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# Innovation an Air Force calling, imperative

joined the Air Force at 17 years old to serve my country, play college baseball and fly airplanes. In high school, I discovered the Air Force Academy allowed me to chase those dreams simultaneously. However, at 17, I did not fully comprehend military service. While my grandfathers both served our country with distinction, I did not see military service up close during my childhood. Now, 20 years after arriving at the Air Force Academy as a cadet, my perspective



**Commentary by Lt. Col. Erik Fisher**  
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is different. Aviating, in combat and across our globe, still holds the allure I imagined as a teenager. However, what holds me in our Air Force are people and relationships. At some point along the way, the power of community surpassed the glory of slipping the surly bonds of Earth. I am here today because of friendships and community past and present. I am here today because of the opportunity to serve alongside Airmen committed to something greater

## Commander's Commentary

than themselves.

For two years, our service embarked on a journey to rediscover and revitalize our most important organization – our squadron. Gen. David Goldfein, Air Force chief of staff, considers the squadron our “beating heart ... where we succeed or fail as an Air Force.” In our squadrons, we develop, encourage, care for and retain our Airmen and families. When we step onto the field, we win or lose as a squadron. As professional

aviators, combat leaders and support professionals, our success is highly dependent on the bonds that connect us and the strength of our teams.

To revitalize our squadrons, leaders at all levels must excel in two important endeavors. First, leaders must lift up those they lead in order that subordinates discover better versions of themselves. This is done through effective instructing, mentoring, coaching, counseling and evaluating.

Second, leaders must bring people together, organized around a shared vision of success. This is “up and in leadership.” It transforms both

organizations and individuals. It is this type of leadership that we must choose in order to continue revitalizing our squadrons. It is this type of leadership that our profession of arms demands.

Retired Gen. Martin Dempsey, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Dr. Brené Brown, research professor at the University of Houston, Texas, are staunch advocates of leaders growing their teams with elevating and uniting principles. In his book, “Radical Inclusion,” Dempsey argues we must combat our impulses to overcontrol and exclude as we

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# Know Airmen in order to unlock motivation

**Chief Master Sgt. Michael Thomas**  
60TH OPERATIONS GROUP

## Chief's Commentary

There is not a more important position in our Air Force than that of being a supervisor. Just being put in charge of personnel is not enough.

A supervisor is responsible for influencing his or her followers to perform an action, complete a task or behave in a specific manner.

In order to be an effective supervisor and to better communicate with your Airmen, stop trying to use your gym locker combination to open them up. Dialing right 14, left 27, right eight on every locker combination in the gym is only going to get you into your locker.

Every one of our Airmen has differences in personality, hopes, aspirations and dreams and will respond differently to different motivators much like your gym locker only responds to its own combination.

As a new technical sergeant, I was given the opportunity to lead 64 loadmasters while our superintendent deployed for 120 days. Right before he left, we sat down and he gave me a simple crash course on the importance of being an effective leader. He listed off a few names to me and asked me what I thought made them tick. Before I could even get through the second name, he

cut me off and said, “Mike, you have to know your Airmen. You are giving me the same combination, the combination that works for you, but it doesn't work for everyone else.”

He went on to explain that people are as different as combination locks and if I was to get the most from each one of them, I would have to crack their safe.

Ever since that simple 15-minute conversation, I have always invested the time to get to know the Airmen in my squadron. I have used the word simple several times now, but by no means is this “simple.”

Every person has a different reason for why they joined the Air Force, different values, beliefs and goals than

perhaps you do. The challenge is how are you, as the supervisor, going to tie in their goals to improve your squadron and our Air Force?

There is not a bigger responsibility given in our Air Force than to become a supervisor: Supervisor responsibilities are not given to individuals to make the mission better. They are given to make the people better and in turn, the mission will take care of itself.

Remember, it is not your Airman's responsibility to open up to you when he or she doesn't recognize the combination you are dialing. You have to crack their safe, and in order to achieve that, you will have to alter your communication methods to get them to disclose their combination to you.

# Same-sex couple thankful for changing times

Louis Briscese

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For Sarah and Kelsey Cartmill, a dual-military, same-sex couple stationed at Travis Air Force Base, California, the road to marriage has not been easy.

Since they met in 2012, acceptance through legislation, awareness, changes in thoughts and behavior have the couple counting their blessings.

Just 25 years ago, it was illegal to serve in the military as a homosexual. That was until 1993, when President Bill Clinton's administration approved Department of Defense Directive 1304.25, which enacted “don't ask, don't tell.”

DADT was the official U.S. policy allowing homosexuals to serve in the military as long as they didn't reveal their identity or engage in any homosexual activity. For 18 years, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender service members had to serve in silence.

For Tech. Sgt. Sarah Cartmill, 60th Maintenance Squadron precision measurement equipment laboratory supervisor, serving as a homosexual was stressful during that time.

“On a personal level, having to conceal my sexual preference had an adverse effect on me,” said Sarah. “I was trying to learn my job and, at the same time, I wasn't able to let anyone know who I really was. Professionally, it sort of motivated me by working harder to be the



U.S. Air Force photo/Louis Briscese

**Staff Sgt. Kelsey Cartmill, left, 60th Air Mobility Wing, and Tech. Sgt. Sarah Cartmill, 60th Maintenance Squadron, pose in front of the air traffic control tower Sept. 25 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The dual-military, same-sex couple has been married for five years.**

best at my job.”

Under the directive, over 13,000 service members were discharged because of their sexual preference from 1994 to 2011. Since its repeal, homosexual service members have been able to serve openly without fear of reprisal. The change was hard at first for those who

had to serve under DADT.

“It was a relief because I knew and heard of people leaving the military for the same reason I was hiding,” said Sarah. “I was still very reluctant to let anyone know my status because it was all so new.”

In 2013, after the Supreme Court ruled the Defense of

Marriage Act was unconstitutional, the DoD announced it would extend spousal and family benefits for same-sex marriages. This meant that service members could marry someone of the same sex and be authorized the same benefits of those in traditional marriages.

Benefits like housing, life

insurance, medical and education were now an entitlement afforded to spouses no matter what their sexual orientation was. This was a turning point in the life of the Cartmills. For Staff Sgt. Kelsey Cartmill, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Judge Advocate NCOIC of operations and training, marrying Sarah was now possible.

“We got married in 2013 in Washington, D.C., because it was legal for same-sex couples to marry there,” said Kelsey. “Despite more appeals by states and rulings by judges to come, we were determined to be a couple.”

Sarah and Kelsey began their journey as a same-sex, dual-military family over five years ago. Since then, they've had four assignments, experiencing many of the same trials and tribulations other dual-military couples have.

What they've also endured is the uncertainty of how their marriage would be accepted from their family, friends and those they serve with.

“We're two very confident people, so we're just fine with being ourselves,” said Kelsey. “There's always going to be someone who doesn't approve of our lifestyle and we've prepared ourselves to accept that.”

