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Exercise Home Plate ensures AMOS stays ready

Master Sgt. Nathan Tawbush
621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING
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Approximately 50 total force air mobility operations Airmen from various units across the U.S. came together at Travis Air Force Base, California, to participate in a simulated humanitarian aid and aeromedical evacuation exercise Oct. 16-23.

Throughout Exercise Home Plate, Airmen coordinated aeromedical evacuations and disaster relief airlift in response to a scenario involving a simulated earthquake and subsequent tsunami near the island of Okinawa, Japan.

“Due to the continuing need for airlift and air refueling operations, these areas are typically the focus of our exercises,” said Lt. Col. Steven Hawkins, 321st Air Mobility Operations Squadron director of operations. “In this case, we wanted to take the opportunity to focus on the training objectives for aeromedical evacuation operations.”

According to the lead planner for the exercise, aeromedical evacuation, or AE, is the rapid evacuation of the injured or ill requiring inflight medical personnel to ensure the safety of the evacuees as well as the aircrew.

“During a humanitarian response, it’s important for us to think about not only the movement of supplies but also the



U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Nathan Tawbush

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Linda Irshid, left, and Master Sgt. Jessica James, both 321st Air Mobility Operations Squadron contingency operation mission managers, prepare mission updates during exercise Home Plate Oct. 20 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Approximately 50 total force Airmen from various units across the U.S. came together to participate in the exercise.

logistical transportation of patients,” said Maj. Michelle Sanchez, 321st AMOS aeromedical evacuation team chief. “When dealing with such a large area such as the Pacific, there is much more to consider.”

The exercise required continual coordination among five specialized teams within the 321st AMOS “Mastermind” unit, whose vast array of 26 Air

Force specialty codes come together to craft a consistent logistical plan to meet air mobility needs.

“It’s a complex puzzle, and the pieces are always changing,” said Maj. Hank Goldsmith, 321st AMOS deputy air refueling team chief. “The requirements are always evolving, and we have to adjust the plan based on the latest

priorities to make the puzzle work.”

Expertise and specialties combine to mold the pieces of that puzzle, with all members of each team contributing their knowledge and expertise to how the pieces will fit.

“Airlift begins and ends with requirements,” said Staff Sgt. Hector Montoya, 321st AMOS airlift requirements planner.

“A requirement drives us to plan how we’re going to meet a need through the use of available crews, aircraft, and fuel to move passengers, cargo, and resources from where they are now to where they need to be — when they need to be there.”

Underlying the efforts of all the teams is an extensive communications infrastructure needed to maintain a single operating picture.

“Communications are the backbone to all of it,” said Senior Airman Nickolis Kemp, 321st AMOS cyber systems operator. “We ensure that the teams have the system access they need to operate in any air operations center, and that system access is always available through constant hardware updates to mirror what the AOCs are using. We maintain the servers that keep everyone connected.”

The exercise included the integration of active duty and reserve partner units, contributing to the role that each team plays in accomplishing the mission.

“This team monitors the pulse of daily mobility operations and adjusts the missions as required,” said Lt. Col. James Chongris, 321st AMOS air mobility control team chief. “When we augment an AOC, we rely on expertise from our reserve partners. It takes the whole team.”

60th APS donates pillows, blankets to shelters

Chustine Minoda
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 60th Aerial Port Squadron donated 1,000 unused pillows and blankets to the Yolo County Animal Services Shelter Oct. 29.

Prior to COVID-19, passengers flying out of Travis were provided with a pillow and a blanket. However, due to the pandemic, Air Mobility Command issued a policy stopping the service in an effort to help slow the spread of the virus. The new policy left the 60th APS with around 5,000 unused supplies for passengers that cannot be returned.

Michael Echavarria, 60th APS passenger service agent, came up with the idea of donating the pillows and blankets to local shelters.

He led the donation drive with Master Sgt. Corydon Coombs, 60th APS fleet operations section chief. Echavarria coordinated donation efforts with animal shelters in the surrounding area while Coombs coordinated the logistics.

