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Take time to look through eyes of vets

ecently, I had the good fortune to share with a gentleman who had been a prisoner of war as a child during World War II, and went on to serve as an Airman here at Travis Air Force Base.

Soon after this meeting, Ken Burns' latest documentary, "Vietnam," was released, GROUP telling the story of that COMMANDER long, controversial war amidst the backdrop of the great societal changes and

civil unrest our country experienced on the home front. Interestingly, Travis was

featured in that series as a major stop for Americans transiting to and from the Pacific theater, as a site of anti-war protests outside the main gates



at an airfield with a 60th Air Mobility Wing by Col. Theresa Weems **60TH OPERATIONS**

C-141 taxiing into its spot to bring these men home Every September, we remember Amer-

icans who sacrificed their lives or endured captivity during previous wars, and we follow that in November with Veterans Day to acknowledge the service of all who have served in the defense of our nation and our Constitution. But this year, perhaps because of the lunch with a former POW

Commander's Commentary

and watching the documentary, the relevance and similarities between our service today and that of the Vietnam era stood out to me in a way it never had before.

What stood out the most were the faces of the men and women who served then. They look like us. I see their faces in the Airmen I work with every day. They are the same faces of the Soldiers and Marines our crews transport around the globe. They are the faces of our parents, grandparents and of all Americans. The first American shot down and held prisoner during Vietnam was Latino. The crew that brought him home was made up of African

Americans and women.

Despite the many differences between the drafted force of Vietnam and today's all-volunteer force, all of us come from the great mixture of the American people. The wonderful diversity of our force – from our backgrounds, our personal histories, our perspectives – is what makes our force so powerful and unique in the world. Our diversity is what's led us to break barriers - both technical and social - since our beginnings. Our diversity is what will lead us over and through our current challenges. Our diversity is what will make us a better force for the future.

What also stood out to me during this remembrance season, is the steadfast service our military has provided throughout our history. This was never more apparent than during

the final years of the Vietnam War. The men and women who risk their lives carrying out their duties – just as we carry out our duties today - came home to sneers, insults and great unrest and uncertainty. They didn't quit; they didn't back away from the commitment they made to serve our nation and uphold our Constitution. They put their heads down, got to work and tried to make things better for their brothers and sisters-at-arms. Afterwards, they did the same in their communities, and it is through their example and their experience that we enjoy the wide support of the American public and our actions in the line of duty are separated from the shifting politics and policies of the country.

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Finally, the common thread See WEEMS Page 22



Commentary

by Chief

Master Sgt.

David Iglesias

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Strive for perfection, settle for excellence However, we cannot arbitrarily de-

• o err is human, as we are not inherently perfect. Nevertheless, if we chase perfection, excellence is a probable outcome.

To pursue perfection, we must elevate risk to the appropriate level, proactively avoid complacency and learn from honest mistakes. We must strive for perfection - cognizant it's not possible – and settle for excellence.

Finite manning, funding and

Chief's Commentary

resources make it extremely difficult to accomplish all that's expected of Airmen. Commanders and leaders often stress prioritization of what needs to be done and embracing the "red," meaning, identifying shortfalls. This allows all of us to elevate risks to the appropriate levels. No leader expects blind followership.

cide to neglect a step in a checklist, disregard a regulation or simply do things our way. If you honestly don't feel an established requirement is iustified and would like the process eliminated, please identify and communicate it, and allow your leadership to accept the risk instead of owning it yourself. Elevating risks and potentially eliminating needless tasks could make it easier to

correctly execute necessary duties.

Doing the little things right significantly reduces the chances of complacency. Unfortunately, it's easy to become complacent because you are well-trained, tasks become routine and you are undoubtedly good at what you do. However, when we don't do the small things correctly, we become more complacent and unknowingly open ourselves up to

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U.S. Air Force Airmen participate Sept. 21 in their annual chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense survival skills training course on Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

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Travis helps fight fires scorching region

Ian Thompson DAILY REPUBLIC

More resources from Travis Air Force Base, California, have been sent into the campaign to stop the wildfires devastating the North Bay area, according to base officials. Travis has also opened its doors to any military members who have been affected by the fires, offering services from an emergency family center and the Travis Equestri-

trucks were sent to Rancho Solano in Fairfield, California, to help defend that area Oct. 11, and two firefighters and a base water tender responded to a three-alarm fire in Dixon, California. Additional personnel and equipment remain on standby at the base. Three firetrucks and 10 firefighters from the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron fire and emergency services flight who were sent out Tuesday to defend properties and refill other trucks with water, returned Wednesday. The two 1.2-megawatt generators transported to the Green Valley Water Treatment Plant remain at the plant to provide power

Military personnel affected by the fire can contact Travis' emergency family center for services ranging from lodging to supplies at 424-2486 or its 24/7 number at 438-9099. Military members needing to find shelter for their animals can call the Outdoor Recreation Center at 424-0969. The smoke generated by the fires had not affected Travis' operations,



Smoke rises Oct. 10 above Suisun Valley in Fairfield, Calif, approximately 10 miles from the main gate at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Firefighters according to the Travis public af- from Travis helped fight blazes ravaging Northern California, including the Atlas Fire, which scorched nearly 42.350 acres in Napa and Solano counties through the evening of Oct. 11.

Name: Airman 1st Class Jared Conver.

Unit: 50th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Duty title: Deployments apprentice. Hometown: Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey.

Time in service: One year.

What are your goals? Making Airman Below-the-Zone and completing a business degree.

Family: None.

> What are your hobbies? Flag football and reading.

What is your greatest achievement? Graduating Basic Military Training.

Program works to prevent domestic violence

only drove to and from work. He slammed her head into

asked for a glass.

Base, California.

and their children.

Unfortunately, domestic visociety and the military.

"The reason there is a Famvis.

Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Stephen Kelly helps launch a 16-foot flood punt boat to conduct urban rescues in Friendswood, Texas, Aug. 29, 2017. The flood punt team from Marine Safety Unit Paducah, Kentucky, reported to the greater Houston area on Aug. 25 and have rescued over 850 people.

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Airman aids hurricane victims

Tech. Sgt. Liliana Moreno 621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING

homes in a city only 14 square miles in size were destroyed and all you saw were he said. "The city I spent my thousands of people pilling debris and personal belongings by the curb to be hauled away forever," said 1st Lt. Shane Lockridge, civil engineer air advisor for the 571st Mobility Support Advisory Squadron. Travis Air Force Base, California.

Lockridge is a native of Friendswood, Texas. He had been looking forward to visiting his hometown for a relaxing Labor Day weekend with family and friends, but instead his plans quickly changed when Hurricane reached my hometown, it to the J.J. Watt's Hurricane

Harvey made landfall in East Texas on Aug. 25. "As I drove into Houston,

"Over three thousand I prepared myself for the worst. Even then, I couldn't believe what I was seeing," entire life in looked like a landfill.