Since the repeal of DADT, serving openly has been a welcome blessing for those who just wanted to live normal lives according to Ashley

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### On the cover

Senior Airman Mitch Uldall, 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, wraps up the power cord of an aircraft generator Sept. 27 during pre-flight checks on a C-5M Super Galaxy prior to takeoff at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Daniel Phelps



U.S. Air Force photo

## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

**Name:**  
Tech. Sgt. Joel Halpin.

**Hometown:**  
Spokane, Washington.

**Family:**  
Spouse, Ashley; one son and one daughter.

**Unit:**  
60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

**Time in service:**  
14 years.

**What are your hobbies?**  
Reloading ammunition, outdoor activities.

**Duty title:**  
NCO in charge of electrical and environmental.

**What are your goals?**  
To finish my bachelor's in quality systems and make master sergeant.

**What is your greatest achievement?**  
Being a father to my children.



U.S. Air Force photo/2nd Lt. Geneva Croxson

Airmen from the 60th Air Mobility Wing at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., participate Sept. 23, 2016, in the California Run for the Fallen. The run raises awareness for California service members who were killed in action after 9/11, rejuvenating their memories and keeping their spirits alive.

## Travis to support Run for the Fallen

**Tech. Sgt. James Hodgman**  
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Nearly 800 California service members have been killed in action since 9/11 and Airmen at Travis Air Force Base, California, plan to honor their sacrifice with the seventh annual California Run for the Fallen Oct. 12-14.

The 150-mile honor run, which begins Oct. 12 in Elk Grove, California, will take runners through 23 towns and end Oct. 14 at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, California. The event will also feature a 5K race that's open to the public as well as a closing ceremony.

"The purpose of the run is to honor our service

members for their sacrifice and their families who paid the ultimate sacrifice," said Master Sgt. Zachariah Ellis, 60th Maintenance Squadron production superintendent and the California Run for the Fallen director. "We do a small ceremony at every mile marker, which we call hero markers, for every fallen service member. At some of these markers we honor as many as 18 service members and Gold Star families. It's something we do to keep their memory alive. They gave their lives for their country and we are taking time to recognize that and understand that their families live with that every day. I can't think of anything more important."

The hero markers Ellis

mentioned are small American flags affixed with a photograph of a fallen service member that includes information about that individual, such as their military service branch, rank and the date that person died.

At least two members of the Honor Run team will carry the United States and California flags as they run in three-mile increments. The runners must maintain at least an eight-minute, 30-second mile pace to ensure adequate time for a small ceremony at each hero marker.

"I was blown away by these guys running up, placing the flags and the reverence and respect they paid at Adam's hero marker the first time I saw that," said

Bill Myers, stepfather of deceased U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Adam Perkins, an explosive ordnance disposal technician who served with the 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force. "They run a mile and hand off the flags they're carrying to someone else. Before placing the flags, they read the information about the service member on the card affixed to the flag. Then they place the flags in the ground and render a very respectful salute. It's extremely touching and it means a lot."

Perkins was a native of Antelope, California. He was killed in May 2010 while supporting combat

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## Boeing wins deal for new trainer aircraft

Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Air Force awarded The Boeing Company a contract Sept. 27 worth up to \$9.2 billion for the Air Force's new training aircraft.

The Air Force currently plans to purchase 351 T-X aircraft, 46 simulators and associated ground equipment to replace the Air Education and Training Command's 57-year-old fleet of T-38C Talons.

The indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract allows the Air Force to purchase up to 475 aircraft and 120 simulators. The contract is designed to offer taxpayers the best value both today and in the future should requirements change.

"This new aircraft will provide the advanced training capabilities we need to increase the lethality and effectiveness of future Air Force pilots," said Secretary of the Air Force Heather A. Wilson. "Through competition, we will save at least \$10 billion on the T-X program."

The original service cost estimate was \$19.7 billion for 351 aircraft.

The T-X program is expected to provide student pilots in undergraduate- and graduate-level training courses with the skills and competencies required to transition to fourth- and fifth-generation fighter and bomber aircraft.

"This is all about joint warfighting excellence. We need the T-X to optimize training for pilots heading into our growing fleet of fifth-generation aircraft," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Kemberly Groue

Col. Beatrice Dolihite, 81st Medical Group commander, briefs medics on the Keesler Medical Center's transition to the Defense Health Agency during a commander's call Oct. 1 at the Welch Theater on Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

## Transition to DHA begins

Capt. David J. Murphy  
81ST TRAINING WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — The 81st Medical Group officially transferred management and administration functions to the Defense Health Agency Oct. 1 as part of a transition that will eventually include all Defense Department health care facilities.

The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal years 2017 and 2019, Section 702, titled "Reform of Administration of the Defense Health Agency and Military Medical Treatment Facilities," mandated the transfers to the DHA.

The Military Health System is conducting the transition in phases. The 81st MDG, along with hospitals and clinics at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida; Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina; Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina; the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, Delaware, are all part of the Phase 1 transition.

The ultimate goal of this transition for the DoD is a more

integrated, efficient and effective system of readiness and health that best supports the lethality of the force.

"From a patient perspective, most of these changes will go unnoticed," said U.S. Navy Vice Adm. Raquel C. "Rocky"

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## Priest receives award

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The California Knights of Columbus presented the Mexican Martyr Award to Father Jeff Henry, pastor of the St. Michael Catholic Community, at Travis Air Base, California, in front of his congregation Sept. 23 during Sunday Mass.

Out of 669 council chaplain Knights and over 1,000 eligible priests in California, Henry earned this award for his exceptional service as a chaplain for the Travis Council Knights of Columbus and for his pastoral work.

During the base summer block party, Henry led a dozen Knights to cook burgers and hot dogs for nearly 3,000 military members and their families. He also completed a four-session Bible study with 248 parishioners, six times the attendees than past studies.

Additionally, he partnered

with the Diocese of Sacramento, allowing base members to participate in a spiritual retreat conference.

Receiving the award was a pleasant surprise, said Henry.

"I am very grateful for this award and accept it on behalf of our council at Travis AFB," he said.

The award honors the memory of Saint Luis Batiz Sainz, a Mexican priest and Knight of Columbus, who along with three laymen, David Roldan, Salvador Lara and Manuel Morales, were put before a firing squad by the Mexican government in 1926 for refusing to submit to anti-religious laws. When Batiz Sainz asked the soldiers to free one of the captives, Morales interjected.

"I'm dying for God," he said. "God will care for my children."

"See you in heaven," said Batiz Sainz.

Henry also won the award in February 2017.

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# Ceremonial guardsmen 'honor with dignity'

**Airman 1st Class Andrew D. Sarver**  
99TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — The mission of the Nellis Air Force Base Honor Guard is to represent the Air Force in a variety of ceremonial functions in California, Arizona, Utah and southern Nevada.

They are responsible for rendering military honors for funeral services and various Air Force ceremonies, as well as providing their services at various opening ceremonies.

For the guardsmen, excellence is the only way "to honor with dignity." Every day they are fine-tuning their skills or tweaking the slightest hesitation or shift until they can no longer get it wrong.

