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Innovation: Our calling and imperative

“Our industry does not respect tradition – it only respects innovation,” said Satya Nadella spoke after assuming the role as chief executive at Microsoft. Arguably, similar sentiments could be said of our U.S. Air Force. Seven decades ago, visionary innovators established our service as a separate, but equal, solution to the problems of the third and fourth dimensions of time and space. Since that day, the Air Force has demanded creativity, open-mindedness and calculated risk-taking.



Commentary by Lt. Col. Erik Fisher
21ST AIRLIFT SQUADRON

We are the service of big ideas from luminaries such as Billy Mitchell, John Boyd and John Warden. We lift them up not because of the positions they held, but for the power of their ideas. As we look to the future, innovation is not merely in our DNA, it is also our imperative. The operational environment demands innovative Airmen. For the last 16 years, while combating violent extremism, we’ve grown accustomed to air superiority. Today, we pivot to full-spectrum readiness. We must prepare in mind, body

Commander’s Commentary

and spirit for near-peer conflict. Such conflict requires a high-level of readiness, grit and resilience that is foreign to many on our team. Our military may be called to operate in an asymmetric battlespace with degraded command, control and limited weapons effects. Are we ready? I posit that the path toward readiness is partly paved through innovation. Innovative cultures challenge the inherent inertia of the status quo while simultaneously creating growth opportunities. Simply said, the

day we stop thinking, innovating and learning is the day we lose. Innovation is a catalyst for individual and organizational growth. Reflect on the stories of Mitchell, Boyd and Warden. Mitchell launched bombers off an aircraft carrier, Boyd created the observe, orient, decide and act loop and Warden developed our modern airpower strategy. These Airmen were brilliant, yet controversial. Boyd famously said one could choose to “be someone or do something.” These three Airmen chose to “do something.” They chose to aggressively challenge the status quo in pursuit of the exceptional, often at individual peril. Without question, they

made our service more lethal and invigorated future innovation. This is our service. Ours is the service of audacious innovators and big ideas. Our teams must encourage innovation and cultivate a meritocracy of ideas. In 2014, “The Deloitte Millennial Survey” echoed this belief. The authors articulated the importance of innovation in attracting, developing and retaining Generation Y (those born in 1983 or later) talent. Today, we see this at Travis Air Force Base, California, through the Phoenix Spark program. Phoenix Spark is an organizationally flat and leaderless incubator of ideas. Thanks

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Be a glue person – bring people, groups together

Commentary by Barb Brewer
21ST AIRLIFT SQUADRON

Commentary

When I was asked to write a commentary, I was deeply honored, but immediately started to panic. I wondered what I could offer as inspiration for another. A wise person told me to write about what motivates me and makes me unique. After much contemplation and discussion, I realized I am motivated by the community of people I work with every day. I find great happiness and purpose working for and with these people. As I thought more, I realized a healthy perspective is also responsible

for this happiness. A person can make an impact in an organization regardless of their position. Satisfaction and happiness do not have to originate from the top of an organization. I also believe that one person, regardless of their position, can start a ripple effect of happiness throughout the organization. Little changes often lead to big and permanent changes. So how does one make the change to choose happiness at work? There are a couple of steps I have learned over

my 32 years of military service. These steps are: choose your attitude and effort, be the glue and blur the lines between work and play. Each of us has absolute control over our effort and attitude. Be the person that has a can-do and will-do attitude. Focus on what can be done, rather than what can’t be done. Find a way to say yes, rather than searching how to get to no. By having this attitude, you can positively impact how you feel and perform your job. If someone comes to you with a problem and it does not fall in your lane, do not simply turn them away with an “I don’t do that.” Take a couple extra minutes to help find

the right person to solve the problem. This small act will pay big dividends by making the person feel valued as an important part of the team. Effort and attitude go a long way in building a strong team and community. Be the glue. The glue person brings people together and builds community as the heart and soul of a successful organization. These people drive the organization to continuous improvement. This can be done by the smallest of acts. Get to know your squadron and your customers. If you are walking down the hall, make eye contact,

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It’s lit — DFAC ready for award contest

Airman 1st Class Christian Conrad

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ask Senior Airman Meagan Rogers, 60th Force Support Squadron food service shift worker, what sets the Sierra Inn Dining Facility team apart from other DFAC teams and you’ll likely get a single answer. “Top to bottom, we just bring more of ourselves to work,” said Rogers. “Services is no different from any other (Air Force Specialty Code). Just as a pilot wouldn’t sleepwalk through their flight, we don’t sleepwalk through our shifts. We bring our A game to every second we’re here because that’s what the mission requires.” Rogers joins the Sierra Inn DFAC team in competing for the John L. Hennessy Award at the Air Force-level Feb. 20-23 when they’ll compete against 12 other bases to continue their three-year streak of having won the competition at the Air Mobility Command level. The Hennessy Award, awarded by the Hennessy Travelers Association, is given to “operations that exhibit sustained excellence in food service management, force readiness support, food quality, employee and customer relations, resource conservation, training and safety,” according to the association’s website. Rogers’ supervisor, Master Sgt. Elizabeth Sandoval-Vega, See DINING Page 24



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Christian Conrad

A civilian with Pride Industries cooks burgers on a grill Feb. 11 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The Sierra Inn Dining Facility’s team of auxiliary civilians also play a huge role in Travis’ success during the John L. Hennessy competition. For more photos, see Parting Shots on Page 30.

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From left, Col. Raymond Kozak, 349th Air Mobility Wing commander, Col. Ruth Meyer, 621st Contingency Response Wing, Col. John Klein, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, and California Sen. Bill Dodd reveal the 75th anniversary logo during a ceremony Feb. 8 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.	
U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Briscose	

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name:
Staff Sgt. Scot Butler.

Unit:
60th Surgical Operations Squadron.

Duty title:
Orthopedic technician.

Hometown:
Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Time in service:
Six years.

Family:
Spouse, Tech. Sgt. Shaina Butler.

What are your goals?
Become fluent in Korean, attend 2020 Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

What are your hobbies?
Reading science fiction and philosophy, watching NFL football, traveling to different countries and towns.

What is your greatest achievement?
Continuing the family tradition and heritage by joining the U.S. Air Force. Grandparents served in Army during World War II and the Korean War, father and mother are AF vets.



1) Members of the Travis Football Club soccer team pose for a photo after winning the Fairfield, Calif., soccer league championship for the first time over Real Madrid in extra time, Feb. 4. The teams were tied 4-4 after 90 minutes of regular time. The deadlock continued with the teams tied 5-5 after extra time, sending them to a shootout. The teams matched each other shot for shot until the eighth penalty kick, when the Travis FC keeper blocked the shot, leading to Travis FC's win. 2) Members of the Travis FC prepare to shake hands after a game.



Courtesy photos

Travis FC team wins league crown

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

The Travis Football Club soccer team became the Fairfield, California, Soccer League champions for the first time Feb. 4 after winning its match over Real Madrid in a shootout.

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The team is comprised of nearly 50 Travis Airmen who competed in the local



3) Members of the Travis Football Club soccer team pose for a photo after winning the Fairfield, Calif., soccer league crown for the first time, beating Real Madrid in extra time Feb. 4.

championship.

