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Base begins administering vaccine



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U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Yadira Wood, 60th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron aerospace medical technician, administers the COVID-19 vaccine to Lt. Col. Joseph Sky, 60th Surgical Squadron chief of medical staff, Dec. 22, 2020, at Travis Air Force Base, California. Sky was the first person to receive the vaccine at Travis AFB. Sky joined several Airmen from the 60th Medical Group on a deployment to Southern California to assist with pandemic relief efforts. Medical personnel from the 60th Medical Group were the first to receive the vaccine at Travis AFB.

60th SFS launches small unarmed aircraft initiative

BASE, Calif. — The 60th Se- Dec. 11, 2020, at Travis Air readiness across the Air curity Forces Squadron, in Force Base. collaboration with Easy Aerial, a leading provider of autonomous drone-based monitoring solutions, launched the first automated drone-based warfighting capabilities, enperimeter security system for hance strategic deterrence

The small unarmed aircraft initiative redefines onbase perimeter security systems to potentially advance

TRAVIS AIR FORCE the United States Air Force and foster full-spectrum Force.

The drones will enhance mission effectiveness, said Master Sgt. Joshua Hicks, 60th SFS small unmanned aircraft system instructor.

- Airman 1st Class Karla Parra



Cars line up at the Candy Cane Lane drive-thru Dec. 18, 2020, at Travis Air Force Base, California. During the event, volunteers distributed 260 gift bags to Airmen and their families.

Travis hosts drive-thru Candy Cane Lane

Airman 1st Class Alexander Merchak

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TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Airmen and their families at Travis AFB drove up to receive gift bags filled with candv and ornaments Dec. 18, 2020. at the drive-thru Candy Cane Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The event featured holiday displays, festive music and a visit from Santa.

"We wanted to give Team Travis something to enjoy, especially during these weird times," said Master Sgt. William Weisenburg, 60th Force Support Squadron Airman and Family Readiness Center noncommissioned officer in charge. "This event has brought the community together to care for our families, and that's what matters."

Volunteers from eight units, dressed in holiday attire, handed out 260 gift bags during the

"Our goal was for it to be a walk thru event. Due to social distancing, we made it a drivethru," said Tech. Sgt. Mark Henry, 60th Security Forces Squadron, unit deployment Lane at Travis Air Force Base's manager and one of the event's volunteers. "You see the kids' smiles, and that's all that matters."

For one family, Candy Cane Lane was so impressive, they are already looking forward to next year's event.

"We are thankful for this event for some holiday cheer." Said Staff Sgt. Jose Roman 60th Aerial Port Squadron, here, information controller, who attended the event with his wife. Margarita Roman and their son. "It's awesome. We will be back next year."

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U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Stephanie West. 60th Aerial Port Squadron ramp operations section chief, wears a cloth face covering April 14, 2020. at Travis Air Force Base. California.



U.S. Air Force Senior Airmen Roja Burke, left and Elicana Mose, both 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle maintenance technicians, get a closer look of a Tesla Model X during a Nov. 12, 2020, tour of the Tesla Service Center in Berkeley, California. The Airmen toured the service center to evaluate and improve existing maintenance procedures and learned about Tesla's vehicle acceptance process and managing mobile repair; parts warehousing and data-basing; and the customer experience.

Travis Airmen visit Tesla, streamline processes

Airmen assigned to the Tesla, one of the most cut-60th Logistics Readiness Squadron from Travis Air Force Base partnered with Tesla here, Nov. 12, to evaluate and improve existing vehicle maintenance procedures for the installation.

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Fifteen Airmen toured the service center and learned about Tesla's vehicle acceptance process and managing mobile repair; parts warehousing and data-basing; and the customer experience.

"We're lucky to be near processes that could be ting-edge and modernized automotive companies," said Master Sgt. Jerry Voyles, 60th LRS vehicle fleet manager. "We wanted to take an opportunity to get eyes on their processes, to learn how to incorporate new technology and innovative processes in how we manage the vehicle fleet at Travis, Air Mobility Command and the Air Force."

Currently, fleet maintenance has various modernized ranging from mobile maintenance to inventory management. Some of the fleet's processes aren't set up to optimize both the customer and maintainer's time, and the vehicles downtime while getting serviced.