### Devotion to duty

Under the hot desert sun, a group of Airmen stand motionless. In two rows of three, they're positioned opposite of each other, where the only sound is coming from a gentle wind passing through the formation. Between them rests an unfurled American flag draped over a spotless white casket.

Without so much as a whisper, they simultaneously grip the flag and, with each motion as precise as the next, they begin folding it. As the flag reaches the final fold, the last Airman bearing the folded flag breaks the silence.

"Again," he says. He hands the flag back to the formation for the Airmen to unfold and repeat the movements. The Airmen didn't make a mistake, but in their line of work, they don't practice until they get it right. They practice until they can't get it wrong.

Before any guardsman is put on a detail, they have nearly a month of



U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Andrew D. Sarver

**Senior Airman Jacob Green, Nellis Air Force Base honor guardsman, holds his rifle in front of him Sept. 13 at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.**

training to learn the basic movements. Afterwards, they continue to meticulously work out the slightest imperfections.

"Most of us will have put in about 80 hours of training in the weeks prior to a detail because we have to be perfect. We can't afford to mess up," said Airman 1st Class David Diez, Nellis AFB honor guardsman. "Every funeral we do

should be as perfect as we would want our funerals to be."

### Grit for greatness

In the distance, the repeated percussion of hands smacking against wood and metal escapes the open doors of the Honor Guard practice room. Inside, three Airmen stand shoulder to shoulder, staring into a mirror to analyze

their every movement. "Present arms," says Senior Airman Philip Spegal, Nellis AFB honor guardsman.

The Airmen lift their rifles with both hands then remove one hand, hit it against the stock and hold the rifles vertically in front of them.

"Port arms," says Spegal.

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# CPR, training save life at Air Force Marathon

**Marisa Alia-Novobilski**  
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — When retired Air Force Lt. Gen. John Hudson woke Sept. 15, the warm overcast morning of the Air Force Marathon, he knew the weather would be a challenge.

But he was fit, trained and ready to take on the 10-kilometer race just as he had for the past 10 years.

As ready as he was physically, what Hudson didn't know was that his life-saving CPR and first-aid training would be even more important on the course that day.

"I never thought that morning I would have a chance to help someone live," said Hudson.

As Hudson approached the two-mile marathon course flag near the Air Force Institute of Technology, he noticed a man about 40 feet ahead of him take a few wobbly steps, stumble and collapse face first into the asphalt.

"I was running the 10K and had just started to walk, as I felt nauseous and dizzy," said the man, who wished to remain anonymous. "I thought maybe I was thirsty and grabbed some water from the water station. Then I passed out."

Hudson immediately sprinted up the hill toward the fallen man, calling out to a nearby security forces defender to call for medical assistance.

Upon reaching the injured, Hudson turned the man over as three women arrived at his side, stating that they were nurses. Hudson and the team immediately began the CPR process. Hudson counted as the nurses began applying compressions and rescue breathing in an attempt to bring the man back to consciousness.

"It was a very stressful situation," said Hudson. "We did two or three cycles of CPR, counting and compressing and breathing, doing our best to keep him alive."

Just a few moments later, first aid and CPR was instrumental in helping a man survive a medical incident Sept. 15 at mile two of the 2018 Air Force Marathon 10K race.



Retired Air Force Lt. Gen. John Hudson's training in first aid and CPR was instrumental in helping a man survive a medical incident Sept. 15 at mile two of the 2018 Air Force Marathon 10K race.

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# Nellis squadron reflects on deadly 1998 crash

**Airman Bailee A. Darbasie**  
99TH AIR BASE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS



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Lt. Col. Joshua Shonkwiler, 66th Rescue Squadron commander, views a memorial built for fallen members of the 66th RQS Aug. 29 on the Nevada Test and Training Range.

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — The 66th Rescue Squadron paid its respects to its fallen brothers during a memorial Aug. 29, which marked the 20th anniversary of their deaths.

A dozen Airmen were lost when two HH-60G Pavehawk helicopters, call signs Jolly 38 and Jolly 39, assigned to the 66th RQS were involved in a midair collision over the Nevada Test and Training Range during a routine night exercise Sept. 3, 1998.

Current members of the 66th RQS, 58th RQS and the 823rd Maintenance Squadron assembled at the Nevada Test and Training Range to clean and restore a memorial built in honor of Jolly 38 and Jolly 39.

"It is truly humbling to stand on this site to remember those who have gone before us," said

Lt. Col. Joshua Shonkwiler, 66th RQS commander. "We often forget how dangerous our work can be. Unfortunately, we have lost many brothers and sisters in combat and training while preparing for or executing the most noble of missions."

The memorial resembles two giant feet associated with the rescue mascot, the Jolly Green Giant. The clean-up efforts included removing weeds, collecting trash, painting and manuring the site and surrounding area.

"We spent several hours cleaning up the memorial site so that the Airmen flying over this area of the range can recognize the giant feet and the sacrifice made 20 years ago," said Shonkwiler.

Aside from cleaning the memorial, Airmen joined in prayer and had a moment of silence for the men who paid the ultimate

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## Air Force identifies casualty from 1952

Secretary of the Air Force  
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Air Force announced Oct. 1 the name of a service member who has been recovered from a C-124 Globemaster aircraft that was lost Nov. 22, 1952.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Eugene R. Costley has been recovered and will be returned to his family in Elmira, New York, for burial with full military honors.

On Nov. 22, 1952, a C-124 Globemaster aircraft crashed while en route to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, from

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# U-2 pilot selection process grows with fresh program



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**A U-2 Dragon Lady pilot, assigned to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, pilots the high-altitude reconnaissance platform at approximately 70,000 feet above an undisclosed location. The U-2 is a high-altitude, near-space reconnaissance aircraft and delivers critical imagery which enables decision makers at all levels the visual capabilities to execute informed decisions in any phase of conflict.**

**1st Lt. Brittany Curry**  
9TH RECONNAISSANCE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — For the first time, the 9th Reconnaissance Wing will open its aperture for recruiting Air Force pilots into the U-2 Dragon Lady through an experimental program beginning this fall 2018.

Through the newly established U-2 First Assignment Companion Trainer, or FACT, program, the 9th RW's 1st Reconnaissance Squadron will broaden its scope of pilots eligible to fly the U-2 by allowing Air Force student pilots in Undergraduate Pilot Training the opportunity to enter a direct pipeline to flying the U-2.

"Our focus is modernizing and sustaining the U-2 well into the future to meet the needs of our nation at the speed of relevance," said Col. Andy Clark, 9th RW commander. "This new program is an initiative that delivers a new reconnaissance career path for young, highly qualified aviators eager to shape the next generation of (reconnaissance) warfighting capabilities."

**The FACT pipeline**

Every undergraduate pilot training student from Air Education and Training Command's flying training locations, during the designated assignment window, is eligible for the FACT program.

UPT students will now have the opportunity to select the U-2 airframe on their dream sheets just like any other airframe.

The first FACT selectee is planned for the fall 2018 UPT assignment cycle and the next selection will happen about six

months later.