"We can only have 22 people on the roster," said Tech. Sgt. Brett Rush, 60th Air Mobility Wing chaplain assistant. "As Airmen (permanently change duty stations),

go on (temporary duty) or have other mission obligations, we adjust to keep a present and dedicated team on the field weekly."

After the 18-game regular season, each team is ranked

on how they played, wins and losses, with the top teams moving onto the playoffs. The playoffs involved eight teams from the local area.

"We were ranked sixth going into the playoffs," said Zachary Wanlass, Travis FC coach. "It was an important win for the team. The members of the team work all week long, come to practice twice a week and a game once a week. Some of them are on shift work, working nights or weekends, and they still wake up for a game during the day. They've put in a lot of work to win."

Wanlass has been with the team for the past five years, first as a player when he was active duty and now as the coach.

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Service outlines future of bombers

Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force outlined plans for its bomber fleet in its Fiscal Year 2019 President's Budget Request Feb. 12.

In line with the service's bomber vector, the budget request detailed the Air Force plan to update the B-52 Strato-fortress fleet and continue modifications to the B-1 Lancer and B-2 Spirit fleets while continuing to acquire B-21 Raiders.

"As part of our decisions presented in the FY19 President's Budget, the Air Force will update the B-52 bomber fleet and fund development of replacement engines," said Secretary of the Air Force Heather A. Wilson. "We will also continue necessary B-1 and B-2 modifications to keep them relevant until the B-21s come on line."

Once sufficient B-21 aircraft are operational, the B-1s and B-2s will be incrementally retired. Delivery and retirement timelines are dependent on the B-21 production and delivery schedules.

"If the force structure we have proposed is supported by the Congress, bases that have bombers now will have bombers in the future," Wilson said. "They will be B-52s and B-21s."

The B-21, which the Air Force plans to start fielding in the mid-2020s, will eventually become the backbone of the U.S. strategic bomber fleet and serve as a visible, flexible deterrent to adversaries and assure U.S. partners and allies.

"Modernizing and recapitalizing our bomber force is absolutely central to the recently released National Defense Strategy and the Nuclear Posture Review," said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Samuel King Jr.

Pako, a 5-year-old 96th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, suffered a heat stroke last year and died. The base veterinary clinic helped revive him and bring him back through CPR procedures. He beat unlikely odds for dogs to survive heat stroke and CPR to make a full recovery.

Vet tech revives working dog

Samuel King Jr.
TEAM EGLIN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The dog lay on the table struggling to breathe in the throes of a severe heat stroke. Pako, 96th Security Forces Squadron military working dog, thrashed around wildly.

His vital signs were fading fast. At one point, his pulse vanished. Pako's heart stopped.

This was the scene of the emergency Army Sgt. Kelli Helfinstine and the base veterinary clinic personnel faced one hot day in June 2017.

"This was the most severe heat injury I have encountered," said Helfinstine, who recently received an Air Force Achievement Medal for her valiant efforts to save Pako's life. "I just thought, this animal needs oxygen, we need to get him oxygen."

Pako and his handler, Staff Sgt. Radames Leon, were participating in a hostile suspect exercise. The 5-year-old K-9 searched, but was unable to find his target. He pressed on, unwilling to give up the hunt. His body temperature began to rise at an uncontrollable rate.

Pako showed no signs of heat injury, but did appear overly exerted, according to Tech. Sgt. Bryan Bowermaster, Eglin AFB's kennel master. Leon took the dog's temperature, which read 105, the average working temperature for the Belgian Malinoise's breed.

"These military working breeds are very high drive and will work themselves to death if allowed," said Helfinstine. "Heat injury is very serious and can progress quickly. He was probably fine initially, but continued to get hotter."

The training was cancelled and the MWD team returned to the kennel. It was then that

Pako showed clear signs of distress and heat stroke.

He was immediately rushed to the veterinary clinic. The technicians provided oxygen and tried to cool Pako down while waiting for the veterinarian, Capt. Ashley Hydrick, to arrive. At this point, Pako was in severe respiratory distress and approaching cardiac arrest.

In the midst of the breathing and cooling procedures, Pako's heart stopped beating.

"I will never forget the moment I saw Pako's life slip away," said Bowermaster, a

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Travis to install LED street lights

Merrie Schilter-Lowe
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Travis Air Force Base, California, has been awarded \$250,000 in energy sustainment and maintenance funds to convert 611 street light fixtures to low-energy consuming light-emitting diode lighting.

The base also has requested an additional \$1.3 million to upgrade lights in three hangars, three simulator buildings and two warehouses on base in fiscal year 2019.

These projects will save about \$123,000 a year in electric costs and move the base

closer to the Air Force goal of a 2.5 percent energy intensity reduction per year for 10 years, said Joseph Fallon, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, base energy manager.

"Our energy intensity for fiscal 2016 and fiscal 2017 combined was 4.4 percent, but we need to get to 5 percent from the fiscal 2015 base year," said Fallon. "The goal is to reduce energy intensity by 25 percent by fiscal 2025 so we will keep adding energy-saving projects."

Energy intensity is a measure of the energy efficiency of a nation's economy. Low

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Air Force upgrades to Windows 10

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — In accordance with the Department of Defense mandate, the Air Force must complete the Microsoft Windows 10 migration by March 31.

Any operating system not upgraded by the deadline will be denied access to the network.

Windows 10 is not compatible with many systems in the Air Force inventory, resulting in the need to replace a significant number of computer hardware.

To minimize downtime during the migration, users should take the following steps:

1. Manually back up their data to a shared drive or DVD discs;
2. Make a list of any special computer software or hardware the technician will need to install;
3. Be patient, the upgrade

will take 1-2 hours to complete.

“The Windows 10 migration is critical to Air Force readiness,” said Lt. Col. Brian Snyder, Windows 10 lead action officer, cyberspace strategy and policy.

“It introduces a number of new security features; making it the most secure Windows version to date. Additionally, base and organizational leadership must ensure communication/cyber squadrons are provided all the support and availability necessary to guarantee success.”

The security features allow software patches to install faster, making it less obtrusive to Airmen while its ability to counter emerging cyber intrusion makes the networks safer. This will have a positive security impact on the protection of DoD and special access programs, mission systems, as well as strategic, tactical, and research, development, testing and evaluation systems.

AMC chief celebrates final ride on C-17



U.S. Air Force photo/Heide Couch
Airman 1st Class Marissa Davis, 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron, sprays Chief Master Sgt. Shelina Frey, Air Mobility Command command chief, as Frey celebrates her last official flight aboard a C-17 Globemaster III Feb. 12 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. Frey will retire this year after nearly 34 years of service.

BX offers healthy dining options

Jessica Jones
ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE
SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Travis Air Force Base, California, Exchange now offers more better-for-you dining options than ever, reaffirming its commitment to readiness and resiliency for Airmen and their families.

As a partner in the Air Force Smart Fueling initiative under the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service has transformed Express locations and restaurants worldwide to provide delicious, low-calorie options to Airman and their families.

“Service members and their families lead increasingly busy lives, making it difficult at times to identify the right meal choices for their nutritional goals,” said Tonya Jones Exchange facility manager. “The Travis AFB Exchange wants to make it easier to choose meals that support readiness, resiliency and a be fit lifestyle at all Exchange facilities.”