“Team Travis and the local community have all experienced great unrest from the recent wildfires,” said Echavarria. “What better way to show animals and families in need that Travis is thinking about them and doing what we can to help?”

The 60th APS’s resourcefulness inspired other military installations on what to do with their unused supplies.

“A Senior Master Sgt. from a passenger terminal at Dover called and asked me how I accomplished getting the pillows and blankets donated,” said Echavarria. “I sent him everything that I had done. He told me that McChord is wanting to do the same thing, so he sent the information to them as well.”

There are around 4,000 more pillows and blankets left to be donated by the 60th APS. Echavarria and Coombs will be donating the remaining supplies to other local shelters in the near future.



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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Joel Santibanez, left, and Senior Airman Bryce Dupre, 60th Aerial Port Squadron fleet service journeymen, pet kittens on a donated blanket by the 60th APS Oct. 29 at the Yolo County Animal Services, Woodland, California.

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On the cover

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Christopher Waller, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technician, sets up render-safe procedures during an exercise Oct. 22 at Travis Air Force Base, California.

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WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

Name: Tech. Sgt. Logan M. Powers.	Time in service: Ten years.	daily life.
Unit: 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.	Family: Spouse, Angie Powers; children, Noah and Evelyn.	What are your hobbies? Scuba diving, sky diving, disc golf, listening to audio books and Volkswagens.
Duty title: Noncommissioned officer in charge of mobility.	What are your goals? Apply my project management degree within my job in the Air Force. Learn more leadership principles and apply them in my	What is your greatest achievement? Built a team of leaders that completely changed a unit into a powerhouse of success.
Hometown: Fort Worth, Texas.		

Travis command post goes paperless

Lan Kim

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Doing business as usual is not enough anymore.

One could say that is a common refrain to describe Airmen wanting to propose changes within their organizations, especially as Air Force leaders lean toward squadron innovation for the service's future.

The Air Force Innovation Handbook states that "successful innovative efforts start with a problem and an idea on how to solve that problem," and for one Airman, he was committed to success.

Senior Airman Isaiah Hammond, 60th Air Mobility Wing Command Post emergency actions controller, had an issue with the way command post controllers initiated checklist procedures. He felt the current procedures were inefficient, outdated and a waste of paper.

"I don't like to see paper being wasted," said Hammond. "We were printing a ton of checklists and wasting a ton of paper on things that eventually were shredded."

He described the amount of printing being done as "redundant," and if you've ever worked in an office, you can probably relate.

Controllers printed checklists, wrote notes on it, and later reprinted the checklist to rewrite their notes for a legible copy.

Or they'll retrieve a plastic sleeve-protected checklist from a 4-inch-thick binder, annotate their notes with a dry-erase marker, then reprint the checklist again to rewrite their notes.

Hammond thought to himself, "We can do this better." His command post team agreed and decided to apply for Squadron Innovation Funds—a financial resource from the Air Force allotted to squadron-level innovation initiatives—to procure electronic tablets for the purpose of digitizing their checklist procedures while cutting most, if not all, the paper involved.

The command post applied for SIF in June and was approved by the end of the month. They bought six tablets and received them in late July.

Hammond took the lead on digitizing and implementing the paperless process. During the month of August,



U.S. Air Force photo/Lan Kim

U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Isaiah Hammond, 60th Air Mobility Wing Command Post emergency actions controller, poses for a photo Sept. 17 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Hammond improved the command post's accountability process by converting 136 task checklists to PDF files and transferred the tasks' procedures onto electronic tablets.

he was able to take 136 task checklists that were originally Microsoft Word documents, convert them into PDF files, transfer them to the tablets and build the file retrieval system.

"Innovation is key in today's Air Force," said Master Sgt. Elizabeth Hauprich, 60th AMW Command Post noncommissioned officer in charge of command and control operations, echoing Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown, Jr. "Everybody has an idea, but it's all about putting that idea into motion, and that's what we did here. Hammond allowed us to, one, put the (tablets) into motion and two, to effectively accomplish the mission by saving paper and doing it quickly."