After selection, the FACT pilot attends the T-38 Pilot Instructor Training Course at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, before a permanent change in station to Beale Air Force Base, California.

For the next two years, the selectee will serve as a T-38 Talon instructor pilot for the U-2 Companion Trainer Program.

"Taking on the task of developing a small portion of our future leaders from the onset of his or her aviation career is something we're extremely excited about," said Lt. Col. Carl Maymi, 1st RS commander. "U-2 FACT pilots will have an opportunity to learn from highly qualified and experienced pilots while in turn teaching them to fly T-38s in Northern California. I expect rapid maturation as an aviator and officer for all that get this unique opportunity."

After the selectee gains an appropriate amount of experience as an instructor pilot, they will perform the standard two-week U-2 interview process, and if hired, begin basic qualification training.

After the first two UPT students are selected and enter the program, the overall direction of the FACT assignment process will be assessed to determine the sustainability of this experimental pilot pipeline.

**Broadening candidate diversity**

Due to the uniquely difficult reconnaissance mission of the U-2, as well as its challenging flying characteristics, U-2 pilots are competitively selected

See U-2 Page 13



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. D. Myles Cullen

**Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein, left, presents the 2017 Gen. and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award to Col. David Mineau and his wife, Amy, Sept. 26 at the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. The award recognizes a wing commander and spouse team for their contributions to their community.**

## Couple shows need for family to power service

**Tech. Sgt. Robert Barnett**  
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ARLINGTON, Va. — Col. David Mineau, director of Joint and National Security Council Matters at Headquarters Air Force, and his wife, Amy, received the 2017 General and Mrs. Jerome F. O'Malley Award Sept. 26 from Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. David L. Goldfein during a ceremony at the Pentagon.

The award recognizes the wing commander and spouse team whose contributions as professional leaders in their community, best reflect the Air Force core values, highest ideals and positive leadership of a military couple.

"Each year, we've recognized a powerhouse commander spouse team at this ceremony, but we're also reminded how grateful we are General O'Malley saw the light and chose to fly, fight and win," said Goldfein. "The people he led were a source of his strength because what we do in our Air Force is, first and foremost, a family business. Just as we expect of our commanders, the Mineaus were 'all in.' A commander's business is wicked-tough, but this wing commander-spouse team excelled."

The award covers Jan. 1 to

Dec. 31, 2017, when the couple served at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. Their leadership instilled a "thriving, not just surviving" mindset at the 354th Fighter Wing, following the O'Malley's approach with a focus on Airmen and family resilience, Goldfein said.

"One of the strengths of our Air Force culture is that we encourage and prioritize building life-long friendships and support structures," said David Mineau. "That's one of the things that allows us to keep serving and enjoy serving through really difficult times. That's the culture we keep promoting and passing on."

The Mineaus accomplishments also include developing a recruiting and incentive program and boosting morale with an on-base ski hill and lodge. They engaged with city mayors, the chamber of commerce and Congress to generate support for 800 new local homes to posture 3,500 new F-35 personnel.

"You're tough, you're steely, but you're soft, warm and loving and do your best every day, and that's what's important," said Sharon O'Malley-Burg, daughter of General and Mrs. O'Malley.

The award-winning couple has served at 13 locations across the globe over their 23 years of marriage.



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# Combat Support Wing exercise showcases lethality

Veronica Kemeny

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TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — More than 150 Airmen from seven major commands participated in a combat support wing proof-of-concept exercise Sept. 5-19 that tested a small team's capability to conduct agile deployed operations.

The exercise, conducted at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, with forward deployments to Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, and Avon Park Air Force Range, Florida, served to validate an innovative way to deliver airpower lethality more effectively and efficiently anywhere in the world.

The CSW exercise kicked off with Airmen stepping out of their comfort zone to learn core skills from Air Force specialty codes other than their own, including flightline maintenance and operations, security, communications and other agile combat support functions.

"Two years ago, the combat



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Airmen build a shelter for communications and operations activities Sept. 17 during a Combat Support Wing exercise at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Air Forces came to us with an idea: If we are in the Pacific or Europe or operating in a hostile or denied environment, how would we be able to leverage the support forces to refuel and re-arm jets? That was the challenge," said Brig. Gen. Brian

Bruckbauer, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center director of expeditionary support, who served as exercise commander.

According to Bruckbauer, at AFIMSC's inaugural Installation and Mission Support

minimize a footprint and come up with the right size (force) and the right amount of equipment needed at the forward location," said Bruckbauer. "Then we actually put those support forces out at a location, ready to accept jets, refuel them and re-arm them."

The CSW exercise marked the second time this year the Air Force has tested this revolutionary concept. AFIMSC, Air Force Materiel Command and Air Combat Command have worked together to test the concept.

"The results from these exercises will continue validating the suitability of training a squadron of Airmen across the entire spectrum of combat support operations in order to provide on-call adaptive basing for flying operations wherever there is a need," said Col. Erik Rundquist, AFIMSC Detachment 8 commander and CSW exercise director.

Capt. Zachary Stanton, Air Force Civil Engineer Center Operations Maintenance Branch chief, who oversaw airfield recovery during the exercise, learned firsthand the agile capability CSW could provide.

"The ingenuity of CSW it leverages the Air Force's best assets: its people," said Stanton.

Weapons and Tactics Conference in 2017, a team of officers and noncommissioned officers proposed a concept that focused on multifunctional training that included Airmen learning different specialties to rapidly deploy, minimizing the number of personnel put in harm's way, increasing the lethality of that small unit and creating redundancies to bolster mission success.

"For example, engineers train on security forces tasks to

# Month focuses on energy

Melissa Tiedeman

AIR FORCE INSTALLATION ENERGY

'Protect the Power' during October

WASHINGTON — October is Energy Action Month and, to Air Force Energy, it represents an opportunity to highlight the mission-critical importance of energy and water resources and to encourage the smart energy and water use and management for our installations, ground vehicles and aircraft.

The Air Force theme, "Protect the Power," calls on Airmen and the larger Air Force community to practice smarter, more efficient energy and water consumption behaviors to enhance readiness and resilience.

"Resilient bases require a reliable, uninterrupted supply of energy to assure mission success for our wings," said John Henderson, assistant secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy.

"Energy Action Month is a time for us to focus on our responsibility to make the most effective use of our energy and water resources to support our warfighting mission and to enhance readiness."

Reducing demand increases

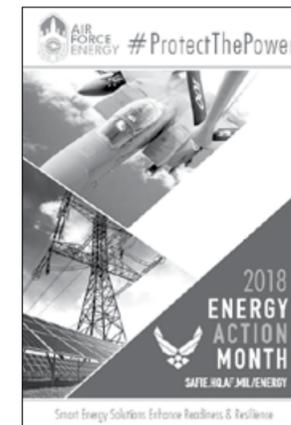
resilience and increased resilience leads to enhanced lethality, said Mark Correll, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Environment, Safety and Infrastructure.

"Airmen and their families can contribute by using energy and water resources efficiently," said Correll.

