



HURRICANE

... spurs Travis into action

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The good, the bad and the ugly in leaders

In our busy society, people don't always take time to articulate what they expect from their leaders, but they certainly know the difference between a good leader and a less-than-optimal leader when they work for them. As I begin my second squadron command, and as part of my continual efforts to refine my own leadership, I've taken a moment to think back over my years at good, bad and ugly examples of leaders.



Commentary by Col. Mark Knitz
60TH MEDICAL OPERATIONS CENTER

Leaders have their members' interests at the heart of their actions, while simultaneously optimizing processes to execute the mission. Often, these two priorities appear to compete with one another, but I believe that if the members know and understand the mission, and if I provide the guidance, resources and support they need, the mission and the people who accomplish the mission will be harmonious.

Good leaders are knowledgeable, but trust their people to do their jobs. They are

Commander's Commentary

involved, but allow decisions to be made by the front line. When it's time for leaders to make a decision that cannot, or should not, be made by subordinates, they should listen to the front line experts to gather enough data to make the decision. This is an example of servant leadership I've enjoyed most as a follower and try to emulate as a leader.

The Bad

Nobody wants to work for somebody who lacks empathy or humility. I have spent

my career as a nurse trying to help people with their health needs and these values are: ingrained into my persona and my profession. I have seen leaders display a sense of superiority and who denigrate their subordinates or participate in "stepping on others" to promote their own careers. It is insidious and people often don't even realize they're the victims of such actions. I've had the fortune to work with some great first sergeants, and one in particular was fond of sharing the maxim, "Blowing out someone else's candle does not make yours shine any brighter." Leaders should have collaborative relationships with their supervisors, peers and

subordinates. If they do that, their careers will thrive on their own without sacrificing others. Leaders who do not communicate effectively will not succeed. In this modern era of social media, e-mail, texts, mobile phones and computers, one would think that we would have cracked the code on communicating. The problem now is that there is probably too much data for any one person to process. A bad leader will "fire and forget" sending out e-mail blasts and expecting that people to read and understand everything. Good communicators and leaders will ensure that the

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The Good

The best U.S. Air Force

End of watch: A tribute to Sergeant Carraway



Commentary by Chief Master Sgt. Viviana Gatica
60TH MEDICAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON

On Oct. 3, I received a frantic phone call from my very dear friend, Mike, a brother in arms, telling me I needed to call him back immediately.

I had just finished working out and when his phone rang, he hurriedly answered the phone and said, "Terrence is gone, V – they killed him."

It took me a minute to realize what Mike was saying, and after repeating it several times, I finally understood what he was trying to get across.

Just a few hours before, there had been an active-shooter

Chief's Commentary

situation in Florence, South Carolina, where several police officers were injured and one had died. The hero who laid down his life to protect others was our friend, Sgt. Terrence Carraway.

I met Terrence back in 2002 when we had the privilege to be honored as the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. He was the type of guy who lit up a room when he walked in, made everyone laugh and always made you feel at home.

After attending several

temporary duties together, working congressional papers and making recommendations to improve our Air Force, we all became more than friends, we became family. We talked about reuniting the crew, but the best we pulled off was random visits among the 12 of us throughout the years.

Then Oct. 3 changed all of that. Mike's call was followed by group messages that reconnected our 12 OAY family through tragedy. Mike shared how he had just spoken to Terrence a few days ago and was asking him when he was finally going to retire since he had served 23

years as a reservist and 30 years in the Florence Police Department. Others talked about the time he made a tour bus stop in Washington, D.C., so we could pay our respects to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial – a memorial that will now carry his name forever.

Others jumped in to share stories of his life as a coach, friend, defender and a devoted man. The messages also poured in on his Facebook page as hundreds of people honored a man who had

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Travis poised to deliver after Hurricane Michael

Master Sgt. Joey Swafford

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Within hours of Hurricane Michael's landfall on the Florida panhandle, a C-17 Globemaster III from the 21st Airlift Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California, was wheels up to support civil authorities in humanitarian relief operations.

The C-17 staged at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, after departing Travis to be able to quickly deliver search and rescue capabilities to the affected area when called upon.

Though the call never came, the C-17 crew knew it was vital to be ready.

"Readiness to me is being prepared at all times for anything," said Staff Sgt. Leroy Algine, 21st AS C-17 loadmaster. "We have to be so ready if something happens short notice and you're not there within a certain time bad things can happen. Always being prepared and always ready to go is essential."

When responding to humanitarian relief efforts Team Travis's ability to be constantly ready allows aid to reach its destination when needed.

"It's important to respond quickly because the longer you delay you're losing a lot of critical time," said Maj. Nathan Masdon, 21st AS C-17 pilot. "Humanitarian missions or search and rescue missions are very time critical, so time is of the essence."

Travis Airmen are able to stay ready through training, exercises and real-world missions.

"My training prepares me to be ready at all times," said Algine. Constantly having currency items where I have to go into simulators, and small exercise is where we practice over and over. Having repetitions in your belt helps you constantly stay ready and



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Joseph Swafford

Airman 1st Class Gethyn Berner, 21st Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III loadmaster, goes over last-minute checks before taking off Oct. 11 in a C-17 from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.. The aircraft and crew had departed Oct. 10 from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and were staged at Davis-Monthan to support civil authorities during Hurricane Michael relief efforts.

helps get the plane off the ground so quickly."

"Pilots, in general, go through a lot of training," said Masdon. "There is a year of basic pilot training, and then you have your specialty platform training just for your aircraft. I think for C-17 pilots and probably all pilots it goes beyond just the

training. Most of the experience comes when you start going out and doing day-to-day worldwide operations and all the experience that you're gathering sets us apart as American pilots, just the amount of experience we get because we are so involved in worldwide operations around the globe."

Even though remaining ready is a full-time commitment, the reward of being able to deliver to those in need is worth it.

"The feeling of being able to help is awesome," said Algine. "Part of the

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On the cover

821st Contingency Response Group Airmen offload their mobile command and control trailer from a Travis Air Force Base, Calif., C-17 Globemaster III, Oct. 12 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

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



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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name: Tech. Sgt. Maria V. Pino.	Duty title: Unit deployment manager.	December 2019.
Unit: 60th Surgical Operations Squadron.	Hometown: Virginia Beach, Virginia.	What are your hobbies? Experience different cuisines, hiking with the family, anything outdoors.
Family: Spouse, Brian; one son, one more due in December.	Time in service: 19 years.	What is your greatest achievement? My son.
What are your goals? To honorably retire in		

CCAT teams ready to aid victims of hurricane

Merrie Schillter Lowe
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Two Critical Care Air Transport teams from Travis Air Force Base, California, headed to Scott AFB, Illinois, Oct. 10 awaiting the call to support Hurricane Michael victims.

The teams are embedding with the 375th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Scott AFB.

The CCAT team's role is to evacuate critically ill or injured military and civilian patients to a higher level of care or another medical treatment facility outside the disaster area.

Staging the team at a central location like Scott AFB allows the team to rapidly deploy to any states affected by the storm, said Maj. Micaela Lewis, 60th Medical Group chief of readiness.

"The team is designed to assist higher acuity patients who require a higher level of care during transport," said Lewis. "Staging out of Scott gives them the flexibility to respond to any of the states that need assistance."

CCAT is a three-person, highly specialized medical team consisting of a physician who specializes in critical care or emergency medicine, a critical care nurse and a respiratory therapist.

Although they did not have to respond, four CCAT teams from Travis staged at Scott AFB in support of Hurricane Florence that battered the Carolinas in September.

Florence did provide some lessons. It revealed that CCAT may have to evacuate patients at small nursing facilities and rural hospitals.

"During and after Florence, the flood waters moved in," she said. "Some of the facilities were so far inland, they didn't evacuate."

However, as the flood water began to rise, those facilities had to re-evaluate the situation.

"Our CCAT teams were on standby to assist any of these types of facilities that needed assistance evacuating their patients," said Lewis.

