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# 2020 time for gratitude, personal growth

Commentary by Nick DeCicco  
60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In April, as much of the world was cooped up indoors, waiting out the first, deadly batch of cases during the COVID-19 pandemic, I was binge watching every episode of the classic American TV show, "M\*A\*S\*H."

One of my favorite episodes follows the gang at the 4077th through 1951 in a series of chronological snapshots – doctors innovate a machine to treat kidneys, a knitting project evolves from a potholder into a blanket and Maj. Charles Emerson Winchester III bets overconfidently on a Brooklyn Dodgers team that lost on the final day of the season.

Revisiting the show was a nostalgia trip from my childhood. It was a respite in what ranks among the most tumultuous years of our lives.

Recently, I looked back over 2020, taking some snapshots of my own.

On New Year's Day, I hiked up a nearby hill to watch the sunrise. I had no idea how many times I would return to that same spot in 2020.

In February and March, Travis AFB was among the first places in the nation to confront the coronavirus pandemic as Americans quarantined at the base's Westwind Inn hotel.

When the pandemic began uprooting all of our lives in mid-March, putting many out of work and leaving others telecommuting, our plans for the future turned into question marks. A goal I set at the end of 2018 – to hike to the summit of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park this summer – vanished.

In April, as I stayed indoors and watched "M\*A\*S\*H," I realized so much about the pandemic was beyond my



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jonathon Carnell

Nick DeCicco, 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs Tailwind editor, plans a hiking route Oct. 11 at Rockville Hills Regional Park in Fairfield, California. Amid a chaotic year, DeCicco found hiking to be an activity in which he can self-reflect and grow as a person.

### Commentary

control: the economic turbulence, working from home, the closure of parks and trails I enjoyed and the vacant Bay Area concert venues in which I've spent so

much time.

I focused instead on what was within my control. It's been a time for self-reflection and introspection. I've poured my energy into my mental, emotional and spiritual health. My friend called life during the pandemic "the indefinite

temporary." We don't know how long it will last, but we know it won't be forever.

In March, April and May, I hiked trails close to home, such as my New Year's Day spot, watching the lush, green landscapes of winter recede into

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# AFICC increases testing at 42 medical centers

Steve Warns  
AIR FORCE INSTALLATION AND MISSION  
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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — A new \$33 million contract, awarded by the Air Force Installation Contracting Center's 773rd Enterprise Sourcing Squadron, is increasing COVID-19 testing at 42 military treatment facilities.

The contract, awarded Sept. 30 to Bio-Defense LLC of Salt Lake City, enables the firm to triple its manufacturing capacity of coronavirus tests and ensures timely delivery of test panels to meet the Air Force demand of 7,000 tests per week.

"The execution of this contract was imperative for the Air Force to be able to increase the COVID-19 testing capability and minimize mission degradation across every major command," said Lt. Col. Ethel Seabrook-Hennessy, 773rd ESS commander. "This enterprise-wide contract vehicle will provide 42 military treatment facilities with respiratory panels, negating the need for each MTF to procure the panels via a separate contract, which drove greater efficiency and cost savings in the acquisition."

The Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical Biological Radiological, Biological and Environmental, or JPEO-CBRNE, had an enterprise contract for the Department of Defense for single COVID-19 test kits compatible with the BioFire FilmArray and Torch analyzers.

However, because of increased demand, the Air Force wasn't able to receive the allotted single test quantity per week. The Air Force Medical Service decided in August to pursue the acquisition for BioFire RP 2.1 Panels as a way to increase the testing capability needed until the JPEO contract and BioFire



U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Pedro Tenorio

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jonisha Gibson, 82nd Medical Group clinical laboratory noncommissioned officer in charge, prepares a sample for testing April 9 at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Thanks to the recent efforts of the Air Force Installation Contracting Center's 773rd Enterprise Sourcing Squadron, the Air Force has now increased its COVID-19 testing capability to meet the demand of 7,000 tests a week.

production of COVID-19 single-use tests increased the Air Force's allocation.

The 773rd ESS and AFICC team of Seabrook-Hennessy, Larry Conger, Eugene Ferguson, Kathryn Harsberger, Sylvia Kirwan, Kevin Meyer and

Nathaniel Trulove, in support of the Air Force Medical Readiness Agency, processed a sole source justification and approval, solicited a proposal and went through detailed negotiations in a little more than two weeks to award the

contract right before fiscal year 2020 ended.

