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Travis designs ramp, supports COVID evacuation

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#### **Senior Airman Jonathon Carnell** 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS Airmen from Travis AFB designed a solution to safely transport COVID-19

patients and eliminate unnecessary risk during aeromedical evacuation missions. Military AE teams are responsible for providing care for wounded and ill service members during flight. Many of these missions traverse numerous coun-

tries, oceans and at times, battle fields. Airmen at Travis AFB supported the first medical evacuation of a U.S. service member diagnosed with COVID-19 from the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility using the Transportation Isolation System July 17. The TIS is a disease containment unit that reduces the risk of exposure to medical teams and aircrew when transporting infected patients.

Prior to the success of that mission, safety hazards that could make transporting a patient on military aircraft increasingly difficult, were identified said Master Sgt. Matthew Coica, 628th Medical Support Squadron lead for TIS operations at Charleston AFB, South Carolina.

There are several rollers inside the C-17 Globemaster III and C-130 aircraft, which are often used to support AE missions, that present a stepping hazard and at times, can be slippery, Coica said.

"As you step in the TIS, there is also a three-inch gap on the lip you have to step up to," he said. "Imagine you're carrying a patient while wearing a full (hazardous material) suit. Your visibility is re- infection. Coica said. duced, as well as your dexterity and you have a 200-pound patient with an extra 100-pounds of medical equipment and you're approaching the TIS."

This situation could lead to dropping the patient who could be in critical condition and risk exposing everyone to tients easier.

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jonathon Carne U.S. Airmen load a Transportation Isolation System unit into a C-17 Globemaster III June 24 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The yellow ramp attached to the capsule allows aeromedical evacuation Airmen to safely load patients into the capsule. The 60th Maintenance Squadron's fabrication flight created the prototype of the ramp. "We fabricated the ramp out of ply-production lead. "The ramp is as wide as Airmen assigned to the 60th Main- wood in two sections connected by a the TIS and extends past the rollers so

tural maintenance fabrication flight

tenance Squadron's fabrication flight at hinge to account for the break angle AE Airmen can safely walk into it." Travis AFB designed a loading ramp for down to the floor after the last roller," days to make loading and offloading pa- Maintenance Squadron aircraft struc- AE crews with the capability to load and

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The ramp attaches to the TIS and the TIS in May over the course of seven said Tech. Sgt. Jason Kahawaiolaa, 60th lays flat on top of the rollers, providing

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#### On the cover

A military contractor uses a pavement breaker to clear out the concrete foundation outside of an aircraft hangar June 29 at Travis Air Force Base. California.

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#### TRAVIS

# **Demolition makes way for KC-46 hangar**

Personnel at Travis Air Force Base started the demolition of five buildings to make way for a new three-bay maintenance hangar which will be used for the incoming KC-46A Pegasus aircraft.

The project, which was delayed in March due to COVID-19 mitigation measures, is projected to be completed in February 2023, six months ahead of the slated delivery of the first of 24 KC-46s in

The construction itself is made up of many moving parts, requiring the help of several squadrons at Travis AFB, said 1st Lt. Alexander Bellows, KC-46 Program Integration Office bed-down proj-

"The 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, the 60th Operations Support Squadron, the 60th Maintenance Group and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command are all assisting in bringing this hangar to

"In order to clear the footprint for the hangar, we also had to relocate certain units from the 60th Aerial Port Squadron and the 60th and 349th Maintenance Squadrons to different facilities around base, so their cooperation has also been a big boon to the project," he said.

The KC-46 is the newest aerial refueling aircraft in the Air Force's tanker fleet. bringing with it the capability to refuel two fixed-wing aircraft simultaneously and an increased aeromedical evacua-

These enhancements will allow Travis to succeed in remaining the premier power projection platform for rapid global mobility and continue to project Amer-



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christian Conrad

A dump truck is parked inside an aircraft hangar June 29 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The U.S. Air Force contracted a construction company to work with Travis AFB personnel to demolish the hangar to make way for a new three-bay maintenance hangar that will house the base's incoming KC-46A Pegasus aircraft fleet.

hangar was on December 18, 2018, with March 2019 being the projected start of demolition, but the construction project was delayed until May 2020.