The Air Force provides federal support to Defense Support of Civil Authorities in situations that normally would be handled by civil authorities, such as natural and man-made disasters, support to law enforcement and at special events as well as other domestic activities.

Although support elements are poised to assist, Department of Defense assets are traditionally one of the last levels of support, said Lewis.

After natural disaster, AMC set to help

2nd Lt. Emma Quirk
AIR MOBILITY COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Air Mobility Command is prepared to support victims affected by Hurricane Michael, which hit landfall in parts of Florida, Georgia and Alabama on Oct. 10.

Gen. Maryanne Miller, AMC commander, said mobility crews and assets are postured to provide airlift, contingency response and aeromedical evacuation during the rapid relief effort.

"Mobility professionals are highly-trained and prepared to offer support whenever and wherever required," Miller said. "AMC's airlift and aeromedical evacuation capabilities and expeditionary Airmen skillsets afford the nation unique disaster relief options."

Total force communications personnel from U.S. Transportation Command's Joint Communications Support Element from MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, and the Florida Air National Guard's 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron deployed to Tyndall AFB, Florida, to restore

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Airman 1st Class Toby Sobieski, 860th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, prepares a C-17 Globemaster III for takeoff Oct. 10 at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The aircraft and crew departed to pick up search-and-rescue equipment as well as supplies to support civil authorities in Hurricane Michael relief efforts.



Airmen with the 116th Air Control Wing, Georgia Air National Guard, load supplies while preparing to leave Robins Air Force Base, Ga., for Seminole County, Ga., to assist Oct. 12 with Hurricane Michael relief operations.

Airmen distribute food, water

116th Air Control Wing Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Airmen from the 116th Air Control Wing, Georgia Air National Guard, deployed from Robins Air Force Base Oct. 15 to help distribute food and water to citizens affected by Hurricane Michael in Seminole County, Georgia.

The team of 11 Airmen join other members of the wing who are already working in Seminole County clearing roadways to allow access for first responders and utility companies to begin caring for victims affected by the storm.

"I think it's important for us to be here to support the people who have been affected by Hurricane Michael," said 2nd Lt. Justice King, officer in charge of the operation. "A big reason many of us joined the Air National Guard is to help with humanitarian missions when unexpected events like this happen."

The 116th ACW is highly trained and experienced in accomplishing these types of missions. In 2005, Airmen from the wing deployed in support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts and more recently in support of Hurricane Irma relief in September 2017 and Hurricane Matthew relief in October 2016.

"Our Airmen train consistently for these types of situations. This is part of what we do and what the Georgia Air National Guard is all about, to help the citizens of Georgia when something like this occurs," said Col. Jonathan Cox, 116th Mission Support Group commander. "Citizens in our state are in need and we have the capabilities to help relieve some of that distress."

The 116th ACW's primary missions include the E-8C Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System and domestic operations including route clearance, security, communications, and medical response during domestic emergencies like Hurricane Michael.

Georgia ANG to help provide route clearance

2nd Lt. Ronald D. Cole
116TH AIR CONTROL WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Airmen from the Georgia Air National Guard, 116th Air Control Wing, departed Oct. 12 to provide support to local authorities in Seminole County, Georgia after Hurricane Michael roared through the panhandle of Florida and Georgia.

The convoy of two route clearance packages and 23 Airmen pulled out of Robins Air Force Base carrying specialized equipment on a mission to clear debris from blocked roadways in southern Georgia. The clearing of roadways allows access for first responders and utility companies to begin caring for victims effected by the storm.

"We are sending out our route clearance package, or RCP," said Master Sgt. Joel Furlough, 116th Civil Engineering Squadron flight superintendent. "The RCP is a domestic operations kit consisting of tools, chainsaws and two Kubota skid-steer tractors with attachments designed for removing debris."

The 116th ACW is highly trained and experienced in accomplishing these types of missions. In October 2016, the wing provided route clearing after Hurricane Matthew and again in September 2017 in the wake of Hurricane Irma.

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Georgia National Guard renders emergency aid

Maj. William Carraway
GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD

DONALSONVILLE, Ga.— Georgia National Guard Soldiers and Airmen rendered emergency assistance to an elderly man in Seminole County who was without food, water and medicine since the impact of Hurricane Michael.

First Lt. Christopher Long of the Augusta-based 877th Engineer Company and Tech Sgt. Eric Glass, Tech Sgt. Lauren Swanson and Tech Sgt. Anthony McDonnell of The Warner Robins-based 116th Air Control Wing were delivering relief supplies in Seminole County when Swanson spotted the man waving from his heavily damaged house. The Soldiers and

Airmen responded providing water, food and ice. Upon further evaluation, the team determined that the man required medical attention and called 911. A medical team responded.

Brig. Gen. Randall Simmons, commander of the Georgia National Guard who was traveling forward with Soldiers and Airmen surveying the damage commended the team's life-saving actions.

“Their quick action likely saved his life as I'm not sure how much longer he could have survived without food, water and medication.”

More than 900 Georgia Guard Soldiers and Airmen from nearly 40 units are conducting missions in response to Hurricane Michael.



Bodybuilders, including Master Sgt. Shane Stewart, second from right, 60th Maintenance Squadron production superintendent, pose in July at the 2018 NPC USA Championships in Las Vegas, Nev.

Bodybuilder uses title to inspire

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

If you have biceps the size of grapefruits, you're going to want to find a good tailor.

So was the case for Master Sgt. Shane Stewart, 60th Maintenance Squadron production superintendent. As the reigning champion of the NPC USA Bodybuilding Championships Mr. USA light heavyweight division, Stewart has to buy his uniforms four sizes too big to fit

his hulking frame.

“They technically don't have to be tailored, but they look like huge tarps if I don't,” he said.

Though a brick wall of a man, Stewart's grandeur lies less in his physical size and more in how he leverages the qualities and skills it takes in becoming an effective bodybuilder to that of being an effective leader.

Enlisting in the Air Force in 1998 at just 126 pounds, Stewart's time in basic military training led him to put on nearly 30 pounds. At 155 pounds, Stewart

was still a far cry from his current weight of about 220 pounds. Even so, it was these initial gains that inspired Stewart to make his foray into bodybuilding.

“After that weight gain, I decided to start lifting weights to see if I could turn it into muscle,” said Stewart. “In 2001, I met a bodybuilder at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, and he told me I should do the upcoming bodybuilding competition. At the time, I was just lifting weights and had no idea about bodybuilding.”

Despite his hesitance toward participating in a sport he still at that time knew very little about, Stewart committed himself to training for the competition, eventually placing second in a six-man field.

“After that, I was hooked,” he said. “I competed at least one time per year after that.”

Once a year. Seventeen competitions. Countless hours spent in the gym, running, lifting and sweating. For Stewart, this simple hobby turned into a way to infuse Comprehensive Airman Fitness with athletic competition.

There's a difference between being an Airman and being a leader, he said.

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Florida Guard provides security

Staff Sgt. Aidana Baez
FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — Soldiers of Company A, 53rd Brigade Support Battalion have been assisting law enforcement at Rutherford High School, a public high school in Panama City, Florida where approximately 300 displaced residents have taken shelter following Hurricane Michael.

Hurricane Michael made landfall in the Florida panhandle on Oct. 10 and is recorded as, in terms of pressure, the third-most intense Atlantic hurricane to make landfall in the United States.

“It has been a little chaotic,” said Sgt. Fraicor Terrero, a heavy vehicle driver assigned to Company A, 53rd Brigade Support Battalion. “There are a lot of people in need.”

Terrero and his team are a part of the over 3,000 Soldier response to the relief effort. The specific mission for the team of eight is to augment law enforcement and provide security for the civilians located in the shelter.

“Basically, we are doing a show of presence,” said Terrero. “Helping out with whatever they need.”

When not performing his duties with the National Guard, Terrero is a law enforcement officer in Manatee County, Fla. His training in law enforcement has helped him during this mission.

“You learn how to handle situations and handle people,” said Terrero.

Terrero and his team arrived to the shelter early Saturday morning and have been providing security since then.