"It was a tremendous effort supporting the entire Air Force enterprise in the midst of this pandemic," said Tony

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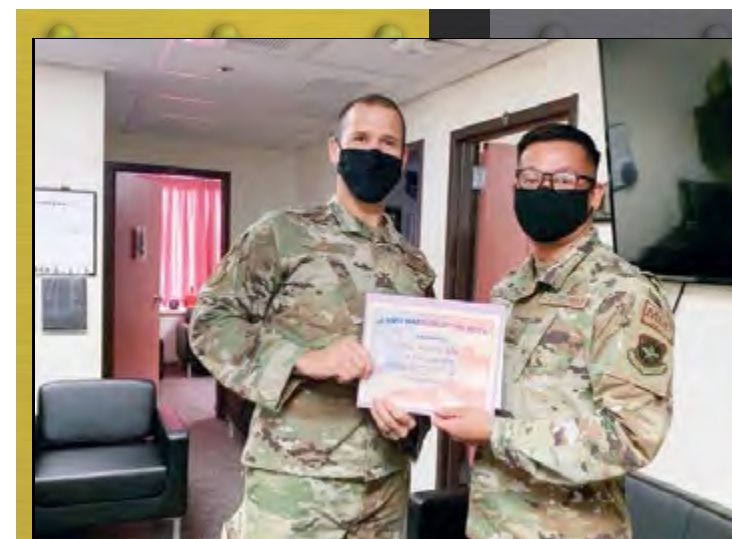
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### On the cover

U.S. Airmen from various bases wait in a deployment processing line July 14 in the passenger terminal at Travis Air Force Base, California, before deploying overseas.

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



Courtesy: JPH

## WARRIOR OF THE WEEK

- Name:** Tech. Sgt. Wil Abas (right in photo).
- Unit:** 60th Surgical Operations Squadron.
- Duty title:** Enlisted command executive officer.
- Hometown:** San Diego, California.
- Time in service:** 12 years.
- Family:** Mother, Rossana Abas; father, Wilfredo Abas.
- What are your hobbies?** Kayaking, hiking, camping and photography.
- What are your goals?** To complete my bachelor's degree in health management and score 95% on a PT test.
- What is your greatest achievement?** During the recent wildfires, Abas helped evacuate over 120 squadron members, transfer of 25 patient to civilian facilities and restore surgical capabilities for DGMC/60th Air Mobility Wing.



# Airmen sharpen tactical edge with lasers

Tech. Sgt. Luther Mitchell Jr.

621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, N.J. — The 621st Mobility Support Operations Squadron is adding another weapon to an already stocked arsenal to enhance situational awareness and tactical edge for its air mobility liaison officers.

The Infrared Zoom Laser Illuminator Designator will replace the dated signal light gun currently used by AMLOs to signal and direct aircraft.

“AMLOs use this equipment in a tactical environment, designating the landing zone for inbound aircraft,” said Maj. Stephen Quinn, 621st MSOS AMLO. “The IR beam is covert, but highly visible for the night vision goggle-wearing aircrew, and allows the AMLO to easily guide the aircraft to the threshold.”

The IZLID is a compact, lightweight infrared laser used for pointing and marking by military forces. The laser is a powerful long-range illuminator, small enough to fit in the user’s pocket and sufficient enough to direct airstrikes.

The new laser is “covert and portable compared to the old light guns,” said Quinn, and more effective in a tactical environment.

“The most important aspect is enhanced situational awareness for aircrew at the push of a button,” Quinn said. “Landing zone approach lights vary in effectiveness, but a quick laser with the IZLID can prevent a crew from selecting the wrong aimpoint.”

The expectation is to utilize the IZLID for all future landing zone operations in-theater. The squadron is planning on purchasing five IZLIDs for



U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Luther Mitchell Jr.

**U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Sededrick Parks, 621st Mobility Support Operations Squadron supply and equipment manager, holds an Infrared Zoom Laser Illuminator Designator in his right hand Sept. 30 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey. The IZLID will replace the signal light gun in his left hand, which is used by air mobility liaison officers to communicate with aircraft in a tactical environment.**

deployment use and in garrison training.

“It’s awesome and worth the price,” Quinn said. “AMLOs are basically Jedi already, and this gives us a lightsaber to

help with the job.”

A win for AMLOs is a win for the whole squadron.

“Every day, week, month, and year we get closer and closer to what is needed

for MSOS and AMLO Nation equipment-wise,” said Staff Sgt. Sededrick Parks, 621st MSOS supply and equipment manager. “I believe this equipment has catapulted us further in that direction.”

# Hatch Act limits political activities, even during telework

502nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, Texas — The Hatch Act, a federal law passed in 1939, limits certain political activities of federal employees, as well as some state, D.C., and local government employees who work in connection with federally funded programs. The law’s purposes are to ensure federal programs are administered in a nonpartisan fashion, to

protect federal employees from political coercion in the workplace, and to ensure federal employees are advanced based on merit and not based on political affiliation.

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel has received questions about the Hatch Act’s application to the unprecedented number of employees who are now teleworking as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, OSC issued an advisory, which is intended to assist

employees in understanding their continuing obligations under the Hatch Act.