Hurricane Harvey made landfall in East Texas causing more than 50 inches of flooding in some parts of the state. 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 on Aug. 30.

just sat there for four days dumping 59 inches of rain." Lockridge said. "All while I sat here in California for a fill two deployment bags to week, heartbroken and anxious to get home."

After hearing the devastating news, Lockridge quickly took action and began collecting donations from his unit.

"We noticed there was a trend of shortages for baby supplies and hygiene kits," he said. "Word spread quickly to the spouses program in our unit, and the response was amazing."

The team was able to collect approximately 400 pounds of relief supplies. Multiple people donated "Once the hurricane cash, which was contributed

Harvey relief fund that reached over \$37 million.

U.S. Coast Guard photo/Petty Officer 3rd Class Corinne Zilnick

take home with me during Labor Day weekend, but instead I ended up with five bags full of relief supplies," he said.

The relief supplies were organized, packaged into boxes and taken to a local distribution center to be given out to those directly affected.

The role of contingency response forces during disaster relief missions is to rapidly respond with critically needed capabilities to deliver assistance and aid in the relief efforts as directed. In many cases, the 621st

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Travis included in Medfly quarantine

Merrie Schilter-Lowe 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING

A Mediterranean fruit fly infestation in Solano County has triggered an 85-square mile quarantine that encompasses Travis Air Force Base, California

Since California produces about 50 percent of the nation's fruits, nuts and vegetables, the state "takes aggressive actions once exotic pest species are identified in an area, in this case, the Mediterranean fruit fly," said Lt. Col. Natalie Johns, 60th Medical Group public health flight commander.

Public health, environmental and pest management officials at Travis met with U.S. and California Department of Food and Agriculture officials Oct. 3 to discuss how Travis will be included in enhanced surveillance and eradication efforts.

"Enhanced surveillance includes setting traps near 'host' fruit trees and monitoring activity at least weekly until mid-July 2018," said Johns.

The Mediterranean fruit fly - also known as the medfly is not harmful if touched, but it is devastating to crops, said Johns.

Damage occurs when the female lays eggs inside the fruit, which hatch into maggots that tunnel through the fruit, making it unfit to eat.

USDA and CDFA set traps in seven locations on Travis, including family housing, the Airman and Family Readiness Center and outdoor recreation. The medfly is known to target some 250 types of fruits and vegetables, including olives, apples, lemons and tomatoes.

Food and agriculture officials are also encouraging people with home gardens to consume their produce on site and not move it to other locations unless it is cooked or frozen to prevent an

"My initial hope was to

Merrie Schilter-Lowe 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

He denies her access to their checking and savings account and gives her only a small allowance for groceries. She installed a GPS tracker on his car and checks the mileage each day to make sure he

a wall, but she doesn't blame him. She blames herself for not moving faster when he

Each of these scenarios fits the description of domestic violence, which includes physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect, according to the Family Advocacy Program office at Travis Air Force

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The campaign evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 to connect advocates across the nation working to end violence against women

olence is still a big problem in

ily Advocacy Program is to reduce the number of incidences of domestic violence." said Kristin Criner, FAP outreach manager and a licensed social worker at the David Grant USAF Medical Center at Tra-

The Department of Defense created FAP to develop, implement and evaluate programs and policies to prevent and treat domestic violence and child abuse among active-duty members and their intimate

Travis helps prepare, deliver goods to Puerto Rico

TRAVIS



Senior Airman Jarvis Mitchell, 60th Aerial Port Squadron. labels hazardous material during an inspection of equipment and supplies bound for Puerto Rico Oct. 7 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Three Interagency Hotshots crews had more than 26,000 pounds of supplies and equipment palletized by Airmen from the 60th APS prior to their flight to Puerto Rico. The Hotshots planned to help open blocked roadways after Hurricane Maria knocked down several trees, making transportation on the island difficult.

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MWDs, handlers mission ready

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Having continuous training that not only conforms, but surpasses the standards set by the U.S. Air Force is how the 60th Security Forces Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California, maintains mission readiness with their military working dogs.

The dog-handler position requires Airmen who fulfill the role to be resilient, strong and prepared at all times. Military working dogs and their handlers are on stand-by and ready to complete whatever may come their way.

"Each dog team operates training based off of their Optimal Training Plan," said Staff Sgt. Jonathan Estrada. 60th SFS military working dog handler. "The OTP is the minimum military working dog proficiency training required of each task per month."

The 60th SFS MWDs and handlers train for any call which may require a need for their abilities.

the training tasks are to be



Huba, 60th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, waits for his handler to give a command Oct. 5 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Huba is one of many military working dogs that practice daily.

conducted daily, weekly, semimonthly or monthly," said Estrada. "The type of dog will determine your OTP. Basic obedience and upkeep of what "The OTP will identify if the MWDs are trained on."

something the SFS MWD han- said Estrada. "MWD teams dlers are proud of. The K-9's provide Security Forces an endaily training simulates how a hanced capability to secure real-life situation takes place.

"On day-to-day operations, we're on the road providing ulations, suppress the use of Mission readiness is Travis with MWD presence.'

protection-level resources, enforce military laws and reg-See MWDS Page 19





A/TA honors mobility pioneer

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Senior Airman Tristin English 375TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — The Airlift/Tanker Association honored Sir Alan Cobham as its 28th Hall of Fame inductee Oct. 5 as it held an unveiling ceremony of his bust now located in Scott Air Force Base's "Walk of Fame."

"Sir Cobham had a way of seeing the future before it was there," said Gen. Carlton D. Everhart II, Air Mobility Command commander. "He understood the limitations of flight and saw the value of air refueling before most of the world."

Cobham was recognized as an aviation pioneer and a significant contributor to air mobility. Through his historic air refueling experiments, he earned his pilot wings with the Roval Air Force during World War I and became famous as a pioneer of long-distance aviation, setting many aviation records.

In 1921 he made a 5,000mile air tour of Europe. From Nov. 16, 1925, to March 13, 1926, he made a trip from London to Cape Town and back. And in 1926, he set off on a flight from the River Medway in Britain to Australia. Upon his return he was awarded the Gold Medal by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale. Following the war, he became the first aviator to successfully conduct a roundtrip flight to India.

Retired Gen. Duncan McNabb, a former commander of AMC from 2005 to 2007, highlighted several of Cobham's accomplishments that followed his military service and how they impacted the Air Force and air mobility.

He explained that "(Cobham was)" a true aviation pioneer who shaped our mobility **O**CTOBER 13, 2017



Sergeant earns STEP promotion

Tech. Sgt John Ledford, second from right, 60th Operations Support Squadron was STEP promoted Oct. 5 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. After cross-training and becoming a C-17 loadmaster, Ledford was selected as a finalist for the AMC Command Instructor of the Year. He accumulated over 2,600 flying hours and has nearly completed a bachelor's degree in aviation operations. Off duty, Ledford volunteers as a counselor to lowincome youth

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Nellis spouses help after Vegas shooting

Master Sgt. Heidi West 99TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — In the five days since the Route 91 Harvest Festival shooting, the Nellis Air Force Base and Las Vegas communities have found strength in unified actions to rebuild hope.