“We got here about Saturday

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Hunters chart hurricane's course

Master Sgt.
Jessica Kendziorek
403RD WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — The 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron started flying into Hurricane Michael Oct. 7 and over the next four days observed it intensify from a possible tropical depression to a Category 4 storm, which made landfall near Mexico Beach, Florida, at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 10.

“This storm started out as a low level investigation with the possibility of it reaching tropical storm status by the end of the first flight,” said Col. Robert J. Stanton, 403rd Wing vice commander and navigator who was on the mission. “We had a challenge on the first entry into the storm trying to find the center because the eye of this storm was oval shaped and roughly 30 to 40 miles long.”

Stanton said that during the next two passes into the eye, they were getting better readings because the storm



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Jessica Kendziorek

Maj. Jeremy DeHart, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron aerial reconnaissance weather officer, reviews data Oct. 10 prior to sending the data to the National Hurricane Center for Hurricane Michael, a Category 4 storm, which made landfall at Mexico Beach, Fla.

was developing throughout the course of their mission.

The track was predicted to hit the Florida Panhandle from the start. It was named

Michael Oct. 7 and was upgraded to a Category 1 hurricane by Oct. 8.

“Michael was different than others, because the

track pretty much stayed the same from day one,” said Capt. Kelsie Carpenter, 53rd WRS aerial reconnaissance
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Airmen parajump into base for first time since '60s



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Senior Airman Joshua Magbanua and Airman 1st Class Ariel Leighty

86TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Airmen from the 424th Air Base Squadron at Chièvres Air Base, Belgium welcomed Airmen from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, Oct. 4, in a way not seen in over a half century.

“It’s the first time in 51 years that we are conducting airdrop exercises at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe Airfield. In addition to the airdrop, crews will be using the newly certified assault landing zone to conduct Engine Running On-loads and Offloads,” said Maj. Tim O’Rourke, 424th ABS director of operations.

Parajumpers from Ramstein’s 435th Air Ground Operations Wing participated in the jump, conducted from C-130J

Super Hercules aircraft assigned to the 37th Airlift Squadron.

As a geographically separated unit of Ramstein’s 86th Airlift Wing, the mission of the 424th ABS is to provide airfield operations support for the Supreme Allied Commander Europe and NATO. The newly implemented drop zone provides NATO nations a training arena to practice and hone skills vital for combat readiness.

“The objective of the exercise was to demonstrate the new capability of the airfield,” O’Rourke said. “In doing so, we were able to contribute to the readiness and training for tactical airlift crews and airborne units. All of our Airmen were essential to today’s mission. Without their contributions, and the support from the local community, SHAPE, USAG-BEN-ELUX, the 86 OG, and 435 CRG, none of this would have been possible.”

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563rd RQG realigns under 355th FW

Airman Frankie D. Moore

355TH FIGHTER WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — The 563rd Rescue Group, a geographically separated unit out of Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, was realigned from the 23rd Wing to Davis-Monthan AFB’s 355th Fighter Wing Oct. 1.

The realignment brought all rescue squadrons and maintenance units that fall under the 563rd RQG, to include other geographically-separated assets located at Nellis AFB, Nevada, under the supervision of the 355th FW.

“This realignment gives us unity of command over a team that we’ve been working with for years,” said Col. Mike Drowley, 355th FW commander. “This brings us closer to a ‘One base, One boss’ concept which better helps us take care of assets on the installation.”

Thanks to this consolidation, the Air Force now has two installations with mirroring and equal capabilities. Both bases are now home to HC-130, HH-60 Pave Hawk, pararescue squadrons that provide combat

search and rescue support and A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter squadrons that provide close air support.

“This increase provides a strategic advantage for CSAR operations in the future,” said Col. Jason Pifer, 563rd Rescue Group commander.

Since its activation at Davis-Monthan AFB in 2003, the 563rd RQG has worked diligently with the 355th FW do, in part, to their closely related operations.

“The rescue community and the A-10 community have a very synergistic mission,” Drowley said. “Having them as part of our family now allows us to better care for them as an Airman team and provide them with whatever they need to get their job done more efficiently.”

As a result of their previous and ongoing working relationship, the 355th FW and 563rd RQG realignment will have very little affect on missions here.

“Because the 563rd has been a mission partner for so long, their incorporation will not have a tremendous impact on our day-to-day activities,” Drowley said.

‘Bricks in the Loop’ locks in training for Airmen

Tech. Sgt. R.J. Biermann

AIR FORCES CYBER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — As the cyber realm evolves, effects from cyberattacks are moving from the digital world to the physical one.

Just three years ago, nearly 225,000 energy customers in Ukraine woke to a powerless city after regional electrical companies were hacked and shut down by malicious Russian cyber actors. Earlier this year, the city of Atlanta had to suspend many of its services while ransomware ran rampant through government computers.

To ready the Air Force’s Cyber Protection Teams, which defend priority Department of Defense networks and systems against such malicious cyber-physical acts, the 90th Cyberspace Operations Squadron has developed an innovative new training tool.

“‘Bricks in the Loop’ helps cyber Airmen conceptualize and understand the relationship between the network and physical domains in operational technology infrastructures,” said Christopher De La Rosa, 90th COS cyber modeling and simulation environments lead. “Significant differences exist between information technology and OT networks, necessitating different approaches to training our Airmen in IT and OT cyber defense.”

In other words, BIL links cyber (IT) and physical (OT) resources to afford Airmen the opportunity to see how a cyber action can effect a physical asset. Unfortunately, any cyber-physical training option using life-size training assets would be too costly to create, so current options are predominantly virtual-based, according to De La Rosa.

To remedy this, his team created a



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. R.J. Biermann

The “Bricks in the Loop” cyber-physical training platform at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, helps 90th Cyberspace Operations Squadron members ready the Air Force’s Cyber Protection Teams. The CPTs defend priority Department of Defense networks and systems against malicious cyber-physical acts.

scaled, physical training environment made of toy, plastic bricks purchased off the shelf. They combined this with an IT network built from open source or low-cost, and easy-to-use software options. The build cost less than \$4,000 and took only four months.

The “loop” serves as a simulated Air

Force installation with assets such as a fire station, police station, airport, airport passenger terminal, jets, tanker trucks and other vehicles. Many of these elements can purposefully be hacked and made to light up, move forward or backward, spin, alarm or stop working all together, all to alert the trainee

a cyber action has taken place. The toy bricks are built on 15x15 inch tiles so they can be easily transported and rebuilt to support on-demand training or to model service-level exercises.

“The look and functionality of the

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US, NATO firefighters forge through flames



A Latvian air force firefighter extinguishes a fire during a U.S. Air Forces in Europe NATO Firefighter Partnership training course Oct. 10 at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. The course enabled NATO allies to train together using NATO crash and fire procedures in a simulated environment.

Senior Airman Devin M. Rumbaugh
86TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — U.S. Air Forces in Europe Fire Academy members, assigned to the 435th Construction and Training Squadron, hosted a burn training during a USAFE NATO Firefighter Partnership course, Oct. 5, on Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

“The participants did extremely well,” said 1st Lt. Justin Domingo, 435th Contingency Response Support Squadron air advisor. “Most participants are already experienced firefighters so they generally have no issues.”

This training enhances interoperability with Latvian and Lithuanian air forces firefighters and ensures all forces are qualified, trained, and knowledgeable rescue personnel.

“This is the third firefighting training course this year that we’ve hosted,” Domingo said. “We look forward to continuing these events in order to maintain the relationships we’ve built while developing our goal of NATO interoperability.”

Approximately 20 NATO firefighters participated in the five-day course focused on crash and fire procedure familiarization, enabling partner nations to work together in any situation.

“The NATO allies are always ready for a challenge and bring a lot of motivation and energy to every situation whether it’s just a classroom discussion or hands-on training,” said Staff Sgt. Germane White, 435th CTS fire rescue and contingency training instructor.

Students learned firefighting tactics such as nozzle operations, hose advancement, forcible entry, search and rescue operations, and confined space rescue.