The advisory addresses the following three areas that are particularly relevant for employees who telework: when employees are considered “on duty;” videoconferencing and other virtual communications; and social media.

The Hatch Act prohibits employees from, among other things, engaging in political activity while they are on duty.

Political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, partisan political group, or candidate for partisan political office, according to the advisory.

Employees are “on duty” for purposes of the Hatch Act when they are: in a pay status other than paid leave, compensatory time off, credit hours, time off as an incentive award, or excused or authorized absence (including leave without

pay); or when they are representing any agency in an official capacity.

Employees maintaining a regular work schedule while teleworking have the same on-duty status as if they were reporting to their regular duty stations. Therefore, they are subject to the Hatch Act’s on-duty prohibition during the hours they are working.

In order to maintain agency operations and employee

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# Virtual reality training system aims to cut costs

Airman 1st Class Callie Norton

62ND AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. — The 627th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, recently invested in the Doron 660 Simulation System, a modern virtual reality driving tool that provides Airmen the foundational driving skills needed to succeed in their jobs.

McChord’s ground transportation team is confident the simulator will enhance their vehicle training program’s safety and cost effectiveness.

“Virtual reality is really the best thing when it comes to safety,” said Tech. Sgt. Roger Rhodes, 627th LRS ground transportation section chief. “We don’t have to worry about various hazards and other drivers on the road, it’s a controlled environment.”

Many Airmen who begin their Air Force careers in ground transportation only have a Class C driver’s license. The benefit of gaining experience on multiple types of simulated vehicles and learning how to safely operate in different driving conditions is instrumental both in the military and civilian sector.

“We can change the vehicle size, the transmission – automatic or manual – rain, snow, daytime, nighttime, whether the roads are slick or not,” Rhodes said. “Overall when it comes to how we can manipulate the training we can accomplish a lot inside the simulator.”

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U.S. Air Force photo/Airman 1st Class Mikayla Heineck

**U.S. Air Force Gen. Jacqueline Van Ovost, Air Mobility Command commander, drives a large vehicle simulator Sept. 3 at the 627th Logistic Readiness Squadron on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. The simulator was recently purchased to increase the quality of training.**

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# Symposium focuses on substance use disorder

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In September, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center held its annual Substance Use Disorder Symposium, better known as SUDS. Due to COVID-19 restrictions on gathering size and social distancing, the event was held virtually.

The symposium, developed and coordinated by the National Capital Region Pain Initiative, brought together speakers and attendees from all over the world to share insights and participate in workshops on how the Department of Defense is fighting substance use disorder, or SUD.

The course director, Dr. Christopher Spevak stressed the need for education for all members of the health care team on substance use disorders; especially in light of COVID-19. "We have been tracking the civilian data that shows an increase in alcohol consumption during the pandemic," said Spevak.

Speakers at the symposium shared their experience and insight into SUD. Jennifer Zumwalde, a recreational therapist with the Psychiatric Continuity Services clinic at WRNMMC, stated, "It



Dr. Christopher Spevak, Substance Use Disorder Symposium organizer, conducts the third annual Substance Use Disorder Symposium virtually.

was beneficial to gain from other people's knowledge."

Dr. Marthinus Zeeman, an Army veteran who served on a deployment in Afghanistan, spoke about his experience while serving in 'a combat zone.' While deployed, Zeeman found that he and other fellow soldiers all experienced significant stress levels, which led to

compensation through different addictive behaviors.

Zumwalde, who works with active duty service members who have experienced extreme trauma of some kind, explained why this presentation was impactful. "I thought it was very powerful for [Dr. Zeeman] to talk about his firsthand knowledge with addiction. Having

someone able to share their experience with others is a huge aspect used to encourage future patients to speak out and get help."

While SUD is found to be a heritable disorder, anyone can become afflicted. Stress, a major contributing factor to SUD, can lead to an individual seeking instant relief through drug use. Stress could be related to combat, sexual assault, trauma, and other factors.

The symposium also shared measures that the DoD is taking to combat SUD. By utilizing drug tests, and being proactive about which substances are most abused, the DoD has seen a significant decrease in drug use amongst service members from its all time high during the Vietnam War era.

The DoD also shared two new campaigns to combat SUD head on, the "Own Your Limits" campaign and the "Too Much to Lose" campaign.

The "Own Your Limits" campaign focuses on responsible alcohol use. The campaign, launched in 2019, gives service members information to make responsible choices when drinking, as well as information friends and family can use to talk to service members about alcohol use concerns.

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Wildland fires burn during a mid-August night near Susanville, California. A series of wildland fires has destroyed more than 30,000 acres of land around the town.