Being smart about the way the Air Force consumes aviation fuel is not just about saving money, but about increasing our combat capability, enabling more training and decreasing maintenance hours, said Roberto Guerrero, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Operational Energy.

"There are limitless ways to optimize the Air Force, whether it's uncovering inefficiencies through fuel data collection and analysis, introducing new technology or becoming a more energy focused culture through Airmen education and training," said Guerrero.

Whether you implement an aviation fuel efficiency project or implement an energy project at your installation, every



effort taken by our dedicated Air Force community contributes to protecting our energy and water resources and helps us to increase resilience and readiness. No matter the size, every Airman can take action to "Protect the Power."

For more information and downloadable materials for Energy Action Month, visit: [www.safe.hq.af.mil/EnergyActionMonth](http://www.safe.hq.af.mil/EnergyActionMonth) and follow Air Force Energy on Facebook @AirForceEnergy and Twitter @AFEnergy.

## U-2

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from a pool of highly qualified and experienced aviators from airframes across the Department of Defense inventory.

The selection process includes a two-week interview where candidates' self-confidence, professionalism and airmanship are evaluated on the ground and in the air while flying three TU-2 sorties.

Traditionally, a U-2 pilot will spend a minimum of six years gaining experience outside of the U-2's reconnaissance mission before submitting an application.

As modernization efforts continue for the U-2 airframe and its mission sets, pilot acquisition and development efforts are also changing to

help advance the next generation of reconnaissance warfighters. The FACT program will advance the next generation through accelerating pilots directly from the UPT programs into the reconnaissance community, mitigating the six years of minimum experience that current U-2 pilots have obtained.

"The well-established path to the U-2 has proven effective for over 60 years," said Maymi. "However, we need access to young, talented officers earlier in their careers. I believe we can do this while still maintaining the integrity of our selection process through the U-2 FACT program."

FACT aims to place future U-2 warfighters in line with the rest of the combat Air Force's career development timelines to include potential avenues of professional military education and leadership roles.

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## Boeing

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“This aircraft will enable pilot training in a system similar to our fielded fighters, ultimately enhancing joint lethality.”

The first T-X aircraft and simulators are scheduled to arrive at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, in 2023. All undergraduate pilot training bases will eventually transition from the T-38 to the T-X. Those bases include: Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi; Laughlin AFB, Texas; Sheppard AFB, Texas; and Vance

AFB, Oklahoma.

An initial delivery order for \$813 million provides for the engineering and manufacturing development of the first five aircraft and seven simulators.

The contract supports the Air Force’s objective of an initial operational capability by 2024 and full operational capability by 2034.

“This outcome is the result of a well-conceived strategy leveraging full and open competition,” said Dr. Will Roper, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition, technology and logistics. “It’s acquisition’s silver bullet.”

## Casualty

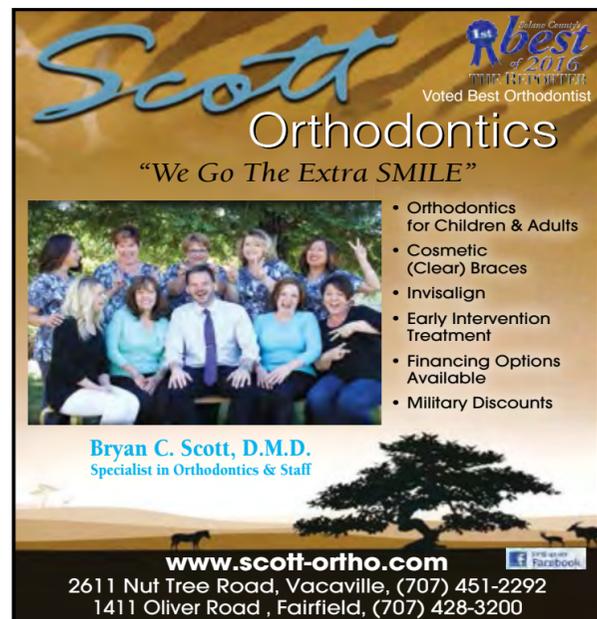
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McChord Air Force Base, Washington. There were 11 crewmen and 41 passengers on board. Adverse weather conditions precluded immediate recovery attempts. In late November and early December 1952, search parties were unable to locate and recover any of the service members.

On June 9, 2012, an Alaska National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crew spotted aircraft wreckage and debris while conducting a training mission over the Colony Glacier, immediately west of Mount

Gannett. Three days later, another AKNG team landed at the site to photograph the area and they found artifacts at the site that related to the wreckage of the C-124 Globemaster. Later that month, the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and Joint Task Force team conducted a recovery operation at the site and recommended it to be monitored for possible future recovery operations.

In 2013, additional artifacts were visible and every summer since then, during a small window of opportunity, Alaskan Command, AKNG personnel and Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations have been supporting the joint effort of Operation Colony Glacier.



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# Travis projects Rapid Global Mobility

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1) Tech. Sgt. Robin Lu, 312th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, conducts a preflight check Sept. 27 on a C-5M Super Galaxy at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The 349th and 60th Air Mobility Wings work together to enhance Rapid Global Mobility by ensuring aircraft at Travis are ready to go any time, anywhere. 2) Tech. Sgt. Alex Levy, 312th AS flight engineer, conducts a preflight check Sept. 27 on a C-5M. 3) A C-5M Super Galaxy sits on the flightline Sept. 27 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.