The PIO team wanted to ensure they found the right contractor to build a The initial groundbreaking for the quality product that aligns with the Air

ron engineering flight commander, who of the new three-bay hangar. joined the project last year.

Since May, the team has demolished

Force's vision of a state-of-the-art main- three buildings and has made headway tenance hangar that can last long as the on the last two. They most recently start-KC-46s it houses, said Capt. Phillip Nor- ed on the largest building, an aircraft man, 60th Civil Engineering Squad- hangar, which is the target area for much

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Name: Staff Sgt. Adam Hite.

l Init• 60th Force Support Squadron.

Duty title: Honor guard administrator.

Hometown: Temple. Texas. Time in service: 16 vears.

Family: Spouse, Natasha; children, Riley and Keegan.

What are your hobbies? Motorcycle riding, fishing, hunting and hiking.

#### What are your goals?

To complete my bachelor's degree and to become a Texas Game Warden with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

What is your greatest achievement? Mv wife and kids.



#### August 7, 2020



Airman 1st Class

raised in Clifton Forge, Virginia.

acteristics of a first sergeant.





A congregation listens to Jay Haywood, 60th Air Mobility Wing chaplain candidate, during a Protestant service July 26 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The base's chapel office started holding Catholic and Protestant religious services outside in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

# Chapel helps grapple with anxiety

#### Nick DeCicco

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Life during a global pandemic and a period of racial upheaval is challenging, but Capt. Kevin Hostettler works to help others keep vide the same level of care things in perspective.

As a chaplain with the 60th Air Mobility Wing's Chapel at Travis AFB, California, Hostettler takes a wide view, recognizing that people always come to him in need.

Hostettler said treating everyone's challenges with respect, regardless of scale, is important to him.

one person's earth-shattering perspective to another's

person's individual bag- Among the solutions is movgage is valid and needs the ing services outdoors. Cathsame level of concern. That's something that any caregiver has to get right. I have to realize that is valid and profor that human soul as I would someone that is grieving the loss of a loved one."

Uncertainty and anxiety are running high in 2020, Hostettler said.

"People are looking for hope," he said. "People are looking for some semblance of stability."

Travis' chapel services team is finding a way to ac-"It's hard to compare commodate the emotional and spiritual needs of its community while following earth-shattering operational guidelines amid

perspective," he said. "Each the coronavirus pandemic. time for introspection and olic and Protestant services take place outside of the base's two chapels on Sunday mornings.

While these are unprecedented times, there are silver linings, said Nate Johnson, the coordinator for the Airman Ministry Center that runs The Peak, a chapel-affiliated space for Airmen to build community and character while boosting their spiritual development, service to others and leadership skills. One is that the closures have allowed The Peak to complete a planned renovation without a major shutdown of the facility.

Some folks have used the

self-discovery. Others, such as volunteers of The Peak, have discovered a deeper level of camaraderie. Johnson said.

One-on-one counseling continues, too. Hostettler said the dawn of a new school year is bringing stressors for people whose children will return to brickand-mortar locations, as well as those who will participate in distance learning.

