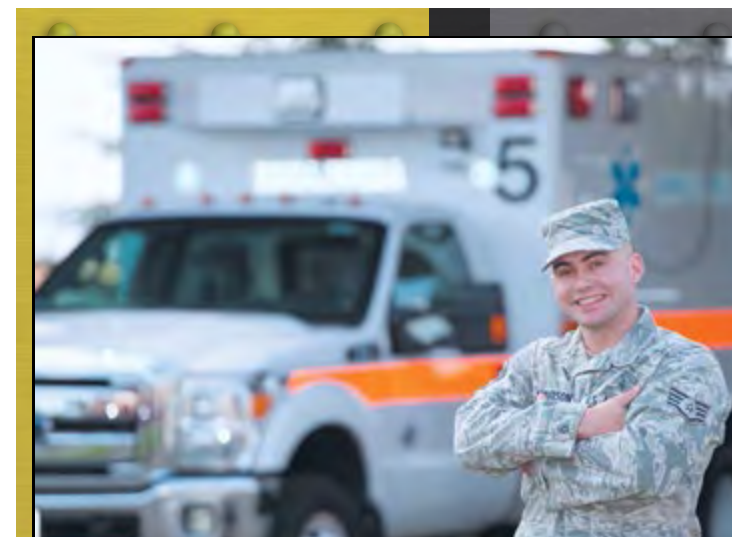
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## On the cover

**A C-17 Globemaster III sits on the flightline after arriving Sept. 10 at Luis Munz Marin International Airport, Puerto Rico.**

U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo

## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

**Name:**  
Staff Sgt. Timmy Anderson.

**Unit:**  
60th Aerospace  
Medicine Squadron.

**Hometown:**  
Duluth, Minnesota.

**Time in service:**  
Seven years.

**Duty title:**  
Flight and operational  
medicine Technician.

**Family:**  
None.

**What are your goals?**  
Maintain a healthy lifestyle while continuing educational growth while pursuing a master's degree and

working toward commissioning.

**What are your hobbies?**  
CrossFit, fishing, camping, playing and watching sports.

**What is your greatest achievement?**  
Having the opportunity to take care of American heroes while deployed to Afghanistan.





Courtesy photo/Staff Sgt. Ashley Cardillo

A KC-10 Extender from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., is seen from the flight deck of a C-17 Globemaster III, also from Travis, after an air refueling Aug. 10 over Southwest Asia. A KC-10 refueling a C-17 in a deployed environment is a rare occurrence, according to crew members of both aircraft.

# Travis planes make perfect match

## KC-10 Extender refuels C-17 Globemaster III over Southwest Asia

**Nick DeCicco**

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ask KC-10 Extender flight crew members from Travis Air Force Base, California, about what happened Aug. 10 over Southwest Asia and they will say it was unusual.

The rare event was a KC-10 refueling a C-17 Globemaster III in a deployed environment. What made the event rarer still is on the other side of the globe, both crews and aircrafts call Travis home.

The refueling was called a “moose match” after the call signs for C-17 aircraft.

The planes regularly meet during training missions at Travis, but Capt. Andrew Kimball, 60th Operations Support Squadron pilot and Staff Sgt. Calvin Smith, 9th Air Refueling Squadron flight engineer said this was new to them.

“To put it in perspective, in the 150 deployed missions I’ve flown, this was my first C-17 (refueling),” said Kimball.

Smith estimated the

KC-10 offloaded between 10,000 and 12,000 pounds of fuel. Citing a similar number of deployed missions as Kimball, he echoed his sentiments as well.

“It’s just not a normal occurrence out there,” he said. “When they called us, it kind of caught us off guard. Their call sign stuck out. ... I was not expecting it at all. I never would have expected it ever.”

The two aircraft met as part of a day that included stops in multiple nations in Southwest Asia for the C-17.

Capt. Patrick Ng, 21st Airlift Squadron pilot, was in charge of the C-17 that day. Leadership with the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, a deployed unit, gave the “OK” for crews to do air refueling missions while deployed that help crew members stay current on their training requirements.

Ng saw an opportunity to do just that and sought a KC-10 specifically. In 220 combat sorties, he said he had refueled just once before.

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### Enlisted Commentary

# Pillars serve as map to purpose

Early and often, I challenge each person, who I have the distinct honor to influence, with this very thought: “What is your purpose?”

This may seem like a deep theological question, but is one that we must challenge ourselves with. Finding purpose can be a lifelong expedition. Remarkably, some people know their purpose at an early age and others have yet to consider the question – and that’s OK. Let me encourage you.

For a moment, reflect on your current passions, aspirations and what you would like your legacy to be. These reflections can be used to determine your purpose and the course in which to set sail. An analogy for your consideration: a sail boat is the platform, the waves and wind are the method and the voyage destination is the purpose.

We can look at the Air Force as a platform. We share a strong and common bond to support and defend the constitution of the United States, protect our nation and effectively achieve the ultimate goal of the profession of arms – war fighting. This is the platform.

We can recognize our gifts, talents, responsibilities, position and rank as the methods. These methods are the opportunities

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Commentary by Senior Master Sgt. Parnel Scalabrino  
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U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Briscose

Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II, right, Air Mobility Command commander, 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.

# Phoenix Spark innovates EFB mount

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

Senior leaders from the 18th Air Force and Air Mobility Command joined aircrew members from the 21st Airlift Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California, on a C-17 Globemaster III Aug. 12 to secure the implementation of the ever Phoenix Spark initiative.

Gen. Carlton Everhart II, AMC commander, Lt. Gen. Giovanni Tuck, 18th AF commander, Brig. Gen. Lee Payne, AMC surgeon general and Chief Master Sgt. Shelina Frey, AMC command chief, flew alongside the BEELiners on a contingency mission to see firsthand the newly developed mounted electronic flight bag holder – an improvement developed and implemented through Phoenix Spark.

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. Through the program, Airmen were

empowered to quickly and efficiently gain approval for the new EFB mount.

Now, it is scheduled to replace the previous EFB suction cup mounts in all 223 C-17s in the Air Force’s fleet.

“This is just one example, the first example, of something that will be successful because of Phoenix Spark,” said

Capt. Steven Noller, 21st AS pilot. “General Everhart is hoping this will be a catalyst for people to try and put things forward so we can innovate quicker and quicker.”

The foundation for Phoenix Spark began in early 2016 at Travis with a grassroots effort initially called the Travis

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### Babb chosen as Provider of the Year



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Christina Babb, spouse of U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. James Babb of the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, was named Sept. 13 as the Travis Air Force Base, Calif., Provider of the Year. Babb was chosen out of 13 other providers from a five member panel. Yvonne Lawrence, the family child care coordinator with the 60th Force Support Squadron, says that "Babb was chosen based on monthly observations and parent surveys."

## Exchange program rewards students

### Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

For 17 years, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's You Made the Grade program has been a cornerstone of military life.

Now, students who participated in the program as children are passing it on to another generation of military students - and the Exchange is ready to honor their achievements.

In recognition of military students who excel, the Exchange is rewarding high-achieving scholars in first through 12th grades who maintain a B average or better with a coupon book filled with free offers and discounts.

"The Exchange appreciates the strength and resiliency of all military children," said Paula Bradford, facility manager of the Travis AFB

Exchange. "To excel academically while dealing with frequent moves, deployments and parents' long working hours is a significant achievement. That's why the Exchange has rewarded military students for 17 years running with the 'You Made the Grade' program."

The "You Made the Grade" booklet includes coupons for free food such as a classic 6-inch sub at Subway; bacon double cheeseburger and small fry from Burger King; a small chicken Philly sandwich at Charleys; Burrito Supreme or Taco Supreme from Taco Bell; and a Chicken Po'Boy at Pop-eyes.