Several Exchange restaurants at Travis AFB offer a variety of calorie-conscious selections:

- Subway’s Fresh-Fit menu includes eight sandwiches with 350 calories or fewer including turkey breast, oven roasted chicken and roast beef.

- Charley’s Philly Steaks offers a variety of items with 150 calories or fewer including grilled chicken, steak and garden salads.

- Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen diners can choose from more than 20 items with fewer than 350 calories, including three-piece blackened tenders, Cajun rice and green beans.

In 2017, the Exchange expanded its selection of name-brand restaurants offering healthy options, opening six Subways, three Boston Markets, two Smoothie Kings, three Qdoba Mexican Grills, and new Freshens and Muscle Maker Grill locations. Exchange shoppers can also enjoy \$2 off entrée salads at participating Exchange restaurants every Wednesday.

To help diners make the right choices for their meal plan, the Exchange lists calories on menu boards at Burger King, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Charley’s Philly Steaks, Pizza Hut and Subway locations. Digital displays highlighting healthy options have also been introduced at 40 Exchange food courts, making it even easier for diners to identify better-for-you meal choices.

At Express locations, shoppers can choose from nearly 400 be fit approved items, including fresh fruit, yogurt, grass-fed, nitrate-free beef sticks and jerky,

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U.S. Air National Guard photo/Staff Sgt. Patrick Evenson
Soldiers with Bravo Company, 244th Military Intelligence Battalion, Flight Detachment 16, board a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron Jan. 25 in Iraq.

Crews realign assets

Staff Sgt. Patrick Evenson
379TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — Late in January at an altitude of nearly 30,000 feet, a 174-foot-long aircraft cuts through the air with more than 40,000 pounds of thrust per engine. The equipment and personnel on board were needed to

support ongoing operations in the U.S. Central Commands’ area of responsibility.

The aircraft, a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, located at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, has its belly full of shipping containers and pallets of equipment belonging to the Army’s Bravo Company,

244th Military Intelligence Battalion. The load is moving from Iraq to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel and NATO Resolute Support missions.

The C-17 was operationally introduced to the Air Force in 1995, and these are the type of missions it was created to accomplish –

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Budget looks at mix of needs

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

The Air Force budget request of \$156.3 billion for fiscal year 2019 builds on the progress made in 2018 to restore the readiness of the force, increase lethality and cost-effectively modernize.

Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Heather Wilson said the budget request is aligned with the National Defense Strategy, prioritizing long-term competition with China and Russia.

"The Air Force needs the right size and mix of capabilities to compete, deter and win in this environment, brought to bear by well-trained, resilient and competent Airmen steeped in the business of joint and combined warfare," said Wilson.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein said the budget also moves the Air Force in the direction of multi-domain operations.

"Future wars will be won by those who observe, orient, decide and act faster than adversaries in an integrated way across domains – land, sea, air, space and cyberspace," said Goldfein.

Key areas addressed by this budget include readiness, people, nuclear deterrence, modernization, space and air superiority, multi-domain command and control, and science and technology development.

Readiness

According to Wilson and Goldfein, restoring readiness to win any fight, any time remains a primary objective in FY19. It funds 1.5 million flying hours at a cost of \$8.7 billion. The budget proposes the purchase of 54,443 preferred munitions to reverse previous declining inventories at a cost of \$1.8 billion.

The budget request continues to address the aircrew shortage through a multi-pronged approach. It boosts pipeline capacity, expands pilot training and addresses experience shortfalls, continues incentive pay and bonuses, improves administrative support at the squadron level, and funds flying hours to executable levels. It also addresses gaps in space,

nuclear, cyber, and intelligence career fields.

Additionally, the budget funds aircraft depot maintenance, parts, logistics support, training ranges, simulators, instructors and key infrastructure required to improve the quality of training in alignment with the National Defense Strategy prioritization of peer competition.

People

The FY19 budget proposal represents an increase in the size of the Air Force by 4,700 Active Duty, Guard and Reserve Airmen. It funds important support to Airmen and their families with a 2.6 percent military pay raise, increased housing and subsistence allowances and family support programs.

"The Air Force recruits Airmen, but we retain families," Goldfein said. He explained that the FY19 proposal funds expanded childcare hours, increases off-base child care support, and funds more respite care and support coordinators for special needs families.

Goldfein also said the Air Force will invest in purposeful development of Airmen to strengthen joint warfighting excellence by integrating education, training and experience for Air Force leaders and teams.

Nuclear deterrence

The FY19 budget proposal supports the Department of Defense's principal priority to maintain a safe, secure, and effective nuclear deterrent that safeguards the homeland, assures allies, and deters adversaries.

The Air Force stewards two legs of the nuclear triad and operates 75 percent of the Defense Department's nuclear command, control, and communication capabilities. The budget proposal improves nuclear command, control and communication systems as directed in the Nuclear Posture Review.

"Deterrence works if our adversaries know that we can hold at risk things they value. We must concurrently modernize the entire nuclear triad and the command and control systems that enable its effectiveness,"

said Wilson.

The FY19 proposal initiates development of B-52 replacement engines and continues development of the Long Range Stand Off missiles and the replacement of the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile. The budget also targets investments to modernize the integrated land, air, and space-based systems to ensure secure, survivable connectivity with the President and national command leadership.

Modernization

Wilson said the budget proposal funds the Air Force's priority modernization initiatives to increase the lethality of the force. The FY19 request supports the purchase of 48 F-35A Lightning II fighters, 15 KC-46 Pegasus tankers, and continued development of the B-21 Raider.

"We have to accelerate programs and get good value for every dollar we spend. There is a bow wave of modernization over the next 10 years. It's bombers, fighters, tankers, satellites, helicopters and our nuclear deterrent – they are all going to be modernized," she said. "At the same time, we are driving forward with the next generation of technology focused on families of systems that connect and communicate across all domains: air, land, sea, space, cyber and subsurface."

The budget also supports the selection of the T-X advanced trainer aircraft and the replacement of the UH-1N helicopter.

Space superiority

Wilson and Goldfein explained the FY19 budget represents a 33 percent increase in the research, development, test, and experimentation budget for Air Force Space, a substantial increase to meet the threat from China and Russia.

"The nation expects us to own the ultimate high ground," Goldfein said. "Our space capabilities must be resilient and defensible. This budget moves us forward as space becomes more contested in the future."

Foregoing the continued buy of today's Space Based Infrared System satellites 7 and 8, the Air

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Coding branch provides critical service to officers

John Harrington

88TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – While academic degrees are generally masked at officer promotion boards, they still play a critical role for certain leadership and technical positions, so keeping official records updated with the most accurate information can be vital.

Some situations where having an updated academic record is crucial include reserve and guard officers, who must have a bachelor's degree in their record before being promoted to captain; doctors, scientists, engineers and some others who are actually detailed based on their academic degrees; and commanders, executive officers and some other leadership positions that take academic degrees into consideration, according to Maurice LaBrie, Air Force Institute of Technology Military Personnel and Support Operations chief. Even active duty officer academic records are only masked up until the colonel board, in which case a master's degree must be in the officer's official record.