“I feel honored to be an instructor for our NATO allies. They bring so much to the table and its monumental being able to instruct and help them with certain tactics they may not be familiar with.”

U.S. aircraft are present throughout Europe and at any given time an emergency can arise. By conducting this training, the instructors are prepping NATO allies for contingency operations and humanitarian missions.

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Hiring program targets efficiency

Marisa Alia-Novobilski
AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — A two-year pilot program to test strategies to improve Air Force civilian hiring will begin Oct. 28.

Air Force Personnel Center operating locations at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, Robins AFB, Ga., Tinker AFB, Okla., and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio that provide Air Force Materiel Command personnel support will realign to AFMC, creating opportunities to test innovative strategies for processing of civilian personnel actions. The ultimate goal is to improve civilian hiring timeliness and throughput across the Air Force.

“This transition will provide AFMC the opportunity to execute enterprise-wide solutions for our civilian hiring challenges,” said Maj. Gen. Andrew Toth, Air Force Personnel



U.S. Air Force photo/Loreen Deer

Attendees learn about the work and mission of various directorates across the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center on Oct. 3 at the annual Newcomers Expo. A two-year pilot program to test strategies to improve the Air Force civilian hiring process will begin Oct. 28.

Center commander.

The transition of governance authority from AFPC to AFMC will appear

seamless to personnel customers of each of the operating locations who will continue to receive staffing

and classification support from the same individuals who currently service them
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Cyber Airmen help fuel innovation

Paul Shirk
55TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, Neb. — Cyber Airmen assigned to the 557th Weather Wing recently teamed with the Defense Innovation Unit program to improve how airborne tankers’ scheduling.

The changes are the direct result of a March 8, memo from Gen. Mike Holmes, Air Combat Command commander, in which he stated, “bringing the future faster requires both expanding our culture of innovation and balancing prudent risk acceptance with agile reaction.”

That is the goal of the Defense Innovation Unit where members of the military partner with companies that specialize in fields such as artificial intelligence and information technology, to find new solutions to complex problems. DIU used to be known as DIUx, the ‘experimental’ part of the acronym was dropped due to the success of the program.

Senior Airman Erik Tatro, a 2nd System Operations Squadron alphanumeric collections technician, and Senior Airman Wayne Maung, a 16th Weather Squadron computer systems programmer, both worked on Project Jigsaw, with the goal of to optimizingthe efficiency of scheduling airborne tankers.

In these programs, Airmen go on temporary duty for six month assignments, collaborating with programmers in places like Silicon Valley, Boston and Chicago. Part of the secret to their success is rooted in how the teams work together.

“Here we use a balanced team,” Johnson said. “We have engineers, projects managers and designers all sitting together and sharing ownership of each project. I think this is

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Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Daniel Kirwa, 6th Medical Operations Support Squadron aerospace medical technician, crosses the finish line in first place Sept. 15 during the Air Force half marathon race held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Kirwa finished with a time of 1 hour, 12 minutes and 5 seconds.

Running routine for Airman

Airman 1st Class Caleb Nunez
6TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The alarm screams 4:30 a.m., cuing the start of a humid 8-mile run. Afterward, it’s a mad dash to get ready for the work day. Then, back home to a rewarding warm-up mile alongside the kids prior to another heart-pounding 8-mile run. Finally, rest like a champion and repeat.

This is life for the Air Force’s fastest runner.

Airman 1st Class Daniel Kirwa, 6th Medical Operations Squadron aerospace medical technician, placed first Sept. 15 in the Air Force half marathon with a time of 1 hour, 12 minutes and 5 seconds.

“I ran every single day for the last three months without taking a day off,” Kirwa said. “When the race started, I just took off and no one followed me.”

This win was nearly 30 years in the making, as Kirwa found his love for the sport during his childhood commutes to school while growing up in Burnt

Forest, Kenya.

“In the beginning, we used to walk,” he said. “By the time we were in fourth grade, we were running.”

Day in and day out, Kirwa and his fellow classmates ran three miles to school and another three back home.

“As time went by, we wanted to see who was the fastest, which started a competition,” Kirwa said. “By the time I was in seventh grade, I was really good.”

Eventually, Kirwa joined his school’s track team on top of his running commute. He ran nearly 12 miles per day.

“Fast forward to high school, one of my friends said ‘Dan, you know there are opportunities in America. You can study and run at the same time,’” Kirwa said. “That’s how I knew there were scholarships to come to the U.S.”

Once he learned of the opportunities across the world, Kirwa dedicated himself to accomplish the dream – one he would run his heart out to achieve – in hopes of better living conditions and a better future.

“I would go 17 miles to go to a cybercafé because we didn’t have computers at school in

Kenya,” Kirwa said. “Sometimes I ran, sometimes I took public transportation.”

After browsing the internet for a coach then training endlessly to secure fast enough qualifying times, Kirwa earned a full scholarship to Harding University in Arkansas. There, he won four Division II National Championship titles in various track and cross country events, received All-American honors 15 times and graduated with his bachelor’s degree in political science.

“I started running professionally after that, but I wanted to represent the U.S. in races,” Kirwa said. “I was always interested in the Air Force so I wanted to run for the Air Force while working at the same time.”

Following his enlistment and setting the basic military training record for the 1.5-mile run with a time of 7:20, Kirwa started working at MacDill, where he continues to train for another childhood goal.

“I’m trying to qualify for the Olympic trials,” Kirwa said. “You have to run below a 2:19:00 marathon, but my target is to

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‘First Man’ brings films, AF together

Staff Sgt. Victoria H. Taylor
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ARLINGTON, Va. — Since the inception of the Air Force in 1947, filmmakers, novelists and even creators of video games have wanted to tell the tales of Airmen.

The Air Force Public Affairs Entertainment Liaison office works to project and protect the image of the U.S. Air Force within the global entertainment environment.

From the storyboard to the big screen, at no cost to the government, these Airmen assist with entertainment productions with an airpower tie. The office recently participated in the filming of the major motion picture “First Man,” starring Ryan Gosling as Neil Armstrong, released Oct. 12 in theaters.

Gosling’s portrayal depicts Armstrong’s personal struggles as an X-15 test pilot stationed at Edwards Air Force Base, California, in 1961, through the moon landing in 1969. To capture the era

correctly, filmmakers worked with Airmen to provide value and accuracy on location at the Rosamond Dry Lake Bed.

The Air Force’s involvement ensures projects highlighting Airmen and the mission are plausible and realistic.

“This movie celebrates a lot of great Air Force heroes, like Ed White,” said Josh Singer, screenwriter of “First Man.” “It was important to all of us who worked on the film that we get it right and remember them and their sacrifices.”

In support of the film, production staff borrowed and restored a period-correct firetruck from the Air Force Flight Test Museum. The Air Force also delivered unclassified technological specifications, coordinated research trips and allowed the film’s art and visual effects team access to legacy X-15 aircraft models so they could meticulously and accurately render an exact replica.

“Our team was really
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CRG provides hope to Tyndall after Hurricane Michael wreaks havoc



1) Senior Airman Clinton Andrews, 821st Contingency Response Support Squadron aerial porter, offloads cargo from a Travis Air Force Base, Calif., C-17 Globemaster III Oct. 12 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Liliana Moreno
621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — On the afternoon of Oct. 10, Hurricane Michael, a Category 4 hurricane, ripped through Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, and the surrounding area, leaving severe damage through its path.

Airmen from the 821st Contingency Response Group, Travis Air Force Base, California, received the alert call the next day and within 12 hours, a small initial assessment team headed out the door via a Travis C-17 Globemaster III to assess damage to the airfield.

After surveying the damage, a C-17 from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, transported a larger contingency response element of nearly 50 Airmen. On board was also much needed equipment and supplies for the reinitiation of airflow and for the rebuilding of the base.

“Our main mission is to help restore Tyndall AFB by facilitating large support packages coming in from multiple organizations,” said Lt. Col. Troy Pierce, CRE commander.