Students who made the grade will also score Snack Avenue coupons for a free fountain drink, including the Yeti frozen carbonated beverage; a complimentary hot dog, Toronado or Rollerbite; and a free

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## Leaders honor lost in 9/11 ceremony

### Cheryl Pellerin

DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. — During a Pentagon remembrance on the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Air Force senior leaders joined Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford to honor those who died, the survivors and the families left behind.

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kalet H. Wright, paid their respects.

On that day, 184 people lost their lives in the halls of the Pentagon and on American Airlines Flight 77, Dunford said in remarks he made before introducing the defense secretary.

"Sixteen years ago, when terrorists attacked the Pentagon, the World Trade Center and as they attempted other attacks in Washington, D.C., they did so with a sense of purpose. They were attacking symbols that reflect our way of life and our values," the general said.

The terrorists believed the attacks would shake U.S. commitment to those values, he added, and quoted then-President George W. Bush, who hours after the attacks said the terrorists thought they could frighten Americans into chaos and retreat. But they were wrong.

### Renewed commitment

"Instead of retreat, the tragedy of 9/11 produced in us an unyielding resolve," Dunford said. "Instead of hopelessness, mourning turned into action. And we have strengthened our commitment to the idea that the

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## Boeing to design next Air Force One

### Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force awarded a contract modification for just under \$600 million to Boeing Sept. 12 for preliminary design efforts for the next presidential aircraft.

The contract modification includes the design to incorporate a mission communication system, electrical power upgrades, a medical facility, an executive interior, a self-defense system and autonomous ground operations capabilities into two

commercial Boeing 747-8s.

These aircraft will replace the two aging VC-25A (747-200) presidential support aircraft.

"Following the award of the contract to purchase two commercial 747-8 aircraft, this contract award is the next major step forward toward ensuring an overall affordable program," said Maj. Gen. Duke Richardson, Presidential Air-lift Recapitalization program executive officer.

Under this contract action, Boeing and their suppliers will complete the initial design

of the future Air Force One. The Air Force is committed to working with Boeing to ensure the PAR program meets presidential airlift mission requirements, as well as the president's affordability expectations.

The Air Force is also working with Boeing on a follow-on contract modification, referred to as the Engineering and Manufacturing Development contract modification, which will continue the program through detailed design, aircraft modification, test and delivery of two presidential

mission-ready aircraft. The EMD contract modification is planned to be awarded in the Summer of 2018. These aircraft will provide the president of the United States with safe, reliable and affordable air transportation equipped with all mission capabilities necessary to continuously execute the constitutional responsibilities of commander-in-chief, head of state, and chief executive.

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# Airman leads way in forest fire escape

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Tech. Sgt. Rob Dones was out for a 4-mile hike when a giant plume of smoke from a raging forest fire turned a casual date into a 22-plus-hour rescue of more than 140 people.

Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Dones is assigned to the 349th Medical Squadron as a surgical technician at Travis Air Force Base, California.

The eight-year Air Force veteran had just transferred to Portland State University from Solano Community College in Fairfield, California, when he decided to go on a hike around the Eagle Creek Trail in Mount Hood National Forest. His friend, Cassie, accompanied him on what would turn out to be an interesting first date.

They made a stop at Punchbowl Falls and on their way back when Dones said he noticed the cloud of smoke erupting behind them.

"I rushed up to a view point and saw the flames on a trail about a quarter mile away from us," he said. "I doubled back down and started shepherding people out."

Dones helped guide about 150 people away from the swimming hole and lucked upon Aaron Hamilton, a six-year wildfire veteran who also had a GPS on him, the Citizen Airman said. Dones then found a cell phone with reception, made contact with the sheriff's office, and was given guidance on what to do to get everyone out.

"It was nothing to play with," said Dones. "The whole valley was on fire and it was moving faster than I've ever seen a fire move."

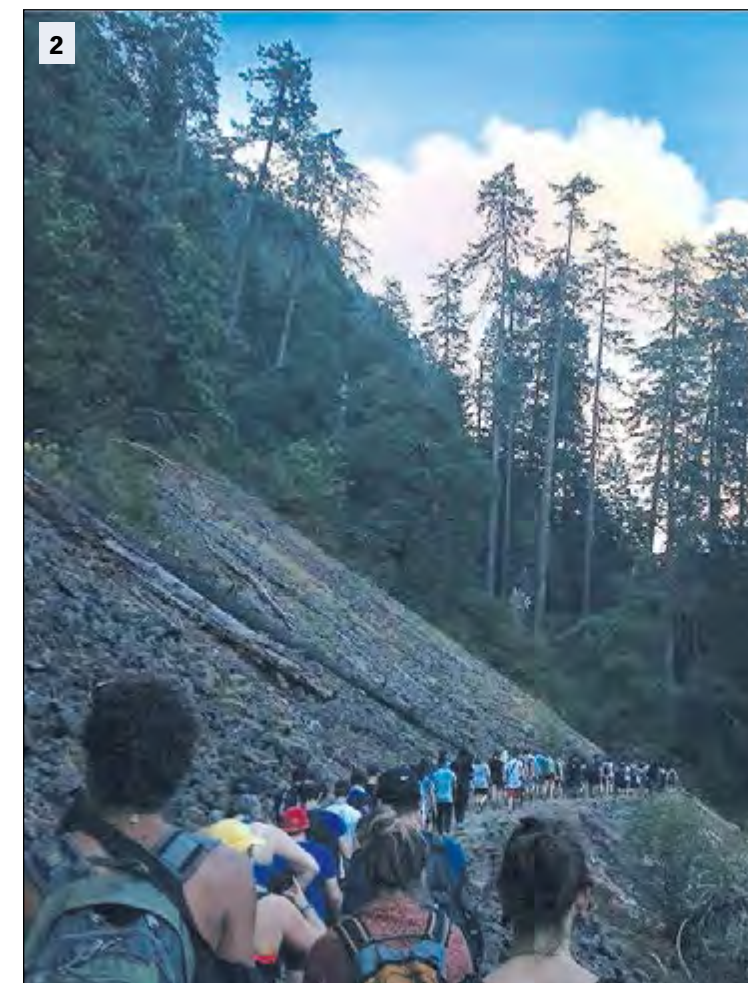
Hamilton advised everyone on what to expect from the fire and how to stay safe.

"It was pretty aggressive fire behavior," said Hamilton. "We needed to make rational decisions."

They took a head count to help ensure everyone made it out. Hamilton took the lead due to his fire experience and GPS, while the Air Force medic stayed at the back to help anyone who was struggling during the overnight escape from the inferno.



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Shelby Horn



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**1) Tech. Sgt. Robert Dones, 349th Medical Squadron surgical technician, poses for portrait Sept. 9 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. On Sept. 2, Dones went hiking on the Eagle Creek Trail in the Columbia River Gorge near Portland, Ore. 2) Hikers head away from the Eagle Creek Trail toward the Indian Creek Fire plume in the Columbia River Gorge Sept. 2 near Portland, Ore. Dones helped guide the group safely out of the fire.**

"Once we got out of the Punchbowl area, I felt like we were out of the main fire danger," said Dones.

However, the risk was not completely gone. While the group trekked, small brush fires sparked up around them, Dones said. Fortunately, one of the hikers was quick to rush and stomp it out before panic would ignite in the group.

"The smoke was pretty heavy for the whole time," he said. "You couldn't really see more than 15 feet in front of you at a time. At night, you could see the glow behind us and in front of us."

The trail itself could also prove treacherous at times, said Peter Ames Carlin, one of the hikers who was there with his family. The river canyon is generally steep and rocky. The trail is thin in most places, and at times towered more than 100 feet above the water, carved into the canyon

walls, either on solid rock, or in other places, loose stones. At particularly dangerous spots, chains are embedded in the wall so one has something to hold on to as they creep above the water and jagged rocks below.