Hammond expressed how important this new time-saving process is

as a "quality-of-life improvement" that cut seconds off for controllers at their console, but he also took on this paperless endeavor for a more personal reason.

"Those seconds add up throughout the day," he said. "Seconds save lives."

And no scenario exemplifies this as clearly as an active shooter incident on base, Hammond said.

"Those seconds that you saved to get the giant voice and say, 'lock-down,' quicker if there's an active shooter—that, could stop somebody from opening their door to step outside," said Hammond.

Ultimately, it's about acting as quickly as possible to gather the correct information to notify the base so leadership can make quick decisions.

This process improves that flow of communication, Hammond explained.

"It starts with us running the checklist, so this is very important," he said. "To the people who are responding, to the people who are making the notifications, that's a world of difference, trying to get there just a little bit faster."

To ensure the command post team adjusts adequately to the new processes, the checklists would be implemented in stages, said Hauprich. The command post has two sets of primary checklists from which they incorporate into their day-to-day operations, controller basic checklists, aka CBC, and quick reaction checklists, aka QRC.

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Defender renders first aid to injured civilians

Tech. Sgt. Liliana Moreno

621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING
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On the evening of Sept. 9, Tech. Sgt. Ali Williams, 921st Contingency Response Squadron security forces assistant flight chief, witnessed a vehicle accident that left two civilians injured.

Williams was driving on Vanden Road near the train station, located about four miles from the base, when a car swerved in front of him.

"It was kind of one of those 'oh, crap!' moments," he said. "I had cars behind me, so I slightly hit the brakes, trying to avoid him."

Williams said the driver of the four-door sedan overcorrected, then fishtailed, causing the vehicle's rear side door to strike a telephone pole.

Williams immediately jumped into action, started assessing the situation and took command of the scene.

"As I was running to the scene, it got more and more real, as it seemed like something from a movie at first. It all happened so fast," he said. "It was crazy. There was smoke everywhere and the entire backseat of the car was caved."

He quickly started instructing bystanders to help out. Getting one person to dial 911, while another retrieved a first aid kit from a car.

As Williams started helping the driver and passenger out of their car, he immediately noticed a severe gash on the

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U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. David W. Carbajal

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Ali Williams, 921st Contingency Response Squadron security forces assistant flight chief, uses a radio to communicate to the security team at Geronimo Landing Zone during an exercise Jan. 17 at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Williams was the senior force protection team member for the contingency response element.

Red Ribbon Week aims to raise awareness

Timothy W. Finney

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING
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Red Ribbon Celebration brings millions of people together to raise awareness regarding the need for alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, violence prevention, early intervention and treatment services.

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An Operation Warp Speed contingent in Atlanta is working with regional coordinators on the distribution efforts for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Technology, expertise will help determine vaccine distribution

Lisa Simunaci

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ATLANTA — Ten military officers assigned to Operation Warp Speed are embedded at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to assist the allocation and distribution of COVID-19 vaccine.

Operation Warp Speed, led by the Department of Health and Human Services and DOD, employs a “whole of America” approach to develop and deliver 300 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and therapeutics to treat the virus.

More than 600 miles from Operation Warp Speed headquarters in Washington D.C., each of the Army, Navy and Air Force officers in Atlanta are teamed with a CDC regional coordinator responsible for a specific area of the country and its territories.

“The country’s existing public health infrastructure is well tested – we see evidence every fall when Americans receive the flu vaccine in large numbers. But these are not normal times,” said Army Gen. Gus Perna, Operation Warp Speed’s Chief Operating

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Mo-vember focuses on growing cancer awareness

Commentary by
Lt. Col. Winnifred Wong
 60TH MEDICAL GROUP JOINT RADIATION
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November is Men’s Cancer Awareness Month, also known as Mo-vember, when men often grow out their mustaches in support.

The month brings awareness to prostate cancer (blue ribbon) and testicular cancer (purple ribbon).

For the past three years at David Grant USAF Medical Center, the month has also been celebrated with an informational health fair within the hospital.