It may surprise some that two Airmen at the AFIT Academic Coding Branch are responsible for updating the records of around 130,000 total force Air Force officers, including active duty, guard and reserve. They receive upwards of 20,000 transcripts annually for bachelor's, master's, doctorates and professional degrees and every one of them is entered by hand. It's a job these Airmen relish.

"Yes, I absolutely enjoy what I do. I love my job here," said Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Warehime, ACB noncommissioned officer in charge. "It's interesting and even though we do the same thing day-to-day, it differs from day to day. Whether it be with customers or different transcripts or with different degrees that I see, I learn things every single day."

They see themselves providing not only a vital mission for individual officers, but one that impacts the entire Air Force.

"(It's important in order) for them to be assigned to the proper positions throughout their career progression," said Master Sgt. Misti Rodriguez, ACB superintendent. "(We ensure) that their data entries are correct so that they can progress positively and the Air Force can find the person they're looking for to meet its needs."

The ACB is located at AFIT due to the fact that that's where the officer's academic database has resided since its start, said LaBrie. But soon those files will merge with the Air Force enlisted academic degrees database located at Maxwell Air Force Base Gunter Annex in Montgomery, Alabama. While the ACB won't be physically moving, once the data merge is complete, officers should start receiving automated notifications once their records are updated. Currently, officers must check the Virtual Military Personnel Flight time-to-time until they see the change.

While processing large quantities of transcripts can be time consuming, Rodriguez says that the best thing that officers can do to speed up their updates is to closely follow submission instructions at the ACB's website: www.afit.edu/CODING. That, and understand that all of the officer academic record updates for the entire Air Force comes down to a small, dedicated team.

"People don't realize that it's just the two of us," Warehime said. "But, we actually do get a lot of emails thanking us for the quick response or for updating their data. It makes the job worth it."

The Coding Branch suggests allowing two to three weeks for delivery and processing of traditional mail. The submitter will notice their update on the Career Data Brief in the vMPF within 24 hours of the processing. The AFIT Coding Branch cannot make real-time updates to Assignment Management System Single Unit Retrieval Format or the Air Force Virtual Education Center and it can take up to 30 days for changes to update in those systems. If an individual would like

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Master Sgt. Misti Rodriguez, Academic Coding Branch superintendent, inputs a transcript into the Air Force Military Personnel Data System to update an officer's record. Two Airmen at the Coding Branch, including Rodriguez, update more than 1,000 transcripts a month in support of some 130,000 Air Force officers.



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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas — The Air Force is increasing its participation in an annual work program that gives on-the-job experience to college students and recent graduates with disabilities.

The Workforce Recruitment Program connects federal and private sector employers nationwide with job-seeking college students and recent graduates with disabilities. The program is sponsored by the Defense Department and the Department of Labor.

In support of this initiative, the Air Force Equal Opportunity office works with the major commands and individual bases to raise WRP awareness among managers and hiring officials.

"Each year, the Air Force provides summer or temporary

jobs to more than 35 motivated interns with disabilities who are eager to prove their abilities in the workplace," said Kendra Duckworth, Air Force EO disability program manager. "Our goal is to double the number of internship opportunities this year, so we can increase the representation of persons with disabilities in the federal workforce."

WRP recruiters conduct interviews with interested candidates from accredited colleges and universities from across the country. Candidates represent all majors and range from college freshmen to graduate and law students. Information from the interviews is loaded into a searchable database for hiring officials, who can register at www.wrp.gov to review candidates and rank top selections.

WRP internships run from Jan. 15 to Sept. 30 each year and are funded by the DoD at no cost to the unit. If desired and if a vacant position is available, the Air

Force organization may convert the intern into a permanent position without a competitive announcement at the end of the internship.

"The Air Force takes pride in striving to be a model employer for individuals with disabilities and is committed to maximizing their opportunities while supporting the overall mission," said Mary Villarreal, Air Force Personnel Center human resource specialist.

For more information, call the Air Force's Equal Opportunity Policy office at 240-612-4006. Interested individuals can also email AFPC's Civilian Force Management Branch at afpc.dp-3fm.civforcemgtbranch@us.af.mil for additional information.



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The Workforce Recruitment Program is a recruitment and referral program that connects federal and private sector employers nationwide with job-seeking college students and recent graduates with disabilities.

For more information about Air Force personnel programs, go to myPers. Eligible individuals who do not have a myPers account can request one by following these instructions.



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Tech. Sgt. Jack Glad, 122nd Weapons Load, left, Senior Airman Logan Jones, 122nd Avionics, and Tech. Sgt. Mathew Habart, 122nd Avionics, from the 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne, Ind., upload avionics software to an A-10C Thunderbolt II during Operation Guardian Blitz Jan. 25 at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

122nd FW trains with Navy

Staff Sgt. William Hopper
122ND FIGHTER WING

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — The 122nd Fighter Wing recently completed Operation Guardian Blitz during a two-week joint training exercise at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, which included air-to-air refueling, training alongside Navy rotary assets and joint terminal attack controllers.

The team of over 200 Airmen and 10 A-10C Thunderbolt II aircraft were able to take advantage of the favorable weather conditions and ability to work with other units at MacDill AFB, and were afforded opportunities to practice close air support, forward air control and combat search and rescue.

“My favorite part of training here at MacDill (AFB) has been the combined force training operations that we don’t have an opportunity to do at home,” said Lt. Col. Joshua Waggoner, 122nd Fighter Wing Operation Guardian Blitz detachment commander. “We are here training with our A-10

aircraft, two Navy MH-60S helicopters and refueling tankers overhead. During missions we are on station for over two hours integrating with all these assets while also coordinating with JTACs on the ground. The opportunity to work with these other agencies to accomplish missions has been invaluable.”

Operation Guardian Blitz was unique in allowing the different branches and squadrons to integrate with a synergy not typically found during an average joint training exercise.

“The ability to have helicopters out of Virginia, tankers out of Niagara, and A-10s out of Fort Wayne all operating in the same sortie and off the same ramp is something you usually don’t get elsewhere,” said Waggoner. “Even at Snowbird or other trips in the past, we’ve never been collocated with all our other assets. Here at MacDill (AFB) for Guardian Blitz, we’re all located in the same place and able to interact face-to-face on a daily basis. It’s a luxury you just don’t get anywhere else.”

“We were able to match our objectives with the other unit’s objectives to make it all happen at the same time,” said Waggoner. “This is by far the most aggressive training schedule we have set, and it never would have been able to happen at home this time of year due to weather and other circumstances.”

One of the many training opportunities made possible by Guardian Blitz was the refueling mission completed by the 914th Air Refueling Wing out of Niagara Falls, New York.

“The 914th ARW from Niagara is in the process of transitioning from the C-130 (Hercules cargo planes) to KC-135 (Stratotanker refueling) tankers,” said Waggoner. “They were excited to be a part of Guardian Blitz because it gave them the opportunity to get in plenty of refueling sorties with our A-10s while getting training from MacDill (AFB) instructors. They have completed 41 air-to-air refueling sorties in the last two weeks, which is

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Dover partners with AFRL to boost fuel efficiency

Roland Balik
436TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — As Air Mobility Command focuses on the innovations necessary to maintain the Air Force’s competitive advantage, Mobility Airmen provided insight to help the Air Force improve C-17 Globemaster III capabilities and save money in the future.