As they hiked, searching for a way out, Blackhawks buzzed overhead, unable to land and evacuate people due to the terrain.

"The trees were too tall for them to get to us," said Hamilton. "People got pretty miserable when they weren't able to drop supplies either."

Since most people had come to the Columbia River Gorge for swimming or small hikes, they were ill-prepared for a 22-hour excursion, said Carlin. Most of the hikers were young and strong, but there was at least one diabetic and a woman with asthma who was having a tough time

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# Honorary commanders pay visit to Travis

**Airman 1st Class Christian Conrad**

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Travis Air Force Base, California, hosted a tour Sept. 1 for 35 honorary commanders from the 60th Air Mobility Wing.

The tour featured a training mission that provided the honorary commanders a firsthand experience of the dynamic and diverse mission of Travis' 60th Operations Group.

Through the cooperative efforts between U.S. Air Force bases and the communities that host them, the honorary commanders program aims to increase public awareness of the missions, policies and programs of the Air Force while advocating community stewardship among serving Airmen.

"Personally, the program



U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Briscose

**U.S. Air Force Col. Theresa Weems, 60th Operations Group commander, welcomes Honorary Commanders during their tour of the 60th Operations Group Sept. 1 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.**

helps me get to know local civic leaders, resources, and support networks that the local communities have that can help our Airmen thrive in the communities surrounding Travis," said Col.

Theresa E. Weems, the 60th OG commander. "They also provide a great connection back to the American public who we serve."

The tour began with a briefing by Weems before the

honorary commanders were split into two groups, with one group boarding a KC-10 Extender and the other boarding a C-17 Globemaster III.

During the tour, the 60th OG showcased how Team Travis projects American power through the capabilities of the KC-10 and C-17. Simulating a low-altitude cargo drop, both aircraft deftly maneuvered through the air around the bay area. Honorary commanders were treated with an up-close perspective of a mid-air refueling as well as the aircrafts' cockpits.

It's important for the community to learn what Travis' mission is and how the Airmen go about accomplishing it so that Travis might help grow understanding and cooperation between the civilian and military sectors

Weems said.

"I think the more the community is able to learn about the military, the more the community appreciates all that they do here," said Bill Kampton, a real estate broker from Napa, California. "Making connections between the military and the community is important, and the honorary commanders program helps to accomplish that."

The tour concluded at the Travis flight terminal where Weems thanked the honorary commanders for their service and their help in Travis' operations.

"For me, it's all about friendship," Kampton said. "It's all about coming together and learning from each other. There are endless perspectives to be shared, and from every perspective, there's a lesson to learn."

# AF releases squadron command candidate list

**Kat Bailey**

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — Development teams from airfield operations, support, materiel leader and health professions functional communities selected more than 800 officers as candidates for squadron command in 2018.

Projected command vacancies also include training, recruiting, 365-day extended deployment and Test Pilot School (Test Eagle) command opportunities.

The development teams reviewed all aspects of the candidates' records, duty histories, demonstrated leadership potential, professional development and appropriate timing to identify those officers most qualified for command.

"This is a highly competitive selection process as squadrons are the most essential level of command," said Sophia Barnard, Air Force Personnel Center special duty assignments branch. "Selected candidates have demonstrated traits essential for leading and developing Airmen while ensuring generation and sustainment of readiness."

Wing commanders will use the candidate list to select candidates for their projected 2018 squadron commander vacancies, with those selection results planned for a December release.

Candidate lists have posted to myPers. To view the list, select "Active Duty Officer" from the dropdown menu and search "Consolidated Squadron."

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, go to myPers.

# Housing survey underway

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At Travis Family Homes, our primary goal is to provide quality housing and outstanding customer service so our residents have a positive and enjoyable experience living with us.

Housing residents are currently being asked to give feedback on Travis Family Homes operations through the resident satisfaction survey. This annual survey is an important part of our continuous improvement program that helps us analyze performance and make any necessary changes and enhancements to ensure we consistently deliver quality service across all aspects of our

community operations.

Our commitment to provide consistent, exceptional customer service is an objective that our team strives for every day; it is our goal to provide top-notch, five-star service in every aspect of the resident housing experience.

Topics covered in the survey include resident experience with leasing, community management, maintenance and quality of the homes. All surveys are completely confidential and anonymous and residents are encouraged to provide open and honest insights.

"The resident satisfaction survey allows us to see where we are excelling operationally

and where there is room for improvements," said Mark Dupree, community manager for Travis Family Homes.

The survey process has moved online and residents should have already an email from CEL & Associates with a link to the online survey. If any residents have not received the survey email or have questions, they should contact the Community Management Office at 707-207-3376.

Survey updates are posted on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/travisAFB Homes.com](http://www.facebook.com/travisAFB Homes.com).

The deadline for residents to complete the Resident Satisfaction Survey is Sept. 30.

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The 22nd Logistics Readiness Squadron's vehicle management flight recently constructed and installed a modification on a vehicle to enhance the safety of McConnell Air Force Base Airmen while saving the Air Force thousands of dollars.

The nine-ton high-lift truck is used for loading cargo into the KC-135 Stratotanker, and will also be used with the KC-46 Pegasus after its arrival. Until now, the tailgate of the trucks, where Airmen stand while moving the cargo, posed a fall risk.

"The 22nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron came to us, and they wanted railings added to make the nine-ton high-lift safer," said 1st Lt. Claryn Stewart, 22nd LRS vehicle management flight commander.

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# Systems tested for GPS denial

**Christopher Ball**  
412TH TEST WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Navigating the globe was once done using the sun, moon and stars as references, but modern times bring modern methods, and the majority of the world now relies on GPS for its navigation needs.

But what happens when GPS isn't available?

A collection of Department of Defense units and U.S. universities recently found out when they gathered at Edwards Air Force Base to evaluate various aerial platforms in a degraded GPS environment.

The weeklong test event called DT NAVFEST — short for Developmental Test Navigation Festival — was the first large-scale program of its kind, according to James Cook,

KC-46A project manager with the 418th Flight Test Squadron.

“DT NAVFEST was established to provide a locally, more realistic GPS jamming environment in which aircraft platforms and (remotely piloted aircraft) could evaluate their performance under a degraded GPS signal,” Cook said. “Other locations around the U.S. provide such environments, but having it locally allowed for direct program input and cost savings to customers by not having to deal with the logistics costs of deploying to those locations.”

Cole Johnson, technical lead for NAVFEST, explained how they create a degraded GPS environment.

“GPS signals are super faint,” he said. “Imagine a 30-watt lightbulb 12,000 miles in space. So it doesn't take much

interference for your smartphone's GPS to lose lock on such a low power signal. Interference could occur from walking in a dense forest, through a canyon, inside a building, driving among skyscrapers, or from GPS jammers. The end effects of GPS jammers aren't much different than the other causes of interference, they all make it harder for your GPS receiver to pick out faint GPS signals from the air, except jammers do it by adding noise to the environment.”

Units that tested assets at Edwards AFB included the Emerging Technologies Combined Test Force, the 411th 416th, 419th and 461st Flight Test Squadrons. Two universities — Stanford University and the University of Illinois — and the U.S. Army's Special Operations Command.

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**U.S. Air Force air advisers assigned to the 36th Contingency Response Group at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, practice forklift operations with members of the Nepalese Army, Nepal Police, Nepal Armed Police Force, Nepal Airlines and Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal Aug. 22 at Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, Nepal.**

# US, Nepal team up for training

**Tech. Sgt. Richard Ebersberger**  
36TH CONTINGENCY RESPONSE GROUP  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KATHMANDU, Nepal — Ten U.S. Air Force air advisers from the 36th Contingency Response Group, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, embarked on a journey more than 4,000 miles away from their tropical duty station to the mountainous country of Nepal.