The next steps for LRS Vehicle Maintenance are to get existing processes audited and incorporate some of the processes learned at

Nicholas Pilch

Travis delivers medical supplies, humanitarian aid to Honduras

SOTO CONO AIR BASE, said Tech, Sgt. Rvan Padgett Honduras - Airmen from the 22nd ALS loadmaster. "We de-22nd Airlift Squadron delivered 41,420 pounds of medical supplies on 19 pallets to Honduras Nov. 11, 2020.

The Department of De- loadmasters. fense's Denton Program, based out of Joint Base Charleston, routinely delivers humanitarian aid supplies all over the world. In the last year, over 2.3 million pounds of humanitarian aid has been delivered. The deliveries are handled by airlift units across the DoD.

"These Denton flights are good for everyone involved,"

liver humanitarian supplies to civilian counterparts in various locations, this time Honduras, but we also get to train up new

The DoD supports these missions because there is no easier way to both train an aircrew and also deliver goods to those who need it.

Helping Hands for Honduras, a nongovernment organization, is distributing the medical supplies in Honduras to over 10 hospitals and clinics across Moroceli.

- Nicholas Pilch

Barrett pays visit to Travis



Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett, left, touches elbows with Sandy Person, U.S. Air Force civic leader and Travis Golden Bear, Nov. 20, 2020, at Travis Air Force Base, California. Barrett made a brief stop at the base to meet with base leadership and tour the Phoenix Spark lab and aeromedical evacuation facilities.

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60th Medical Support Squadron.

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Time in service: Seven years.

Family: Son, Kyran.

What are your goals?

Commission to become a physician assistant and travel the world.

What are your hobbies? Hiking, biking and traveling.

What is your greatest achievement?

Executed orders for \$74.000 in personal protective equipment assets for the 60th Medical Group and Team



Dr. David Loftus, NASA Ames Research Center medical officer and principal investigator of the Space Biosciences Research Branch, NASA Ames Research Center, Silicon Valley, Calif., meets with members of the 60th Medical Group at Travis Air Force Base, California, June 1, 2018. Loftus presented the first working prototype of the E-Nose Breathalyzer, a handheld device developed by NASA at a symposium at David Grant USAF Medical Center Oct. 21, 2020.

Travis hosts clinical research for NASA's new technology

BASE, Calif. - NASA representatives presented new medical diagnostic technology, the E-Nose Breathalyzer, er may one day be used to dito members of David Grant USAF Medical Center Oct. men are hosting the NASA 21, 2020, at Travis AFB.

The E-Nose breath analyzer, under development at NASA's Ames Research Center in Silicon Valley, will have the capability of analyzing compounds found within a person's breath to diagnose a battery of illnesses and abnormalities including respiratory illnesses,

explored, the breath analyzagnose cancer. Travis Airtechnology and collaborative research at the DGMC clinical investigation facility.

"The technology is designed to make rapid measurements, in less than 5 minutes, at the point of care, as a tool for monitoring the in a way that is completely non-invasive. When fully realized, the NASA E- Human exploration of space, Nose will open a new realm to the Moon and Mars, will

TRAVIS AIR FORCE infectious diseases and car- of medical care to both the diovascular conditions. As warfighter and potential the science continues to be space travelers," said Dr. David Loftus, Space Biosciences Research Branch, NASA Ames Research Center biological studies researcher.

"The technology itself is handheld," Loftus said. "This makes it valuable not only to the U.S. Air Force during aeromedical evacuation, but also to NASA, health of astronauts far from medical centers on Earth. YSis.

agnostics technologies that can be ruggedized for field use. The Air Force and other branches of the military share this requirement."

The future of the relationship between DGMC and NASA looks bright, with plans for future collaborative medical research between the two institutions currently in talks, particularly in the fields of nutritional medicine and blood anal-

> — Senior Airman **Chrisitan Conrad**

Civic leader captures honor

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - Sandy Person, U.S. Air Force civic leader and Travis Golden Bear, received the Tampa Bay Trophy Oct. 22, 2020, at Travis Air Force Base, California.

The award was presented by the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, which recognizes distinguished civic leaders who go above and beyond to serve the military community.