As Las Vegas moves toward a state of recovery, Nellis AFB spouses are combining efforts to provide for the needs of community volunteers, displaced family members and hospital staff.

"It feels nice to have something to be happy about in such a tragedy," said Shannon Janelle, mother of two and wife

of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Janelle, an instructor assigned to the Nellis AFB First Term Airman Center. "It's nice to know you can lean on the people around you when something like this happens."

Nellis AFB has been the only duty station for the Janelles in a 10-year career. Naturally, when disaster hit Oct. 1, 2017, they joined with neighbors and community businesses to shuttle items downtown.

"I don't really have anything to donate, but I do have a car and gasoline," said Shannon to her community of spouses. "So, if you have it, I'll take it."

Shannon teamed with more See VEGAS Page 23

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AMC recognizes 60th SFS Airman



Chief Master Sgt. Steve Nichols, 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief, presents a recognition on behalf of Chief Master Sgt. Shelina Frey, Air Mobility Command chief, to Senior Airman Virginia Young, 60th Security Forces Squadron, during a presentation Sept. 29 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Young was the Air Mobility Command Airman of the Month for September.

Afghan president greets Black Hawks

Staff Sgt. Alexander W. Riedel 438TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, at Kandahar Airfield.

Led by President Ashraf Ghani, an official ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the fighting for its own future," landmark progress of the Af- Nicholson said. "You are fighthelicopter into their fleet.

Ghani spoke about the new helicopter and pilot training and its impact on the fight against the enemies of the nation, civil order and peace. He importance of the AAF in desaid Afghanistan is not just a front line, it's the first line of defense of democracy and freedom.

"We share the same value of defending freedom, of living

world should know ... they will not thrive here. We will eliminate them." Ghani said.

Ghani also thanked U.S. Army Gen. John Nicholson. Afghanistan - Top Afghan Resolute Support commandand Resolute Support officials er and the U.S. military's sewelcome the first two UH-60A nior leader in Afghanistan, for Black Hawk helicopters Oct. 7 his sacrifices, dedication and NATO's work in bringing the Black Hawk to Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan is not only ghan Air Force's moderniza- ing for humanity's future. We tion effort and inaugurated the are with you in this fight and we will stay with you."

Citing more than 15,000 flown sorties and 9,000 delivered munitions by Afghan airmen, Nicholson highlighted the feating the insurgency.

"A tidal wave of Afghan airpower is on the horizon," Nicholson said, emphasizing that the UH-60 is part of the modernization that will strengthen without fear. Terrorists of this the force sustainably into the future. "The momentum has shifted, and it is irreversible."

Together with NATO and coalition partners, Nicholson said, the Afghanistan National Defense and security forces will continue to make strides toward critical warfighting capabilities needed in defeating the insurgency.

The UH-60A has been selected to enhance the AAF helicopter fleet and will augment the capabilities currently offered by the Mi-17 for a stable. reliable improvement of the force.

Modernization will provide better capabilities for air missions supporting ANDSF operations throughout Afghanistan and increased interoperability with allied forces.

The event culminated with a ceremonial signing of certificates that officially completed the transfer of the first Black Hawks from the U.S. military into the AAF fleet.

The signatories of the document included Mai. Gen. Mohammad Shoaib, AAF commander, and U.S. Air Force



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Ceremony welcomes new NCOs



Chief Master Sgt. Steve Nichols, 60th Air Mobility Wing command chief, administers the NCO charge during the NCO induction ceremony Oct. 6 at the Base Theater. The inductees participated in seminars with various briefings to help guide them onto the path of becoming successful NCOs. According to the NCO charge, which was read during the induction ceremony, NCOs are the frontline supervisors. They are entrusted with presenting an image of competence, integrity, and pride. NCOs are required to place the Airmen's need above their own, be fair and impartial, communicate and lead by example.

Chaplain launches dialogue supporting Afghan air force

Staff Sgt. Alexander W. Riedel 438TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KABUL, Afghanistan Faith is a center piece of life for force." many people in the world. In the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, however, it is a matter of identity.

This is no less true for Afghan active in much of the country.

Assigned to Train, Advise, Assist Command-Air, Chaplain (Maj.) Chris Conklin is the first air advisor charged with assisting the Afghan military's religious and cultural affairs program with the mission of effective religious care and spiritual readiness for those who defend their nation.

"Our priority for the future is to prepare this essential office to keep pace as the Afghan air force grows," Conklin said. "We want to ensure the teams' manpower grows as the total force grows and want to produce clarity on

career progression (for religious advisers). Additionally, we want to encourage thought into what requirements members are going to have in the Afghan air

Once a week, Conklin meets with his counterpart, Afghan National Army Col. Abdul Basir, the Afghan air force's lead Reliairmen and soldiers on the front- gious and Cultural Affairs offilines in the fight against an an- cer, to discuss issues surroundti-government insurgency that is ing religious and cultural support operations in Kabul and bases throughout Afghanistan.

To attend meetings with their Afghan partners, Conklin and his chaplain assistant, Staff Sgt. Chris O'Neil, leave their secured compound wearing tactical vests and kevlar helmets. Meeting in the offices of the Afghan air force, the team's discussions have little religious content and focus on program progress and challenges.

"My goal is not to teach them how to be good Islamic scholars," Conklin said. "In the same way we train our Air Force chaplains. See CHAPLAIN Page 21

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Travis, Army partner for disaster relief



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With the assistance of Airmen from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., Soldiers with the 127th Aviation Support Battalion loaded two CH-47 Chinook helicopters from 2-501 General Support Aviation Battalion, Desert Knights, onto a C-5M Galaxy aircraft at Fort Bliss, Texas. The helicopters are on their way to Puerto Rico to help in Hurricane Maria relief efforts.

Dover Airman, Puerto Rico native returns home

436TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — Team Dover has responded in force to support the ongoing Hurricane Maria relief operations in Puerto Rico since the storm made landfall and devastated the island two weeks ago.

"The 436th Maintenance Group is all in to support disaster recovery efforts in Puerto Rico," said Col. Tyler Knack, 436th MXG commander. "From here at home, we've been providing safe, reliable aircraft far above our normal tasking levels to ensure we meet all emerging requirements and will continue to do so to the very best of our ability."

A team of seven Airmen from the 436th MXG volunteered to deploy to Puerto Rico to support aircraft maintenance operations for incoming and outgoing Air Mobility Command aircraft

Senior Airman Zachary Cacicia transiting the island while delivering humanitarian relief supplies and personnel. One of these seven, Airman 1st Class Ronald Morales-Rosado, 436th Maintenance Squadron crew chief, is a Puerto Rican native.