Hurricane Michael sustained winds up to 150 mph, which significantly damaged every structure throughout the base.

“Our base requires extensive cleanup and repairs,” said Col. Brian Laidlaw, 325th Fighter Wing commander. “We need to restore basic utilities, clear our roads of trees and power lines, and assess the structural integrity of our buildings.”

In response to Tyndall’s hurricane destruction, the U.S. Air Force sourced a swift Basic Expeditionary Airfield Resources package to help restore base operations.

A BEAR package has the capability to restore and repair many Air Force assets. With the motto, “ready when called!” it is a world-class team of diverse professionals from all over the Air Force providing mission-ready equipment for global power and reach.

As supplies continue to arrive, CR Airmen are controlling the air traffic coming in from various locations, offloading the cargo and moving it to a staging area in support of Hurricane Michael relief efforts.

Pierce commented on the base-wide devastation and said the rebuilding phase will take a long time.

“It’s going to be a slow recovery, but everyone involved is up to the task,” Pierce said. “You make it better each day, and like every large challenge, I know the response teams and base will recover in time.”

“Our thoughts are with everyone affected by Hurricane Michael,” he continued. “I know it will be emotionally challenging to come home and see the base not as you left it. We are here for you and wish you the best of luck as you recover from this catastrophic event.”

Air Mobility Command equipment and personnel stand by across the nation to provide even more support upon request.

“We recognize the world is unpredictable,” said Gen. Maryanne Miller, AMC commander. “Mobility Airmen pride themselves on the ability to continuously respond to numerous, simultaneous high priority missions on short notice while maintaining support for global combatant commands.”



2) Airmen from the 821st Contingency Response Group setup tent city Oct. 12 at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The aircraft delivered a contingency response team to assess damage and establish conditions for the reinitiation of airflow, bringing much needed equipment, supplies and personnel for the rebuilding of the base in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. 3) Hurricane Michael ripped through Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., and the surrounding area, leaving severe damage through its path. 4) An Air Mobility Command C-17 from Travis sits on the flight line at Tyndall.

Puzzles

STR8TS

No. 408 Medium

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You can find more help, tips and hints at www.str8ts.com

Previous solution - Tough

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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. 408 Medium

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The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Previous solution - Easy

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9	6	8	1	4	3	2	7	5
8	1	3	2	6	5	7	9	4
2	7	4	8	1	9	5	3	6
5	9	6	4	3	7	1	8	2
1	3	2	9	5	8	6	4	7
6	8	5	3	7	4	9	2	1
7	4	9	6	2	1	8	5	3

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

For many strategies, hints and tips, visit www.sudokuwiki.org

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Retiree Corner

Mammograms urged for early detection of cancer

PENSACOLA, Fla. — October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Naval Hospital Pensacola is taking the opportunity to educate patients about the dangers of breast cancer and the importance of getting checked.

According to the American Cancer Society, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, making breast cancer the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women worldwide. Yet breast cancer also has one of the highest survival rates, largely

thanks to early detection services such as screening mammograms.

The American Cancer Society estimates that this year approximately 268,000 women and men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 41,000 will lose their life from it.

A mammogram is a low-dose x-ray procedure used to detect the early stages of breast cancer long before it can be felt and usually years before physical symptoms can manifest. If detected early, breast cancer treatment can be less invasive and more successful.

— Health.mil

60th FSS

Freebies and fun

Monster Dash 5K Fun Run. Oct. 27 at the Fitness Center. Participants must register the day of the event at 9 a.m. and the race starts at 10 a.m. Costume prizes and awards will be given to the following categories: most original, scariest, funniest, cutest, best family theme and best pet costume. All ages are welcome and the event is pet friendly. For details, call 424-2008.

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Events

Youth Halloween Town Costume Party. From 8:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 26, pre-teen ghouls and gals for children ages 9 to 12 are welcome to “trick and treat” themselves at the Youth Center’s Halloween Town Costume Party. Halloween activities and fun include games, crafts, snacks and movies. Youth Center members pay \$7, nonmembers \$10. To register, call the Youth Center at 424-5392. Sign up ends Oct. 25.

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

Chapel programs

Recurring events

Catholic
Twin Peaks Chapel

- Roman Catholic Mass: 9 a.m. and noon Sunday.
- Children’s Church: 10:15 a.m. Sunday.
- Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday or upon appointment.
- Infant Baptism Prep Class: Two classes. Registration required. 6 to 7 p.m., 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.

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Harvest Chili Throwdown. Noon to 2 p.m. Oct. 20. Join for delicious fun from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Travis Harvest Fest on nearby the Base Chapel parking lot. The chili contest will have a fall twist – contestants must use a harvest vegetable and spice in their chili. To participate, FSS Harvest

Festival, forms must be sent to marketing@TravisFSS.com by 3 p.m. Oct. 12. For more information, visit TravisFSS.com.

Kid Fest. 10 a.m.to 3 p.m. Oct. 20, Andrews Park, 614 E. Monte Vista Ave., Vacaville. www.facebook.com/vacavillekidfest.

Sunday at DGMC Medical Center Chapel.

- For all other inquiries, 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. Tuesdays followed at 7 p.m. by Bible study.

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

Recurring

Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

To report a crime, get a foreign travel brief 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.

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Air Force Sergeants Association “Walter E. Scott” Chapter 1320. General membership meetings are at 2 p.m. the second Friday of every month at Wingman’s in the Delta Breeze Club. For more information, contact

Senior Master Sgt. Angell Nichols or Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Linden de Romero.

Airmen’s Attic. The Airmen’s Attic is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday. 560 Hickam Ave. For more information, call 707-424-8740 or visit the Facebook page “The Attic at Travis AFB.”

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group. Meetings take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the diabetic education classroom on the first floor in Internal Medicine at David Grant USAF Medical Center. For more information, call 707-423-7227.

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

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.

Civilian Health Promotion Services. Will perform free wellness screenings from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. every Monday for all DoD federal civilians. Screenings include cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and body composition analysis. For more information, visit www.AFMWellness.com or contact CHPS at 707-424-CHPS or CHPSTravis@foh.hhs.gov.

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.

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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.”

Family Advocacy Parent/Child play groups. Toddlers to the Max play group 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 play group 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 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 travspocombatpdsd@gmail.com.

Government no-fee passports. All submissions of applications for government no-fee passports must now include: 1) A photocopy of Military Identification Card front and back; 2) Passport photo taken in the past six months; 3) Supporting document(s), proof of U.S. citizenship certified copy with state or county seal, if it involved a name change submit a court order or marriage certificate. Passport application cannot be handwritten and printed back to back and must be completed online with 2D barcode at website <https://pdtform.state.gov> and/or <https://travel.state.gov>. For more information, call 707-424-5324.

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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 Michaelis at 707-427-2573 or Cal Gitsham at 707-425-0060.

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.

News Notes

Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony. 2 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Base Theater. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Stanley Siaoisi at 424-4556.

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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.

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



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

Today
• 6:30 p.m. “The House With a Clock in its Wall” (PG)
• 9 p.m. “The Predator” (R)
Saturday
• 5 p.m. “Alpha” (PG-13, after Chapel Block Party, special screening)
• 8 p.m. “White Boy Rick” (R)
Sunday
• 2 p.m. “Venom” (PG-13)

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.

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 Dunniway, 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 Farmers Market. 4 p.m. Thursdays, through October, First Street between B and D streets. 745-9791.

FEARfilled Haunted Hotel. 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 19-20, 26-27, 30-31, 1795 Pennsylvania Ave., Fairfield. www.skreamz.com.

Ghost Walk, Benicia. 8 p.m. Oct. 19-20 and 26-27, depart from 90 First St. 745-9791.

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.suisunwater-front.com.

Harbor Arts Center. Laugh Out Loud: Cancer Can’t Win, 5 p.m. Oct. 27, Gaslighters Theatrical Company’s Halloween Mash Bash, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27, 3 p.m. Oct. 28, 720 Main St., Suisun City. www.suisunharborthheater.org.