Turnout for these events has been quite high and well received and with the current COVID-19 pandemic, the multidisciplinary care team at DGMC wants to ensure the

event continues, but with extra safety in mind. We encourage all who are able to grow out their mustaches in support and wear blue or purple. Events this November include:

- 10 a.m. to noon, Nov. 19:

Outside of the base commissary main entrance there will be an informational table staffed by members of the multi-disciplinary team, as well as population health. They will be there promoting men’s cancer awareness, including screening, prevention, and education. Members will be wearing masks and gloves in this open air environment, and will be handing out pre-filled reusable goodie bags filled with informational and fun items.

- There will be a Men’s Cancer Awareness Virtual 5k

run/walk this year, organized by Health Promotions. Participants need only run or walk a 5k (3.1 miles) during the month of November, and submit their times and any motivational photos to Tim Stearns’ at paul.t.stearns2.civ@mail.mil. Once he receives completion verification, he will have a free goodie bag available for pick up for the first 50 people.

As prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, with one in nine American men diagnosed in his lifetime, and testicular cancer most often occurring in men in their 20s and 30s, it is imperative that men know their risk factors, signs, and symptoms. Specifically:

- Family history – any first degree relatives with prostate

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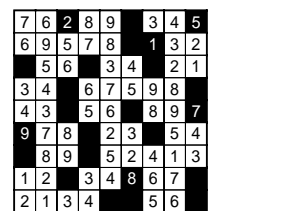
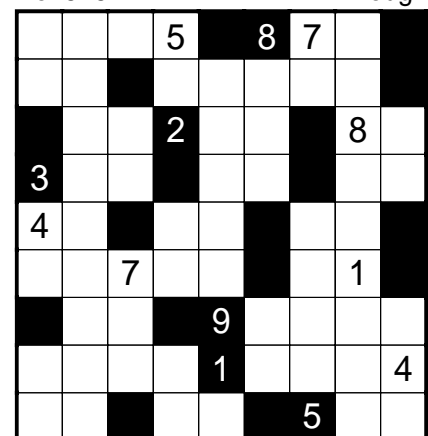
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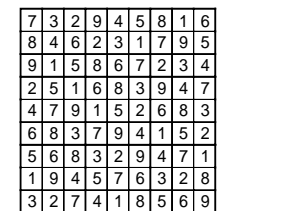
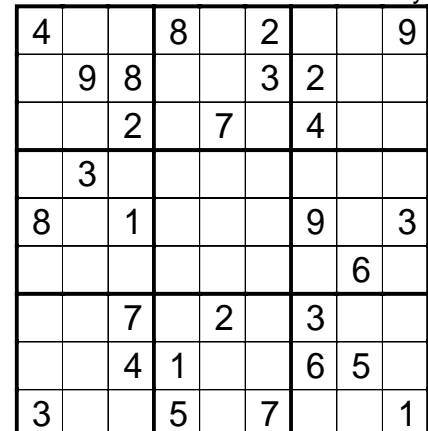


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Airmen complete FTAC



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Barrett emphasizes importance of language skills at symposium

Air Force Culture and Language Center Outreach Team

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett addressed attendees virtually for the Air Force Culture and Language Center and Air University's fifth annual Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture Symposium. During her pre-recorded remarks, Barrett thanked Air and Space Professionals for continuing to hone their skills to better the Total Force.

"On the ground or in the air, you represent a unique team of culturally savvy professionals ready to protect America and our way of life," Barrett said.

This year, AFCLC and AU hosted the annual symposium virtually due to the ongoing pandemic and Department of Defense travel restrictions. In the virtual setting, the event drew more than 2,000 Airmen, academics, and civilians worldwide. The symposium's theme, Hind-sight 2020, encouraged speakers and presenters to look at the past and examine the last 10 years of global operations and how the past shapes the future. In her speech, Barrett went into detail about the military's history regarding language and culture training.