The team of seven maintainers departed on a bus from Dover AFB Oct. 4, 2017, to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. There they caught a flight on a C-17 Globemaster III to San Juan.

They are expected to remain on the island from anywhere between 45 days to four months, depending on several variables. While in location, their mission will be to provide maintenance support for C-5M Super Galaxy and C-17 aircraft. They will work hand-in-hand with other aircraft maintenance Airmen from other AMC bases. They are also expected to be joined by additional maintenance Airmen from Dover AFB in the

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Nations sharpen skills together

Pacific Air Forces Public Affairs

JOINT BASE PEARL HAR-BOR-HICKAM, Hawaii – U.S. Air Force, Japan Air Self-Defense Force and South Korean air force units sharpened their combat skills during a sequenced bilateral mission near the Sea of Japan Oct. 10, 2017.

Using Andersen Air Force Base, Guam as a power projection platform, two B-1B Lancers assigned to the 37th Expeditionarv Bomb Squadron, deployed from Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, conducted the first combined nighttime training mission between U.S. Pacific Command B-1B Lancers and Japanese and South Korean fighters.

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training enables the operational

units to improve combined capabilities and tactical skills, while also building confidence and strong working relation-

"Flying and training at night with our allies in a safe, effective manner is an important capability shared between the U.S., Japan and (South) Korea, and hones the tactical prowess of each nation's aviators," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Patrick Applegate, from the 613th Air Operation Center. "This is a clear demonstration of our ability to conduct seamless operations with all of our allies anytime, anywhere.

The mission, flown as part of U.S. Pacific Command's Continuous Bomber Presence mission. demonstrates how U.S. military forces in the Indo-Asia-Pacific



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman, Jacob Skov

A U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer assigned to the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., takes off from Andersen AFB, Guam, Oct. 10 to fly sequenced bilateral missions with two Japan Air Self-Defense Force F-15 Eagles and two South Korean air force F-15K Slam Eagles near the Sea of Japan.

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are always ready to defend the American homeland, and how ence missions ensure the U.S., the U.S. stands resolutely with Japan and South Korea to honor credible capability to respond their unshakeable alliance and commitment to safeguard secu- of threats throughout the Indority and stability.

Continuous Bomber Presalong with key allies, have a to a variety of levels and types Asia-Pacific region.



Dutch C-130 flies first supply mission

Staff Sgt. William Banton 386TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SOUTHWEST ASIA — The Roval Netherlands Air Force completed its first C-130 Hercules supply mission from Southwest Asia in support of coalition forces operating throughout the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility, Oct. 3.

The mission marked the beginning of a new strategic capability for the RNLAF and is the culmination of months of training and global operational support. Prior to deploying. the RNLAF provided 900,000 pounds of relief freight to the Dutch Caribbean Islands in response to Hurricane Irma.

"They were flying in supplies (from Curacao) to the island of Saint Martin, which was hit pretty hard by the hurricane," said Capt. Gert-jan, 1st (Netherlands) Air Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve C-130 pilot. "They got back and immediately started flying in this direction. The operation tempo is fairly high for our small fleet and the Netherlands think it's really important that we are contributing to the fight against ISIS."

Lt. Col. Cris, 1st (NLD) ATF OIR detachment commander, said he is proud of the ability of the small RNLAF fleet to support missions on multiple continents, and then imbed a new C-130 capability into the theater in such a short period of time.

"That's why it is so important to have the cooperation with the United States for logistical support." Cris said.

Staff Sgt. Rusty Frank SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

Washington, D.C.

bility and we own it."

Memo details lines of effort

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tion's interests abroad."

Department at War DoD's military and civilians are sworn to protect and defend the Constitution and America's people and its values, the secretary added, noting that America's military reinforces See MEMO Page 19

SecAF addresses air and space innovation

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson spoke about the importance of modernization and innovation in space during a Center for Strategic and International Studies forum Oct. 5 in

"Our mission is to organize, train and equip air and space forces," said Wilson. "We are the ones, since 1954, who are responsible for everything from 100 feet below the earth in missile silos all the way up to the stars...that's our responsi-

The Air Force faces significant challenges in space because America's adversaries

ligation to be prepared to fight and win if deterrence fails. To that end, the 2018 presidential budget proposed a 20 percent increase for space, which Wilson said is the next frontier of global innovation. ~~~~~

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know how important space is to The Air Force remains committed to gaining and maintaining space superiority across the spectrum of conflict in defense of the nation, she added.

"We need to normalize space from a national security perspective," said Wilson. "We have to have all of our officers who are wearing blue uniforms more knowledgeable about space capabilities and how it connects to the other domains."

Wilson added in the future, space will no longer be a benign environment, soon it will be a common domain for human endeavor. Accessibility to space is growing rapidly as launch technology evolves, the cost of launches will drop from thousands of dollars per pound of fuel to hundreds, the technology will get faster and smaller,

LOUNGE & GRILL ~



Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson speaks Oct. 5 at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

and more nation-states and in- Space X rocket that launched. dividuals will have greater access to space.

out of Cape Canaveral was a launched," said Wilson.

and then recovered using GPS guidance technology back on "Our most recent launch the pad from which that stage



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She added the Air Force is

responsible for providing the

world's first utility, which is the

GPS system. This global sys-

tem which the U.S. military

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DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department is on a wartime footing and the pursuit of global security and stability requires that the U.S. armed forces remain the world's preeminent fighting force, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said in an Oct. 5 memorandum to all DOD

The topic of the memo was "Guidance from Secretary Jim Mattis" and he began by saying that the start of a new fiscal year is an opportunity for greater alignment across the

"As a member of the U.S. Department of Defense," he wrote, "you play a vital role in supporting the 3 million men and women - uniformed and civilian - who fight for our na-



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CBRN training increases Travis readiness





Airman 1st Class Christian Conrad 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Under a thick coat, pants, cotton and rubber gloves, cumbersome boot covers, a tightly pulled hood, a gas mask and a hot sun was Airman Lizette O. Whitter, 60th Comptroller Squadron customer service support administrator

Whitter, a new Airman assigned to Travis Air Force Base, California, was completing her Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear defense training on a day that she said was "hotter than what's ideal for walking around in Mission-Oriented Protected Posture gear," the uniform necessary for the hands-on portion of the training.

"When I did the training, it was sweltering," said Whitter. "I was sweating so much that I remember pulling my mask off and it was as if my face had melted into it. But the 60th Civil Engineer Squadron here does its best to make it as real as possible. The sweat is just a part of being able to handle these types of situations when and where they happen."

Whitter was one of many Airmen performing their annual CBRN defense training in September. Tech. Sgt. Donovan G. Root, 60th CES NCO in charge of Emergency Management logistics, was her instructor.