Haunted Depot. 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 19-20, 26-27 and 31, 90 First St., Benicia. www.beniciamainstreet.org.

Nightmare Island. 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 1-20, 26-28, Oct. 31, Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve, 167 O’Hara Court and Azure Drive, Vallejo. www.nightmareislandvallejo.com.

THE FLIP SIDE

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

Theatre Deville. Frankie and the Defenders, 8 p.m. Oct. 19; Solano Music Conservatory percussion showcase, 2 p.m. Oct. 21; Vinyl Ride, 8 p.m. Oct. 27; 308 Main St., Vacaville. www.theatredeville.com.

Vacaville Farmers Market. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 20 and 27, Creekwalk Plaza at Andrews Park, downtown Vacaville. www.facebook.com/VacavilleFarmersMarket.

Vallejo Art Walk. 5 to 10 p.m. second Friday of each month, downtown Vallejo. Free admission. www.vallejoartwalk.com.

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

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

Art exhibits

ArtPhit. Open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 726 Texas St., Fairfield. 439-3573.

Arts Benicia. “After Dark,” through Oct. 21; open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday during exhibitions, 991 Taylor St., Suite 114, Benicia. Free. 747-0130, www.artsbenicia.org.

Benicia Plein Air Gallery. JoAnn McMahon is October’s featured artist, open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, 307 First St., Benicia. 495-2940, www.beniciapleinair.com.

El Comalito Collective. “Reconstructed: A Breast Cancer Selfie & Documentation Redux,” through Oct. 27; open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, 302 Georgia St., Vallejo. www.elcomalitocollective.com.

Fairfield-Suisun Visual Arts Association Gallery. “The Mind at Play: Think About It?” through Nov. 4, open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, Solano Town Center, 1350 Travis Blvd., Suite D8, Fairfield. 688-8889, www.fvaa-arts.org.

Gallery 621. Open noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, 309 First St., Benicia. 297-6960, www.gallery621.com.

Georgia Galleria. Open 3 to 8 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 419 Georgia St., Suite 15, Vallejo. www.facebook.com/womenandminorityartistart.

Jen Tough Gallery. “Extra Crispy,” through Thursday; Zoe Cohen: Elegy

Poised

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reason I wanted this job is to travel and help people. I was part of hurricane relief efforts in the past, and when you bring a team in with water and food to help somebody that's been through devastation, it is a pretty rewarding feeling."

To some, the short notice might be an obstacle to overcome, but for the C-17 crew, it was business like usual.

"Daily, weekly we're flying all around the globe 24/7 and are ready to go at a moment's notice," said Masdon. "I think times like this is when the American people see how strong our global reach is."


The C-17, tasked to deliver the search and rescue capabilities was one of three Travis aircraft that have responded to civil authorities requests for assistance. The base also sent two Critical Care Air Transport Teams to Scott AFB, Illinois to aid in humanitarian relief operations.

Travis is used to supporting humanitarian relief operations. Last year in the wake of Hurricane Irma and then Hurricane Maria C-17s and C-5M Super Galaxy aircraft from Travis transported more than 500,000 pounds of water, Meals-Ready-to-Eat, medical supplies and search and rescue teams. The aerial port, the largest on the West coast, certified and processed the cargo for airlift, at one point processing an entire mobile air traffic control center and later a 45,000-pound generator that provided air fidelity in St. Thomas and Puerto Rico.



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Joseph Swafford

1st Lt. Courtney Roepke, 21st Airlift Squadron C-17 Globemaster III pilot, flies a C-17 Oct. 10 after departing Travis Air Force Base, Calif. The aircraft and crew departed to pick up search-and-rescue equipment as well as supplies to support civil authorities in Hurricane Michael relief efforts. The cargo will be delivered from Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., to Meridian Regional Airport, Miss.



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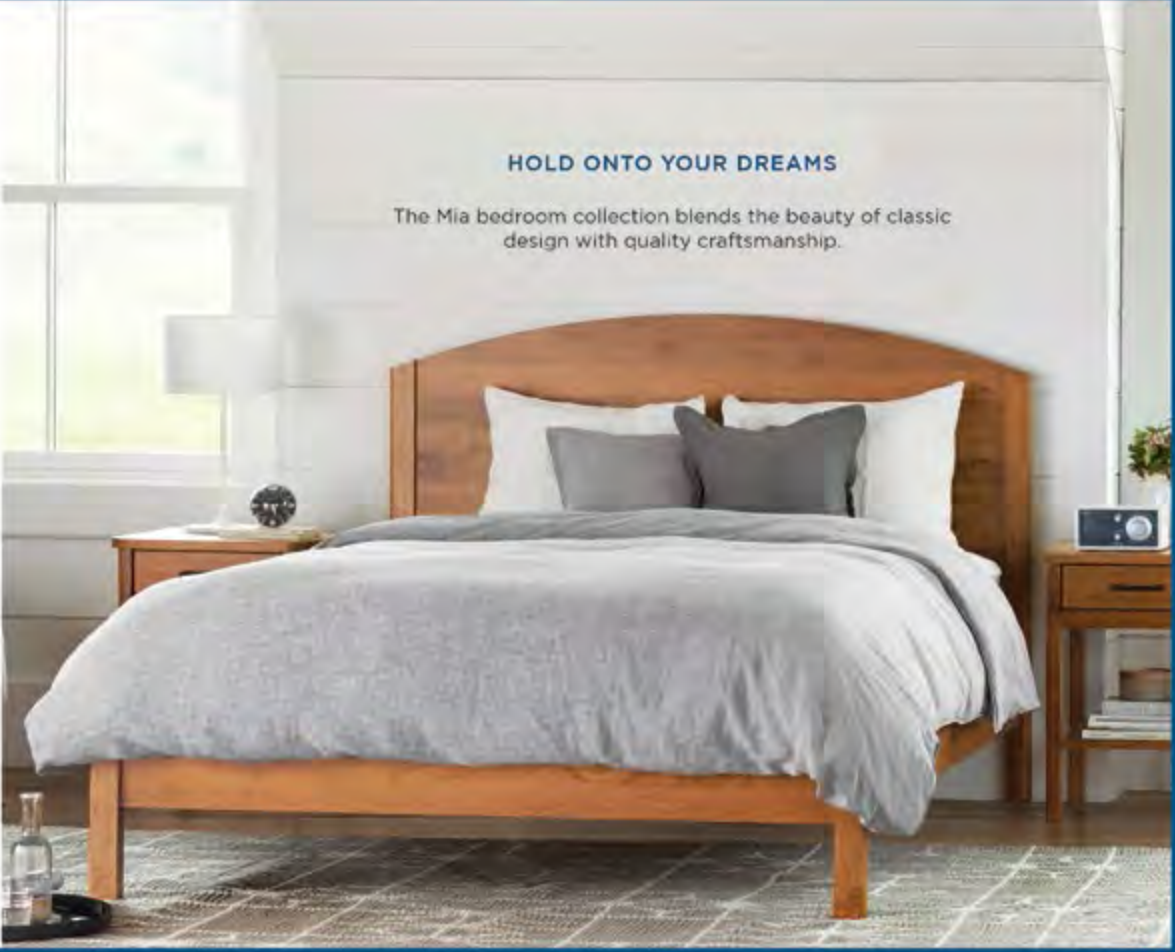
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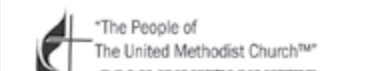
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STAROKOSTIANTYNIV AIR BASE, Ukraine — Two U.S. Airmen deployed to Starokostiantyniv Air Base for the Clear Sky 2018 exercise came to the aid of several Ukrainians following a violent car crash Oct. 13, in downtown Khmelnytskyi, about 45 minutes from the air base.

Staff Sgt. Artem Lozgachev and Staff Sgt. Yaroslav Bolotov, were exiting a restaurant after dinner when they heard tires squeal, followed by a crash.

