

Gate access hours change

Daily Republic Staff

Travis Air Force Base updated the hours for access to its gates beginning Monday, according to a post on the 60th Air Mobility Saturday. Wing Facebook page.

Friday for outbound traffic.

The south gate, which is for commercial traffic exclusively, is traffic. open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to noon

The hours are unchanged Access to the hospital gate for the main gate, which operis limited to 6 to 8 a.m. Monday ates 24 hours a day, and the north through Friday for inbound traf- gate, which is open from 6 to 8:30 fic and 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through a.m. Monday through Friday for

inbound traffic and 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday for outbound

All visitors are required as of April 15 to show a base access ID or a visitor's pass to gain access to the installation. The Visitor Control Center, where passes are issued, is open daily from 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

For more information about pass requirements, call 424-1462.

Commissary trims hours due to virus

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The hours for the commissary at Travis Air Force Base are now 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, base officials report. The new hours will allow commissary staff more time for deep cleaning and restocking so they can better serve

For more information, visit the Travis Facebook page at facebook.com/TravisAirForceBase.

Air Force expedites N95 mask production contract



An Airman assigned to 407th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Flight, adjusts the straps to his N95 mask to begin a fit test March 13 at Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait.

Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Department of the Air Force rapidly executed three contract awards worth \$133 million with 3M, Honeywell and O&M Halyard to increase domestic N95 production dedicating long-term mask capacity for national demand.

These are the first Department of Defense funded awards utilizing Defense Production Act Title 3 authorities in response to COVID-19.

The Department's Air Force Research Lab DPA Title 3 Executive Program Office, in coordination with the Office of the Secretary of Defense Office for Industrial Policy and Department of the Air Force's Acquisition COVID-19 Task Force, or DAF-ACT, finalized contracts within five days of White House Task Force approval. 3M received \$76 million, O&M Halvard received \$29 million and Honeywell received \$27.4 million for facility and machinery conversion to boost industrial capability and Cameron Holt, DAF-ACT director.

collectively produce 39 million masks in the next 90 days.

"As the Department of Defense's Executive Agent for the Defense Production Act, increasing N95 production is priority one," said Dr. Will Roper, the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. "This week's award of \$133 million to 3M, Honeywell and O&M Halvard will add around 13 million N95 masks per month to our nation's supply in the near term."

Collectively, this quick-turn effort is postured to accelerate N95 mask delivery to 141 million in the next six months and increase the total production to 450 million per year. This kind of rapid acquisition and scaling is possible because of previous acquisition delegation of authority and contracting revamp to match the speed of relevance.

"I couldn't be more proud of our team - especially the Air Force Research Laboratory contracting officers - who used their expertise to rapidly coordinate and secure these contracts," said Maj. Gen.

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Airman 1st Class Robert Moody, 436th Maintenance Squadron C-5 regional isochronal apprentice, uses a stand-up drill to place stands close to the side of a C-5 Super Galaxy engine April 9 at Dover Air Force Base. Delaware.

LLS Air Force photo/Senior Airman Christopher Quai



60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering flight technicians perform N95 mask fit tests on aircrew members April 10 at Travis Air Force Base, California. The bioenvironmental engineering flight conducts respirator and gas mask fit tests to protect Airmen and maintain a healthy workforce. They also perform environmental, occupational and radiological surveillance.

Flight key to PPE development

60TH AIR MOBILITY WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The proverb, "necessity is the mother of invention." can aptly be used to describe how Travis Air Force Base team members are swiftly responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

U.S. Air Force medical personnel, like medical professionals all over the world, are working to conserve the personal protective equipment needed to care for patients. The COVID-19 crisis has put the 60th Aerospace Medicine Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight on the front line of Travis' response.

"We are specialists in occupational health, environmental health, radiation,

izing, and emergency re- novation cell to look for so- signed at Travis AFB, can sponse and readiness training for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents," said Lt. Col. Aaron Weaver, 60th AMDS Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight commander. "Our mission is extremely diverse and can vary drastically."

Weaver, who has been assigned at Travis AFB since July 2019, leads his unit's efforts to develop 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. "The bioenvironmental engineering flight began to work with the of potential contamination,

lutions. Phoenix Spark 3D printed out the first prototype respirator at the beginning of the process. I refocused the innovation team to best align with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance on implementing strategies for optimizing PPE and equipment within medical units."

Weaver and his team's input led to the development of face shields rather than some form of mask or protective covering.