"Language education has been embedded in the U.S. for centuries," Barrett stated. "In

line with this year's theme, it's important to look at these historic ties as force multipliers and coalition builders, and I'm excited to see how you continue to improve language, regional expertise, and culture competencies." For example, Barrett referenced that during World War I, the War Department added English language classes to wartime training camps because more than 18% of the U.S. Army was foreign-born. In World War II, the War Department developed and distributed foreign language phrasebooks for 25 languages. Today, AFCLC's 57 Expeditionary Culture Field Guides span the globe to honor our history and force ahead as coalition builders.

Female fighter pilots test new suit

1st Lt. Savannah Bray 53RD WING

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Five female fighter pilots tested a modified version of the Advanced Technology Anti-Gravity Suit Oct. 26-30.

ATAGS is a proven design and a critical life support item that protects aircrew members from the effects of high-G forces during maneuvers in fighter aircraft, but the ATAGS design, which has been in use since 2001, was developed primarily for standard men's body types. Pilots who are shorter or have smaller or hard-to-fit body types often struggle to properly adjust the G-suit to fit well due to a limited range of adjustability in the standard sizes.

Directly tasked by the secretary of the Air Force, engineers and subject matter experts at Air Force Life Cycle Management Center and AF-WERX set out to address priority shortfalls in female specific aircrew equipment and gear, to include ATAGS.

Instead of creating a new product altogether, experts determined modifications could be made to the current ATAGS design to better fit women and various body types.

The two major modifications to the ATAGS include wider lacing panels in the waist, thigh and calf, which allows the suit to be easily adjusted for different body proportions, and the option for a "darted" or tailored, custom waist that does not reduce performance of the waist bladder that inflates during high-G maneuvers.

"In the past, some pilots with a shorter torso have had issues with ATAGS that were too large riding up and causing bruising on the rib cages, while pilots who are hard-to-fit may have had one size that fits through the legs, but need a smaller size in the waist," said Charles Cruze, an AFLCMC Human Systems Division engineer. "Now, the waist can be darted up to 3.75 inches, allowing for a more custom and accurate fit, preventing both of

those issues."

To properly and safely test the ATAGS, the 85th Test and Evaluation Squadron executed nearly 20 sorties in F-16 D-model aircraft. During these test sorties, pilots conducted low- and high-G basic fighter maneuvers and specific profiles to allow for accurate evaluation of the modified ATAGS. F-16 D-models were used so that in each sortie, a pilot wearing standard ATAGS was in the aircraft to ensure safety should an issue with the modified ATAGS arise.

"For the purpose of this test, five pilots and one aircrew member tested the modified ATAGS, and evaluated it based on comfort and performance when compared to the normal ATAGS typically worn," said Sharon Rogers, 46th Test Squadron lead test engineer. "Pilots were asked to evaluate based on not only the ATAGS during high-G maneuvers, but also during regular activities like sitting, standing, walking and climbing into and out of the aircraft."

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1) U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Christopher Waller, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technician, waits for the decontamination process to begin during a wartime chemical ordnance exercise Oct. 22 at Travis Air Force Base, California. EOD Airmen are trained to detect, identify, recover, disarm, detonate and dispose of explosive ordnances. 2) U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Peck, front left, 60th CES explosive ordnance disposal team leader, evaluates Waller during a wartime chemical ordnance exercise Oct. 22 at Travis AFB.



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60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Travis Explosive Ordnance Disposal Airmen conducted exercises Oct. 22 and Oct. 28 that simulate real-world situations.

The EOD career field specializes in detecting, identifying, recovering, disarming, detonating and disposing of explosive ordnance. Conducting regular exercises better prepares them for responding to real-world missions.

“We are mandated by our (Air Force Instructions) to train a minimum of 16 hours per week,” said Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Peck, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron EOD team leader. “We currently have nine mission sets and it is crucial we maintain a high level of readiness to safely mitigate hazards associated with each one.”

It is that high level of readiness that allows the team to be awarded as the “Best EOD flight in AMC” for two years in a row.

“We pride ourselves on professionalism and hard work,” Peck said. “We train as much as we can to ensure the USAF and the EOD enterprise as a whole have highly capable assets to accomplish any mission.”