The NCOs sprinted toward the intersection where they heard a child crying and saw a sport utility vehicle on its side with the driver trying to push it back over. They assisted the driver in safely pushing the vehicle upright and checked with all involved for injuries. Everyone was safe, including a mother, toddler, young boy and elderly Ukrainian in the other vehicle. Emergency services were called, and police arrived to make a report.

Lozgachev and Bolotov are two of approximately 60 interpreters supporting Clear Sky, most of whom are active-duty

Airmen from bases around the world. Some are part of the Air Force's formal Language Enabled Airmen Program, others, like these two, are not part of the program but speak Ukrainian or Russian, both of which are widely spoken in Ukraine.

"We couldn't do this exercise without our interpreters," said Maj. Gen. Clay Garrison, California Air National Guard commander and Clear Sky exercise director. "In fact, this is the first exercise I've done over here where we've had this kind of support, and the difference in our capabilities by having them is amazing."

Lozgachev, deployed from the 31st Civil Engineer Squadron at Aviano AB, Italy, was born in Moscow in 1988.

After his parents' divorce, when he was young, which coincided with the collapse of the Soviet Union, Lozgachev's mother decided to look for opportunities elsewhere and eventually received a visa to work in the U.S.

Around 1991, his mother moved to California, while Lozgachev stayed in Russia with relatives. In 1996, when he was 8, Lozgachev joined his mother in the U.S. where he attended grade school,

high school, some college, and eventually enlisted in the Air Force.

"In high school, I was the last person to see myself in a uniform, but after trying to juggle three jobs and school, I decided that enlisting would make a good career choice," he said. "I wanted to become a civil engineer, so I was really happy for the opportunity to be an engineer assistant, since that is the closest Air Force specialty to being a full-on civil engineer – doing construction management, drafting floorplans, blueprints, and so on."

At Clear Sky, Lozgachev has been interpreting between U.S. and Ukrainian pilots during mission briefs.

"This has been an awesome experience," he said. "Being utilized as an interpreter for the pilots allows me to be part of the focal point of this exercise, which is getting the Ukrainians up to NATO standards."

Bolotov, deployed from the 56th Communications Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, was also born in Russia. His family moved to the U.S. in 1999 when he was 9, and he grew up in Maryland before joining the Air Force about five years ago.

Innovation

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very different than at the 557th and many other software development shops where teams are often defensive and don't want to take on high risk projects because of the fear of being blamed for not meeting deadlines set by outside sources."

The other secret is how they approach software design. Working like a start-up company, they create applications that rapidly tackle one small problem at a time. This can deliver a better product faster than waiting two or three years for a complete software suite to be delivered.

Any problems discovered in the software can be more easily corrected, a small failure being preferable to correcting the shortfalls of an entire software suite. Changes requested by the customer can sometimes be delivered in just a couple days.

Prior to Jigsaw, the tanker mission planners would use whiteboards to plot out their fueling rendezvous.

"Rather than taking hours to run the calculations by hand for the hundreds of sorties scheduled each day to find a feasible plan," Tatro said. "The program logs events in order to detect and report errors in scheduling."

It didn't take long for the new software to start paying off.

"Before Jigsaw was

delivered to the tanker planners, they would be spending 8 to 12 hours a day with a team of five planning a day of tanker missions," Maung said. "Now they only need three people and it takes them 4 to 5 hours, usually done before lunch."

Since the program was put into use in April 2017, Jigsaw has saved approximately \$200,000 per day, just in fuel. There were other benefits as well.

"There's the maintenance, the parts and the people are happier," Maung said. "There's so many small effects that it's hard to take into account how much money is saved."

Beyond the savings, the Airmen in these programs also benefit by becoming stronger programmers, finding new ways to tackle problems. When they return to their units, they can share their knowledge and experience with their coworkers.

"Being on a DIUx project was incredibly informative," Tatro said. "The knowledge and expertise of those working at Pivotal Labs has helped to broaden my view of computer programming and its applications. Every day I was out there I felt that I had made a meaningful contribution by maximizing efficiency of resources through Project Jigsaw."

Jigsaw's success has led to it being rolled into a larger operation, Kessel Run, which seeks to improve the software used in air operation centers.

Running

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run under 2:15:00."

This is a goal his leadership supported from the beginning.

"He inspires us all because he's a really hard worker and highly motivated," said Staff Sgt. Matthew Siegel, a medical technician assigned to the 6th Medical Operations Squadron. "It's definitely a balancing act, but we communicate a lot and make sure he gets the support he needs."

The young school boy from

Kenya who conquered life's challenges with his own two feet and one big dream, now has a wife and two daughters who all enjoy running as much as he does.

"They give me meaning," Kirwa said. "Every morning I wake up with my family, then I go to work and I have an Air Force family. I have everything I need."

Kirwa is currently practicing to run an Olympic qualifying marathon in Berlin next year, where he hopes his dedicated training leads to a qualifying time.

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Parajump

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Leaders at the 424th ABS have been identifying ways to expand their airfield's ability to support various Army and Air Force missions and training opportunities.

When it became known that SHAPE airfield had infrastructure to support landing and drop zone operations, research was conducted to determine whether or not it was viable to establish such operations at Chievres, O'Rourke said.

A series of site surveys and risk assessments showed the capability was possible, and the landing and drop zones were soon certified for use.

The recent airdrop of 435th AGOW Airmen served as a proof of concept that Chievres can accommodate tactical airlift training, O'Rourke added.

"If we were to use the proverbial 'crawl, walk, run,' I would say we are in the walking stage," he said. "We are getting closer and closer to becoming fully operational in terms of our in-house capabilities to support expanded operations."

Lt Col Craig Lindstrom, 424th ABS commander, described the expansion of Chievres' capabilities as a collaborative effort which required ingenuity on the part of all of the squadron's mission partners. At Chievres, the U.S. Army operates the installation, while local farmers own

portions of the property with-in the perimeter of the base, including on the airfield.

Lindstrom said the location of SHAPE airfield is ideal for the use of C-130s from Ramstein AB because of the relatively short flight time and the available maneuvering airspace to conduct air-drop. The squadron's intent is to look at the airfield not merely as a transit hub, but a training arena for NATO aircrews and airborne forces to get realistic, easy-to-schedule training opportunities in the heart of Western Europe.

"We are excited to see this vision become a reality, and are hopeful it will make positive contributions to NATO training and readiness."

Bricks

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environment allows the trainee to easily translate the model to critical missions on most bases, and the potential damage that could occur from a malicious cyber-physical attack on those missions," De La Rosa said. "There are many more scenarios relevant to Air Force bases that, if disrupted, may have a critical impact on assigned missions."

In the future, the team hopes to include additional assets that will lend to more training scenarios, including fuel operations, security, water filtration, and fire alarm and suppression

systems. The team is also seeking to incorporate a remote access and control feature providing trainees the opportunity to connect from anywhere.

Training cyber Airmen isn't new to the 90th COS. In the last two years alone, the squadron has developed 110 cyber capabilities comprising real-time operations and innovation efforts, CMF support efforts, and additional supporting capabilities and enabling efforts, including BIL.

As AFCYBER Airmen continue to deliver full-spectrum global cyberspace capabilities and outcomes to the Air Force, joint force and nation, so will the 90th COS in its endeavor to keep them proficiently trained and ready.

First Man

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integrated (with Airmen) on set due to some of the explosives we used," said J.D. Schwalm, "First Man" special effects supervisor. "Anytime that we can work with the U.S. military is amazing and the help makes our vision that much easier to achieve."

According to the entertainment office, the relationship between the Air Force and Hollywood remains strong by providing script review, location scout visits, costume and research assistance on

hundreds of films and television programs such as "Sully," "Bridge of Spies," "Man of Steel," "Lone Survivor," as well as multiple "Transformers" and "Iron Man" films.

"Being involved in these productions provides the Air Force the opportunity to communicate our capabilities and values to a segment of society we may not be able to reach otherwise," said Lt. Col. Nathan Broshear, Entertainment Liaison Office director. "If we can inspire the next generation of pilots, astronauts, innovators, explorers and Airmen, then our goal of educating and informing American audiences will have been achieved."