There, they participated Aug. 21-25 in a subject-matter expert exchange with 20 members from the Nepalese Army, Nepal Police, Nepal Armed Police Force, Nepal Airlines and Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal.

The exchange was hosted at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, and was focused on sharing ideas and techniques about cargo handling, warehouse management, vehicle maintenance, forklift operations, first responder medical care and patient transport.

In 2015, Nepal was struck by a 7.8-magnitude earthquake followed by a series of aftershocks

that killed more than 8,000 people and left many injured, without shelter, food, supplies or medical care. Besides the dangers of earthquakes, Nepal is also currently facing the worst rains in 15 years which have caused severe flooding and wreaked havoc across the country resulting in hundreds of deaths and leaving thousands homeless.

“This was the third exchange since the 2015 earthquake and each year we continue to build a stronger relationship with our Nepalese counterparts,” said Maj. Ian Bertram, 36th CRG air advisor commander. “We appreciate Nepal's eagerness to host engagements such as this, which are critical to advancing our ability to operate together in a time of disaster.”

During the warehouse portion, participants toured the Nepal Airlines cargo warehouse to see firsthand how they receive, distribute and store cargo. This opportunity allowed for an exchange of ideas on property control, storage segregation, hazardous material storage, pilferage control

measures and personnel safety.

By sharing different storage techniques, and discussing methods that would minimize property damages, parties learned how to regain operations faster after a disaster.

“These are critical skills that not only help us to develop a stronger partnership, but also improve interoperability during disaster relief operations,” said Tech. Sgt. Roxana Aguilar, 36th CRG cargo and warehouse management exchange lead. “Cargo handling and warehouse management are areas that are often not taken into account during disasters and often result in bottle neck distribution problems, missing property, increased smuggling of illegal items and unnecessary delays in critical asset delivery.”

Immediately after the tour, participants ventured onto the United Nations World Food Programme Humanitarian Staging Area where they learned how the 2015 earthquakes response occurred and how Nepal is prepared to respond to a crisis in the future.

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# AF looks to boost elder health

**Airman 1st Class Savannah L. Waters**

86TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Health plays a huge part in how we experience life and determining current health situations can help lead to a longer and happier life. But what about healthy aging?

“I think the key to healthy aging is listening to your body,” said Airman 1st Class Randal Marks, 86th Medical Support Squadron medical laboratory technician and frequent gym-goer. “A healthy metabolism, immune system, energy levels and even mental health will promote healthy aging, which aims to extend one’s healthy life expectancy. What makes it so important is, if you don’t listen to your body and ignore signs and symptoms, it can cost you your life.”

As Americans live longer, growth in the number of older adults is unprecedented. In 2014, 14.5 percent (46.3 million) of the U.S. population was aged 65 or older and is projected to

reach 23.5 percent (98 million) by 2060, said Sandra Colby and Jennifer Ortman, authors of Projections of the Size and Composition of the U.S. Population: 2014 to 2060.

“We tend to think about five years ahead, rather than 30 years from now,” said Staff Sgt. Alexandria Hoper-Leandry, 86th Logistics Readiness Squadron outbound cargo noncommissioned officer in charge.

There is an organization called Healthy People, which provides science-based, 10-year national objectives for improving the health of all Americans. Increasing the proportion of older adults who are up-to-date on a core set of clinical preventive services, increasing the proportion of the health care workforce with geriatric certification, and other goals are a part of Healthy People 2020’s initiative.

“Feeling, looking, and performing the age that you actually are is aging gracefully,” said Staff Sgt. Michael Maze, 786th Civil Engineer Squadron structural craftsman. “You don’t want

to be 30 and physically feel 50.”

Improving the health, function, and quality of life of older adults are specifically Healthy People goals, but it’s one that everyone should be aware of.

Physical activity can help prevent disease and injury. However, fewer than 60 percent of older adults engage in physical activity and strength training, according to the Institute of Medicine, Committee on the Future Health Care Workforce for Older Americans, and Board on Health Care Services in Retooling for an aging America.

Some common chronic conditions include heart disease, cancer, and diabetes mellitus, the chances for which increase when the aging process isn’t healthy.

Emerging issues in the health of older adults are person-centered care-planning, monitoring of health conditions, fair pay and compensation standards for formal and informal caregivers, minimum levels of geriatric training for health professionals and enhanced data on certain subpopulations of older adults.

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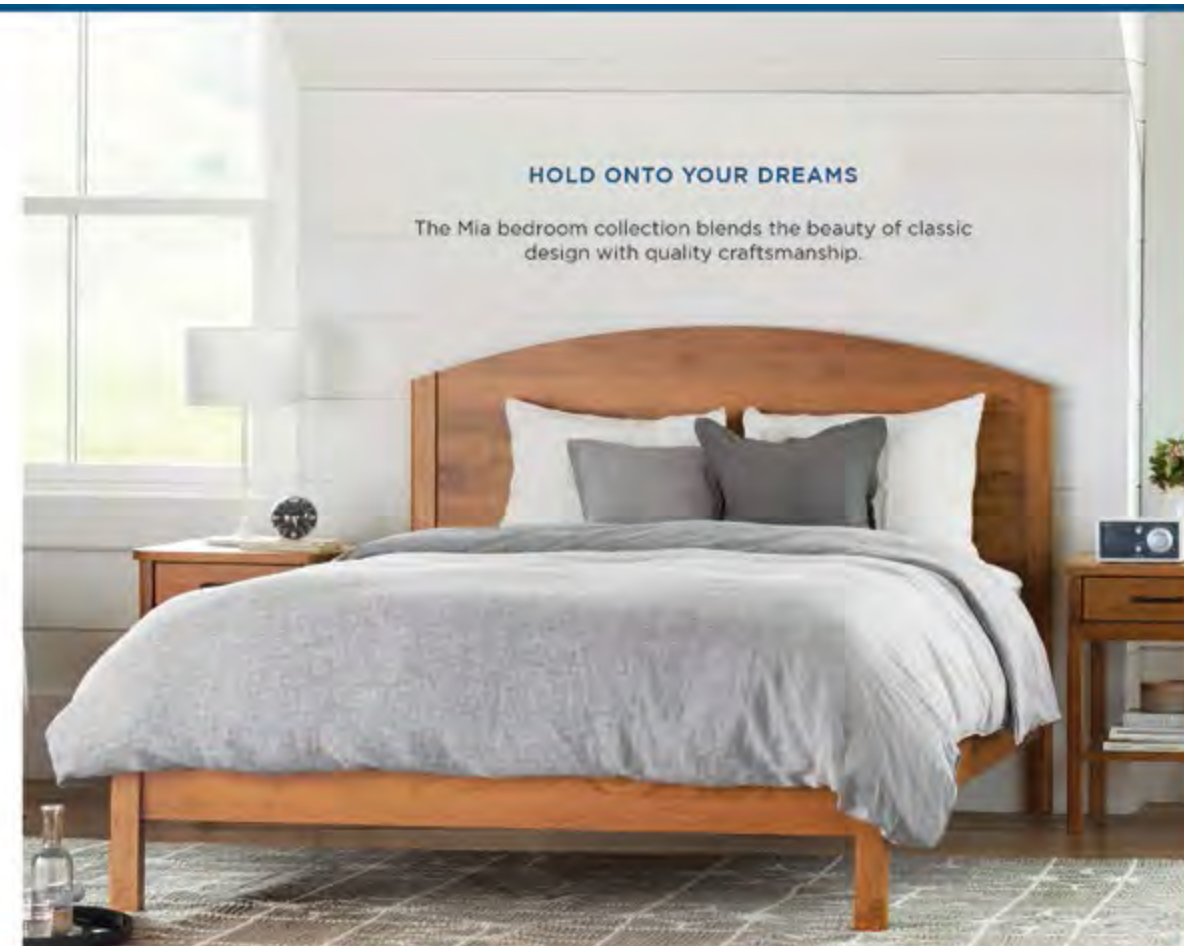
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# Travis responds to nation's call during hurricane relief

Travis transports critical aid in support of Irma relief ops

**Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo**

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III departed Travis Air Force Base, California, during the early morning hours Sept. 9 en route to Puerto Rico to deliver a team of search and rescue personnel assigned to Federal Emergency Management Agency's Texas Task Force 1 in support of Hurricane Irma relief operations.