"Winning this award is an incredible honor," Person said. "I'm so inspired to be part of such an amazing group of individuals who dedicate, sacrifice, and give their lives to serve the men and women of the Air Force."

As an Air Force civic leader. Person works alongside the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, which allowed her to shine light on numerous community-support issues to enhance military families' quality of life. Her contributions improved affordable housing, military spouse license reciprocity between states and quality education for frequently transferring military families as well as a host of other topics affecting Airmen and their families.

- Airman 1st Class Karla Parra

Base donates pillows, blankets

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - The 60th Aerial Port Squadron from Travis Air Force Base donated 1,000 unused pillows and blankets to the Yolo County Animal Services Shelter Oct. 29, 2020.

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.

- Chustine Minoda

AMC leaders aid innovation in Travis visit

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - The Air Mobility Command commander and command chief visited Travis Air Force Base, California, Aug. 30 through Sept. 2, 2020.

This was the first stop for Gen. Jacqueline Van Ovost, AMC commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Brian Kruzelnick, AMC command chief, in a series of base visits to learn from mobility Airmen about successes and challenges across the command.

Van Ovost, formerly the vice commander of Travis AFB's U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center, knows how valuable Travis and its Airmen are to the Air Force.

"We've come so far in allowing Airmen to innovate and think about the future." Van Ovost said. "That's evident in Travis' Phoenix Spark cell. What Travis has there is amazing, and it's not only four or five Airmen there—it's a total force team helping each other achieve great things. Travis proves that if you empower cy tour was steeped in, though, your Airmen, and give them is a Travis hallmark: innovathe time to think about how to tion. better accomplish the mission, they want to do that: they want



U.S. Air Force Gen. Jacqueline Van Ovost, right, Air Mobility Command commander, and Staff Sgt. Kate Voitko, 921st Contingency Response Squadron ramp coordinator, prepare to ride in a RZR during a tour of the global readiness deployment center at Travis Air Force Base, California, Sept. 1, 2020. A RZR is a light tactical offroad vehicle. Van Ovost met with all three wings during her visit.

to use their unique talents to make things better."

During the visit, Van Ovost and Kruzelnick spent time with various agencies across all three wings assigned to Travis AFB. One idea that each agen-

Christian Conrad 811 upgrades.

Foam system

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – The installation of a new foam fire suppression system, which is designed to protect U.S. Air Force assets, was the final **– Senior Airman** renovation in a series of Hangar

The new fire suppression system replaced the hangar's original Aqueous Film Forming Foam system.

Hangar 811 normally serves as a place for aircraft cleaning and maintenance for Trathan \$7 trillion.

"After almost two years of refurbishing Hangar 811, installing this fire suppression system

was the last step we needed before we could get the hangar back from contracting," said Master Sgt. David Ellestad, 60th Main-

tenance Group hangar manager. The new high expansion foam is less toxic than the older foam fire suppression system and

doesn't corrode aircraft.

- Senior Airman Cameron Otte

Travis brings aid to partners

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE Calif. - Travis Air Force Base crews were involved in a September 2020 mission to bring humanitarian aid to some of America's partner nations in the Western hemisphere.

A C-5M Super Galaxy aircrew from the 22nd Airlift Squadron delivered 49.000 pounds of humanitarian aid to Guatemala Sept. 18, 2020.

The C-5M carried 21 pallets holding food, water and school furniture supplies.

Via the Denton Program, a Department of Defense transportation program that moves humanitarian cargo to developing nations. Travis crews helped bring three donated firefighting vehicles and four pallets convis' fleet, which is valued at more taining firefighting cargo Sept. 22, 2020, to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Ryan Girouex, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, center, extinguishes a fire on a shed Aug. 20. 2020. on Soaring Eagle Trail in Vacaville, California, The 60th CES loaned 28 personnel and five trucks to aid in the fight against the LNU Lightning Complex Fire, a cluster of fires that forced tens of thousands of people to evacuate their homes, including Travis Air Force Base.