## Michigan ANG fights wildfires in California

### 110th Wing

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Members of the 110th Operations Group at Battle Creek Air National Guard Base volunteered to assist firefighters battling the California wildfires that began in late August. This year alone, more than four million acres have burned in California, leaving families and communities in ruins.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or Cal Fire, manages fire protection and stewardship of more than 31 million acres of California's privately-owned wildlands. Approximately 12,000 firefighters are on the ground battling the California wildfires. Cal Fire is receiving support from above with the first of its kind domestic MQ-9 Reaper mission.

Three intelligence analysts assigned to the 110th Operations Group deployed to California to assist fire teams with aerial footage from the MQ-9.

The MQ-9 Reaper is a multi-mission, medium-altitude, long-endurance remotely piloted aircraft that is employed primarily in combat. Secondly, it is used to collect intelligence information, and has

been a valued asset in assessing the California wildfires.

"They are essentially using their combat experience and applying that to the Cal Fire mission," said Tech. Sgt. Matt Van Dercreek, 163rd Attack Wing intelligence operations superintendent of the MQ-9 mission.

For these Airmen, the Cal Fire mission was an opportunity to shed positive light on the aircraft's capabilities.

"When you are supporting a domestic mission, helping citizens in crisis and seeing an immediate impact, that is truly rewarding," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Hyllengren, 110th Wing mission intelligence coordinator.

While pilots fly the MQ-9 remotely, mission intelligence coordinators relay the information analyzed from the footage to incident commanders on ground.

"We coordinated with liaisons and firefighters on ground to map fire lines," said Senior Airman Teigen Betts, 110th mission intelligence coordinator, "effectively tracking growth to contain wildfires before they spread further."

Wind and smoke made visibility a challenge. However the

bird's eye view from the MQ-9 Reaper with thermal technology gave a clear view of the wildfires direction.

"If the wind picked up and carried embers to nearby dry brush," said Senior Airman Steven McCarty, 110th Operations Group mission intelligence coordinator. "We were able to quickly direct Cal Fire to the location to prevent more fires from starting."

Cal Fire also conducts controlled burns to cut off wildfires from spreading beyond a certain point.

"We would monitor the areas of the controlled burn, to notify Cal Fire if rogue embers would go beyond the fire line," Betts said.

The instantaneous intelligence of the MQ-9 mission has helped Cal Fire contain current wildfires, as well as prevent more.

"They accumulated over 80 hours of fly time," Van Dercreek said. "Their effort was extremely instrumental in supporting six different ongoing wildfires."

Firefighters on the ground expressed how thankful they are for the added support of the MQ-9 mission and its personnel.

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Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the next RAB meeting will be presented in a virtual format and is scheduled for:

**Thursday, October 22, 2020**

Starting at 7:00 p.m.

**Topics to be Presented:**

- Perfluorooctane Sulfonate/Perfluorooctanoic Acid
  - Expanded Site Inspection
  - Relative Risk Site Evaluation
  - Remedial Investigation
- Cleanup Program Status
  - FY21 Optimized Remediation Contract (ORC)

Members of the general public are welcome to attend. The continued participation of all members of the local community in RAB activities is encouraged and appreciated. To learn how to attend this virtual RAB meeting, please visit our website at: <https://www.travis.af.mil/Information/Environment/News/> or call (707) 424-3062.



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### Honorary commanders visit base



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Honorary commanders listen as Lloyd Landero, David Grant Medical Center Simulation Lab, provides an overview of simulation training capabilities for Travis Air Force Base, California, medical personnel, Oct. 9, in Suisun City, California. The purpose of the Honorary Commanders program is to boost positive relationships between the military and civilian communities to further share the Air Force story to a broader audience and to identify mutually shared interests, viewpoints and challenges facing base senior leaders and their civilian counterparts.

### Puzzles

#### STR8TS

No. 512 Medium

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Previous solution - Tough

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

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

You can find more help, tips and hints at [www.str8ts.com](http://www.str8ts.com)

#### SUDOKU

No. 512 Medium

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Previous solution - Easy

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

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

For many strategies, hints and tips, visit [www.sudokuwiki.org](http://www.sudokuwiki.org)

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## New helmets keep Defenders ready

Malcolm McClendon

AIR FORCE INSTALLATION AND MISSION SUPPORT CENTER PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas — The Air Force Security Forces Center is delivering the next generation of ballistic helmets to security forces units as part of its effort to standardize and modernize Defender equipment across the Air Force.

The helmets will replace the Advanced Combat Helmet, which security forces Airmen had to modify and outfit with bulky additions to accomplish different mission sets, said Master Sgt. Markus Nelson, an AFSFC individual equipment manager.

"Defenders perform a variety of duties around the globe, anything from guarding bases in combat environments to protecting nuclear armament," he said. "In alignment with the Security Forces Enterprise Plan, we had to find a solution that would keep all security forces

Defenders lethal and ready, no matter the task."