"Face shields provide greater protection of a healthcare provider's face that is susceptible to pathogen entry," he said. "They also better limit the amount

both ionizing and non-ion- Travis Phoenix Spark in- and the face shields debe decontaminated compared to normal medical face shields which are typically one-time use."

Team Travis produced its first face shield March 25 and is now producing up to 400 face shields a day thanks to added efforts of the 60th Maintenance Squadron Fabrication Flight; however, Weaver stressed, his team is focused on doing even more.

"We have developed, analyzed, field-tested and implemented the use of many different PPE devices," he said. "We have focused our innovation projects on areas that will allow us to optimize our supply of PPE. These devices include, but are not

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Command issues face covering guidance **U.S. Transportation**

Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — On April 14, U.S. Transportation Command directed the use of personally procured or self-made face coverings in all TRANSCOM and Air Mobility Command terminals and on all military or commercially contracted aircraft to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The directive is in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendation and Department of Defense guidance to wear cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing at a minimum of six feet of separation is difficult to maintain.

If travelers do not have face coverings, they should visit the CDC website for instructions on how to create homemade face coverings at https:// bit.ly/3ayv02A. Face coverings will not be provided by TRANS-COM or AMC.

The directive to wear face coverings applies to including military personnel, DoD civilian employees, family members, DoD contractors and non-DoD U.S. government personnel.

Space Force welcomes 1st academy graduates

Lynn Kirby

U.S. SPACE FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

COLORADO SPRINGS. Colo. — Eighty-six graduates from the United States Air Force Academy celebrated receiving their diplomas April 18 and moved directly into the U.S.

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Devil Raider embraces wingman concept amid coronavirus battle

Tech. Sgt. David W. Carbajal 621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The concept of a "wingman" is older than the Air Force itself.

In its original form, it was meant to be a pilot who would fly alongside another in a potentially dangerous flying environment; to be their second set of eyes; watch over them; and do everything they can to protect them. This concept is still intact and is instituted at the earliest stages of Air Force basic military training, but now encompasses all Air-

One "Guardian" from the 621st Contingency Response Squadron has recently taken this concept to a new level.

"In my eyes, I just gave my fellow Airman a ride from the airport," said Airman 1st Class Shakera Wilson, 621st CRS aerial porter.

What Wilson won't admit is everything she's done beyond that.

"To say that she's gone above and beyond would be an understatement," said Airman 1st Class Jaime Lovelace.

Lovelace graduated technical training March 20 and, shortly after, was diverted from her original overseas assignment due to COV-ID-19 restrictions to become a "Guardian" as a member of the 621st CRS. Lovelace was anxious about COV-ID-19, being away from family and traveling to an unfamiliar place. That's where Wilson came in.

Despite the potential contraction of coronavirus, Wilson volunteered to pick up Lovelace from the airport, drove her to Joint Base Mc-Guire-Dix-Lakehurst. New



Airman 1st Class Shakera Wilson, 621st Contingency Response Squadron aerial porter, poses for a photo April 14 at her dorm at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, Wilson has embraced the "wingman" concept and has provided meals to quarantined Airmen. She also sponsored an Airman from technical training since COVID-19 has forced most of the service to go into a teleworking norm.

settled into her hotel.

"She was so helpful. She helped me with my bags, we talked about family and why we joined," said Lovelace. "It was nice to feel so welcomed.'

Wilson, who calls St. Andrews Parish near Kingston. Jamaica home, remembered the feeling she had when she first flew in and wanted to replicate that for Lovelace.

"I remember when I first arrived, my sponsor picked me up from the airport and brought me back to base," said Wilson. "I didn't feel alone and that was very

But Wilson, a fellow "Port Dawg," didn't stop there. Prior to Lovelace's arrival, Wilson found out what kinds Jersey, and even got her of snacks Lovelace liked and spread of the virus. During

get them.

"She picked up juice, bananas, Goldfish, candy, all sorts of things," said Lovelace. "It was so very nice of her to do that."

That "comfort food" has helped Lovelace as she's been in a 14-day quarantine since arriving to JBMDL at the end of March.

Lovelace was not the only Airman that Wilson has assisted since the 621st Contingency Response Wing has gone to mostly teleworking.

Out of an abundance of caution, three Airmen who worked alongside a member who exhibited symptoms similar to COVID-19 were directed to self-quarantine to reduce the potential

made a commissary run to this quarantine. Wilson volunteered to pick up meals from the dining facility for each of them.

"They were all in the dorms with me, so I wanted to help," said Wilson. "It was hectic at times, calling each of them, telling them what food was available and trying to get the stuff they wanted. But hey, if I were in their shoes, I know someone would do that for me."