The task force forward deployed from Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, where its equipment and supplies, which included communications and all-terrain vehicles as well as medical supplies and self-sustaining support assets, were uploaded onto the aircraft and flown to Puerto Rico.

This team of highly skilled individuals is designed to be logistically self-sufficient for the first 72 hours of operation and can function for up to 14 days under remote and austere conditions.

According to Ken Wright, the task force's team leader, the forward deployment to Puerto Rico was assigned hours after the team returned from supporting relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey.

Hurricane Irma skirted Puerto Rico Sept. 6, causing waves of up to 30 feet off the capital San Juan.

Although the U.S. territory avoided a direct hit, its infrastructure was badly affected - more than half of the island's three million residents were without power and officials said many could be cut off for several days.

The airlift mission focused on the overarching Department of Defense priority of working with support authorities in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico to protect the lives and safety of those in affected areas.

Capt. Bryan Adams, 15th Airlift Squadron C-17 aircraft commander, said airlifting support and rescue elements into the area underscores the Air Force's ability to have the right capabilities at the right place at the right time.

"Our job is to answer when called upon," he said. "It's a privilege to be able to bring support to the Puerto Rico and Caribbean region."

The successful delivery of the task force to Puerto Rico, is just one of several missions currently being executed out of Travis Air Force Base in support of recent hurricane relief operations. Travis deployed a 10-bed patient staging facility and 28 airmen earlier in the week to St. Croix, to support patient movement from Schneider Regional Medical Center, St. Thomas, to Puerto Rico.



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Liliana Moreno



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Charles Rivezzo

1) Airmen from the 821st Contingency Response Group board a C-5M Super Galaxy Sept. 9 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. 2) Capt. Bryan Adams, left, and Capt. David Wilfong, 15th Airlift Squadron pilots, fly a C-17 Globemaster III en route to Puerto Rico Sept. 9 to deliver personnel and equipment in support of Hurricane Irma relief operations. 3) Senior Airman Courtney Johnson, 15th AS, directs a communications vehicle into the cargo bay of a C-17 Sept. 9 at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas.

## 621st, 321st AMOS answer the call during Hurricanes Harvey, Irma

**Tech. Sgt. Gustavo Gonzalez**

621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING

The 621st Contingency Response Wing assisted with support from the 621st Air Mobility Advisory Group during Hurricanes Harvey and Irma relief efforts.

Hurricane Harvey landed in East Texas on Aug. 25, causing more than 50 inches of flooding in some parts of the state. Hurricane Irma soon followed making landfall Sept. 6 in parts of

the Caribbean and is predicted to hit Florida. Air Mobility Command directed allocation of its airlift, aeromedical evacuation and contingency response assets to federal Hurricane Harvey relief efforts, as requested by U.S. Northern Command Aug. 30.

The 621st AMAG answered the call sending seven members from the 621st Air Mobility Operations Squadron stationed here, and four members of the 321st Air Mobility Operations Squadron stationed at Travis Air

Force Base, Calif., to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. In addition to this initial request, a member of the 571st Mobility Support Advisory Squadron stationed at Travis AFB was also tasked to support. From Tyndall AFB, members of the AMAG are augmenting multiple positions at the 601st Air Operation Center and Air Mobility Division to include tanker plans, airlift plans, aeromedical evacuation plans, the regional air mobility coordination center, and the AMD deputy

chief to provide critical information during the relief efforts.

"When a contingency or emergency happens, we at the AMOS are deployed to augment the AOC responsible for the airlift in that region," said Capt. Jacob Miller, 621st AMOS airlift control team chief. "Here we are responsible for updating the brief for AFNORTH, requesting and tracking Joint Operational Support Airlift Center requests, and documenting airlift."

According to Capt. Scott

Carlan, 321st AMOS air refueling control team planner, the AOCs are typically manned for day-to-day operations. During contingencies, augmentation is required in order to increase the AOCs battle rhythm to a full 24-hour schedule as well as to handle the increased workload of intensified operations.

"Every AOC is different in how they conduct business," Carlan said. "The AMOS are the first line of defense for augmentation as we are not only the most rapid response [12 hours] when a call for augmentation comes down, but we're

also considered the subject matter experts in our career field's command and control application because we augment and experience all of the geographic AOCs on a regular basis."

According to Miller, the AMOS' continuously train in order to maintain proficiency to better prepare for disasters such as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. As part of this preparation, in early August, the 621st AMOS participated in exercise Mobility Guardian.

"The biggest preparation it provided was gathering and documenting airlift that we

were not actually responsible for planning," he said. "This prepared me for the researching required to ensure the airlift accomplished is documented correctly via phone calls and data mining to deliver the information to the Joint Force Air Component Commander."

"It's not every day that we get called on to do real world operations," Carlan said. "When we do, it not only validates our training and experiences, but it fills us with a sense of pride that we get to help our fellow citizens through some very trying times."

CRW Airmen stand ready to support Hurricane Irma relief

**Tech. Sgt. Liliana Moreno**

621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. - Three contingency response teams prepositioned at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., await forward deployment to support ongoing relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Irma.

"Our teams are part of a larger Department of Defense response to support civil authorities," said Master Sgt. Rodney Huffer, 921st Contingency Response Squadron CRT chief. "Our role is to rapidly respond with critically-needed capabilities to deliver assistance and aid in relief efforts as directed."

"We will likely have an N+6 response time," Huffer said. "From the time we are notified, we need to be in-place at our destination in six hours."

The CRTs are being paired with Rapid Response Aeromedical Staging Teams to facilitate medical air evacuation of patients in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

"Once an airfield is deemed usable by the 821st CRG's Airfield Assessment Team, a CRT and RRAST will infill via a C-17 to reopen the airfield," said Master Sgt. Dale Nyhus, 821st Contingency Response Squadron CRT chief. "The CRT will establish command and control of the airfield and provide aerial port and maintenance support, while the RRAST coordinate evacuation of patients."

The CRT will also support the movement of additional relief supplies and personnel, as needed.

The 621st Contingency Response Wing remains prepared to assist civil authorities' efforts to provide rapid humanitarian aid to those affected by one of the largest storms ever recorded in the Atlantic.

"It is always a privilege to serve the American people, so it will be especially meaningful to be able to assist our citizens directly," Nyhus said. "We empathize with those in Irma's path, and look forward to getting help into the area as soon as possible."

There are currently two CRTs from the 821st Contingency Response Group at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and a third from the 621st Contingency Response Group at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Our RRAST partners are from here at Scott AFB.

The 621st Contingency Response Wing has units continuously on alert and ready to deploy anywhere in the world within 12 hours of notification.

"Personnel and equipment readiness are inextricably linked to that capability," Nyhus said. "We validate that readiness by participating in exercises to simulate situations ranging from combat to humanitarian relief."



Puzzles

STR8TS

STR8TS No. 351 Tough Previous solution - Medium Grid with numbers 9, 6, 2, 7, 3, 8, 4, 2, 9, 8, 1, 4

How to beat Str8ts - Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into compartments. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'.

SUDOKU

SUDOKU No. 351 Easy Previous solution - Very Hard Grid with numbers 7, 2, 5, 8, 2, 3, 7, 6, 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 2, 5, 4, 3, 7, 1, 5, 6

To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

News Notes

Road construction. Takes place at the intersection of Air Base Parkway at Clay Bank Road from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Oct. 5. Expected delays in each direction, as lanes will be controlled down to one in each direction.