The new helmet is lighter, cooler, has better padding and comes with a built-in railing to fit accessories, such as night vision goggles and tactical communication equipment, Nelson said.

The 71st Security Forces Squadron at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma, was the first unit to receive the new helmets and took no time to strap them on.

"It is actually really quick to put on and easily adjustable, allowing me more time to check my Airmen and make sure everyone's gear is on straight," said Senior Airman Craig Smith, a 71st SFS Airman. "The biggest improvement I noticed is it's lightweight and if I take a hard turn in a Humvee, I know I'm not going to break my neck."

Master Sgt. Darryl Wright, 71st SFS logistics and readiness superintendent, said this is the most agile helmet he's worn

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# Airmen restrict movement, aim to slow virus' spread



1) U.S. Air Force Airman Sarah Cramer, 60th Aerial Port Squadron passenger terminal agent, right, takes the temperature of Master Sgt. Christina Ford, 436th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle fleet manager from Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, Aug. 12, at the passenger terminal at Travis Air Force Base, California. 2) U.S. Airmen from the 60th APS prepare to process personnel from numerous bases to deploy overseas Aug. 12 at Travis. 3) U.S. Airmen line up to deploy overseas Aug. 12 at Travis. The Airmen completed a 14-day restriction of movement at Travis AFB to ensure they were free from COVID-19 prior to deploying. Travis AFB is one of 14 continental U.S. bases selected to serve as an aggregation installation.



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60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Because: COVID-19.

This virus has spread everywhere, with various strains impacting each person differently, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. Keeping the virus from deployed locations is a top priority for Air Force leaders.

"The military departments, as force providers, are responsible for providing ready and trained forces to the geographic combatant commanders," said 1st Lt. Eunji Im, 60th Force Support Squadron officer in charge of the military personnel flight and restriction of movement reception cell manager. "To that end, the Department of the Air Force instituted force health protection guidance to make every feasible effort to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure in deploying personnel."

Travis AFB is doing what it can to lower the spread and risk of exposure for deploying Airmen by hosting a restriction of movement program implemented in the spring of 2020. Under the program, deploying service members spend 14 days at Travis AFB prior to leaving for their deployed duty locations.

"The ROM serves as a mechanism to protect our military and civilian personnel in response to this global pandemic," Im said. "By providing our deploying members with a clean corridor of travel from the continental U.S. into their respective theaters of operation while minimizing the risk of exposure to the COVID-19 virus."

According to the Defense.gov website, a ROM is a general term referring to the limitation of personal liberty for the purpose of ensuring health, safety and welfare. As opposed to a quarantine, which removes someone who was exposed to the virus, a ROM keeps someone from coming in contact with someone exposed to COVID-19.

"Deploying personnel transiting through Travis AFB are lodged in our Westwind Inn lodging facility," Im said. "Each member stays in their own room which provides a bed, private bathroom, free Wi-Fi, cable TV, and other amenities."

Im also pointed out these living conditions are one of the best. After all the Westwind Inn is the winner of the 2019

Innkeeper of the Year award for best lodging in the Air Force.

At Travis AFB, Airmen also have a personal shopper for the duration of their stay that can pick up essential items from the Travis AFB Main Exchange or Travis Commissary. To stay fit, they are allowed to work out at the track near the north gate.

Im also said to remain efficient, the FSS has weekly meetings with a public health working group consisting of medical personnel from Travis AFB to ensure COVID-19 mitigation efforts continue to keep everyone safe.

"Travis AFB was one of the first installations opened for these unique ROMs," said 1st Lt. Kenneth Elejorde, 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron installation deployment manager. "Now, there are 14 bases stateside providing this essential service to Airmen deploying in the midst of a pandemic."

Originally, Travis AFB was one of five bases in the continental United States selected to support the ROM program. After 14 days and testing negative for COVID-19, Airmen obtain a signed certification from the 60th Air Mobility Wing commander, assuring a clean bill of health.

"A large part in making this a success is our collaboration with several agencies across the base," Elejorde said. "Providing ground transportation support, solidifying a safe check-in process at the passenger terminal, and enforcing public health protocols played a huge role in facilitating the movement of troops in a safe manner."

This isn't the first time Travis AFB has been at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19. In February, the 60th FSS opened the Westwind Inn to quarantine American citizens after they evacuated from China. The base worked closely with the CDC to house the evacuees.

"A lot of our Airmen have proudly gone above and beyond their normal duties to ensure we take care of the deployers within this critical 14-day window," Elejorde said. "One simple mistake can result in a missed movement, and a significant delay to the mission downrange so it's important that we do everything right the first time."

Elejorde said the top priority is ensuring our Airmen are ready to compete, deter and win in every capacity keeping our Air Force strong.