Going out of her way to help others is something Wilson is known for.

"This is very characteristic for Airman Wilson," said Staff Sgt. Preston Reese. 621st CRS aerial port flight supervisor. "She's the first to volunteer and is always ready to help others."

Exchange delivers 'distance shopping'

Lorraine Harris-Ortega

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is making sure Travis Air Force Base military service members and their families can get the critical products they need while maintaining physical distancing in a safe environment during the COV-ID-19 pandemic.

For contactless shopping, ShopMyExchange.com is always open. The Travis Army and Air Force Exchange has authorized exchange shoppers, with installation access, to use the buy online, pick up in store service to reduce contact with others while getting what they need.

The Travis Air Force Base Exchange has also implemented curbside pickup.

Personnel on installations can get fresh meals at Travis Air Force Base Exchange restaurants: Charley's, Arby's, Taco Bell, Panda Express, Burger King (drive through only), Popeye's (drive through only). The decals on the floor at stores and restaurants remind shoppers to keep a safe distance between themselves and others.

Reducing cash transactions in favor of Military Star, credit or debit cards is limiting the need to handle cash, which can transmit bacteria and viruses. This protects both shoppers and associates, as do the acrylic shields recently installed at Exchange registers throughout the installation. "The Exchange is honored

to support the Travis Air Force Base military community," said Phonda Bishop, Travis Army and Air Force Base Exchange general manager. "As long as our military service members are serving us, the Exchange is serving them."

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Col. William Wade, 821st Contingency Response Group commander, left, and Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Whitley, 821st CRG superintendent, talk into the camera April 3 at 821st Contingency Response Squadron. The video would be used as a prerecording for the squadron's Virtual Howl. Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing have found new ways to stay connected and keep the mission going since the United States began selfisolating due to COVID-19.

Devil Raiders stay connected

Tech. Sgt. David W. Carbajal 621ST CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING

Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Wing have had to be creative in finding ways to stay connected and keep the mission going since the United States began selfisolating due to COVID-19.

encouraged unit commanders to limit the non-critical, faceto-face interactions between service members. Therefore, only Devil Raiders deemed to support an in-person essential mission have been commuting to their workcenters since March 13, while the rest have ins and social events via vidbeen teleworking from home, eo conferencing platforms for all in an effort to avoid unnectheir Airmen. Each unit has essary potential exposure to the virus.

Defense Department and

"As we've seen over the past few weeks, this virus is very dangerous," said Lt. Col. Christina Lee, 821st Contingency Response Squadron commander. "Our top priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of or send shout outs for jobs well our Airmen.'

Since COVID-19 began Mobility Support Advisory

effecting operations, 621st Squadron, commonly known as CRW squadrons have worked to maintain connection among Airmen.

"It's important to understand that there's a big difference between physical and social distancing," said Lee. "Just because we're physically miles apart, doesn't mean we have to feel that way. We're encourag-Air Force senior leaders have ing our Airmen to embrace social media and our digital communication tools to provide that sense of connection."

Squadrons have continued to hold "all calls," but maintain the recommended physical distancing precautions by holding virtual town halls, check even tried to continue regular traditions throughout this teleworking norm. For example, Hell Hounds from the 821st CRS have been coming together on a regular basis with their "Virtual Howl," where they can disseminate key information. done. Members of the 571st

"Aguilas," have also continued their long-standing tradition of holding their Wednesday "ringing of the bell." where they recognize one outstanding performer for the week.

"This provides Aguilas the opportunity to resume some normalcy in this unfamiliar operating environment," said Lt. Col. Aaron Webb, 571st MSAS commander. "I think this type of familiarity is needed for everyone's psyche."

The primary job of air advisors is to build relationships with partner nations and provide recommendations and job efficiencies, but COVID-19 has changed the way the unit is conducting business, said

"Despite our physical distance from each other, we have some very smart Airmen who are coming up with innovative ways to get the mission done," Webb said.

Using technology to bridge the physical gap is something every 621st CRW unit has

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Travis C-17 stands ready in Hawaii



LLS Air Force photo/Tech Sgt Anthony Nelson In

Three U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemasters III, including one from Travis Air Force Base, California, stand ready to answer the nation's call on the flight line April 13 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. The 535th Airlift Squadron transported U.S. Army medical personnel from the 18th Medical Command Deployment Support to Guam in support of the global COVID-19 response.