Flu shots available. Influenza season is rapidly approaching. Active duty members can annual get flu shots beginning Monday at the David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base, California. All other TRICARE beneficiaries can get immunized beginning Sept. 18.

Airlift/Tanker Association "Golden Bear Chapter" annual golf tournament. 11:30 a.m. registration/contests, 1 p.m. shotgun start Sept. 22 at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. Four-person scramble. Prizes available for first, second, third place as well as long drive, closest to pin and more.

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.

Hire G.I. event. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Delta Breeze Club. Register at hiregi.com.

Air Force birthday

Join Team Travis for a week full of events as we honor those before us, celebrate 70 years of airpower and look forward to the next 70 years. Events are free and open to all personnel with base access unless otherwise noted.

noon Sept. 13 at the Base Theater and passenger terminal, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at David Grant USAF Medical Center and Bldg. 381 auditoriums. Air Force-themed movies played nonstop at various locations to showcase 70 years of airpower. POW/MIA 24-hour Vigil Run. 1:30 p.m. Sept. 14 to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at Travis AFB track.

POW/MIA Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Sept. 15 at the Maintenance Group atrium. Luncheon in conjunction with National POW/MIA Recognition Day. By invite only.

AF Gala. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Delta Breeze Club. Formal event to celebrate and honor the Air Force's birthday with hors d'oeuvres, live music, dancing and door prizes.

Superhero Half Marathon. 9 a.m. Sept. 16 at the Travis Fitness Center. Running events for the whole family, including half marathon, 5K, 1-mile fun run and doggy dash.

California Capital Air Show. Sept. 9-10 at Mather Airport in Mather, California. Tickets for base personnel will be available for purchase at Outdoor Recreation and the BX Mini Mall.

Protestant First Street Chapel. Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

60th FSS Events and information Bike & Brew Experience. On Sept. 23, jump on a giant, pedal-powered cycle that transports you from pub to pub.

Free Training & Licensing at FCC. For those interested in becoming a certified Travis Child Care Provider, Family Child Care offers free training and licensing.

Volunteer coaches. To volunteer, call 707-424-5392 or pickup your volunteer packet at the Youth Center.

9/11 Remembrance Day, Children's Freedom Walk. 9 a.m. Sept. 11 at Airman and Family Readiness Center lawn, Bldg. 660.

Night at the Museum. 4-7 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Travis AFB Heritage Center. Social focusing on heritage and history.

Air Force Movie Marathon. Midnight to noon Sept. 13 at the Base Theater and passenger terminal, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at David Grant USAF Medical Center and Bldg. 381 auditoriums.

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.

First Street Chapel. Catholic Women of the Chapel: 6 p.m. first Monday of every month, Annex.

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.

Protestant First Street Chapel. Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Protestant 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.

Air Force Office of Special Investigations. To report a crime, get a foreign travel brief or request information on joining AFOSI, report to Bldg. 380B, second floor.

Recurring events Catholic Twin Peaks Chapel. Roman Catholic Mass: 9 a.m. and noon Sunday.

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.

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.

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.

Employee-Vehicle Certification and Reporting System. Civilian and military personnel must maintain emissions information with the Web-based ECARS system.

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.

Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station Project. Located at Peabody Road and Vanden Road in Fairfield with a six-lane overpass.

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.

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.

Government no-fee passports. All submissions of applications for government no-fee passports must now include: 1) A photocopy of

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Retiree Corner

VA claim option promises completion within 30 days WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs has unveiled the Decision Ready Claims initiative that promises to deliver faster disability claims decisions to veterans and their families.

are properly trained in this new process and given the tools they need to participate successfully in the program on behalf of the veterans they serve. Veterans who choose to submit their claim under DRC can expect to receive a decision within 30 days from the time VA receives all supporting evidence.

THE FLIP SIDE

Airmen complete FTAC



U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Traci Keller

Congratulations to the latest Airmen to complete the First Term Airman Center course. Alphabetically: Airman 1st Class Giovanni Aguirre, 821st Contingency Response Squadron; Airman 1st Class Ernesto Aragon, 60th Maintenance Squadron; Airman Basic Isaih Arnett-Higgins, 60th Operations Support Squadron; Airman Miranda Bailey, 60th Medical Operations Squadron; Airman Cavan Benio, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Airman Christopher Campbell, 60th MXS; Airman 1st Class Jonathan Carnell, 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs; Airman Quran Carroll, 60th MXS; Airman 1st Class Joshua Carter, 22nd Airlift Squadron; Airman 1st Class Christian Conrad, 60th AMW PA; Airman Ephraim Drake, 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron; Airman 1st Class Taylor Freechtle-Barnta, 60th MDOS; Airman 1st Class Jacob Getgasom, 60th MXS; Airman Adrian Gomez, 60th MXS; Airman 1st Class Jacob Greenfield, 60th AMXS; Airman 1st Class Patrick Gualteri, 60th MXS; Airman 1st Class SaiAnni Hyatt, 60th Dental Squadron; Airman 1st Class Juanita Hyatt, 60th Aerial Port Squadron; Airman 1st Class Jayson Joiner, 60th Security Forces Squadron; Airman 1st Class Zachary Mitchell, 660th AMXS; Airman 1st Class Gissell Perez-Mendoza, 60th MXS; Airman 1st Class Andrew Pierson, 60th MDOS; Airman Benjamin Pritchett, 60th MXS; Airman 1st Class Nora Rodriguez, 60th SFS; Airman 1st Class Randy Trejo, 60th MXS; Airman Elizabeth Wenner, 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron; Airman 1st Class Taylor Whitehead, 60th MDOS; Airman Lizette Whittier, 60th Comptroller Squadron; and Airman 1st Class Ian Wilson, 60th SFS.



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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.  
Children's Church: 11:30 a.m.

**Tuesday**  
Prayer Meeting: 6:30-7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Web Site:** www.stpaulfairfield.com  
**Email:** stpaulbcfairfield@comcast.net  
**Church Phone:** 707-422-2003

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Worship Service	8:00 am
Bible Study	9:00 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
Evening Prayer & Praise	6:00 pm

**Wednesday Schedule:**

Dinner (Sept-May)	4:45 pm
AWANA (Sept-May), Youth	6:00 pm
Adult Choir	6:30 pm
Adult Bible Study	10:00 am
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Children's Church 11:45 a.m.  
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707.448.5848

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Classes for all ages..... 10:00 am  
Worship..... 11:00 am  
CORE Bible Studies 12:30 & 5:00 pm (2nd & 4th Sunday)

**WEDNESDAY**  
Adult Studies.....2:00 pm  
AWANA for Kids .....6:15 pm  
Adult & Youth Studies.....6:30 pm

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11:30 AM

**WEDNESDAYS**  
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## Reyes

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out our frustrations and insecurities on a spouse, child, co-worker, friend and even a subordinate. I cannot tell you how many people I talk to who are under the bondage and weight of regret. They are so miserable because that is all they know, or no one cares enough about them to help them. However, regret is not the end. Don't let regret become a foundational pillar in

your life. The antidote to regret is forgiveness. Asking for and giving forgiveness to others can be the most liberating feeling in one's life. Rick Warren said, "Many people are reluctant to show mercy because they don't understand the difference between trust and forgiveness. Forgiveness is letting go of the past. Trust has to do with future behavior."

For me, scripture teaches to forgive as I have been forgiven. I'm grateful God does not give me, in my brokenness, what I deserve. Corrie Ten Boom,

who cared for persecuted Jews in her home during WWII, said, "Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart." By the way, at the end of the school year and at an unexpected moment, Patty came to me and said, "Thank you Kenny for being kind to me." I didn't know how to respond. It should have been me thanking her for treating us with mercy and kindness. Don't let regret become a festering boil in your life. Forgive and receive forgiveness.