"We're seeing a larger increase in anxiety from folks about school districts," Hostettler said. "I saw somebody today who was very much hurting - afraid, confused, asking, 'How am I going to make this work with

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#### **Diamond Sharp Ouarterly Award**

#### Hannah Bethel

#### **60th Security Forces Squadron**

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Hannah Bethel is the first recipient of the new Diamond Sharp Quarterly Award. She is a 24-year-old defender, born and

Bethel joined the Air Force for travel, education and to leave her hometown. Over a three-month period, she took the initiative to make face coverings for her fellow defenders while awaiting supplies to be issued and led a team of 18 members in a food drive supporting 10.000 families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Bethel was honored to receive this award and said it encourages her to keep striving to get better. This award, which is organized by the Travis AFB First Sergeant Council, recognizes Travis Airmen at the squadron, group and wing level for significant contributions to unit, base, community and displaying the char-

# **Reservists help school children**

Senior Airman William Brugge 315TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ST. KITTS AND NEVIS — During a combined humanitarian and training mission, a C-17 Globemaster III from the 315th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, delivered educational supplies to St. Kitts and Nevis on July 25.

The mission was planned to maintain the aircrews flying readiness requirements, while also delivering school supplies to the citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis.

"I enjoy flying the Denton cargo missions because it's a real win-win scenario," said Major John Williams. Pilot with the 317th Airlift Squadron, Joint Base Charleston. "The reservists win by getting enhanced training for pilots and loadmasters so we are more proficient at our jobs, the donating organizations and the recipients win by receiving humanitarian cargo to improve people's quality of life."

The school supplies were donated by Source Relief Non-Profit Organization. The donated cargo totaled over 10,000 pounds and was valued at around \$20,000. According to Source Relief, the donating organizations, the school supplies are estimated to touch the lives of nearly 1,000 people.

"It's amazing to be able to help out manitarian aid. the people in St. Kitts and Nevis," said Chris Findlay, Founder of Source Re-



A C-17 Globemaster III from the 315th Airlift Wing, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, sits on the runway July 25 in St. Kitts and Nevis.

be able to give back to the community."

These missions are planned in advance and are major peacetime functions of the Air Force Reserve's airlift fleet. They allow for aircrews to accomplish training and readiness requirements and practicing their skills while Once delivered, the cargo will be realso being involved with delivery of hu- ceived by local outreach organizations,

in the U.S. and airlifted in conjunction that the cargo benefits the intended relief. "We have had the opportunity to with the Denton Amendment, a State cipients.

work with the people of St. Kitts and Department/USAID program that en-Nevis on multiple occasions and like to ables humanitarian charities and U.S.based nongovernmental organizations to use space available on military cargo aircraft to transport humanitarian goods to countries in need. Consequently, these missions are flown at no additional cost to the U.S. taxpayers. who then distribute the supplies. Spe-The cargo was donated by charities cial precautions are taken to ensure

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## **Event readies kids for school**



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Elizabeth Nelson, daughter of U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Brent Nelson, 60th Operations Support Squadron watch tower supervisor, selects writing utensils during Operation Homefront's "Back to School Brigade" July 25 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The event provided children of military members with supplies for the upcoming academic year. Operation Homefront is a national, nonprofit organization that offers programs and services to support military families.



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## Leadership gets look at Command Post



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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Devar Hunt, left, 60th Air Mobility Wing Command Post junior emergency actions controller, and Col. Zachery Jiron, 60th AMW vice commander, walk the perimeter of the command post building during Leadership Rounds July 31 at Travis Air Force Base, California. Command Post Airmen check the security of the building at the beginning of every shift. The Leadership Rounds program provides 60th AMW leadership an opportunity to interact with Airmen and get a detailed view of each mission performed at Travis AFB.

## Military Star cards deliver deals

### Lorraine Harris-Ortega

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

change Service is helping firsttime Military Star cardholders at Travis Air Force Base save a little extra on their back-to-

From Aug. 13-27, Military Star card shoppers will receive card. 15% off all their first-day's purchases instead of the typical 10% discount. The 15% discount will appear as a credit on the first monthly billing state-

"Signing up for a new Military Star account is already a great way to save money – even more so during this back-to-school season," said Phonda Bishop, Exchange general manager. "We hope offering this extra discount will show shoppers just how much the Military Star card can help

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

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The following Travis employees are ap- 60th Aerial Port Squadron; Jason Perkins, Grand quarters: Jean Sommer Travis AFB Commis-Maintenance Group; John Butler, Special Tactics sary; Maria Thammasen, 60th Force Support power Agency

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#### August 7, 2020

# Experiment enhances C-130's competitive edge

#### 19TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, Ark. — Chemical, bi- the air in the most efficient way ological, radiological, and nuclear analysts from the 711th Human Performance Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio recently visited the 19th Airlift Wing to conduct the first vapor purge test on a cargo plane as part of a series of experiments they will conduct on aircraft across the Department of Defense.