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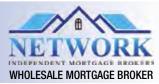
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CHPS pivots to virtual wellness

Travis Civilian Health Promotion Services

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Check out what CHPS has to offer:

• USAFwellness.com. Federal civilian employees and ate an account on our interactive wellness portal to stay es. informed of the latest health information, complete a health risk assessment, set small daily goals, track daily nutrition cation class during your next and physical activity, liven up virtual meeting (telephone cooking routines with helpful recipes, and communicate with friends and co-workers to encourage healthy lifestyle choices.

· Virtual Physical Activi-'Minutes to Win It' challenge. CHPSsupport@us.af.mil.

Record your physical activity minutes from now through May 31. You can even link your wearable trackers (FitBit, My-FitnessPal, etc.) for easier tracking of your minutes. The challenge is available to federal civilian employees and active duty members. Your local CHPS office will have completion awards for pick-up at their office in June.

· Health and wellness consultation. Federal civilian employees can interact with CHPS staff one-on-one (phone or email) to receive help with active-duty members can cre- health and wellness concerns and get connected to resourc-

> · Health education. Your work team or unit can schedule CHPS for a health eduor video conference). Choose from a variety of health topics such as healthy eating, physical activity, stress management, and more.

To schedule a virtual ty Challenge. Visit USAFwell- health and wellness service, ness.com or contact CHPSsup- contact Elisa Meggs, health port@us.af.mil to enroll in the promotion coordinator, at

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Air advisors build partnerships with Perú air force

Capt. Reuben Luoma-Overstreet

571ST MOBILITY SUPPORT ADVISORY SQUADRON

A team of 14 members from the 571st Mobility Support Advisory Squadron and leadership from the 621st Contingency Response Wing completed training Feb. 18 to March 14 with the Peruvian air force at Callao Air Base in Lima, Perú.

The mobile training team's mission included three weeks of instruction at Callao and covered three general areas: an introduction to aerial logistics and logistical management mindset, hazardous material management, and cargo loading. The course brought together the Peruvian air force, aka FAP, personnel from the tactical to the strategic level and included members from Air Group 8, Air Group 3, and the FAP's logistics headquarters.

Técnico Primero Fredy Cruz Romero, a FAP student, said the course was instructive in the specifics it taught about handling cargo.

"This course helped me identify the need for regulations in the Peruvian air force on managing waste with the goal of avoiding environmental damage," he said. "It also taught us the importance of careful hazardous material management, to include specific procedures for identification, security, transport and labeling."

This type of success is what air advisors from the 571st MSAS seek to replicate every time they embark on an air advising mission. The squadron's motto is "Saber es Poder," or "Knowledge is Power," and every Airman is trained as both a teacher and a representative for our Peruvian air force with what we've



Peruvian air force students Técnica Tercera Nathaly Isabel Melgar Lopez and Técnico Inspector Antonio Moreno work on a hands-on center of gravity problem given to them by their instructor from the 571st Mobility Support Advisory Squadron at Callao Air Base in Lima, Perú. The 571st MSAS is a language-enabled squadron of air advisors who assess, train, advise and assist Latin American and Caribbean partner nations in the development of their airpower capabilities as part of the U.S. Air Force's and Air Mobility Command's enduring building partner capacity mission.

building partnerships.

For Técnica Tercera Nathaly Isabel Melgar Lopez, a FAP student, the course provided some broader lessons.

"This training helped give us a culture of empowerment, because 'Saber es Poder,' and a commitment to serve learned," she said.

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt, James Garcia Arvelo, 571st MSAS supply senior air advisor, wrapped up the mission set and the success of the course at Callao Air Base.

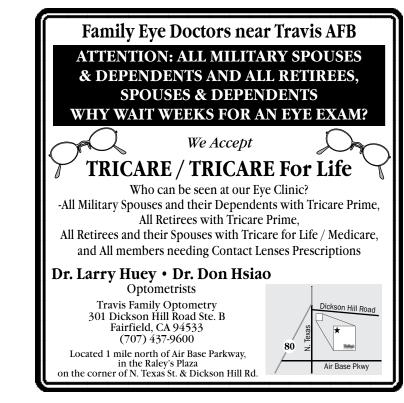
"As an adviser, we are entrusted to represent the U.S. Air Force in foreign countries. We export our knowledge.

skills and experience to influence and further develop partner nations so that we deepen our interoperability, which may be necessary at a moment's notice," he said. "As a teacher and interpreter on this MTT, my job is to be as clear and concise as possible — if I am not, the results could be fatal due to the sensitivity of handling and transporting hazardous materials."

For U.S. Air Force Col. Doug Jackson. 621st CRW commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Tony Jenkins, 621st CRW command chief, this was the first 571st MSAS MTT they experienced first-hand.