"CBRN is one of those things that people don't believe will happen to them until it does," said Root. "Complacency is something that occurs not only stateside, but also in deployed locations where CBRN has been used in the past. Awareness is one of those things we try to instill in class by motivating people and saying 'Hey, [CBRN] can be used, it has been used, it is dangerous and it's only getting worse."

According to The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, as of October 2016. 5,502 metric tons of chemical agent are still declared within the worldwide community.



Despite CBRN warfare being banned by the international community under the Geneva Protocol of 1925, Root says not everyone follows the rules.

"The insurgents we've been facing over the past 13-14 years, they don't follow the Geneva Conventions," said Root. "They don't care about using weapons of mass destruction. They don't care about crimes against humanity or war crimes. So they

1) Tech Sgt. Donovan Root. left, 60th Civil Engineer 📕 3 📕 Squadron. instructs Airmen on weapon decontamination during a chemical. biological. radiological and nuclear defense survival skills training course Sept. 21 on Travis Air Force Base, Calif. CBRN defenses are protective measures taken in situations in which chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear warfare, including terrorism. hazards may be present. 2) An Airman pulls the hood of his missionoriented protective posture jacket closed over his gas mask to ensure a proper seal during the training. Airmen are refreshed on vital skills that may save their lives while on duty by learning proper ways to put on protective equipment in a timely and efficient manner. 3) Root teaches a CBRN defense survival skills training course to Airmen Sept. 21 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif

practical environment, he knows what it means to use his training to preserve the mission and help keep people out of harm's way.

"Even as an apprentice, emergency managers have gone through extensive training to be an asset to commanders in chemical environments," said Root. "We're the ones to identify and detect the agents to tell commanders what problems they can expect, where to expect them and how long that problem may be present. Our assessment can mean the lives of the people we're responsible for and we go through the training to be prepared for that responsibility."

In addition to emergency managers being so rigorously trained, Travis has the unique ability to host a Basic Expeditionary Airman Skills Training-qualified NCO in each CBRN class that's conducted on base.

"This allows us to ensure everything is done correctly and to the standard that is not only needed, but that we set above what is merely required," said Root. "It definitely speaks volumes of the office that we have here and of the quality of the training Travis is committed to providing its Airmen."

Providing that training really came down to the emergency manager office's willingness to put in long hours, Root said.

Over the course of the two weeks of training, the emergency managers offered classes designed to be more accessible to maintainers and shift workers with start times as early as 3:30 a.m. and as late as 9 p.m.

"For Travis, with the standards that we have here, teaching the amount of Airmen that we did was, I think, a great accomplishment," said Root. "Being only one of 12 instructors helping out in these classes, the way our emergency management team as a whole stepped up to make this training happen made the experience not only possible and fun, but rewarding knowing we were

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4) Col. John Klein, right, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, checks over his wingman's, Senior Airman Alexander Valks, left, 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, protective equipment to ensure a proper seal during a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense survival skills training course Sept. 21 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Buddy checks are designed to ensure Airmen have properly assembled their mission-oriented protective posture gear.

will gladly use this stuff. That's because you do," said Root. "We there throwing your hands in the why we need this annual training to research, train and test this equipment in the event it's ever used against us."

For Root, the matter of CBRN defense goes further than personal safety. In order to rapidly project American power, aircrews need to be able to land, take off and maintain a presence in a contaminated environment.

going no matter the environment we find ourselves in."

Despite the heat, sweat, gas mask and heavy clothing, Whitter is a firm believer in the necessity of the training and the good pen." it does for Team Travis and the U.S. Air Force.

"It's for our own good," said

need to train to keep the mission air when the actual situation happens—when you actually have to be in the gear. At the end of the day, it's free knowledge and it goes a long way in helping if that worst case scenario were to hap-

That's a scenario Root works every day to help people confront and be ready for. Having been as-Whitter. "It's beneficial in the signed to locations where CBRN "The mission doesn't stop just long run, so you're not just sitting defense was tested in a real, helping out the wing."

Puzzles

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue

Retiree Corner

Commissaries to begin accepting Military Star card

FORT LEE, Va. — To offer greater convenience to service members and their families, and further strengthen funding of critical military quality-of-life programs, the military exchanges' Exchange Credit Program is expanding acceptance of the Military Star card to commissaries worldwide

Leaders from the Defense Commissary Agency and the exchanges gathered at the Fort Lee Commissary, the first location to ac- card, visit MyECP.com. cept the card, to officially

kick off the rollout during a ceremony Oct. 5.

"The entire military community wins when exchanges and the commissary work together," said Army & Air Force Exchange Service Director/ CEO Tom Shull. "We are providing a new benefit military families have been requesting for years -- Military Star card acceptance at the commissary."

By Nov. 9, the card's acceptance will be expanded throughout DeCA for all branches of service.

For more information about the Military Star

- Air Force News Service

News Notes

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. Flu shots are available in the Influenza Room. which is located on the first floor across from Internal Medicine. Flu shots are strongly recommended for high-risk populations, which includes children 5 years and younger, adults age 65 and older and pregnant women. For more information, call the Allergy and Immunization Clinic at 707-423-5107.

Federal Employees Open Season Health Fair. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 1 at Bldg. 381 auditorium. Talk to representatives from most local HMOs and other organizations. Health screenings, info booths

Travis Heritage Center Behind the Scenes Tour. 9:30 a.m. Nov. 2. Discover what it takes to make a heritage center function, learn

about projects under way and find out how the staff preserve static aircraft for future generations to enjoy. Donuts and coffee provided. Free. To attend, call the office manager at 707-424-5883.

Chapel programs

News and information

Position available. The following non-personal service position is open for bid: Catholic parish coordinator. Basic specifications and qualifications can be found in the Statement of Work. No demonstration of skills is required. This contract will be awarded based on the "best value" to the government. Submit sealed bids by noon Nov. 2. Interested individuals should email Ch. Philip Smith to request a statement of work, application procedures letter, and basis of award letter. For more information contact Ch. Philip Smith at 424-3217 or philip.smith.31@us.af.mil

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 appoint-

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

First Street Chapel

• Mom's Group: 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday and Friday

■ ____ A Beautiful You. A free mini spa takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Travis Family Housing Community Center at 1000 First Street. Open to everyone on base. **Zombie Brew Crawl.** 1 to 5 o.m. Oct. 14, Benicia. Purchase Participants are encouraged to bring their 5 ickets at Benicia Main Street, 90 families.

In the next week ...

() First St., 745-9791.

"House on Haunted Hill" Screening. 6:30 p.m. Oct. 17, Vacaville Public Library-Town Square 1 Town Square Place Free. www.solanolibrary.com.

DGMC Chapel

• Roman Catholic Mass: Noon to 12:35 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except for federal holiday

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.

relations representatives at 707-535-6979

Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to

 Gospel Worship Service: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Children's Ministry is provided for

Protestant Men of the Chapel: 8 to 9 a.m.