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Senior Pastor Rich Manrique

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10:00 am	Worship
6:30-8:30 pm	Tuesday:
6:30-8:30 pm	AWANA
6:30-8:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study
	Jr./Sr. High Bible Study
7:00-8:30 pm	Wednesday:
	Adult Home Bible Study
6:00-8:00 pm	Thursday:
	Homeless ministry in conjunction with Mission Solano Rescue Mission
	Adult Bible Study w/Pastor Rich
12:00	

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## Rewards

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The booklet also includes an entry form for the You Made the Grade semiannual sweepstakes. Students can enter to win Exchange gift cards worth \$2,000, \$1,500 or \$500. Entries can be submitted twice per year, with drawings typically held in June and December. The most recent sweepstakes winners were from Fort Gordon, Georgia; Fort Lee, Virginia; and

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## Escape

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with the thick smoke in the air. One couple had a baby and a two-year-old toddler.

But the Citizen Airman stepped up to the challenge of managing the diverse group.

"Dones is the man who held us all together throughout our long, dangerous journey away from the fires and into safety," said Carlin. "When we needed a leader to give us information, direction, and a perpetual confidence to enact a plan of action that would lead to safety, he was the man who stepped up, took the burden on his shoulders, and made it seem easy."

Hamilton echoed the impact Dones had on the group. The Air Force Reserve medic ran up and down the line, ensuring it stayed as tight as possible and encouraging people along the way.

Dones shrugged off the praise. "I don't feel like I did that much," he said. "Other people helped. I just kind of kept us on track."

Most disagreed with the insignificance Dones portrayed about his role.

"I was willing to fill in a role and help," said Hamilton. "Dones was the assertive one we needed."

Carlin added to Hamilton's remarks, insisting Dones was a hero.

"I'm talking about hardwired character (stuff)," said Carlin. "The heroism some people do, not out of a sense of obligation or self-enhancement, but because their cells won't allow them to do anything else. People who act, usually reflexively, without giving it a thought. And in this case, Rob did it while in the midst of a first date."

It was a first date intended to be a day hike, but lasted much longer.

As evening set in, the group came upon a rough and ready forest ranger named Sharon.

"We hadn't had communication with anyone for about three or four hours," said Hamilton.

Sharon had a radio with her, established contact with the forest service, and guided the group to a clear place to bunker down for the night.

"We bedded down, in a manner of speech, at about midnight and tried to get some sleep," said Carlin. "It didn't come easily. All of us were crowded into

a relatively small space. Fortunately it would be a warm night, but even temps in the 60s is pretty chilly when you're sleeping in the dirt. So, even when our family huddled together for warmth we were all shivering."

Relief came when Dones' voice cut through the chill before dawn with, "Up and at 'em, time to move out," Carlin said.

The group trudged on, mile-by-mile through the early hours of the morning, greeted by cheery forest rangers encouraging them to finish strong, Carlin said.

Finally, they reached safety, food, and buses waiting to take people away.

Bringing in the last of the hikers was the Citizen Airman, who had spent the last hours of the journey doing exactly what he'd done from the beginning: walking up and down the line, checking on folks, joking with them, keeping them moving, and making certain everyone got out safe and sound, Carlin said.

"Ultimately that was Rob Dones' greatest act of heroism," said Carlin. "He didn't save anyone's life. What he did do was even greater: He had made all of us believe that we could and would save ourselves."

## Match

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"Given the opportunity, I thought it would be a great way to extend and maintain my (air refueling) currency," said Ng. "A lot of things had to come together to make this even possible. ... It feels rewarding to be able to put into practice the training we accomplish on daily a basis on our Beeliner locals."

Ng said during the C-17's day, the crew flew four sorties during 7.2 hours, moving 98 passengers as well as 34 cargo pallets with a total weight of 116,000 pounds.

Capt. Daniel Jones and Capt. Eric Willuweit from Travis'

21st AS coordinated the refueling on the ground, too, with the deployed squadron tactics shop.

Ng said they waited for the KC-10 to arrive in their airspace when they spotted a familiar sight.

"We noticed the familiar white tail flash of a Travis KC-10," said Ng. "While in our AR contact position for the next two to three minutes, we chatted and made small talk with the (KC-10) crew."

Kimball said they were surprised to be refueling a C-17, especially one from their own home base.

"Our initial thoughts were, 'A C-17? Don't see that every day,'" he said. "Knowing that it was something that doesn't

happen often, we were more motivated to make it work. Once we found out it was another Travis crew, it was nice to reminisce on back home."

Staff Sgt. Ashley Cardillo, 21st AS, said it was "comfortable and familiar" to rendezvous with another Travis crew in a deployed environment.

"To be able to come together out here and work together was an amazing experience because it was in support of each other's missions," she said. "We had only been deployed for a short time at that point, but it was like a piece of home."

Ng, Cardillo, 1st Lt. Steven Roshong and Airman 1st Class Matthew Swift comprised the crew in the C-17. Kimball,

Smith, 1st Lt. Joshua Snider and Airman 1st Class Brandon Nichols made up the KC-10 crew.

Lt. Col. J. Stewart Welch, 9th ARS commander, said the rendezvous was a "perfect example of how and where the aircrews at Team Travis are hacking the mission around the globe every day."


"Giving gas to another (Air Mobility Command) asset operating in (Central Command) is unusual and getting to refuel another Travis jet I'm sure it gave crews on both aircraft a little boost of morale," said Welch. "It was a story they will remember and I hope they see more of this kind of activity in the future."

"Every day at Travis, we are

accustomed to training with our brothers and sisters in the 9th Air Refueling Squadron. These training missions prepare us to fight the current adversary, while readying for the next. To employ in combat with our teammates in the 9th is both unique and unexpected," said Lt. Col. Erik Fisher, 21st AS commander. "It gave these deployed Airmen a little taste of home over the skies of Southwest Asia. This story also speaks to the ingenuity of our Airmen - they sought out this combat opportunity to ensure continued proficiency in the core capability of air refueling. It is clear - as Team Travis, we deliver unrivaled combat capability across the globe."

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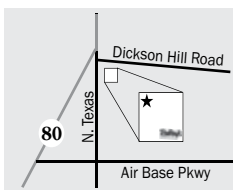
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**9/11**

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freedom of many should never be endangered by the hatred of a few."

Recalling the events of 9/11, the general said it's appropriate for those who still serve the nation to remember and honor

those who died, those who still suffer from injuries sustained that day and those who were left behind.

"If we truly want to honor those remembered today, each of us will walk away from this ceremony with a renewed sense of commitment to our values in the cause of freedom," he said.

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## EFB mount

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Innovation Office. The Innovation Office allowed Airmen space and resources to meet in their free time, work on projects and enhance their work spaces. After many iterations to create a viable model at the wing level, AMC signed off on a charter creating the first Phoenix Spark office in the command.

"The Phoenix Spark program allows us to make innovative ideas, bring them up and influence them quicker into our community (rather) than driving them all the way up the chain, taking months to years at a time," said Noller. "It gives wings the ability to accept some of that risk and implement ideas within months."

The EFB mount – which was developed and approved in about one month by personnel at Travis – exemplifies both the streamlined process and crowdsourcing innovation strategy Phoenix Spark seeks to establish.

"We're working together with our maintenance team here, and we're working together with other wings," said Maj. Michael Price, 60th Operations Group chief C-17 evaluator pilot. "The initial idea actually came from (Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina), and we were able to



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**Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II, right, Air Mobility Command commander, talks with Tech. Sgt. Nathaniel Harris, left, 60th Operations Group, and Capt. Steven Noller, 21st Airlift Squadron pilot, about a newly developed mounted electronic flight bag holder for the C-17 Globemaster III Aug. 12 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.**

move the ball forward using the Phoenix Spark program."