"The mission was particularly valuable for Chief Jenkins and me because it enabled us to understand the magnitude of the challenges our air advisors face and overcome when they build capacity in partner nations," Jackson said. "Our first-hard experience also provided us an even greater appreciation for the remarkable professionalism and capabilities of our teams."

The 571st MSAS is a language enabled squadron of air advisors who assess, train, advise and assist Latin American and Caribbean partner nations in the development of their airpower capabilities as part of the U.S. Air Force's and Air Mobility Command's enduring building partner capacity mission. Each successive engagement supports Perú's foundation of freedom, stability and prosperity in the region, and contributes to the U.S. Southern Command's objective of strengthening partnerships and increasing interoperability.







1) Senior Airman Mason Gard, 860th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron technician. taxis a Travis **Air Force Base** California, C-17 Globemaster III **April 4 at Travis** The aircraft transported ventilators to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. New Jersev. to support the fight against COVID-19. 2) Ventilators are secured before takeoff April 4 inside of a Travis C-17. 3) Senior Airman Nicolas Chute, 860th **AMXS** crew chief, straps down two pallets of ventilators

Travis helps move ventilators across nation





BX program rewards kids for good grades

Lorraine Harris-Ortega

ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For 20 years, the Army & has celebrated the resiliency and rewarded for excelling." of military children who work hard in school, awarding them nearly \$550,000 through its You Made the Grade program.

Travis Air Force Base students in first through 12th grades who maintain a B average or higher are eligible to receive a \$5 gift card each grading period. Students who qualify for a gift card also have a chance to win a \$500, \$1,500 or \$2,000 Exchange gift card by filling out a sweepstakes entry form.

"Military students face unique challenges," said Phonda Bishop, Travis Army and Air Force Exchange general manager. "In fact, according to the Department of Defense Education Activity, military children move an average of six to nine times while they are the last 20 years."

in school. These young mem bers of the military family also cope with their parents' deployments, making new friends and the stresses of daily classwork. Air Force Exchange Service They deserve to be recognized

> To receive the gift card and sweepstakes entry form, students can bring their report card to the Travis Exchange customer service desk in the main store. Home-schooled students can participate by providing written affirmation of their grades from a parent or other community-authorized education provider. Students can submit one sweepstakes entry for each grading period.

Students can send completed sweepstakes forms to You Made the Grade, PO Box 227398, Dallas, TX 75222-7398.

"The Exchange is all in to make military communities the No. 1 place to live and work," Bishop said. "It has been a privilege to reward military students' academic excellence for

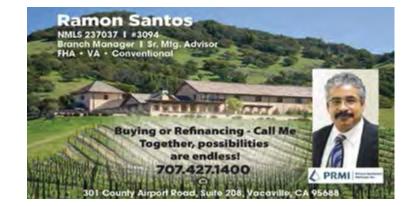
Military resale unites to support service members

Defense Commissary Agency Corporate Communications

FORT LEE, Va. — During the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the military resale community stands united in its commitment to support service members and families who rely on exchanges and commissaries for goods and services.

Around the world, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Navy Exchange Service Command, Marine Corps Exchange and Coast Guard Exchange are mission essential, while the Defense Commissary Agency is mission critical. All told, military resale supports warfighters and their families with 300

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Air Force sports recruiting Airmen for online gaming

Air Force Installation and Mission Support **Center Public Affairs**

JOINT BASE SAN AN-TONIO-LACKLAND, Texas - The Air Force is recruiting Airmen on active duty and reservists on orders now through May 17 for the 2020 Air Force Esports team for the 2020 Evolution Championship Series scheduled July 21 to Aug. 2 in Las Vegas.

EVO 2020 is an annual fighting game tournament. This year's championship games include: Street Fighter V: Champion Edition, Tekken 7, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Dragonball FighterZ and Soulcalibur VI.

Selected Airmen will attend a virtual trial and selection camp May 26 to June 5, and a training camp July 20-



Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright plays a football video game with Airmen from Air Combat Command in the Spark X Cell See GAMING Page 15 Innovation Center Oct. 25, 2019, at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.





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Dover helps keep Travis C-5C ready for mission



1) A C-5C Space Cargo Modified Galaxy from Travis Air Force Base, California, is parked on the flight line April 8 at Dover AFB, Delaware. The C-5C SCM has the troop compartment removed and a modification to the rear loading doors. It is specially modified to carry satellites and other large cargo.

Story and photos by Senior Airman Christopher Quail

436TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. – The 436th Maintenance Squadron technicians still keep the mission going despite COVID-19, ensuring the C-5s of the world's greatest Air Force are up and running.