The Air Force Research Laboratory’s Advanced Power Technology Office from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, collaborated with Dover AFB Airmen and private companies on programs to make the entire C-17 Globemaster III fleet lighter, safer and more fuel efficient Jan. 30, 2018.

Three programs being developed by APTO to improve the C-17 fleet include the installation of Microvanes, the use of synthetic tie-downs instead of cargo chains and the use of winch cables instead of steel cables.

In September 2017, APTO showcased three ongoing programs using a C-17 set up by 736th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron personnel to Roberto Guerrero, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for operational energy.

“We visited Dover (AFB) late last year (2017) to do some demonstrations, and we received useful feedback from the local crew for redesigning our system. We wanted to come back to see how they liked the changes and get more feedback from them” said Justin Smoak, Samson Rope application engineering manager, from Ferndale, Washington.

C-17 fuselage that gave Guerrero a first-hand look.

“Microvanes essentially clean up the airflow in the region of the cargo door by re-energizing the air with small vortices that delay separation, smooth the flow, and reduce drag,” said Capt. Randall Hodkin, AFRL Advanced Power Technology Office aviation working group lead. “Historically, cargo aircraft have airflow issues in the aft region of the airframe due to the required upsweep of the fuselage to integrate a cargo ramp.”

According to Hodkin, if all 222 Air Force C-17s had Microvanes installed, fuel savings per year could range up to 2 million gallons, equating to five to seven million dollars depending on fuel prices and mission.

“With support from Dover AFB, we were able to validate that the tooling developed as part of the AFRL program can position C-17 Microvanes in the correct location to achieve the expected 1 percent fuel savings,” said Hodkin.

C-17 Microvane flight testing was conducted by the 412th Test Wing at Edwards AFB, California, between August and December 2016. This valuable flight test program was able to

validate that Microvanes reduce drag by 1 percent when in cruise. In addition, the Edwards AFB flight tests also included several test scenarios to validate that Microvanes do not affect the critical C-17 air drop mission capability.

Synthetic tie-downs and winch cables

In addition to installing the Microvanes, the team also tested synthetic tie-downs and winch cables. Tie-downs are ropes, cords, straps or chains that secure items during airlift operations. Winch cables help adjust the tension on tie-downs, securing the load.

AFRL, Hodkin, Samson Rope application engineers, along with an AMC subject matter expert, also returned to Dover AFB at the end of January to demonstrate fit-for purpose synthetic tie-down assemblies and a custom engineered winch cable. These solutions were developed after feedback from an operational evaluation at Charleston AFB in 2016 and the previous demonstration at Dover AFB.

“For the winch cable, safety is definitely paramount,” said Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Witherly, Headquarters, AMC C-17 evaluator loadmaster.

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Justin Smoak, Samson Rope application engineering manager, right, shows Roberto Guerrero, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for operational energy, left, and Ed Clark, AFRL aircraft programs support contractor with Concurrent Technologies Corporation, the weaving of the synthetic winch cable, Sept. 6, 2017, at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

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Coding

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delivery confirmation of their materials, they should use certified mail or another tracked delivery method. Visit the ACB website for more details.

Frequently asked questions

Q: How does an officer get their academic records updated? The member must request an official transcript be mailed or emailed to the ACB. Electronic transcripts can be emailed directly from the university to aft.coding@afit.edu and the mailing address is: AFIT Academic Coding Branch, 2950 Hobson Way, WPAFB OH, 45433-7765.

This office will not accept diplomas, photocopies, screenshots, enrollment verifications, letters of degree completion, etc. If the member has an unopened transcript, it can be mailed to the address above.

Q: How can I determine if my transcript was received and/or education level updated? Please login to the AF Portal, vMPF and view your Career Data Brief (CDB). This office can only update information in the academic section.

Q: If I think that my school/degree was loaded incorrectly, what can I do? First, it is

important to note that this office works off of a coding system. We do not manually type in degree titles or college names. If you believe there is an error, please refer to the “School Codes” or “Academic Specialty Codes” list at www.afit.edu/CODING/ and email your suggested change to: aft.coding@afit.edu

Q: I have been notified that my degree information is not on file even though I have been in the Air Force for several years, and I had to have a degree to be commissioned. How is this possible?

When you are commissioned in the Air Force, the office that commissions you is responsible for obtaining official transcripts, verifying academic education completion, and forwarding them to our office within 90 calendar days. This does not always happen. We rely on individual officers checking the accuracy of their records. The first step is to validate your degree information on your Career Data Brief. While the SURF and OPB may be similar, the SURF only holds your top two, highest, most recent degrees and the OPB may have masked your academic information. The CDB and MILPDS both hold up to five degrees, after five degrees, the lowest/oldest degree will be removed from your record.

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Travis unveils logo at launch of 75th anniversary events



1) California Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, 3rd Senate District, speaks Feb. 8 during the 75th anniversary kickoff celebration at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. 2) Distinguished visitors are introduced during the 75th anniversary kickoff celebration at Travis. 3) Jeff Intemann, right, a Vietnam veteran from Vacaville, Calif., speaks with Chief Master Sgt. Marcos Malacara, 60th Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron, during the kickoff celebration. The celebration featured the unveiling of the 75th anniversary logo on a C-17 Globemaster III. 4) 1) Col. John Klein, left, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, presents Dodd with a Golden Bear.

Staff Sgt. Nicole Leidholm
60TH AIR MOBILITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Travis Air Force Base, California, held a kickoff celebration Feb. 8, with a new logo unveiling for its 75th Anniversary.

The ceremony commemorated and honored the past 75 years of American power with heritage walkabout displays, food and live music.

Sen. Bill Dodd, D-Napa, 3rd Senate District, was the keynote speaker for the celebration and helped base leadership unveil the official 75th Anniversary logo on a C-17 Globemaster III.

“The impact this base has had and continues to have in our communities cannot be overstated,” said Dodd. “You stand ready to bear any burden to defend our nation, you protect and preserve our freedoms every day and you are the guardians of our democracy. For the next 75 years, you will continue to enrich our community and defend our nation.”

For the past 75 years, Travis AFB has been a focal point for the world as a power projection platform, a means to deliver hope and a mission fueled by community support.

“We have great civilian partners in the area here,” said Col. Ruth Meyer, 621st Contingency Response Wing individual mobilization augmentee and representative for the 621st CRW commander. “We wouldn’t have been able to have the impact that we have in the community, in the country and around the world, if it wasn’t for the support we have from our community partnerships and the support they give our families while we’re gone, doing our job.”

Travis AFB is home to the largest airlift organization in the U.S. Air Force; however, it began as Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, an isolated airstrip set in the middle of a wind-swept prairie during World War II.

The first runway and temporary buildings were constructed in the summer of 1942. Shortly after, the base’s potential as a major aerial port and supply transfer point for the Pacific theater led the Army Air Corps to assign it to the newly-designated Air Transport Command. The base finally opened on June 1, 1943, with a primary mission of preparing and ferrying military aircraft for the Pacific war zone.