Firefighters battle nearby blazes

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Airmen from California, as the result of a the 60th Civil Engineer Squad-lightning storm and quickly ron responded to the LNU spread through the area to Va-Lightning Complex Fire to sup- caville and Fairfield - both of port the Vacaville Fire Protec- which border Travis AFB. Tens tion District's firefighting ef- of thousands were forced to fort, Aug. 19, 2020.

The fire started in Napa,

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evacuate their homes in Napa and Solano counties through the duration of the day.

In the early hours of Aug. 19, 2020, Travis AFB initially dispatched a four-man crew to the Cherry Glenn area to safeguard homes. Over the course of next 48 hours, the base dispatched 28 firefighters with Beale AFB contributing an additional eight firefighters, four from a specialty wildfire unit. The 36 firefighters were dispatched to 10 locations.

- Nicholas Pilch

Fire forces flights, fleeing from base

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Col. Corey Simmons, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, gave a mandatory evacuation order Aug. 19 in response to the LNU Lightning Complex Fire near Fairfield and Vacaville, California, out of an abundance of caution for Team Travis Airmen and families.

The base temporarily moved Base San Antonio-Lackland, can people.

Texas; its KC-10s to Fairchild AFB, Washington; and its C-17s to Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Washington. Travis Airmen evacuated nearly 30 aircraft from the base. The fleet returned to Travis AFB between Aug. 22-23, 2020.

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Airmen deliver to Indonesia

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - A C-17 Globemaster III manned by an aircrew from the 21st Airlift Squadron departed Travis Air Force Base Aug. 28, 2020, venturing on a four-day mission to deliver 500 ventilators to Jakarta, Indonesia.

At President Donald Trump's direction, the United States Agency for International Development shipped ventilators to dozens of countries to assist our partner nations in combating COVID-19. The United States commit-

ted to donating 1,000 ventilators to Indonesia, and USAID The order was lifted Aug. 21. partnered with the Department of Defense to deliver 500 its C-5Ms to Kelly Field at Joint of those on behalf of the Ameri-

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has the possibility to save an individual's life," said Maj. Roger Gates, 21st Airlift Squadron instructor pilot. "These 500 may end up (saving) 1,000 or 10,000 people by the time we're actually able to get a vaccine."

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Patient transport system aids in fight against virus

ly Pressurized Conex, is the

"Each one of those machines

- Senior Airman **Jonathon Carnell**

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Travis Air Force Base gained a new isolated containment chamber Aug. 5 that can safely transport up to 24 walking patients, or eight patients on a stretcher with infectious diseases, such as the novel coronavirus, aboard an aircraft.

The unit, called a Negative-



Ventilators sit in a storage warehouse Aug. 27, 2020, at Travis Air Force Base, California. USAID partnered with the Department of Defense to ship 500 ventilators to Indonesia to assist in combating COVID-19.

first two already at Joint Base accommodate combinations of Charleston, South Carolina and Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

The NPC replaced the Transport Isolation Systems due to a MC/WNU NPC deputy program greater capacity of transport- manager. ing up to 30 aircraft passengers

third one of its kind, with the and multiple configurations to ambulatory and litter patients. as dictated by the mission, said 1st Lt. Donald Wiegner, AFLC-

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Travis welcomes new base commander



U.S. Air Force Col. Corey Simmons, 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, renders a salute during the playing of the national anthem at a change of command ceremony July 17, 2020, at Travis Air Force Base, California. Simmons took leadership of the base and the wing from Col. Jeff Nelson, who moved on to the Pentagon for his next assignment.

Preparations start for new hangar

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

The project, which was delayed in March due to COV-ID-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 August

The construction itself is made up of many moving parts, requiring the help of several squadrons at Travis AFB,



A military contractor uses a pavement breaker to clear concrete foundation outside of an aircraft hangar June 29, 2020 at Travis Air Force Base, California.

KC-46 Program Integration Office bed-down project manager.

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 evacuation capacity.

These enhancements will allow Travis to succeed in resaid 1st Lt. Alexander Bellows, maining the premier power 1, 2020.

projection platform for rapid time, anywhere.