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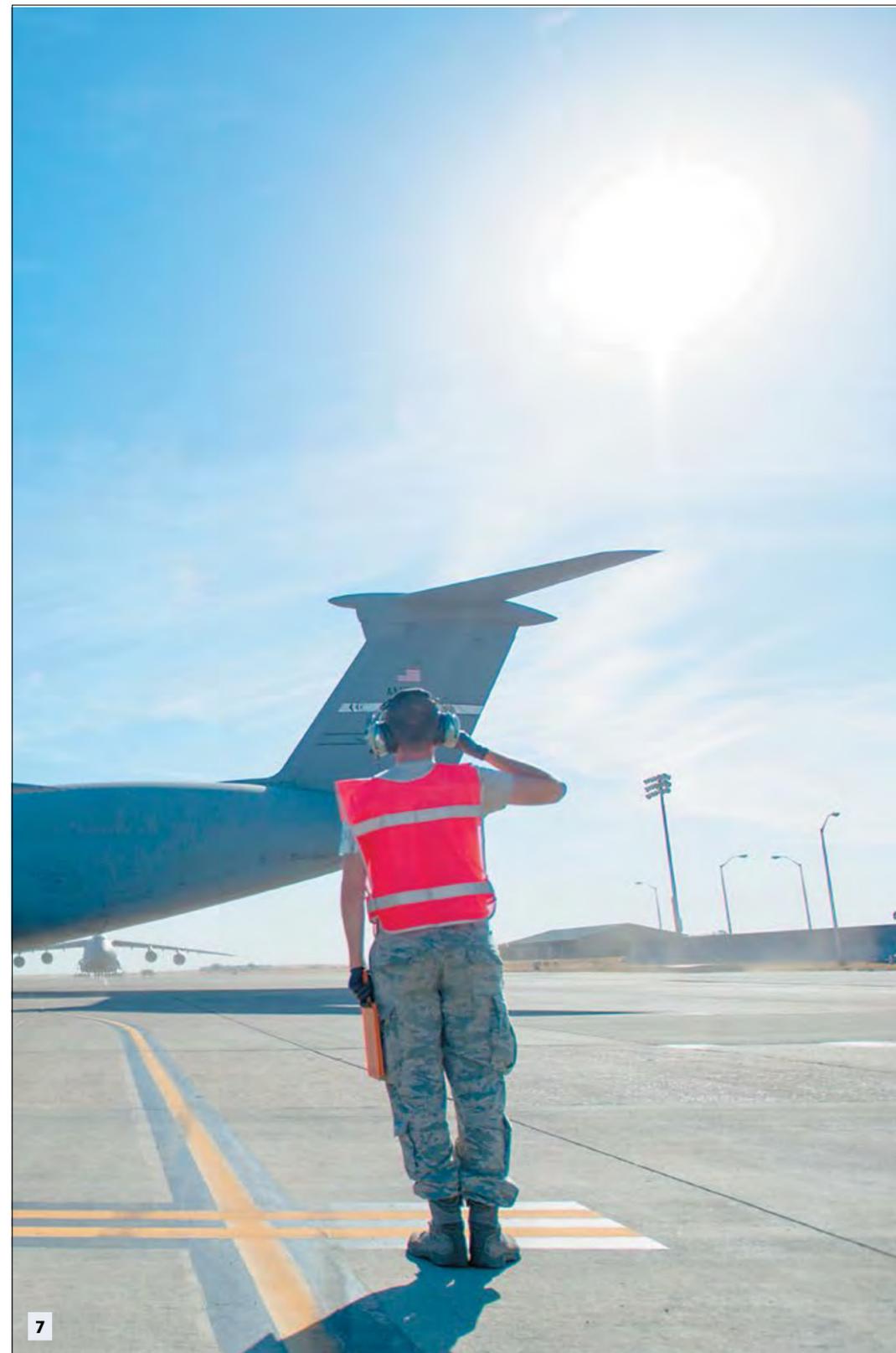


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4) Tech. Sgt. Robin Lu, 312th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, conducts a preflight check Sept. 27 on a C-5M Super Galaxy at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The 349th and 60th Air Mobility Wings work together to enhance rapid global mobility. 5) Tech. Sgt. Alex Levy, 312th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, inspects an oxygen mask in a C-5M Sept. 27 during a preflight check at Travis. 6) Senior Airman Mitch Uldall, 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, guides a C-5M as it taxis down the flightline at Travis. 7) Uldall salutes a C-5M as it taxis down the flightline Sept. 27 at Travis.



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### STR8TS

No. 406 Medium

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Previous solution - Easy

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How to beat **Str8ts** – Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into **compartments**. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A **straight** is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

### SUDOKU

No. 406 Very Hard

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	2		1	9	8				

Previous solution - Tough

4	9	8	7	2	3	1	6	5	
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7	1	3	9	6	5	4	8	2	
1	5	9	3	7	8	6	2	4	
8	2	7	5	4	6	3	9	1	
3	4	6	2	9	1	7	5	8	
9	8	4	6	1	2	5	3	7	
6	3	2	4	5	7	8	1	9	
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To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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### Savings and events

**Second annual Wine Fest.** Purchase tickets for the Wine Fest before prices go up. 5-8 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Delta Breeze Club. Guests can taste gourmet food pairings and 60-plus selections of wines. "Individual" tickets are \$25 and "Perfect Pair" tickets are \$45. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: AAFES Customer Service, AAFES Class Six, Delta Breeze Club (cash only), Wingman's after 3 p.m. and the Full Access Marketing Office (credit card only) at Bldg. 381, Room F100.

**Thursday and Friday karaoke nights.** Free karaoke night every Thursday at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. Snack on free Southern-styled popcorn chicken, enjoy \$4 drink specials and \$3 domestic beers from 7 to 9 p.m. Karaoke night takes place Fridays at Wingman's inside the Delta Breeze Club. For more information, call Cypress Lakes Golf Course at 448-7186 or Wingman's at 437-3711.

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## Chapel programs

### Recurring events

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**Solano County Fairgrounds.** Code of the West Gun Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 7, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo. [www.scfair.org](http://www.scfair.org).

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**Hiring event.** Hire G.I. will host a free hiring event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Delta Breeze Club. This event will have more than 130 job offers and onsite interviews. Dress for success and bring copies of resumes. Hire G.I.'s mission is to help veterans and spouses find employment and assist service members with networking opportunities. For more information or to register, please visit <https://hiregi.com/events/travis-afb-career-fair/>.

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

## Recurring

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## News Notes

### Retiree Appreciation Day.

Travis Air Force Base invites all military retirees and their families to attend its annual Retiree Appreciation Day, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Base Theater and fitness center parking lot. The event will feature free food, live entertainment, information booths and guest speakers.

1 to 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 [travspcombatpdsd@gmail.com](mailto:travspcombatpdsd@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://jhrs.release.dma.mil/public> and fill out the information.

**Mare Island Museum.** Open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. 1100 Railroad Ave. in Vallejo. 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 Michaels at 707-427-2573 or Cal Gisham at 707-425-0060.

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

**Today**

- 6:30 p.m. "Venom" (PG-13, first-run showing)

**Saturday**

- 6:30 p.m. "Venom" (PG-13, first-run showing)

**Sunday**

- 2 p.m. "Venom" (PG-13, first-run showing)

**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 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday. For all wills and retiree legal assistance, call 707-424-3251 to make an appointment.

**Tuskegee Airman Lee A. Archer Chapter.** Meets at 3 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

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

- Kelley D. Brown, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey.
- Erin Duniway, 60th Operations Support Squadron.
- Valerie Moore, 60th Aerial Port Squadron.
- Jessica Pope, 349th Air Mobility Wing.
- James Van Nostrand.

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.

**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, Guard, reservist and their families.

## Local events

### Events

**Benicia Art Walk.** 2 to 7 p.m. and Oct. 13, downtown. [www.artsbenicia.org/benicia-artwalk](http://www.artsbenicia.org/benicia-artwalk).

**Benicia Farmers Market.** 4 p.m.

Thursdays, through October, First Street between B and D streets. 745-9791.

**Downtown Theatre.** Latin Rock Night, 8 p.m. Oct. 13; 1035 Texas St., Fairfield. [www.downtowntheatre.com](http://www.downtowntheatre.com).

**Ghost Walk, Suisun City.** 8 p.m. Oct. 19, leaves from Virgil's Bait Shop, 201 Main St., Suisun City; 8 p.m. Oct. 20; leaves from the Lawler House, 718 Main St. [www.suisunwaterfront.com](http://www.suisunwaterfront.com).