Travis AFB is named in honor of

Upcoming events

The ceremony marked the inaugural kickoff to a year-long celebration with additional events scheduled throughout the year to celebrate 75 years, to include:

- Travis Heritage Center event on March 16.
- Community Golf Tournament on April 7.
- Travis Spouse’s Club Auction on May 19
- 75th Anniversary Dining-In on June 1.
- 7.5-Mile Runway Run on Sept. 15.
- Air Force Gala on Sept. 22.

For more information about the upcoming events, visit: <http://www.travis.af.mil/75thAnniversary/>.

Brig. Gen. Robert F. Travis who was killed when his B-29 Superfortress crashed on the installation August 5, 1950.

From 1969 to the present, the 60th and 349th Air Mobility Wings have worked closely to make Travis AFB one of the best and most versatile bases in the Air Force.

“For 50 of the 75 years, the Reserves have been here as a reserve associate wing, which was a new concept back then, working alongside their active duty counterparts, proud to show up for duty at this great base and bring synergy to the mission,” said Col. Raymond Kozak, 349th Air Mobility Wing commander. “The reserve associate concept has flourished here at Travis. Citizen Airmen of Northern California are proud to report to this base, join the host wing and move the mission.”

Continuing its tradition as a major strategic logistics hub for the Pacific, Travis AFB has become an integral part of global power projection for the total force.

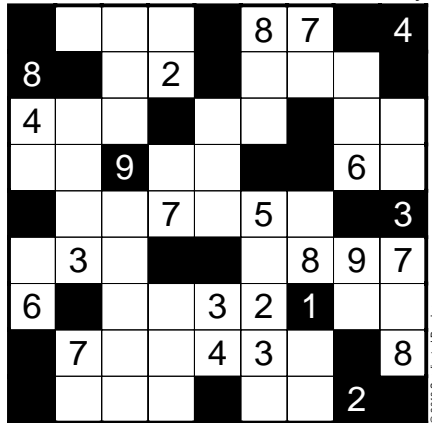
“Strategically located on the central western coast of our great nation, we are here for a reason,” said Col. John Klein, 60th AMW commander. “Over the years, we’ve undergone many transitions and changes, but always with the top priority of supporting and defending our nation. Today, we aspire to be America’s finest mobility force, serving locally and engaging globally. We stand ready to fulfill our mission to rapidly project American power, anytime, anywhere.”



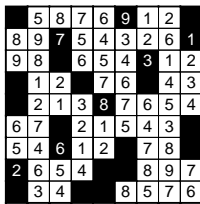
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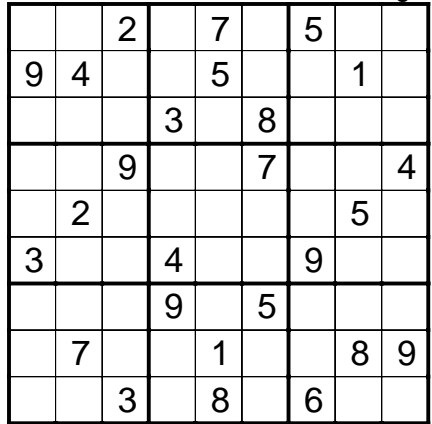
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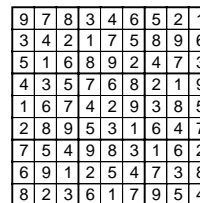
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th MPS closure. On Feb. 22, the 60th and 349th Military Personnel Section will be closed for a training day. For status updates, to schedule future appointments or to speak with the customer service support staff, call MPS at 707-424-8483.

enjoy \$12 steak night every Tuesday evening at the Delta Breeze Club. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and each plate includes delicious steak, sides and non-alcoholic beverage. For details, call 707-437-3711.

Youth Baseball Sign-Ups. Register children ages 5-12 for the Spring Season of Youth Baseball. The registration period ends March 2. All Travis youth are eligible to play and the registration fee is \$75. Prior to registering, participants must provide an updated physical with current flu shot and EFMP Packages are welcome. For more information, call 707-424-5392.

Contests and specials

Blind Date with a Book. During the month of February, join us and have a Blind Date with a Book at Mitchell Memorial Library. The event is free and for all ages. Simply check-out a wrapped book, read it and fill out a "Rate the Date" form. For more information, call (707) 424-3279.

Closures

Sierra Inn dining facility closure. The DFAC, Sierra Inn, is closed due to remodeling. All dining services are moved to the Delta Breeze Club. Midnight chow will not be served, but all other meals provided.

Presidents Day hours. In observance of Presidents Day, several FSS facilities will experience limited operational hours and/or temporary closure. For details, please visit www.travisfss.com.

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

Chapel programs

Upcoming events

Financial Peace University. Two nine-week, two-hours-per-session, faith-based money management courses building financial resilience for active duty military members, single or married and their spouses. First track: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Twin Peaks Chapel. Second

track: 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at First Street Chapel. Child care available. For more information, call 707-424-3797.

Recurring events

Catholic Twin Peaks Chapel

- Roman Catholic Mass: 9 a.m. and noon Sunday.
- Children's Church: 10:15 a.m. Sunday.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday or upon appointment.
- Infant Baptism Prep Class: Two classes. Registration required. 6 to 7 p.m., quarterly.
- Youth Choir: 1 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Choir: 2 p.m. Sunday.
- Adult Choir: 4 p.m. Sunday.
- Women's Bible Study: 10 a.m. (at First Street Chapel).
- Catholic Women of the Chapel: 6 p.m. first Monday of every month, Annex.
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Annex.
- RE Classes: 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, RE Wing.

First Street Chapel

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

DGMC Chapel

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- Sacrament Services: 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Fairfield Stake Center, 2700 Camrose Ave., Fairfield.

DGMC Chapel

- Latter-day Saints Service: 4 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday at DGMC Medical Center Chapel.
- For all other enquiries, call LDS Military relations representatives at 707-535-6979

Protestant First Street Chapel

- Protestant Community Service: 9:30 to

10:30 a.m. Sunday.

- Gospel Worship Service: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Children's Ministry is provided for 6-month-olds through fifth grade.
- Protestant Men of the Chapel: 8 to 9 a.m., first Saturday of every month.

Twin Peaks Chapel

- Protestant Women of the Chapel: 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

DGMC Chapel

- Protestant Traditional Service: 10 to 11 a.m. Sunday.

Airmen's Ministry Center

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

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

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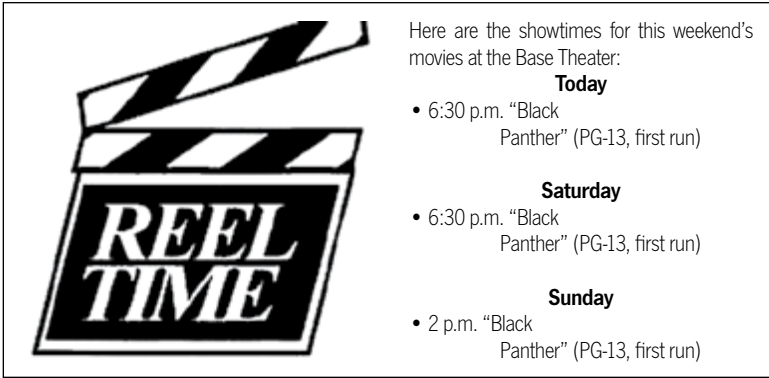
Air Force Office of Special Investigations. To report a crime, get a foreign travel brief or request information on joining AFOSI, report to Bldg. 380B, second floor. Send correspondence to AFOSI Detachment 303, 510 Airlift CR, Travis AFB, 94535. For more information, call 707-424-3115 or DSN: 837-3115.