The initial groundbreaking for the hangar was on December 18, 2018, with March 2019 being the projected start of demolition, but the construction project was delayed until May

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Base reopens after closure

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - The 60th Air Mobility Wing commander implemented phase two of a three-phase approach to resurrounding the base. open the base beginning June

Col. Jeffrey W. Nelson, 60th global mobility and continue to AMW commander, also deproject American power any- creased the base's Health Protection Condition to BRAVO to continue protecting Team Travis while allowing some base services and facilities to re-

> "I am incredibly appreciative of our Airmen, civilian employees, contractors, retirees and family members being so patient and flexible during this unprecedented time," Nelson said.

Nelson placed the base in Health Protection Condition Charlie on March 18, 2020, restricted gatherings on base to less than 10 people and limited active-duty Airmen to traveling no more than 150 miles due to the growing spread of COVID-19 in the communities

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Reserve wing adjusts to COVID

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TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — While training for an Air Force Reserve mission is typically conducted at home station or military bases around the world, the 349th Air Mobility Wing stepped into cyberspace to conduct its first virtual Unit Training Assembly for its Reserve Citizen Airmen May 16-17, 2020.

In line with guidance from the Department of Defense all the way to local government, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitated a conversion to a virtual UTA. 349th AMW leadership rescheduled the April UTA to a date later this summer. But as shelterin-place guidelines continued to be extended, it was important for the wing to look at other methods of operating.

"These are unprecedented times for us," said Col. Charles Metzgar, acting 349th AMW commander. "We need to balance the needs and safety of our Airmen with readiness requirements and our ability to accomplish the mission."

- Senior Master Sgt. **Rachel Martinez**

'Black Letter' flight achieved

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - The 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron launched a 'Black Letter' aircraft July 13, 2020, at Travis Air Force Base, California.

The KC-10 Extender was signed-off for flight with zero discrepancies or scheduled delayed modifications due, awarding it the status of a 'Black Letter' aircraft.

The phrase black -letter flight or aircraft stems from the maintenance forms. When there is a discrepancy or scheduled inspection, it is denoted with an x, a dash or a forward slash in red ink. Zero discrepancies or scheduled inspections means zero red ink, deeming the status of the aircraft 'Black Letter.'

> - Senior Airman Jonathon Carnell

Airmen innovate PPE to fight against virus

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Team Travis Airmen prototyped personal protective equipment April 17, 2020, to help base medics safely treat and transport potential coronavirus patients.

Members of the 60th Medical Group emergency department at David Grant USAF Medical Center joined forces with the 60th Maintenance and the 60th Operations Support Squadrons, all here. to develop an isolation pod and an intubation protection box.

An isolation pod includes an enclosed gurney, a wheeled stretcher medics use to transport hospital patients.

- Senior Airman Jonathon Carnell

A intubation protection box, a portable transparent box that serves as a physical barrier between health care professionals and patients, limiting airborne More than 1K masks pathogens to the confines of the box.

"These products have functionality not only for the coronavirus pandemic, but also for any airborne illnesses we could encounter in the future." said Tech. Sgt. James Martin, 60th MDG emergency department shift leader.

Designing the isolation pod and the intubation box was a team effort and had its challenges, said Capt. Gabrial Marcus, 60th MXG maintenance operations officer.

Producing the intubation box took eight days and the isolation pod required 10 days.

Travis spouses make

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Two Travis Air Force Base, California residents. Danielle Lee Loera and Jenn Taylor, combined to make more than 1,000 face masks for members of the Travis Air Force Base, California, community at the outset of the COVID-19 outbreak in April 2020.

One of Taylor's first requests came from Tech. Sgt. Rvan Padgett, a 22nd Airlift Squadron unit technician, who asked for 12 masks within 48 hours before his unit went on a mission to Germany.

"At the time, it felt very daunting," Taylor said.

Days later, when Padgett and his fellow Airmen were in Germany, where masks were required, he sent Taylor a group photo of everyone donning her face coverings.

Loera, who had made more than 900 masks through the end of May, made masks that allowed lip reading. The high school she attended was the only one in its district for those who are deaf or partially deaf, said Loera, who also studied American Sign Language. Helping the hearing impaired is an issue she takes to heart.

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Loera and Taylor are both spouses of Travis Airmen.

- Nick DeCicco

Travis designs ramp for TIS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - Airmen from Travis Air Force Base 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 countries, 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.