3) U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Christopher Waller, right, and Airman 1st Class Mason Choice, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal technicians, prepare a F6A robot for initial reconnaissance during a weapons of mass destruction training Oct. 28 at Travis Air Force Base, California. 4) U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Justin Coleman, 60th CES EOD technician, stands outside a shipping container during a weapons of mass destruction training Oct. 28 at Travis AFB. 5) Coleman, left, discusses the appropriate procedures to investigate a simulated suspicious package with Waller during a weapons of mass destruction training Oct. 22 at Travis AFB. 6) Choice controls the F6A robot to investigate a simulated suspicious package during a weapons of mass destruction training Oct. 28 at Travis AFB. The F6A robot is used to investigate suspicious packages from a safe distance.

1) U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Un Pak, 60th Contracting Squadron contracts manager, explains how a contract is processed and awarded during Leadership Rounds Oct. 30 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The 60th CONS allows numerous opportunities for businesses to engage with Travis AFB. The Leadership Rounds program provides 60th Air Mobility Wing leadership an opportunity to interact with Airmen and get a detailed view of each mission performed at Travis AFB. 2) A printed contract used as an example for a demonstration rests on a table in the conference room at the 60th Contracting Squadron during Leadership Rounds Oct. 30 at Travis AFB. 3) Pak and Tech. Sgt. Dorothy Burns, left center, 60th CONS contract specialist, demonstrate how a contract is processed and awarded for Col. Corey Simmons, right center, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Robert Schultz, 60th AMW command chief, during Leadership Rounds Oct. 30 at Travis AFB.



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First aid

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passenger's forehead exposing a portion of her skull.

"We need to stop the bleeding," he said. "I've done TCCC [Tactical Combat Casualty Care] and care under fire training and the biggest thing is to always stop the bleeding."

As Williams provided critical first aid to the victims, he noticed the hood of the car started to smoke heavily, so he directed both members away from the smoking car.

"We did the buddy carry with the victim across the street, about 25 yards upwind, so if anything did happen or if the car caught on fire we would be a safe distance away," he said.

After getting them both to safety, Williams continued providing first aid, treated for shock and stopped large lacerations from bleeding on both victims' heads.

His extensive training as a defender and a CR Airman helped Williams be a hero that day. And even though his selfless actions were lauded by many, he said he only did what any other person would do when faced with that situation.

"Our job is to help people," he said. "It was my duty to act. Working alongside the paramedics and police department demonstrated the importance of training and working well with a team."

Master Sgt. Chad Anderson, 921st CRS first sergeant, said Williams's actions on this day come as no surprise.

"Williams is a very sharp and dedicated Airman who has always been respectful and dedicated in taking care of his Airmen, family and the mission," he said. "I am still amazed and extremely proud of the actions he took that day to care for and possibly save the lives of complete strangers all while putting his own life in jeopardy."



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Vaccine

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Officer. "Leveraging our military planning and logistics capability and combining that with proven methods will allow existing systems to scale quickly to get the vaccine to the American people."

The military liaisons and partner regional coordinators are communicating daily with various agencies within their assigned regions to discuss how vaccines will be prioritized, packaged and shipped. Information exchanges are continuous as regions work through the special handling instructions – like cold storage – and other considerations surrounding delivery.

"Like most of America, public health professionals are working through the challenges brought on by quarantines, telework and social distancing," said Deacon Maddox, Operation Warp Speed's chief of plans, operations and analytics. "While the pandemic stresses both people and systems, our expertise and technology tools provide a disciplined and deliberate approach to prioritize vaccine delivery and ease the burden of public health officials throughout the nation."

Operation Warp Speed is using a cutting-edge data platform to collect, correlate and visualize data across the entire operation. The "Tiberius" platform is loaded with data from various sources – U.S. Census, Department of Health and Human Services, State Health Offices, and the CDC. Tiberius integrates the data related to manufacturing, clinical trials, supply chain, allocation, state and territory planning, delivery and administration of both vaccine products and kits containing needles, syringes, and other supplies needed to administer the vaccine. No personally identifiable or personal health information is contained in the Tiberius system.