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. Angeli 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



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

Today
• 6:30 p.m. "Black Panther" (PG-13, first run)

Saturday
• 6:30 p.m. "Black Panther" (PG-13, first run)

Sunday
• 2 p.m. "Black Panther" (PG-13, first run)

Fire Prevention Office at 707-424-3683.

Base illicit discharge number. To report sewage/water leaks or illegal dumping, call 707-424-2575. For hazardous chemical/material spills call the base emergency numbers.

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/1yNBvW>.

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

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

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://pfmtform.state.gov> and/or <https://travel.state.gov>. For more information, call 707-424-5324.

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

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

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

M-50 Gas Mask Fit Testing. Takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday at Bldg. 791. All deployers are fit as necessary. For more information, call 707-424-2689.

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

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

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

MPF self-renewal program. Did you know that dependents can now renew their ID cards online? To participate in this program, visit <http://bit.ly/2mR1gl2>. This program is limited only for renewing dependents' IDs. For all other services, visit MPF during duty hours or call 707-424-8483.

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

THE FLIP SIDE

Mark Raymond at 707-416-5331.

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

60th Air Mobility Wing Information Protection Office. All requests are done on Thursdays and by appointment only. Schedule an appointment by calling 707-424-3114 or by emailing 60anrw.ip@us.af.mil. Fingerprinting is only for federal employment and for agencies with a valid support agreement. 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.

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:

- Jessica Pope, 349th Air Mobility Wing.
- Anonymous employee, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

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

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

What's Cookin' Wednesday. Free lunch at the Travis AFB USO Bldg. 1348. Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday. For active duty,



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Crews

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rapid strategic delivery of troops and all types of cargo to forward operating bases throughout all areas of operation.

In 2016, the squadron flew more than 2,400 missions, moving nearly 102,000 tons of cargo and almost 120,000 passengers, including 116 aeromedical patients.

The C-17 is not only proficient in the transportation of troops and cargo but can also perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and transport ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuations.

A couple dozen Airmen assigned to the 577th Expeditionary Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force Squadron lined the interior sides of the aircraft, with mere feet between them and the chained-down cargo.

They had been on the aircraft since it departed Al Udeid AB, some having just arrived in theater from the U.S. days prior. A handful of these forward-deploying Airmen disembarked the aircraft in Iraq, while the others stayed on board until reaching Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

The Prime BEEF Squadron regularly forward deploys to help plan, design and construct forward bases. Their mission for further development of

Kandahar Airfield was to compensate for the influx of additional troops, assets and aircraft needed for the fight against the Taliban in the region.

A stark contrast to the 77 degrees when leaving Al Udeid AB, it was a single degree above freezing on the flight line of Bagram Airfield as the C-17 loadmasters and members of the 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron off-loaded the equipment.

After more transient Soldiers

and Airmen boarded the aircraft the following day, it was back in the air, heading home to Al Udeid AB in the early hours.

The 816th EAS is an important component flying a vital airframe in the fight against terrorism throughout the area of operations supporting Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Freedom's Sentinel. In the coming days, weeks, months and years it will continue providing a vital role wherever they fly.

Dog

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MWD handler for seven years. "His pupils dilated to a point where you could no longer see the brown of his eyes."

For approximately 10 minutes, Hydrick and others performed chest compressions, while Helfinstine administered the oxygen ventilation. Then, unexpectedly, Pako's pulse returned.

"I was so relieved when he

stabilized," said Helfinstine, a 10-year vet tech. "I felt like I could finally breathe, too. I could tell everyone was relieved. I continued to monitor his vitals and ensured he was getting the oxygen he needed."

Pako had not only defied the almost insurmountable odds of a dog surviving a heat stroke, but he also recovered via CPR, another extremely rare feat, according to Helfinstine.

When he stabilized, Pako was sent to the emergency clinic in Pensacola, Florida, for his

follow-up care. When a large enough vehicle was coordinated, the handlers escorted their partner to the clinic. Hydrick and Helfinstine accompanied their patient on his journey providing fluids and monitoring his progress. The mutual opinions of the technicians and handlers was that Pako probably would not make it through the night.

Staff Sgt. Shane Massie, Pako's first handler and now Eglin AFB's MWD trainer, stayed with the dog that night in intensive care.

Pako survived the night. The following day he was removed from the ICU and was up and about although a little wobbly, according to Bowermaster.

"That dog's spirit kept him alive, kept him going," said Bowermaster.

Pako spent three days recovering in Pensacola. Because he is a military asset, an Airman had to be with him at all times.

For Leon, Massie and the other MWD handlers even if they weren't directed to stay, they all said they'd have been

there for him regardless.

"There's a personal relationship that forms between us and these dogs," said Leon, who's been Pako's handler for approximately a year now. "We can't help but create a bond, a partnership, with them."

Upon returning to Eglin Air Force Base, Pako went into an eight-week rehabilitation program that slowly reintegrated him into his training regime. He is now playfully referred to around the kennel as the "zombie dog."

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Brewer

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say hi and ask how the other person is doing. That very simple act of eye contact can infuse another with a greater sense of belonging and energy. These brief encounters form connections which fuel openness and empathy, leading to a host of gains in performance and success. Step out of your office and expand your knowledge of what your teammates accomplish. Having a brief knowledge of what your squadron does helps you connect with them and build community. Some of the most successful people that I have worked with have realized

that to handle challenges and obstacles successfully, they need to pool the resources of those around them and capitalize on even the smallest moment they have spent interacting with others.

Lastly, blur the lines between work and play. We do not always have to clock in and clock out with our noses to the grindstone. Make the time to have fun and laugh. Play music at work. Even if you work in a customer service area, it does not mean that you can't play music. You will be surprised how playing music can uplift the atmosphere of a workspace. Take the time to laugh. Such a simple act as laughing not only can make you feel good,

but also the people around you. Take a minute and walk around your office. Tell a joke, share a story and engage in human connection. Not only will you benefit, your team will as well.

Thirty-two years is a lifetime of service. At this point, one starts to think of a legacy. I want my legacy to be an organization that performs highly because of the community we formed. I believe we can all make choices for the good of our community by maintaining a high level of effort, having a positive attitude, being the glue and most importantly, figuring out how to blend work and play. My challenge is for you to do the same.

Crown

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“It’s amazing to see them do this on top of their other duties,” said Wanlass. “Many of them don’t get out of work to do this, and we have people coming and going because of TDYs and deployments.”

The Travis FC soccer team also competed in military and local tournaments throughout

the year such as the High Desert Cup in Fort Irwin, California, where the team placed third out of seven teams and the Defender’s Cup in San Antonio, Texas, where they placed fourth overall out of 40 teams that competed.

“Soccer helps Travis AFB Airmen build their physical and social pillars,” said Rush. “It provides a safe and constructive outlet for the Airmen as well as represents Travis AFB in the local community.”