> - Senior Airman Jonathon Carnell



U.S. Air Force Capt. Christine Aye, 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse, secures equipment in a C-17 Globemaster III June 3, 2020, at Travis Air Force Base, California. The 43d Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron inactivated June 9, 2020, at Pope Army Airfield, North Carolina, before moving to Travis AFB as the 60th AES, which was activated the same day.

Travis gains new AES, medical evac capabilities TRAVIS AIR FORCE which falls under Travis'

BASE, Calif. - The 60th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron stood up during Base, California.

Col. Suzie Dietz took command of the new squadron,

60th Operations Group.

The 60th AES' mission is to transport wounded Dean activation ceremony June partment of Defense per- lina, before moving to Tra-9, 2020, at Travis Air Force sonnel by military aircraft vis Air Force Base as the rently has about 64 members assigned to Travis.

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Evacuation Squadron inactivated June 9, 2020, at Pope Army Airfield, North Caroworldwide, and the unit cur- 60th AES, which was activated the same day.

> - Senior Airman **Jonathon Carnell**



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U.S. Air Force Airman Shelby Anders, 60th Aerial Port Squadron porter, dons a cloth face cover April 14, 2020, at Travis Air Force Base, California. The face covers were bought by the base following Department of Defense guidance mandating all military personnel wear face covers when physical distancing is impossible—a measure adopted in response to COVID-19.

COVID-19 outbreak forces major changes at Travis

The 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, Col. Jeffrey Nelson, directed placed Travis Air Force Base in active-duty Airmen to trav- of the base's first steps to Health Protection Condition eling no more than 150 miles combat the COVID-19 pan-Charlie on March 18, 2020.

gatherings on base to fewer ties surrounding the base. than 10 people and limited due to the growing spread of demic.

The move restricted COVID-19 in the communi-

The changes were some

The base continued essential missions, including CO-VID-19 response, before reopening June 1

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Last passengers released from Travis

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE — The final passengers from the Diamond Princess cruise ship who had been quarantined at Travis Air Force Base were released March 2, 2020.

A spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said he was not sure of the exact number, but thought it was between 130 and 145 people.

Those who were released from Travis were placed on buses and taken to airports en, Vacaville Fire Department and local in San Francisco and Sacramento. They arrived at Travis late on Feb. 16, 2020, and were kept in the Westwind Inn on base.

While the actual number of cruise ship passengers at Travis has fluctuated, and first reported as 171, it is known that 16 of those had either tested positive for the coronavirus or had shown symptoms.

- Todd Hansen

Food drive helps those in need

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. --Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing partnered with The Leavchurches near Travis Air Force Base, California, to support a food drive to

pandemic.

The Airmen volunteered to collect than 1,600 pounds of food to the Maripo-sponse. sa Head Start Center in Vacaville, California, on April 24, after a two-week food perishables such as: canned fruit, vegetables and proteins; grains and cereals; snacks and juice boxes for children.

- Tech. Sgt. Liliana Moreno

Base develops PPE to fight coronavirus

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Cahelp those in need during the COVID-19 lif. — The COVID-19 crisis put the 60th

Last passengers from cruise ship depart Travis

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TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — As of April 1, 2020, all 850 Grand Princess passengers have completed their quarantine and departed Travis Air Force Base.

The passengers arrived at Travis, March 9 where they received daily screening for COVID-19 symptoms, basic medical care for other health conditions, meals, quarantine-appropriate activities, and transportation to their final destination, all by HHS.

Each person was also offered COVID-19 testing. Those passengers who tested positive were transferred to non-military facilities overseen by federal medical staff, and those passengers who developed acute symptoms were transferred to area hospitals.

"We can't overstate how much the cooperation and engagement of our federal, state, and local partners helped us meet this enormous challenge," said Dr. Robert Kadlec, HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. "A tremendous thank you goes to DoD and their outstanding staff at each installation. We are also grateful for the support received from local hospitals where seriously ill passengers were treated, as well as the healthcare providers who took care of them."

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Aerospace Medicine Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight on the nonperishable items and delivered more front line of Travis Air Force Base's re-

Lt. Col. Aaron Weaver, 60th AMDS Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight drive. Food items collected included nonvelop innovative solutions to the PPE challenges and concerns.