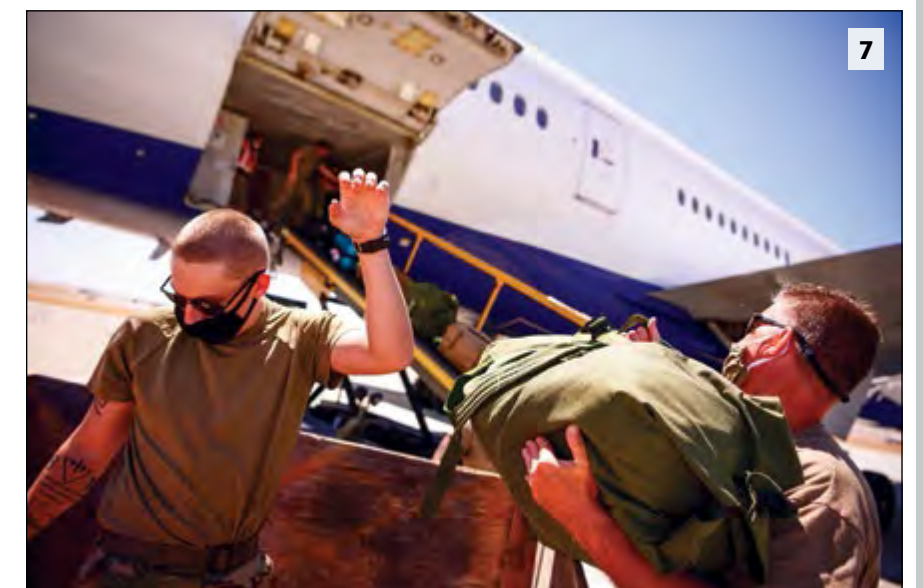
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4) U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Mickayla Barron-Sample, 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron weapons armorer, searches through weapon cases Aug. 12 at the armory at Travis Air Force Base, California. Barron-Sample retrieved weapon cases for Airmen deploying overseas. 5) U.S. Airmen from various bases load bags onto the back of a 60th LRS box truck Aug. 12 outside the Westwind Inn at Travis. 6) U.S. Airmen from the 60th Aerial Port Squadron prepare to process Airmen from numerous bases to deploy overseas to the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility July 14 at Travis. 7) U.S. Airmen load bags onto a commercial jetliner Aug. 12 at Travis.



# Exercise brings together US, Israeli air forces



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**U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning IIs and Israeli Air Force F-35I Adirs fly in formation Oct. 12 during exercise Enduring Lightning III over Israel. The United States and Israeli air forces train to maintain a ready posture to deter against regional aggression while forging strategic partnerships across the U.S. Central Command and U.S. European Command areas of responsibility.**

## U.S. Air Forces Central Public Affairs

AL DHAFRA AIR BASE, United Arab Emirates — U.S. Air Forces Central and the Israeli Air Force conducted exercise Enduring Lightning III Oct. 12, in the skies over Israel. It was the third joint exercise between the two countries involving the F-35 Lightning II.

The IAF's 116th Squadron, which operates the "Adir" F-35I fighter jet, trained alongside the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing's 421st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron and 908th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron. The 340th EARS assigned to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, participated as

well. The 421 EFS operates the F-35A Lightning II, while the 908th EARS and 340th EARS provided aerial refueling support with a KC-10 Extender and KC-135 Stratotanker.

Other IAF units participating included the 122nd Squadron, with its "Nachshon" aircraft providing air traffic control support, and the 115th Squadron, providing a simulated adversary force with its F-16I aircraft.

"The Enduring Lightning exercises provide invaluable opportunities for both AF-CENT and our Israeli partners to improve readiness and strengthen relationships," said

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HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE, Mass. — Using a try-before-you-buy strategy, a team within the Digital Directorate headquartered at Hanscom Air Force Base, completed a series of live-fly demonstrations Sept. 26 to evaluate three commercially available, production-ready and deployable long-range radar systems.

Personnel from the Three-Dimensional Long-Range Radar program office expect to announce details of a follow-on integration and production contract in early 2021. In the running are systems designed by Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Australian company CEA.

"We have more hurdles to cross, but completion of the SpeedDealer demos is a significant step that provided the information we needed to make decisions and drive the program forward," said Lt. Col. Matt Judge, deputy program manager, 3DELRR. "We have the right people with the right experience and leadership support, so we're all in to cross the finish line and ensure our

Airmen have the radar they need to win the next fight."

Program officials are currently working to upgrade from the TPS-75 radar, an aging, decades-old system that needs replacement. The previous contractor experienced technical and supplier challenges while developing its radar, which caused delays and magnified the need for a new strategy.

In January 2020, the team at Hanscom AFB unveiled "SpeedDealer," their new acquisition strategy for rapidly testing this new production-ready radar system.