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. Sundav

Airmen's Ministry Center

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

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

Recurring

Air Force Office of Special Investigations. To report a crime, get a foreign travel brief

Lace Up for Domestic **Violence and Breast Cancer** Awareness 5k Fun Run/ Walk. 4:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Travis Family Homes Community Center. Registration

begins at 4:30 p.m. and the event begins at 5 p.m. There will be guest speakers and prizes for the participants with the best purple outfit and pink outfit.

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

or request information on joining AFOSI, report to Bldg, 380B, second floor, Send correspondence to AFOSI Detachment 303, 510 Airlift CR, Travis AFB, 94535. For more 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 2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the diabetic education classroom on the first floor in Internal Medicine at David Grant USAF Medical Center, For more information, call 707-423-7227.

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

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

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

Family and Friends Combat Stress Peer Support Group. Meets from noon to 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Balfour Beatty Community Center and from 1-2 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at The Peak. For more information, contact Amber Quirate and Jessica Soto at 501-231-7756 or email travsopcombatptsd@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://pptform.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 lebtalliance707@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





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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 2573 or Cal Gitsham at 707-425-0060. Motorcycle licensing and training.

California Rider Education offers the Motorcyclists Training Course, Basic Riderys 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 homes For more information call 707-424-8104 or 707-424-4596 or stop by Bldg. 380B

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-

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



information, call Mike Michaelis at 707-427-

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

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

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

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

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

Travis Heritage Center. The facility is looking to add to its historical collection. It is missing the past 15 years of conflict in which Travis was involved. Do you have something special to donate for generations to appreciate? The center also seeks volunteers. The gift shop is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call Rick Shea at 707-424-5598 or email richard.shea@us.af.mil.

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

Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. The following Travis employees are approved as leave recipients through the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program:

Cheryl Brown, 60th Air Mobility Wing.



 Timothy Miller, 60th Medical Support Squadron

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

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

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

Local events

Events

Ghost Tour. 8 p.m. Oct. 20, leaves from Virgil's Bait Shop, 201 Main St., Suisun City and 8 p.m. Oct. 21, leaves from Lawler House. 718 Main St., Suisun City. www.suisunwaterfront com

Ghost Walk. 8 p.m. Oct. 20-21, 90 Main St., downtown Benicia, 745-9791, www. beniciamainstreet.org.

The Hub. Fantasy roleplaying, noon Oct. 21. Poetry by the Bay open mic. 6:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, 350 Georgia St., Valleio. www.thehubvalleio.com.

"Lunchtime Laughs." Noon the first Friday of each month, Vacaville Public Library-Town Square, 1 Town Square Place. Free. www.solanolibrary.com.

"Nightmare Island." 5 to 9 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Oct. 20-22, Oct. 27-29, Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve, Railroad Avenue and Mercado Court, Mare Island, www. nightmareislandvallejo.com.

Solano County Paranormal, 5:30 p.m. Oct. 24, Vacaville Public Library-Town Square, 1 Town Square Place, www.solanolibrary.com

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

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

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

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

Art exhibits

Artiszen Cultural Arts Center.

"Imaginary Landscapes," through Saturday; gallery open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 6 to 10 p.m. second Friday of the month, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, 337 Georgia St., Valleio, 649-8984, www.artiszen,

Arts Benicia. "Bay Area Clay: A Legacy of Social Consciousness," Saturday through Nov. 19. reception 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday: open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday during exhibitions, 991 Taylor St., Suite 114, Benicia. Free 747-0130 www.artsbenicia.org

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

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• 9 p.m. "American Assassin" (R)

- Saturday • 6:30 p.m. "The Hit Man's Body Guard" (R)
- Sunday

• 2 p.m. "The Emoji Movie" (PG)

MWDs

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illegal drugs, detect explosives and protect installations and resources during peacetime, war and in support of other operations other than war.'

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, there are approximately 2,700 active-duty military working dogs in the U.S. Armed Forces. Many of these dogs are deployed to places such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The military working dog section is considerably different from other sec- nental United States and outside contitions," said Staff. Sgt. Christopher Childress, 60th SFS MWD trainer at Tra- sive detection for venues to be visited vis. "The airmen have to be proficient by the President, Vice President and in law enforcement duties, base defense First Lady of the United States. Someand dog training. For other Air Force one has to be able to find missing perspecialty codes, there comes a time in sons, someone has to find drugs, somewhich a break in training occurs. Not one has to have boots on the ground and

Memo

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traditional tools of diplomacy, of strength.

"We are a department at war," Mattis wrote, describing the increasingly complex global security situation as characterized by "an accelerating decline in the management of the rulesbased international order."

He specified North Korea, Russia, China and Iran, and, despite gains made against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, terrorist groups that continue to murder innocents and threaten peace.

"Pursuit of global security and stability requires our armed forces to remain the world's preeminent fighting force," Mattis continued, "and our department has three lines of effort to enable us to remain the world's preeminent fighting force."

Lines of effort

The first part of the secretary's three-pronged plan is to restore military readiness as the department builds a more lethal force.

"We will execute a multiyear plan to rapidly rebuild the warfighting readiness of the Joint Force, filling holes in capacity and lethality while preparing for sustained future investment," Mattis wrote.

with us, our section never stops training.

Training for military working dogs and their handlers takes place at the 341st Training Squadron located at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

"The moment we stop training, that's when lives are at risk, said Childress. "K-9 leads the way' is the motto we live by. In addition to training, not only do we support home station, we also are on call to support the Secret Service and Department of State. Our K-9 teams go to temporary duty both continental United States to provide explofind explosives. That someone is the military dog teams of Travis."

The bond between military working dogs and their handlers grows every day due to the trust needed for one another, said Childress.

"During in processing, the kennel master and trainer will do their absolute best to match you with a K-9 with similar personalities of your own," said Estrada. "Unfortunately, it's not always that. Usually, it is the next available dog who does not have a handler. The first stage of being paired with a military working dog is building the rapport and understanding each other's personalities. The second stage is actually working together and adjusting to one's need to become a certified military working dog team."

Having military working dogs and rity has benefited the Air Force globally.



Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Childress II, 60th Security Forces Squadron military working dog trainer, allows Paco, a 60th SFS MWD, to bite him during an exercise Oct. 5 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

At Travis, our SFS dog-handlers provide efforts every day to ensure safety. Although military working dogs and their handlers move forward with their their handlers patrol and provide secu- careers, Travis will continue to concentrate on training in the here and now.

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Chaplain

We are not instructing on how to lead worship services, but we assist in discussions of how to best integrate (religious support) into the military through manning, force structure and developmen-

During his career as a Lutheran chaplain, Conklin has worked closely with imams, rabbis and clerics of various Christian denominations. Instead of

cause for controversy, he says, differences in faith are a strength of the chaplain corps that is as diverse as the members it serves.