**Nightmare Island Ghost Walk.** 5 to 9 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Oct. 12-14, Oct. 19-21, Oct. 26-28, Oct. 31; Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve, 167 O'Hara Court and Azure Drive, Vallejo. [www.nightmareisland-vallejo.com](http://www.nightmareisland-vallejo.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](http://www.solanolibrary.com).

**Theatre Deville.** Frankie and the Defenders, 8 p.m. Oct. 19; Masquerade on Main, 8 p.m. Oct. 27; 308 Main St., Vacaville. [www.theatredeville.com](http://www.theatredeville.com).

**Vacaville Farmers Market.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, through Oct. 27, Creekwalk Plaza at Andrews Park, downtown Vacaville. [www.facebook.com/VacavilleFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/VacavilleFarmersMarket).

**Vallejo Art Walk.** 5 to 10 p.m. second Friday of each month, downtown Vallejo. Free admission. [www.vallejoartwalk.com](http://www.vallejoartwalk.com).

**Vallejo Farmers Market.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, year-round, Georgia and Marin streets. [www.pcfma.com](http://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.

## Dignity

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Again, they hit their rifles then position them diagonally across their chests. After taking a brief moment to pause and discuss what needs to be fixed, the Airmen pick up their rifles and start again.

“Honor Guard is pure teamwork,” said Tech. Sgt. Leon Spence, Nellis AFB Honor Guard NCO in charge. “You can’t go to a funeral or a colors presentation and do everything by yourself. You have to be confident in your abilities and confident in your fellow guardsmen’s abilities to execute each detail as precise as possible.”

### Passion for perfection

Down a hallway, the soft brushing of lint rollers against freshly pressed uniforms competes with the sound of gentle laughter from a poorly delivered dad joke.

In a room, Staff Sgt. Victoria Schooley and Airman 1st Class Ashley Libbey, Nellis AFB honor guardsmen, sit eye level with

their uniforms. With a ruler in one hand and a butterfly clutch in the other, Libby is aligning her ribbons. Across the room, Schooley is running her fingers up and down every seam of her ceremonial dress uniform, combing for loose strings to cut away with nail clippers or melt down with a lighter.

For them, looking sharp is just as important to having a successful detail as performing the actual maneuvers.

“I joined because I wanted to do a lot more than my regular day-to-day job,” said Diez. “I wanted to feel like I had a bigger purpose in the Air Force and a bigger picture of our impact as a whole. It will teach you to pay attention to detail, when you realize something as little as a crease in the uniform or a slight hesitation in a facing movement can be the difference between precision and failure.”

“We’re here to serve our community and I want to challenge people to come by and tell us what we could do better or to just learn about us and see what it is we do,” said Spence.

## Crash

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sacrifice that night. During their remembrance, Shonkwiler reminded those gathered at the memorial that what they do is not only dangerous, but extremely vital to the Air Force mission, the nation and coalition forces.

The 66th RQS conducted a ceremonial toast to all 12 Airmen and unveiled a 20th anniversary shadow box, containing pieces from the crash site belonging to the aircrew and aircraft. The shadow box will be permanently displayed in the squadron as another reminder of the legacy and sacrifice of Jolly 38 and Jolly 39.

The combat search and rescue community motto, “These things we do, that others may live,” is a reminder of the sacrifice a rescue member is willing to make to ensure someone who’s having their worst day, doesn’t have their last day.

“These men died doing what they loved, training and preparing so they could help those in need,” said Shonkwiler.

### More info

The names of the 66th RQS members who died that night are:

#### Jolly 38

- Capt. Gregg Lewis, pilot
- Capt. Philip Miller, co-pilot
- Staff Sgt. Kevin Brunelle, flight engineer
- Staff Sgt. Kenneth “Kenny” Eaglin, flight engineer
- Master Sgt. Matthew Sturtevant, aerial gunner
- Senior Airman Jesse Stewart, pararescueman

#### Jolly 39

- Lt. Col. William “Hal” Milton, pilot
- Capt. Karl Youngblood, co-pilot
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# Run

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operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. The deployment was his third and, at the time of his death, he was 27 years old.

Bill has been involved with the Run for the Fallen since 2013. For the past several years, he's worked with local law enforcement to secure roadways along the route to help ensure the safety of the runners. He also pulls a 16-foot trailer with his truck and follows the runners along the 150-mile route to serve as a barrier between runners and drivers.

Perkins' mother, Laureen Myers, said she hopes people learn what it means to be a Gold Star family and appreciate the sacrifice that's made to

earn that title.

"I want people to understand what a Gold Star family is because many people don't know," she said.

A Gold Star family member is an immediate family member of a service member who died supporting combat operations. It is unknown exactly how many Gold Star families there are, but according to a report by CNN, more than 6,000 U.S. service members have died in the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. In California, 799 service members have been killed in action since 9/11, approximately 47 per year for the past 17 years.

"Being a Gold Star family isn't something we would ever ask for and we remember Adam every day," said Laureen. "Adam's biological father died when he was 16 and Adam was my youngest son and the only son I had at home.

He would help me around the house whether that was cooking or anything else. He had a great sense of humor, he was fun to be around and he enjoyed life. He also enjoyed a challenge, which is why he became an EOD technician."

Perkins decided to join the Marine Corps before he graduated high school and went to basic training the Monday after 9/11.

"It bothered him that he wasn't already done with his training so he could do something about it," said Laureen.

She has attended every Run for the Fallen event since 2012 to honor her son's memory. She said she's thankful for the team that organizes the honor run each year.

"The (people) who run this and the appreciation they show is incredible," she said, fighting back tears. "Knowing that

someone who isn't a Marine and didn't know my son would take the time to honor him means a lot to our family."

U.S. Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Kevin Graves, a chaplain's assistant with the 185th Military Police Battalion in Pittsburg, California, became a Gold Star father when his only son, U.S. Army Spc. Joseph Graves, a military policeman assigned to the 49th MP Battalion, was killed outside the Green Zone in Iraq in July 2006.

"My son wanted to join the Army ever since he was 17," said Kevin. "He wanted to serve his country during a time of war."

Kevin followed in his son's footsteps and enlisted in the Army in January 2010. He said he joined the service in an effort to help him with his grief. He also set up a foundation in his son's memory to help Gold Star families through the grieving process.

"You have to find honor in the sacrifice, because if you can't find honor in the sacrifice, you'll forever be angry at the people who were around your son," he said. "You have to find a healthy path to grieving. You also have to respect each family and how they're grieving. It may take them 20 years to find that path."

Kevin has supported the Run for the Fallen since 2012,

when he followed the runners on his motorcycle and helped them with some last-minute logistics.

"Airmen from Travis gave me a hug and handed me a flag honoring my son," he said. "Then, they asked me to join them on their run and I followed them on my motorcycle and saw them place each flag."

As the runners approached a toll bridge in Antioch, California, Kevin raced ahead and paid the tolls for their support vehicles.

He said the support Travis provides fallen service members and their families is important.

"What Travis does in conjunction with the Gold Star community is ensure the names of the fallen are called out and saluted every year and never forgotten," he said.