"Our combatant commanders need the capability to rapidly detect, identify, and neutralize modern air threats, and they need modern radars to do that," said Col. Michael Harm, Theater Battle Control Division senior materiel leader. "We saw the need to reinvent how we acquire radar systems because the old acquisition method of taking years to build new systems was much too slow."

"SpeedDealer" seeks to take advantage of advances in radar technology by utilizing production-ready systems already on the marketplace.



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### Testing

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Everidge, AFICC executive director.

The partnership and collaboration between AFMRA, AFICC and the 773rd ESS was paramount in ensuring this requirement was successfully executed, Seabrook-Hennessy said.

"As highlighted in AFICC's Flight Plan, as change agents and mission-focused business leaders, our focus is on 'enhancing the effectiveness of our support and impact on our mission partners' mission,'" Seabrook-Hennessy said. "As the medical subject matter experts, we relied heavily on AFMRA's expertise to define the requirement and to determine the technical acceptability of the vendor's proposal."

The 773rd ESS team's change-agent mindset impressed Brig. Gen. Alice Treviño, AFICC commander.

"As a result of their negotiation and mission-focused business leader prowess, COVID-19 testing capacity is now increased by two new production lines," Treviño said. "This helps every single Airman."

The increased testing capacity could hopefully be a turning point in the fight against a global pandemic, Seabrook-Hennessy said.

"The equipment procured on this contract will not only increase the COVID-19 testing capability throughout the Air Force, but it will also aid in the testing of 21 additional respiratory pathogens that will help clinicians detect and/or rule out other common causes of respiratory illnesses in about 45 minutes," Seabrook-Hennessy said.

### Together

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Lt. Gen. Greg Guillot, 9th Air Force (Air Forces Central) commander. "This partnership has been built on trust and developed over decades of mutual cooperation, demonstrating an ongoing commitment to regional stability."

The opportunity to once again train alongside the IAF also provided an immeasurable experience for the U.S. F-35s, said Lt. Col. Stephen Redmond, 421st EFS commander.

"This is the second time this deployment that the Black Widows (421st EFS) have had the opportunity to fly, train, and learn with [Israeli] F-35Is," Redmond said. "Not only do our young officers get an opportunity to be a mission commander of a multi-national exercise, but most importantly, they build relationships with Israeli fighter pilots that they will keep for the duration of their careers."

service members.

While the most at risk group for SUD in the military are males between 18 and 24 years old, anyone can be at risk. And although there can be repercussions for illicit drug use by service members, the symposium stressed that there is always treatment for those who need it.

Enduring materials will be made available in the coming months on the NCRPI Enduring Materials website.

### Symposium

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While the "Too Much to Lose" campaign focuses on the risks related to prescription and illicit drug use. By providing fact sheets, interactive quizzes, and information to those close to a service member who may be struggling with risky drug use, the campaign strives to lower use among

### Hatch Act

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engagement during the pandemic, many federal employees are now regularly required to participate in videoconferencing. Employees participating in virtual work-related conferences are subject to the same on-duty Hatch Act restrictions as when they attend meetings or communicate in-person with others at work.

This means, for example, employees should not wear a campaign t-shirt or hat while participating in a work-related video conference call, and they should ensure that any partisan materials, like campaign signs or candidate pictures, are not visible to others during the call. These items should also not be



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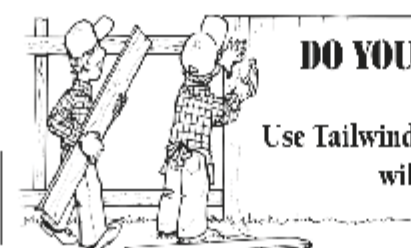
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Helmets

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in 19 years as a Defender.

"I just got back from a deployment and this helmet is made for hot areas like that; and even where it's not as hot, the mobility and light weight of the helmet makes a significant difference in what you can do," Wright said. "Even back here at home when we do readiness exercises, we bring all our fighting gear, including the helmet. Exercises get you prepared for the fight and having next generation gear like this helmet improves Vance (AFB's) security readiness."

Nelson, who is also an experienced defender with 14 years of service, said this is what he and his team at the AFSFC Logistics Directorate work for: to get the right gear to Defenders in garrison and down range.

"My team's work is directly impacting more than 38,000 Defenders across the Air Force for the next five to 10 years," Nelson said, "and with the help

of strategic partnerships, like those with the 771st Enterprise Sourcing Squadron, we're doing it a lot quicker too."

The helmets are part of the AFSFC initiative to modernize weapon systems, individual protective gear, contingency support equipment and deployable communications systems. Those include the M18 modular handgun system, M4A1 assault rifle, M110A1 semi-automatic precision engagement rifle, M320A1 grenade launcher, modular scalable vest and female body armor.