The vapor purge tests look to determine how long it takes for a chemical contaminant, such

amount of chemical particles in possible.

Using a custom made pump, the analyst filled a C-130J Super Hercules with methyl salicylate, a common ingredient in mint candies, and used advanced measurement tools to monitor the concentration of the chemical in the air – effectively gauging how long it takes for the aircraft's environmental control system to purge the contaminants.

introducing "We're а

Airman 1st Class Jayden Ford as tear gas, to purge itself from chemical into the aircraft then make recommendations on allows Airmen to do their jobs an aircraft as well as poten- that's a known stimulant for changes to aircrew equipment more efficiently, more effectiveused on several other experiments across the DoD," said Maj. Michael Horenziak, 711th Human Performance Wing research bioenvironmental engineer. "We try to simulate the plane coming in sometime after it comes in contact with a chemical. After filling the plane an operation in a dirty enviwith the particles, we measure how long the ECS system takes to create a safe environment inside of the aircraft for anyone learn from this will be used by onboard.

The results of the experiments will allow analysts to

vide maximum comfortability to minimize fatigue while still maintaining the highest level of safety and effectiveness.

"We are looking to understand what's going on inside an be considered obsolete, gives aircraft when a chemical weap- the DoD up-to-date informaon is involved or we try to fly ronment," said William Greer, the crew onboard - potentially 711th HPW senior CBRN ana- revolutionizing the way we fly lyst. "The information that we across all branches. the people who develop the next generation of aircrew ensembles, providing equipment that

tial best practices to reduce the nerve agents and has been and uniforms in order to pro-ly, and not suffer some of the encumbrances that come with the equipment we're wearing now." The test, which was last com-

pleted in the 1970s and 1980s with equipment that would now tion on the way the chemical particles affect the aircraft and

"The numbers from this are being measured with

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# **CCAF reveals plans**

Airman 1st Class Jackson Manske AIR UNIVERSITY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — The Community College of the Air Force announced plans for a new dein 2021.

Science in Military Technolo- rization Act of 2020," Dasinggy and Applied Sciences Man- er said. agement degree is a flexible alternative for enlisted personnel serving in Air Force specialties lacking enough formal skills training to meet current degree program requirements, said Dr. Hank Dasinger, the dean of ership/leadership-related cours-CCAF.

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## **62nd AW tests new way to train aircrews**

#### Senior Airman **Tryphena Mayhugh** 62ND AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCORD, Wash. - The 62nd Airlift Wing is conducting a trial run for a new way to train C-17 Globemaster III aircrews and keep them up to date on qualifications from July 1 to Dec. 31, here.

Maj. Nick Burke, 62nd Operations Support Squadron director of wing training, partnered with the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) to design a new training plan and is executing a small group tryout (SGTO) with the 7th Airlift

Research done by AFIT into C-17 training showed air crews have been struggling to balance training schedules with operational and administrative commitments.