The team is currently tasked with working on one major inspection of a C-5C Space Cargo Modified Galaxy that belongs to Travis Air Force Base, California, and one minor inspection of a C-5M Super Galaxy from Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

"We just finished an engine run, auxiliary power unit check and pressurization run on the C-5C outside. After that was completed, we towed the aircraft into a fuel cell so everything fuel-related can be worked on inside a special hangar that is just for fuel work," said Senior Airman Nicholas Gardiner, 436th Maintenance Squadron C-5 regional isochronal journeyman. "Right after the C-5C was towed in, we had to get ready for the tail stand of the other inspection we are working on for the Dover C-5M."

They must complete six major and three minor isochronal inspections per year under the Regionalized Isochronal Inspection Concept of Operations. Each major inspection is allocated 57 days, and minors are 26. The 436th MXS and its geographically separated contingent at Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts, handle the isochronal inspections for the entire fleet of 50 C-5Ms and two C-5Cs that belong to the four Total Force wings that fly C-5s.

With the annual quota of inspections required, despite the COVID-19 threat, the team continues to work with half of their force on duty while the other half is on standby. Under the current operations tempo, technicians work shifts around the clock to keep the C-5s flying.

"One of the biggest preventative measures that we are taking is splitting our folks," said Tech. Sgt. Adam Padoll, isochronal night shift supervisor. "So right now the team that is working this week will be off next week and a new team will be coming in. That allows us to keep the capabilities we need so we can perform our mission on time."

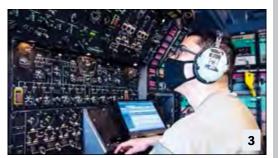
The teams are provided with the proper personal protective equipment to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

"We have gloves that we use both for our maintenance tasks, but we are also using for the stop of spreading things," said Padoll. "We also are using cleaning supplies, making sure we take care of our facility, sanitizing that while additionally sanitizing our tools once we are done using them for the night, so we don't transmit that to the next group. Additionally, we are wearing masks, because sometimes, completing the mission requires us to be close."

The night shift team that usually has at least 14 members is down to seven Airmen. With manning being cut in half and the team still needing to complete the mission on time, Gardiner assures everyone that it is only making them stronger.

"With the teams being small, you get really close to a lot of the guys you work with here and learn a lot from one another," said Gardiner. "We built a great team here, and all the guys I work with are amazing. I trust them with anything that they do and would fly on any of the aircraft that they work on."









2) A C-5M Super Galaxy undergoes a major isochronal inspection by 436th Maintenance Squadron aircraft maintenance personnel at the Isochronal Inspection Dock April 9 at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. 3) Senior Airman Raynard Ruiz-Sepulveda, 436th MXS C-5 regional isochronal journeyman, operates auxiliary power units April 8 at Dover. 4) Five 436th MXS aircraft maintenance personnel pose for a group photo April 10 at Dover. 5) Airman 1st Class Robert Moody, 436th MXS C-5 regional isochronal apprentice, places a guardrail on the side of stands April 9 at Dover.

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2020 marks 78 years since Doolittle Raid

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takeoff, the Doolittle Raid task daring aerial missions in Amer- Hornet (CV 8) to be taken with- bombing and aerial gunnery. force was spotted. Not want- ican history was underway. ing to jeopardize the mission, the command was given and choppy, frigid waters of the Pa- each of the modified bombers in which Lt. Col. James H. Doo- tion of range, bomb capacity Air Station near San Franciscific Ocean and more than 10 slowly crept off the Hornet's little, U.S. Army Air Forc- and short takeoff distance that co to load their heavily modi-



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In mid-March the crews would allow it to launch from an fied bombers onto the Hornet. On April 2, 1942, 136 Airmen The B-25Bs and the 24 vol- and 16 bombers loaded onto the Hornet, led by Capt. Marc A.

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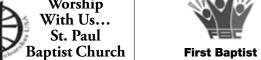
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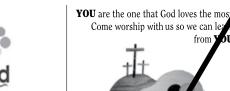
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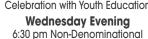
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Doolittle

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give the bombers more loft. The average time between takeoffs was less than four minutes.

The Raiders faced some resistance from anti-aircraft fire, but most were able to hit their targets in Japan. Due to the early departure, all of the planes were nearly empty of fuel as they completed the raid. Of the 16 planes, 15 either crash-landed or the crew elected to bail out on the eastern coast of China.