"We're identifying salient characteristics of the best individual equipment industry has to offer at the best value to achieve standardization across the force," said Lt. Col. Barry Nichols, AFSFC director of Logistics. "This effort is instrumental in keeping Defenders throughout the security forces enterprise ready and lethal with procurement of the most cutting-edge and innovative equipment available in order to accomplish missions safely and effectively."



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**U.S. Air Force Airman Alex Orquiza, a member of the 71st Security Forces Squadron, wears the next generation of ballistic helmet during a door-breaching exercise Sept. 15 at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma. The Air Force Security Forces Center is delivering the helmets to security forces units as part of its effort to standardize and modernize Defender equipment across the Air Force.**

Costs

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Tackling difficult terrain conditions is a big part of ground transportation Airmen's training. It is crucial they are equipped for all types of weather conditions.

"Instead of us having to go to the mountains during winter time so Airmen can train in the snow and ice, we can do that right here where it's controlled so there's no risk to the trainee, trainer or the vehicle," Rhodes said.

The simulator will correlate to a significant reduction in fuel consumption and decrease operations & maintenance costs, ultimately prolonging the life of ground transportation's vehicle fleet.

"It's similar to anyone who's learning how to drive a regular car, they're hitting the brakes hard, hitting the gas hard, so over time it's a lot of wear and tear on our vehicles," Rhodes said. "They'll get comfortable in the sim [simulator] then move on to the vehicles."

Considering most Airmen in

the ground transportation career field start out as novice vehicle operators, it is important they acclimate to the simulator in order to gain confidence and eliminate the initial anxiety associated with operating larger vehicles.

"I have Airmen who are really passionate about the career field," said Staff Sgt. Larry Todd, 627 LRS vehicle operator trainer. I can put my Airman in the simulator and teach them the correct procedures with driving a manual transmission and fine tune how to steer while backing up a larger vehicle. When I take them out to the real vehicle, it's something their much more familiar and comfortable with. They get in the real vehicle and all those extra things that we can't quite replicate with virtual reality are just little things they now have to overcome."

Progress and hours required in the simulator will depend on an Airmen's previous driving experience and type of driver license they possess.

"Simulators like these provide incredible training opportunities for our Airmen, helping us get after readiness

without costly temporary duties and prolonged absences from home station," said Chief Master Sgt. Joel Buys, 627th Air Base Group superintendent.

The state-of-the-art simulator has a tracking replay function which allows instructors to review training sessions from a birds-eye view perspective. This allows instructors the opportunity to make on the spot corrections with the trainee to eliminate the same error from happening again in the future.

"We can go over the same events a few times, look at it from different angles so that they can get a better idea of what they're doing in the sim before they get out there and they start doing the same thing," Todd said. "They say, 'okay I've seen this before, I know what I'm doing.'"

The Doron 660 Simulation system provides 80 different vehicles including buses, tractor-trailers, police cars, fire trucks, and several military vehicles such as Humvees or Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles. There are upwards of 200 different programmed driving

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## DeCicco

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dry yellow and brown hills.

I grew tired of hiking the same areas, but worked to appreciate the fact that I could take refuge in the trails, that I was healthy and that I had a safe place to be during a pandemic.

The summer months were a time to connect with my values after the death of George Floyd, and the nationwide Black Lives Matter marches and protests. I read and learned, working to evolve my ideas and viewpoints in the same way I was my own internal life.

As the protests lasted into late summer, the yellow and brown hills through which I hike became prime real estate for a voracious and deadly fire season. I limited my hiking because of the poor air quality, but that sacrifice is minimal compared to others, some of whom lost so much more.

The fires and smoke meant even more time inside. This time, I watched the Stanley Cup playoffs. Unlike Major Winchester, I thankfully did not bet on my

own "boys of summer," the Colorado Avalanche, who were a favorite to play for the Stanley Cup, but instead exited the postseason earlier than expected.

I've been fortunate that I have not felt the impact of the calamity of 2020 to the same extent as others. I feel as though I've hit the accelerator pad on years of emotional, mental and spiritual progress. My time out on the hiking trails creates a space similar to meditation, a place to get distance from the plethora of problems 2020 presents, to clear my mind and reflect.

I don't know what lies on the other side of our "indefinite temporary," but I feel like the work I've done in 2020 has prepared me for it. It's made me discover resources and depths within myself I didn't know I had. It's given me gratitude and perspective.

And it's given me resolve. Half Dome is not going anywhere. I don't know when it will happen, but I remain committed to standing on top of it.

As we look ahead to 2021, Col. Sherman Potter's words from the "M\*A\*S\*H" episode convey my hopes for us all: "Here's to the new year. May she be a damn sight better than the old one."



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Nick DeCicco, 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs Tailwind editor, takes a break from hiking to rehydrate Oct. 11 at Rockville Hills Regional Park in Fairfield, California. Amid a chaotic year, DeCicco found hiking to be an activity which helps him self-reflect and grow as a person.

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