"This is about preserving the sanctity of training," Burke said. "I am trying to design a program of training methodology that one, helps protect the training resources we are given and use them more efficiently, and two, clearly correlate training completed to C-17 mis-

Burke shaped his training reform based off a research paper written by Lt. Col. Sean McConville, Secretary of the Air Force acquisitions analyst, who wrote the paper while at AFIT. In his study. McConville stated under the most ideal circumstances, together McChord Field and Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, had 87 pilots short of what they needed to organize, train and equip, run administration and execute the

"There was a lot of parallels to the research and structure that McConville proposed in his research paper," Burke said. "I reached out to him to get more background and details to help



LLS Air Force photo/Senior Airman Tryphena Maybugh

U.S. Air Force Col. Brian Collins, 62nd Airlift Wing vice commander, flies a C-17 Globemaster III assigned to Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., during an air refueling training sortie July 27 near Salt Lake City, Utah. Collins flew with Airmen from the 7th Airlift Squadron, who are participating in testing a new training program for aircrews from July 1 to Dec. 31.

develop it into a trial here. gym. His study also showed flight and approach work, I was trying to capitalize on the research he did and help Air Mobility Command (AMC) in their endeavor to correlate readiness."

Training sorties generally take two days: one for planning and another to fly. In the current method. aircrew members are often pulled from the instructional period to fly operationally or for administrative duties. This means they may go into the training flight with very little idea of what is expected from them.

Training sorties themselves are also filled with a variety of unrelated training and qualification tasks. According to McConville, they are like if a high school, in one period, taught 10 minutes of algebra, five minutes of chemistry, 10 minutes of literature. 10 minutes for

that on some these flights, pi- each one of those would be lots were having to sit in the cargo compartment because there were so many on one training more effective and sortie.

"Our training sorties in the past have lacked coherence and focus," he said. "What we are trying to do is group similar skillsets together to help those training sorties to be more effective. We have used mathematical modeling that has shown our training is more efficient when we do it this way."

The current training model also makes it difficult to correlate completed training tasks and mission readiness.

Burke's plan attempts to mitigate both the correlation issue and unfocused training sorties by grouping the training into skill set-based sortie profiles. Instead of having one flight that consists of vanced skills sets," McCostudy hall and 10 minutes for instrument flight, low-level nville said. "This is about

broken up into its own training sortie. This makes the efficient, saving the aircrews about 15 percent in flight hours.

The profiles will also make it easier to see what skill sets a pilot has accomplished and therefore what missions they can fly. Instead of completing one aspect here and there required for a particular mission, all the requirements will be completed on the same sortie profile. Then, when a pilot is needed to fly an operational mission requiring certain skill sets, one would only have to see who had completed the profile or profiles that correlate to that mission.

"This isn't about overwhelming them with ad-

taking a building block approach and protecting training so we can put the necessary blocks in place for crews to be successful in the environment heralded by the national defense strategy."

The final change Burke's plan is implementing is when training sorties are due to be complete. Currently, all the training is required to be completed at the end of each semi-annual period and it is up to individual pilots to complete all their training in the time frame. Burke has formatted the new plan, so it forms a continuously rolling currency. Each profile will be due at a certain time during the period so aircrews can focus on completing that training before moving on to the next.

"The new training plan has received a lot of support from the aircrew members themselves," Burke said "We have had a few growing pains just getting used to the methodology. I think once we establish a nice routine over the next couple of weeks, I expect good things."

Capt. Shelby Foster, 7th AS pilot, participated in an air refueling training sortie under Burke's new training plan.

"I thought the training went great," Foster said. "This was my first flight under the new training. I'm really curious to see how it works with the other training profiles. I am very optimistic; I like how it gives us a good objective to focus the majority of our time on during the sortie."

Starting in October, Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, will also conduct an SGTO will the new training plan. The hope is to take lessons learned from the Mc-Chord and Charleston trials and begin another trial period in January, and eventually change the way C-17 training is conducted across AMC.

# **Airmen transport aid from Minneapolis, Niagara Falls to Nicaragua**



#### **Airman 1st Class Cameron Otte** 60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

U.S. Airmen assigned to the 22nd Airlift Squadron at Travis Air Force Base, California, delivered equipment and supplies to Managua, Nicaragua, July 26 during a Denton Program mission.