Though the raid caused relatively minor physical damage, it forced Japan to recall combat forces for home defense, raised fears among Japanese civilians and boosted morale among Americans and their allies.

In June 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt awarded Jimmy Doolittle the Medal of Honor for his actions in planning and conducting the raid. All 80 Raiders were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and those who were killed or wounded during the raid were awarded the Purple Heart. Every Doolittle Raider was also decorated by the Chinese government.

Starting in 1946, to celebrate the birthday of Jimmy Doolittle, the Raiders held an annual celebration that eventually evolved into their annual goblet Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Gaming

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Applications must be submitted via the sports application tracking system. AP-PTRAC replaced the Air Force Form 303 request for specialized sports training for all-Air Force sports and Headquarters Air Command programs.

The APPTRAC application process requires commanders, supervisors and athletes to create an account to be able to complete submission and approval. Training slides and instructions are posted in the Air Force Services Center Portal at the Fitness and Sports "What's New" webpage.

Submit applications at http://www.myairforcelife. com/sports/default.aspx.



April 18 marked the 78th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid, in which Lt. Col. James H. **Doolittle, U.S. Army Air Forces,** and Vice Adm. William F. Halsey Jr., U.S. Navy, led a joint bombing operation on the Japanese mainland aimed to inflict both material and psychological damage upon the enemy following the attacks on Pearl Harbor.

ceremony and reunion. In 1959 the citizens of Tucson, Arizona, presented the Raiders with a set of 80 sterling goblets - each engraved with the names of the members of the historic raid. Each year, the Raiders held a brief ceremony to honor those who passed away. The passing of retired Lt. Col. Richard Cole, the last survivor of the Doolittle Raid, in 2019 marked the end of the annual goblet ceremony. Since then, the goblets have been on permanent display at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, at Wright-

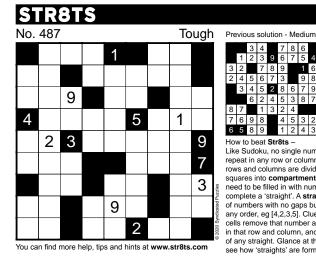
On May 23, 2014, 72 years after the historic raid, President Barack Obama signed Public Law 113-106 awarding the Congressional Gold Medal - the highest civilian recognition Congress can bestow - to the 80 members of the Doolittle Tokyo Raid in recognition of their service. The two surviving Raiders at the time, Cole and retired Staff Sgt. David Thatcher, were unable to attend but were honored at the Capitol Hill presentation.

"The Doolittle Raid is one of many accomplishments of the Greatest Generation, it displayed their resilience to overcome obstacles and challenges, and still accomplish the mission" said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein. "As we near the 78th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid and commemorate World War II's 75th anniversary, we would like to take the time to remember those who paved the way for our Air Force today. Thank you Doolittle Raiders."

The men and women of the U.S. military remain forever indebted to the WWII veterans who demonstrated selfless service and sacrifice that characterizes the Greatest Generation in defense of global peace and security, and the Doolittle Raiders represent this spirit of creativity and innovation.

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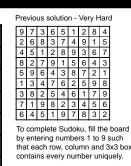




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Resale

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main exchanges, 236 commissaries (more than 6,700 facilities) in nearly 40 countries.

The joint buying alliance, signed in early 2019, has enabled exchanges and commissaries to significantly increase orders for high demand items such as cleaning and hygiene products during the pandemic by sharing sources and leads for constrained products.

Additional recent protective measures instituted by military resale to keep communities safe include:

· Cleaning and disinfecting stores and restaurants.

hours for thorough cleaning and restocking.

- · Deploying signs to remind shoppers of physical distancing guidelines, and in many cases, marking the floor to ensure shoppers keep 6 feet of distance while wait-
- ing in line. • Serving grab-and-go meals to military children engaging in virtual learning in South Korea, Japan, Europe and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. More than 10.000 meals have been served during the pandemic
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During the pandemic, AAFES is updating store hours in real-time on ShopMv Exchange.com and social mefit of teleworking. dia channels.

Connected

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continued to embrace since beginning the teleworking norm. Airmen from the 621st Contingency Response Squadron, known as "Guardians," have harnessed several commercially available video tools to provide training for all its members. Even going as far as offering professional development seminars on critical thinking, emergency management preparedness and leadership fundamentals.

The 621st CRS commander, Lt. Col. Jessica Guarini, also sees another unexpected bene-

"It's easy to get sucked into the 'mission' mindset," said Guarini. "But I think it's given us the opportunity to 'step back' and focus on what's important: Airmen, their loved ones, their stressors, their strengths and ultimately, what drives them. In the end, Airmen are our greatest asset and without them our critical mission can't get done.'