"One of the great things about the American chaplain corps is that its chaplains work side-by-side with those of different faiths," Conklin said. "As a U.S. military chaplain we have the unique opportunity to break down barriers. It is not about religious background. It is about finding out about people's needs and helping to think through the process of developing an Air Force."

This experience with diversity now helps Conklin, who is able to assist with the logistics for a growing force of a different faith. Conklin and Basir talk of organizational design, career progression and manpower standards that will translate into tangible emotional and spiritual support for thousands of warfighters and their families.

Despite the existing language barrier, Conklin said that the structure and goals of the religious support office offer numerous commonalities with that

of the American military. Much like chaplains in the U.S., Basir's team takes the role of a mental and spiritual support on military installations.

Faith is an intensely important part to Afghanistan's culture, placing Basir's team at the center of military readiness.

"Our job is very important," Basir said. "We have the responsibility of training the people and make their minds ready for the mission

Starting their morning with praver and pausing four more sir said.

times for moments of religious mindfulness, faith is at the heart of each Afghan service member's duty day. The RCA office is responsible for leading religious practice, leading Friday prayer and holiday services and teaching religious education classes to enlisted members and officers. According to Basir, the RCA serves to provide a balanced foundation and build resilience among service members.

"The main factor in war is the human, not the technology," Ba-



Medfly

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infestation from spreading to nearby regions and other backyard gardens.

Because the quarantine affects growers, wholesalers and retail stores that sell susceptible fruit, officials met with Travis commissary officials to ensure they remain compliant with regulatory requirements for receiving and storing fruit, said Johns.

Additionally, USDA will conduct aerial releases of some 500,000 sterile male medflies per square mile over a 50-square mile area, which includes a large portion of Travis.

"On average, these releases will occur on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays each week," said Ian Walters, CDFA Medfly Preventive Release program spokesman.

Flights occur before noon and continue through June of fruits and vegetables are infest-2018.

flies will immediately head to Hotline at 1-800-491-1899.

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host plants to try to mate with female flies, said Johns. With no offspring to replace them, the medfly population ultimately will be eradicated in about nine months, or three lifespans.

Sterile male medflies are provided by the joint CDFA and USDA sterile insect rearing facility in Los Alamitos, California

The Mediterranean fruit fly is a short, squat fly about 1/4 inch in length with a tan abdomen and a black thorax marked with silver.

The most common pathway for it and other invasive species to enter a region is by hitchhiking in fruits and vegetables brought back illegally by people who visit infested regions of the world. Although the medfly is native to Africa, it has spread to other parts of the world including southern Europe, Australia and the New World tropics.

Residents who believe their ed with fruit fly larvae should Once released, the sterile call the state's toll-free Pest

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Victims

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Contingency Response Wing is one of the first units to arrive to the disaster locations.

Similarly, Lockridge was able to provide that quick response for donations with the help of his unit.

"I truly believe the humanitarian aspect of military operations is the most underrated

Black Hawks

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Brig. Gen. Phillip Stewart, commander of the 438th Air Expeditionary Wing and Train, Advise, Assist Command – Air, who work shoulder-to-shoulder in building AAF capabilities.

"Airpower has proven to be a force multiplier in the war in Afghanistan," Stewart said. "The arrival of these first UH-60 Black Hawk heralds is a new era. The international community...remains committed to our Afghan partners to bring about the end of the Taliban."

aspect of this job. Seeing how quickly and efficiently the CRW is able to respond to these disasters is nothing short of miraculous," he said.

Lockridge was thankful his spared from any severe damage, but many of his friends were not so lucky.

ridge and his family spent four days gutting a friend's house to the bare studs because the hurricane flooded over seven feet

physical manifestation of comin Afghanistan, Stewart emthe young AAF, which has been a driving success on the battlefield and is continuously growing in size.

"The Air Force you see before you today is the best in the region," Stewart said. "They will not rest in their efforts to win and secure peace for the people of Afghanistan ... and I'm proud to call the airmen within the AAF my brothers in arms."

Following the ceremony, Capt. Jamshid Farhatyar, Afghan Mi-17 pilot, and his fellow

of water in their home. "It's hard to watch so many loved ones lose everything and know there is nothing you can do but pray," he said.

"Being part of a unit with family and girlfriend were all people who are willing to step up and support complete strangers without hesitation is heartwarming and inspiring," During his time home, Lock- Lockridge added. "It really reaffirms that I am privileged to serve next to the most selfless and genuine people in this country?

Calling the aircraft the pilots spoke about the honor to be selected for the prestigious mitment to the fight for peace training opportunity and upgrading to the new airframe. phasized the larger vision for Together, he said, his team of wingmen look forward to the chance to take to the skies in the UH-60.

"I'm very excited to take the controls of the Black Hawk." he said. "It's very exciting to get this opportunity because of the increase in control and maneuverability the new helicopter will offer. It's a challenge to learn something new, but we receive quality instruction and training and hope to see more Black Hawks flying the AAF symbol soon."

Weems

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between the military of previous eras and today is the commitment of ordinary Americans to defend and serve our country and the respect we share for each other, our service and our citizens. Through the stories of veterans and former POWs, we witness what it means to live life and serve according to integrity, service before self and excellence. Through them, we witness the power of a nation built on mutual respect and the constant commitment to live up to its ideals and becoming better every day. Through them, we see ourselves and have the confidence that we can make a difference through our own service.

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Vegas

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families to collect donated items for those at Sunrise Hospital, the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, the Las Vegas Convention Center and the Las Vegas fire and po-

With an outpouring response from the community, Shannon transformed her home into a drop-off location, where volunteers could pick up

"Within an hour of request-

and became huge," said Shannon. "We were taking in so much stuff, our cars couldn't hold it all. We collected anvthing that could keep people moving forward and help them get through the next week."

Military spouse Lauren Stephens played an integral role in the distribution of collected drinks, snacks, blankets, clothing and toiletries as well as adding some home cooking to the mix.

"I was starting to get antsy after the hurricanes - feeling guilty and helpless that I couldn't help," said Lauren, mother of twin boys and wife of ing help, it started to snowball Tech. Sgt. Alex Stephens, 58th

Rescue Squadron pararescueman. "So, I have made soup, baked cookies and other baked goods for the folks at UMC."

Lauren said this is the first disaster of this magnitude she has faced in her five years as a military spouse, while Shannon said this attitude of giving is typical of the military spouse community she has known in her 10 and a half years as a military spouse.

We're used to picking up where there's slack or when there's a need," said Shannon. "So, if there's a need, we fill it because we know what it feels like to not hear from your loved ones and not know what's going on in tragedy and loss."

As the Las Vegas community heals, the Nellis AFB community will continue to provide support to Airmen, families and the community in any ways it can.

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Shannon Janelle, mother of two and wife of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Janelle, an instructor assigned to the Nellis Air Force Base First Term Airman Center, carries water to a donation site Oct. 5 in downtown Las Vegas.