Nicaragua develop their communities," said Tech. Sgt. Ryan Padgett, 22nd AS C-5M Super Galaxy loadmaster. "The equipment we delivered included firefighting equipment, a fire truck, ambulances, furniture, sewing material, agricultural supplies and education material'

The Denton Program is an unfunded government program that allows non-government organizations to donate humanitarian aid for movement by the U.S. Air Force on training missions.

fective way to transport goods and help people, Padgett munities.' said

During the mission, the crew landed in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Niagara Falls, New York, where "Because we are still dealing with the COVID-19 they picked up equipment for Nicaragua. The mission pandemic, the fabrics we received will be prioritized would not have been successful without the help of U.S. for making masks and personal protective items to Air Force Reserve aerial porters at these locations. prevent the spread of the virus," she said.

"During this mission, the 30th Aerial Port Squad-The Denton Program allows the Air Force to enron and the 27th APS played a crucial role because hance training, build relationships with civilian orwithout them, we would have lacked the manpowganizations and cultivate goodwill among nations, er to load all of this equipment or the plan to fit it all," Padgett said. "Everyone wins," he added. Padgett said. "None of these missions happen without



1) U.S. Airmen assigned to the 30th Aerial Port Squadron, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station New York and the 22nd Airlift Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, California, move an ambulance into position inside a C-5M Super Galaxy July 25 at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York. The ambulance, along with a fire truck and supplies were flown to Nicaragua on a Denton Program mission. The C-5M is assigned to Travis AFB. 2) U.S. Airmen assigned to the 22nd AS park the emergency vehicles they delivered July 26 to Managua, Nicaragua. The aircrew delivered humanitarian aid to Nicaragua in support of the Denton Program, a transportation program that allows nongovernment organizations to donate humanitarian aid to developing countries. 3) U.S. Airmen assigned to 22nd AS unload cargo from a C-5M in support of a Denton Program mission July 26 at Managua, Nicaragua. The aircrew delivered a fire truck, ambulance, furniture, sewing material, agricultural supplies and educational material to Nicaragua. 4) U.S. Airmen assigned to the 30th APS and the 22nd AS load a fire truck inside a C-5M July 25 at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York. 5) U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Holly Witte, 30th APS air terminal operations center representative, helps secure a ramp outside a C-5M July 25 at Niagara Falls ARS. The ramp is used to load large vehicles and heavy equipment.

the aerial porters. They were so motivated and proud to be part of this mission and the service they provided was beyond exceptional."

Participating in the humanitarian mission had quite an impact on him as well, Padgett said.

"Delivering this equipment was a great opportunity for us to help the people of Nicaragua develop their "We delivered a range of items to help the people of country," he said. "By providing them with these resources, they are more likely to thrive, their economy will receive a boost which has the potential to lead to better health care, education and an overall higher standard of living.'

Amy Wiza, an executive director with Wisconsin-Nicaragua Partners of Americas, Inc. coordinated the distribution of the equipment and supplies after their arrival in Nicaragua.

"The beneficiaries of vthis shipment are the people of Nicaragua," she said. "The equipment will be used The program provides organizations with a cost-ef- to support over 1.5 million residents in various com-

Some of the materials Team Travis delivered could help save lives. Wiza added.





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equipment that's generations ahead of the equipment that was used during the original tests," Greer said. "There have been similar types of testing, but the approaches we're using here, over time," Greer said. "Longsuch as the equipment and the term we're working with othmethods we employ, are giv- er groups to develop the next ing us a much clearer picture of how the threat will affect aircrew both short- and long- the road, we think that the re-

objective for the vapor purge protective gear that would be test is to improve the way air- more functional and allow the crew across the DoD operate operator to maintain their comin chemically contaminated petitive edge."

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environments, providing the Defense Department a competitive advantage while maintaining operations around the globe.