All 50 states recently submitted COVID-19 distribution plans to the CDC, and the Operation Warp Speed team is involved in helping the CDC review those plans. Once the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices makes its recommendations on who should first receive the vaccine, the HHS secretary, in consultation with national leadership, will decide how to prioritize the initially limited doses. Operation Warp Speed will input these decisions into Tiberius, and using several other logistical factors, compute the quantities to be allocated to each jurisdiction.

The jurisdictions will work inside the Tiberius platform to decide where every allocated dose will go – from local doctors' offices to large medical centers. These decisions will then be sent to distributors to complete deliveries across the country.

"We still have several unknowns, but that is what the military is best at – planning for every contingency, and that is what we are helping states with now," Maddox said. "Every state is different – no two information systems are the same."

Through the Tiberius software though, Maddox said the team has visibility within one system to see a full snapshot across all U.S. jurisdictions to provide decision support for distribution and allocation using 2020 technology.

While most of the nation is eagerly anticipating the first vaccine delivery, Maddox noted the Atlanta team is looking beyond initial distribution to the hundreds of millions of doses expected in subsequent shipments.

"Timing for the first dose is the beginning, but we are going to be in continual distribution as production comes off the line daily or weekly – and it must be distributed," Maddox said.

(Crazy Hair Day), Friday: Put a Cap on Drugs (Wear a hat/cap). News and events can be followed on the Travis Elementary Face Book page. Red Ribbon prevention items were also donated to the Annual Trunk or Treat event.

Red Ribbon Week began after the kidnapping, torture and brutal murder of Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985. Camarena was working undercover in Guadalajara, Mexico for over four years. His efforts resulted in the discovery of a multimillion dollar narcotic manufacturing operation in Chihuahua, Mexico.

The successful eradication of this and other drug production operations angered leaders of several drug cartels, who sought revenge. As a result, they murdered key informants. On Feb. 7, 1985, Camarena was

kidnapped and tortured. The dramatic events that followed agent Camarena's disappearance were chronicled in the national media here at home. They exposed the dark world of drug trafficking, including how far traffickers would go to maintain power and control.

In Camarena's hometown, Calexico, California, the public outpouring of support turned into an organized community response in which citizens dawned red ribbons. They became the voice for prevention in order to reduce the demand for illegal drugs and illegal drug in America. The following year the California State PTA adopted the Red Ribbon Campaign. In 1988, Red Ribbon Week was recognized nationally with President Ronald Reagan and first lady Nancy Reagan serving as the honorary chairs.

Wong

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or testicular cancer? At what age? Any genetic testing performed? Any other cancers in the family?

- For prostate cancer: start having digital rectal exams and PSA bloodwork done every year starting at age 40

- For testicular cancer: if you feel any abnormalities in the testes (masses, pain, swelling), let your primary care doctor know immediately, as testicular cancer is highly curable when caught early.

For those diagnosed with prostate or testicular cancer, DGMC proudly offers a multi-disciplinary approach to cancer care, with urology, medical oncology, and radiation oncology, as well as nutrition services, mental health, and social services. The team meets every other week for a multi-disciplinary cancer tumor board to discuss all new cases, as well as those pending, to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated care plan is established, unique to each patient.

As Dr. Miriam Locke, chief of urology, notes, "We have a robust cancer screening program at DGMC for prostate and testicular cancers to include ultrasound and MRI technology, image guided biopsies, Space OAR and fiducial placement as needed for radiation oncology treatments, precision surgical techniques to remove as much cancer as possible and minimize trauma to normal surrounding structures, and focused follow up to ensure best outcomes."

The roles of systemic therapy and radiation therapy are also discussed within the care team, and scheduled accordingly. Dr. Claire Hiles, Joint Hematology Oncology Infusion Center staff physician, states, "We have all forms of systemic therapy available to best target these separate and unique cancer sub-types, from hormonal deprivation to chemotherapy and targeted therapy. We closely monitor our patients so that any side effects are treated quickly, and

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we monitor our patients long term to ensure quality cancer control as well as quality of life."