> "Many hospitals were having shortage issues of N95 masks and many people around the world started to look for solutions to this," Weaver said.

Team Travis produced its first face shield March 25 and was soon producing up to 400 face shields a day thanks to added efforts of the 60th Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight.

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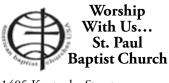
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As part of his visit, retired U.S. Air Force Col. Gail Halvorsen visited the 821st Contingency Response Squadron where he spoke about the importance of being a part of the airlift team and told Airmen there was no greater service than to save the lives of others.

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Innovation spurs energy project

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — In its continuing effort to become more light, lean and lethal. Airmen from the 821st Contingency Response Group assigned to Travis Air Force Base in California, continue to advance the concept of a smaller power generator, with the capability to support contingency response missions and Joint Services across the entire Global Air Distribution Network.

On Feb. 3, 2020, Airmen

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from the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, and the 821st Contingency Response Support Squadron, met at Scaled Power's test facility in San Francisco. California, for a turbo generator demonstration which is in line with and completes phase-one of a three-phase Research, Development, Test and Evaluation project.

"The 821st CRG devised a plan to explore power production alternatives to the current base operations support generators, the 30kW MEP-805 and the 60kW MEP-806, which are bulky in size, reliability rates are below standard and they spread across multiple pallet positions on an aircraft," said 1st Lt. Jack Robinson, 821st CRSS civil engineer officer. "This is a noteworthy project that advances an initiative that



U.S. Air Force retired Col. Gail S. Halvorsen, the Berlin Candy Bomber, smiles as he displays the patches given to him by Airmen assigned to the 821st Contingency Response Squadron during his visit to Travis Air Force Base, California, Jan. 31, 2020.

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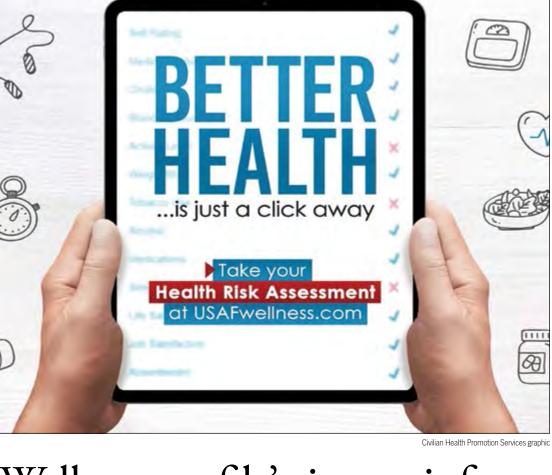
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TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE — A team of Travis Air Force Base Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians responded to a call from civil authorities Jan. 23 to assist in an investigation at a Stockton residence believed to have military-type munitions in-

Travis EOD returned to the residence Jan. 24 with a team of seven personnel to continue assisting with the ongoing inves-

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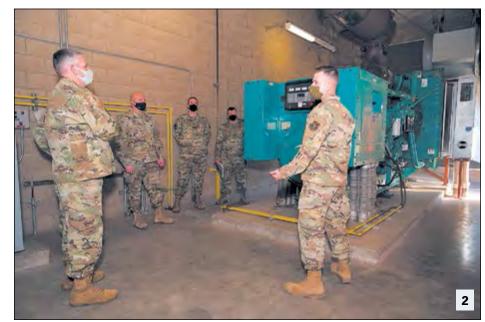
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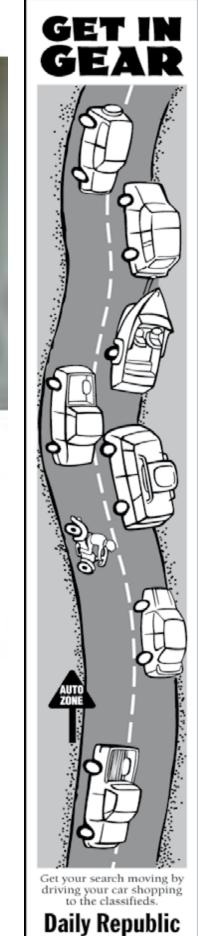




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