"We hope that this test will give aircrews more flexibility with how they operate in an austere environment and allow them to fly more missions generation air fleet protection equipment. A few years down sults here will lead to the Air Officials said the end-state Force deploying new types of







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and people are hurting."

Johnson said the facility has

found new ways to provide the

same services as before. Lead-

ership courses take place in a

digital space via video confer-

Another change is a week-

ly meal, Taste at Home Tues-

day, which provided off-site,

home-cooked meals to Airmen,

evolving into Taste at Home

Takeaway on Wednesdays. Air-

men are now welcome to grab a

meal to-go since dining in is not

"It's an opportunity to get

out," Johnson said. "It's hard-

er (to connect) with everyone

Hostettler tries to remain

circumspect about the difficul-

ties. He referenced a quote by

Charles Kettering, an inventor

and businessman whose name

may ring familiar from New

York's Memorial Sloan Ketter-

ing Cancer Center, one of the

first institutes of its kind. Ket-

tering said. "Problems are the

have changed, too.

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U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christian Co Jav Havwood. 60th Air Mobility Wing chaplain candidate, addresses a congregation July 26 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The base's chapel office started holding Catholic and Protestant religious services outside in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

me anything but trouble. Good news weakens me."

"I really like that," Hostettler said. "We aren't going to find a world without problems. We've got more than we can handle between the pandemic and race (issues). ... If I let the news dictate my attitude, I'm going to be a sourpuss. If I look at those as opportunity to develop relationships around me and share hope that I have, that's going to help me more than focusing on 'wow, that sucks.' It helps me grow if I allow it to."

Hostettler said those in need of spiritual guidance can visit either of the two chapel faciliprice of progress. Don't bring ties or call 707-424-3217.





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A loading ramp sits on the cargo floor of a C-17 Globemaster III in front of a Transportation Isolation System unit June 24 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The ramp covers rollers on a C-17 Globernaster III. allowing aeromedical evacuation Airmen to more safely load patients into the capsule.

## Ramp

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offload patients more quickly and safely.

Not only did the 60th MXS share the ramp prototype design with other Air Force bases, but they also gave one of the the safety and care for both the ramps they fabricated to the AE team and patients."

86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base, Germany

"The fabrication flight at Ramstein didn't have the resources to create the ramp," Kahawaiolaa said. "Being able to help Airmen do their jobs across the globe is an amazing feeling. Our team was able to enhance



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christian Conra Scrap metal and rubble are piled inside an aircraft hangar June 29 at

Hangar

Travis Air Force Base, California.

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"We have a good team here made up of people who are all committed to the same level of excellence we want as the staple of this project," Bellows said. "The contractors, likewise, have a calendar they reference for what work they hope to accomplish within a set time, down to the day."

All this contributes to satisfying the project's four main priorities: finish on-time, on-budget, create a quality product and ensure the safety of all the workers molition.

involved, Norman said.

"At the end of the day, this hangar represents a step forward for not just aerial refueling, but the Air Force too," Norman said. "So it's important for us to do it right. From the aircrew to the maintainers, we owe everyone who'll be working on this airframe a quality facility that'll make their jobs easier and keep them as effective as possible, and that's exactly what we're working to do."

Groundwork for the new hangar is expected to begin this fall after the completion of the de-



1) U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Wes Nesting, 321st **Air Mobility Operations** Squadron aeromedical evacuation controller, decorates his car during a master sergeant release celebration July 23 at Travis Air Force **Base, California, Travis AFB** Airmen selected for promotion to master sergeant celebrated by participating in a parade in order to adhere to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. 2) Master sergeant selects drive their cars in a parade during a promotion celebration July 23 at Travis AFB. Travis AFB. 3) U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kari Pohlschneider. 60th Operations Support Squadron superintendent of wing intelligence, stands in a photo booth during a master sergeant release celebration July 23 at Travis. The event coordinators created a photo booth for master sergeant selects and their families to take nhotos.



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