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Native

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upcoming weeks. "We are proud to send A1C

Morales-Rosado, a native from Puerto Rico, to assist in the relief effort, directly impacting his family and friends on the island," said Knack.

Guánica, a small town in southern Puerto Rico, and has been in the Air Force for just pretty bad there. They have no over two-and-a-half years. He cell phone signal, no electricis looking forward to returning ity, they barely have any wahome to help. "It's pretty amazing to

go back home and help your people," Morales-Rosa-





Program partners and children, according to Brian Fortier. FAP officer and a licensed social work-

FAP personnel also collect. maintain, analyze and report data on domestic abuse and child maltreatment.

Domestic violence, also known as family maltreatment, will affect one in four women and one in seven men during their lifetime, according to the Domestic Violence Hotline organization.

Last year, the Air Force reported 7,219 cases of family maltreatment, including 84 ily. cases at Travis, according to Fortier. Air Force-wide, rates were slightly lower the previous year and Travis rates were slightly lower – 7,133 and 82 on base. cases, respectively.

Once considered one of the most underreported crimes, domestic violence not only affects the couple involved but also the family, community and the Air Force mission, according to Criner.

"Domestic violence also has a large impact on children," said Criner. "Statistics show that children who witness domestic violence in the home not only are emotionally impacted, they are twice as likely to end up in an abusive relationship as adults."

In 2014, DOD reported 7,676 cases of child abuse or neglect. Thirty of those cases resulted in deaths, including 18 children who were less than 1 year old

FAP gets involved in child abuse cases when the victim is under age 18 or suffers from a physical or mental incapacity and in the legal care of a service member or military fam-

FAP also intervenes in alleged cases of abuse or neglect at DOD child care centers, schools and youth programs

"There is no one root cause of domestic violence in the military, but there are a number stressors that contribute to it," said Criner.

Stressors include financial problems, deployments, drugs and alcohol, job dissatisfaction,

poor parenting skills and lack court sessions. of relationship skills.

To help counteract some of the issues, FAP offers counseling, classes and workshops such as Boot Camp for New Dads where veteran fathers teach fathers-to-be about feeding and changing a baby, child safety and changes to expect in their pregnant partner.

FAP offers anger and stress management classes, parenting classes and relationship courses that help couples maintain strong and healthy marriages

Additionally, FAP provides short-term therapy for people who think they may be at risk for family maltreatment. Since Family Strength-Base Therapy – also known as FAST – is preventive in nature, members' medical records are not documented and only limited notes are added when a member is in the Personal Reliability Program or on flying status.

FAP also provides services to adult victims, including medical and legal assistance as well as safety planning to protect victims, their children and pets before, during and after they leave the home and the abuser.

Victim advocates provide 24/7 emotional support, help victims find shelter and child care, interny victims to appointments and that is enforced on base.

Family advocacy works ly associate domestic violence with both offenders and victims to help them get through the effects of violence and change destructive behavior patterns.

Although the military offers together and (adults) who have two reporting options, many victims of domestic violence do not want to talk about the abuse.

"This is a sensitive subject," said Criner. "Most of the time, people do not disclose or tell their story. At family advocacy, we encourage victims to report abuse."

Victims unsure if they want their case investigated can make a restricted report by calling FAP, mental health or a chaplain. These options allow victims to receive counseling, medical care and victim advocate support without automatically triggering an investigation.

"This option is not available there's imminent danger to the victim or others," said Criner.

Victims who want an investigation can file an unrestricted report which gets law enforcement and the member's chain of command involved. Although the military has no control over civilian offendvene with civilian agencies, such from base and civilian courts as social services and accompa- can issue a "no contact" order

sleepovers," said Criner. IPV is a serious and preventable public health problem affecting millions of Americans, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 37 percent of women and nearly 31 percent of men in the United States will experience IPV by a current or former intimate partner in

their lifetime. Like domestic violence, IPV includes physical and sexual violence, stalking and psychological aggression, such as name-calling and limiting access to transportation, money and friends.

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IPV can be prevented by in cases of child abuse or when promoting healthy behaviors in relationships, such as communication and problem-solving skills, according to the CDC.

Anyone who is a victim of domestic violence or IPV should call family advocacy, security forces or local police. Victims also can call the Naers, commanders can bar them tional Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799- SAFE (7233) or Military OneSource at 800-342-9647.

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Morales-Rosado is from

1-year-old daughter." According to Morales-Ro-

sado, all of his family made it through the storm without injury or harm.

"They're all fine and their houses are fine," he said. "So that's a relief."

But the conditions on the ground for them are not great. Morales-Rosado said.

"When I told my mom that I was coming, she actually told me not to come," he said. "It's ter, they have some food, but not a lot."

According to Morales-Rosado, his leadership has been do said. "All of my family is nothing but helpful throughout there, except for my wife and this entire ordeal.

Iglesias

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more substantial discrepancies.

Once we start down a complacent path, we may not notice the escalation in errors until someone calls us out or worse, we contribute to an adverse and potentially disastrous event. We all have checklists and procedures in our jobs that may seem mundane and unnecessary. However, they were likely developed to counter complacency. In other words, just because a step or procedure is skipped often and nothing goes wrong doesn't mean success will always be the outcome. An unforeseen variable coupled with a complacent

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Striving for perfection does not mean you cannot fail. Failure is a valuable part of learning. However, there is a difference between failing to try and making an authentic effort. Honest mistakes - not blatant disregard, ignorance or laziness – should be acceptable. The other aspects of it being okay to make mistakes and fail are making sure we learn from our mistakes, do not repeat them,

are not afraid to teach others, move forward and continue to strive for perfection.

Perfection may not be possible. However, if we strive for it, there's little doubt that we'll fall into excellence. The opposite, even if the omission is seemingly trivial, could have disastrous consequences. We should all take time to reflect and self-assess our actions to ensure we're elevating necessary risk, avoiding complacency and learning from honest mistakes. Don't stick with the status quo just because nothing adverse has occurred. Every Airman's actions have an effect on a larger aspect of the Air Force mission. Please, strive for perfection, and settle for no less than excellence.

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1) Senior Airman Taylor Foote, left, **Senior Airman April Crescines, second** from left, 60th Medical Group. teach local eighth grade students about their career fields Oct. 3 at the Suisun KROC Center in Suisun City. Calif. The KROC Center welcomed eighthgrade students from local schools to an informational career fair, including members from the **60th Operations** Group, 60th Medical Group, 60th Maintenance Group and 60th Mission **Support Group from Travis Air Force** Base, Calif.







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2) Senior Airman Donovan Greenlee 60th Operations Support Squadron, showcases some o the Radar Approach Control capabilities Oct. 3 at the Suisun **KROC Center in** Suisun City, Calif. 3) Senior Airman Justin Coleman. 60th Mission Support Group, showcases some examples of explosive ordnances and munitions at the **KROC** Center



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