In regards to radiation therapy, I want to recognize that the JROC has all current technology available, including on-board imaging to verify daily treatment setup, Space OAR and prostate fiducials to decrease normal tissue dosing and assist in set up during prostate treatment, potential for shorter treatment schedules based on disease stage and age, and innovative approaches for any short term or long term side effects. We are also undergoing a \$28M full clinic remodel, to include an upgrade of both treatment machines, which will offer even more options for our amazing patients.

One such amazing patient, Terry Boland, who received his prostate cancer care at DGMC sings the praises of this multidisciplinary approach: "From the moment I walked in for my initial consult, I was walked through the entire process, which resolved all fears of the unknown, and immediately put me at ease. This level of care continued throughout my treatment course, and I can't thank the team enough!"

In short, the multi-disciplinary cancer team at DGMC wants to ensure that the Travis AFB community knows that even during the time of covid, they are highly trained and motivated to continue their men's cancer prevention and care for its members.

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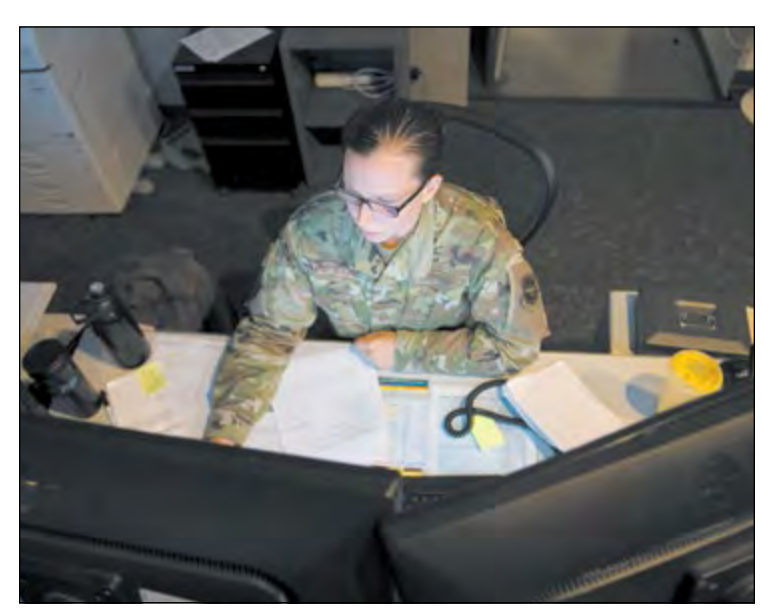
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U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Elizabeth Hauprich, 60th Air Mobility Wing Command Post noncommissioned officer in charge of command and control operations, monitors information on her computer console Sept. 17 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The command post serves as the central command point for mission operations by providing control, communications and information support to the base.

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Hauprich said they officially implemented their CBCs in October and plan to implement the QRCs in November.

Hammond will take note of how he and his team interact with the tablets throughout the implementation period, ensuring they benefit as much as possible from the paperless process and adjust along the way. Final implementation is expected to happen in December.

In line with new priorities recently announced by Gen. Jacqueline Van Ovost, Air Mobility Command commander, this process pushes Airmen to become more digitally adept and "enable the warfighter and the command to operate faster, smarter and to make better-informed decisions."

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1) U.S. Airmen with the 60th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron load medical equipment into a C-5M Super Galaxy Oct. 27 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The 60th AES conducted training in the C-5M to gain familiarity on the aircraft. The 60th AES' mission is to transport wounded Department of Defense personnel by military aircraft worldwide, and the unit currently has more than 64 members assigned to Travis AFB.

2) C-5Ms assigned to Travis AFB sit on the flight line Oct. 27. The C-5M is the largest military aircraft and is 247 feet long and 65 feet tall.

3) U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Vance Kendrick, 22nd Airlift Squadron flight engineer, supervises the opening of the front hatch on a C-5M Oct. 27 at Travis AFB. Kendrick's role when supervising is to report any mishaps that may happen when the jet opens.



60th AES trains on C-5M to keep skills ...

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