To pass an idea through the typical approval process, an Airman would submit his or her proposal first through the wing chain of command, then through the major command, said Capt. Spencer Turek, 60th OG EFB officer in charge and KC-10 Extender pilot. The proposal would then be 'racked and stacked' against other ideas, where an assigned team decides which to prioritize and which to postpone.

approaches and airfield data.

While the electronic EFB has significantly improved efficiency and cost effectiveness, the old approach plate holder used to secure paper EFBs was still lingering on the aircraft. Combined with the faulty suction cup mounts, the design posed problems to mission safety and success, said Maj. Dominik Niziol, 21st AS pilot.

"Just at (Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington) in the past four to five years, (personnel) noticed a \$5.3 million increase in damage to the C-17 oxygen panel and the communications panel due to falling EFBs," he said. "With that being only a portion of C-17s (in the Air Force fleet), you're looking at potentially millions of dollars per year in damage from these suction cup mounts. That's a known financial cost."

Additionally, the suction cups were mounted on the aircraft's windshield, reducing pilots' field of vision and posing a challenge when scanning for threats, said Niziol.

"Our solution, at maximum, to outfit the entire fleet (every C-17 in the Air Force), was \$40,000," said Turek.

Addressing a solution through Phoenix Spark sped the process along considerably, said Tech. Sgt. Nathaniel Harris, 60th OG EFB noncommissioned officer in charge and a former C-17 crew chief.

"Phoenix Spark puts the power in our own hands to identify better, cheaper, faster ways to innovate," he said. "As General Everhart says, we need to move at the speed of war."

The new EFB mount was quickly designed and developed to fit two modifications of C-17s. Within one month, Everhart flew with the 21st AS, experiencing the benefits of the new mount directly from the cockpit.

"Through flying with us, he was able to see what we were struggling with and having to find workarounds for," said Niziol. "It gives him that situational awareness that when he starts making policy decisions, he can take that into account."

In terms of tangible impact, the EFB mount saves valuable man hours in maintenance, as there is less chance a C-17 will need panel repairs due to falling EFBs. It also reduces maintenance costs in the C-17 fleet

from an estimated \$1 million per year to about \$40,000.

Intangibly, the mount provides ease of use and increased safety for pilots, who rely on the EFB during missions and critical situations, said Noller.

"Having the EFB right in front of you and not having to deal with it on the window really helped out a lot with making decisions that could potentially affect pilots way down the road," he said.

The EFB mounts will likely have a positive effect on the 21st AS. In 2016, the BEEliners completed almost 600 sorties, flying more than 8,000 hours – the most hours of any squadron in the Air Force. With such a high operations tempo, ease of use of critical equipment makes a big difference, said Niziol.

With Everhart's buy-in, the new mounts are scheduled to be implemented in C-17 cockpits immediately, starting with aircraft owned by AMC. It's a positive outcome not only for the aircrew and maintenance members it will benefit, but for the Phoenix Spark program as a whole, said Niziol.

"The Phoenix Spark program is beyond just pilots and aircrew," he said. "The intent of it is to make a local, innovative solution, and if it's so good that it helps locally (at the base level), eventually it could spread around the Air Force to improve everyone's lives. (The program) allows people to make decisions quickly and see the results within their (career) cycle to breed that mindset of innovation among all Airmen."

In a letter to the Total Force in early August, Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth Wright released their newest Air Force priorities. Two in particular reflect the mindset of Phoenix Spark: "Cost-effectively modernize ... to increase the lethality of the force," and "Drive innovation ... to secure our future."

The EFB mount serves as the promising beginning to fostering a culture of innovation and modernization, said Niziol.

"It proves that the Air Force believes in innovation at the lowest level to solve problems," he said. "It will empower Airmen to believe they can actually make a change."

## Scalabrino

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we have to use our individual ability, leadership skill, influence and motivation to ultimately benefit others. We share a unique opportunity to guide, mentor and direct the future of our Air Force. These are the methods.

The voyage, destination or purpose takes careful navigation and planning. This journey can begin with the Air Force Comprehensive Airman Fitness model. An inside look at my journey.

The first pillar, social: I strive to love my wife, kids, family and friends to the utmost of my ability. Becoming a remarkable spouse, parent and friend is always at the forefront of my thoughts and actions.

The second pillar, mental: I strive for a life of continuous learning by reading, taking classes and using the resources afforded to me for personal and professional growth. Studying the Bible and daily devotions give me strength, peace and hope.

The third pillar, physical: I strive for a life of staying in great physical shape. Physical health is a lifelong investment determined by the effort I put in to eat, sleep and exercise in a healthy manner. I lift weights and run long distances as often as I can.

The fourth pillar, spiritual: I strive to honor and glorify the Savior Who gave His life for me. I believe that I was placed on this earth by design, at this specific time and place to glorify God. I believe that we have a higher calling. I believe that what we do here, in this life, will leave a

lasting legacy. I want my life to be marked by grace and compassion. Within this legacy, my Airmen won't necessarily remember the mission or the metrics, but they will remember how I led, treated and cared for them. This is my voyage destination.

John Maxwell once stated that, "Success is knowing your purpose in life, growing to reach your maximum potential, and sowing seeds that benefit others".

The challenge, do you know your purpose? Are you benefiting others? Are you leaving a lasting legacy? When you are living out your purpose, your position doesn't matter. Don't tell yourself... I'm just a staff sergeant or I'm only a captain. I've seen an airman first class with more influence than a colonel, and a lieutenant with more influence than a chief master sergeant. Your purpose, worth and value is not defined solely by a title, position or the rank worn on a collar or sleeve. You can know your purpose, benefit others and leave a lasting legacy no matter where you are in life.

The Airman's creed states "a tradition of honor and a legacy of valor". This legacy of valor is defined as courage and strength in battle, courage in stressful and hard times and the courage to lead others to success. Don't wait to find this courage. Lead. Set the example. Motivate and inspire others to find their purpose and reach their full potential!

Don't waste this one precious life you have been given. Make it count. Know your purpose and live out your purpose.

## Marsh

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assignments, including a three-year residency in orthodontics at UNC-Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Now Lt. Col. Marsh was called in by Col. Lew Lieb at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and asked not if, but, "When will you complete Air War College?"

I respected Col. Lieb as much or more as any leader that I'd met. He just had this awesome air about him and was among the kindest people I'd ever met, a true gentleman. He never had to ask me again, I not only completed Air War College, I completed it very quickly. That was 13 years ago,

and something finally "took."

No one has ever accused me of being a "quick study," but after 15 years and three PME courses, I felt that I could finally answer the question above, are great leaders born that way or are they developed? The answer – yes!

That is, certain leaders are born with charisma like Col. Lieb. Certain ones have qualities that demand respect, like Col. Drane. Others yet, are simply bold, like Col. Lipsinic, then there's me!

What finally took? The realization that each and every one of us have to learn to lead with what we've got. Don't try to lead by being Patton or Schwarzkopf, lead by being yourself. Showcase your

strengths, work on your weaknesses and always arm yourself with the tangible, teachable characteristics you learned by studying the greats, whether by book or firsthand.

Is PME for everyone, no. Does PME make us better officers and leaders, absolutely! It also gives each of us a better appreciation of history and the legacy of our profession of arms.

By the way, before the "light came on" about being myself as a leader, one day I tried getting a serious look on my face and looking over my glasses at my two daughters, like Col. Drane. I finally had to get up and leave the room as both girls rolled on the floor with laughter.

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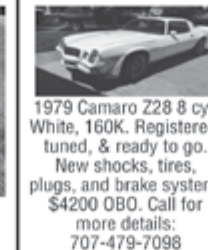


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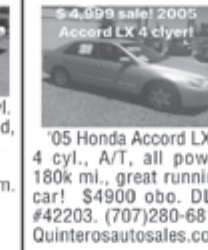


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