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Currently, there is not a set timeframe for 621st CRW Airmen to go back to "normal" operations, but Devil Raiders are expected to remain ready.

"We haven't really skipped a beat since this all started," said Guarini. "We're still ensuring our Airmen can perform at the highest level and do whatever is asked of them."

Exchange

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Additional measures include thorough and frequent store cleanings, such as:

- · Disinfecting customer service, sales points and demo areas multiple times daily at all facilities.
- Halting product sampling.
- · Routinely cleaning all facilities and restrooms.
- At its restaurants, the Travis Army and Air Force Exchange has:
- Increased handwashing frequency for associates.
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customer touchpoints.

- Closed dining rooms at command request and is offering take out only.
- Removed condiments from dining rooms.
- Eliminated use of person-

"The safety and well-being of Travis Air Force Base shoppers and associates are our top priorities," Bishop said. "We are 'family serving family."

Graduates

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Space Force, marking the first infusion of commissioned personnel into the new service since its creation last year.

Vice President Mike Pence was in attendance at the event and congratulated the graduating class.

"Two years ago, President American leadership in space," said Pence. "Last December, the president made that vision a reality when he put his signature on a historic law that created the sixth branch of our armed forces, the United States Space today as 86 members of the Air can interests in space.'

will commission as the first company grade officers of the Space Force." Air Force Secretary Barbara Barrett commented on the vi-

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limited to, face-shields, intubation boxes and patient transport enclosures."

"We know what is needed to protect people," said Kimber Keaton, 60th AMDS Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight technician. "We explain the design criteria, what mechanisms we are looking for and we give those directions to Phoenix Spark. They then bring our model alive. Once we have a physical model, we can test the capability the same way we perform fit testing on medical personnel."

This highlights another aspect of the bioenvironmental engineering flight mission, the evaluation of PPE and the fit testing of gas masks and respirators. The flight is responsible for ensuring those devices fit individuals properly; however, Keaton said, the new coronavirus has led to a few changes.

"Since the COVID-19 outbreak, we have stopped (most) deck," said Keaton, "We have like this in the future."

split our shifts to limit the number of people in the office and we spent two weeks fit testing the entire hospital

Before the new coronavirus pandemic, a "normal day" for the bioenvironmental engineering flight would consist of performing a number of different actions. The flight collects air samples, performs noise surveys, inspects radiation and responds to emergency situations.

While the flight still supports those activities, Keaton said, she has learned a lot responding to the crisis because there were so many factors to consider for an infectious disease outbreak and response.

"The entire military, and the world really, is changed forever," she said.

Weaver echoed Keaton's

"There are so many different lessons learned from this event that it is hard to count them," he said. "We will definitely be able to utilize this knowledge to improve upon non-COVID-related tasks so our capabilities and America's we can have all hands-on ability to respond to anything

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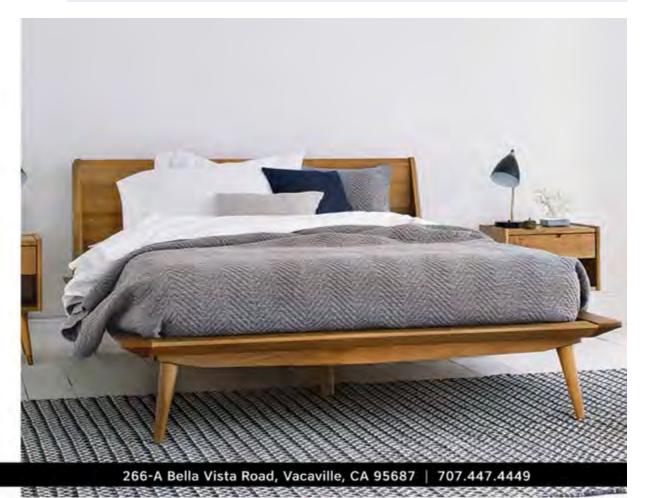
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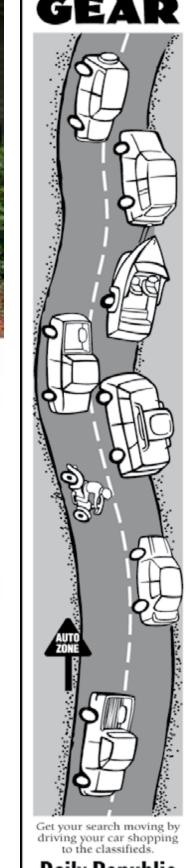
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