The three-day Run for the Fallen will end at 4 p.m. Oct. 14 with a closing ceremony at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery. The ceremony will feature guest speakers, a flag placement and the playing of "Taps."

To join the Honor Run team, call U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Edith Smith, 60th Maintenance Group, at 707-424-7827. For more information about the Run for the Fallen, visit [www.carunforthe-fallen.org](http://www.carunforthe-fallen.org).

# Save life

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responders arrived on the scene with a portable Automated External Defibrillator and quickly took over, applying electrodes and administering shock treatment to the man's heart. They then prepped him for transport by ambulance to a nearby medical facility.

"At this point, we all stepped away from the scene to let the professionals do their job," said Hudson. "I went the whole rest of the race not knowing if he survived."

At the finish line, Hudson learned that the man was transported to nearby Soin Medical Center in Beavercreek, Ohio, for follow-up treatment. He also learned that the man had survived, though his full condition was still unknown.

"As I kept walking, I was thinking, praying that he survived," said Hudson. "I've kept

my CPR and first-aid training current and knew we did the right things, but I still didn't know the outcome."

Hudson learned later that day that the runner's condition was stable following a medical procedure on his heart.

"It's a miracle with a capital 'M' that the situation occurred when there were people around who were trained and willing to help out," said Hudson. "That's not always the case. I myself played a small part. The real miracle workers were the nurses and medics who were in the right place at the right time."

Hudson also emphasized just how important and valuable his training was in helping him to know what to do in the situation.

"All of the times you take CPR and first-aid training, you never know when and if you will ever need to use it," said Hudson. "You never know when you might be asked to help out, so you need to be ready, always ready."

# Fisher

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lead by adopting an approach of radical inclusion. Brown, in her TED Talk titled "The Power of Vulnerability," speaks about the human need for belonging and the necessity of leaders to create and sustain it in their organizations. We grow our teams when we lead with inclusivity and inculcate a sense of belonging for our teammates.

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# Transition

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"We're honored and excited to be a part of this transition to DHA," said U.S. Air Force Col. Beatrice T. Dolihite, 81st MDG commander. "We look forward to the opportunity to transform military health care into a more integrated system which will lead to consistent, high-quality health care experiences

for our patients."

The Keesler Medical Center is the first hospital in the Air Force to transition. The remaining facilities currently administered by the armed services, which includes more than 50 hospitals and 300 clinics within the MHS, will be phased in under DHA on a rolling basis over the next few years.

The next phase of integration, which includes hospitals and clinics in the Eastern U.S., should be complete by Oct. 1, 2019. Subsequent phases, which include hospitals and clinics in the Western U.S., followed by overseas medical facilities, should be completed by Oct. 1, 2020, and Oct. 1, 2021, respectively.

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# Couple

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Broadway-Mack, president of the American Military Partner Association. Broadway-Mack lived in the shadows for 13 years as the same-sex partner of a service member under the threat of DADT. Her organization is now over 50,000 strong, helping LGBT military families.

"Our organization supports LGBT military families," said Broadway-Mack. "This includes the service member, spouse, veterans, veteran spouses and children of veterans who identify as LGBT."

In the short period of time since the repeal, Broadway-Mack said she is pleased with the feedback she's received from her members. There's been an acceptance level that has made the transition more welcomed than expected.

"Of course there are some times where we receive information of some issues, over the last seven years we hear less and less of that, which is a great sign," said Broadway-Mack. "We hear constantly that our families are being welcomed just as any other military family would be welcomed."

Welcomed is exactly how Sarah and Kelsey would describe it. Every assignment they've had, the leadership, their co-workers

and peers have treated them like anyone else.

"Our experience in the Air Force since we've married has been flawless," said Sarah. "Everyone has accepted Kelsey and me and that has made our journey so much easier."

Sarah attributes this attitude with the immediate pro-active approach the Air Force took to inform members about the repeal of DADT and the expectations they put forth. In 2011, the AF devised a two-tier training approach to help Airmen understand what is expected in a post-repeal environment.

"It should be a testament to the Air Force that they recognize you as an individual," said Sarah. "It has nothing to do with your sexuality. It's all about the hard work and dedication you put into being an Airman."

Both Sarah and Kelsey have become involved with helping others who find themselves struggling to come out or take the leap to become a same-sex couple. During Sarah's remote assignment to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, she helped lead the first-ever pride month celebration. Although not typical of the quiet introverted personality of Sarah, she felt it was extremely important to help those struggling with their identities and informing them of their benefits.

"I was really proud of

Sarah because she put herself out there and that's not really her personality," said Kelsey. "She helped a lot of people during that time who otherwise may have not known exactly what to do."

Since arriving at Travis in 2017, their performance has been exemplary. Kelsey has been accomplishing work, filling a position typically held by a senior noncommissioned officer.

"Kelsey is performing at a master sergeant level as a staff sergeant," said Capt. Austin Holtsclaw, 60th Air Mobility Wing, Judge Advocate chief of adverse actions. "We get taskers from the (major command) and 18th Air Force and there's nothing she can't figure out and get done. Her future is very bright, she can achieve whatever she desires."

Sarah is also a standout in her organization. Master Sgt. Danny Thomas, 60th Maintenance Squadron test measurement diagnostic equipment flight chief, has known Sarah since she came into the Air Force in 2010. He was her instructor at technical school and was ecstatic when he found out they would be stationed together.

"She's a combination of the ultimate military professional and good-hearted person," said Thomas. "We tend to overstate a lot that a person will be a future chief master sergeant. When I say it about Sarah, it is absolutely true. I dread the day she doesn't work for me anymore."

In the five years since their marriage, Sarah and Kelsey have become closer due to the adversity they chose to face head on. Getting married took some time because of the legalities from appeals and rulings. It took the couple three trips to Washington, D.C., just to make their marriage official. That



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**Tech. Sgt. Sarah Cartmill, left, 60th Maintenance Squadron and Staff Sgt. Kelsey Cartmill, 60th Air Mobility Wing, take their dogs for a walk Sept. 26 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The dual-military, same-sex couple has been married for five years.**

determination to be a couple outweighed any resistance they would face.

"We kind of got married fairly quickly after we met compared to some people," said Kelsey. "It's amazing how much we've grown as a couple throughout the years, each year we get stronger."

Sarah said she is thankful their persistence didn't detract from them getting married. There were several times where it would have been easy to

give up, but instead, they worked harder to achieve their dream.

"It's beautiful when she comes home and I still get as excited now as I did five years ago," said Sarah. "I never get tired of seeing her smile. I picked the perfect person to spend the rest of my life with. If the person you want to be with means a lot to you, you'll do whatever it takes to make it happen."

As for now, Sarah and Kelsey plan to make a career of the AF and both aspire to make the rank of chief master sergeant one day. Sarah is an eight-year technical sergeant and Kelsey is a seven-year staff sergeant with a line number for technical sergeant, well on their way to achieving the highest enlisted rank.

"We plan to retire as chiefs," said Sarah. "Our leadership has recognized us for the hard workers that we are. I love the Air Force. I love what I do."

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