Dining

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gluten-free meat snacks, seaweed crisps, and more—a 17 percent increase compared to the number of be fit items available at Express locations in 2016. All be fit items must have fewer than 500 calories for entrees and 200 calories or less for snacks and contain less than 40 percent of calories from fat and 10 percent or less of calories from saturated fat.


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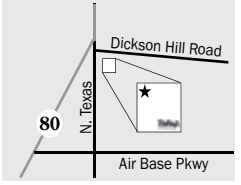
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Fisher

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to Phoenix Spark, our aircrew flight equipment experts in the 60th Operations Group recently connected with maintainers in the Maintenance Group to solve a long-standing issue with night vision goggles. This collaboration saved countless dollars and hours. More importantly, this joint solution created a sense of ownership, pride and self-efficacy among those involved. Travis Airmen are no longer held hostage by the limits of the organizational chart. Our Airmen are connected through the power of their ideas.

Innovation is more than creating a new widget. It is about creating new ideas and methods. It is about creating a culture of Airmen who thrive amid an uncertain operational environment. We thrive because of creativity, ingenuity and calculated risk-taking. We must instill these attributes in our Airmen and organizations in times of peace to be ready for times of war. Leaders must kill bureaucratic entrenchment, create growth opportunities for Airmen and reward innovative thinking. Mitchell, Boyd and Warden were audacious innovators. Who will follow their lead today and ensure our Air Force continues to lead in an uncertain tomorrow?

Dining

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60th FSS food service training manager, thinks that while winning the award three years in a row has a tendency to encourage a “king of the hill” mentality, the DFAC team is aware enough of their own shortcomings to stay focused on their goal.

“There is always room for improvements,” said Sandoval-Vega. “Complacency becomes a huge problem when victory seems consistent. We try to reinforce that that there are always ways for the DFAC to operate better, look better and be better. We always take all of the feedback from whatever periodical evaluations we come under and use that to make any changes that can improve the facility for

Bombers

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Goldfein. “Our bomber force allows the commander in chief to hold targets at risk anywhere on the globe with unparalleled range and our most diverse payloads.”

The decision to maintain the B-52 is based on numerous factors including maintenance and

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— Master Sgt. Elizabeth Sandoval-Vega

everyone.”

While praise isn’t a motivation for the 60th FSS to persevere and excel in their respective workplaces, the Hennessy award represents an idea that resonates deeper than the trophy itself does.

“Winning the Hennessy trophy distinguishes us as the best food service operation,” said Sandoval-Vega. “What this means to the team as a whole is the fact that our collective efforts from the management team down to the Airman on the grill are

recognized as truly the best.

It means that we are doing everything to the best of our abilities and the best has distinguished us as the best.”

For Rogers, more so than recognition, the qualifying for the Hennessy Award competition is a privilege, something that represents the culmination of a year’s worth of successes, failures and more than anything else, hard work.

“The idea of the Hennessy Award is well-respected,” said Rogers. “It’s the benchmark of what it means to be successful

in this industry. It’s definitely a source of motivation and empowerment – gives us a reason to stay determined and keep bettering ourselves.”

In the days preceding the competition, the DFAC team is calm. They’ve been here before and they understand what’s required to win. Whatever attitude they plan to bring to the competition is already written on their faces and has been since the last competition. The other bases in the competition will have to contend with a team whose focus and almost devout approach to their work is unrelenting. As it always has been, is and will be.

Despite the laser focus; despite whatever force, inalienable from its duty, possessing her team, Rogers still offers a single piece of advice to the other bases in the competition. “Good luck.”



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Navy

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about what they usually fly in six months.”

“We just made the transition to the KC-135 from the C-130 about six months ago,” said Lt. Col. Chris Pfeil, 914th Air Refueling Wing Airman. “It’s a little different than what we are used to.”

“Once we get a little more proficient with the KC-135 our unit will become operational,” said Pfeil. “More and more, air-to-air refueling is becoming in-demand to carry on the mission of the Air Force.”

Also joining the training were two MH-60S Seahawk helicopters operated by the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 22, from Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

During missions, the HSC-22 provided recovery assets for the search and rescue training and were also utilized for additional close air support to strike targets on the ground.

“The MH-60S Seahawk is primarily used for search and rescue operations and logistics,” said Naval Aircrewman (Helicopter) 2nd Class Nicholas Glass, HSC-22 door gunner. “I am looking forward to working with other branches of the military during Guardian Blitz to get a better idea of how we can work together to improve mission success.”

“We train to the point that we can execute our mission in any environment,” said Waggoner. “The time we put in training at places like MacDill (AFB) and back home in Fort Wayne really pay off when it comes time to execute the mission.”

Budget

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Force is transitioning to rapidly developing the next-generation Overhead Persistent Infrared System, which will detect and report on current, emerging, and anticipated threats, and will be designed for survivability.

Additionally, the space budget focuses on building more jam-resistant GPS satellites, improving missile warning, improving space situational awareness and increasing the nation’s ability to defend its most vital assets on orbit. It adds additional resilience features and user protection to existing satellite communication systems.

“We are taking advantage of Congressional authorities to return program decision authorities back to the Air Force, including 14 of the 19 Major Defense Acquisition Programs within the space portfolio,” said Wilson. “Using tools such as the Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Fund, we are investing in our people, ensuring they have the right skills and training to succeed.”

Multi-domain command and control

The Air Force FY19 budget request reflects the need to address how technological advances are changing the character of warfare.

The FY19 budget proposes the modernization of seven E-3 Airborne Warning Command and Control aircraft (AWACS) and keeps the current E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar Systems (JSTARS)

Lights

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energy intensity indicates a lower price or cost to convert energy into a gross domestic product.

Installing LED street lights, which are more efficient than incandescent and fluorescent lights, will save Travis about \$18,000 annually in electric energy costs.

City Light and Power Company, which is responsible for the base’s electrical infrastructure, began installing the LED fixtures along Travis Avenue

operational through the mid-2020s as the service develops and transitions to an advanced battle management system.

“This approach will integrate space, air, and ground based sensors on manned and unmanned platforms and satellites to meet more combatant commander requirements in both contested and non-contested environments,” said Goldfein.

Air superiority

Central to the Air Force’s lethality is the ability to gain and maintain air superiority when and where needed against potential adversaries in 2030 and beyond.

Wilson highlighted that over the next five years the Air Force will develop an integrated family of systems that can establish and maintain air superiority in a contested environment. The FY19 budget includes \$11 billion as part of a \$63.8 billion effort over the current five-year plan. She emphasized this will be a multi-domain effort with a renewed emphasis on electronic warfare, networked capabilities, and control of the electromagnetic spectrum.

Science and technology

The budget proposal increases emphasis on basic and applied research to drive long-term dominance in air and space power. Focus areas will be further refined following the review of the Air Force’s science and technology strategy later this year. The budget continues to invest in game-changing technologies that, when fielded, will increase lethality and provide the joint force a technological advantage.

Wilson pointed out sustaining the efforts laid out in FY17, FY18 and FY19 requires predictable, sufficient and flexible budgets.

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Road closures are not expected during the work, but drivers will need to slow down when approaching CLP trucks.

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