Hiring

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today. However, the manpower and resources assigned to the AFPC operating locations will realign to AFMC.

This will provide greater control and flexibility for the command to manage enterprise personnel activities, standardize processes and metrics, and balance workloads across the operating locations to meet work-year execution goals. AFMC will still follow Air Force human resources policy and receive technical oversight from AFPC, however, they will be better positioned to identify and implement process

changes to bring forth more efficient timeliness and customer service across the enterprise.

"AFMC's overall civilian hiring times have improved over 11 percent over the last year," Toth said. "This is an opportunity for AFMC to partner with their customers to identify process changes and efficiencies that can dovetail into enterprise-wide solutions."

"The pilot program will enable us to more strategically address hiring issues across the command by expanding programs and initiatives that are working at individual centers for enterprise benefit," said John W. Snodgrass, AFMC Manpower, Personnel and Services director.



Florida National Guard Public Affairs Office photo/Staff Sgt. Aidana Baez

Sgt. Fraicor Terrero, Company A, 53rd Brigade Support Battalionheavy vehicle driver, provides security to an American Red Cross shelter Oct. 15 in Panama City, Fla.

Security

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in the middle of the night," said Spc. Thomas J. Kotvas, an ammunition specialist assigned to Company A, 53rd Brigade Support Battalion. "We got a little tour and now we are just trying

to assist law enforcement trying to keep the peace by showing presence."

Kotvas' has no previous experience with relief missions but has already learned a lot since arriving in the Panhandle.

"This is my first time getting activated and doing anything

like this, so this is all new to me," said Kotvas. "It is a really humbling experience, seeing what it is like after a disaster and what these people have to go through. So a couple days of being uncomfortable for me isn't really a big deal especially, if there are people who lost their homes."

Hunters

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weather officer, who flew into the storm on Tuesday morning. "We sent the data to the National Hurricane Center and watched it go from a Category 1 to a Category 2 storm while we were fixing the center and it appeared to be intensifying."

The 53rd WRS "Hurricane Hunters" were inside the storm as it made landfall in Florida as a Category 4.

The 53rd WRS is the only Defense Department unit that flies reconnaissance missions into severe tropical weather during the hurricane season, June 1 through Nov. 30, to gather data for the National Hurricane Center to improve their forecasts and storm warnings. In all, the squadron flew nine missions into Hurricane Michael to gather this information.

While the model forecasts have improved for tracking, Maj. Jeremy DeHart, 53rd WRS ARWO, said intensity forecasts

are tricky to predict.

"Data from our drop today indicated that it continued to strengthen right up to landfall," said DeHart. "Our last drop-sonde measured a central pressure of 919 millibars, which was lower than both Katrina and Andrew."

"This was such a powerful storm for building up in the Gulf of Mexico. It doesn't happen often that you see a storm increasing intensity while making landfall," said Lt. Col. Sean Cross, 53rd WRS pilot.

While inside the eye, the crew could see the storm surge

hitting the coastline of Florida, said Cross.

"The eyewall also looked different than others I have flown because it was like we were inside an 18-mile-wide barrel or drum, with the eyewall going straight up and down," he said.

Hurricane Michael hit the Florida Panhandle with 150 mph winds near Mexico Beach, causing massive damage.

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Bodybuilder

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"Bodybuilding is a sport where your preparation is devoted to perfecting your symmetry and proportion," he said. "As far as airmanship goes, it's that same principle of balance and care toward the four domains of CAF that can elevate an Airman who otherwise just skates by to an Airman who inspires and lifts up their peers."

He made it clear that even though bodybuilding is his own brand of motivation, the body of methods that help contribute to CAF is multi-faceted.

"Any sport that inspires people to get into shape or just live a healthier lifestyle will impact all tenets in a positive way," he said. "A strong Airman who is ready to deploy at a moment's notice and has the self-confidence to lead a team or be a productive member of a team is a win in my book."

Witness to the most recent chapter in Stewart's odyssey is one of his Airmen, Airman 1st Class Zachary Trafelet, 60th MXS fuel systems technician.

The 60th MXS has, over the years, developed and promoted brilliant leaders whose "lead from the front" philosophy have had an almost osmotic effect on its Airmen, whereby the example made by such leaders becomes a readily absorbed reference of what it is to be exceptional maintainers.

Of all the Airmen to have experienced this process, Trafelet is perhaps one of the finest testaments to it.

"Master Sgt. Stewart inspires his troops to live by the core values of the Air Force on and off the flight line," said Trafelet. "He's the leader that every early Airman expects to see when they get to their first base. His actions definitely play a part in how efficient and dedicated the Airmen under him are."

Trafelet went on to parallel Stewart's success in his Air Force career with that of his bodybuilding career.

"It's apparent that Stewart brings as much of himself to the squadron as he does to his bodybuilding meets," he said. "You figure if he's Mr. USA of bodybuilding, he's Mr. USA of Air Force maintaining, and that is a huge uniform to fill, but one he works every day to inspire his Airmen to fit."

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Knitz

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message was received and understood, and follow-up when necessary. It's an old concept, but still very relevant, or perhaps more relevant, with the oversaturation of communication modes.

The Ugly
Unfortunately, too many leaders have succumbed to

Gatica

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impacted their lives in the most profound way.
As our electronic chatter dwindled down, we said our goodbyes and exchanged updated phone numbers. The passing of my dear friend was a sobering reminder that nothing in life is guaranteed and tomorrow is not promised, that we need to make time in our

AMC

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communication capabilities in the wake of Hurricane Michael.
For the aircraft being positioned to respond in relief efforts, the 618th Air Operations Center commander said the 618th AOC has had their eyes on Michael for days, and they'll continue planning to deliver AMC's relief response as long as needed.
"Airmen from the 618th AOC have been hard at work since before Hurricane Michael even made landfall," said Col. Jimmy Canlas, 618th AOC vice commander. "These men and women coordinated with Mobility Air Forces across the U.S. to ensure safe evacuation of four bases while posturing forces at five separate locations to provide support to effected areas. We are focused on helping the victims of Hurricane Michael and this extent of coordination is something we achieve every day."
Of those requests, both Travis AFB, California, and Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington, have also supplied C-17 Globemaster III aircraft and

"the ugly." They forgot somewhere along the way that integrity and respect are core values to the Air Force and humanity in general. Sexual harassment and assault, discrimination, preferential treatment, drug use, bullying, fraud and negligence have no place in any Airman's repertoire, let alone those entrusted to lead Airmen. I strive to uphold the AF core values in my personal and professional life and I expect the same of those that work for me.

always busy lives for those that matter, that life can change in an instant and we need to live in the moment and focus on the things that truly matter. The world can be a dark place and yet men and women choose to live their lives in service to others and that is a beautiful thing.
Rest easy, Terrence. Your watch is over and your memory will live in the hearts and minds of all of us who had the privilege of calling you friend.

crews to support contingency response and search and rescue missions.
"Travis (AFB) was and continues to be ready, when called upon, to support relief operations," said Col. Jeff Nelson, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander. "Our C-17s and medical personnel were poised to depart within 12 hours of notification, ensuring federal agencies such as FEMA could provide a rapid response to assist those in need."
One aircraft crew from Travis AFB arrived Oct. 12 at Tyn-dall AFB, transporting a contingency response team who will conduct an airfield assessment, after the base sustained damage from the hurricane. Pending the results of the survey, the 821st Contingency Response Group is prepared to reopen the airfield within hours. The team will deliver a Humvee, Meals Ready to Eat, a forklift and aircraft ground equipment to assist in reestablishing aerial port capabilities.
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1) A child wears a fire helmet and enjoys the fire department's open house Oct. 13 during Fire Prevention Week at Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

The Travis fire department held a parade and open house as part of Fire Prevention Week. 2) Children line up for a bounce house obstacle course at the fire department Oct. 13 at Travis.

3) Senior Airman Joshua Sims, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, helps a child down a ladder Oct. 13 at the Fire Safety House at Travis.

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